# Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday September 10, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M.

District Headquarters Board Room

12109 Hwy 166, 6.5 miles west of Mettler, CA

Or via GoToMeeting

(Optional Remote Public Participation Only - See NOTICE Below)

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#### AGENDA

#### 8:00 1. <u>Call to Order</u>

#### 2. <u>Closed Session</u>

Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Existing Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9(a)):

- 1. California Dept. of Water Resources DWR v. All Persons Interested, etc., consolidated CEQA Case and "Complaint for Validation" Re: Delta Program Revenue Bonds, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 34-2020-80003517, 3rd
- 2. Appellate Dist., Case No. C100552
- 3. CDWR Environmental Impact [WaterFix] Cases, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. JCCP No. 4942, 3<sup>rd</sup> Appellate Dist., Case No. C100302
- 4. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-100418
- 5. Sierra Club, et al., v. DWR, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 24WM000008, and related cases, challenging DCP EIR
- 6. State Water Resources Control Bd. Administrative Hearing Office (AHO) Proceeding Re Sites Project Authority Water Rights Applications
- 7. DWR v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of Delta Conveyance Program Bonds, etc., Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 25CV000704

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(4)):

8 Two Matters

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(2)):

9. Two Matters

#### **9:30 Open Session** Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. <u>Attorney's Report</u>

*Torigiani* (10 mins)

- 1. Report from Closed Session (Gov. Code § 54957.1)
- 2. Legislative, Executive, Regulatory, and Legal Matters

#### 4. Minutes

**Atkinson** (2 mins)

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting August 13, 2025

#### 5. Financial Reports

**Mettler** (10 mins)

- 1. Filing of Treasurer's Report
- 2. Approval of Accounts Payable
- 2.1 Director Compensation and Expense

#### 6. Controller's Report

1.	Delinquent Accounts Report for July	<b>Smith</b> (10 mins)
2.	Budget Expenditures Report for July 2025	Whitby (5 mins)
3.	Consider Approval of Proposal for Water Accounting & Billing Software	Smith (5 mins)
4.	Proposed District Banking Modifications	<b>Smith</b> (5 mins)

#### *7*. President's Report Atkinson (5 min) 8. Engineer-Manager's Report Filing of the Monthly Report *Nicholas* (5 mins) Water Supply – 2025 SWP Allocation of 50% 2. McDaris (10 mins) a. 2025 Water Supply/Demand Estimate b. Other Purchases/Exchanges Consider Contribution to Pacific Legal Foundation-Western Water Law Project *Nicholas* (10 mins) 3. South Valley Water Resource Authority - Fish Friendly Diversion 4. *Nicholas* (20 mins) Infiltration Gallery Demonstration Project (Demonstration Project) a. Presentation by Scott Hamilton b. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment for Construction of **Demonstration Project** 5. State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) *Nicholas* (10 mins) 6. Sites Reservoir Kunde (10 mins) 7. Consider Selection of Alternate Director to Kern River Watershed **Nicholas** (5 mins) Coalition Authority 8. Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA Staff (30 mins) a. Final State Water Resource Control Board Staff Report on Kern Subbasin b. Subsidence Update c. Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin SGMA Expenses d. Consider Approval of Contract with LandIQ for ET Monitoring 9. Reports 1. Director's Reports on Meetings Attended 2. Kern County Water Agency McDaris (5 mins) 3. Kern Water Bank Authority/ Kern Water Bank GSA **Nicholas** (5 mins) 4. South of Kern River GSP *Nicholas* (5 mins) 5. Kern Non-District Lands Authority *Fry* (5 mins) White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency *Nicholas* (5 mins) 6. 7. Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority **Blaine** (5 mins) 8. Committee for Delta Reliability *Nicholas* (5 mins) 9. Nicholas (5 mins) South Valley Water Resource Authority

#### *10.* Unfinished and New Business

1. Biennial Employee Recognition Dinner – October 10, 2025 **Ruth** (2 mins) 2. ACWA Fall Conference – San Diego – December 2-4, 2025 *Nicholas* (2 mins)

#### *11*. **Public Comments**

#### *12.* Adjournment

Posted pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2(a) at least 72 hours prior to said meeting.

By: Danyel Ruth

September 5, 2025



**SEPTEMBER 2025** 

#### UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

#### ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Region 1 / Tour & Program / September 12 at 8:30 am / Register here.
- ACWA Region 5/ Tour / September 25-26 at 8:00 am / Register here.

#### ACWA FALL 2025 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its Fall 2025 Conference and Exhibition in San Diego, CA from December 2-4. ACWA Policy Committee Meetings will be held in person on Tuesday, December 2 (preliminary schedule below). Click here to register for Fall Conference, including the Policy Committee Meetings.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Groundwater Committee
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Water Management Committee
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Energy Committee
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Agriculture Committee
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Local Government Committee
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Water Quality Committee

#### **POLICY UPDATES**

#### **FEDERAL**

ACWA's Federal Regulatory Issues chart is accessible <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **WATER MANAGEMENT**

#### PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan Update

- On August 22, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced a <u>Second Revised Notice of Public Comment and Hearing on Revised Draft Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin <u>Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan)</u>. The <u>revised draft updates</u> include two regulatory pathways: the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) Program and the unimpaired flow approach for non-HRL Program parties.</u>
  - o Public hearing: September 24 and 25 at 9:00 am
  - o Public comments due: September 29 at 9:00 am

#### **Delta Conveyance Project**

- On June 20, the State Water Board released a <u>revised Notice of Board</u>
   <u>Meeting</u> regarding the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) pending
   petitions for change of water rights permits for the State Water Project.
  - Continued evidentiary portion of public hearing: September 2,
     5, 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 22, 29 and 30 at 9:00 am
- On August 6, Governor Gavin Newsom and DWR launched the <u>Delta</u> <u>Conveyance Accountability Action Plan (Plan)</u>. The Plan outlines

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available community support programs and commitments by DWR to ensure accountability and transparency throughout the project.

Geographic Information Systems Regulation

# On July 21, the Underground Safety Board released a <u>Notice of Draft Language for Public Comment Prior to Proposed Rulemaking Geographic Information Systems (GIS)</u>. The proposed draft language includes new definitions to California Code of Regulations, Title 19 and the additions of regulations regarding the Accuracy of Geospatial Coordinates, Component and Attribute Records, and Geospatial-

Public comments due: September 3 at 5:00 pm

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#### **Conservation and Mitigation Banking Guidelines**

Coordinate Metadata Records.

On July 18, the Department of Fish and Wildlife released the <u>Draft Conservation and Mitigation Banking Guidelines</u> (Draft Guidelines). The Draft Guidelines clarify and incorporate all relevant documents and program guidance to implement Chapter 7.9 of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code.

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o Public comments due: September 3 at 5:00 pm

#### **Electronic Annual Reporting**

- The State Water Board will host a virtual input forum to solicit feedback on proposed changes for the Electronic Annual Reporting (eAR) Year 2025. The eAR is an annual survey of public water systems to collect critical water system information intended to assess the status of compliance with specific regulatory requirements.
  - Virtual forum: September 19 at 1:00 pm
  - Anticipated eAR release date: February 1, 2026
  - o Reporting deadline: April 1, 2026

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#### **Tribal Stewardship Policy**

The California Natural Resources Agency released the <u>Draft Tribal</u>
 <u>Stewardship Policy</u> (Policy) and <u>Toolkit</u> for tribal consultation. The Policy
 supports collaborative stewardship efforts by enhancing tribal access
 and enabling collaboration of management of public lands and natural
 resources.

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#### o <u>Public comments</u> due: September 12

#### **Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations**

On August 5, the State Water Board adopted a <u>resolution</u> regarding the Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations. The resolution includes revisions to California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapters 2 (Appropriation of Water), 2.7 (Water Diversion and Use), and 2.8 (Measuring and Monitoring). The regulations are expected to become effective on October 1, 2025.

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#### Water Rights Reporting - CalWATRS

 On May 27, the State Water Board <u>announced</u> a new water rights reporting system, the California Water Accounting Tracking and Reporting System (CalWATRS). The system will help the state manage water data better and streamline public access to information.

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- Early access to CalWATRS: July-September 2025
- Reports for the 2024-25 water year due: January 2026

#### **AGRICULTURE**

#### 2026 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

- On August 15, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced it is accepting proposals for the 2026 Speciality Crop Block Grant Progam (Program). The Program intends to enhance the performance of California specialty crops and CDFA will host a series of informational webinars for interested applicants.
  - o Proposal informational webinar: September 2 at 2:00 pm
  - o Applications due: September 11 at 5:00 pm

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#### **GROUNDWATER**

#### PRIORITY Draft Land Subsidence Best Management Practices

- On July 24, DWR released the draft Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) document for public comment. The document aims to help local water agencies address the growing concerns over land subsidence and support groundwater reliant communities.
  - Public comments due: September 22
  - Anticipated Final BMP release: Late 2025

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#### **State Intervention: Kern County Subbasin**

On February 20, the State Water Board held a public hearing to consider Soren Nelson a probationary designation for the Kern County Subbasin. State Water Board members decided to continue the hearing in September and requested that the subbasin groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA) provide revised draft groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). The GSAs submitted updated draft GSPs in June and the State Water Board is accepting public comment on the Draft 2025 Amended Kern County GSPs.

o Public hearing: September 17 at 9:00 am

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#### **WATER QUALITY**

#### PRIORITY Proposed Revised Notification and Response Levels

On August 6, the State Water Board discussed the Proposed Revised Notification and/or Response Levels for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA), Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS), Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid (PFHxS), and proposed notification and response level for Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA) (Proposed Revisions). The Proposed Revisions were presented as an informational item and may be adopted by the Deputy Director of the Division of Drinking Water in September 2025.

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#### State Revolving Fund

On August 5, the State Water Board approved the Final 2025-26 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP). The CWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for administering the CWSRF and its complementary funding for the state fiscal year.

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On August 19, the State Water Board approved the Final 2025-26
 <u>Drinking Water SRF IUP</u> (DWSRF IUP). The DWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for administering the DWSRF and its complementary funding for the state fiscal year.

#### **ENERGY**

#### **Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation**

On July 29, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) released a <u>Notice of Public Hearing to consider Proposed Amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation</u> (ACF). The proposed amendments to ACF, pursuant to the directives of Assembly Bill 1594 (Garcia, 2023), seek to provide additional flexibilities for public agency utilities working towards ACF compliance.

o Written comments due: September 15

O Public hearing: September 25 at 9:00 am

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#### ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- 2025 Safe Drinking Water Plan, State Water Board, August 29, 2025
- <u>Draft 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook</u>, California Department of Water Resources, August 22, 2025
- Draft Guidelines for Recovery Planning, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, July 31, 2025
- Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for a Regulation Change Regarding the Striped Bass Slot Limit, California Fish and Game Commission, July 31, 2025

To receive a monthly email of Regulatory Roundup, please contact <u>Karla Cardenas</u>. Regulatory Roundup is also available on ACWA's <u>website</u>.



Indicates ACWA Working Group
Indicates ACWA Priority Issue

Valley Ag Water Coalition 2025-26 Regular Session, First Year

Sorted by: Measure Friday, 09/05/2025

AB 43 (Schultz, D) Wild and scenic rivers.

Current Text: 09/03/2025 - Enrollment HTML PDF

Introduced: 12/02/2024

Status: 09/03/2025 - Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly. (Ayes 29. Noes 10.). In Assembly.

Ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling.

Location: 09/03/2025 - Assembly ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Existing law requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to take specified actions relating to the addition of rivers or segments of rivers to the state's wild and scenic rivers system if, among other things, the federal government enacts a statute that, upon enactment, would require the removal or delisting of any river or segment of a river in the state that was included in the national wild and scenic rivers system and not in the state wild and scenic rivers system. Existing law authorizes, only until December 31, 2025, the secretary to take action under these provisions to add a river or segment of a river to the state wild and scenic rivers system. Existing law requires those actions to remain in effect until December 31, 2025, except as otherwise provided. This bill would indefinitely extend the date by which the secretary is authorized to take the specified actions relating to the addition of rivers or segments of rivers to the state's wild and scenic rivers system, as described above. The bill would also indefinitely extend the date that these actions remain in effect, except as otherwise provided. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### AB 93 (Papan, D) Water resources: data centers.

Current Text: 08/29/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 01/07/2025 Last Amended: 08/29/2025

Status: 09/02/2025 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 09/02/2025 - Senate THIRD READING

Summary: Existing law authorizes the legislative body of an incorporated city and the county board of supervisors to license businesses carried on within their respective jurisdictions and to set license fees, as specified. This bill would require a person who owns or operates a data center, prior to applying to a city or a county for an initial business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, to provide its water supplier, under penalty of perjury, an estimate of the expected water use. When applying to a city or county for an initial business license, the bill would require a person who owns or operates a data center to self-certify, under penalty of perjury, on the application that the person has provided its water supplier an estimate of the expected water use. When applying to a city or county for a renewal of a business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, the bill would require a person who owns or operates a data center to self-certify, under penalty of perjury, on the application, that they have provided the data center's water supplier with a report of the annual water use. By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Beginning one year after the Department of Water Resources develops any efficiency guidelines or best management practices relevant to the data centers, the bill would require that a person who owns or operates a data center, as a condition for obtaining or renewing a business license, self-certify that the data center will meet guidelines and best practices to maximize the efficient use of natural resources. The bill would authorize the department, as part of any efficiency standard adopted under a specified provision of law, to identify different tiers of data centers, based on factors affecting water consumption, and appropriate standards for each data tier. The bill would define terms for purposes of these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 08/29/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
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VAWC Watch

AB 263 (Rogers, D) Scott River: Shasta River: watersheds.

Current Text: 09/03/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 01/16/2025 Last Amended: 09/03/2025

Status: 09/04/2025 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 09/04/2025 - Senate THIRD READING

**Summary:** Existing law provides that an emergency regulation adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board following a Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions, for which the board makes specified findings, may remain in effect for up to one year, as provided, and may be renewed if the board determines that specified conditions relating to precipitation are still in effect. This bill would provide that specified emergency regulations adopted by the board for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds shall remain in effect until January 1, 2031, or until permanent rules establishing and implementing long-term instream flow requirements are adopted for those watersheds, whichever occurs first. The bill would require the board to provide annual public updates, including opportunities for public comment, on its progress toward developing permanent flow rules for the rivers, as provided. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds. (Based on 09/03/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

20250328 AB 263 Coalition AWPW Oppose.pdf 20250529 AB 263 SNRW Coalition Oppose Letter.pdf

Organization	Position
VAWC	Not Favor

## <u>AB 267</u> (<u>Macedo, R</u>) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: high-speed rail: water infrastructure and wildfire prevention.

Current Text: 01/17/2025 - Introduced HTML PDF

Introduced: 01/17/2025

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was TRANS. on 2/18/2025)(May be

acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/01/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

**Summary:** The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include in its regulation of those emissions the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Existing law continuously appropriates 25% of the annual proceeds of the fund to the High-Speed Rail Authority for certain purposes. This bill would suspend the appropriation to the High-Speed Rail Authority for the 2026–27 and 2027–28 fiscal years and would instead require those amounts from moneys collected by the state board to be transferred to the General Fund. The bill would specify that the transferred amounts shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to augment funding for water infrastructure and wildfire prevention. (Based on 01/17/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Support if Amended

#### AB 293 (Bennett, D) Groundwater sustainability agency: transparency.

Current Text: 09/03/2025 - Enrollment HTML PDF

Introduced: 01/22/2025

Status: 09/03/2025 - Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly. (Ayes 30. Noes 3.). In Assembly.

Ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling.

Location: 09/03/2025 - Assembly ENROLLMENT

Summary: Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Existing law requires a groundwater sustainability plan to be developed and implemented for each medium- or high-priority basin by a groundwater sustainability agency. Existing law authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin, as provided. Existing law requires members of the board of directors and the executive, as defined, of a groundwater sustainability agency to file statements of economic interests with the Fair Political Practices Commission using the commission's online system for filing statements of economic interests. This bill would require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish the membership of its board of directors on its internet website, or on the local agency's internet website, as provided. The bill would also require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish a link on its internet website or its local agency's internet website to the location on the Fair Political Practices Commission's internet website where the statements of economic interests, filed by the members of the board and executives of the agency, can be viewed. (Based on 01/22/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: N Attachments:

VAWC AB 293 OUA AWPW 03112025.edited.docx

VAWC AB 293 OUA SNRW 052925.docx VAWC AB 293 Floor Alert - March 27, 2025 VAWC AB 293 Senate Floor Alert 06162025.docx

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose Unless Amended

<u>AB 295</u> (<u>Macedo, R</u>) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: water storage, water conveyance, and groundwater recharge projects: streamlined review.

Current Text: 01/23/2025 - Introduced HTML PDF

Introduced: 01/23/2025

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/10/2025)(May

be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/01/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report (EIR) on a project that the lead agency proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to CEQA. The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021 authorizes the Governor, until January 1, 2032, to certify environmental leadership development projects that meet specified requirements for certain streamlining benefits related to CEQA. The act, among other things, requires a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings for an environmental leadership development project, as provided, and to provide a specified notice within 10 days of the Governor certifying the project. The act is repealed by its own term on January 1, 2034. This bill would extend the application of the act to water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater recharge projects that provide public benefits and drought preparedness. Because a lead agency would be required to prepare the record of proceedings for water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater recharge projects pursuant to the act, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 01/23/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

#### Attachments:

VAWC AB 295 SUPPORT ANR 031825.docx

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

#### AB 362 (Ramos, D) Water policy: California tribal communities.

Current Text: 04/21/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 01/30/2025 Last Amended: 04/21/2025

Status: 09/03/2025 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar: 09/08/25 #47 A-THIRD READING FILE - ASSEMBLY BILLS

Location: 09/03/2025 - Assembly THIRD READING

Summary: The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act establishes a statewide program for the control of the quality of all the waters in the state and makes certain legislative findings and declarations. Existing law defines the term "beneficial uses" for the purposes of water quality as certain waters of the state that may be protected against quality degradation, to include, among others, domestic, municipal, agricultural, and industrial supplies. This bill would add findings and declarations related to California tribal communities, as defined, and the importance of protecting tribal water use. The bill would add tribal water uses as waters of the state that may be protected against quality degradation for purposes of the defined term "beneficial uses." The bill would require any project or regulatory program subject to approval by the State Water Quality Control Board or a regional water quality control board, within a specified environmental review, and in any findings and declarations presented for state board or a regional board approval, to describe, with both quantitative and qualitative information, how the project or regulatory program will impact tribal water uses, and would require, on or before December 1, 2026, and every 2 years thereafter, the state board to publish a report on implementation of this provision on its internet website. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 04/21/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Attachments:

VAWC SCWA AB 362 AESTM OUA 04212025.edited (1).docx

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose Unless Amended

#### AB 430 (Alanis, R) State Water Resources Control Board: emergency regulations.

Current Text: 05/01/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/05/2025 Last Amended: 05/01/2025

Status: 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on

5/14/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026) **Location:** 05/23/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Existing law provides that an emergency regulation adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board following a Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions, for which the board makes specified findings, may remain in effect for up to one year, as provided, and may be renewed if the board determines that specified conditions relating to precipitation are still in effect. This bill would require the board, within 180 days following a finding by the board that a nonfee emergency regulation is no longer necessary, as provided, to conduct a comprehensive economic study assessing the impacts of the regulation, as specified. The bill would require the board to make the study publicly available on its internet website no later than 30 days after completion. (Based on 05/01/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
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VAWC Watch

AB 454 (Kalra, D) Migratory birds: California Migratory Bird Protection Act.

Current Text: 09/04/2025 - Enrollment HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/06/2025 Last Amended: 06/16/2025

Status: 09/04/2025 - Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling. (Ayes 58. Noes 17.).

Location: 09/04/2025 - Assembly ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Existing federal law, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, provides for the protection of migratory birds, as specified. The federal act also authorizes states and territories of the United States to make and enforce laws or regulations that give further protection to migratory birds, their nests, and eggs. Existing law, the California Migratory Bird Protection Act, until January 20, 2025, made unlawful the taking or possession of any migratory nongame bird designated in the federal act before January 1, 2017, any additional migratory nongame bird that may be designated in the federal act after that date, or any part of those migratory nongame birds, except as provided. Existing law, as of January 1, 2026, repeals this provision. This bill would, indefinitely, make unlawful the taking or possessing of any migratory bird, as designated in the federal act before January 1, 2025, any additional migratory birds that may be designated in the federal act after that date, or any part of those migratory birds, except as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 06/16/2025 text)

Is Urgency: Y
Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### AB 476 (González, Mark, D) Metal theft.

Current Text: 09/04/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/10/2025 Last Amended: 09/04/2025

Status: 09/04/2025 - Read third time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

Location: 09/04/2025 - Senate SECOND READING

Summary: Existing law governs the business of buying, selling, and dealing in secondhand and used machinery and all ferrous and nonferrous scrap metals and alloys, also known as "junk." Existing law requires junk dealers and recyclers to keep a written record of all sales and purchases made in the course of their business, including the place and date of each sale or purchase of junk and a description of the item or items, as specified. Existing law requires the written record to include a statement indicating either that the seller of the junk is the owner of it. or the name of the person they obtained the junk from, as shown on a signed transfer document. Existing law prohibits a junk dealer or recycler from providing payment for nonferrous materials until the junk dealer or recycler obtains a copy of a valid driver's license of the seller or other specified identification. Existing law requires a junk dealer or recycler to preserve the written record for at least 2 years. Existing law makes a violation of the recordkeeping requirements a misdemeanor. This bill would require junk dealers and recyclers to include additional information in the written record, including the time and amount paid for each sale or purchase of junk made, and the name of the employee handling the transaction. The bill would revise the type of information required to be included in the description of the item or items of junk purchased or sold, as specified. The bill would require the statement referenced above indicating ownership or the name of the person from whom the seller obtained the junk from to be signed. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 09/04/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

CCVFCA VAWC AB 476 SUPPORT SBPED 062625 v2.docx

VAWC CCVFCA AB 476 FLOOR LETTER SUPPORT 05282025 (1).docx

AB 476 CCVFCA VAWC Support AA 05.13.2025 (1).docx

CCVFCA VAWC AB 476 SUPPORT ABP 04.09.2025 v2.docx

CCVFCA VAWC AB 476 SUPPORT SPS 070125.docx

#### CCVFCA VAWC AB 476 SAPPR 081525.docx VAWC CCVFCA AB 476 SENFLOOR SUPPORT 090325.docx

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

#### AB 497 (Wilson, D) San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary Water Quality Control Plan.

Current Text: 02/10/2025 - Introduced HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/10/2025

Status: 05/08/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/10/2025)(May be

acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/08/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Existing law makes available to the Natural Resources Agency bond funds for, among other things, implementing an updated State Water Resources Control Board's San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan), which establishes water quality control measures and flow requirements needed to provide reasonable protection of beneficial uses in the watershed. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation relating to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. (Based on 02/10/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: N

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### <u>AB 568</u> (<u>Macedo, R</u>) Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act.

Current Text: 07/18/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/12/2025 Last Amended: 07/18/2025

**Status:** 09/04/2025 - Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly. (Ayes 38. Noes 0.). In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. Re-referred to Com. on W. P., & W. pursuant to Assembly Rule

77.2.

Calendar: 09/10/25 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE,

Chair

Location: 09/04/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

Summary: Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. The act authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin. The act deems certain agencies created by statute to manage groundwater the exclusive local agencies within their respective statutory boundaries with powers to comply with the act and authorizes these agencies to opt out of being the exclusive groundwater management agency. This bill would create the Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would establish the agency's initial boundaries. The bill would authorize the boundaries of the agency to be adjusted, as specified. The bill would require the agency to elect to be a groundwater sustainability agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for that portion of the Tule Subbasin that lies within the boundaries of the agency and would require the agency to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan to achieve sustainable groundwater management within the territory of the agency. The bill would generally specify the powers and purposes of the agency. The bill would prescribe the composition of the 5-member board of directors of the agency and would require members and alternates to be chosen, as specified. By imposing duties on the agency and the County of Tulare, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would deem the Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency the exclusive local agency with powers to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 07/18/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

VAWC AB 568 SNRW 070325.docx

VAWC AB 568 SUPPORT SAPPR 081525.docx

VAWC AB 568 SUPPORT SENFLOOR 082525 (002).pdf

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

AB 639 (Soria, D) Dams: exceptions.

Current Text: 09/04/2025 - Enrollment HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/13/2025 Last Amended: 06/11/2025

Status: 09/04/2025 - Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling. (Ayes 78. Noes 0.).

Location: 09/04/2025 - Assembly ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Existing law defines a dam to mean any artificial barrier, together with appurtenant works, that does or may impound or divert water, and meets other specified criteria. Existing law excludes from the definition a barrier that is or will be not in excess of 6 feet in height, regardless of storage capacity, or that has or will have a storage capacity not in excess of 15 acre-feet, regardless of height. Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to supervise the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, maintenance, operation, and removal of dams and reservoirs for the protection of life and property. This bill would additionally exclude from the definition of a dam a barrier that does not impound water above the top of a levee where maximum storage behind the barrier has a minimum of 3 feet of freeboard on the levee and is a weir, as defined, but would apply only to specified weirs named in the bill. (Based on 06/11/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

VAWC AB 639 SUPPORT AWPW 031325.edited.docx
AB 639 (Soria) Coalition ASM WPW Support Ltr 3-17.pdf
VAWC AB 639 SUPPORT SNRW 05302025.edited.docx
AB 639 (Soria) CoalitionSNRWSupport Ltr 5-30.pdf

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

#### <u>AB 707</u> (<u>Soria, D</u>) San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority: B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion

Project.

Current Text: 02/14/2025 - Introduced HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/14/2025

**Status:** 02/15/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.

Location: 02/14/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law provides various sources of funding for water and transportation projects. This bill would appropriate \$455,500,000 from the General Fund to the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority for the purpose of funding the State Highway 152 Route improvements required to complete the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project. (Based on 02/14/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

#### AB 709 (Gonzalez, Jeff, R) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater sustainability plans.

Current Text: 02/14/2025 - Introduced HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/14/2025

Status: 06/11/2025 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 06/11/2025 - Senate THIRD READING

Summary: Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. The act requires a groundwater sustainability agency, upon adoption of a groundwater sustainability plan, to submit the groundwater sustainability plan to the department for review. If groundwater sustainability agencies develop multiple groundwater sustainability plans for a basin, the act requires, when the entire basin is covered by groundwater sustainability plans, the groundwater sustainability agencies to jointly submit to the department the groundwater sustainability plans, an explanation of how the plans satisfy specified provisions of the act, and a copy of the coordination agreement between the groundwater sustainability agencies. The act requires the department to evaluate a groundwater sustainability plan within 2 years of its submission and issue an assessment of the plan. This bill would provide that nothing in those provisions relating to making submissions to the department shall be construed to prohibit groundwater sustainability agencies that have developed multiple groundwater sustainability plans for a basin from amending the coordination agreement following department issuance of an assessment of the plans. (Based on 02/14/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: N

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### AB 900 (Papan, D) Environmental protection: 30x30 goals: land conservation: stewardship.

Current Text: 09/04/2025 - Enrollment HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/19/2025 Last Amended: 08/29/2025

Status: 09/04/2025 - In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. Senate amendments concurred

in. To Engrossing and Enrolling. (Ayes 77. Noes 0.). **Location:** 09/04/2025 - Assembly ENROLLMENT

Summary: By Executive Order No. N-82-20, Governor Gavin Newsom directed the Natural Resources Agency to combat the biodiversity and climate crises by, among other things, establishing the California Biodiversity Collaborative and conserving at least 30% of the state's lands and coastal waters by 2030. Existing law provides that it is the goal of the state to conserve at least 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030, known as the 30x30 goal. On April 22, 2022, the Natural Resources Agency issued the "Pathways to 30x30 California: Accelerating Conservation of California's Nature" report and existing law requires the Secretary of Natural Resources Agency to prepare and submit an annual report to the Legislature on progress made toward achieving the 30x30 goal, as provided. This bill would, to further specified findings of the Pathways to 30x30 Report, require the agency to develop strategies to reduce barriers and increase support for stewardship of conserved lands. The bill would require the agency to collaborate with stakeholders, California Native American tribes, and relevant state agencies to prepare a section on stewardship as part of the 2027 annual report on progress made toward achieving the 30x30 goal, which the bill would require to include, among other things, recommendations to increase and improve stewardship of 30x30 lands, including innovative ways to reduce barriers and increase federal, state, and local support for stewardship, as specified. The bill would require the update to be posted on the agency's internet website. (Based on 08/29/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### AB 929 (Connolly, D) Sustainable groundwater management: managed wetlands.

Current Text: 06/26/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/19/2025 Last Amended: 06/26/2025 **Status:** 07/15/2025 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 07/15/2025 - Senate THIRD READING

**Summary:** Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Existing law defines various terms for purposes of the act. This bill would add various defined terms for purposes of the act, including the terms "managed wetland" and "small community water system." This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 06/26/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

VAWC AB 929 OPPOSE AWPW 041525.docx VAWC AB 929 FLOOR LETTER 051625 V2.pdf VAWC AB 929 SNRW OPPOSE 061225.docx VAWC AB 929 SEN FLOOR LETTER 082225.pdf

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose

#### AB 1044 (Macedo, R) Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act.

Current Text: 05/23/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/20/2025 Last Amended: 05/23/2025

Status: 06/05/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 6/9/2025)

(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 06/05/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. The act authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin. The act deems certain agencies created by statute to manage groundwater the exclusive local agencies within their respective statutory boundaries with powers to comply with the act and authorizes these agencies to opt out of being the exclusive groundwater management agency. This bill would create the Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would establish the agency's initial boundaries. The bill would authorize the boundaries of the agency to be adjusted, as specified. The bill would require the agency to elect to be a groundwater sustainability agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for that portion of the Tule Subbasin that lies within the boundaries of the agency and would require the agency to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan to achieve sustainable groundwater management within the territory of the agency. The bill would generally specify the powers and purposes of the agency. The bill would prescribe the composition of the 5-member board of directors of the agency and would require members and alternates to be chosen, as specified. By imposing duties on the agency and the County of Tulare, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would deem the Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency the exclusive local agency with powers to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 05/23/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

VAWC AB 1044 SUPPORT AWPW 032825.edited.docx VAWC AB 1044 SUPPORT ALG 042225.edited.docx

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

Current Text: 06/23/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/20/2025 Last Amended: 06/23/2025

Status: 08/28/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on

8/18/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026) **Location:** 08/28/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Existing law provides for the regulation and supervision of dams and reservoirs exclusively by the state. Under existing law, a person who violates certain provisions related to the regulation and supervision of dams and reservoirs or of any approval, order, rule, regulation, or requirement of the Department of Water Resources is guilty of a misdemeanor, as specified. This bill would prohibit the release of stored water from a reservoir owned and operated by the United States in this state if the release is done under false pretenses, which the bill would define to mean a release of water from a reservoir owned and operated by the United States in a manner that is knowingly, designedly, and intentionally under any false or fraudulent representation as to the purpose and intended use of the water. The bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board or the Attorney General, as provided, to bring an action for injunctive relief for a violation of the above-described prohibition. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other existing laws. (Based on 06/23/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

AB 1146 VAWC Oppose AWP&W 04.21.2025

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AB 1146 Removal of Opposition - VAWC.docx

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### AB 1218 (Soria, D) Copper theft.

Current Text: 03/24/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/21/2025 Last Amended: 03/24/2025

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was PUB. S. on 3/24/2025)(May be

acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/01/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: Under existing law it is grand theft to steal copper materials valued at more than \$950. A violation of this provision is punishable either as a misdemeanor or a felony by imprisonment in county jail and specified fines. This bill would make it a crime to unlawfully possess copper materials, as specified. The bill would define what it means to "unlawfully possess" copper materials to include possessing without documentation proving lawful possession. The bill would prescribe the information that constitutes proof of lawful possession, as specified, including the identity of the seller and the date of the transaction. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also prohibit a person from falsifying any record intending to show proof of lawful possession. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Existing law prohibits any collector or dealer of metals to purchase certain junk metals, as specified, without first ascertaining that the seller legally possesses the materials. Existing law also requires the dealer to obtain evidence of the identity of the seller, including, but not limited to, the seller's name and address. This bill would require any collector or dealer of metals to ascertain the location from which the purchased material was obtained. Existing law makes it a crime for a person who is engaged in the salvage, recycling, purchase, or sale of scrap metal to possess certain items that have been stolen or obtained by theft or extortion, as specified, and requires that the person knew or reasonably should have known that the property was stolen or failed to report possession of the items, as specified. This bill would additionally prohibit a person who is engaged in the salvage, recycling, purchase, or sale of scrap metal, as specified, from possessing certain items knowing that those items were possessed without proof of lawful possession. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y
Attachments:

AB 1218 CCVFCA VAWC Support APS 04.24.2025

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

AB 1313 (Papan, D) Water quality: permits.

Current Text: 05/27/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/21/2025 Last Amended: 05/27/2025

Status: 06/05/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 6/4/2025)

(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 06/05/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Existing law requires each regional board to formulate and adopt water quality control plans for all areas within the region, as provided. The bill would require the state board, after making the necessary residual designation authority findings, to establish a statewide commercial, industrial, and institutional NPDES order for properties with 5 acres or more of impervious surface, as provided. The bill would require the state board to publish a draft order of the statewide order for public comment on or before December 31, 2028, or 18 months after the reissuance of a specified statewide permit, as specified. The bill would require the state board to contemporaneously establish rules for offsite compliance agreements to issue with the publication of the draft statewide order for public comment that details the necessary components of an agreement between commercial, industrial, and institutional permittees and local municipalities for achieving offsite stormwater capture and use within the adopted final statewide commercial, industrial, and institutional NPDES order. The bill would require the NPDES order to include multiple compliance options for discharges to select and comply with to be deemed in compliance with applicable water quality based effluent limitations, including, but not limited to, compliance options incentivizing green infrastructure onsite or offsite stormwater capture and use. (Based on 05/27/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### AB 1373 (Soria, D) Water quality: state certification.

Current Text: 08/29/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/21/2025 Last Amended: 08/29/2025

Status: 09/02/2025 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 09/02/2025 - Senate THIRD READING

Summary: Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Under federal law, any applicant seeking a federal license or permit for an activity that may result in any discharge into the navigable waters of the United States is required to first seek a state water quality certification, as specified. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes the state board to certify or provide a statement to a federal agency, as required pursuant to federal law, that there is reasonable assurance that an activity of any person subject to the jurisdiction of the state board will not reduce water quality below applicable standards. The federal act provides that if a state fails or refuses to act on a request for this certification within a reasonable period of time, which shall not exceed one year after receipt of the request, then the state certification requirements are waived with respect to the federal application. This bill would require the state board, if requested by the applicant within 14 days of an initial draft certification being issued, to hold a public hearing at least 21 days before taking action on an application for certification for a license to

operate a hydroelectric facility, as provided. The bill would, if a public hearing is requested on the draft certification, prohibit the authority to issue a certification for a license to operate a hydroelectric facility from being delegated. The bill would authorize the state board to include in its fee schedule for hydroelectric facility applicants an amount up to the reasonable costs incurred by the state board in implementing these provisions. (Based on 08/29/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

AB 1373 - Fact Sheet 3.17.25.docx

AB 1373 VAWC Support AES&TM 04.21.2025

VAWC AB 1373 SUPPORT FLOOR LETTER 052825.docx

VAWC AB 1373 SUPPORT 062725.docx

VAWC AB 1373 SUPPORT SAPPR 081525.docx VAWC AB 1373 SUPPORT SENFLOOR 090325.pdf

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

#### <u>AB 1413</u> (<u>Papan, D</u>) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication.

Current Text: 09/02/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/21/2025 (Spot bill)
Last Amended: 09/02/2025

Status: 09/03/2025 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 09/03/2025 - Senate THIRD READING

Summary: Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Existing law requires the department to periodically review the groundwater sustainability plans developed by groundwater sustainability agencies pursuant to the act to evaluate whether a plan conforms with specified laws and is likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin covered by the plan. Existing law requires a groundwater sustainability agency to evaluate its groundwater sustainability plan periodically. This bill would require a groundwater sustainability agency to, at least once every 7 years, review, and update if appropriate, its sustainable yield to ensure that the sustainable yield is based on the best available information and best available science, as defined, and will achieve sustainable groundwater management. The bill would also require a groundwater sustainability agency to provide an opportunity for public review and comment before making a determination whether to update its sustainable yield. To the extent that these requirements impose additional duties on groundwater sustainability agencies that are local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 09/02/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

AB 1413 OUA Letter 4-1-25.pdf

Organization	Position	
VAWC	Oppose Unless Amended	

#### AB 1466 (Hart, D) Groundwater adjudication.

Current Text: 09/04/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/21/2025 Last Amended: 09/04/2025

Status: 09/04/2025 - Read third time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

Location: 09/04/2025 - Senate SECOND READING

**Summary:** Existing law establishes procedures for the comprehensive adjudication of groundwater rights in civil court. Under existing law, if the court finds that claims of right to extract or divert only minor quantities of water, as

defined, would not have a material effect on the groundwater rights of other parties, the court may exempt those claimants from the proceedings, except as specified. Existing law further prescribes that a judgment in a comprehensive adjudication to determine rights to extract groundwater in a basin is not binding on, among others, claimants whose claims have been exempted. This bill would authorize a court, in lieu of the exemption process described above, to treat persons with claims of right to extract or divert only minor quantities of water separately from other parties to the comprehensive adjudication. The bill would require the court to hold a hearing within a specified time to determine whether to exempt or treat those claimants separately and to establish a procedure to register and administer such claims. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 09/04/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

AB 1466 (Hart) Fact Sheet.pdf

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### **SB 89** (Weber Pierson, D) Glyphosate: prohibition on sale.

Current Text: 02/25/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 01/22/2025 (Spot bill) Last Amended: 02/25/2025

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.Q. on 3/5/2025)(May be

acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/01/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Existing law regulates the use of pesticides and authorizes the Director of Pesticide Regulation to adopt regulations to govern the possession, sale, or use of specified pesticides, as prescribed. Existing law provides that the regulation of pesticides is of statewide concern and that the state occupies the whole field of regulation regarding the registration, sale, transportation, or use of pesticides to the exclusion of all local regulation. This bill would prohibit, on and after January 1, 2028, the sale of a product that contains glyphosate in this state, except to a person or business that holds a valid license or certificate issued by the Department of Pesticide Regulation. The bill would require the department to levy a civil penalty of \$100 for each violation of this prohibition. (Based on 02/25/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### **SB 224** (<u>Hurtado, D</u>) Department of Water Resources: water supply forecasting.

Current Text: 09/02/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 01/27/2025 Last Amended: 09/02/2025

Status: 09/03/2025 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar: 09/08/25 #200 A-THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS

Location: 09/03/2025 - Assembly THIRD READING

**Summary:** Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to gather and correlate information and data pertinent to an annual forecast of seasonal water crop. Existing law also requires the department to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2027, to update its water supply forecasting models and procedures to address the effects of climate change and implement a formal policy and procedures for documenting the department's operational plans and the department's rationale for its operating procedures, including the department's rationale for water releases from reservoirs. The bill would also require the department to establish, and publish on the department's internet website, the specific criteria that it will employ to determine when its

updated water supply forecasting model has demonstrated sufficient predictive capability to be ready for use in each of the watersheds. The bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on its progress toward implementing the new forecasting model and to post the report on the department's internet website. The bill would also require the department, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that explains the rationale for the department's operating procedures specific to the previous water year. (Based on 09/02/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### SB 260 (Wahab, D) Unmanned aircraft.

Current Text: 04/29/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/03/2025 Last Amended: 04/29/2025

Status: 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on

5/12/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026) **Location:** 05/23/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law generally regulates classes of insurance, including residential property insurance. Existing law requires an insurer to send various notices to a policyholder at specified intervals. Existing law imposes liability for physical invasion of privacy on a person if the person knowingly enters onto the land or into the airspace above the land of another person without permission or otherwise commits a trespass in order to capture any image or recording of the other person engaging in a private activity and the invasion occurs in a manner that is offensive to a reasonable person. This bill would make it an infraction to intentionally or knowingly operate an unmanned aircraft over or to come within either a specified distance or a distance that would interfere with the operations of a critical infrastructure facility, as defined, with specified exceptions, including that the operator is a governmental entity acting in their capacity as a regulator or the operator has the written consent of the owner or operator of the facility. The bill would make it an infraction to intentionally or knowingly operate an unmanned aircraft over or to come within either a specified distance or a distance that would interfere with the operations of specified property in the City of Sacramento in which the State Capitol is located, with specified exceptions, including if a person is acting with the express authorization of the Joint Rules Committee of the Legislature, and would require the Joint Rules Committee to establish related policies in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol. By creating new crimes, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 04/29/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### SB 556 (Hurtado, D) Habitat enhancement and restoration: floodplains.

Current Text: 07/17/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/20/2025 Last Amended: 07/17/2025

Status: 08/28/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on

8/20/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026) **Location:** 08/28/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Wildlife Conservation Board within the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Under existing law, the board administers various habitat conservation and restoration programs. This bill would require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the sum of \$21,500,000 to be allocated to the board for floodplain acquisition, habitat restoration, and associated conservation projects on floodplains in the Counties of Kern, Kings, and Tulare, as provided. (Based on 07/17/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### SB 557 (Hurtado, D) Sustainable groundwater management: basin boundaries.

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 03/05/2025 - Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 02/20/2025 - Senate Rules

**Summary:** Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. The act requires the boundaries of a basin to be those identified in a specified report of the department, unless other basin boundaries are established, as prescribed. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in the provision relating to basin boundaries. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: N

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

#### SB 599 (Caballero, D) Atmospheric rivers: research: forecasting methods: experimental tools.

Current Text: 04/24/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/20/2025 Last Amended: 04/24/2025

Status: 09/02/2025 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar: 09/08/25 #162 A-THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS (Floor Mgr.- Ward)

Location: 09/02/2025 - Assembly THIRD READING

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program: Enabling Climate Adaptation Through Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations and Hazard Resiliency (AR/FIRO) Program in the Department of Water Resources. Existing law requires the department to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection, and to reoperate flood control and water storage facilities to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers. Existing law requires the department to research, develop, and implement new observations, prediction models, novel forecasting methods, and tailored decision support systems to improve predictions of atmospheric rivers and their impacts on water supply, flooding, post-wildfire debris flows, and environmental conditions. This bill would, for novel forecasting methods researched, developed, and implemented by the department, require the department to include the use of experimental tools that produce seasonal and subseasonal atmospheric river forecasts, as defined. (Based on 04/24/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y Attachments:

Turlock Irrigation District SB 599 Support Letter.pdf

AR Final Budget Request 3.17.25.pdf

VAWC SB 599 SUPPORT SNRW 040925.docx

VAWC SB 599 FLOOR LETTER SUPPORT 052725.docx

VAWC SB 599 SUPPORT AWPW 061125.docx

VAWC SB 599 ASMFLOOR SUPPORT 090325.pdf

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

**SB 601** (Allen, D) Water: waste discharge.

Current Text: 07/10/2025 - Amended HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/20/2025 Last Amended: 07/10/2025

Status: 08/28/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on

8/20/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026) **Location:** 08/28/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (act) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. Under the act, the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to adopt water quality control plans for waters for which quality standards are required by the federal Clean Water Act, as specified, and that in the event of a conflict, those plans supersede regional water quality control plans for the same waters. This bill would authorize the state board to adopt water quality control plans for nexus waters, which the bill would define as all waters of the state that are not also navigable, except as specified. The bill would require any water quality standard that was submitted to, and approved by, or is awaiting approval by, the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the state board that applied to nexus waters as of May 24, 2023, to remain in effect, as provided. The bill would require the state board and regional boards to include nexus waters in all federal Clean Water Act processes, including, but not limited to, the California Integrated Report and the establishment of total maximum daily loads, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 07/10/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Attachments:
SB 601 Fact Sheet

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose

#### **SB 697** (Laird, D) Determination of water rights: stream system.

Current Text: 09/04/2025 - Enrolled HTML PDF

Introduced: 02/21/2025 Last Amended: 07/03/2025

Status: 09/02/2025 - Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 36. Noes 0.) Ordered to engrossing and

enrolling.

Location: 09/02/2025 - Senate ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to hold proceedings to determine all rights to water of a stream system whether based upon appropriation, riparian right, or other basis of right. Existing law provides various requirements for the board when determining adjudication of water rights, including, among other things, performing a detailed field investigation of a stream system, as defined, issuing an order of determination, providing notice and a hearing process, and filing a final order. This bill would revise the above-described provisions regarding the board's statutory adjudication of water rights during an investigation of a stream system to, among other things, require representatives of the board to investigate in detail the use of water with the authority, but no requirement, to conduct a field investigation, authorize the board, if the board determines that the information provided by the person, as specified, is inadequate, to issue information orders that require claimants to submit reports of water use from the stream system through a form provided by the board, and require claimants to respond to that order within 75 days of the date of issuance by the board. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 09/04/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Attachments:
SB 697 FACT SHEET

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

Total Measures: 32 Total Tracking Forms: 32

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the

#### Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency Convened at 8:00 A.M., August 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held at the District's office, with optional public participation made available through teleconference via GoToMeeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at the hour of 8:00 A.M. President Atkinson declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Directors Present in Person. Atkinson, Blaine, Fry, Marin, Martin, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo.

Directors Absent. Mettler.

<u>Others Present at 8:00 A.M.</u> Engineer-Manager Sheridan Nicholas, Director of Water Resources Eric McDaris, Executive Assistant Danyel Ruth, and Attorney for the District Steve Torigiani.

Others Present at 10:04 A.M. Engineer-Manager Sheridan Nicholas, Attorney for the District Steve Torigiani, Director of Water Resources Eric McDaris, Staff Engineer Tom Suggs, O&M Superintendent Greg Loveless, Contract Administrator Flower Duenas, Assistant Controller Jennifer Whitby, Executive Assistant Danyel Ruth, Trey Irwin with Tejon Ranch, Kelly Mielke, and Steve Jackson with Next Gen Water.

8:00 A.M. Closed Session. The Board convened in Closed Session to consider the following matters:

#### Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Existing Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9(a)):

- 1. Sierra Club v. DWR v. All Persons Interested, etc., consolidated CEQA Case and "Complaint for Validation" Re: Delta Program Revenue Bonds, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 34-2020-80003517, 3<sup>rd</sup> Appellate Dist., Case No. C100552
- CDWR Environmental Impact [WaterFix] Cases, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. JCCP No. 4942, 3<sup>rd</sup> Appellate Dist., Case No. C100302
- 3. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-100418
- 4. Sierra Club, et al., v. DWR, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 24WM000008, and related cases, challenging DCP FIR
- 5. State Water Resources Control Bd. Administrative Hearing Office (AHO) Proceeding Re Sites Project Authority Water Rights Applications
- 6. DWR v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of Delta Conveyance Program Bonds, etc., Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 25CV00704

#### Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(4)):

7. Two Matters

#### $Conference\ with\ Legal\ Counsel-Anticipated\ Litigation:\ Significant\ Exposure\ to\ Litigation\ (Govt.\ Code\ \S\ 54956.9(d)(2)):$

8. Two Matters

#### Conference with Real Property Negotiator: (Gov. Code, § 54956.8):

 District's Designated Representative: Director of Water Resources Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payments

Property: Acquisition of Water Supplies

Negotiation with: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

#### Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code, § 54956.8):

10. District's Designated Representative: Engineer-Manager

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payments Property: District's Participation in Sites Reservoir Project

Negotiation with: Santa Clara Valley Water District

**10:04 A.M. Open Session.** Mr. Torigiani reported there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

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Legislative, Executive, Regulatory and Legal Matters. Mr. Torigiani noted that the California Legislature is currently out of session, and will be returning soon. He further reported the Legislature will be focused on possible redistricting, and the proposed trailer bill proposed by Governor Newsom regarding expedited regulatory approvals for the Delta Conveyance Project. He alsreported legislation of interest and reviewed some of the latest regulatory issues that may be of interest to the District and its Water Users, and noted both the August 2025 ACWA Regulatory Roundup and the July 17, 2025 Valley Ag Water Coalition bill report were included in the Board packet.

<u>Minutes.</u> Upon motion from Director Fry, seconded by Director Richardson and unanimously carried with no abstentions, *The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Directors* ... *Convened June 11*, 2025, were approved and filed.

<u>Filing of the Treasurer's Report.</u> Assistant Treasurer Fry presented and reviewed the <u>Treasurer's Report for the Month of June 2025</u>. Upon motion from Director Marin, seconded by Director Reiter and unanimously carried with no abstentions, the <u>Treasurer's Report for the Month of June 2025</u> was approved and filed.

Assistant Treasurer Fry presented and reviewed the *Treasurer's Report for the Month of July 2025*. Upon motion from Director Fry, seconded by Director Blaine and unanimously carried with no abstentions, the *Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2025* was approved and filed.

Approve Payment of Accounts Payable. Assistant Treasurer Fry presented and reviewed the Accounts Payable for the month of June 2025, and the Reimbursements and Transfers for the month of June 2025. Upon motion from Director Fry, seconded by Director Marin and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Accounts Payable for the Month of June 2025, and the Reimbursements and Transfers for the Month of June 2025 were approved and filed.

Assistant Treasurer Fry presented and reviewed the *Accounts Payable for the month of July 2025*, and the *Reimbursements and Transfers for the month of July 2025*. Upon motion from Director Fry, seconded by Director Reiter and unanimously carried with no abstentions the *Accounts Payable for the Month of July 2025*, and the *Reimbursements and Transfers for the Month of July 2025* were approved and filed.

<u>Controller's Report.</u> Mr. Smith reported that due to concerns with the County Treasurer the District is considering possible changes to its accounting procedures, and is working with the District auditor on this issue.

**Delinquent Accounts Report**. Mr. Smith reviewed the varying Contract/Non-Contract and GWSC delinquencies with the Board, noting the portion of the E-M Report detailing this information.

**Budget Expenditures Report for July 2025.** Ms. Whitby reviewed the Budget Expenditure Report for July 2024.

**2024** Final Accounting adjustment Report. Mr. Smith reviewed his August 13, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled FAA 2024 - Final Accounting Annual Adjustment for Water Charges and the attached Final Accounting Packet with the Board.

**President's Report.** Nothing to report.

**Engineer-Manager's Report.** Mr. Nicholas reported that on August 7<sup>th</sup> the District had an incident at the WRM-8 pumping plant due to a breaker catching on fire. Mr. Nicholas commended District staff on replacing the breaker and having WRM-8 back up and running with 25 hours. Mr. Nicholas also mentioned that due to several issues, White Pine Renewables has revised its power storage proposal with the District to install only three batteries rather than six as was originally proposed.

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2025 Water/Supply Demand Estimate. Mr. McDaris reviewed the 2025 Water/Supply Demand Estimate.

Director Marin left the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Director Marin returned to the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

<u>Consider Ratification of 2025 WRMWSD/AEWSD Exchange Program.</u> Mr. McDaris reviewed his August 7, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled <u>Consider Ratification of 2025 WRMWSD-AEWSD Exchange Program.</u> Upon motion from Director Martin, seconded by Director Richardson and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board ratified the Engineer-Manager's execution of the term sheet for the 1:1 exchange of up to 20,000 acre-feet of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District surface supplies for delivery to Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, subject to review by counsel as to form, and final approval of the Engineer-Manager.

<u>Other Purchases and Exchanges.</u> Mr. McDaris reviewed his August 6, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *Other Purchases and Exchanges*.

## Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for Kern Subbasin.

President Atkinson opened the hearing. Christina Lucero presented and reviewed the modifications to the draft 2025 GSP approved in June. President Atkinson then asked for public comments regarding the GSP. There were no public comments and President Atkinson closed, the hearing.

Consider Approval of Adoption of 2025 GSP for Kern County Subbasin. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his August 11, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled a. Consider Adoption of 2025 Kern County Subbasin GSP [and] b. Consider Approving of the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement Among Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies with the Board. Upon motion from Director Reiter, seconded by Director Marin and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board approved and adopted the final 2025 Kern Subbasin GSP.

Consider Approving the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement Among Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his August 11, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled a. Consider Adoption of 2025 Kern County Subbasin GSP [and] b. Consider Approving of the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement Among Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies with the Board. Upon motion from Director Reiter, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board authorized execution of the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among the Subbasin GSAs.

<u>Consider Approval Grant Easement in Favor of Arvin-Edison WSD.</u> Mr. Suggs reviewed his August 8, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *Grant of Permanent Easement in Favor of AEWSD for 850 Canal Intertie.* Upon motion from Director Marin, seconded by Director Fry and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board authorized District Officers to execute a Grant of Permanent Easement in favor of AEWSD for ingress, egress, and pipeline maintenance purposes as further detailed in the attached Grant Permanent Easement documents and exhibits and subject to approval of counsel as to form.

Consider Bids for PVC Pipe for B5X. Mr. Suggs reviewed his August 7, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled Consider Bids for PVC Pipe Intended for the B5-X Pipeline Extension. Upon motion from Director Fry, seconded by Director Marin and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board authorized the Board President and Secretary to execute a contract on behalf of the District with Rain for Rent in the amount of \$68,553 for furnishing 2700 feet of 12-inch diameter PVC pipe as detailed in Rain for Rent's proposal dated August 5, 2025, and subject to approval of counsel as to form.

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<u>Consider Approval of California Farm Water Coalition Proposed Dues Increase.</u> Mr. Nicholas reviewed his August 11, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled <u>Consider Approval of California Farm Water Coalition Dues Increase.</u> Upon motion by Director Fry, seconded by Director Blaine and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board authorized the Engineer-Manager submit a ballot approving the proposed fee increase for California Farm Water Coalition Regular District members to \$0.20 per irrigable acre.

<u>Consider Nomination of Sheridan Nicholas to ACWA Region 7 Board.</u> Mr. Nicholas reviewed his August 11, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled <u>Consider Nomination of Sheridan Nicholas to ACWA Region 7 Board.</u> Upon motion from Director Blaine, seconded by Director Richardson and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-12 in the matter of:

## PLACING IN NOMINATION SHERIDAN NICHOLAS AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 7 BOARD

State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project. Mr. Nicholas noted the following: the Newsom Administration has launched a DCP accountability plan, that includes \$200 million in funding and support for Delta communities; on July 24 the State Water Resources Control Board released a draft update to its Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan which includes the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes program and comments are due September 10; and an application has been submitted to amend the Incidental Take Permit to off-ramp the Fall X2 requirement. Mr. Kunde reviewed the included handout entitled Securing Statewide Water Supplies Part 2: Serious Problems Require Serious Solutions with the Board.

<u>Sites Reservoir.</u> Mr. Kunde gave a verbal update on the Sites Project and reviewed portions of the EM Report.

Consider Approval of Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA). Mr. Nicholas reviewed his August 11, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled Consider Approval of Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority (KNDLA). Upon motion from Director Blaine, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board authorized execution of the Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for Kern Non-Districted Land Authority.

**Directors Meeting Attended.** Nothing to report.

<u>Kern County Water Agency.</u> Mr. McDaris reported that there was an update on Golden Mussel intrusion on the California Aqueduct.

<u>Kern Water Bank Authority/KWBGSA.</u> Mr. Nicholas reported that the KWBGSA approved the 2025 Kern Subbasin GSP and the amended Kern Subbasin Coordination Agreement. He also noted the KWBA approved an agreement with Thinkwire for solar power consulting services.

**South of Kern River GSP**. Mr. Nicholas reported there was no meeting held in July, the next meeting was scheduled for tomorrow.

Kern Non-District Lands Authority. Nothing to report.

**Kern Coordination Committee.** Nothing to report.

**White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency.** Mr. Nicholas stated that the regular WWGSA meeting was held August 5<sup>th</sup>. He reported that the Board reviewed the monthly technical report, the proposed 2025-26 budget, and the update on the GSP five-year periodic update. He also noted EKI gave a presentation on the subsidence, specifically the recently released precise survey data and DWR draft Best

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Management Practices.

**Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority.** Mr. Torigiani reported the KRWCA authorized extension of the Administrative Services Agreement with the Kern Water Collaborative through December 31, 2026.

<u>Committee for Delta Reliability.</u> Mr. Nicholas reported that there was a meeting in July and reviewed some of the discussions regarding Delta regulatory matters. He also mentioned there was a blog post in the packet for self review.

<u>South Valley Water Resource Authority.</u> Mr. Nicholas stated that there was an update on the Fish Friendly Diversions demonstration project including cost increases.

<u>Unfinished and New Business.</u> Executive Assistant Danyel Ruth announced that the District would be holding its Biennial Employee Recognition Dinner on October 10, 2025.

<u>Public Comments.</u> None.	
<u>Adjournment.</u> With no further business the	e meeting was adjourned at 11:22 p.m.
Respectfully submitted:	
[Seal]	Secretary of the Board

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#### List of Abbreviations:

ACWA Association of California Water Agencies

ADM SSC Administrative Service Charge, for basic administrative costs, non-project in nature, benefitting both SWSA and groundwater service area

AECA Agricultural Energy Consumers Association

Agency AWMP Kern County Water Agency Agricultural Water Management Plan BDCP Bay Delta Conservation Plan

BDS Bond Debt Service

CAW Contract Amount of Water totaling 200,818 acre-feet between the District & Water Users

CEQA California Environmental Quality Act CFWC California Farm Water Coalition

COBRA Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

Cross Valley Canal CVC

CVP Central Valley Project (operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation) CWF California WaterFix delta conveyance program (previously DHCCP)

DCA Delta Conveyance Authority DCF Delta Conveyance Facility DCP Delta Conveyance Project

California Department of Fish and Wildlife DFW

DHCCP Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program - the conveyance element of the BDCP - renamed the California

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District District

DOG California Division of Oil & Gas DWR California Department of Water Resources DYTP Dry Year Transfer Program EIR Environmental Impact Report

FAA Final Accounting Adjustment FO Fixed Obligation water rate FWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

GEN GSC General Service charge, for recovery of Bond Debt for general purposes in the District

General Ledger GL

GSA Groundwater Sustainability Agency GSP Groundwater Sustainability Plan GWSC Groundwater Service Charge IL.RP Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program IRWMP Integrated Regional Water Management Plan ITRC Irrigation Training and Research Center JPIA Joint Powers Insurance Authority KCWA Kern County Water Agency or Agency KFMC Kern Fan Monitoring Committee KGA Kern Groundwater Authority KNDLA Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority KRGSA Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency KRWCA Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority

KWB Kern Water Bank KWBA Kern Water Bank Authority

KWBGSA Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency

ITP Incidental Take Permit MOU Memorandum of Understanding MWD Metropolitan Water District NoD North of the Delta

NonC Non-Contract Charges

OMR Operations, Maintenance and Repair, not to be confused with OMR of Old Middle Rivers

OMR Old and Middle Rivers in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PEF Pastoria Energy Facility P/MA Projects and Management Actions Probability of Exceedance PoE

PROJ SSC Project Service Charge, for project costs related to, but not specific to a particular system

RWQCB Regional Water Quality Control Board SGMA Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

SLR San Luis Reservoir SoD South of the Delta SOKR South of Kern River

Special Service Charge, consists of ADM SSC, GEN SSC and PRO SSC Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition SSC

SSJVWQC

SVWRA South Valley Water Resources Authority

SWCState Water Contractors

SWP State Water Project (operated by DWR) SWRCB State Water Resources Control Board

SWSA Surface Water Service Area or contracted acreages Water Availability Charge, consists of BDS, OMR & FO WAC Water User A landowner holding a Water Service Contract with the District

WD Water District

WRMWSD Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

WS5 Westside 5 Water Districts - Belridge, Berrenda Mesa, Dudley Ridge, Lost Hills & Wheeler Ridge

WSC Water Service Contract WSD Water Storage District

Water Use Charge, consists of State Pumping/Variable and District Pumping/Variable WUC

WWGSA White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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## WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT:	_		9/10/2025 Board Packet GENERAL FUND
BALANCE AS OF:	07/31/2025	_	70,098,159.33
PLUS CASH RECEIVED FOR: (cash receipts/laif/camp interest) LESS CASH EXPENDED DURING MONTH FOR: (KCWA, pr, ap, cdr, ach, mnl, fees, pr burdens, ee net, taxes, inv)	08/2025 08/2025	- -	11,247,525.55 (14,177,245.67)
FUNDS ON RECONCILED DEPOSIT AT END OF MONTH:		_	67,168,439.21
THE ABOVE FUNDS ARE ON DEPOSIT AS FOLLOWS: WELLS FARGO BANK NA - (GL) CASH BALANCE KCT-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (G/L) CASH BALANCE LAIF-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE CAMP-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE		- <u>!</u>	607,917.02 28,195,727.77 2,128.33 38,362,666.09 67,168,439.21
INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED) MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025 MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2025 MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2025		<b>CAMP</b> 4.40% 4.41% 4.40% 4.42%	
INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED) QUARTER ENDING DEC 31,2024 QUARTER ENDING SEP 30,2024 QUARTER ENDING JUN 30,2024 QUARTER ENDING MAR 31,2024	 	<b>KCT</b> 3.56% 3.53% 3.46% 3.37%	
ALL FUNDS ARE PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISTRIPOLICY AND GUIDELINES. SUFFICIENT CASH FLOW EXISTS OBLIGATIONS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.			
CASH RECEIVED (KERN COUNTY TREASURER/LAIF/WELLS FA	ARGO/CAMP) I	DURING MO	NTH AS FOLLOWS:
MANUAL INVOICES CONTRACT WATER PAYMENTS GROUND WATER SERVICE CHARGES			221,086.08 9,755,382.54 640,464.18

OPERATING RESERVE FUND BALANCE: audited 12/31/2024

INTEREST APPORTIONMENT - kern county auditor controller

KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY DEPOSIT REFUND

**WRM GSA** 

**CAMP INTEREST** 

**Cash Receipts Summary** 

SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES ADMINISTRATION - kern county auditor/controller

SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES GENERAL - kern county auditor/controller

487,483.07

142,947.55

11,247,525.55

24,903,002

153.64

8.49

## WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT DRAFT AUDITED RESERVE FUND BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 PLUS ESTIMATED ADJUSTMENTS

9/10/2025 Board Packet

INTERNALLY CONSTRAINED RESERVES	AUDIT 12/31/2024	2025 Adjustments	Adjusted <u>8/31/2025</u>
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	24,903,002		24,903,002
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	3,602,282		3,602,282
GROUND WATER REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FUND	12,429,594		12,429,594
CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND	11,171,205	(47,669)	(1) 11,123,536
WATER BANKING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	5,791,997		5,791,997
WATER BANKING REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	0		0
WELL REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	11,486		11,486
DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION RESERVE FUND	100,445		100,445
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS INTERNALLY CONSTRAINED	58,010,011	(47,669)	57,962,342
THIS AMOUNT IS SHOWN AS AN UNCONSTRAINED RESERVE. THIS IS MISLEADING AS THE BOARD HAS NOT DESIGNATED SUCH A RESERVE, AND IT IS NOT A CASH ASSET (COMPARE THI \$117.9 MILLION OF TOTAL RESERVES TO THE \$60.3 MILLION OF CASH EQUIVALENTS ON PAGE 10 OF THE 2024 AUDIT).	<b>59,963,391</b> E		59,963,391
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	117,973,402	(47,669)	117,925,733

<sup>(1) 2024</sup> adjustment for litigation expenses

#### WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AUGUST 2025

NAME	DATE INVOICE NUMBER		RIPTION	5,000+
ROBERT CLAFFY	8/31/2025 AUG 2025		R TREATMENT - AUG 2025	
MARK DELEON	8/31/2025 AUG 2025	462.00 TRANS		
KEVIN EATON	8/31/2025 AUG 2025	210.00 TRANS		
COREY WILKERSON	8/31/2025 AUG 2025		TY MEETING - AUG 2025	
HYDRAULIC CONTROLS, INC. CORP. ADMIN	8/12/2025 02902754	190.20 HOSES		101 571 20
AFTW HOLDINGS, LLC	8/14/2025 "AFTW"07-2025	,	LER #1 SOLAR CHARGES	101,571.29
AGILE OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	1/1/2025 EM015761		HYSICAL - MONROE	
AGILE OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	1/1/2025 EM016622		HYSICAL COLUNGA	
AGILE OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	1/1/2025 EM019279		HYSICAL TACKETT	
AGILE OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE AMERICAN BUSINESS MACHINES CO	1/1/2025 EM021144 7/21/2025 817172	15.00 TONER	HYSICAL - TACKETT	
ASG SUPPLY	8/13/2025 006726		PADLOCKS, PUTTY KNIVES	
ASG SUPPLY	8/13/2025 006728	114.13 PADLO	-	
ASG SUPPLY	8/15/2025 006728 8/15/2025 006739	410.18 PIPE ST		
ASG SUPPLY	8/22/2025 006769		ING BRUSHES, GLOVES, ETC.	
ASG SUPPLY	8/25/2025 006746		OCKS, BRUSHES, SPRAY PAINT	
ASG SUPPLY	8/27/2025 006790		S (5), SCREWDRIVER SET	
AT&T	9/7/2025 N/A	315.53 FIRE A		
AVADINE	8/31/2025 115742		MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT	
BSE RENTS	8/29/2025 399738	285.94 CONCI		
B & B SURPLUS INC	8/12/2025 1246565		RIALS FOR CUSTOMER W/O	
B & B SURPLUS INC	8/14/2025 1247154	,	RIALS FOR CUSTOMER W/O	
BOOT BARN INC.	8/11/2025 INV00511030	194.80 BOOTS		
BRANDCO	8/20/2025 150903		XTINGUISHER	
JIM BURKE FORD	8/14/2025 279378	4,260.33 REPAI		
CALIFORNIA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	9/1/2025 2025	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	AL MEMBERSHIP	
CANON	9/12/2025 N/A		E 2 CANON COPIERS	
CHEMSEARCH	8/27/2025 9291632	835.58 GREAS		
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	8/13/2025 1269166		ER RENTAL - 850 CANAL	
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	8/20/2025 1271646	2,140.72 MAINT		
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	8/27/2025 1273554	102.77 AIR FII		6,350.37
CORE & MAIN LP	8/22/2025 X590870		5X INTERTIE MATERIALS	0,5507
CORE & MAIN LP	8/22/2025 X568100		5X INTERTIE MATERIALS	13,928.32
DLT SOLUTIONS, LLC	7/9/2025 SI701947		AL SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	10,520.02
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	8/19/2025 240198300	464.89 MOUN		
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	8/28/2025 240198556		CART TIRES (2)	
EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER, INC.	9/4/2025 C20055.11-05	16,595.44 SOKR	. ,	
EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER, INC.	9/4/2025 C20055.12-01		GSP DEFICIENCY RESPONSE	23,394.44
ESRI	8/5/2025 900072437	,	OFTWARE 11/25-10/26	,
FAST UNDERCAR	8/12/2025 08TU9503	,	LTERS, BRAKE PADS	
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	8/15/2025 0040571	288.91 PROBE		
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	8/19/2025 0041344		RIAL FOR LANDOWNER W/O	
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	8/26/2025 0041081	1,815.94 REPAI		
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	8/19/2025 0032812	19,638.80 CHECK	X VALVES (2)	
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	8/20/2025 0032812-1	74,071.24 CHECK	X VALVES (3)	101,219.70
GOLDEN STATE PETERBILT	6/12/2025 03P262815	702.87 TRAIL	ER VALVE-BRAKE	
GOLDEN STATE PETERBILT	8/21/2025 03GSB22759	6,301.53 EMISS	IONS REPAIR #386	7,004.40
GRAINGER	8/13/2025 9606145325	48.86 SIGN P	POSTS (2)	
GRAINGER	8/13/2025 9606145341	317.61 SIGN P	POSTS (13)	
GRAINGER	8/13/2025 9606145366	32.37 SPRAY	BOTTLES (20)	
GRAPEVINE MSP	8/15/2025 48959	4,989.00 IT SER	VICES - SEP 2025	
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC.	8/11/2025 559696	2,641.16 700.1 6	GALLONS RED DIESEL FUEL	
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC.	8/18/2025 561396	11,856.74 660 GA	ALLONS OIL	
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC.	8/31/2025 564792	586.21 DIESEI	L FUEL - HIGHT	15,084.11
H & S BODY WORKS & TOWING	9/5/2025 120960	85.00 TOW#	158	
LP HOYING, LLC	8/28/2025 125082801	7,912.14 WATE	R TANK RECTIFIER	7,912.14
IMPERIAL SUPPLIES LLC	9/2/2025 I001EL7546	700.00 NUTS	& BOLTS	
JORGENSEN COMPANY	8/28/2025 6209626	100.00 INSTR	UMENT CALIBRATION	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	8/29/2025 43152	1,475.00 XFR 25	5-051 NAPA COUNTY	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	9/1/2025 43107	33,403.62 4TH Q	TR 2025 CVC O&M	34,878.62
KERN FAN MONITORING COMMITTEE	8/28/2025 2024-2	7,043.00 2024 IN	NSTALLMENT #2	7,043.00
KERN PRINT SERVICES	8/18/2025 54843	603.37 INSPEC	CTION LOG BOOKS	

#### WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AUGUST 2025

NAME	DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
KIMBALL MIDWEST		103636492		SCREWS, CONNECTORS, ETC.	
KNIGHTS PUMPING SERVICE		0000244006		PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
KNIGHTS PUMPING SERVICE		0000244700		PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
KNIGHTS PUMPING SERVICE		0000246113		PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCOUNT	8/31/2025			WINDOW A/C, LUMBER, TOOLS	
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	9/4/2025			PROP TAX ON POSTAGE MACHINE	
THE MARCOM GROUP	8/15/2025	SP-395-000016		WEBSITE HOSTING 850 CANAL SOLAR CHARGES	24 052 45
IOS II A, LLC MADISON ENERGY INVESTMENTS IX LLC		SP-337-000010	,	WHEELER #2 SOLAR CHARGES	34,053.45 116,297.63
MONTGOMERY HARDWARE CO	8/22/2025			BLDG ACCESS - AUG 2025	110,297.03
MOTOR CITY AUTO CENTER		GCCS344335		REPLACE INJECTORS #158	
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	9/2/2025			FLUKE METER	
QUADIENT	8/21/2025			POSTAGE	
P G & E #1	8/31/2025			AUGUST POWER	
P G & E #2	8/31/2025			AUGUST POWER	
P G & E #3	8/31/2025			AUGUST POWER	
P G & E #4	8/31/2025	AUG 2025		AUGUST POWER	
PG&E#5	8/31/2025	AUG 2025	4,423.91	AUGUST POWER	54,811.12
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	8/21/2025	51560789	195.00	DIAGNOSE PLASMA CUTTER	
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	8/22/2025	51613910	1,107.16	CYLINDER RENTAL	
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	8/19/2025	51518515	5,845.50	PLASMA CUTTER	7,147.66
PRICE DISPOSAL INC	7/31/2025	N4855281816	1,181.91	2 40-YD ROLL OFFS	_
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	5/23/2025	120010	638.20	WHITE WOLF IN-LIEU BANKING APR	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	6/25/2025	120991	1,458.20	WHITE WOLF IN-LIEU BANKING MAY	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	8/15/2025	122322	1,915.90	WATER SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	8/19/2025		,	WHITE WOLF IN-LIEU BANKING JUL	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	8/20/2025	122489	,	WELL FLOWMETER REVIEW PROGRAM	9,365.20
PURPOSEBUILT		#PBT545122		BOOTS - WILLIAMS	
QUINN COMPANY		WO080093777		MAINTENANCE / SERVICE #790	
RINGCENTRAL INC.		CD_001207345		TELEPHONES	
PRIMO BRANDS		15H0028964179		DRINKING WATER	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS		0332-1140200		ELECTRICAL WIRE / BOXES	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS		0332-1140594		POCKET KNIFE, C/CAP	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS  SDADKLE LINEODM & LINEN SERVICE		0332-1140786		TERMINATION BLOCKS (8)	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	8/14/2025 8/21/2025			UNIFORM CLEANING UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	8/28/2025			UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	9/4/2025			UNIFORM CLEANING	
SMART & FINAL	8/20/2025			BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	8/27/2025			BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	9/3/2025			BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY	8/25/2025			NATURAL GAS	
STINSON'S	8/26/2025			PAPER, TONER, ETC.	
STINSON'S	9/2/2025	342850-0		SAMPLE LIBRARY CHAIR	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	8/11/2025	51355	5,126.72	FLOW METER FOR D REACH	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	8/19/2025	51481	4,798.50	BUTTERFLY VALVES (7)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	8/20/2025	51495	8,286.75	TOP PLATE METERS (3)	18,211.97
USA BLUEBOOK	8/5/2025	INV00788714	311.39	STUFFING BOX SEALANT	
USA BLUEBOOK	8/25/2025	INV00808413	80.80	TUBING	
UNIVERSAL URGENT CARE AND OCCUPATIONAL ME	9/3/2025	EM018707	72.00	DOT PHYSICAL - WILKERSON	
VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS	9/1/2025	83124	1,565.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES	
VAST NETWORKS	9/1/2025	68248	1,450.00	INTERNET	
VERIZON WIRELESS		6122396444		IPAD DATA	
VERIZON WIRELESS		6122396445		CELL PHONE / SIM CARDS	
WALL STREET IMPRINTABLES	8/15/2025			EMBROIDERY - EMPLOYEE AWARDS	
WELL REHABILITATION SERVICES, INC.	9/2/2025		,	WELL PB1 VIDEO SURVEY	
WELLS FARGO - LOVELESS WELLS FARGO - OFFICE	8/31/2025			EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCH	
WELLS FARGO - OFFICE WELLS FARGO - T SUGGS 4566	8/31/2025 <i>x</i> 8/31/2025 <i>x</i>			MONTHLY GOTOMEETING SUGGS MEMB DUES, ADOBE	
WELLS FARGO - 1 SUGGS 4300 WELLS FARGO - OFFICE #2	8/31/2025			RECHARGE BATTERIES (2), TRAILR	
WELLS FARGO - NICHOLAS	8/31/2025		*	EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS	
WELLS FARGO - SMITH	8/31/2025		,	SMITH CPE, KEYBOARD	7,718.61
WESTERN EXTERMINATOR COMPANY	8/20/2025	81315694	252.73	PEST CONTROL	

#### WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AUGUST 2025

NAME	DATE INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT DESCRIPTION	5,000+
YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE	8/31/2025 AUG 2025	18,421.21 LEGAL SERVICES	18,421.21
ZEP SALES AND SERVICE	8/13/2025 9011614409	519.99 CLEANING SUPPLIES	
	SUBTOTAL	633,059.65	
	MANUAL CHECKS	3.44	
	VOUCHER TOTAL	633,063.09	

## WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ACH AND MANUAL CHECKS PAYMENTS AUGUST 2025

							<u>5.2</u>
AUGUST	NAME	TYPE	DATE	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
	AT&T	EFT	9/4/25	3059265013	3.44	ADJ TO AMOUNT DUE	
				Total	3.44		

#### WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WSD FISCAL AGENT FOR COMMITTEE FOR DELTA RELIABILITY CUSTODIAL FUNDS-REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS

AUGUST 2025 FOR THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING

<u>5.2</u>

NAME	INVOICE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		
TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED BY WRMWSD BOA	RD				
AUGUST 13, 2025 BOARD AUTHORIZATION	AUGUST	VOUCHER	23,632.36		
		VOUCHER TOTAL REQUESTED	23,632.36		
EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY COMMITTE	E AND PAID BY WRMWS	D MANUAL CHECK			
Center for CA Water Resources Nossaman Water & Land Solutions, LLC	313 580059 4710	Association Management - June 2025 ESA/Water Quality Counseling - June 2025 Representation - July 2025	608.00 10,920.00 12,104.36		
		TOTAL PAID	23,632.36		
INVOICES AWAITING COMMITTEE APPROVAL INVOICES APPROVED BY WRMWSD BOARD @ SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING (VOUCHER)  Center for CA Water Resources Nossaman 581239 Water & Land Solutions, LLC 4761 Representation - August 2025					
		VOUCHER TOTAL REQUEST	8,687.75 <b>74,710.03</b>		
		VOUCHER TOTAL REQUEST	74,710.03		

# Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Revolving Account Check Listing

#### **AUGUST 2025**

Check	Date	Payee		Amount	Description
			<b>BALANCE AS OF 7/31/2025</b>	7,000.00	
			Deposit		
			<del>-</del>	7,000.00	
			Total Checks Issued	0.00	
			Ending Balance	7,000.00	
			Balance Limit	7,000.00	
			Replenish Amount	0.00	

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# WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MANAGEMENT BENEFITS BREAKDOWN

#### August 2025 for the September 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING

	ACWA B	ACWA BLUE CROSS OF CA		DENTAL-H	DENTAL-HEALTHEDGE		
NAME	MED	VISION	LIFE/AD&D	CLAIMS	ADM	DISABILITY	TOTAL
<b>ATKINSON</b>	1,809.40	17.21	9.77	***	18.15	0.00	***
BLAINE	2,397.46	17.21	5.50	***	18.15	0.00	***
FRY	2,397.46	17.21	4.30	***	18.15	0.00	***
LYDA	1,809.40	17.21	9.50	***	18.15	0.00	***
MARIN	2,397.46	17.21	5.50	***	18.15	0.00	***
MARTIN	2,397.46	17.21	5.50	***	18.15	0.00	***
METTLER	1,809.40	17.21	7.10	***	18.15	0.00	***
REITER	904.70	17.21	4.30	***	18.15	0.00	***
RICHARDSON	2,397.46	17.21	3.20	***	18.15	0.00	***
VALPREDO	1,809.40	17.21	5.50	***	18.15	0.00	***
LOVELESS	2,397.46	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	72.35	***
<b>MCDARIS</b>	1,809.40	17.21	14.00	***	18.15	72.35	***
<b>NICHOLAS</b>	2,397.46	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	72.35	***
SMITH	2,397.46	17.21	78.50	***	18.15	72.35	***
SUGGS	2,397.46	17.21	78.50	***	18.15	72.35	***
WHITBY	1,809.40	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	72.35	***
	33,338.24	275.36	340.67	935.00	290.40	506.45	

TOTAL BE	<b>NEFITS</b> \$35,686.12

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> INDIVIDUAL CLAIM AMOUNTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL PER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

# WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS/MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION & EXPENSE BREAKDOWN AUGUST 2025 for the SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 BOARD

Atkinson	NAME	DATE	TOTAL	PAYEE	MEMO
Blaine	NAME	DATE	TOTAL	PATEE	MEMO
Blaine					
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Blaine   08/29/2025   125.00   Fry   Regular Board Meeting					
Try					
Marin   08/13/2025   125.00   Marin   Regular Board Meeting					
Martin Mettler Regular Board Meeting Mettler Regular Board Meeting Reiter 08/13/2025 139.00 Reiter Regular Board Meeting Reiter Regular Board Meeting Rechardson 08/13/2025 128.00 Richardson Regular Board Meeting Regular					
Mettler Reiter 08/13/2025 139.00 Reiter Regular Board Meeting Richardson 08/13/2025 129.00 Valpredo 08/13/2025 129.00 Valpredo DIRECTORS 1.655.00  Loveless McDaris Nicholas 07/28/2025 25.01 Nicholas 08/01/2025 291.99 Wells Fargo Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting Wells Fargo Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting Wells Fargo Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting Suggs  MANAGEMENT 317.00  Kunde **** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00				-	
Reiter   08/13/2025   139.00   Reiter   Regular Board Meeting   Regular Board Meeting   Regular Board Meeting		08/13/2025	127.00	Martin	Regular Board Meeting
Richardson Valpredo    08/13/2025   128.00   Regular Board Meeting					
Valpredo  DIRECTORS 1.655.00  Loveless McDaris Nicholas O8/01/2025 291.99 Wells Fargo Wells Fargo Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting  MANAGEMENT 317.00  Kunde  *** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board  Valpredo Regular Board Meeting  Regular Board Meeting  Meal - EM Lunch Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting				Reiter	Regular Board Meeting
Loveless McDaris Nicholas Nicholas 08/01/2025 291.99 Wells Fargo Wells Fargo Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting Suggs  MANAGEMENT 317.00  Kunde  **** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board					
Loveless McDaris Nicholas Nicholas O8/01/2025 O8/01/202	Valpredo	08/13/2025	129.00	Valpredo	Regular Board Meeting
McDaris Nicholas Nicholas Smith Suggs  Meal - EM Lunch Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting  Meal - EM Lunch Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting  Meal - EM Lunch Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting  Management 317.00  Kunde  *** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board		DIRECTORS	1,655.00		
McDaris Nicholas Nicholas Smith Suggs  Meal - EM Lunch Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting  Meal - EM Lunch Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting  Meal - EM Lunch Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting  Management 317.00  Kunde  *** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board					
Nicholas Nicholas Nicholas Smith Suggs  Meal - EM Lunch Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting  Management 317.00  Kunde  **** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board	Loveless				
Nicholas Smith Suggs  MANAGEMENT 317.00  Kunde  *** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board  Description: Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting	McDaris				
Smith Suggs  MANAGEMENT 317.00  Kunde  *** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board		07/28/2025		Wells Fargo	
Kunde  *** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board	Nicholas	08/01/2025	291.99	Wells Fargo	Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting
Kunde  *** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board	Smith				
Kunde  *** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board	Suggs				
*** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board		MANAGEMENT	317.00		
*** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board					
*** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation  RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board					
RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board	Kunde				
RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00  Board	*** note: retire	d annuitant costs are exc	ense reimbu	rsements not co	mpensation
Board					
		RETIRED ANNUITANT	0.00		
BOARD 0.00	Board				
		BOARD	0.00		

TOTAL EXPENSE 1,972.00

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# WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WSD PAYROLL FUND AUGUST 2025

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING

501 12 moet 10, 2020 5074 5 meet 1110	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>DIRECTORS</b>	RETIREES	TOTALS
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (August 2, 2025/ee)-(July 31, 2025/d	156,622.58 lir)	250.00		156,872.58
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (August 16, 2025)	163,230.28			163,230.28
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (, 2025)				-
PAYCHEX Employer taxes: SSI, Medicare, UI	23,355.78	23.13		23,378.91
PERS (EMPLOYER PORTION) RETIREMENT	39,230.60			39,230.60
ACWA-HEALTH BENEFITS Medical/Vision Insurance Premium (+cobra)	92,177.07	18,525.76	25,382.55	136,085.38
HEALTH EDGE ADMINISTRATORS INC Dental Insurance Administrative Fees (+cobra)	780.45	163.35	508.20	1,452.00
HEALTH EDGE ADMINISTRATORS INC Dental Insurance Claims	1,596.06	214.00	719.00	2,529.06
THE HARTFORD GROUP Long Term Disability Insurance	3,111.21			3,111.21
PAYCHEX P/R Processing Fees, monthly and w-2 fees	1,281.80	75.20		1,357.00
TOTAL PAYROLL FUND:	481,385.83	19,251.44	26,609.75	527,247.02

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# WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025

#### GENERAL/REVOLVING ACCOUNT:

FUND#				
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: <u>August 2025 Accounts Payable</u>	1	\$	633,063.09
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: Accounts Payable	1.1	\$	0.00
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: August 2025 Accounts Payable	_	633,063.09 \$	
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: Committee for Delta Reliability	2	\$	74,710.03
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK REVOLVING ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: <u>August 2025 Revolving Account</u>	3	\$	
	TOTAL GENERAL/REVOLVING ACCOUNT:		\$ _	707,773.12
	PAYROLL ACCOUNT:			
FUND#	PAYROLL ACCOUNT:			
<b>FUND #</b> 60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: September 13, 2025	4	223,000.00	
	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	4	223,000.00 198,000.00	
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: September 13, 2025 WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	<u> </u>	·	
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: September 13, 2025 WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: September 27, 2025 WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	5	·	421,000.00
60710 60710 60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: September 13, 2025  WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: September 27, 2025  WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: , 2025	5	198,000.00	421,000.00

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#### WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT BUDGET EXPENDITURES REPORT PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 2025 (UNAUDITED)

	(0	NAUDITED)			
BUDGET CLASS	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANTICIPATED TO DATE	ACTUAL SPENT TO DATE	UNDER/(OVER) BUDGET TO ACTUAL DIFFERENCE	% OF ANTICIPATED TO DATE
PAYROLL SALARIES	4,282,249	2,799,932	2,718,787	81,145	97.10%
PAYROLL TAX	321,974	210,521	213,356	(2,835)	101.35%
PAYROLL PERS	539,334	352,641	331,983	20,658	94.14%
PAYROLL HEALTH	1,205,000	803,333	823,504 (a		102.51%
TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	6,348,557	4,166,428	4,087,630	78,798	98.11%
TOTAL PATROLL & BENEFITS	0,340,337	4,100,420	4,007,030	10,130	30.11/0
FUEL & OIL	494,800	329,867	201,421	128,446	61.06%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1,248,300	832,200	710,830	121,370	85.42%
SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS	50,100	33,400	13,289	20,111	39.79%
WELL MAINTENANCE STANDBY POWER	30,000	20,000	6,050	13,950	30.25%
COMMUNICATIONS	65,860	43,907	31,676	12,231	72.14%
DIRECTORS PAYROLL & EXPENSES	36,000	24,000	19,656	4,344	81.90%
DIRECTORS HEALTH	228,000	152,000	133,106 (a		87.57%
RETIREES-OPEB	322,400	214,933			98.87%
INSURANCE & BONDS	241,600	161,067	212,512 (a 187,718	(26,651)	116.55%
MEMBERSHIPS	118,400	77,476	77,476	(20,031)	100.00%
MISC SERVICES & SUPPLIES	152,300	101,533	20,829	80,704	20.51%
OFFICE SERVICES & SUPPLIES	54,300	36,200	8,860	27,340	24.48%
COMPUTER SUPPLIES				66,727	33.36%
MAINT. & REPAIR BY OTHERS	150,200	100,133	33,406	·	
	211,500	141,000	144,535	(3,535)	102.51%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-LEGAL	125,000	83,333	112,503	(29,170)	135.00%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-ACCT:	E0 000	E0 000	F2 100	(4.200)	100.260/
AUDIT	50,900	50,900	52,100	(1,200)	102.36%
WELLS FARGO FEES	400.600	422.400	- 05 440	47.000	64.240/
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-OTHER	198,600	132,400	85,140	47,260	64.31%
SGMA - SOKR/KERN GW AUTHORITY	190,000	126,667	250,523	(123,856)	197.78%
SGMA - WHITE WOLF GSA	150,000	100,000	-	100,000	0.00%
LEGAL NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS	22,200	14,800	10,506	4,294	70.99%
RENTED EQUIPMENT	65,400	43,600	30,348	13,252	69.61%
SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSE	33,300	22,200	14,135	8,065	63.67%
TRANSP & TRAVEL EXPENSE	56,300	37,533	18,078	19,455	48.17%
UTILITIES	124,900	83,267	88,353	(5,086)	106.11%
JUDGEMENTS & CLAIMS EXPENSE	6,600	-	-	-	0.00%
CALPERS UNFUNDED LIABILITY	2,145,000	18,958	18,958	-	100.00%
CURRENTLY FUNDED ASSETS	1,161,500	685,097	685,097	-	100.00%
RESERVE FUNDED ASSETS	10,340,000	161,734	161,734	-	100.00%
TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	18,073,460	3,828,205	3,328,839	499,366	86.96%
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KCWA F.O.	58,151,438	51,708,620	51,708,620	-	100.00%
KCWA VARIABLE	8,218,376	7,348,448	7,348,448	-	100.00%
DISTRICT POWER-PUMPS	13,978,134	12,807,601	12,807,601	-	100.00%
TOTAL WATER COSTS	80,347,948	71,864,669	71,864,669	-	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	104,769,965	79,859,302	79,281,138	578,164	99.28%
(a) Health Insurance combined	1,755,400	1,170,267	1,169,122	1,145	99.90%

#### AGENDA ITEM 6.2 (page 2)

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET - PERIOD ENDING AU	GUST 2025									
		BUDGET			ACTUAL (net of trade or sale)					
	BGT COST	TOTAL	CURRENT	RESERVE		TOTAL	CURRENT	RESERVE	%	
QTY DESCRIPTION	PER ITEM	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>FUNDED</u>	<u>FUNDED</u>	2025	TO DATE	<u>FUNDED</u>	<u>FUNDED</u>	OF BGT.	
ENGINEERING:										
2 Drill Two Replacement Supply Wells A3/C4	2,100,000	4,200,000		4,200,000	-	118,537		118,537	3%	
8 Motor Control Center	500,000	4,000,000		4,000,000	-	-		-	0%	
8 WRM10 Large Pump Units, 17 & 44 CFS	210,000	1,680,000		1,680,000	-	-		-	0%	
1 Portion of 6P Lateral Pipeline Replacement	600,000	600,000	600,000		177,260	177,260	177,260		30%	
1 A5X/B5X Intertie Facilities	460,000	460,000		460,000	15,172	43,197		43,197	9%	
1 EM Inspection of 10P Lateral	61,500	61,500	61,500		49,250	49,250	49,250		80%	
SUBTOTAL		11,001,500	661,500	10,340,000	241,682	388,244	226,510	161,734		
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE:										
2 1/2 Ton Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup	45,000	90,000	90,000		83,160	83,160	83,160		92%	
1 3/4 Ton Ext Cab 4x4 Pickup	50,000	50,000	50,000		44,265	44,265	44,265		89%	
2 1/2 Ton Reg Cab Pickup	25,000	50,000	50,000		48,855	48,855	48,855		98%	
2 1/2 Ton Reg Cab Pickup w/o Trade-in	35,000	70,000	70,000		72,553	72,553	72,553		104%	
1 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility	50,000	50,000	50,000		50,699	50,699	50,699		101%	
1 1/2 Ton Crew Cab Pickup	40,000	40,000	40,000		22,555	22,555	22,555		56%	
1 SCADA System (carryover balance)	135,000	135,000	135,000		136,500	N/A	136,500		101%	
1 SCADA Firmware Updates & Support	15,000	15,000	15,000		16,258	16,258	16,258		108%	
SUBTOTAL		500,000	500,000	-	458,587	322,087	458,587	•	92%	
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TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		11,501,500	1,161,500	10,340,000	700,269	710,331	685,097	161,734		

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#### 4WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICTD

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: James Smith, Controller

DATE: September 5, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Consider Approval of Proposal for Water Accounting and Billing Software

**Background.** Former Controller Mark Gardner created a legacy Microsoft Access database from 2008-2015, for water accounting, billing, and the Final Accounting Adjustment. The database replaced an older dBase database. The database has served the District well, but staff believe it is time to move in a different direction for the following reasons.

- 1. There have been rumors for years that Microsoft would discontinue updates and support for Access.
- 2. Access is designed for small business applications. The water database is large and complex. It calculates and tracks thousands of transactions annually.
- 3. While the Access database is functional, it does require a knowledge of programming to correct errors that occur. My grandfather referred to this as "bubble gum and baling wire fixes." I believe that it is not an efficient or effective use of Assistant Controller Whitby's time to learn this. The District hired her to be the controller, not a programmer.
- 4. Since Mr. Gardner developed the database, dispatching has transitioned to Latis. This required developing protocols for sharing information between the two programs, which is clunky and inefficient.

Staff have worked with Provost and Pritchard to review our current database and explore alternatives. Provost has prepared a project report that summarizes its findings along with recommendations for developing a new database for both water accounting and FAA. Provost has also provided a quote for developing the database. The quote is for \$154,000 with an expected completion date of 6 to 8 months, and monitoring the results for a year.

The Board approved \$100,000 for this project in the 2025 budget. Expenditures to date have been \$10,000. Provost expects that if awarded the job, it will spend an additional \$50,000 in 2025 and the remaining \$104,000 in 2026.

I have requested that Grapevine, the District's contracted IT support company, review the Provost quote and project report. In addition, I have requested that Grapevine suggest alternative approaches if appropriate. I am awaiting their feedback.

**Recommendation.** None. Staff will bring a recommendation after further research.

# WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: James Smith, Controller

DATE: September 8, 2025

#### **SUBJECT: Proposed District Banking Modifications**

As reported at the August Board meeting, staff are having issues with the Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector (KCTTC); including delays in reporting, delays in interest apportionment, and unreliable transfer of funds.

Currently, the District deposits all incoming checks, wires and ACH's directly into the KCTTC District fund via the KCTTC Wells Fargo account. Funds remain at the KCTTC District fund until the Board approves accounts payable and payroll at its monthly Board meeting and approves and signs journal vouchers to move the specified amount from KCTTC to Wells Fargo for payment of said expenses. The journal vouchers are a KCTTC requirement for movement of funds from KCTTC accounts.

To more efficiently manage the District's cash flow and obtain higher returns, staff propose establishing an interest-earning sweep account with Wells Fargo. The District would then utilize this account for incoming deposits rather than KCTTC. Staff proposes transferring the deposits to CAMP when the Sweep account balance equals or exceeds \$1 million or weekly whichever occurs first. It is estimated that the sweep account would add \$2,000 or more per month in additional interest earnings. CAMP continues to outperform the KCTTC District fund and applies the earnings monthly rather than quarterly.

All expenditures, including accounts payable and payroll, would continue to be approved under the established policies and procedures. Monthly transfers from CAMP to the Wells Fargo sweep account for Board approved accounts payable and payroll will equal the approved amounts. This procedure will enable the auditors to trace the Board-approved amounts from the Board packet to the bank statements. All fund transfers could also be memorialized in the monthly Treasurer's Report.

The District/WRMGSA would continue to use KCTTC for Special Service Charge and WRMGSA Administrative Charge collections. These collections are deposited into the District's KCTTC accounts. Journal vouchers will continue to be prepared and approved by the Board to transfer these funds from KCTTC as needed.

Staff have reviewed these proposed changes with BHK audit partner Danhira Barajas Millan. She stated that "this appears to be in line with moving to a more electronic and efficient procedure" with the assumption of continued appropriate Board oversight and internal controls. She commented that this change would be more in line with the agencies BHK currently audits.



# ENGINEER-MANAGER'S REPORT

AUGUST 2025



#### WHEELER RIDGE – MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

12109 Highway 166, Bakersfield, CA 93313-9630, 661-858-2281

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: SHERIDAN NICHOLAS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

SUBJECT: ENGINEER-MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUG 2025

During the months of August, the District delivered 19,779 acre-feet consisting of the water types described below. Of the total quantity delivered, 428 acre-feet was delivered for industrial use, with the remainder being delivered for agricultural use. This compares to the projected deliveries of approximately 25, 800 acre-feet, based on the "typical average surface water demand" estimated in September 2024. The total quantities of water delivered during the month as well as the year-to-date water supply by source and type of water delivery are summarized in the following tabulation:

#### **Quantities (Acre- Feet)**

Source of Supply- 2025	Jan-July	Aug	YTD
2025 SWP Entitlement (a)	54,963	17,722	72,685
2024 Carryover (estimate) (b)	24,398	-	24,398
Pastoria/TRC	1,393	406	1,799
Granite/TRC	53	14	67
Kern Water Bank Recovery (c)	-	-	-
Kern Water Bank - 2nd Priority Recovery	-	-	-
Pioneer Project Recovery (c)	-	-	-
Berrenda Mesa Recovery (c)	-	-	-
Landowner Water Transfer	2,693	1,636	4,329
User Input-District Wells	7	-	7
User Input-Private	-	-	
Type of Delivery			
Irrigation	82,030	19,351	101,381
Industrial Contract	1,445	420	1,865
Other Industrial	34	8	42
<b>Deliveries Total</b>	83,509	19,779	103,288

<sup>(</sup>a) Assumes a 2025 allocation of 197,088 acre-feet (100%)

<sup>(</sup>b) At 01/01/2025, an estimated 22,000 acre-feet of 2024-2025 Carryover was available; 14,000 acre-feet represents Water User Carryover. These figures are subject to further reconciliation as additional information becomes available.

<sup>(</sup>c) Estimates based on KCWA daily Summary of Deliveries

#### ENGINEER-MANAGER'S REPORT – S. NICHOLAS

<u>District Battery Project.</u> The District has been working with White Pine Renewables on a battery project at six pumping plants to utilize stored power to lower demand charges. Because of a number of factors, White Pine has notified the District and PG&E that it wishes to only pursue three pumping plants: WRM5, WRM7 and WRM8.

#### White Wolf GSA.

The August Board meeting was held on September 2.

- Technical Report
- Approved 2025-26 budget
- Discussion of subsidence: 2025 California Aqueduct precise survey data and draft DWR Best Management Practices (BMP's)
- Update on Periodic Evaluation and GSP Amendment (5 year update) including possible SMC changes
- The next meeting is scheduled for October 7

One of the three monitoring wells that were majority-funded through the DWR grant had issues with drilling at approximately 500 feet below ground surface. The decision was made to abandon that drilling process and focus on the other two. We are still working with DWR on how that affects the grant funding.

#### South of Kern River GSP.

#### Coordination between SOKR GSA's

August 14 Executive Committee Meeting (packet included)

- Technical Report
- Discussion on monitoring network and sustainable management criteria
- General update on Subbasin matters
- Weekly meetings with SOKR agency staff, EKI, Legal
- Next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting is September 11

#### **Kern Subbasin Coordination**

- Weekly Managers Meetings
- Weekly Subbasin Meetings
- Weekly Meetings between SWRCB staff and Subbasin Technical group

#### **Subbasin/SWRCB Timeline**

- May 16 Submittal of Draft Kern Subbasin GSP
- July 25 Release of SWRCB Draft Staff Report on Kern Subbasin
- Dec 16 Submittal of Adopted Kern Subbasin GSP to SWRCB
- Jan 21 Release of SWRCB Final Staff Report on Kern Subbasin
- Feb 20 Probationary Hearing. Hearing continued to September (Resolution included)
- June 20 Draft Revised Kern Subbasin GSP due to SWRCB
- August Final Revised Kern Subbasin GSPs to be approved by GSAs
- Sep 05 Release of SWRCB Final Staff Report on Kern Subbasin
- Sep 17 Resumed Probationary Hearing Date

**SWRCB Final Staff Report.** The State Water Resource Control Board released their final staff report on the Kern Subbasin with the following staff recommendation -

Board staff concludes that the GSAs have substantially, though not completely, resolved the previously identified deficiencies and that with the substantial resolution of deficiencies the GSPs are likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin. Therefore, Board staff recommends that the Board return the Kern County Subbasin to DWR for review of the updated GSPs pursuant to Water Code section 10733.4 if the GSAs resolve three of the remaining issues: (1) providing an adequate mitigation program for drinking water wells impacted by any constituent for which a minimum threshold is established in the GSPs, including 1,2,3-TCP, where groundwater management activities cause concentrations to exceed those minimum thresholds; (2) providing an adequate mitigation program for state small water system wells (or domestic wells with more than four service connections) impacted by groundwater management activities; and (3) eliminating the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority GSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement May

2026 sunset provision, which would result in unmanaged areas of the subbasin that are a potential basis for state intervention.

#### Meetings in addition to weekly Member Unit and Westside 5 calls, (held either in person or via teleconference):

Aug 01	ACWA Board	Aug 18	ACWA Executive Director Selection Committee
Aug 04	Gilkey, Gianquinto	Aug 20	SOKR Managers
Aug 05	White Wolf GSA	Aug 21	Member Unit Funding Committee
Aug 06	ACWA Executive Director Selection Committee	Aug 21	Kern Subbasin Subsidence Subcommittee
Aug 06	SOKR Managers	Aug 22	Kern Subbasin Managers
Aug 07	Campbell, Wallace	Aug 22	Kern Subbasin Subsidence Subcommittee/CASP
Aug 08	Kern Subbasin Managers	Aug 22	SWP Water Operations
Aug 08	Kern Legal Discussion	Aug 25	California Farm Water Coalition
Aug 08	ACWA Executive Director Selection Committee	Aug 25	ACWA Board Videoconference
Aug 11	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee	Aug 25	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee
Aug 12	KWBGSA/KWB Board	Aug 26	ACWA Finance Committee
Aug 13	WRMWSD Board	Aug 26	Enterprise Fleet
Aug 13	SOKR Managers	Aug 27	SOKR Managers
Aug 14	WRM/AE Staff	Aug 27	CVC Advisory Committee
Aug 14	SOKR Executive Committee	Aug 28	South Valley Water Resources Authority Board
Aug 14	Kern Subbasin Subsidence Subcommittee	Aug 28	Kern County Water Agency Board
Aug 14	Member Unit Managers	Aug 29	Kern Subbasin Managers

Aug 15 Kern Subbasin Managers Aug 15 Kern Water Collaborative

#### RETIRED ANNUITANT REPORT - R. KUNDE

<u>Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – DWR July 23 Press Release</u>. DWR has intensified its public information campaign in support of the DCP. From July to September, it has issued six short informational documents entitled "Securing Statewide Water Supplies" Parts 1 to 6. The titles are:

Part 1: California's Water Future is in Jeopardy

Part 2: Serious Problems Require Serious Solutions

Part 3: Reducing Impacts through Community-Focused Design

Part 4: (file not found)

Part 5: Upgrading Foundational Water Supply Infrastructure Makes Economic Sense

Part 6: Fact over Fiction

These documents are available at: https://mavensnotebook.com/author/dwr-news/

<u>Delta Conveyance Project - Water Right Hearing Schedule.</u> The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Administrative Hearing Officer (AHO) conducted Hearings on DWR's Petition (Change in Point of Diversion - CPOD) for the DCP.

The cases-in-chief from the State Water Contractors, Bureau of Reclamation and Protestants will be presented at various dates in August through October.

<u>Delta Conveyance Project – Local Activity.</u> Although most Member Units have <u>conditionally</u> approved funding for planning and permitting for 2026 and 2027, KCWA and DWR have not executed the DCP Funding Agreement. The Member Unit conditions are not fully resolved, and there are concerns on whether Aqueduct subsidence impacts resulting in reduced conveyance capacity will even allow Kern to take advantage of DCP wet year supplies.

KCWA and certain Member Units are working to address some of the Member Unit conditions for DCP Funding.

#### Sites Reservoir - Water Right Hearing Schedule. The current schedule is as follows:

January to May 2025 Rebuttal Testimony with additional dates to be added as necessary June 26, 2025 Closing Briefs Replies concluded. No further Hearings on the Sites

Water Right Application are scheduled or expected.

August 2025\*\* \*\*Hearing Officer recommendation to SWRCB\*\*

September 2025\*\*\* \*\*SWRCB Decision\*\*

\*\* These dates are not official. They are the decision timeframe advocated by Sites in order to complete Phase 2 work and proceed with Phase 3 financing by June 2026; and are not binding on the SWRCB.

*Update.* No Hearing Officer recommendation (the draft Decision) was issued in August. A status conference was scheduled for September 4. The Sites Project has requested a schedule be adopted for a decision.

The original schedule proposed a February 2025 decision on the water right application, but the Administrative Hearing Officer revised the schedule in May 2024 resulting in a significant delay to the Project.

<u>Sites Reservoir – Update to Project Cost Estimate.</u> At its June 20, 2025 Board meeting, an update to the Project Cost Estimate was provided and discussed. The Estimate was \$6.2 billion to \$6.8 billion plus a 10-15% change order allowance in 2025\$. The Estimate reflects a 30% design - a Class 3 cost estimate. Unit rates were not developed as the Project yield estimate of 210,000 to 260,000 average annual yield is still subject to uncertainty as refinements are made to the CALSIM3 modeling and the water right permit terms that are subject to modification by the SWRCB.

The previous cost estimate was \$3.9 billion in 2021\$ based on 10% design - a Class 4 cost estimate. Inflation, COVID pandemic effects, and continued design development were the drivers for the estimated cost increase from 2021 to 2025. The estimates do not include financing costs.

<u>Sites Reservoir - Increased State Funding.</u> On August 20, the California Water Commission voted unanimously to award the Sites Reservoir Project \$218.9 million of Proposition 1 (Water Storage Investment Program) to partially account for inflationary increases since the original award. This brought the new total maximum eligibility for the Project to \$1.094 billion

The Commission also approved regulations that would remove the \$135 million cap on WSIP early funding dollars. This increases funds potentially available to Sites for its current funding phase for design, planning, and permitting.

Sites Reservoir – August Joint Meeting of Sites Project Authority (SPA) and Reservoir Project Committee (RPC). At its August 22, 2025 meeting, the SPA and/or RPC were scheduled to consider the following actions in addition to the usual consent agenda:

- 1. approval of a task order amendment with CH2M (Operations) for additional modeling services in the amount of \$340,277 increasing the total task order amount from \$3,847,125 to a revised total not to exceed of \$4,187,402 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025; the additional modeling is necessary for updating the hydrologic model from CalSIM 2 to CalSIM 3 (a requirement of the State Incidental Take Permit) and for additional modeling in support of the Operations Biological Assessment; and
- 2. approval to submit the Sites Project's Step 2 Operations Biological Assessment (project-level analysis) to the Bureau of Reclamation for consultation under the Federal Endangered Species Act; this is expected to result in issuance of a project level Operations Biological Opinion in December 2025. The next regular joint Sites Project Authority/Reservoir Project Committee Meeting will be held on August 22, 2025.

The meeting also included (a) a celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Sites Project Authority and its accomplishments to advance the Project, and (b) announcement of increased funding from the California Water Commission.

The Retired Annuitant was unable to attend the meeting which otherwise consisted of informational or routine matters. Closed session considered several important items.

The next regular joint Sites Project Authority/Reservoir Project Committee Meeting will be held on September 19, 2025.

<u>Sites Reservoir - District Participation Changes</u>. Efforts were undertaken to transfer up to 2200 acre-feet of current District Sites participation (out of the total of 3050 acre-feet) to other Sites water agency participation. One offer was received in July from Santa Clara Valley Water District, and the District submitted a counteroffer on August 5. Santa Clara rejected the Counteroffer on August 26. A grower participant meeting was held on August 29 to consider next steps.

<u>Sites Reservoir - Grower Communications.</u> On August 11, Sites participating growers were provided an update on the water right status and the California Water Commission proposal to provide an increase in Proposition 1 funding of \$218.9 million to the Sites Project as an inflationary adjustment.

On August 15, the Sites InSITES newsletter was forwarded to Sites participating growers. It described completion of the federal Biological Opinion for Sites Reservoir Construction, and the state Master Streambed Alteration Agreement. It also announced it had identified a shortlist of three qualified candidates for the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR). The selected firm will be awarded a Phase 1 Pre-Construction Services contract to support the development of the nearly \$3 billion reservoir and associated roads package. A separate CMAR process will be developed for the conveyance package.

ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority - Workers Compensation Committee. The Retired Annuitant attended this annual Committee meeting on June 26. Among other items, the Committee considered changes to the workers compensation insurance premiums for the July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 policy period. A recommendation to the JPIA full Board was made to leave the current premium rates unchanged, and the full Board subsequently adopted the recommendation.

#### **Meetings.** The Retired Annuitant attended the following meetings:

Aug 14	Delta Conveyance Project - Policy Briefing
Aug 26	KCWA - Operations and SWC Update
Aug 14	KCWA - Member Unit Managers
Aug 15	Sites Reservoir - Budget and Finance Committee
Aug 06	Sites Reservoir - Chairperson's Meeting
Aug 13	Sites Reservoir - Coordination Committee
Aug 14	Sites Reservoir - Environmental Planning and Permitting Work Group
Aug 06	Sites Reservoir - Governance Leadership Group
Aug 13	Sites Reservoir - Operations and Engineering Workgroup Special Meeting
Aug 27	Sites Reservoir - Participation Ad Hoc Committee
Aug 15	Sites Reservoir - Terrestrial Mitigation Strategy Subgroup
Aug 13	WRMWSD - Board of Directors

#### DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES REPORT – E. MCDARIS

#### 2025 State Water Project Allocation.

On December 2nd, 2024, DWR announced the initial 2025 State Water Project allocation of 5%. On April 29th 2025, DWR announced an increase to the 2025 SWP allocation, raising it to 50%, where it remains at this time. DWR's allocation analysis considered several factors including existing storage in SWP conservation reservoirs, SWP operational constraints such as the conditions of the Biological Opinions for Delta Smelt and Salmonids, and the Longfin Smelt Incidental Take Permit, and the 2025 contractor demands. DWR may revise the initial and subsequent allocations if warranted by the year's developing hydrologic and water supply conditions.

The 50% allocation is consistent with the 90% probability of exceedance study with moderate Old and Middle River (OMR) restrictions in DWR's most recent "Allocation Analysis for 2025" (Analysis). The Analysis includes different ranges of impacts from the Delta Smelt and Salmon Biological Opinions as well as the Longfin Incidental Take Permit (the Analysis uses existing Delta Smelt Biological Opinion standards).

The August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	DWR anal	vsis results	for 2025 are	e as follows	(values in acre-feet).

Source/SVI	Above Normal	DNR	Above Normal	DNR
SWP Allocation	50%	-	50%	-
OMR Restriction [a]	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Prob. Of Exceedance [b]	90%	75%	50%	25%
District Supply	98,544		98,544	-

- [a] Average Old and Middle River reverse flow restrictions (cfs) from December 2024 to July 2025.
- [b] Example: a 90% Probability of Exceedance means there is a 9 in 10 chance conditions will be wetter than assumed, and 1 in 10 chance conditions will be conditions will be drier than assumed.

Note that precipitation is not runoff, and runoff is not Delta export pumping for the State Water Project. State Water Project allocations are highly variable, and an average precipitation year does not translate directly to an average SWP allocation (the current long-term average SWP allocation is 53% per DWR's Delivery Capability report 2023). Allocations vary considerably based on precipitation severity, proportions of snow and rain, timing, and the location of where the precipitation events occur. While the health of the Feather River watershed and its annual snowpack remains the largest factor in SWP allocations, Delta export restrictions have made south of Delta flows, specifically those on the San Joaquin River, vital to achieving average or above average SWP allocations.

#### Water and Snowpack Conditions.

The "Northern Sierra 8-Station Precipitation Tabulation" index of rain and snow water content for the Sacramento, Feather, Yuba and American River Basins in August was 0.4 inches, 200% of the monthly average of 0.2 inches. Accumulation of the season is as follows:

Current Amount – October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025,	55.8"
Seasonal Average to Date	52.7"
Seasonal Percent of Average to Date	105%
Average (historic) for the entire Water Year (Oct. 1 through Sep. 30)	53.2"

The "San Joaquin 5-Station Precipitation Tabulation" index for the month of August was 0.7 inches, which is 700% of historical average (0.1 inches). Accumulation for the season is 31.5 inches, which is 79% of the seasonal average of 39.6 inches.

#### Carryover and Spill Conditions.

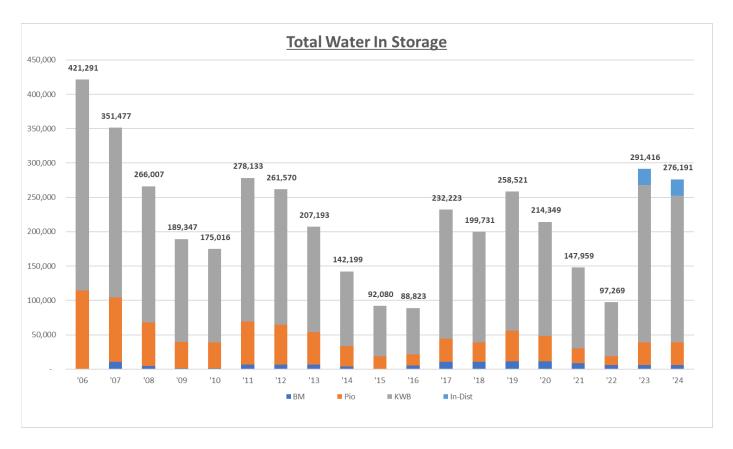
The District continually reviews current San Luis Reservoir (SLR) storage levels (September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025: 42% capacity, 109% of average) to determine optimum carryover amounts. End of month San Luis Reservoir conditions were as follows:

<u>Description</u>	Million Acre-feet (MAF)
SLR Capacity	
SWP Share	1.062
CVP Share	0.966
SWP + CVP subtotal	2.028
Actual December 31, 2015 storage	0.436
Actual December 31, 2016 storage	1.259
Actual December 31, 2017 storage	1.638
Actual December 31, 2018 storage	1.503
Actual December 31, 2019 storage	1.286
Actual December 31, 2020 storage	0.955
Actual December 31, 2021 storage	0.616
Actual December 31, 2022 storage	0.688
Actual December 31, 2023 storage	1.147
Actual December 31, 2024 storage	1.408
September 1, 2025, storage	
SWP Share	0.613
CVP Share	<u>0.244</u>
SWP + CVP subtotal	0.857

The amount of State Water Project water stored during the month of August increased approximately 125,341 acre-feet, going from 481,209 acre-feet at the end of July to 606,550 acre-feet at the end of August. On September 1, 2025, SLR overall storage was approximately 1.170 million acre-feet from full.

Meetings. The Water Resources Manager attended the following meetings in-person or remotely during the month:

- 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26 KCWA ops call
- 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26 District supervisor meeting
- 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27 —Westside weekly Call
- 8/22 Sites Reservoir BOD meeting
- 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27 SOKR Meetings
- 8/20 WWGSA Technical Committee
- 8/12 KWB Board & KWBGSA meeting
- 8/22 —SWC Board & Water Operations
- 8/14, 8/28 KCWA MU Mgr & Board, Pioneer Participant, DCP MU Yield Committee
- 8/8 ACWAJPIA Leadership Webinar
- 8/26 Edmonston Pumping Plant Tour



#### **The Contract Administrator's Work Included:**

#### **Contract/Water Allocation Work.**

- Contract(s): 121 & 131
  - Received Grant Deeds due to property sale/new ownership
  - Reviewed/verified APNs and land descriptions
- Contract(s):14, 26, 51, 54A, 69.11, 69K, 70, 83A, 124A06, 124A18
  - The Receiver provided redlines on agreements/pending District Counsel's review for approval
  - District Counsel reviewed/approved redlines from Receiver's Legal Counsel
  - Finalized all Amendment/Assumption Agreements and mailed them to the Receiver
  - District received all notarized agreements back from the Receiver/Pending Board Notarized signatures
- Contract(s): 20G, 80, 80A, 125, & 126
  - Received Board signatures
  - Pending recording at the Kern County Recorder's Office
- Contract(s): 12110, 162, 135, 136, 121B, 165, 124A02, 55A, 47, 127, 74, 49, 72.102A 20E3, 20E5, 5A, 124A06A, 124A07C, 124A15, 124A23
  - Received Assumption Agreements back from the Recorder's Office
  - Pending Post-Recording Procedures
- Contract(s): 2, 5, 20E1, 20F, 20H, 20J, 21, 46, 48B1,54, 69.04, 69.07, 69.11A, 69.14, 69T,
  - Received Board signatures
  - Pending recording at the Kern County Recorder's Office
- 2025 Farming Unit Operation Agreements
  - Assisted with new or revision requests to existing farming units
    - Finalized 01 agreements (fully executed)
- 2025 Temporary Water
  - Processed 01 Temporary Water Agreements

#### Landowner Assistance.

- 2025 Supplemental 3 Water Supply
  - Received **06** order forms and entered them in the Water Schedule
  - Assisted Water Users with information regarding water ledger—YTD use, acre-feet remaining, carryover, user input agreement questions/balances, water allocations/costs, water returns, etc.
  - Assisted 12 Water User(s) with 2025 SWP Allocation/Supp/Return Water questions.
  - Assisted **08** Water User(s) with 2025 Carryover/Water/Usage
  - Assisted 10 Water User(s) with 2025 Water Costs/Allocation/Other questions.
  - Assisted **04** Water User(s) with APN District verification (Appraiser Requests)
  - Assisted **04** Non-contract User(s) with general allocation/cost associated with The District.
  - Assisted **04** Water User(s) with Farming Unit Operation Agreement questions.
  - Assisted 03 Water User(s) with Second Priority Sub-Account Program
  - Assisted **03** Water User(s) with GWSC Questions/Information
  - Assisted **04** Potential Water User(s) with Water District Information/Water Allocations/Costs
  - Processed **01** Water Transfer(s)
  - Processed 03 Escrow Title Demand Requests,

#### <u>Other Tasks</u>

- Important Notices via email to Landowners/Water Users
  - 8/15/25 Buena Vista Pumping Plant Outage Notice
  - 8/19/25 Preliminary Annual Maintenance Schedule
- Completed weekly water schedule updates, reconciling variances with Dispatch and Controller.
  - Low Water Balance Notices
  - Worked with Controller & Operations on End of Month Water Reports & Non-Contract Accounts.
  - Worked with Dispatch/Accounting to resolve low/negative Water User Accounts
- GWSC Delinquencies
  - Worked with Controller/Accounting & Engineer Departments to revise/collect delinquent accounts
  - Worked with the Accounting Department on collecting delinquent accounts
  - Track and review scheduled payments from Delinquent account(s) with a Forbearance Agreement
- Assisted Executive Assistant and Accounting Department with Mail Distribution/Cash Receipts/Cash Deposit Scan process
- Assisted in current/ongoing discussions:
  - Contract Lands in Receivership 2024-2025 FAA
- Reviewed the monthly Accounts Payable and distributed Board and Annuitant payables.
- Managed Petty Cash Fund and EC stamp cash fund
- Prepared monthly report for Board Meeting packet
- Meetings/Trainings Attended/Completed:
  - 08/13/25 Board Meeting
  - 08/21/25 Safety Meeting
  - 08/26/25 DWR Edmonston Pumping Plant Tour
  - Landowner In-person/Phone or Other Meetings
    - August 04, 07, 08, 13, 19, 22, 26, 27, 29

#### ACCOUNTING ACTIVITIES – J. SMITH

#### **Controller's Report:**

**2025** Water Allocations, Deliveries, and Billings The August water reports were mailed on August 2, On December 2, 2024, DWR announced an initial SWP allocation of 5% of CAW. The DWR announced a revised allocation of 15% on December 23, 20% on January 28, 35% on February 25, 40% on March 25, and 50% on April 29. The District's Board approved a revised allocation at its May meeting. The current allocation is 50% SWP and 27% Supplemental. Current allocations and usage are:

		Acre-Feet
•	SWP	98,541.06
•	SUPPLEMENTAL	53,020.97
•	SUBSCRIPTION	6,913.00
•	Carry Over	14,232.84
•	User Input	187.72
•	Transfers	2,405.43
•	Temporary Water	202.00
•	Returns	<u>- 21,687.86</u>
•	Total Supply	150,579.16
•	Deliveries (Jan-Aug)	<u>- 101,381.40</u>
•	Unused	<u>52,433.76</u>

#### 2025 Contract and Non-Contract Water Billings and Delinquencies.

- The eighth contract water billings were mailed on August 26
- The sixth non-contract water billings were mailed on August 26

#### **Controller Report-Smith:**

- 8/13/2025–Wells Fargo banking and investment meeting
- 8/15/2025-BHK banking and investment meeting
- 8/18/2025-CPA CPE webinar
- 8/28/2025-JPIA property insurance review
- 9/4/2025-BHK banking and investment meeting
- Continued reviewing and documenting the Access water accounting database
- Began research into utilizing AI to document a water accounting database
- Continued training the assistant controller
- CalPERS released its preliminary investment returns of 11.6% for the fiscal year ending June 2025. CalPERS estimates that the District currently has a combined surplus of \$418,589 for its Classic and PEPRA plans.

#### 2024/2025 Ground Water Service Charge Delinquencies.

Delinquen	cies as September 5, 2025							
		2024	2025					Adjusted
	Customer	<u>Billing</u>	<u>Billing</u>	<b>Penalties</b>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
1130	Westland Farms, LLC	154,710.61		14,084.46	6,284.51	175,079.58	(80,725.65)	94,353.93
1090	New Sunny International, LLC	3,795.34	159.25	395.46	382.10	4,732.15		4,732.15
2100	IB Farming LLC		2,059.75	205.98		2,265.73		2,265.73
2180	Almond Blossom Ranch, LLC		27,657.00	2,765.70	120.08	30,542.78		30,542.78
	Total	158,505.95	159.25	14,479.92	6,666.61	179,811.73	(80,725.65)	99,086.08

#### **Contract Water Delinquencies as of September 4, 2025:**

		1 of 8	Dlnq. Date:	3/10/2025	
	Customer	Billing	<u>Penalties</u>	Interest	<u>Total</u>
0861	Elevated Ag, LLC	5,350.58	4,379.62	1,292.51	11,022.71
1873	Maricopa Orchards, LLC	5,303.19	3,337.89	440.78	9,081.86
	Total	10,653.77	7,717.51	1,733.29	20,104.57
		2 of 8	Dlnq. Date:	4/10/2025	
	Customer	<u>Billing</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Elevated Ag, LLC	5,350.58	4,379.62	791.19	10,521.39
1873	Maricopa Orchards, LLC	5,303.19	530.32	236.86	6,070.37
	Total	10,653.77	4,909.94	1,028.06	16,591.77
		3 of 8	Dlnq. Date:	5/12/2025	
	Customer	<u>Billing</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Elevated Ag, LLC	5,350.58	535.06	176.76	6,062.40
1873	Maricopa Orchards, LLC	5,303.19	530.32	176.76	6,010.27
	Total	10,653.77	1,065.38	353.52	12,072.67
		4 of 8	Dlnq. Date:	6/10/2025	
	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Billing</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Elevated Ag, LLC	5,350.58	535.06	118.30	6,003.94
1873	Maricopa Orchards, LLC	5,303.19	530.32	117.25	5,950.76
	Total	10,653.77	1,065.38	235.56	11,954.71
		5 of 8	Dlnq. Date:		
	Customer	<u>Billing</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Elevated Ag, LLC	5,350.58	535.06	58.86	5,944.50
1873	Maricopa Orchards, LLC	5,303.19	530.32	58.34	5,891.85
	Total	10,653.77	1,065.38	117.19	11,836.34
		6 of 8	Dlnq. Date:	8/10/2025	
	Customer	<u>Billing</u>	<b>Penalties</b>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
0038	Almond Blossom	58,345.73	5,834.57		64,180.30
0861	Elevated Ag, LLC	5,350.58	535.06	-	5,885.64
1873	Maricopa Orchards, LLC	5,303.19	530.32		5,833.51
	Total	68,999.50	6,899.95	-	75,899.45
		Total			
	Customer	<u>Billing</u>	<b>Penalties</b>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
0038	Almond Blossom	58,345.73	5,834.57	-	64,180.30
0861	Elevated Ag, LLC	32,103.48	10,899.48	2,437.62	45,440.58
	Maricopa Orchards, LLC	31,819.14	5,989.49	1,030.00	38,838.63

#### **The Assistant Controller's activities included:**

- Processed accounts payable
- Completed reports for Board
- Reconciled bank accounts
- Reviewed payroll entries prepared by Junior Accountant and posted to accounting software
- Attended Accounting Department meetings
- Processed checks and completed reports for CDR and SOKR
- Invoiced water users for short run/industrial/miscellaneous water charges
- Distributed billing statements to landowners
- Distributed water reports to landowners
- Sent out payment reminders to landowners
- Assisted Controller with water orders, returns, and transfers
- Attended meetings and discussions regarding potential changes to our banking process
- Met with landowners regarding ownership changes
- Completed two courses towards Human Resources Certification
- Began preparation of 2026 budget

#### **The Junior Accountant's activities included:**

- Faxed payroll vouchers
- Updated the voucher forms
- O Updated payrates, half sheet and vacation/sick worksheets
- Calculated timesheets
- o Compared time sheets to the Paychex system
- o Updated work orders in the payroll system
- o Processed and submitted the biweekly payroll
- o Reviewed and saved payroll reports
- o Reviewed the payroll distribution reports
- Updated the salary schedule
- Updated August 50k life worksheet
- Updated July cell audit sheet
- Prepared burden checks
- Made online burden payments
- o Entered the 8/2 and 8/16 CalPERS data and submitted the payments
- o Submitted SSA and GASB 68 CalPERS payments
- Submitted SSA information request to CalPERS
- o Generated the CalPERS report breakdown for each pay period
- o August meetings requested from the directors
- o Prepared and submitted the monthly payroll
- Updated the ACWA, HealthEdge Administration and HealthEdge Claims spreadsheets and vouchers for September invoices
- o Completed the August burden journal entries
- Completed the CES report for August
- o Completed the Expense and Compensation sheet
- o Completed the payroll voucher estimates
- Completed daily deposits
- Faxed AP and CDR vouchers
- o Completed safe pay for accounts payable
- Requested August safety incentives
- Filed AP invoices
- Completed check shredding procedure

#### **Employee Committee**

- o Collected cash from snack stations
- o Reviewed August's bank statement
- o Worked on the COLA Request letter

#### Meetings/Training

- Attended employee committee meeting
- o Attended accounting department meetings

## ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES – T. SUGGS

#### South of Kern River (SOKR) GSP:

- Three executed monitoring well access agreements were received during the month, bringing the running total to nine received and five are in progress. All 14 agreements are due for renewal this year.
- Water levels were recorded in 14 out of 14 monitoring wells during the month.
- Previously, water samples were collected at four network monitoring wells. During August, laboratory analytical results were received and forwarded to EKI.

#### White Wolf Basin GSA:

- During August, ABC Liovin completed construction of the GSA's new monitoring well located inside the District's PB-1 Pumping Plant. The driller also developed the well, known as WWB-009R, by air lifting. Mud and development water were hauled to AEWSD's Howard Frick Pumping Plant.
- Water levels were observed in eight out of 11 SGMA monitoring wells as a routine matter; one well was not sounded because it was running, and the remaining two wells were known to be collapsed.

#### **Groundwater Service Charges (GWSCs):**

- June 2025 groundwater extraction amounts were computed and GWSC invoices totaling \$555,929.50 were mailed out to 51 farm operators on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- During the month, nine new well-meter applications were received. The Assistant Engineer made a preliminary inspection of the subject wells and then forwarded the applications to Provost & Pritchard for review.
- Staff also communicated with three landowners to help keep their well meter applications moving forward. As of this writing, 33 applications have been approved and 17 are pending.
- The Assistant Engineer read 28 landowner well meters during August for verification purposes.
- Engineering Department staff continued to make progress on a small study to compare metered pumping with pumping inferred from remote sensing. Early results suggest that these two methods tend to match well in total extraction amount but often differ greatly in timing, suggesting that some growers irrigate earlier and some later than would be expected based solely on remote sensing and crop water demands.

<u>District Well Repairs:</u> On August 26<sup>th</sup>, a video log was run inside the District's PB-1 well, confirming that the casing is still intact all the way down to 786 feet, where the collapse occurred in 2021. It is recommended that the hole should be properly abandoned by grouting in 2026.

#### **850A-850B System Interconnection:**

- Pursuant to direction of the Board in its August meeting, a contract in amount of \$68,533 was executed with Rain for Rent on August 6<sup>th</sup> to furnish 2,700 feet of 12-inch-diameter PVC pipe intended for the future interconnecting pipeline, which will be known as the B5-X Lateral.
- Underground utility surveys were made during August with the assistance of the O&M Department, and several unmarked and previously unknown oil and gas pipelines were discovered in the work area. After finding one 3-inch-diameter oil line in parallel with the alignment for the planned interconnection pipeline, the Staff Geologist redrafted the plans for the future interconnection with an appropriate offset to the oil line.
- Engineering Department personnel subsequently marked the new alignment and reset grade stakes.

<u>Underground Facilities and Turnouts:</u> The following field activities and/or research were conducted related to underground facilities:

- Engineering Department staff responded to 237 underground services alerts (USAs) during August, eventually marking about 5.2 miles of District pipelines.
- A landowner's contractor was found attempting to place a parallel 12-inch-diameter irrigation pipeline too close to the District's CG-A Lateral. Fortunately, the Engineering Technician was able to persuade the contractor to re-dig their trench and maintain a 10-foot separation.
- Inspections were provided while an oilfield services company crossed under the District's 6P-B, 6P-4, and 7P laterals with flex conduit.

- A field meeting was held with an excavation contractor in preparation for the construction of fiber optic cables along Highway 166.
- The Staff Geologist provided coordination and engineering support to the O&M Department during the installation of two new surface water turnouts.

Crop Surveys: Field checks began for the 2025 fall crop survey, requiring about six man-days of effort.

#### **Corrosion Protection:**

- Cathodic potentials were measured at seven rectifier stations during June and July, and minor adjustments were made to rectifier voltage as needed as part of an ongoing program.
- Budgetary estimates were requested from Pure Technologies for possible further investigations of the 10P Lateral, including: a) close interval cathodic surveys to help understand the possible connection between oil pipelines in the vicinity of Interstate 5 and certain localized wire breaks in 10P Lateral, or perhaps b) computer analysis of select joints of pipe.
- The Corrosion Technician met with his AEWSD counterpart to exchange information.

#### **Maps and Records:**

- Two figures from published literature showing areas of known hydrocompaction were digitized and converted to Arcview shapefiles.
- Approximately 500 new records were added to the District's water well shapefile.
- A new map showing charge code zones was produced and shared with the Contracts Administrator.
- Kern County's 2025 final parcel map was downloaded and edited for use in the District's GIS system.

<u>Capital Purchases:</u> Five out of seven large check valves were received from Ferguson Enterprises in partial fulfillment of their contract. The Assistant Engineer inspected the materials and forwarded the contractor's invoices for progress payment.

#### **Hydrology and Hydraulics:**

• All District wells were observed for static water levels as part of an ongoing program.

#### **Meetings Attended:**

August 5	White Wolf GSA Board
August 12	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
August 12	ACWA Land Subsidence BMPs Working Group
August 14	SOKR Executive Committee
August 14	ACWA SGMA Implementation Subcommittee
August 19	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
August 20	White Wolf Technical Committee
August 26	Edmonston Pumping Plant Tour

#### **District Well Status Summary**

As of August 31, 2025

Well Name	Status / Description of the Problem	Most Recent Activity	Next Planned Activity
Not in Runn	ing Condition		
#A2	A new submersible electric pump/motor unit (Goulds 7CHC, 8-stage pump plus 150-hp, 3600-rpm electric motor) was installed 10/12/2023. Found dead with power to the motor on 5/28/2024. SWL was 629' on 3/11/2025.	L.O Lynch removed the pump/motor for inspection on 10/29/2024. On 12/18/2024, they reported finding a good motor together with a broken pump shaft plus heavy abrasion on the shaft. To the contractor, that was consistent with a sudden start while sand locked.	The failure seems to have been instigated by sand pumping. Accordingly, a video log will be scheduled to help determine whether there is a hole in the casing.
#C3	Off line for wire theft. L.O. Lynch completed installation of Goulds-made 12CLC, 13-stage pump assembly rated at 775 gpm 10/12/2023. SWL was 575' on 8/20/2025.	Electrical wires were stolen in summer 2023, replaced in October 2023, and stolen again in November 2023. Tested 11/1/2023 and found to run very smoothly, producing 840 gpm with 9' of drawdown at good (71%) pump efficiency.	Because the well is subject to vandalism and wire theft, a decision was made to not replace wires until the well is again scheduled to operate. Wires can be replaced on short notice if needed.
#C2	Off line for wire theft. SWL was 587' on 8/20/2025.	Tested 3/5/2024 and found to run at 800 gpm with 18' of drawdown at 65% efficiency.	Because the well is subject to vandalism and wire theft, a decision was made to not replace wires until the well is again scheduled to operate. Wires can be replaced on short notice if needed.
	Running Condition		
WRM7	Currently off. SWL was 581.09' on 8/20/2025.	Tested 3/20/2025 and found to produce 1040 gpm with 305' of drawdown at 69% efficiency. Redeveloped in Feb 2023. FPI completed installing a new Flowise-made pump unit rated 950 gpm at 910' TDH 3/17/2023.	
PA-1	Currently off. SWL was 708' on 8/20/2025.	Tested 3/5/2025; found to produce 960 gpm with 24' of drawdown at good efficiency. New pump assembly rated 1007 gpm at 887' TDH was installed 6/28/2021.	
#A1	Currently off. SWL was 673' on 8/20/2025.	New wires were pullled in May 2024 after being stolen sometime in early 2024. Tested 3/3/2025 and found to produce 1490 gpm with 66' of drawdown at 78% efficiency.	
#A4	Currently off. SWL was 592' on 8/20/2025.	Tested 3/3/2025; found to produce 605 gpm at 48' of drawdown but at relatively low (51%) efficiency. New bowl assembly rated 800 gpm was installed 2/22/2021. Placed back in service 4/13/2021.	
#B1	Currently off. SWL was 734' on 8/20/2025.	Tested 3/4/2025 and found to produce 920 gpm with 25' of drawdown at 70% efficiency. New pump assembly (rated 1005 gpm at 868') installed 6/17/2021.	
#B2	Currently off. SWL was 770' on 8/20/2025.	Tested 3/10/2025 and found to produce 1080 gpm with 90' of drawdown at 71% efficiency. Redevelopment was completed 2/2/2023. On 3/2/2023 FPI completed installing a new Simflo-made pump unit rated at 950 gpm at 900' TDH.	

#### **District Well Status Summary**

As of August 31, 2025

Well Name	Status / Description of the Problem	Most Recent Activity	Next Planned Activity
Currently in	Running Condition		
#C1	Currently off. SWL was 619' on 3/31/2025.	Air line was found to be leaking 5/28/2024. Tested 3/19/2025 and found to produce 1530 gpm with 24' of drawdown at 64% efficiency. Shock treated with chlorine 7/25/2022.	
#C5		Tested 3/11/2025; found to produce 1600 gpm with 48' of drawdown at excellent (75%) overall plant efficiency. PG&E energized the transformer 9/2/2022.	
#C6		Tested 3/10/2025; found to produce 1680 gpm with 108' of drawdown at excellent (77%) efficiency. A long-standing phase imbalance issue (i.e., low amperage on one leg) was partly resolved by PG&E in late July 2021.	
Out of Service			
6P-P2	Off line for excessive drawdown. Appears to be even more clogged than in 2018. Has a new Simflo SR10C-20-stage pump ass'bly, but drew down to 1000' at 100-200 gpm 3/15/2021. SWL was 478' on 10/14/2024.	well.	Should probably remain idle until a substitute monitoring well can be found. It is likely that any viable option to improve the well will involve significant expense for little water.
7P-P2	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		Should probably remain unequipped until a substitute monitoring well can be found.
PB-1		10/22/2022 before encountering a hard obstruction at 785'.	Staff are working to obtain cost estimates to properly abandon the hole by grouting in 2026. The site location is very favorable and it is recommended that a replacement well be drilled.
#A3	on 7/27/2016 and again 11/2/2016. A large casing split measuring up to 5" wide x 20' long was seen at 613' of depth	Per advice of the GW Committee, staff began pursuing replacement of this well in June 2021. GEI Consultants was retained to assist in August 2021 and provided draft specifications and well designs in 2024.	It is recommended that this well be coverted to a monitoring well and that a replacement well be drilled in 2024.
#C4	Failed 4/17/04. Equipment stuck down hole. Suspect collapsed casing at about 120'.		The hole should be properly abandoned by grouting. It is believed that it may not be economic to replace this well due to the limited pumping season in C Reach of the 850 Canal. Moreover, the site is located within one half mile of two active District wells.
#WRM6	Non-operational since 2000. Always produced < 1,000 gpm. Probably never properly developed. SWL was 458' on 10/14/2024.		

#### CLIMATALOGICAL DATA FOR GREENLEE'S PASTURE

Parameter	August 2025	Since 10/01/2024	Days Occurred in August
Maximum Temperature	108°	106°	13th
Minimum Temperature	66°	30°	29th
No. Days at or over 100° F	20	56	1st, 4th, 7th-15h, 18th, 21st-27th, 31st
No. Days at or under 32° F	0	25	N/A
Precipitation (inches)	0.00	5.29	N/A
Evaporation (inches)	10.88	74.04	
Wind Run	2,698	25,187	

# STORAGE IN MAJOR RESERVOIRS (Acre-Feet)

Reservoir	Capacity		Storage a	t End of August	
Nesei voii	Сараспу	202	24	2025	
Shasta	4,552,000	3,007	,299	2,851,869	
Oroville	3,538,000	2,308	3,309	2,322,872	
San Luis (Total)	2,028,000	929,	556	849,501	
San Luis (State Share)	1,062,000	(a) 511,	828	606,550	
Folsom	977,000	506,	072	475,565	
Isabella	568,075	(b) 197,	611	238,243	
Millerton	520,000	257,	412	243,680	
TOTALS	12,183,075	7,206	,259	6,981,730	

<sup>(</sup>a) The San Luis (State Share) is included in San Luis (Total) but not included in total capacity or storage.

<sup>(</sup>b) US Army Corps Of Engineers' authorized capacity Isabella = 568,075 AF on May 1, 170,000 AF November 1 - January 1 Feb 1-28=245,000 AF, Mar 1-30=245-361,250 AF, Apr 1=361,250 AF

## OPERATION & MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – G. LOVELESS

#### Safety/Administrative Training

Tailgate Safety Meeting on Code of Safe Practices Crane Safety.

#### **Field/System Maintenance**

- Completed various trouble reports across the District.
- Disced weeds in yard west of District office.
- Repaired fence at 4P-P2.
- Repaired packing and drain line for unit #3 at 7P-P3.
- Installed new main station breaker at WRM-8.
- Installed turnout and thrust blocks for A5X-B5X intertie.
- Completed fabrication for User well inputs at CG19 and CG22 turnouts.
- Cleaned yards and fence line at PA-2 and PB-2.
- Spot sprayed weeds on 850 Canal banks.
- 8/20/25 Applied aquatic herbicide (Teton) to 850 Canal. Installed fittings on new turnouts in C-area.



**4P-P2 Fence Repair** 

#### **Pipeline Repair**

• 8/20/25, 0800 hours – Broken air valve was replaced on the 8GC-1 lateral.

#### **Power Outage**

- 8/7/25, 1010 hours WRM-8 main station breaker failed resulting in fire inside the motor control panel. Repair was completed and service resumed 8/8/25, 1630 hours.
- 8/17/25, 1025 hours WRM-9 power outage. Service restored 1200 hours.
- 8/23/25, 1055 hours PB-2 and PC-1 power outage. Service restored 1300 hours.









#### Pump/Electrical

- WRM-4 unit #3 pump fail. Repaired burnt electrical lead in weatherhead and returned to service.
- 4P-P2 Replaced condenser fan and capacitor on A/C unit.
- WRM-8 Replaced main control transformer and motor control panel fan.
- WRM-8 unit #1 pump fail. Repaired loose starter wiring and returned to service.
- WRM-8 unit #1 lower column uncoupled, breaking the pump shaft. The unit was replaced with one from stock and returned to service.
- WRM-8 main station breaker caught fire resulting in damage inside the panel. Soot damage was cleaned, burnt wiring was replaced, and a refurbished breaker was installed. PGE replaced transformers, ct's and meter and restored power to the building.
- 8P-P2 unit #2 and #3 air valves were replaced.
- WRM-9 unit #2 was replaced due to excessive vibration.
- WRM-9 and WRM9A had transducers added to the manifold so head pressure can be monitored from dispatch.
- PA-1 unit #1 pump fail. The control transformer was replaced and a burnt lead repaired in the motors weatherhead.
- PA-1 unit #1 air valve was replaced.
- PC-1 gate position not reading correctly. Forebay transducer was rewired and returned to service.

WRM 8 Unit 1 Breaking Pump Shaft

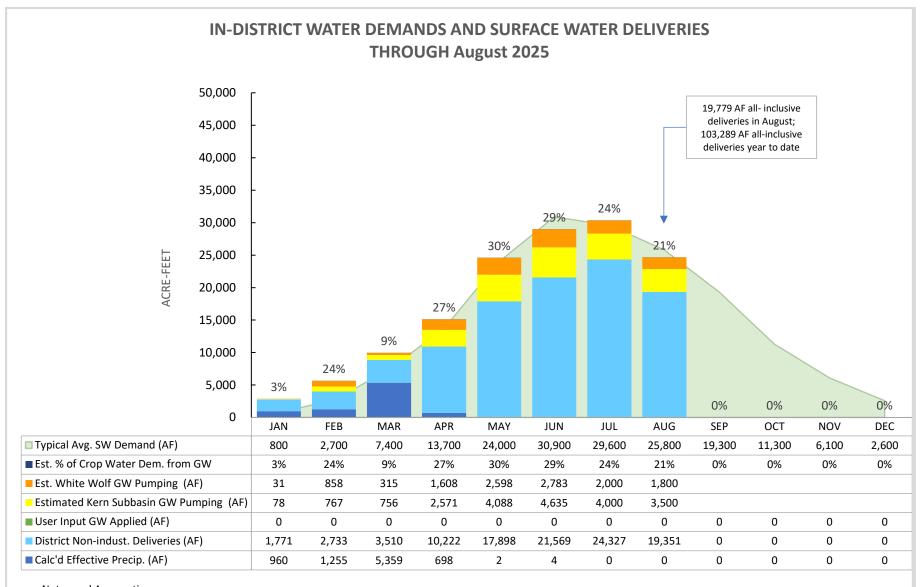
#### **Equipment Maintenance**

8 regular vehicle services.

- Unit #036 had side airbags replaced for recall.
- Unit #165 front brakes replaced.
- Unit #176 had A/C system repaired.
- Unit #799 was serviced.
- Unit #790 was serviced.
- Units #385 #386 #367 passed smoke testing.



Current gasoline bulk purchase prices for the District are: \$3.62 per gallon for gasoline and \$3.77 per gallon for diesel.



#### **Notes and Assumptions:**

a. July and August crop water use was estimated, because Land IQ shapefiles were not available as of this writing.

b. It was assumed that the following percentages of rainfall were lost to evaporation or deep percolation (Jan 20%, Feb 30%, Mar 50%, Apr 70%, May 80%, Jun 80%, Jul 80%, Aug 80%)

## Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

#### Monthly Deliveries in Acre-Feet

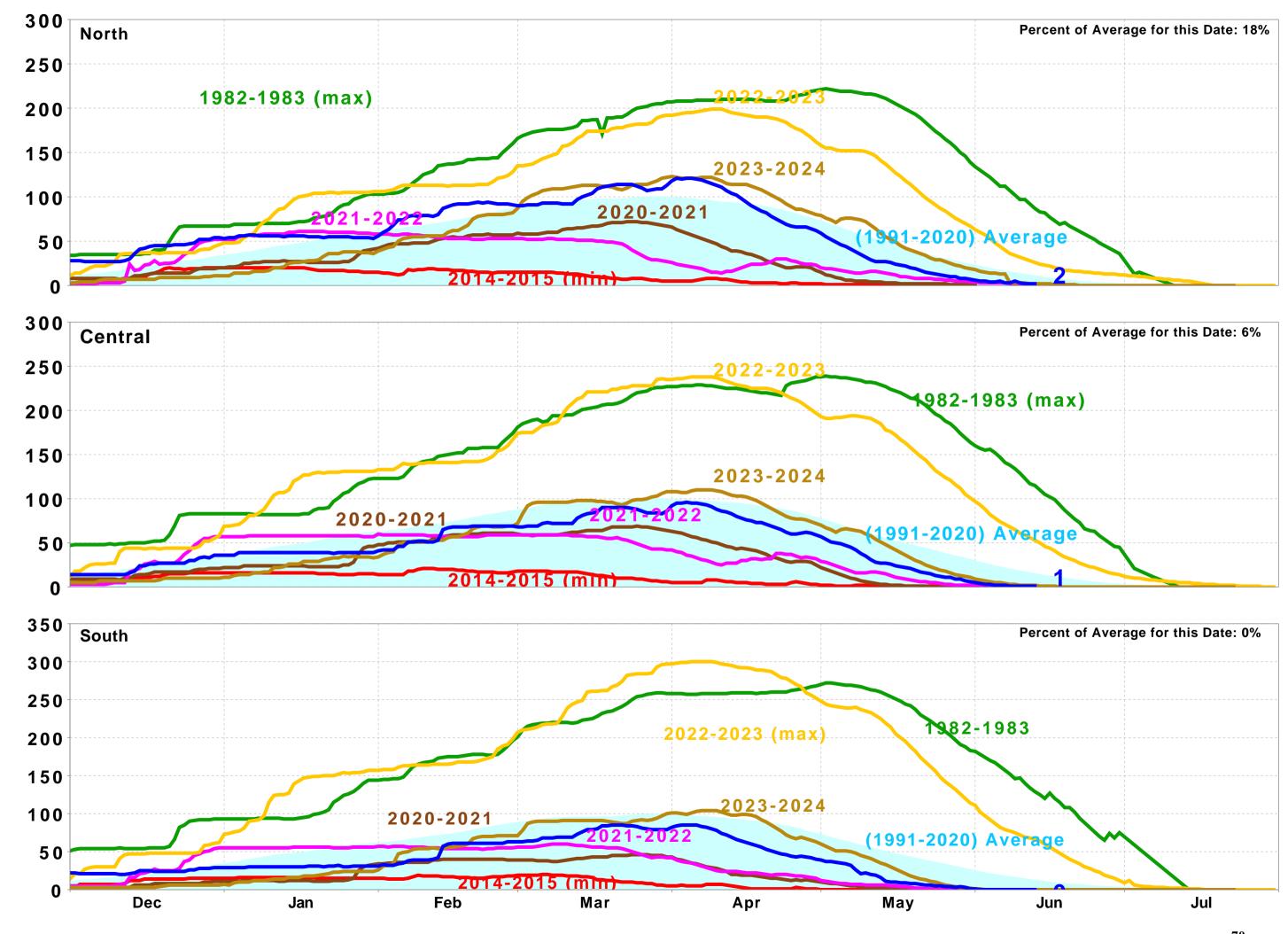
(Includes water from the State Water Project, banking projects, District wells, and User input.)

Month	2006	7,00	31/7	ing/	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	1,962	5,258	3 1,6	515	1,265	894	1,613	6,108	2,213	3,367	2,210	1,223	2,425	1,785	3,055	1,386	1,785	1,094	1,357	1,277	2,009
February	7,588	7,269	6,9	933	2,952	3,440	5,333	8,128	6,387	6,380	4,666	3,077	1,454	7,704	1,667	4,641	4,188	4,131	2,204	1,243	2,892
March	9,315	12,557	12,3	92	10,151	8,440	7,938	10,696	10,695	9,627	10,157	10,218	8,184	3,174	5,494	5,170	6,838	6,387	2,572	4,377	3,600
April	10,572	15,665	17,7	70	17,717	12,966	13,935	10,521	16,999	13,994	17,102	13,133	14,731	13,500	14,824	7,084	13,797	11,546	8,606	9,555	10,416
May	20,700	25,488	24,3	84	24,151	20,664	21,545	23,320	25,754	23,317	20,936	21,496	25,759	21,858	16,441	20,278	19,202	17,606	21,338	17,654	18,116
June	26,542	29,940	27,3	48	26,379	29,411	27,534	29,261	29,894	25,128	24,540	29,390	32,629	28,802	27,146	24,279	26,995	23,445	25,453	25,050	21,822
July	29,107	28,394	29,6	561	30,156	32,124	29,719	28,259	28,599	23,476	21,401	29,546	33,290	28,233	30,633	26,042	26,560	23,709	32,167	28,953	24,654
August	25,078	21,817	22,6	80	22,153	23,873	24,461	25,027	24,554	17,490	18,220	26,948	26,639	26,029	27,793	22,464	18,539	17,855	23,440	20,612	19,779
September	16,897	13,924	16,0	50	17,453	18,335	17,923	16,678	17,090	15,244	14,908	15,452	17,376	17,705	18,343	15,043	13,169	12,837	16,813	13,794	
October	9,033	9,385	10,7	97	11,953	8,156	12,343	13,075	13,440	13,394	10,715	11,135	14,974	13,896	12,444	10,551	7,351	7,179	11,992	11,298	
November	5,438	5,609	6,0	193	5,669	5,872	4,699	4,895	6,485	5,412	4,862	4,957	5,351	5,867	6,300	5,171	2,689	3,190	6,035		
December	4,788	7,424	3,2	45	2,739	2,515	6,315	3,354	6,615	4,231	3,055	2,520	4,449	4,626	5,266	3,796	1,569	1,557	5,155		

#### Accumulated Monthly Deliveries in Acre-Feet

Month	2006	2007	2008	2000	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	7023	2024	2025
January	1,962	5,258	1,615	1,265	894	1,613	6,108	2,213	3,367	2,210	1,223	2,534	1,785	3,055	1,386	1,785	1,094	1,357	1,277	2,009
February	9,550	12,527	8,548	4,217	4,334	6,946	14,236	8,600	9,747	6,876	4,300	3,879	9,489	4,722	6,027	5,973	5,225	3,561	2,520	4,901
March	18,865	25,084	20,940	14,368	12,774	14,884	24,932	19,295	19,373	18,191	14,518	12,063	12,663	10,216	11,197	12,811	11,612	6,132	6,897	8,501
April	29,437	40,749	38,710	32,085	25,740	28,819	35,453	36,294	33,367	35,293	27,651	26,794	26,163	25,040	18,281	26,608	23,158	14,738	16,452	18,917
May	50,137	66,237	63,094	56,236	46,404	50,364	58,773	62,048	56,684	55,071	49,147	52,553	48,021	41,481	38,559	45,810	40,764	36,076	34,106	37,033
June	76,679	96,177	90,442	82,615	75,815	63,014	88,034	91,942	81,812	79,611	78,537	85,182	76,823	68,627	62,838	72,805	64,209	61,529	59,156	58,855
July	105,786	124,571	120,103	112,771	107,939	107,617	116,293	120,541	105,288	101,012	108,082	118,472	105,056	99,260	88,880	99,365	87,918	93,696	88,110	83,509
August	130,864	146,388	142,783	134,924	131,812	132,078	141,320	145,096	122,778	119,232	135,030	145,111	131,085	127,053	111,344	117,904	105,773	117,136	108,722	103,288
September	147,761	160,312	158,833	152,377	150,147	150,001	157,998	162,186	138,022	134,140	150,482	162,487	148,790	145,396	126,387	131,073	118,610	133,950	122,516	
October	156,794	169,697	169,630	164,330	158,303	162,344	171,073	175,626	151,416	144,855	161,617	177,461	162,686	157,840	136,938	138,424	125,789	145,941	133,814	
November	162,232	175,306	175,723	169,999	164,175	167,043	175,968	182,111	156,828	149,717	166,574	182,812	168,553	164,140	142,109	141,113	128,979	151,976		
December	167,020	182,730	178,968	172,738	166,690	173,358	179,322	188,726	161,059	152,772	169,094	187,261	173,179	169,406	145,905	142,682	130,536	157,131		
SWP Allocation%	100%	60%	35%	40%	50%	80%	65%	35%	5%	20%	60%	85%	35%	75%	20%	5%	5%	100%	40%	40%
SWP Allocation (AF)	197,088	118,253	68,981	78,835	98,544	157,670	128,107	68,981	9,854	39,418	118,253	167,525	68,981	147,816	39,418	9,854	9,854	197,088	78,835	78,835

## California Snow Water Content, June 13, 2025, Percent of April 1 Average



Mar 1

Apr 1

Water Year (October 1 - September 30)

May 1

Jun 1

Jul 1

Aug 1

Sep 1

Oct 1

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Feb 1

Jan 1

Oct 1

Nov 1

Dec 1

	WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT	Ī		
	2025 WATER SUPPLY/DEMAND ESTIMATE	50% SWP ALLOCATION		
	As of September 01, 2025			
		Capacity	Supply	Shortage
		in acre-feet		or (Excess)
[1]	Sacramento Valley Water Year Index (40-30-30)		Above	
[2]	Probability of Exceedance		90%	P.O.E.
[3]	Assumptions		50%	Allocation
	Estimated Demand			
[4]	WRMWSD in-District deliveries (b)			181,200
[5]	less demands over the CAW			-
[6]	Common Landowner Transfer from WRM			-
[7]	Actual Groundwater Recharge			-
[8]	SWP Table A Banking Deliveries			-
[9]	Total Estimated Demand			181,200
	Surface Supplies			
[10]	SWP Table A Entitlement	197,088	98,544	82,656
	SWP Supply		98,544	49.07%
	Supplemental 1 Supplies - Subscription			
[16]	District Carryover (estimate)	10,166	10,166	72,490
[17]	Long Term- Butte County **	7,889	2,128	70,362
	Long Term- Western Hills Water District**	7,005	2,120	70,362
	Long Term- Mojave Water Agency**	25,000	6,743	63,620
	Long Term- Palmdale Water District **	23,000	0,743	63,620
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[21]	Two Year- Exchange Contractors**	7,000	1,888	61,732
	MET**	100,000	26,970	34,762
	PALMDALE**	4,000	4,000	30,762
	ZONE 7**	8,000	1,079	29,683
	NAPA**	6,000	1,618	28,065
[38]	Supplemental 1 Water Capacity	182,630	58,522	29.14%
[39]	DISTRICT ALLOCATION		157,066	78.21%
	Supplemental Supplies - Water User		2.18	AF/Ac
[47]	Water User - Carryover from 2024 (estimate)	14,232	14,232	6 025
[47]	, ,			6,935
	Kern Water Bank Second Priority - estimate to date (Recharge)/Recover	(2,000)	(2,000)	8,935
	Kern Water Bank Second Priority - estimated through EOY	-	-	6,935
	User Input - actual	-	-	6,935
[51]	User Input - estimated through EOY	2 602	2 602	6,935
[52]	Landowner Transfer	2,693	2,693	4,242
[53]	Available Supply		171,991	
[54]	Estimated Demand		181,200	
[55]	Shortage (Excess)		9,209	
[56]				

<sup>\*\*</sup> WS5 Deal

(b) Based upon average deliveries 2015-2023. Lyndal Water not yet calculated.

WATER IN STORAGE @	2-Sep-25
LOCATION	AF
Kern Water Bank	
District	173,258
Water User 2nd Priority	42,235
KWB Tot	215,493
KCWA	38,885
In-District	23,568
SemiTropic	7,500
TOTAL KERN FAN	285,446
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<sup>(</sup>c) Based on KCWA daily Summary of Water Supply Rights

#### WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Eric McDaris

DATE: September 8, 2025

**SUBJECT: Other Purchases and Exchanges** 

Napa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District.

> Status-approved by KCWA; scheduling

#### Solano County Water Agency

- > Status- term sheet executed
- > Pending KCWA approval and execution of SWP Agreement (September Board meeting- tentative)
- > The WS5 districts have executed a term sheet for the purchase of up to 9,650 acre-feet of 2025 Table A supplies and A56 carryover at a cost of \$300/AF. The District share of this supply will be approximately 2,603 acre-feet.

Staff will continue to update the Board on the progress of any potential purchases.

**Recommendation**. None. This memorandum is for information purposes only.

Attachments: None

Filename: 8.2.c Other Purchases and Exchanges

#### **♦** WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: September 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Contribution to Pacific Legal Foundation - Western Water Law

**Program** 

Since 2001, the District has provided financial support for the Pacific Legal Foundation's Western Water Law Program (WWLP). The Program has won important court cases protecting property rights in water and limiting federal powers under the federal Endangered Species Act and federal Clean Water Act in ways that are beneficial to the District's water supply and distribution activities. The litigations generally support reasonable beneficial uses of water for economic prosperity, and attempts to prevent expropriation of water for specious environmental or other benefits. The Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) is a public interest law firm headquartered in Sacramento.

The District has supported PLF's Western Water Law Program (WWLP) in the past, to wit:

2001-2008 \$5,000 per year

2009-2011 \$10,000 per year to support Delta smelt Commerce Clause litigation

2012 \$5,000 2013-24 \$10,000

The District has not yet received the litigation report specific to the Western Water Law Program that is usually included with this memorandum, we are expecting to receive it later this week. Once received, I will provide it to the Board via email, and also include it in the December Board Packet. The District does not provide financial support for other PLF programs because District funds may be expended only for District-related purposes.

**Recommendation.** PLF has a good track record on important water litigation. Funding for the Western Water Law Program is included in the District budget. Absent other direction from the Board, the Engineer-Manager would authorize staff to proceed with a \$10,000 payment to PLF for the Western Water Law Program for inclusion in the Accounts Payable.

September XX, 2025

Steven Anderson, President Pacific Legal Foundation 555 Capital Mall, Suite 1290 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Financial Support for Pacific Legal Foundation Western Water Law Program

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Per the September 5, 2024 letter from Bob Johnson, the recent work of the Pacific Legal Foundation's Western Water Law Program was described. The legal work of the Pacific Legal Foundation on western water issues was determined to coincide with the District's water interests. Therefore, enclosed find a support check in the amount of \$10,000 to be used exclusively for the Western Water Law Program. Please keep the District informed of the activities of the Western Water Law Program.

If questions arise, please call me at extension 6075.

Sincerely,

Sheridan Nicholas Engineer-Manager

#### **◆WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: September 8, 2025

SUBJECT: South Valley Water Resources Authority - Consider Approval of Budget Amendment for Construction of Demonstration Project

The South Valley Water Resources Authority adopted the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and MMRP for the SVWRA Infiltration Gallery Demonstration Project (Deomonstration Project), and approved said project at its May Board meeting.

The initial cost estimate and approved budget for construction of the Demonstration Project was \$1.26 per acre-foot of SWP entitlement. At an SWP entitlement of 197,088 acre-feet, the District cost would be \$248,331. The updated bid of \$1.4 million increased that cost to \$1.40 per acrefoot. These costs are in addition to the administration budget (\$0.28 per acre-foot) and the preconstruction costs (\$0.35 per acre-foot).

At the August SVWRA meeting, the Board postponed the decision on proceeding with the Demonstration Project to a special Board meeting on September 19, to allow each participant to review the Demonstration Project construction costs or allow some payments to be delayed into 2026 if needed. The breakdown of potential 2025 SVWRA costs are shown below.

District Share	Admin- istration	Pre- Construction	Sub-Total	Construction	TOTAL
\$ per ac-ft	\$0.28	\$0.35	\$0.63	\$1.40	\$2.03
Total	\$55,185	\$68,981	\$124,165	\$275,923	\$400,089

SVWRA is funded through the District's Supplemental 1 supply. At a Supp 1 supply of 46,000 acre-feet, the potential construction cost would increase the Supp 1 rate by approximately \$6.00.

**Recommendation**: It is recommended the Board approve the construction of the SVWRA Demonstration Project at a cost not to exceed \$1.4 million.

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TO: Policy Committee

Agenda Item No. 1

FROM: Craig Wallace

DATE: August 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Update on Delta Conveyance Activities

#### **Issue:**

Update on Delta Conveyance Activities.

#### **Recommended Motion:**

None – information only.

#### **Discussion:**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) on December 21, 2023. The DCP would construct a tunnel under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) to deliver water from the Sacramento River to State Water Project facilities in the South Delta.

On May 16, 2024, DWR released the updated cost estimate for the DCP. The total project cost for the 6,000 cubic feet per second Bethany Reservoir Alignment is \$20.12 billion in 2023 dollars.

DWR's Delta Conveyance Office is responsible for the EIR and other permitting activities and is coordinating with the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA). DWR is continuing to take the next steps to pursue numerous state and federal permits for authorizations, including those required by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWB), the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC), and compliance with state and federal Endangered Species acts. The SWB hearing process started on February 18, 2025 and will continue through October. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife signed an Incidental Take Permit for the Delta Conveyance Project on February 14, 2025. The permit addresses construction, operations, and maintenance of the project. DWR is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service to complete consultation efforts on project construction for the federal Endangered Species Act.

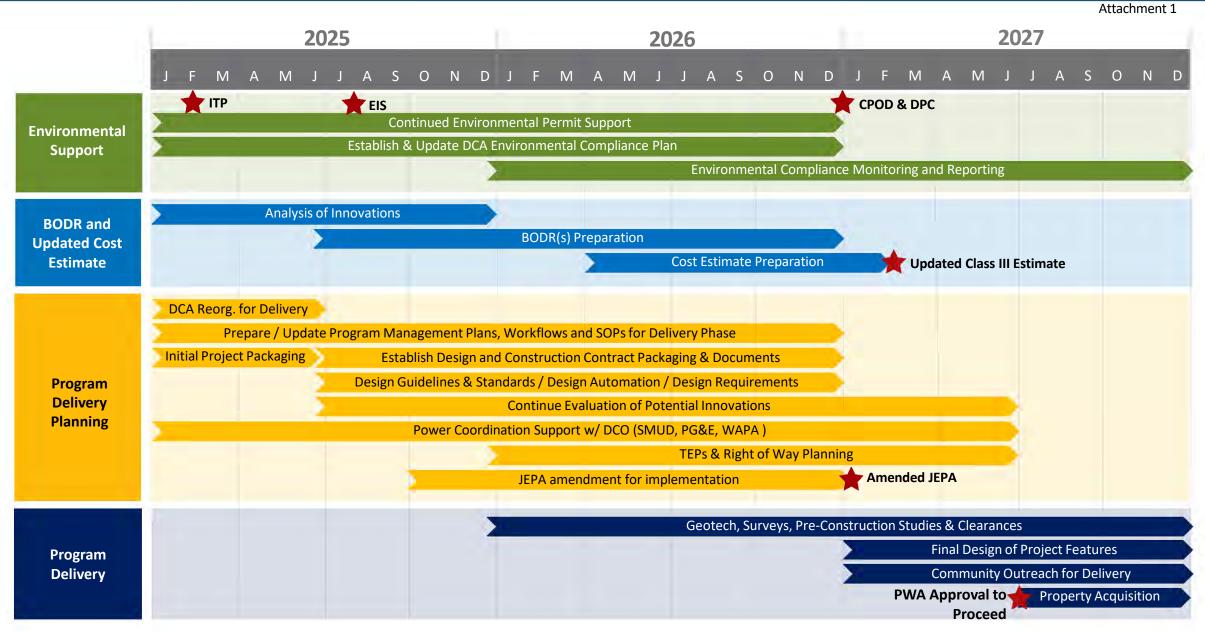
The project schedule is further described in Attachment 1. On December 16, 2022, the United States Army Corps of Engineers released the public Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the DCP. The Final EIS is expected to be released in summer 2025.

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On January 14, 2025, DWR filed a second validation action with the Sacramento County Superior Court regarding DWR's authority to issue revenue bonds to finance the planning, design, construction and other capital costs of the proposed DCP.

The DCA Board of Directors (Board) held their regular Board meeting on August 21, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2025. All regular DCA Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Thursday of every other month starting at 2:00 p.m.

# May 2025 DCP Roadmap – Program Delivery





#### **♦** WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: September 8, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Consider Selection of Alternate Director to Kern River Watershed Coalition

**Authority (KRWCA)** 

Upon Robert Kunde's retirement as Engineer-Manager of the District, the Board of Directors appointed Leftare Delis as the District's Alternate Director to the KRWCA. It was the Board's intention that a landowner serve in this position. The KRWCA JPA states that each General Member (e.g., WRMWSD) is to select a representative on the Board and at least one alternate. In each case, the person must be either:

[1] a director, officer, consultant or employee of that party, **or** [2] an Authority Member (who has subscribed with the Authority to participate in IRLP and is in good standing/not delinquent) or its designee"

While Mr. Delis does not meet the qualifications under scenario [1], he could be the District's representative if he is either an Authority Member (as defined) or that member's designee to serve on the Board for the District. It has come to our attention that as currently Mr. Delis is neither an Authority Member or a designee of an Authority Member, he cannot serve as District's Alternate Director.

Absent Mr. Delis becoming eligible, the Board could consider either appointing a staff member or Director, or select an Authority Member from among the District landowners.

**Recommendation**: It is recommended the Board appoint a staff member as the District's Alternate Director to the Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority.



# KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN STAFF REVIEW OF 2025 DRAFT GSPS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### September 2025

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) staff developed the Staff Review of the 2025 Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Kern County Subbasin (subbasin) to help inform the Board's decision pursuant to the <a href="Sustainable Groundwater Management Act">Sustainable Groundwater Management Act</a> (SGMA or Act) as to whether to designate the Kern County Subbasin a probationary basin.

# SGMA Background

SGMA authorizes local public agencies to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) to manage groundwater basins. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is responsible for reviewing GSPs. If DWR determines a GSP (or GSPs) developed for a basin is inadequate, it will refer that basin to the State Water Board, which initiates the state intervention process. The Board may return the basin to DWR's oversight if subsequent revisions to the GSP(s) adequately address groundwater management issues. Otherwise, the Board may designate the basin as "probationary" through a public hearing process.

# Kern County Subbasin

The Kern County Subbasin (subbasin or basin) is a critically overdrafted subbasin in the southern portion of the San Joaquin Valley with an area of about 1.78 million acres. The subbasin is currently managed by 20 GSAs. DWR determined the subbasin's 2022 GSPs were inadequate and referred the subbasin to the State Water Board in March 2023, which initiated the state intervention process. The subbasin GSAs submitted their revised, adopted GSPs to the Board in December 2024, and Board staff determined that these updated GSPs did not resolve all the deficiencies identified by staff in the

previous GSPs. On February 20, 2025, the State Water Board held a hearing to determine whether to designate the subbasin as probationary. In recognition of the substantial progress the subbasin made, the Board continued the hearing to September 17, 2025, giving the GSAs additional time to resolve the remaining deficiencies and directing the GSAs to submit revised draft GSPs to the Board by June 20, 2025 for review. On June 20, 2025, the GSAs submitted seven amended draft GSPs to the Board (2025 Draft GSPs). Board staff reviewed the 2025 Draft GSPs and conclude that the GSAs substantially, though not completely, address the deficiencies identified in the previous GSPs. Staff recommends returning the subbasin to DWR for review of the updated GSPs pursuant to Water Code section 10733.4 if the GSAs resolve three of the remaining issues: (1) providing an adequate mitigation program for drinking water wells impacted by any constituent for which a minimum threshold is established in the GSPs. including 1,2,3-TCP, where groundwater management activities cause concentrations to exceed those minimum thresholds; (2) providing an adequate mitigation program for state small water system wells (or domestic wells with more than four service connections) impacted by groundwater management activities; and (3) eliminating the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority GSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement May 2026 sunset provision, which would result in unmanaged areas of the subbasin that are a potential basis for state intervention.

# Improvements in 2025 Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plans

Some of the improvements in the 2025 Draft GSPs include:

- The GSAs use basin-wide, coordinated approaches to establish minimum thresholds and measurable objectives (collectively known as sustainable management criteria) for all applicable sustainability indicators.
- The GSAs identify gaps in groundwater level and groundwater quality representative monitoring networks and commit to addressing all identified data gaps by the end of 2026.
- The GSAs set most of the water level minimum thresholds at levels that are
  protective of groundwater uses and users in the subbasin. The GSAs commit to
  mitigating potential impacts to drinking water wells due to declining water levels
  before or after exceeding these thresholds.
- The GSAs commit to mitigate dry wells impacted by GSA-related activities after January 1, 2015. The GSAs have a revolving reserve fund of \$3.5 million per year for well mitigation. The mitigation plan has two tracks for assistance: a mitigation track for domestic wells with less than five service connections (up to \$90,000 per well) and a technical assistance track for public supply wells (up to \$50,000 per well). The GSAs will collaborate with Self-Help Enterprises to administer the well mitigation program. The mitigation of dry domestic wells

- includes emergency drinking water supplies within 24 hours of notification and hauled tank water within 72 hours.
- The GSAs set minimum thresholds that are designed to protect water quality from impacting beneficial uses and users (or from further degradation where water quality was already degraded by January 1, 2015). Of the 330 individual thresholds set at 55 representative monitoring wells across the subbasin for arsenic, nitrate, nitrite, uranium, 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP), and total dissolved solids concentrations, 308 were set at the drinking water standard. The remaining 22 minimum thresholds were set above the drinking water standard due to water quality degradation that was already occurring when SGMA took effect in 2015, which GSAs are not required to address under SGMA.
- The GSAs commit to mitigate domestic wells impacted by degraded groundwater quality caused by GSA-related activities in most instances. Mitigation may include installation of point of use or point of entry treatment systems with filter replacement for three years.
- The GSAs have plans to ramp down subsidence (the sinking of land caused by groundwater removal) prior to 2040 with no additional subsidence to occur after 2040. The GSAs expect that only a section along the Friant Kern Canal could be impacted by future subsidence. Applicable GSAs are collaborating with the Friant Water Authority on establishing a subsidence mitigation cost-sharing framework to address the impacts of post-2020 subsidence in the area of the Friant Kern Canal. Some potential impacts to local canals will be managed by the GSAs through ongoing maintenance and improvements to facilities.
- After a single reported exceedance of any sustainable management criterion at a
  representative monitoring site, the GSAs will follow the newly developed
  minimum threshold exceedance policy. The GSAs will investigate the cause of
  the exceedance, notify potentially impacted groundwater users (for groundwater
  quality exceedances), and implement the well mitigation program, if necessary.
  The exceedance investigation report(s) will be included in the GSP Annual
  Reports submitted to DWR.

# Remaining Issues in 2025 Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plans

The following is a summary of deficiencies that were not adequately addressed in the 2025 Draft GSPs.

- The current Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the Kern County Water Agency and member agencies of the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority, which intends to be the GSA to manage groundwater in the non-districted areas in the subbasin, will expire in May 2026. This could result in certain areas in the subbasin becoming unmanaged, which is a potential basis for state intervention. Board staff recommends amending the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to ensure the GSA has proper authorities to implement SGMA within its management areas throughout the planning and implementation horizon of SGMA.
- Water level minimum thresholds for all five monitoring wells in the Henry Miller Water District GSA appear too deep for local conditions and are not supported by historical trends and projected water demand of the subbasin. Staff recommends raising water level minimum thresholds to account for local conditions.
- Mitigation for state small water system wells that could be impacted due to GSArelated activities is not adequate. Staff recommends that the GSAs: (1) place
  state small water system wells on the mitigation track rather than the technical
  assistance track, and (2) consider funding, in an amount at least equivalent to
  well replacement, for consolidation of impacted state small water systems with
  existing public water systems, where that option is available and feasible.
- GSAs are not yet able to separately quantify subsidence caused by GSA from non-GSA activities, which is required to determine undesirable results for land subsidence. Board staff recommends that the GSAs improve methodologies for characterizing GSA and non-GSA contributions to subsidence.
- Many of the subsidence mitigation and implementation plans are pending guidance from DWR (DWR's final Land Subsidence Best Management Practices document and California Aqueduct Subsidence Program's framework for California Aqueduct long-term rehabilitation). Board staff recommends that the GSAs develop infrastructure mitigation programs with clear initiation thresholds, eligibility requirements, actionable timelines, and funding sources.
- GSPs do not clearly state how they will address impacted wells if the cause of groundwater quality degradation is either partially attributed to groundwater management or attribution is inconclusive. Board staff recommends that the GSAs provide additional information on how they plan to address impacts if the cause of degradation is partially attributed to GSA groundwater management or attribution is inconclusive.

 Proposed mitigation for wells impacted by high concentrations of 1,2,3-TCP appears to be inadequate. Board staff recommends the GSAs describe a plan for mitigating wells impacted by increasing concentrations of 1,2,3-TCP due to GSArelated activities.

## Staff Recommendations and Next Steps

Board staff concludes that the GSAs have substantially, though not completely, resolved the previously identified deficiencies and that with the substantial resolution of deficiencies the GSPs are likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin. Therefore, Board staff recommends that the Board return the Kern County Subbasin to DWR for review of the updated GSPs pursuant to Water Code section 10733.4 if the GSAs resolve three of the remaining issues: (1) providing an adequate mitigation program for drinking water wells impacted by any constituent for which a minimum threshold is established in the GSPs, including 1,2,3-TCP, where groundwater management activities cause concentrations to exceed those minimum thresholds; (2) providing an adequate mitigation program for state small water system wells (or domestic wells with more than four service connections) impacted by groundwater management activities; and (3) eliminating the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority GSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement May 2026 sunset provision, which would result in unmanaged areas of the subbasin that are a potential basis for state intervention.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor

#### **DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

P.O. BOX 942836 SACRAMENTO, CA 94236-0001 (916) 653-5791

August 21, 2025

Mr. Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manager Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency 12109 HWY 166 Bakersfield, CA 93313

Subject: State Water Project Operations and Maintenance 2025 Precise Survey

Data

Dear Mr. Nicholas,

As the basin point of contact for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), you received an email notification on July 24, 2025, from the California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP) that the State Water Project (SWP) Operations and Maintenance (O&M) 2025 Precise Survey elevation data collected along the San Luis Canal (approx. Milepost (MP) 86 through 176) and California Aqueduct (approx. MP 176 through 293) in the San Joaquin Valley, is now accessible for your review on the California Natural Resource Agency Data Portal. The data files hosted there include historic elevations through the early 2025 annual survey (NGVD29) at various points along the conveyance, as well as the original Design Water Surface Elevations (NGVD29) for comparative purposes.

Given the long stretches of the San Luis Canal and California Aqueduct, which rely on gravity flow to move water, changes to the vertical profile due to subsidence are a particular vulnerability. Subsidence significantly impacts the capacity and operational efficiency of these water conveyances and the CASP, on behalf of the SWP, remains committed to protecting this critical infrastructure from further harm.

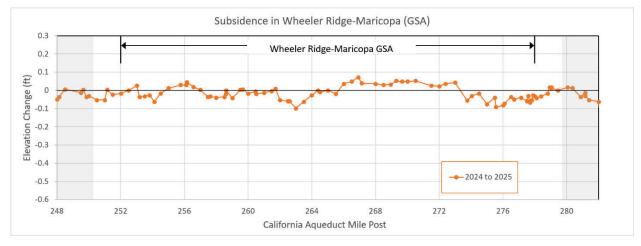
In accordance with DWR's Sustainable Groundwater Management Office's (SGMO's) Draft Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) document, July 2025, on behalf of the SWP who is the operator and maintainer of the San Luis Canal and the owner, operator, and maintainer of the California Aqueduct, CASP is sharing the referenced data, and highlighting for you the Precise Survey data that is most relevant to your GSA and your annual review and annual Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) reporting. The purpose of this letter is to share with your GSA our site-specific knowledge of the

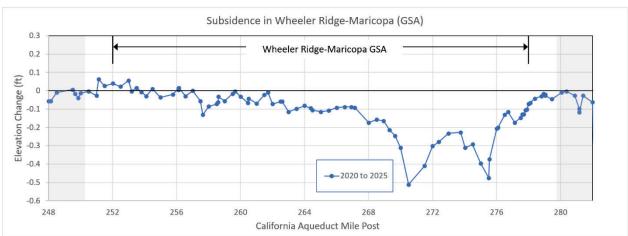
potential impacts to our critical infrastructure to ensure that you can make informed decisions based on accurate knowledge (Draft Subsidence BMP, Section 5.2, p. 24).

Specifically, the data highlighted below includes a minimum zone of influence for your GSA to consider, which CASP has defined to include a 2.5 mile radius beyond your GSA's borders (from MP 250.05 to where your GSA intersects the Aqueduct from MP 252 to 278, and through MP 278.8 - California Aqueduct Pools 31 through 35).

The following two figures illustrate the elevational changes (in feet), with the unshaded portion of the chart being the most pertinent to your GSA:

- 1. The first chart displays the elevational changes at the Precise Survey annually measured points between 2024 and 2025.
- 2. The second chart depicts the elevational changes of those same points over a longer period, from 2020 and 2025.

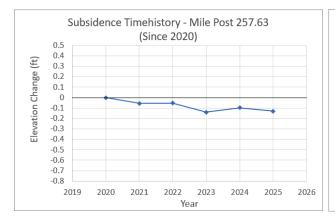


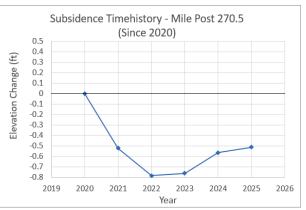


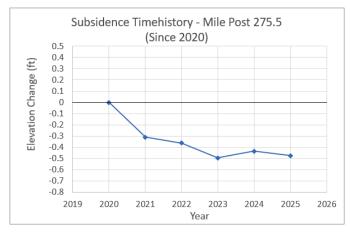
In general, the first chart shows that from 2024 to 2025, there was rebound between 0 and 0.07 feet from MP 266 to MP 273, with a maximum of 0.072 feet of rebound at MP

266.91. However, there were also intermittent pockets of subsidence from MP 261.72 to 265.5 and MP 273.75 to 278.8, with a maximum at MP 263 of 0.1 feet of subsidence. The second chart shows that over the past five years (2020 to 2025) we have seen subsidence amounting to 0.1 to 0.56 feet from MP 263 to 278, with a maximum of 0.51 feet at MP 270.5. We are concerned that, even with some improvement in the subsided area between MP 263 and MP 270.5, we have continued to see more subsidence at markers south of that, up to 0.48 feet at MP 275.5, over the last five years.

Additionally, included below are three plots of the Precise Survey measured elevational change at specific locations relevant to your GSA (MP 257.63, MP 270.5, and MP 275.5). These figures detail the annual change in ground surface elevation at each location over the past five years.







This information is provided to assist your GSA assess the effectiveness of your management actions in achieving sustainability goals and protecting the water conveyances essential to the cities and farms throughout the state that depend on it. CASP acknowledges the complexities of groundwater use and aims to support proactive management actions by your agency to enhance groundwater management practices and safeguard critical infrastructure. We look forward to continued engagement and collaboration with Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA to achieve

sustainable groundwater status in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (916) 699-8403 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:jesse.dillon@water.ca.gov">jesse.dillon@water.ca.gov</a>

Sincerely,

Jesse Dillon, Program Manager

California Aqueduct Subsidence Program

State Water Project, CA Department of Water Resources

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Ms. Kristin Pittack – Kern County Subbasin GSP Manager (KPittack@rinconconsultants.com)

# (WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT) (WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA GSA)

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: September 8, 2025

#### **SUBJECT:** Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin SGMA Expenses

As the Kern Subbasin continues to progress in implementing the Sustainable Management Groundwater Act, a number of tasks must be approved for various reasons. These proposals are being shared equally among entities within the subbasin. Most of these proposals are in response to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) resolution continuing the probationary hearing until September 2025, allowing the subbasin to continue to revise and amend its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) prior to that date and prepare for the hearing on September 17. The total expenses of these items is nearly \$335,000, with WRMGSA's share of those costs is approximately \$16,000. These scopes of work include:

- 1. Technical Working Group GSP revisions and presentations (\$160,000)
- 2. Technical Working Group out of scope adjustments for prior periods (\$65,000)
- 3. Tess Dunham Water Quality special counsel (\$80,000)
- 4. Rincon Consultants Inc. Point of Contact GSP production overage and additional meetings (\$30,000)

The total since March 2023 including the above mentioned expenses totals approximately \$4.9 million Subbasin wide (or roughly \$225,000 to the WRMGSA). This does not include additional expenses for SOKR and/or District related assistance from others. The above items are all still subject to reconciliation due to timing of invoices/reimbursements and cost share agreements.

Upon conclusion of the September 17 Continued Hearing, the Subbasin will have to address further expenses related to implementation issues including; water quality testing, annual report items including water budgets with evapotranspiration estimates, outreach efforts, monitoring network well data gaps and surveys, well inventory and well registry efforts.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve, and if necessary, authorize the Engineer-Manager to execute the following task orders and funding for: a) the Technical Working Group for GSP revisions and presentations; b) the Technical Working Group for out of scope adjustments for prior periods; 3) Tess Dunham for water quality special counsel services: and 4) Rincon Consultants Inc. for Point of Contact GSP production overage and additional meetings at a total cost not to exceed \$18,000 and subject to final approval of the Engineer-Manager and District Counsel.

# (WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT) (WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA GSA)

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: September 8, 2025

#### **SUBJECT:** Consider Approval of Contract with LandIQ for ET Monitoring

As per the Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, the subbasin must have consistent methodologies for determining total water use and groundwater use. Previously, the subbasin has utilized the Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC), and has since been using LandIQ to determine crop water use through evapotranspiration. For the past few years the cost has been covered by a DWR grant through the KGA. With that grant expiring, the subbasin GSAs will be responsible for the LandIQ funding; and as the funding expired in March, LandIQ has continued to provide this data until such time as agreements/contracts can be finalized.

LandIQ has provided the WRMGSA expected expenses for the upcoming three years:

	Proposed Costs			
	Apr 2025 -	Apr 2026 -	Apr 2027 -	
	Mar 2026	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	
Cropped Acreage	66,881			
Escalation		3%	3%	
\$/Ac/Yr	\$0.95	\$0.98	\$1.01	
Monthly Cost	\$5,304.82	\$5,463.96	\$5,628	
Non-Cropped/Native Acreage	20,525			
Escalation		3%	3%	
\$/Ac/Yr	\$0.16	\$0.17	\$0.17	
Monthly Cost	\$278.47	\$286.83	\$295	
Total GSA Cost	\$66,999.49	\$69,009.47	\$71,079.76	
Annual Administration Fee	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Total Monthly Cost	\$5,624.96	\$5,792.46	\$5,964.98	

It is anticipated that LandIQ will contract with each Kern subbasin GSA individually rather than collectively through the coordination committee. I will note that LandIQ also provides this service to the White Wolf GSA, and the cost is covered by a grant through 2026. Absent any other funding, the WWGSA will have to fund this expense after that. In addition, the District utilizes the ET data from LandIQ to determine its Groundwater Service Charge.

**Recommendation**: It is recommended the Board approve, and if necessary, authorize the Engineer-Manager to execute a task order and funding for LandIQ to perform evapotranspiration services within the WRMGSA subject to final approval of the Engineer-Manager and District Counsel.



## KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center 3200 Rio Mirada Drive Bakersfield, California

# Notice of **Special Board Meeting**

August 28, 2025

Conference Line: <u>+1 (571) 317-3122</u>
Access Code: 863-465-805#
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/863465805

#### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order -11:30 a.m.
- II. Report of the General Counsel
  - A. Authorization for Closed Session regarding:
    - 1. Conference with Legal Counsel Public Employment: (Government Code section 54957):

Title: General Manager

- III. Closed Session Report
- IV. Directors' Forum
- V. Public Comment

Anyone may comment on any subject within Agency jurisdiction whether or not it is on the agenda. Time for such comment may be limited.

- VI. Report regarding Agency Management
- VII. Adjournment

DECLARATION OF POSTING: I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the Kern County Water Agency and that I posted the foregoing Agenda at the Agency Office on August 22, 2025.

Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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# Notice of BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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#### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to order -12:00 p.m.
- II. Report of the General Counsel
  - A. Authorization for Closed Session regarding:
    - 1. Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a)):
      - a. Applications Filed for Kern River Water
      - b. California Department of Water Resources v. All Persons
        Interested in the Matter of the Contract Extension Amendments
      - c. North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources (COA CEQA)
      - d. California Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of Delta Program Revenue Bonds
      - e. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, *et al.* v. Kern County Water Agency, *et al.* (CVC Issues)
      - f. Kern Delta Water District, *et al.* v. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Onyx CEQA)
      - g. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Buena Vista Water Storage District, et al. (Onyx Water Rights)

- h. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, *et al.* v. California State Water Resources Control Board, *et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-80003761 (2021 Order Re Temporary Urgency Change Petition)
- i. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, *et al.* v. State Water Resources Control Board, *et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-80003763 (2021 Order Re Shasta Temporary Management Plan)
- j. California Water Impact Network v. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-80003492; North Coast Rivers Alliance v. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-80003491 (Water Management Tools)
- k. Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, *et al.* v. Ross,., E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00431 & California Natural Resources Agency, *et al.* v. Ross, *et al.*, E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00426 (Long-term Operations)
- 1. State Water Board Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 5013 (Water Quality Control Plan Phase 1 Litigation)
- m. Oroville Dam Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 4974
- n. Temporary Applications Filed for Kern River Water
- o. Bring Back the Kern, *et al.* v. City of Bakersfield, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-22-103220
- p. Delta Conveyance Project Litigation, Court Case No. 24WM000017
- q. California Sportsfishing Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000181; Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000183; San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000185; and Central Delta Water Agency and South Delta Water Agency v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000186 (2024 Incidental Take Permit Litigation)
- r. Mass X, Inc. v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-24-104394

- s. Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of Delta Conveyance Project Program Revenue Bonds etc. (2025 DWR Validation Action), Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 25 CV000704
- t. America West Lender Services, LLC v. Barrickman, et al., Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-25-102514
- 2. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation: (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)):
  - a. Two potential suits
- 3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code section 54956.8):
  - a. Negotiator: Water Resources Manager
     Property: State Water Project Water
     Parties: California Department of Water Resources and State Water
     Project Contractors
     Under Negotiation: Price & Terms
- III. Closed Session Report
- IV. Directors' Forum
- V. Public Comment
  Anyone may comment on any subject within Agency jurisdiction whether or not it is on the agenda. Time for such comment may be limited.
- VI. Report regarding Agency Management
- VII. Advisory Committee Reports
  - A. Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee
  - B. Improvement District No. 3 Advisory Committee
  - C. Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee
- VIII. Public Hearing Consider Adoption of the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for Kern County Subbasin
  - A. Adoption of 2025 GSP Presentation
  - B. Authorization to Execute the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement, on behalf of the Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency
  - C. Authorization to Execute the Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Powers
    Agreement for Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (formerly Kern Groundwater
    Authority), on behalf of Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency and
    Improvement District No. 4 as General Members and the Kern County Water
    Agency as a Jurisdictional Member

D. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 3 to the Kern County Water Agency Agreement for a Groundwater Sustainability Plan Consultant for the Kern Subbasin Cost Sharing Agreement for Revising Groundwater Sustainability Plans

#### IX. Consent Agenda Items

The following items are routine and will be approved collectively without discussion, unless a Board member or staff member (who has raised that issue with the Board President prior to the start of the meeting) requests that an item be removed for separate consideration:

1. Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings –
Regular Board Meeting July 24, 2025
Special Board Meeting July 28, 2025

- 2. Authorization to Join as an Investor of and to Invest Money in the California Asset Management Trust
- 3. Adoption of the Environmental Impact Report for the Cross Valley Contractors Conversion of Water Supply Contracts and Renewal of Conveyance Contracts

#### X. Board Committee Reports

The following items will be discussed in detail at the meeting and may result in appropriate action being taken relating to the subject matter (such action may or may not conform to any staff recommended action):

#### A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Director Cattani, Chair

- 1. Report of the Administrative Operations Manager
- 2. Payment of the Bills
- 3. Financial Report
- 4. Authorization to Execute an Agreement with Global CTI Group, Inc. to Purchase a Telephone System for the Kern County Water Agency
- 5. Possible Approval of Compensation Adjustment for Interim General Managers
- 6. Consideration and Possible Approval of 5<sup>th</sup> Level Grievance Procedures
- 7. Introduction of Ordinance 25-02 Regarding Director Fees

#### B. POLICY COMMITTEE – Director Milobar, Chair

- 1. Update on Delta Conveyance Activities
- 2. Update on Legislative Activities

#### C. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Director Fast, Chair

- 1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
- 2. Report on 2025 State Water Project and Central Valley Project Allocations and Operations
- 3. Water Delivery Operations
  - a. Report on Kern County Water Agency California Aqueduct
    Deliveries
  - b. Update on Water Transfers, Exchanges and Purchases
  - c. Authorization to Approve a Transfer of Buena Vista Water Storage District's 2025 State Water Project Table 1 Water to Semitropic Water Storage District
  - d. Authorization to Execute an Agreement for a Transfer of Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's State Water Project Article 56 Carryover Water to Kern County Water Agency, SWP #25028
  - e. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 2 to Point of Delivery Agreement Among Department of Water Resources, State of California, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and Kern County Water Agency, SWPAO #95010-B
  - f. Authorization to Execute an Agreement for a Transfer of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Banked State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency on behalf of Semitropic Water Storage District, SWP #25020
- 4. Distribution of the Draft Fiscal Year 2026-27 Zones of Benefit Report
- 5. Consideration of Kern Delta Water District Annexation No. 3
- 6. Report on the Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority Meetings

#### **D. WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – Director Kroeker, Chair

- 1. Report of the Engineering and Groundwater Services Manager
  - a. Update on Groundwater Banking Construction/Maintenance Projects
- 2. Report on 2025 Water Operations
- 3. Report on Kern Water Bank Activities

4. Authorization to Issue the Notice of Completion for the KCWA Well 38 & 39 Well Equipping Project – Contract No. KCWA 2021-09B

#### E. CROSS VALLEY CANAL COMMITTEE – Director Lundquist, Chair

- 1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
  - a. Update on Cross Valley Canal Construction/Maintenance Projects
  - b. Update on Cross Valley Canal Losses
- 2. Report on Cross Valley Canal Operations and Deliveries
- 3. Authorization to Request Proposals for Engineering and Design Services for the Input/Output Card Modernization Project at the Cross Valley Canal Pumping Plants

#### F. URBAN BAKERSFIELD COMMITTEE – Director Wulff, Chair

- 1. Report of the Improvement District No. 4 Manager
  - a. Report on the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency
    Meeting
- 2. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2025 Water Supply and Management Plan
- 3. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant
  - a. Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Improvement District No. 4 Removal of Precipitated Solids from Drying Bed Nos. 1 and 4
- 4. Improvement District No. 4 North and East Pipeline Continuity Restoration Project
  - a. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 6 to the Kern County Water Agency Agreement for Improvement District No. 4's North and East Pipeline Integrity Project
  - Authorization to Issue the Notice to Invite Bids for the Improvement
     District No. 4 North & East Pipeline Continuity Restoration Project –
     Contract No. KCWA 2025-07

XI. Correspondence

XII. Brief Report on Potential New Business

XIII. Closed Session: Public Employee Grievance (Government Code section 54957(b)(1))

XIV. Closed Session Report

XV. Adjournment

DECLARATION OF POSTING: I declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the Kern County Water Agency and that I posted the foregoing Agenda at the Agency Office on August 22, 2025.

Stephanie N. Pringe, Board Secretary

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# KERNWATER BANK AUTHORITY

# Regular Meeting of Board of Directors of the Kern Water Bank Authority

## Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 3:15 PM Kern Water Bank Authority Conference Room<sup>1</sup> 1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500, Bakersfield, California

This meeting is held in accordance with the Brown Act pursuant to Section 54950, et seq. of the California Government Code and the Kern Water Bank Authority (KWBA) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. Roll Call

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approval of August 12, 2025, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting minutes.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

The Board will consider approval of the August 2025 Treasurer's Report.

#### 4. Authorization to Pay Expenses of Authority

The Board will consider approval of payment of the August 2025 accounts payable.

#### 5. 2026 General & Administrative Budget

The Board will review and consider approval of proposed general and administrative budget for the 2026 fiscal year.

#### 6. 2026 Capital Improvements Budget

The Board will review and consider approval of proposed capital improvements budget for the 2026 fiscal year.

#### 7. Reports/Other Action Items

#### A) Staff Report

Review and possibly act on previously submitted Staff Report and staff recommendations regarding:

- (1) Water Bank Operations
- (2) 3rd Party Facilities on Kern Water Bank
- (3) Adjacent Properties
- (4) KWBA HCP/NCCP and Land Management
- (5) Capital Improvements/Maintenance and Funding
- (6) Power Matters
- (7) Well Automation
- (8) Loan Refinancing

### B) <u>Directors, Counsel and Committee Reports</u>

The Board of Directors will hear and possibly act on reports and recommendations:

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#### (1) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee

#### 8. Old Business

This portion of the meeting is set aside for the discussion of matters which have been addressed at previous Board meetings.

#### 9. New Business

This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the Board an opportunity to bring to the attention of the other Board members and the public matters which have come to their attention, subject to certain exceptions. No action can be taken on any matter discussed during this portion of the meeting; however, a Board member may request that a subject be placed on any future agenda.

#### 10. Public Input

This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Board members, matters of which the Board may not be aware, subject to certain exceptions. No action can be taken on any matter discussed during this portion of the meeting; however, a Board member may request that a subject be placed on any future agenda.

#### 11. Closed Session

- A) Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1)).
  - (1) Various Applications to appropriate Kern River water, complaint and related proceedings before the State Water Resources Control Board.
- B) Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4). Two potential litigations.
- C) Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2). Two potential litigations.
- D) Conference with Real property Negotiator Gov. Code section 54956.8.

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) and KWBA
Property: Basin 11 and KCWA Pioneer Project – Easement and Joint Use and
Construction Agreements.

E) Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Gov. Code section 54956.8.

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Irvine Ranch WD/Rosedale Rio-Bravo WSD Property: Strand Ranch - Encroachment Permit and Joint Use Agreement KWBA Board Meeting Agenda September 9, 2025 Page **3** 

F) Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Gov. Code section 54956.8.

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Pioneer Project

Property: Nord Turnout

G) Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Gov. Code section 54956.8.

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Negotiating Parties: KWBA and PG&E

Property: APN#s 160-030-03,160-030-09, 160-020-05 and 160-020-07

H) Conference with Real Property Negotiator - Gov. Code section 54956.8.

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Tricor Energy, LLC

Property: Kern Water Bank Lands – Renewal of Various Easement and License

Agreements

I) Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Gov. Code section 54956.8.

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Irvine Ranch WD/Rosedale Rio-Bravo WSD Properties: Kern Water Bank Land - Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project

Conveyance

- 12. Reconvene and Report from Closed Session (Gov't Code section 54957.1)
- 13. Adjourn

# KERNWATER BANK AUTHORITY

**MEMORANDUM** 

To: KWBA Board of Directors; Steve Torigiani

From: KWBA Staff

Date: September 9, 2025

Subject: Monthly Status Report

#### **CALENDAR**

KWBA (and KWB GSA Regular) Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled for October 14, 2025 (3:15 P.M.).

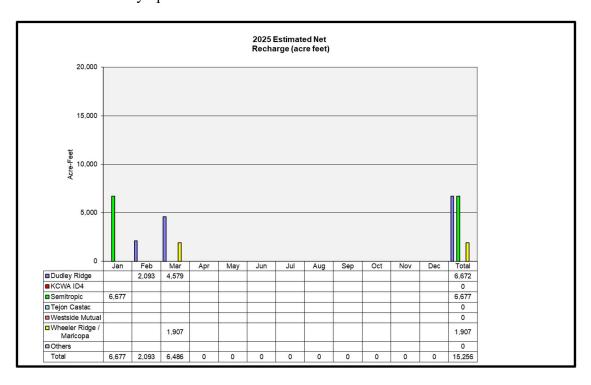
#### **OPERATIONS**

#### Recharge

No current recharge activities for KWB participants. WKWD to start recharging 8,000 af going through the KWB Canal to West Kern basins on September 8, 2025 starting at 80 cfs.

#### Recovery

No current recovery operations.



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#### **FACILITIES**

#### **Facilities Maintenance**

Routine maintenance continues on roads, water delivery structures, wells, pumping stations, and canals.

#### **Vegetation Management and Grazing**

Spraying, tumbleweed removal, mowing along fence lines, structures, and around wells continues. Grazing is occurring throughout all areas.

#### THIRD PARTIES

PG&E approached KWBA staff regarding an easement along Stockdale Highway and SoCalGas is contemplating pipeline maintenance in the Conservation Bank Area.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL - GENERAL AND HCP ISSUES

#### **Conservation Bank**

The Bakersfield Gateway Project may purchase 62 credits (\$2.17MM), and SoCalGas will be conducting maintenance on a pipeline in the Conservation Bank Area which will require mitigation.

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

#### **Capitalized Maintenance Program**

Construction of replacement turnouts is currently in progress.

#### **Replacement Wells**

No current wells being replaced.

#### **Well Rehabilitation and Repairs**

There are no current well rehabilitation activities underway. Electrical work on four of the eight wells that were vandalized due to copper wire are complete. The remaining four wells will be repaired at a later date.

#### Basin 11

The KCWA has provided execution copies of the previously-approved Basin 11 agreements. There is a question about the legal description attached to the conveyance easement that staff is in the process of resolving with KCWA. Once said agreements are executed, KCWA will grant the conveyance easement to KWBA, and KWBA will enter

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into a separate construction agreement with Nicholas Construction, Inc. for construction of the Basin 11 Turnouts in a form acceptable to legal counsel.

#### **Strand Siphon Replacement**

KWBA received final edits from Irvine on August 28 and are reviewing the changes. There is a closed-session item regarding this matter.

#### **Enos Lane Culvert**

Meyer Engineering has completed the culvert design and submitted plans and an application to Caltrans for review to proceed with the Enos Lane Culvert. A geotechnical study report was submitted to Caltrans, and we have received approval and a permit from Caltrans. Currently waiting for Nicholas Construction, Inc. to provide additional information to Caltrans.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### **Power Update**

The KWBA's NEM2a application has to be submitted to the CAISO's cluster study in October 2026 for PG&E approval. Environmental review will need to be modified if the KWBA proceeds with a solar project that includes batteries. PG&E has agreed to extend the implementation deadline because of the approval process delay. TotalEnergies has reevaluated the economics of the NEM2a solar project and provided their recommendations. WhitePine has prepared an updated behind the meter solar with batteries PPA proposal. Both the TotalEnergies recommendations and the WhitePine proposal are being evaluated by ThinkWire Energy Services. Staff are also exploring grant opportunities relating to alternative energy projects.

#### **Data Management Progress**

VH Automation and Grapevine MSP have completed the installation and configuration of the new server on the water bank. WH Automation and has completed the assembly of the control panels and is installing them on the wells. Communications Enterprises Inc. (CEI) has started the installation of the water bank communications backbone. Avadine has completed their review of the KWBA's new database and the data collection automation programing.

#### Loan Refinancing

Four banks that have expressed interest in refinancing the KWBA term debt and operating line of credit. One bank has submitted a preliminary proposal for the KWBA credit facilities and will provide final pricing once we get closer to the March 31, 2026 renewal date.

# Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency

# Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kern Water Bank GSA

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 3:00 P.M. Kern Water Bank Authority Conference Room<sup>1</sup> 1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500, Bakersfield, California

This meeting is held in accordance with the Brown Act pursuant to Section 54950, et seq. of the California Government Code and the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Consider Approval of August 12, 2025 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
- 3. Consider Approval of August 2025 Treasurer's Report
- 4. Consider Authorizing Payment of August 2025 Expenses
- 5. Consider Authorizing Payment of Additional Subbasin GSP and Related Cost
- 6. Review and Consider Approval of 2026 General & Administrative Budget
- 7. Reports and Other Action Items
  - a. Kern County Subbasin Amended GSP
  - b. SWRCB Notice of Continued Public Hearing Re Proposed Designation of Subbasin as a Probationary Basin
  - c. Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
  - d. SGMA Compliance
- 8. New Business
- 9. **Public Comment**

<sup>1</sup> Requests for a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in a meeting should be made to the Board Secretary in advance of the meeting to ensure availability of the requested service or accommodation.

- 10. Closed Session Item Descriptions (Gov. Code, § 54956.8):
  - a. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Litigation:
    - i. Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(2) [Potential: Significant Exposure to
      - a. Litigation]: One Item.
    - ii. Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(4) [Potential: Initiation of
      - a. Litigation]: One Item.
- 11. Reconvene and Report from Closed Session (Gov't. Code section 54957.1)
- 12. Adjourn







# South of Kern River Executive Committee Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2025 9:00 a.m.to 10:30 a.m. Meeting Information Posted:

www.sokrgsp.com

http://www.aewsd.org \* http://www.wrmwsd.com
http://www.tejoncastacwd.com \* https://www.arvincsd.com

In Person: Arvin-Edison Water Storage District Headquarters 20401 E. Bear Mountain Blvd. Arvin, CA 93203

Via Remote (Microsoft Teams): https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting

Click here to join the meeting

Meeting Number: <u>289 619 843 830</u> Meeting Password: <u>ko5K35</u> Phone: <u>1.213.437.9052</u>

Phone Meeting Number (access code): 276 512 496#

**NOTICE:** Members of the public interested in participating by teleconference may do so using the call-in information above or by following this link. Please note that this teleconference option is provided as a courtesy and at the participant's own risk. The Committee cannot guarantee that there will be no loss of connectivity or other technological obstacle to full participation through teleconferencing. By participating in this way, participants confirm that they understand this risk and that the Committee is not obliged to delay any portion of the meeting due to such technological obstacles and thus that teleconference participants may be unable to participate.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- 5. APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2025 MEETING MINUTES
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 7. REPORT ITEMS
  - a. GSP Manager Report (Muhar)
    - i. Basin Coordination
    - ii. Outreach and Engagement
  - b. Technical Consultant Report (EKI)
    - Report on technical meetings with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff on potential GSP revisions
    - ii. SGMA Monitoring Network performance and sustainable management criteria (SMC) compliance

- c. Finance Report (Nicholas)
- d. California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP) update (Nicholas)
- e. Management Area updates (Muhar, Nicholas, Martin, Barraza)

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Kern County Subbasin Plan Manager/Point of Contact letter to SWRCB re: Kern County Subbasin Final Draft Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan, dated 6/20/2025
- Six public comment letters on the Draft 2025 Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), see amended final version 2025 GSP, Appendix N-2, available at <a href="https://www.kernGSP.com">www.kernGSP.com</a>.

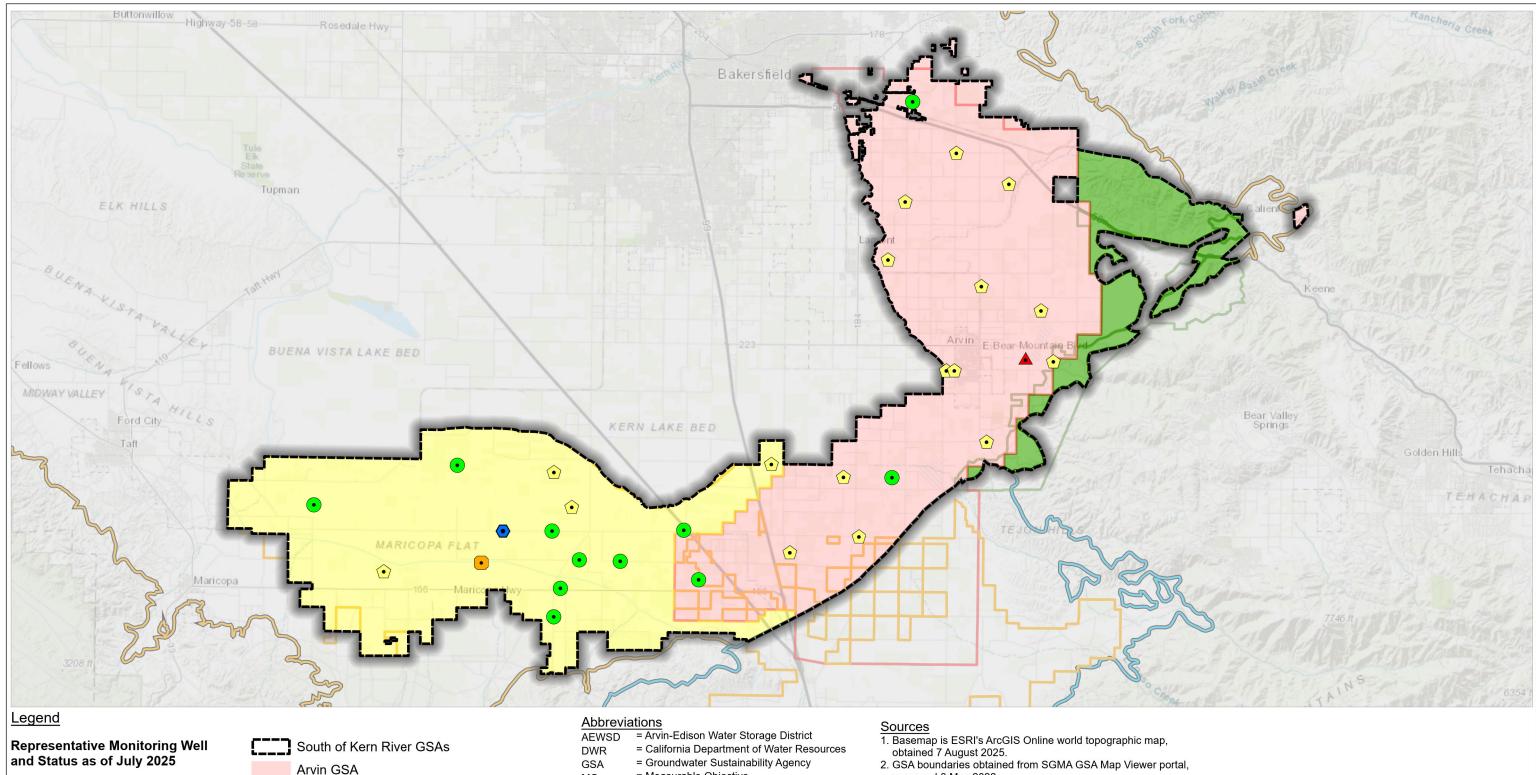
#### 9. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consider recommendation to GSA home boards for approval of the following items, including ratification of any prior approvals granted by individual home boards:
  - i. Adoption of the 2025 Kern County Subbasin GSP, available online at www.kernGSP.com and www.sokrGSP.com.
  - ii. Approving the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, available as Appendix C-1 to the 2025 GSP, available online at <a href="https://www.kernGSP.com">www.kernGSP.com</a>.

#### 10. CLOSED SESSION

a. Potential Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), (e)(1); 1 item).

#### 11.ADJOURNMENT



- Water Level Above MO (11 or 36%)
- Water Level Between MO and MT but closer to MO (17 or 55%)
- Water Level Between MO and MT but closer to MT (1 or 3%)
- ▲ Water Level Below MT (1 or 3%)
- No Water Level Measurement (1 or 3%)

- = Measurable Objective MO = Minimum Threshold ΜT
- = Representative Monitoring Well **RMW**

1. All locations are approximate.

<u>Notes</u>

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA

Kern County (DWR 5-022.14)

White Wolf (DWR 5-022.18)

Tejon-Castac Water District

WRMWSD Service Area

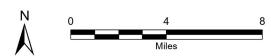
**AEWSD Service Area** 

**TCWD Service Area** 

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**Groundwater Subbasin** 

- = Sustainable Groundwater Management Act SGMA SMC = Sustainable Management Criteria
- = Tejon-Castac Water District **TCWD** = Undesirable Result
- WRMWSD = Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
- accessed 6 May 2022.
- 3. DWR groundwater basins are based on the boundaries defined in California's Groundwater Bulletin 118 - 2019 Update.



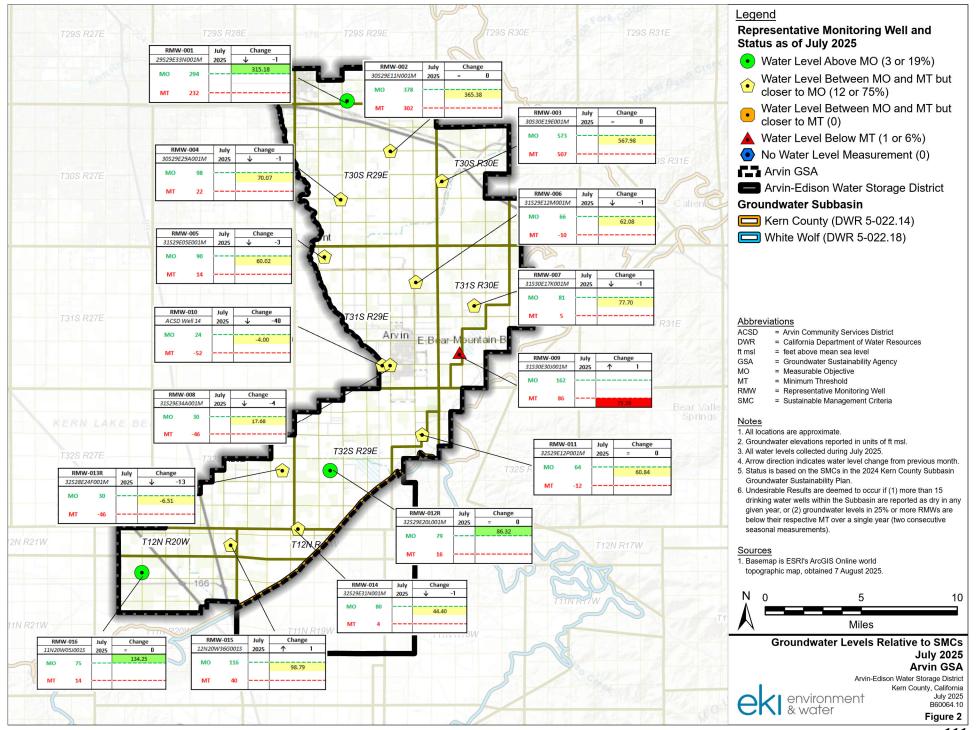
#### **July 2025 Water Levels Relative to SMCs**

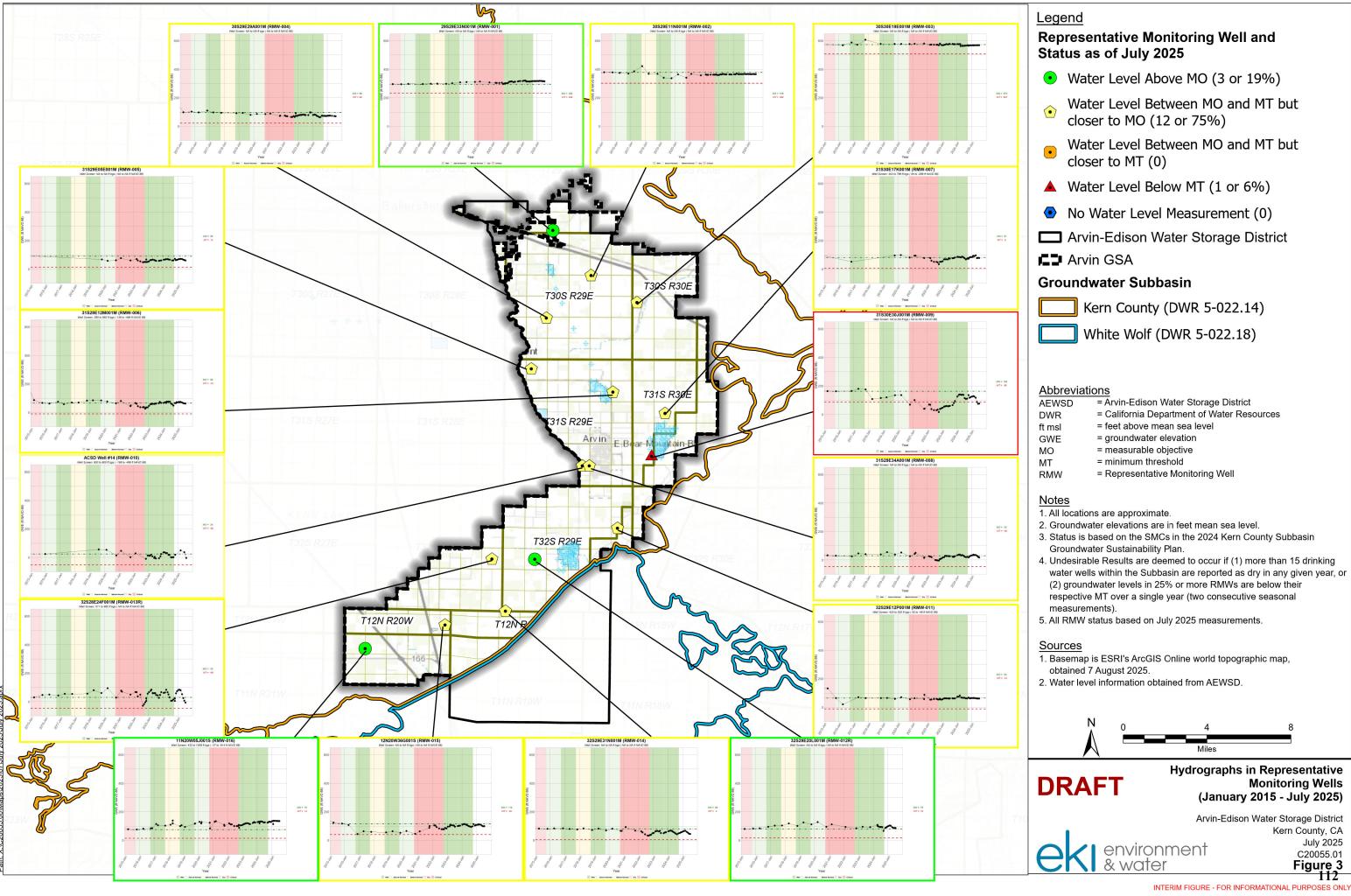
# 2. Status is based on the SMCs in the 2024 Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

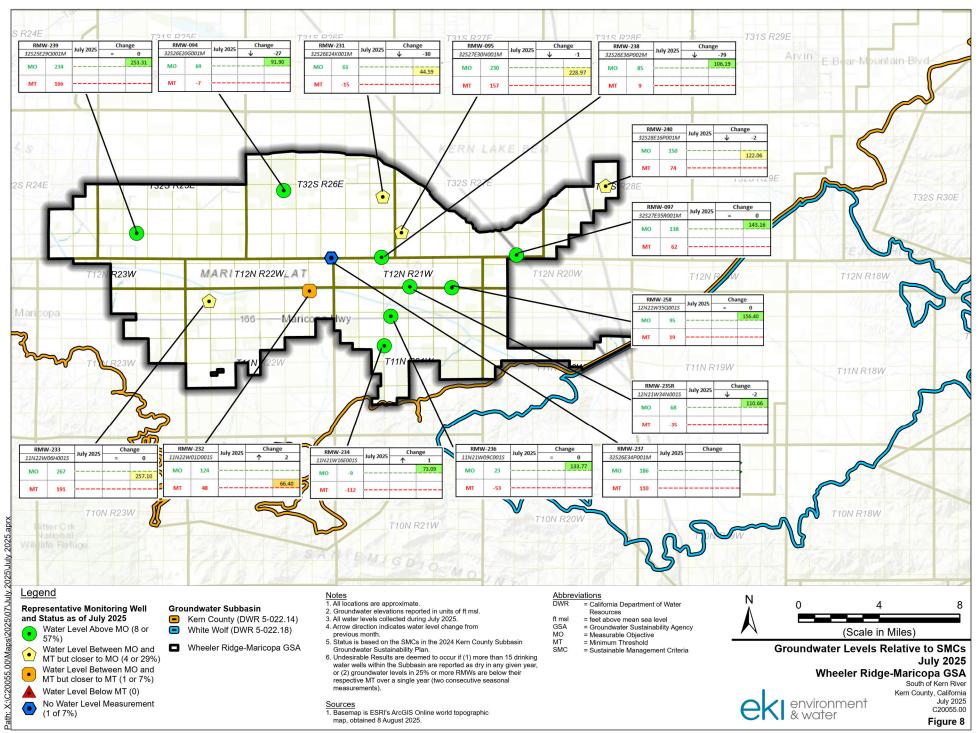
3. Undesirable Results are deemed to occur if (1) more than 15 drinking water wells within the Subbasin are reported as dry in any given year, or (2) groundwater levels in 25% or more RMWs are below their respective MT over a single year (two consecutive seasonal measurements).

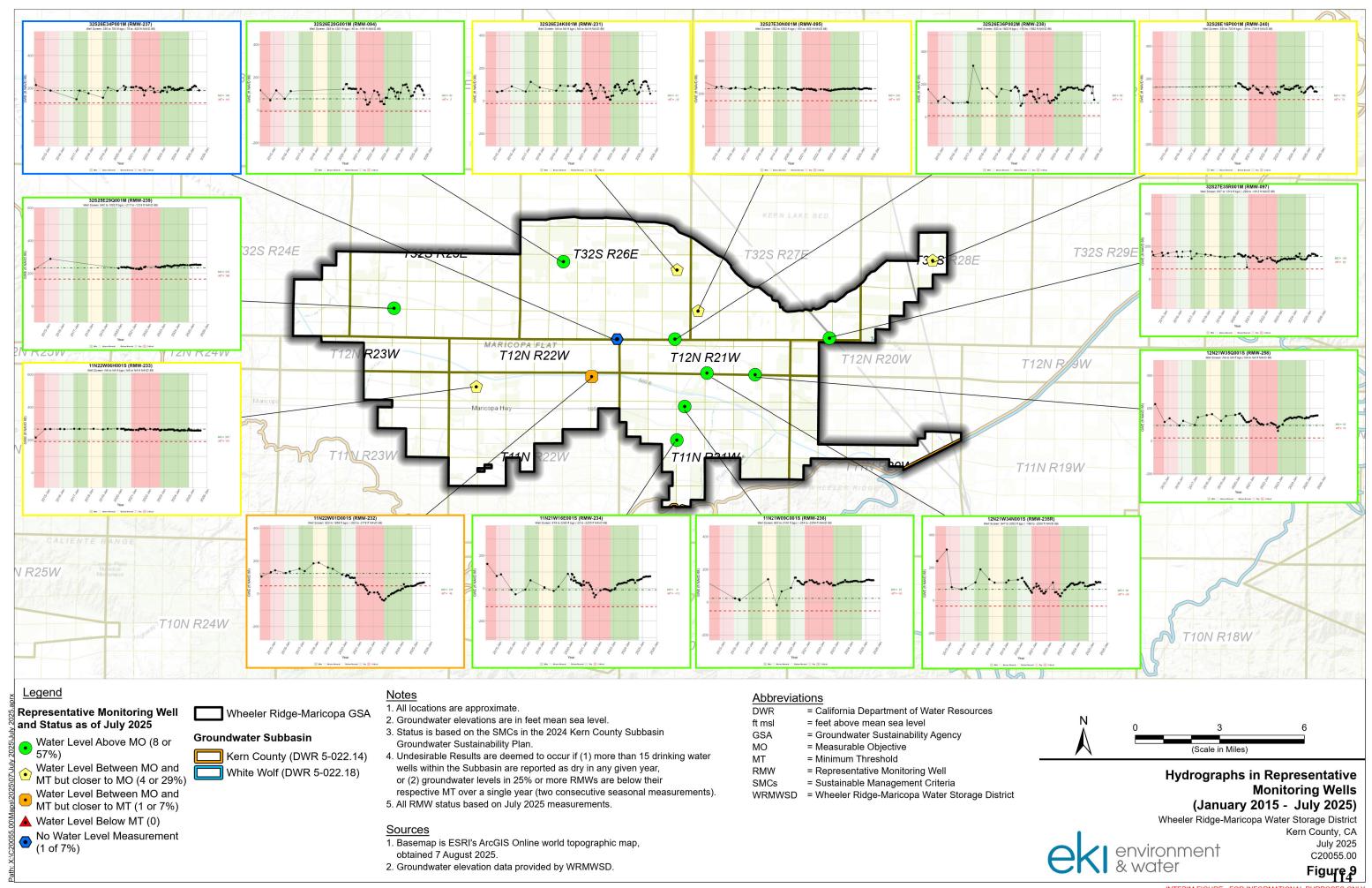


South of Kern River GSAs Kern County, CA July 2025 C20055.00 Figure 1

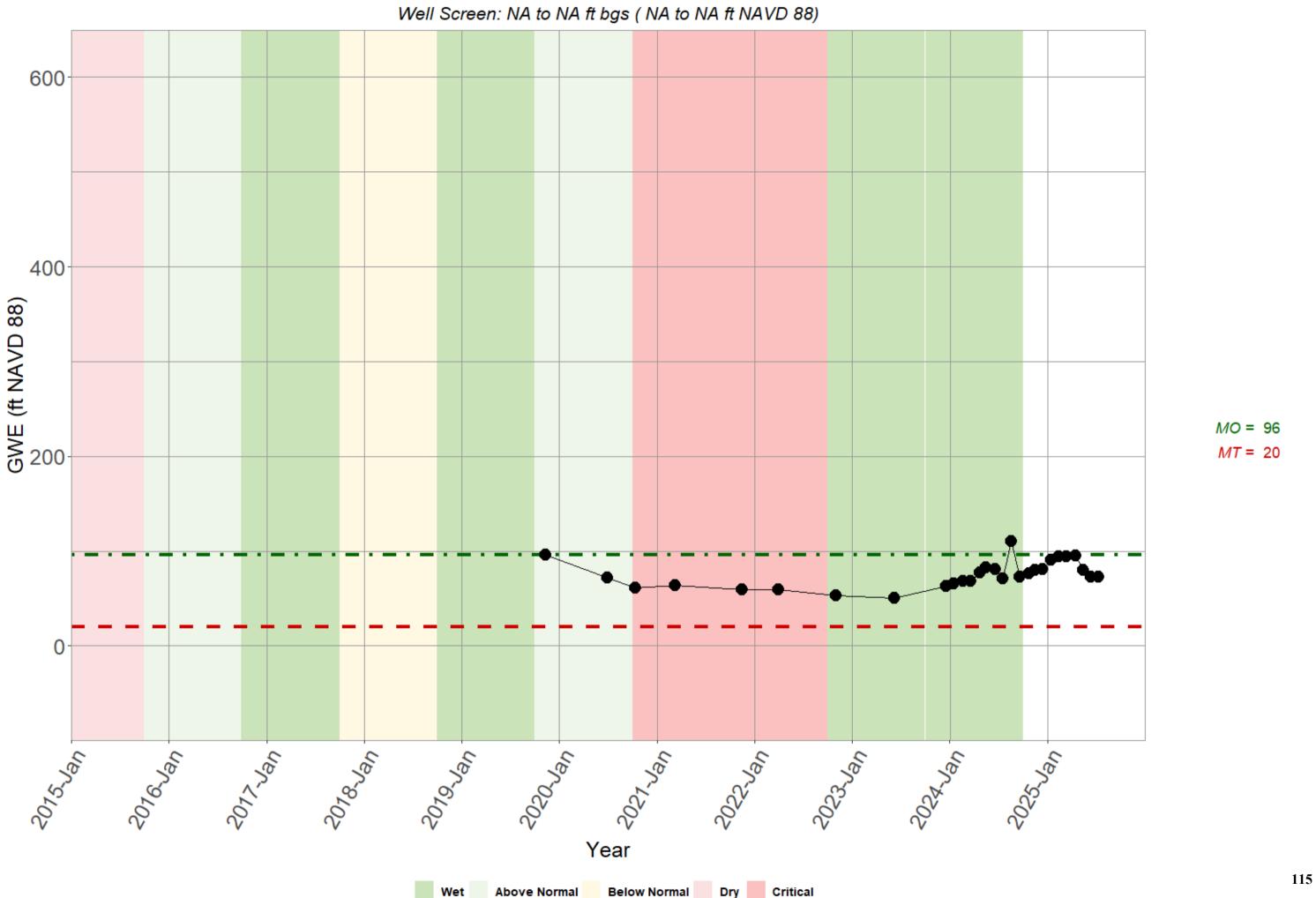








### Caratan Well (RMW-070)



#### KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY

(FORMERLY KERN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY)

3200 Rio Mirada Drive Bakersfield, CA 93308 Meeting of the Board of Directors August 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

To virtually attend the meeting and to be able to view any presentations or additional materials provided at the meeting, please join online using the link and information below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87916828311?pwd=MXovFd9w4IFdX8AnOTJBUbbKBaglaC.1

Telephone Dial-in: (669) 900-6833 Meeting ID: 879 1682 8311 Password: 795650

#### KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

This meeting is held in accordance with the Brown Act pursuant to Section 54956 of the California Government Code and the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

#### 1. Roll Call- Quorum Determination.

In the absence of a quorum, the Board will handle only those items not needing a quorum.

#### 2. Flag Salute

#### 3. Public Input

This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public with an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Board matters of which the Board may not be aware and which are not on the current agenda. No action can be taken on any matter raised during this portion of the meeting; however, a Board member may request that the matter be placed on any future agenda for further review and possible action. Members of the public may directly address the Board of Directors on any item of interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, before or during the Board's consideration of the item. The President may limit the time allowed for comment

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

a. \*July 28, 2025 (Jenny)

#### 5. Financial Report

a. \*Financial Report & Accounts Payables (Jenny)

#### 6. Administration

- a. Executive Director Report (Jenny)
- b. Landowner Outreach (Debbie)
- c. Landowner Assessment Ad Hoc

#### 7. DWR Grant Administration

a. Report on Grant Administration (Jason)

#### 8. County of Kern Participation

a. Kern County Participation Ad Hoc Committee Report (Royce)

#### 9. Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

a. \*Consideration of Adoption of the 2025 GSP (Stephanie)

#### 10. Legal (Valerie)

- a. Statewide Update
- b. \*Consider approving the 3rd amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement

#### 11. New Business

#### 12. Correspondence

#### 13. Closed Session

a. Potential Litigation-Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

#### 14. Adjournment

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#### White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

#### Agenda September 2, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.

Public may attend in-person, via telephone, or Web-based service:

In Person: Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Headquarters
12109 Highway 166
Bakersfield, CA 93313

#### Or Virtual Option:

Go To Meeting: <a href="https://meet.goto.com/911605181">https://meet.goto.com/911605181</a> Call by Phone: (872) 240-3311 Access Code: 911-605-181

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Recognition of Guests
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 5, 2025
- 5. Financial Accounting Report (Robert Velasquez)
- 6. Board Action Items
  - a. Consider approving Fiscal Year 2025 2026 budget
- 7. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Implementation Round 2 grant update (Angelica Martin)
- 8. Updates on actions discussed or authorized on August 5, 2025 (EKI)
  - a. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities
    - i. July 2025 groundwater levels
    - ii. Dedicated monitoring wells installation
  - b. Periodic Evaluation and GSP Amendment ("5-year update")
    - i. Proposed Sustainable Management Criteria revision for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels
  - c. Projects and Management Actions (P/MA) Committee
- 9. Correspondence

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#### White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

#### Agenda September 2, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.

- a. State Water Project Operations and Maintenance 2025 Precise Survey Data Notice, dated August 21, 2025
- b. Grant Closeout Notification, dated August 21, 2025
- c. Review of Annual Report for the White Wolf Subbasin, Water Year 2024, dated August 22, 2025

#### 10. Public Comment

At this time, the public may address the Board on any item not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Comments will be limited to three minutes.

- 11. Consider and provide direction on future agenda items
- **12.** Closed Session Anticipated litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))—1 item.
- 13. Report out of Closed Session
- 14. Adjourn

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#### WHITE WOLF GSA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

		r to Date Ending July 31,		
FUNDING	\$	-	EKI	\$ 66,612
GRANT PROCEEDS		184,758	Young Woolridge	\$ 2,675
INTEREST INCOME		182	Land IQ LLC	\$ -
TOTAL FUNDING	\$	184,940	The Bakersfield Californian	\$ -
			Bank Fees	\$ 154
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - CONSULTING	\$	66,612		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - LEGAL		2,675		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - GENERAL		-		
Fees - Reimbursement		158,345		
FEES - OTHER		-		
BANK FEES		154	Check Register	\$ 227,632
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	227,786	Expenses	\$ 227,786
			Difference	\$ 154
Net Change	\$	(42,846)	O/S Checks	-
			Bank Fees	\$ 154
Beginning Cash and Cash Equivalents - July 1, 2025	\$	315,290		\$ (0)
	\$	272,445		
Accounts Receivable		(24,676)		
Accounts Payable				
Cash and Cash Equivalents - July 31, 2025	<u>-</u>	247,769		
Cash in Bank - July 31, 2025	\$	475,400		
Oustanding Checks	\$	(227,632)		
	\$	247,769		

Reimbursed AEWSD - \$158,345.08 on July 31, 2025

#### WHITE WOLF GSA - Budget June 30, 2026

Major Task		Total Budget 2025-Jun 2026		VR Grant Funds 2025-Mar 2026	GSA Costs (non-grant reimbursables)
Grant Administration (EKI)	\$	94,621	\$	94,621	\$ -
Monitoring Well Installation (EKI)		88,967		824,133	348,684
Monitoring Well Installation (ABC Liovin)		1,083,850	024,133		340,004
Ongoing GSP Implementation and Periodic Evaluation (EKI)		717,402		599,470	117,932
Land Survey (WRMWSD)		3,500		3,500	-
ET Data (LandIQ)		49,662		37,247	12,416
850 Canal-South Canal Intertie (P&P)		787,762		787,762	-
In-Lieu Expansion/Turnouts (P&P and WRMWSD)		1,182,805		1,182,805	-
Legal		12,000		-	12,000
Bank Fees		2,061		-	2,061
Total	\$	4,022,630	\$	3,529,537	\$ 493,093
	·			3-Member split	\$ 164,364

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

**GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor

#### **DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

P.O. BOX 942836 SACRAMENTO, CA 94236-0001 (916) 653-5791

August 21, 2025

Ms. Angelica Martin, Water Resources Director White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency 4436 Lebec Rd. Lebec, CA 93243

Subject: State Water Project Operations and Maintenance 2025 Precise Survey

Data

Dear Ms. Martin,

As the basin point of contact for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), you received an email notification on July 24, 2025, from the California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP) that the State Water Project (SWP) Operations and Maintenance (O&M) 2025 Precise Survey elevation data collected along the San Luis Canal (approx. Milepost (MP) 86 through 176) and California Aqueduct (approx. MP 176 through 293) in the San Joaquin Valley, is now accessible for your review on the California Natural Resource Agency Data Portal. The data files hosted there include historic elevations through the early 2025 annual survey (NGVD29) at various points along the conveyance, as well as the original Design Water Surface Elevations (NGVD29) for comparative purposes.

Given the long stretches of the San Luis Canal and California Aqueduct, which rely on gravity flow to move water, changes to the vertical profile due to subsidence are a particular vulnerability. Subsidence significantly impacts the capacity and operational efficiency of these water conveyances and the CASP, on behalf of the SWP, remains committed to protecting this critical infrastructure from further harm.

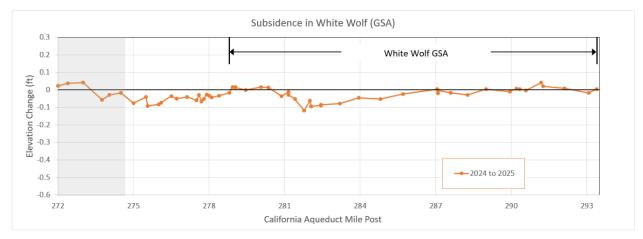
In accordance with DWR's Sustainable Groundwater Management Office's (SGMO's) Draft Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) document, July 2025, on behalf of the SWP who is the operator and maintainer of the San Luis Canal and the owner, operator, and maintainer of the California Aqueduct, CASP is sharing the referenced data, and highlighting for you the Precise Survey data that is most relevant to your GSA and your annual review and annual Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) reporting. The purpose of this letter is to share with your GSA our site-specific knowledge of the

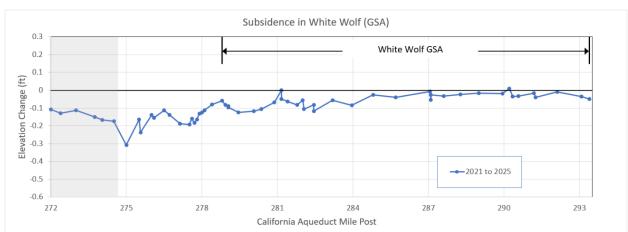
potential impacts to our critical infrastructure to ensure that you can make informed decisions based on accurate knowledge (Draft Subsidence BMP, Section 5.2, p. 24).

Specifically, the data highlighted below includes a minimum zone of influence for your GSA to consider, which CASP has defined to include a 2.5 mile radius beyond your GSA's borders (from MP 274.8 to where your GSA intersects the Aqueduct from MP 278.8 to MP 293 - California Aqueduct Pools 35 through 40).

The following two figures illustrate the elevational changes (in feet), with the unshaded portion of the chart being the most pertinent to your GSA:

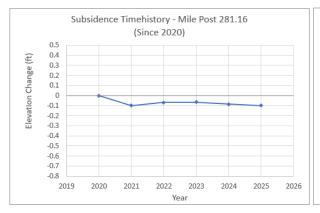
- 1. The first chart displays the elevational changes at the Precise Survey annually measured points between 2024 and 2025.
- 2. The second chart depicts the elevational changes of those same points over a longer period, from 2021 and 2025.

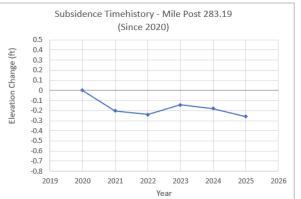


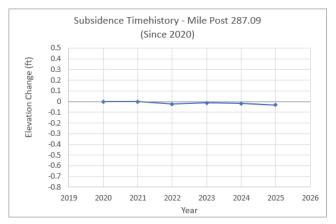


In general, the first chart shows that from 2024 to 2025, there was general subsidence between 0 and 0.1 feet, with limited rebound, and maximum subsidence of 0.12 feet at MP 281.78. The second chart shows that over the past four years (2021 to 2025) subsidence amounted to a maximum of 0.3 feet at MP 275.

Additionally, included below are three plots of the Precise Survey measured elevational change at specific locations relevant to your GSA (MP 281.16, MP 283.19, and MP 287.09). These figures detail the annual change in ground surface elevation at each location over the past five years.







This information is provided to assist your GSA assess the effectiveness of your management actions in achieving sustainability goals and protecting the water conveyances essential to the cities and farms throughout the state that depend on it. CASP acknowledges the complexities of groundwater use and aims to support proactive management actions by your agency to enhance groundwater management practices and safeguard critical infrastructure. We look forward to continued engagement and collaboration with White Wolf GSA to achieve sustainable groundwater status in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (916) 699-8403 or by e-mail at jesse.dillon@water.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Jesse Dillon, Program Manager
California Aqueduct Subsidence Program

State Water Project, CA Department of Water Resources

cc: Mr. Paul Gosselin (<u>Paul.Gosselin@water.ca.gov</u>)
Deputy Director – Sustainable Water Management, Dept. of Water Resources
Post Office Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Mr. John Yarbrough – DWR Deputy Director, State Water Project (John.Yarbrough@water.ca.gov)

Mr. You Chen Chao – DWR SWP Risk and Resiliency Officer (YouChen.Chao@water.ca.gov)

#### DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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August 21, 2025

Angelica Martin White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency Secretary of the Board P.O. Box 1000 Tejon Ranch, CA 93243

Subject: Grant Closeout Notification

Dear Ms. Martin

You are receiving this letter because Grant Agreement 4600015663 is approaching its work completion date. Per your grant agreement, all work must be completed by March 31, 2026, and no funds may be requested after April 15, 2026. Please note that the work completion date includes completing all tasks outlined in the agreement's work plan, including reporting and invoicing.

To help facilitate the Grant Closeout process, our office compiled the list of outstanding required submittals, below. The list below may require input from you to finalize. Anything that requires additional information from you has been marked with an asterisk. If needed, please work with your Grant Manager to compile the finalized, complete list of all agreement deliverables. Your DWR Grant Manager is available to assist you with any questions or issues.

#### Step 1: Submit all outstanding deliverables before the work completion date:

#### **Deliverables:**

#### **COMPONENT 1: GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

#### Category (a): Grant Agreement Administration

- Quarterly Progress Reports, Quarterly Invoices, and all required backup documentation
- Draft and Final Grant Completion Reports

### COMPONENT 2: GSP REPORTING, DATA GAP FILLING, OUTREACH, AND SGMA COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

#### Category (a) Component Administration

- Component reporting to be included in Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices
- Draft and Final Component Completion Reports

#### Category (b): Environmental / Engineering / Design

N/A

#### Category (c): Implementation / Construction

- Prepare and submit Well Completion Reports
- Include photo documentation within the quarterly Progress Reports
- As Built Monitoring Well Diagrams
- o Geophysical Survey Results, if applicable

#### **Category (d): Monitoring / Assessment**

- Task 1: Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) Assessment and Monitoring
  - o Draft 2027 GSP Appendix State of GDEs in the White Wolf Subbasin
- Task 2: Data Gap Filling, Data Compilation, and Assessment

Technical Memorandum discussing updates to the Basin Data Management System

- Task 3: White Wolf Groundwater Flow Model (WWGFM) Update and Re-Calibration
  - Copies of materials WWGFM update included in GSA Board meetings
- Task 4: Prepare Annual Reports
  - o 2025 Annual Report
- Task 5: Modify GSP in Response to DWR Determination
  - Memo of the written responses to DWR comments on the 2022 GSP
- Task 6: Five Year Periodic Evaluation
  - Five Year Periodic Evaluation
  - Revised sections of the GSP identified in the Periodic Evaluation

#### Category (e): Engagement/Outreach

- Board and P/MA committee meeting agenda, minutes, and materials
- Public workshop materials

#### **COMPONENT 3: "SOUTH CANAL" 850 CANAL INTERTIE**

#### Category (a) Component Administration

- Component reporting to be included in Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices
- Draft and Final Component Completion Reports

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#### Category (b): Planning / Design / Environmental

#### Category (c): Construction / Implementation

- Bid Advertisement
- Notice of Award
- Notice to Proceed
- Contract Pay Requests
- Construction progress reports
- Site inspection letter or report
- As-Built Documents

#### Category (d): Monitoring / Assessment

Report documenting meter readings of water deliveries

#### Category (e): Interested Parties Outreach / Public Education

Copy of correspondence and meeting minutes

# COMPONENT 4: IN-LIEU BANKING PROGRAM Category (a) Component Administration

- Component reporting to be included in Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices
- Draft and Final Component Completion Reports

#### Category (b): Planning / Design / Environmental

- Task 1: CEQA and Other Permitting
  - o Encroachment permit(s), if necessary
  - Easement(s), if necessary

#### Project Monitoring Plan

- Task 2: Design Plans and Specifications
  - o Technical memorandum of existing infrastructure capacities
  - 60% drawings and specifications
  - 100% drawings and specifications

#### Category (c): Construction / Implementation

- Task 3: Contract Services
  - Bid Advertisement
  - Notice of Award
  - Notice to Proceed
  - Contract Pay Requests

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- Task 4: Construction
  - Construction progress reports
  - o Site inspection letter or report
  - As-Built Documents

#### Category (d): Monitoring / Assessment

Report documenting meter readings of water deliveries

#### Category (e): Interested Parties Outreach / Public Education

- Meeting minutes
- Copy of handouts

#### **Step 2: Retention Invoice:**

Per DWR's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant Program, Standard Condition D.36 of the Grant Agreement, retained amounts cannot be reimbursed until the agreement is complete. For DWR to deem the agreement complete, all remaining costs must be invoiced, and all component deliverables must be submitted and approved by your DWR Grant Manager. Each agreement includes 10% retention as required by law. Instead of withholding 10% from each invoice, the retention is held on the last invoice(s). This means the last components to be billed will be responsible for all retention on the agreement. If this will carry a financial burden on those components, please discuss it with your grant manager. They can update your agreement to hold retention per component.

#### **Step 3: Closeout Letter**

After the retention invoice is approved, DWR will provide you with a Grant Closeout letter confirming grant requirements that have been met as well as instructions for compliance with Post-Performance Reporting (PPR) requirements (as specified in the grant agreement). Along with the letter, you will receive an evaluation and reporting template(s) for the post-performance monitoring.

#### **Step 4: Post Performance Reporting**

For three (3) years following component completion, you are required to submit an annual post-performance report to DWR, if applicable. These reports help us evaluate the benefits of the grant program. If you have multiple components, you may have already completed some of your reporting before the grant officially closes. If you aren't certain what reporting still needs to be completed, please contact your grant manager.

We kindly ask that you acknowledge receipt of this letter and notify your DWR Grant Manager if an amendment to the agreement is anticipated before closeout. Please keep in mind the agreement work completion dates cannot be extended. Your timely attention to finalizing the deliverables and invoicing is greatly appreciated! Please submit the required items at your earliest convenience, but no later than April 15, 2026.

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If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to Yaman Al Ahmed at Yaman.Al-Ahmed@water.ca.gov or (559) 547-1473. We're here to help and support you through this process!

Thank you for your hard work and collaboration throughout this grant component. Sincerely,

Eric Garcia

Eric W. Garcia
Assistant Program Manager
Financial Assistance Branch
Division of Regional Assistance
CA Department of Water Resources

CC:

Yaman Al-Ahmed



August 22, 2025

Angelica Martin
White Wolf Subbasin – Plan Manager
4436 Lebec Rd.
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amartin@tejonranch.com

RE: Review of Annual Report for the White Wolf Subbasin, Water Year 2024

Dear Angelica Martin,

As the basin point of contact for the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) in the White Wolf Subbasin (Subbasin), this letter is to inform you that the Department of Water Resources (Department) has completed the review of the annual report for the Subbasin for Water Year 2024 and determined that no further information or action is required at this time.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires on April 1, following the adoption of a GSP and annually thereafter, an annual report be submitted to the Department. (Wat. Code § 10728). Once an annual report has been submitted, the Department is required: to notify the submitting agency of receipt within 20 days, review the information to determine whether the basin's GSP is being implemented in a manner likely to achieve its established sustainability goal, and notify the submitting agency in writing if additional information is required (23 CCR § 355.8).

Here, the submitted information appears to satisfy the requirements of the GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 356.2), so the Department does not require additional information at this time. Previously, following a comprehensive evaluation of the GSP for the Subbasin, the Department issued an assessment that the GSP was likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the Subbasin. Following review of the 2024 annual report, the Department has determined that the GSP continues to be implemented in a manner consistent with achieving the Subbasin's sustainability goal as described in the GSP. The Department reached this conclusion based on a review of information in the annual report, any public comments submitted to the Department regarding this annual report, and other relevant information regarding Subbasin conditions available to the Department.

The Department noted that the annual report provided an update on all the applicable sustainable management criteria for the Subbasin, as required by GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 356.2). The Department will require that you continue to include this information

in your subsequent annual report, including a description of progress towards implementing the Plan for each of the applicable sustainable indicators.

The Department's review of this and other annual reports noted information contained in the annual report may not precisely match the schedules, projections, or estimates reported in the initial GSP as approved by the Department because of numerous factors over which the GSA has varying levels of knowledge and control (e.g., annual hydrology, actions of other private or public entities, unforeseen delays or events, and unexpected physical or geologic processes, etc.).

The approved GSP for the Subbasin is still in the early years of its implementation and it is State policy that sustainable groundwater management is best achieved locally through the development, implementation, and updating of plans and programs (Wat. Code §113, §10720.1). Accordingly, for this Subbasin, the Department concluded that any discrepancies between information in the annual report and the GSP as approved by the Department, did not at this time create an appreciable concern regarding GSP implementation and its continued likelihood of achieving the Subbasin's sustainability goal.

The Department anticipates conducting a review of GSP implementation as part of its periodic review of the GSP, which, in contrast to annual report reviews that consider information about only one year, will look at the periodic evaluation and the collective annual reports that provide the Department with numerous years of reporting data to better assess trends, issues or conditions of concern in the basin, and whether GSP implementation remains on track to achieve sustainability.

Please contact the assigned DWR basin point-of-contact or <a href="mailto:sgmps@water.ca.gov">sgmps@water.ca.gov</a> if you have questions about this notice or the annual reporting process. The Department looks forward to receiving your Water Year 2025 Annual Report by April 1, 2026.

Thank You,

Paul Gosselin

Paul Gosselin
Deputy Director
Sustainable Groundwater Management

# **EKI TECHNICAL PRESENTATION**

# WHITE WOLF GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2 SEPTEMBER 2025





# **AGENDA**

- Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities
  - July 2025 groundwater levels
  - Dedicated monitoring wells installation
- Periodic Evaluation and GSP Amendment ("5-year update")
  - Proposed Sustainable Management Criteria revision for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels
- Projects and Management Actions (P/MA) Committee Update



# **JULY 2025 MEASUREMENTS COMPARED TO SMCs**

# Representative Monitoring Wells and Status as of July 2025 Water Level Above MO (3 or 21%)

Water Level Between MO and MT but above IM (3 or 21%)
 Water Level Between MO and MT but below IM (6 or 43%)

Water Level Below MT (0)

No Water Level Measurement 2 or 14%)

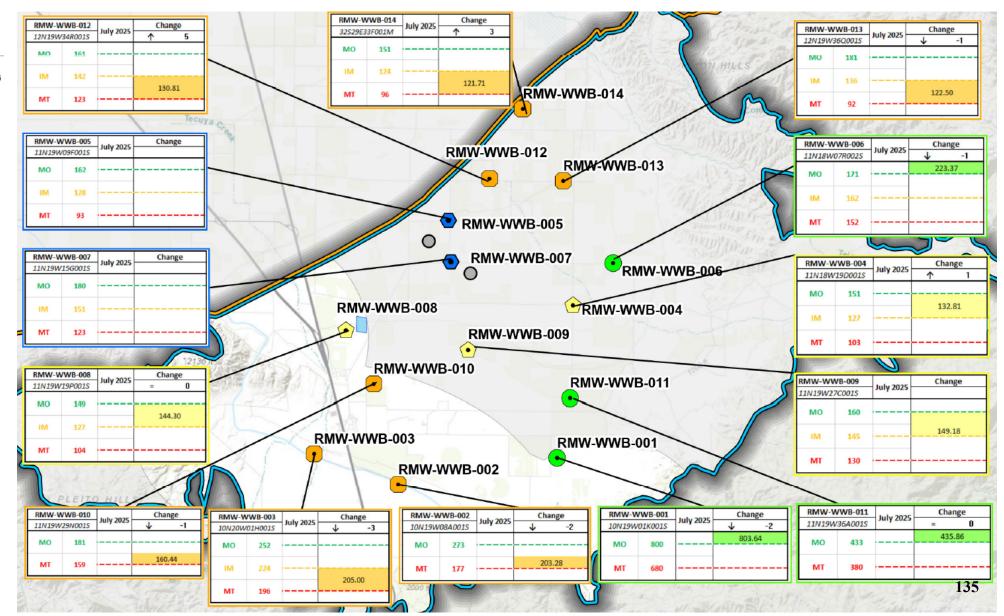
Old RMW-WL

Mettler Recharge Project

#### Groundwater Subbasin

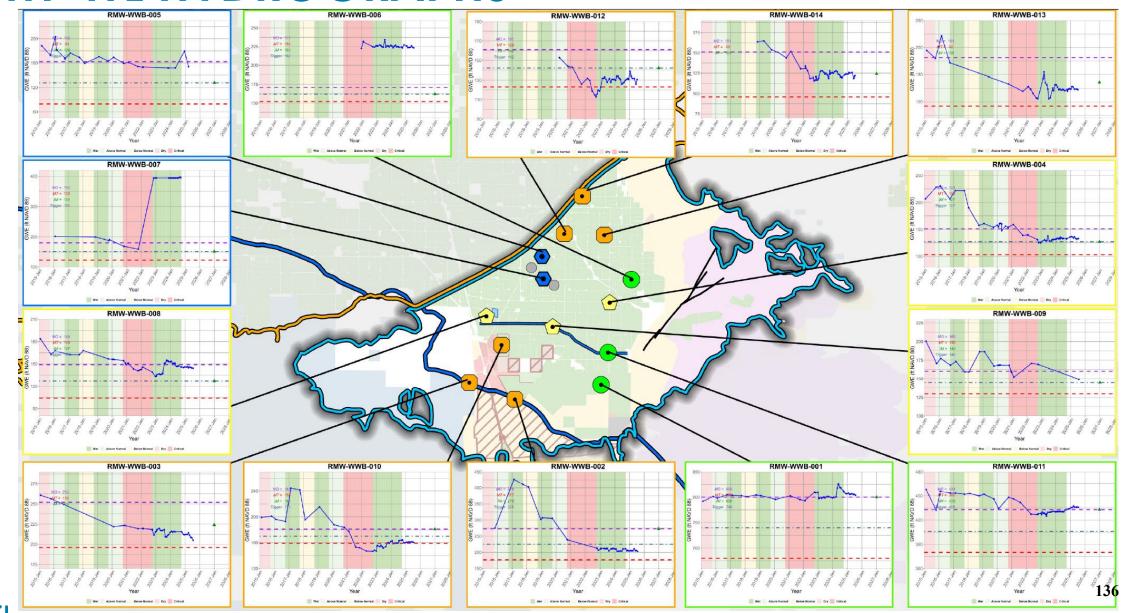
White Wolf (DWR 5-022.18)

Kern County (DWR 5-022.14)





# **RMW-WL HYDROGRAPHS**

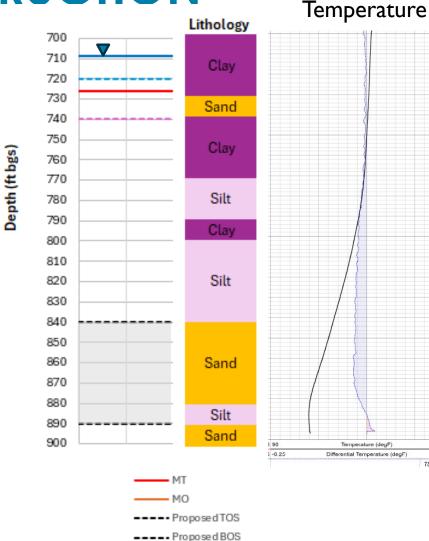




# FINAL RMW-WWB-009R CONSTRUCTION

- Based on observed lithology and geophysical logs, the screen was set between 840 to 890 ft (50' deeper than the original design)
- Following preliminary development, depth to water was tagged at 708.72 ft
- Hard bottom tagged at 895.70 ft





---- Seasonal High

---- Seasonal Low



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92.7

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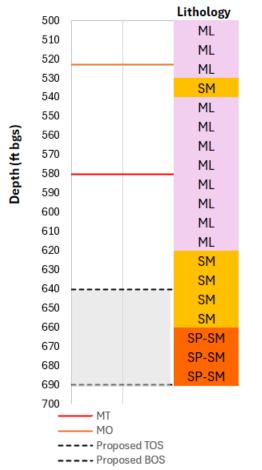
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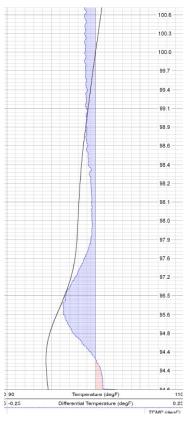
Differential Temperature (degF

# FINAL RMW-WWB-007R CONSTRUCTION

 Based on observed lithology and geophysical logs, the screen was set between 640 to 690 ft (original design)







Temperature



# **ANTICIPATED MONITORING WELL SCHEDULE\***

- 8/29: Mobilize to 005R
- Week of 9/2: Drilling at 005R
- Expect drilling and construction of 005R to be completed in 10 days
- Development and surface completions in mid-September
- Land survey to be scheduled in October



# PERIODIC EVALUATION AND GSP AMENDMENT



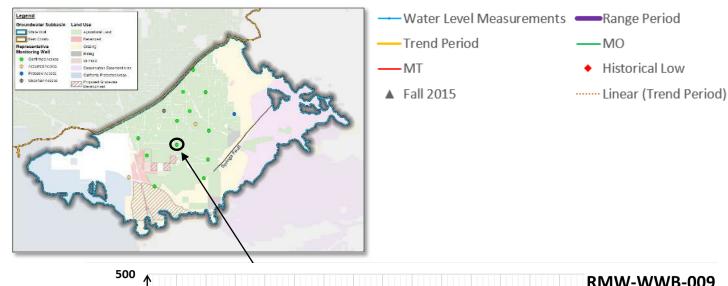
# REFRESHER ON WATER LEVELS SMC APPROACH

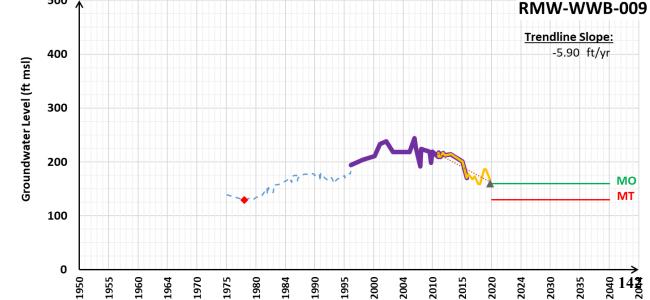
#### Minimum Threshold

- Minimum of:
  - Historical Low minus 25% range
  - Fall 2015 minus the greater of 25% range or 10-yr projected trend (2010-2019)
- 6 RMWs within I mile of CA Aqueduct or 850 Canal capped at historical low

### Measurable Objective

 Lower of Fall 2015 or Fall 2019, measured water levels when available or modeled when unavailable







# **UPDATING WL SMCS**

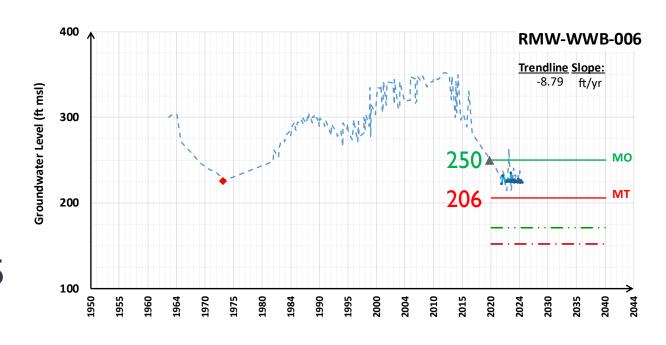
- Revise RMW-WWB-006
- Reassess RMW-WWB-010
- Assess SMCs at the replacement monitoring wells
  - Recommend keeping -009 SMCs for -009R
  - -007R and -005R to be assessed after well completion
- Remove "trigger thresholds" –
   keep simple at MOs, IMs, MTs





# PROPOSED REVISED RMW-WWB-006 GWL SMCS

- Use surrogate data from RMW-WWB-013 given similar depth to water
- MO set to 2019 value based on linear interpolation between 2015 & 2020
- MT set using prior method on surrogate data



	МО	MT
2021 GSP	171	152
Proposed Revision	250	206
Change	+79	+54











Agenda Item 9.7 Post Office Box 151

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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025

*Time:* 1:30 P.M.

Location: Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD, 849 Allen Road, Bakersfield, CA 93314

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM
- 3. INTRODUCTIONS
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
  - a. APPROVAL of August 7, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes\*
- 6. TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORT
  - a. 2026 Budget Committee Report/Recommendation\*:
    - i. 2026 Budget\*
    - ii. 2026 ILRP Fee Schedule\*
    - iii. 2026 Financial Policies\*, recommend no change.
- 7. CONTRACTING
  - a. Provost & Pritchard Consulting 2026 Professional Services Agreement\*
- 8. KRWCA MANAGER REPORT/ILRP PROGRAM UPDATE
- 9. NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT ZONE
  - a. Kern Water Collaborative (KWC) Update
    - i. Application, Well Test and Water Delivery Update
    - ii. Community Outreach and Engagement
  - b. SGMA Coordination
    - i. NGO/Non-Profit Monthly Coordination Meetings

Posted pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2(a) at least 72 hours prior to said meeting.

By: Nicole M. Bell Date: August 2, 2025



#### 10. REPORT OF PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP

a. General Program Updates

#### 11. CV-SALTS www.cvsalinity.org

Manager Bell and Land IQ represent KRWCA at the Monthly CV-SALTS Meetings. Information related to CVSALTS is available at <a href="https://www.cvsalinity.org">www.cvsalinity.org</a>.

#### 12. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

#### 13. ATTORNEYS REPORT

#### 14. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
  - i. <u>Pacific Coast Federation, etc., et al. v. Karl Stock, et al.</u>, U.S. Court of Appeal (9<sup>th</sup> Circuit), Case No. 23-15599.
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation/Significant exposure to litigation-Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). One item.

#### 15. RECONVENED and REPORT from CLOSED SESSION - Gov't. Code section 54957.1.

#### 16. KRWCA & KWC MEETING ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS - INFORMATION ITEM

- a. 8/8, Second Expert Panel, Meeting 1
- b. 8/12, McFarland CAB Presentation
- c. 8/14, Second Expert Panel, Meeting 2
- d. 8/15, KWC Board Meeting
- e. 8/18, Kern Subbasin NGO/Non-Profit Monthly Meeting
- f. 8/19, CV ILRP Coalition Meeting
- g. 8/25, MZ Leadership Meeting
- h. 8/27, KRWCA Budget Committee Meeting
- i. 8/28, PEOC 2026 Outreach Planning Meeting
- j. 9/3, SSJV MPEP/CVSALTS Meeting

#### 17. NEXT MEETING\*

The next regular KRWCA Board Meeting is October 2, 2025.

#### 18. ADJOURN

"\*" Notates an action item (Approval/Ratification)

#### Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Valley Water Resources Authority <u>Agenda</u>

Kern Water Bank Authority Office 1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500 Bakersfield, CA, 93311

August 28, 2025, at 10:00 am

#### Call to Order

- 1. **Public Input**—This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Board members any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction, provided no action shall be taken on any such matter unless otherwise provided.
- 2. Minutes

Approval of minutes of 7/14/25 special board meeting

- **3. Directors Forum –** discussion only, no action
  - a. SGMA
  - b. SWP & KCWA
  - c. Kern River
  - d. Other
- 4. New Business for Consideration at Future Meetings and Announcements
- 5. Adjournment

# Project Management Committee (Special Activity Agreement #1) of South Valley Water Resources Authority

#### Fish Friendly Diversion Project <u>Agenda</u>

Kern Water Bank Authority Office 1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500 Bakersfield, CA, 93311

#### August 28, 2025, at 10:02 am

#### Call to Order

**1. Public Input**—This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Committee members any matter not on the agenda and over which the Committee has jurisdiction, provided no action shall be taken on any such matter unless otherwise provided.

#### 2. Minutes

Approval of committee meeting minutes of 7/14/25

#### 3. Financial Reports

- a. Presentation of financial reports for July.
- b. July accounts payable.

#### 4. Fish Friendly Diversion Demonstration Project

- a. Project Financial Status Budget vs Actual
- b. Demonstration Project permitting status
- c. Demonstration Project scheduled. Review of construction cost estimate for Demonstration Project
- d. Approval of construction contract for Demonstration Project
- 5. Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley

Update

6. Collaborative Action Plan for the San Joaquin Valley

Update

7. USBR SJR Valley Plan

Update

- 8. New Business for Consideration at Future Meetings and Announcements
- 9. Adjournment