

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday October 8, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M.

District Headquarters Board Room
12109 Hwy 166, 6.5 miles west of Mettler, CA
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A G E N D A

8:00 **1. Call to Order**

2. Closed Session

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

1. *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 Appellate Dist., Case No. C100552*
2. *CDWR Environmental Impact [WaterFix] Cases, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. JCCP No. 4942, 3rd 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 EIR*
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. 25CV000704*

Conference with Labor Negotiator Re: Employer Compensation (Govt. Code, § 54957.6)

7. *District’s Designated Representative: Engineer-Manager
Annual Review of Performance, Salaries, and Benefits for District Staff*

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

8. *District’s Designated Representative: Engineer-Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payments
Property: State Water Project Water Supply
Negotiation with: Kern County Water Agency*
9. *District’s Designated Representative: Engineer-Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payments
Property: Sites Project Water Supply
Negotiation with: Various Parties*

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

10. *Two Matters*

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

11. *Two Matters*

9:30 Open Session Pledge of Allegiance

3. Attorney’s Report

Torigiani (10 mins)

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

4. Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting September 10, 2025

Atkinson (2 mins)

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 *Smith* (10 mins)
2. Budget Expenditures Report for September 2025 *Whitby* (5 mins)
3. Draft Budget, Water Rates, & Cash Forecast for 2026 *Smith* (10 mins)

7. President's Report

Atkinson (5 min)

8. Engineer-Manager's Report

1. Filing of the Monthly Report *Nicholas* (5 mins)
2. Water Supply – **2025 SWP Allocation of 50%** *McDaris* (10 mins)
 - a. 2025 Water Supply/Demand Estimate
 - b. Other Purchases/Exchanges
 - c. 2025-26 San Luis Reservoir Carryover Update and Consider Implementation of Water Management Activities
 - d. 2022-23 Carryover Spill Update
3. State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) *Nicholas* (10 mins)
4. Sites Reservoir *Kunde* (5 mins)
5. Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA *Staff* (30 mins)
 - a. Report of Sept. 17 SWRCB Continued Hearing on Kern Subbasin
 - b. Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin Task Orders for Remainder of 2025
 - c. Consider Approval of EKI Task Order for SOKR GSP Implementation Support

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)
6. White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency *Nicholas* (5 mins)
7. Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority *Blaine* (5 mins)
8. Committee for Delta Reliability *Nicholas* (5 mins)
9. South Valley Water Resource Authority *Nicholas* (5 mins)

10. Unfinished and New Business

1. Biennial Employee Recognition Dinner – October 10, 2025 *Ruth* (2 mins)
2. WAKC Annual Meeting – Wednesday, November 5, 2025 *Nicholas* (2 mins)
3. ACWA Fall Conference – San Diego – December 2-4, 2025 *Nicholas* (2 mins)

11. Public Comments

12. Adjournment

MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



OCTOBER 2025

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Regions 6 & 7 / Reception & Tour / October 9-10 / Register [here](#).
- ACWA Region 2 / Tour & Program / October 23 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 [here](#).

WATER MANAGEMENT

PRIORITY


Bay-Delta Plan Update

- On September 16, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced a [Rescinded Notice of the 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 Delta Watershed \(Bay-Delta Plan\)](#). The previously scheduled September public hearing and written public comment period have been cancelled. The State Water Board is anticipating a limited recirculation of the draft Staff Report, originally released in fall 2023, and an updated draft Bay-Delta Plan in December 2025. New dates for a public hearing and comment period will be announced upon release.
- On September 19, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Notice of Public Workshop on the Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement for Consideration of Potential Updates to the Bay-Delta Plan to Incorporate a Proposed Voluntary Agreement for the Tuolumne River](#). The State Water Board is accepting public comments on the Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement for the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement Proposal which is a

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<p>prerequisite before the State Water Board can consider potential updates to the Bay-Delta Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public workshop: November 5 at 9:00 am Public comments due: November 7 at 12:00 pm 	
<p>Delta Conveyance Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On September 12, the State Water Board released a Seventh Amended Notice of Public Hearing regarding the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) pending petitions for change of water rights permits for the State Water Project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued evidentiary portion of public hearing: October 1, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 20, 23, 27, 28, 29, at 9:00 am On August 6, Governor Gavin Newsom and DWR launched the Delta Conveyance Accountability Action Plan (Plan). The Plan outlines available community support programs and commitments by DWR to ensure accountability and transparency throughout the project. 	<p>Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com</p>
<p>Electronic Annual Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Water Board will host a second 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eAR Input Forum #2: October 17 at 1:00 pm Anticipated eAR Release Date: February 1, 2026 Reporting Deadline: April 1, 2026 	<p>Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com</p>
<p>Indoor Residential Water Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is hosting introductory public meetings on SB 1157 pertaining to indoor residential water use. The next public meeting will serve as a kickoff meeting for the Indoor Water Use Working Group (Working Group). This Working Group will support DWR on completing statewide indoor saturation end-use studies and evaluating long-term effects of telework. A registration link will be shared by DWR soon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group meeting: October 23 at 1:00 pm 	<p>Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com</p>
<p>Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On September 26, the Office of Administrative Law approved and filed with the Secretary of State Chapter 2 and 2.7 revisions, which are now in effect. The State Water Board will release a notice with additional proposed revisions to Chapter 2.8 for public comment, with an effective date to follow. The California Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System (CalWATRS) will be launched on October 7. There will be an informational item at an upcoming State Water Board meeting where staff will provide a general overview of the new platform and implementation steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public meeting: October 7 at 9:00 am 	<p>Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com</p> 
<p>Urban Water Use Objective Reporting Forms</p>	<p>Staff Contact Amber Rossow</p>

- On September 29, the State Water Board released the fiscal year 2024-2025 reporting form for urban water retailers to submit annual urban water use objectives and actual urban water use data to comply with the [Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation](#). The State Water Board also released an updated [guidance document](#) for this process.
 - Urban Water Use Objective Reporting due: January 1, 2026

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AGRICULTURE

Regulatory Alignment Study

- On September 3, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced it is accepting feedback on their [Draft Final Recommendations and Implementation Steps Report \(Report\)](#). The Report is a result of the [Regulatory Alignment Study](#), conducted in collaboration with CDFA, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Water Board and aims to streamline food safety and water quality regulatory administrative and reporting processes.
 - Written comments due: October 15 at 5:00 pm

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Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel

- On September 8, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Listening Session for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel \(Panel\) for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program \(ILRP\)](#). The meeting will gather input from interested parties that will be shared with the Panel for their consideration of the [Panel charge questions](#).
 - [Virtual listening session](#): October 1 at 2:00 pm
- On September 26, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Working Group Meetings for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel for the ILRP](#). The meetings will facilitate Panel deliberations on issues relevant to the Panel charge questions.
 - Public working group meetings: [October 13](#) and [22](#) at 3:00 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. The document aims to help local water agencies address the growing concerns over land subsidence and support groundwater reliant communities.
 - Anticipated Final BMP release: Late 2025

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State Intervention: Kern County Subbasin

- On September 17, the State Water Board (Board) adopted a [resolution](#) releasing the Kern County Groundwater Subbasin to the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) oversight after Board staff confirms the 2025 Final Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) are consistent with the Draft Kern County Subbasin GSPs (2025 Draft GSPs) and confirms that the three priority deficiencies have been adequately addressed.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates Regulation

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- In March 2025, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) convened an [advisory committee](#) to develop recommendations regarding horizontal sliding and swinging gates. Based on the feedback received on the [March discussion draft](#), in August 2025, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board Staff released a [revised draft of regulations](#). The final recommended regulations will go through the formal rulemaking process.

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WATER QUALITY

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

- On September 26, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Availability of Informal Draft Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System \(NPDES\) General Permit for Discharges from Pest Control Applications and Notice of Staff Public Workshops](#). The proposed [draft permit](#) consolidates the four existing statewide NPDES general permits for residual pesticide discharges into one permit.
 - Public workshops: October 16 at 10:00 am and October 21 at 5:00 pm
 - Written comments due: November 12

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Proposed Public Health Goal Update- 1-4 Dioxane

- On September 26, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) announced the availability of a [draft proposed Public Health Goal \(PHG\) for 1,4-dioxane in drinking water](#) of 0.04 parts per billion (ppb). PHGs published by OEHHA are considered by the State Water Resources Control Board in setting drinking water regulatory standards (Maximum Contaminant Levels, or MCLs) for California.
 - Written comments due: November 10
 - Public workshop: November 13 at 9:00 am

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Proposed Revised Notification and Response Levels – Manganese

- On September 4, the Division of Drinking Water proposed [Revised Notification and Response Levels for Manganese](#) (Proposed Revisions). The Proposed Revisions will be presented as an informational item at the next State Water Board meeting.
 - Board meeting: October 7 at 9:00 am

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Wastewater Needs Assessment

- On April 10, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for the next quarterly Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) Advisory Group meetings. At the meetings, the WWNA Advisory Group will provide information on addressing water-related sanitation system needs.
 - Advisory Group [meeting](#): October 24 at 9:30 am

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ENERGY

PRIORITY Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation

- On September 25, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted a [resolution](#) to amend the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation (ACF). The resolution: extends the 50 percent Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Purchase Schedule until 2030 and allow small fleets and those located

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<p>in designated counties to continue to wait until 2030 before they need to purchase any ZEVs at all, adopts the proposed 45-day changes, and directs CARB staff to continue working with local government entities on additional concerns with exemption pathways to be addressed in a future comment period later this year.</p>	
<p>California Air Resources Board Chair Retirement and Appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On September 15, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California Air Resources Board (CARB) Chair, Liane Randolph, will be retiring from state service. Governor Newsom named Senior Advisor to the Governor for Climate, Lauren Sanchez, as the next CARB Chair as of October 1. 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>
<p>Draft Renewables Portfolio Standard Guidebook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On September 23, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a Notice of Availability, Request for Comments, and Staff Workshop on the Draft Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility 10th Edition (RPS Guidebook). The RPS Guidebook outlines eligibility requirements and process for certifying renewable energy resources and is revised periodically. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff workshop: October 6 at 10:00 am Public comments due: October 20 at 5:00 pm 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>
<p>Guidance for Utility Dynamic Hourly Rates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On August 28, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) announced a Decision Adopting Guidelines for Utilities on Demand Flexibility Rate Design Proposals (Guidelines). The Guidelines aim to align electricity prices more closely with grid conditions to promote efficient energy use. 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>
<p>Western Regional Energy Market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On September 19, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 825 (Petrie-Norris) into law which aims to allow California to: participate in a western regional energy market with the potential to lower energy costs while broadening energy reliability and access to clean energy sources, fill funding gaps for expensive transmission buildout, and maintain state control of energy sources accepted into California to preserve climate, reliability, and equity goals. AB 825 was supported by a diverse coalition of advocates including: energy providers, environmentalists, labor unions, and private industry. 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>

ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates Regulation Recommendations](#), Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, September 26, 2025
- [Draft Land Subsidence Best Management Practices](#), California Department of Water Resources, September 22, 2025
- [Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Amendments/45-Day Changes](#), California Air Resources Board, September 15, 2025
- [GIS Regulatory Language Public Comments](#), California Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, September 3, 2025
- [Draft Conservation and Mitigation Banking Guidelines](#), California Department of Fish and Wildlife, September 3, 2025

To receive a monthly email of Regulatory Roundup, please contact [Karla Cardenas](#). Regulatory Roundup is also available on ACWA's [website](#).



Indicates ACWA Working Group



Indicates ACWA Priority Issue

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

Current Text: 09/09/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 12/02/2024

Status: 09/09/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Location: 09/09/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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 09/05/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

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

Current Text: 09/23/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/07/2025

Last Amended: 09/05/2025

Status: 09/23/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 09/23/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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. The bill would authorize the Department of Water Resources, 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 09/15/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

[AB 149](#) ([Committee on Budget](#)) Public resources trailer bill.

Current Text: 09/17/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/08/2025 (Spot bill)

Last Amended: 09/09/2025

Status: 09/17/2025 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 106, Statutes of 2025

Location: 09/17/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

Summary: Existing law, until January 1, 2030, generally prohibits a person from possessing, importing, shipping, or transporting in the state, or from placing, planting, or causing to be placed or planted in any water within the state, dreissenid mussels, and authorizes the Director of Fish and Wildlife or the director's designee to engage in various enforcement activities with regard to dreissenid mussels. Existing law requires any person, or federal, state, or local agency, district, or authority that owns or manages a reservoir, as defined, where recreational, boating, or fishing activities are permitted, except as specified, to develop and implement a program designed to prevent the introduction of nonnative dreissenid mussel species, as provided. Under existing law, except as otherwise provided, any violation of the Fish and Game Code, or of any rule, regulation, or order made or adopted under the code, is a crime. This bill would expand the scope of the above-described provisions relating to dreissenid mussels to instead apply to invasive mussels, defined to mean any nonnative detrimental mussel species, as provided. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 09/17/2025 text)

Is Urgency: Y

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Support

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

Current Text: 09/26/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/16/2025

Last Amended: 09/03/2025

Status: 09/26/2025 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 130, Statutes of 2025

Location: 09/26/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

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 09/26/2025 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

[AB 267](#) ([Macedo, R](#)) 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: 09/09/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/22/2025

Status: 09/09/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Location: 09/09/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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 09/05/2025 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

AB 295 (**Macedo, R**) **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: 09/12/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/10/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 09/12/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

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
VAWC	Watch

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

Current Text: 09/11/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/06/2025

Last Amended: 06/16/2025

Status: 09/11/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 09/11/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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 09/08/2025 text)

Is Urgency: Y

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

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

Current Text: 09/24/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/10/2025

Last Amended: 09/04/2025

Status: 09/24/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Location: 09/24/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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 09/16/2025 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 SAPP 081525.docx](#)
[VAWC CCVFCA AB 476 SENFLOOR SUPPORT 090325.docx](#)
[VAWC AB 476 SIGREQ 09152025 \(002\).pdf](#)

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

[AB 568](#) ([Macedo, R](#)) Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act.

Current Text: 07/18/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/12/2025

Last Amended: 07/18/2025

Status: 09/11/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was CONCURRENCE on 9/4/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 09/11/2025 - 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 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: 09/11/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/13/2025

Last Amended: 06/11/2025

Status: 09/11/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 09/11/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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 09/08/2025 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](#)

[VAWC AB 639 SIGREQ 09112025.pdf](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

[AB 707](#) ([Soria, D](#)) 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: 09/23/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/14/2025

Status: 09/23/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 09/23/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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 09/15/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: N

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

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

Current Text: 09/11/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/19/2025

Last Amended: 08/29/2025

Status: 09/11/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 09/11/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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 09/08/2025 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: 09/11/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/10/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 09/11/2025 - Senate 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. 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: 06/09/2025 - 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

[AB 1146](#) ([Papan, D](#)) Water infrastructure: dams and reservoirs: water release: false pretenses.

Current Text: 06/23/2025 - Amended [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Last Amended: 06/23/2025

Status: 08/29/2025 - 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: 08/29/2025 - 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](#)

[VAWC DWA SCWA AB 1146 OPPOSE FLOOR LETTER 05302025.edited.docx](#)

[AB 1146 Removal of Opposition - VAWC.docx](#)

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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 1319](#) ([Schultz, D](#)) Protected species: California Endangered Species Act.

Current Text: 09/23/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Last Amended: 09/05/2025

Status: 09/23/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 09/23/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

Summary: Existing law makes it unlawful to take a bird, mammal, fish, reptile, or amphibian, except as authorized by law. This bill would make it unlawful for a person in California to import, cause to be imported, export, cause to be exported, transport, sell, offer for sale, possess with the intent to sell, receive, acquire, or purchase any fish, wildlife, or plant that was taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any law or statute of any state or any law, treaty, or statute of the United States with regard to fish, wildlife, or plants in effect on January 19, 2025. The bill would, upon conviction or other entry of judgment, require any seized evidence be forfeited, as specified. The bill would make these provisions inoperative on December 31, 2031, and would repeal them on January 1, 2032. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 09/15/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose

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

Current Text: 09/24/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Last Amended: 08/29/2025

Status: 09/24/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Location: 09/24/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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 09/16/2025 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](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

[AB 1413](#) ([Papan, D](#)) 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: 09/11/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/9/2025) (May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 09/11/2025 - Senate 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. 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: 09/23/2025 - Enrollment [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Last Amended: 09/04/2025

Status: 09/23/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 09/23/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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 09/15/2025 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](#) ([Hurtado, D](#)) Department of Water Resources: water supply forecasting.**Current Text:** 09/22/2025 - Enrollment [HTML PDF](#)**Introduced:** 01/27/2025**Last Amended:** 09/02/2025**Status:** 09/22/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 11 a.m.**Location:** 09/22/2025 - Senate ENROLLED

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 09/13/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N**Is Fiscal:** Y

Organization	Position
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[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: 09/11/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/10/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 09/11/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

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: 09/09/2025 - Enrollment [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Last Amended: 07/03/2025

Status: 09/09/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2 p.m.

Location: 09/09/2025 - Senate ENROLLED

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: 34

Total Tracking Forms: 34

**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., September 10, 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, September 10, 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, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo.

Directors Absent. Martin.

Others Present at 8:00 A.M. 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, and Leftare Delis with L.P. Farms.

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

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 Appellate Dist., Case No. C100552*
2. *CDWR Environmental Impact [WaterFix] Cases, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. JCCP No. 4942, 3rd 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 EIR*
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. 25CV000704*

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

7. *Two Matters*

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

8. *Two Matters*

Director Marin left the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

9:50 A.M. Open Session. Mr. Torigiani reported there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

Legislative, Executive, Regulatory and Legal Matters. Mr. Torigiani reported on legislation of interest including the DCP trailer bill provisions and other bills that are likely to not pass the Legislature this year, and reviewed some of the latest regulatory issues that may be of interest to the District and its Water Users. He also, noted that both the most recent ACWA Regulatory Roundup and the Valley Ag Water Coalition bill report were included in the Board packet. Finally, Mr. Torigiani mentioned that the current legislative session is scheduled to conclude at the end of the week.

Minutes. Upon motion from Director Fry, seconded by Director Reiter and unanimously carried with no abstentions, *The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Directors ... Convened August 13, 2025*, were approved and filed.

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

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

Controller's Report.

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 August 2025.

Consider Approval of Proposal for Water Accounting and Billing Software. Mr. Smith reviewed his September 5, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Approval of Proposal for Water Accounting and Billing Software* with the Board.

Proposed District Banking Modifications. Mr. Smith reviewed his September 8, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *Proposed District Banking Modifications*. After discussion and upon motion from Director Valpredo, seconded by Director Fry and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board approved the staff recommendation.

President's Report. Nothing to report.

Engineer-Manager's Report. Mr. Nicholas reported that there would be upcoming construction on Highway 166 bridge over the California Aqueduct for rehabilitation and seismic retrofitting and due to the construction Highway 166 will be closed at that location in both directions starting September 22 with an estimated reopening of December 12th.

2025 Water/Supply Demand Estimate. Mr. McDaris reviewed the 2025 Water/Supply Demand Estimate. He also noted that KCWA had updated its Supply/Delivery summaries and has indicated the District spilled approximate 3,500 acre-feet of 2022 carryover in 2023. The District will be reviewing this information and providing additional information to the Board.

Other Purchases and Exchanges. Mr. McDaris reviewed his September 8, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *Other Purchases and Exchanges*.

Consider Contribution to Pacific Legal Foundation - Western Water Law Program. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his September 8, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Contribution to Pacific*

South Valley Waer Resources Authority - Consider Approval of Budget Amendment for Construction of Demonstration Project. Scott Hamilton gave a presentation with the Board entitled *The Demonstration Project*. After Mr. Hamilton's presentation he answered questions from the Board members.

Mr. Nicholas reviewed his September 8, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *South Valley Water Resources Authority - Consider Approval of Budget Amendment for Construction of Demonstration Project* with the Board. Upon motion from Director Fry, seconded by Director Mettler and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board approved contribution to the construction costs of the SVWRA Demonstration Project at a cost not to exceed \$1.4 million, and authorized payment of the District's proportional share of the cost of \$316,000.

State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project. Mr. Nicholas reviewed the State Water Resource Control Board schedule regarding the updated Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Regarding Delta Conveyance Project, Mr. Nicholas reported the KCWA has not provided a KCWA/Member Unit DCP funding agreement for its participation in the 2026-2027 funding period. Mr. Kunde shared the August 28, 2025 Kern County Water Agency memorandum entitled *Update on Delta Conveyance Activities*, and reviewed portions of the EM Report.

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

Director Marin returned to the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Consider Selection of Alternate Director to Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA). Mr. Nicholas reviewed his September 8, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Selection of Alternate Director to Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA)*. Upon motion from Director Fry, seconded by Director Marin and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board appointed District staff member Neil Durham as an additional Alternate Director to the Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority.

WRMGSA - Final SWRCB Staff Report on Kern Subbasin. Mr. Nicholas reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the Board entitled *SWRCB Sept. Staff Review of Final 2025 Kern Subbasin GSP*, summarizing the Final Staff Report on the Kern Subbasin.

WRMGSA - Subsidence Update. Mr. Nicholas reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the Board entitled *Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WRMGSA) Subsidence Update*. The presentation covered the following items:

- a) California Aqueduct subsidence (2024-2025) within the District - updated precise data
- b) CASP Letters to WRMGSA and WWGSA
- c) Comparison of annual subsidence rates against Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs) for WRMGSA
- d) California Department of Water Resources (DWR) draft land subsidence Best Management Practices (BMPs)

WRMGSA - Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin SGMA Expenses. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his September 8, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin SGMA Expenses*. Upon motion by Director Blaine, seconded by Director Valpredo and unanimously carried

with no abstentions, the Board approved, and if necessary, authorized the Engineer-Manager to execute the following task orders and Amendment No. 3 of the Subbasin Cost Share Agreement for: a) the Technical Working Group for GSP revisions and presentations; b) the Technical Working Group for out of scope adjustments for prior periods; c) Tess Dunham for water quality special counsel services; and d) Rincon Consultants Inc. For Point of Contact GSP production coverage and additional meetings at a total cost not to exceed \$18,000 and subject to final approval of the Engineer-Manager and District Counsel.

WRMGSA - Consider Approval of Contract with LandIQ for ET Monitoring. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his September 8, 2025 to the Board entitled *Consider Approval of Contract with LandIQ for ET Monitoring*. After signification discussion, and upon motion by Director Valpredo, seconded by Director Richardson and unanimously carried with no abstention, the Board approved, and if necessary, authorized the Engineer-Manager to execute a task order and funding for LandIQ to perform evapotranspiration services within the WRMGSA for a one year period subject to final approval of the Engineer-Manager and District Counsel.

Directors Meeting Attended. Nothing to report.

Kern County Water Agency. Mr. McDaris reported that the KCWA Board of Directors approved the Westside 5 transfer with Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and there was a landowner transfer reported on behalf of Tejon Ranch. Mr. McDaris announced that there will be a Special Board meeting held tomorrow and there was no update on the KCWA General Manager position.

Kern Water Bank Authority/KWBGSA. Mr. Nicholas reported the KWBGSA approved the Kern Subbasin GSP budget amendment and also approved the 2026 budget of \$751,000 (District share \$188,000). He also reported that the KWBA approved a 2026 G&A budget of \$3.25 million (District share \$813,000) and the capital budget would be reviewed by committee before being presented to the KWBA board in October.

South of Kern River GSP. Mr. Nicholas reported on the August 14th Executive Committee meeting and reviewed groundwater levels within the WRMGSA. He also noted the September meeting was cancelled.

Kern Non-District Lands Authority. Mr. McDaris reported that KNDLA approved the 2025 Subbasin GSP and the amended Coordination Agreement.

Kern Coordination Committee. Nothing to report.

White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Mr. Nicholas stated that the regular WWGSA meeting was held September 2nd. He reported that the Board reviewed the monthly technical report, approved the July 2025 - July 26 budget of \$493,000 (District share \$164,000), reviewed the CASP subsidence letter and draft DWR Subsidence BMP's, and discussed the 2027 Periodic Evaluation and possible SMC changes. He also noted the next WWGSA meeting would be held October 7.

Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority. Director Blaine reported the KRWCA approved their budget.

Committee for Delta Reliability. Nothing to report.

South Valley Water Resource Authority. Mr. Nicholas stated that this item was covered earlier in the meeting.

Unfinished and New Business. Executive Assistant Danyel Ruth announced that the District would be holding its Biennial Employee Recognition Dinner on October 10, 2025. She also mentioned the ACWA Fall Conference would be held in San Diego on December 2-4, 2025.

Public Comments. None.

Adjournment. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
[Seal]

Secretary of the Board

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	Kern County Water Agency
AWMP	Agricultural Water Management Plan
BDCP	Bay Delta Conservation Plan
BDS	Bond Debt Service
BMP	Best Management Practices
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
CVC	Cross Valley Canal
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
DFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
DHCCP	Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program - the conveyance element of the BDCP - renamed the California
District	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage 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
GL	General Ledger
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
GWSC	Groundwater Service Charge
ILRP	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
MO	Measurable Objective
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MT	Minimum Threshold
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
PoE	Probability of Exceedance
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
SMC	Sustainable Management Criteria
SoD	South of the Delta
SOKR	South of Kern River
SSC	Special Service Charge, consists of ADM SSC, GEN SSC and PRO SSC
SSJVWQC	Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition
SVWRA	South Valley Water Resources Authority
SWC	State Water Contractors
SWP	State Water Project (operated by DWR)
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
SWSA	Surface Water Service Area or contracted acreages
WAC	Water Availability Charge, consists of BDS, OMR & FO
Water User	A landowner holding a Water Service Contract with the District
WD	Water District
WRMWS	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
WUC	Water Use Charge, consists of State Pumping/Variable and District Pumping/Variable
WWGSA	White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT:

10/8/2025 Board Packet
GENERAL FUND

BALANCE AS OF:	08/31/2025	67,168,439.21
PLUS CASH RECEIVED FOR: (cash receipts/laif/camp interest)	09/2025	8,335,476.35
LESS CASH EXPENDED DURING MONTH FOR:	09/2025	(1,423,811.05)
(KCWA, pr, ap, cdr, ach, mnl, fees, pr burdens, ee net, taxes, inv)		
FUNDS ON RECONCILED DEPOSIT AT END OF MONTH:		74,080,104.51

THE ABOVE FUNDS ARE ON DEPOSIT AS FOLLOWS:

WELLS FARGO BANK NA - (GL) CASH BALANCE	312,879.09
KCT -POOLED INVESTMENTS - (G/L) CASH BALANCE	35,264,927.08
LAIF -POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE	2,128.33
CAMP -POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE	38,500,170.01
	74,080,104.51

INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED)

MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025	-----	CAMP	4.36%
MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025	-----		4.40%
MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2025	-----		4.41%
MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2025	-----		4.40%

INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED)

QUARTER ENDING DEC 31,2024	-----	KCT	3.56%
QUARTER ENDING SEP 30,2024	-----		3.53%
QUARTER ENDING JUN 30,2024	-----		3.46%
QUARTER ENDING MAR 31,2024	-----		3.37%

**ALL FUNDS ARE PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISTRICT'S INVESTMENT
POLICY AND GUIDELINES. SUFFICIENT CASH FLOW EXISTS TO MEET BUDGETED
OBLIGATIONS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.**

CASH RECEIVED (KERN COUNTY TREASURER/LAIF/WELLS FARGO/CAMP) DURING MONTH AS FOLLOWS:

CONTRACT WATER PAYMENTS	7,565,014.70
GROUND WATER SERVICE CHARGES	526,341.57
CAMP INTEREST	137,503.92
KCWA REFUNDS	96,924.41
MANUAL INVOICES	7,606.89
SGMA GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	1,416.70
PG&E CREDIT	668.16
INTEREST APPORTIONMENT - kern county auditor controller	-
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES ADMINISTRATION - kern county auditor/controller	-
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES GENERAL - kern county auditor/controller	-
WRM GSA	-

Cash Receipts Summary	8,335,476.35
OPERATING RESERVE FUND BALANCE: audited 12/31/2024	24,903,002

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

10/8/2025 Board Packet

<u>INTERNALLY CONSTRAINED RESERVES</u>	<u>AUDIT</u> <u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted</u> <u>9/30/2025</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 THE \$117.9 MILLION OF TOTAL RESERVES TO THE \$60.3 MILLION OF CASH EQUIVALENTS ON PAGE 10 OF THE 2024 AUDIT).	59,963,391		59,963,391
 UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	 117,973,402	 (47,669)	 117,925,733

(1) 2024 adjustment for litigation expenses

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NAME	DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
A C D F. LLC - RECN 1235	9/18/2025	9.18.25	11,979.07	REFUND 2025 WSC CREDIT BALANCE	11,979.07
AFTW HOLDINGS, LLC	9/15/2025	"AFTW"08-2025	87,621.62	WHEELER #1 SOLAR CHARGES	87,621.62
AMERICAN BUSINESS MACHINES CO	9/17/2025	827388	15.00	TONER FREIGHT	
ARVIN EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT	9/10/2025	25-32	4,744.00	SOKR GSP LEGAL / CONSULTING	
ASG SUPPLY	9/8/2025	006835	99.03	PLIERS, GLOVES	
ASG SUPPLY	9/10/2025	006845	580.39	TOOLS, HYDRATION STIKS, LUBRIC	
ASG SUPPLY	9/10/2025	006847	129.63	RAPID STRIP	
ASG SUPPLY	9/17/2025	006870	303.24	PAINT, WINDSHIELD FLUID	
ASG SUPPLY	9/18/2025	006878	165.06	PAINT, EXHAUST FLUID	
ASG SUPPLY	9/24/2025	006900	222.19	PAINT, SAFETY GLASSES	
ASG SUPPLY	10/2/2025	006932	1,269.34	DECALS, RETRACTING LIFELINE(2)	
AT&T 831-001-4061 150	10/7/2025	N/A	315.53	FIRE ALARM LINES	
AVADINE	9/29/2025	115825	16,258.20	ANNUAL SCADA SUPPORT	
AVADINE	9/29/2025	115826	15,750.00	SCADA UPDATES	
AVADINE	9/29/2025	115827	5,250.00	TEMP PROBES - WRM5	
AVADINE	9/29/2025	115828	7,600.01	LEVEL TRANSMITTERS - 850 CANAL	
AVADINE	9/29/2025	115829	1,260.00	WRM7 REPAIR FAULTY WIRING	
AVADINE	9/30/2025	115842	1,000.00	LATIS MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT	
AVADINE	10/2/2025	BFL-5788871-0000	4,312.42	LOADER RENTAL - INTERTIE	51,430.63
B & B SURPLUS INC	9/9/2025	1252440	3,592.82	MATERIALS FOR INTERTIE W/O	
BAKERSFIELD ICE	8/31/2025	241999	844.35	ICE / BOX RENTAL	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	9/17/2025	HYUM5	71.90	PAINT	
BEAR MOUNTAIN FENCE CO.	9/10/2025	8032	1,587.00	FENCE PANELS - 4PP2	
BENNETT ORGANICS OWNER, LLC	9/19/2025	9.18.25	1,557.50	REFUND GWSC OVERCHARGES	
BIDART BROS	9/19/2025	9.18.25	419.82	REFUND XFR OVERCHARGES	
BLUE BEACON INC	8/31/2025	4959953	226.90	TRUCK WASHES (2)	
BOOT BARN INC.	9/24/2025	INV00524925	141.26	BOOTS - WHITBEY	
BOOTH RANCHES, LLC	9/19/2025	9.18.25	5,383.91	REFUND XFR OVERCHARGES	5,383.91
BSE RENTS	9/16/2025	400797	694.19	CEMENT FOR INTERTIE W/O	
BSE RENTS	9/30/2025	401622	258.80	CONCRETE FOR INTERTIE W/O	
CANON	10/12/2025	N/A	857.47	LEASE 2 CANON COPIERS	
CAPITOL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.	10/1/2025	45655	2,353.30	DISPOSAL OF OLD PIPE	
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	10/1/2025	1284775	2,108.69	PARTS TO REPLACE DOOR #799	
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	10/2/2025	1285117	121.96	PARTS FOR NEW DOOR #799	
CONEXUS SG	9/22/2025	250922WHEERE	2,508.00	SMART CONNECT ANNUAL RENEWAL	
CORE & MAIN LP	9/4/2025	X645387	1,566.49	CHECK VALVES FOR INTERTIE W/O	
COREY WILKERSON	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	75.00	SAFETY COORD, MONTHLY MTG	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	9/22/2025	240200121	607.54	TIRES (2)	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	9/29/2025	240200481	3,082.41	TIRES & INSTALL #384	
EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER, INC.	10/6/2025	C20055.11-06	15,348.84	SOKR GSP	
EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER, INC.	10/6/2025	C20055.12-02	12,269.41	SOKR GSP DEFICIENCY RESPONSE	27,618.25
EQUIPMENT SHARE	9/30/2025	BFL-5803236-0000	2,203.32	DRUM ROLLER RENTAL - INTERTIE	
EQUIPMENT SHARE	10/1/2025	BFL-5821809-0000	2,442.18	RENT WATER TRUCK - INTERTIE	
FARWEST CORROSION CONTROL	9/8/2025	0417626-IN	1,025.34	COATING	
FAST UNDERCAR	9/9/2025	08TZ6067	192.75	AIR FILTERS, WIPER BLADES	
FAST UNDERCAR	9/9/2025	08TZ6136	(29.68)	AIR FILTERS RETURNED	
FAST UNDERCAR	9/9/2025	08TZ7039	66.51	AIR FILTERS	
FAST UNDERCAR	9/18/2025	08UB2643	204.69	BATTERIES, WIPER BLADES	
FAST UNDERCAR	9/18/2025	08UB2650	5.19	WIPER BLADE	
FAST UNDERCAR	9/18/2025	08UB3495	(27.06)	CORE RETURN	
FAST UNDERCAR	9/30/2025	08UD1830	301.84	FILTERS (11)	
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	9/4/2025	0042031	2,146.45	PIPE TONG FOR INTERTIE W/O	
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	9/10/2025	1905803	961.65	HYMAX COUPLER	
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	9/11/2025	0040610	4,457.35	HYMAX COUPLERS (2)	
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	9/17/2025	1906554	1,923.30	HYMAX COUPLERS FOR INTERTIE WO	9,488.75
FLYERS ENERGY, LLC	9/4/2025	25-465904	25,573.99	GASOLINE	25,573.99
GRAINGER	9/10/2025	9636159353	67.03	SIGN POSTS (2), BATTERIES	
GRAINGER	9/10/2025	9636159361	439.78	SIGN POSTS (18)	
GRAINGER	9/11/2025	9638569310	356.14	FUEL GRINDER #382	
GRAINGER	9/11/2025	9638569328	271.71	COMBO KIT FOR #159	
GRAINGER	9/17/2025	9643967491	170.96	GREASE (17)	
GRAINGER	9/17/2025	9643967509	130.74	GREASE (13)	

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GRAINGER	9/17/2025	9643967517	98.25	GAS CANS (2)	
GRAINGER	9/22/2025	9650005177	298.77	ZIP TIE HOLDERS	
GRAINGER	10/1/2025	9660480204	214.99	STOP SIGNS (2)	
GRAINGER	10/1/2025	9660480212	377.79	GREASE GUN	
GRAINGER	10/2/2025	9662675470	283.81	5AH BATTERY (2PK)	
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	9/17/2025	3042535	3,405.45	GRAVEL FOR INTERTIE WO24-01-19	
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	9/18/2025	3044425	4,148.79	GRAVEL FOR INTERTIE WO24-01-19	
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	9/19/2025	3045669	3,495.19	GRAVEL FOR INTERTIE WO24-01-19	
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	9/22/2025	3046393	3,573.99	GRAVEL FOR INTERTIE WO24-01-19	
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	9/25/2025	3050982	3,060.96	GRAVEL FOR INTERTIE WO24-01-19	17,684.38
GRAPEVINE MSP	9/15/2025	49435	4,998.50	IT SERVICES - OCT 2025	
GREEN RUBBER-KENNEDY AG	9/8/2025	BF-106669	857.29	FIRE HOSES (2), SUCTION HOSE	
GREEN RUBBER-KENNEDY AG	9/10/2025	BF-106684	218.67	TUBING	
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC.	9/16/2025	569068	2,552.76	650.4 GALLONS RED DIESEL FUEL	
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC.	9/23/2025	570569	1,194.26	25 GALLONS ELECTRIC MOTOR OIL	
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC.	9/23/2025	570568	6,351.90	330 GALLONS MOTOR OIL	
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC.	9/29/2025	572369	2,537.14	650 GALLONS RED DIESEL	
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC.	9/30/2025	573172	892.48	DIESEL FUEL - HIGHT, W/O	13,528.54
IOS II A, LLC	9/7/2025	SP-395-000017	29,518.90	850 CANAL SOLAR CHARGES	29,518.90
JIM BURKE FORD	9/24/2025	1631846	132.04	AIR FILTERS, WIPER BLADES#154	
JIM BURKE FORD	10/6/2025	282030	4,427.29	REPAIR A/C & TRANSMISSION #369	
JIM SMITH	9/30/2025	9.30.25	418.53	FINANCE MEETING - MILEAGE	
JIM'S STEEL SUPPLY	9/12/2025	265148	757.75	STEEL SHEETS (5)	
JIM'S STEEL SUPPLY	9/18/2025	265364	62.79	D-RINGS (10)	
KEN'S OPTICAL	10/3/2025	10797	284.00	SAFETY GLASSES - KELLEY	
KERN COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLER	8/21/2025	8.21.25	31,307.00	LAFCO 2025-2026	31,307.00
KERN COUNTY FARM BUREAU	10/31/2025	0205907	400.00	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	9/25/2025	43184	23,562.00	CVC 2023 EXCESS WHEELING	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	9/26/2025	43174	1,475.00	XFR 25-056 SOLANO COUNTY	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	9/26/2025	43178	1,475.00	XFR 25-057 SOLANO COUNTY	26,512.00
KEVIN EATON	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	189.00	TRANSPORTATION	
KIMBALL MIDWEST	9/15/2025	103748034	101.76	SNAP SPADES	
KMS MECHANICS INC	8/13/2025	81225WAC	553.42	MOVE EXCAVATOR TO YARD	
KMS MECHANICS INC	8/21/2025	81925WSK	442.18	REPAIR LEAKY BACKHOE #802	
KNIGHTS PUMPING SERVICE	8/29/2025	0000246732	270.70	PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
KNIGHTS PUMPING SERVICE	9/5/2025	0000247361	245.62	PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
KNIGHTS PUMPING SERVICE	9/19/2025	0000248791	270.70	PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
KNIGHTS PUMPING SERVICE	9/26/2025	0000249436	270.70	PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	9/23/2025	52184969	1,107.16	CYLINDER RENTAL	
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	9/25/2025	52288075	978.54	REPAIR MILLER WELDER #377	
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	9/25/2025	52288076	57.22	NITROGEN	
LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCOUNT	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	606.29	STEP STOOL, MOTOR OIL, TRASH C	
MADISON ENERGY INVESTMENTS IX LLC	9/7/2025	SP-337-000010	103,329.55	WHEELER #2 SOLAR CHARGES	103,329.55
MARICOPA ORCHARDS, LLC - RECN 1231	9/18/2025	9.18.25	35,694.44	REFUND 2025 WSC CREDIT BALANCE	35,694.44
MARICOPA ORCHARDS, LLC RECEIVERSHIP	9/18/2025	9.18.25	65,775.83	REFUND 2025 WSC CREDIT BALANCE	65,775.83
MARK DELEON	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	462.00	TRANSPORTATION	
MC CALL'S METER SALES AND SERVICE	9/3/2025	37873	8,109.44	TUBE METERS (2) W/O 25-06-01	8,109.44
MONTGOMERY HARDWARE CO	9/18/2025	777991	61.74	BLDG ACCESS - SEP 2025	
MRC GLOBAL (US) INC.	9/22/2025	2510066181	19,214.38	RADIAL GATE GEARBOX	19,214.38
N B SALES & SERVICES	9/5/2025	89882	112.30	O'RINGS (21)	
N B SALES & SERVICES	9/8/2025	89888	106.09	SAFETY VALVES (4)	
NEIL DURHAM	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	50.00	MAINTAIN FILTRATION SYSTEM	
P G & E #1	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	1,062,553.87	SEPTEMBER POWER	
P G & E #2	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	766,126.79	SEPTEMBER POWER	
P G & E #3	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	5,764.55	SEPTEMBER POWER	
P G & E #4	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	1,468.65	SEPTEMBER POWER	
P G & E #5	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	6,096.58	SEPTEMBER POWER	1,842,010.44
PACIFIC IRRIGATION, INC	9/18/2025	00231456	6,131.76	MATERIALS FOR INTERTIE	6,131.76
PACIFIC LEGAL FOUNDATION	9/8/2025	9.8.25	10,000.00	WESTERN WATER LAW PROGRAM	10,000.00
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT	9/22/2025	PWD2025-003	1,800,000.00	4,000 AF @ \$450	1,800,000.00
PANOCHÉ PISTACHIOS, LLC - RECN 1241	9/18/2025	9.18.25	107,150.59	REFUND 2025 WSC CREDIT BALANCE	107,150.59
PRICE DISPOSAL INC	8/31/2025	N4855310570	1,280.77	2 40-YD ROLL OFFS	
PRIMO BRANDS	9/30/2025	1510028964179	458.69	DRINKING WATER	

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PROVOST & PRITCHARD	6/25/2025	121013	514.40	MONITORING WELL WORK MAY 2025	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	9/8/2025	123027	133.94	WS5 WATER SUPPLY JUL 2025	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	9/15/2025	123185	1,224.20	WHITE WOLF IN-LIEU BANKING AUG	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	9/16/2025	123337	3,275.60	WATER SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	9/23/2025	123697	392.10	WELL FLOWMETER REVIEW PROGRAM	5,540.24
PURPOSEBUILT	9/6/2025	#PBT549630	225.00	BOOTS - TACKETT	
QUADIENT	9/21/2025	9.21.25	299.00	POSTAGE	
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	9/14/2025	Q2019252	604.89	POSTAGE METER LEASE	
QUALITY POWDER COATING	9/15/2025	16912	4,155.00	SAND BLAST INTERTIE W/O	
RAIN FOR RENT - BAKERSFIELD	8/29/2025	2191795	68,553.00	PIPE FOR INTERTIE W/O 24-01-19	68,553.00
RINGCENTRAL INC.	9/30/2025	CD_001232575	789.33	TELEPHONES	
ROBERT CLAFFY	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	75.00	WATER TREATMENT & LICENSE	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS	9/11/2025	0332-1142354	182.51	LUGS (20 BOXES)	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS	9/26/2025	0332-1143470	401.02	HARDWARE, WIRE	
SAFELITE AUTOGLASS	9/8/2025	03397-008285	1,185.42	WINDSHIELD #174	
SGMA COORDINATION COMMITTEE	9/19/2025	FUNDING REQUEST #15	37,500.00	FUNDING REQUEST #15	37,500.00
SMART & FINAL	9/10/2025	9.10.25	59.01	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	9/17/2025	9.17.25	52.31	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	9/24/2025	9.24.25	49.18	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	10/1/2025	10.1.25	68.59	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPAN	9/18/2025	9.18.25	15,707.19	REFUND 2025 WSC CREDIT BALANCE	15,707.19
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY	9/24/2025	9.24.25	26.81	NATURAL GAS	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	9/11/2025	1045034	662.76	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	9/18/2025	1046065	771.50	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	9/25/2025	1047080	686.61	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	10/2/2025	1048116	665.81	UNIFORM CLEANING	
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	10/3/2025	28910-2025	60.00	DRINKING WTR CERT - CLAFFY	
STINSON'S	10/1/2025	351792-0	475.64	PAPER, DSNFCT WIPES, FOLDERS	
TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS, INC	9/22/2025	INVP501973922	160.00	VM MEETING (4)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	9/5/2025	51738	780.34	DATA LOGGER FOR INTERTIE W/O	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	9/15/2025	51812	8,409.73	TOP PLATE METERS (3)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	9/15/2025	51814	8,409.73	TOP PLATE METERS (3)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	9/22/2025	51872	2,102.20	BUTTERFLY VALVES (4)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	9/24/2025	51896	3,397.50	BUTTERFLY VALVES (5)	23,099.50
TEJON RANCH CORP	9/19/2025	9.18.25	3,102.79	REFUND XFR OVERCHARGES	
THE MARCOM GROUP	9/15/2025	67537	95.00	WEBSITE HOSTING	
TRENCH SHORING CO.	9/24/2025	RI20546731	2,254.10	SHORING BOX FOR INTERTIE	
VALLEY AG WATER COALITION	8/8/2025	1187	2,100.00	2025 MEMBER DUES (2 OF 2)	
VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS OF THE SOUTHERN	10/1/2025	83624	1,565.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES	
VAST NETWORKS	10/1/2025	68994	1,450.00	INTERNET	
VERIZON WIRELESS	10/1/2025	6124880386	298.20	IPAD DATA	
VERIZON WIRELESS	10/1/2025	6124880387	192.65	CELL PHONE / SIM CARDS	
WELLS FARGO - LOVELESS	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	3,153.43	CWSS CONFERENCE, JPIA TRAINING	
WELLS FARGO - MCDARIS 8085	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	526.72	MCDARIS TRAVEL	
WELLS FARGO - NICHOLAS	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	3,568.93	S. NICHOLAS TRAVEL, C. NICHOLAS TRAVEL	
WELLS FARGO - OFFICE	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	241.78	LAPTOP BAG, COOLING PADS (2)	
WELLS FARGO - OFFICE #2	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	1,576.16	SPOT LIGHT, WHL/TIRE COMBO	
WELLS FARGO - SMITH	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	386.87	SMITH TRAVEL, QB ONLINE TRIAL	
WELLS FARGO - T SUGGS 4566	9/30/2025	SEPT 2025	1,442.89	C NICHOLAS TRAVEL, DATA LOGGER	10,896.78
WESTERN EXTERMINATOR COMPANY	9/17/2025	82655247	252.73	PEST CONTROL	
YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE	9/30/2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	29,728.21	LEGAL SERVICES	29,728.21
SUBTOTAL			4,608,849.85		
MANUAL CHECKS			21.39		
VOUCHER TOTAL			4,608,871.24		

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	UPS	EFT	9/22/25	00000A56V7385	21.39	RETURN SHIPPING	
				Total	21.39		

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FISCAL AGENT FOR COMMITTEE FOR DELTA RELIABILITY
CUSTODIAL FUNDS-REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS
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TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED BY WRMWSD BOARD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 BOARD AUTHORIZATION	SEPTEMBER	VOUCHER	74,710.03
VOUCHER TOTAL REQUESTED			74,710.03

EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY COMMITTEE AND PAID BY WRMWSD MANUAL CHECK

Center for CA Water Resources	314	Murphy - July 2025	15,353.00
Nossaman	581239	ESA/Water Quality Counseling - July 2025	50,669.28
Water & Land Solutions, LLC	4761	Representation - August 2025	8,687.75
TOTAL PAID			74,710.03

INVOICES AWAITING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

INVOICES APPROVED BY WRMWSD BOARD @ OCTOBER 8, 2025 BOARD MEETING (VOUCHER)

Nossaman	582210	ESA/Water Quality Counseling - August 2025	11,938.58
Water & Land Solutions, LLC	4815	Representation - September 2025	10,720.31
VOUCHER TOTAL REQUEST			22,658.89

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Revolving Account Check Listing

SEPTEMBER 2025

Check	Date	Payee	Amount	Description
BALANCE AS OF 8/31/25			7,000.00	
Deposit				
			7,000.00	
3404	9/12/25	Wells Fargo Credit Card	999.00	
Total Checks Issued			999.00	
Ending Balance			6,001.00	
Balance Limit			7,000.00	
Replenish Amount			999.00	

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

September 2025 for the October 08, 2025 BOARD MEETING

NAME	ACWA BLUE CROSS OF CA			DENTAL-HEALTHEDGE		HARTFORD	TOTAL
	MED	VISION	LIFE/AD&D	CLAIMS	ADM	DISABILITY	
ATKINSON	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	72.40	***
MCDARIS	1,809.40	17.21	14.00	***	18.15	72.40	***
NICHOLAS	2,397.46	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	72.40	***
SMITH	2,397.46	17.21	78.50	***	18.15	72.40	***
SUGGS	2,397.46	17.21	78.50	***	18.15	72.40	***
WHITBY	1,809.40	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	72.40	***
	33,338.24	275.36	340.67	1,825.00	290.40	434.40	
						TOTAL BENEFITS	\$36,504.07

*** INDIVIDUAL CLAIM AMOUNTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL PER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACCOUNTABILITY

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/MANAGEMENT *COMPENSATION & EXPENSE* BREAKDOWN
SEPTEMBER 2025 for the OCTOBER 8, 2025 BOARD

NAME	DATE	TOTAL	PAYEE	MEMO
Atkinson	09/04/2025	129.00	Atkinson	Personnel Committee Meeting
Atkinson	09/10/2025	129.00	Atkinson	Regular Board Meeting
Blaine	09/03/2025	125.00	Blaine	Kern Subbasin Meeting
Blaine	09/04/2025	128.00	Blaine	Personnel Committee Meeting
Blaine	09/04/2025	0.00	Blaine	Kern River Subbasin Meeting
Blaine	09/08/2025	125.00	Blaine	Kern Subbasin Meeting
Blaine	09/10/2025	128.00	Blaine	Regular Board Meeting
Blaine	09/22/2025	125.00	Blaine	Kern Subbasin Meeting
Fry	09/10/2025	125.00	Fry	Regular Board Meeting
Marin	09/04/2025	125.00	Marin	Personnel Committee Meeting
Marin	09/10/2025	125.00	Marin	Regular Board Meeting
Martin				
Mettler	09/10/2025	128.00	Mettler	Regular Board Meeting
Reiter	09/10/2025	139.00	Reiter	Regular Board Meeting
Reiter	09/11/2025	125.00	Reiter	KCWA MU Call
Reiter	09/26/2025	125.00	Reiter	Kern Landowner Group
Richardson	09/10/2025	128.00	Richardson	Regular Board Meeting
Valpredo	10-Sep-25	129.00	Valpredo	Regular Board Meeting
DIRECTORS		2,038.00		

Loveless				
McDaris	09/02/2025	999.00	Wells Fargo	Registration - ACWA Fall Conference
Nicholas	08/20/2025	999.00	Wells Fargo	Registration - ACWA Fall Conference
Nicholas	08/25/2025	180.00	Wells Fargo	License Renewal - Civil Engineer
Nicholas	09/01/2025	102.22	Wells Fargo	Communication - cell
Smith	08/14/2025	175.00	Wells Fargo	CalCPA Class
Suggs	08/05/2025	336.00	Wells Fargo	Annual Membership - AWWA
MANAGEMENT		2,791.22		

Kunde				
*** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation				
RETIRED ANNUITANT		0.00		

Board	08/13/2025	53.16	Wells Fargo	8/13/2025 Board Meeting - refreshments
	08/13/2025	72.03	Wells Fargo	8/13/2025 Board Meeting - burritos

WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WSD
 PAYROLL FUND
 SEPTEMBER 2025
OCTOBER 8, 2025 BOARD MEETING

	EMPLOYEES	DIRECTORS	RETIREES	TOTALS
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (August 30, 2025/ee)-(August 31, 2025/dir)	164,533.96	1,655.00		166,188.96
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (September 13, 2025)	164,581.95			164,581.95
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (September 27, 2025)	170,226.63			170,226.63
PAYCHEX Employer taxes: SSI, Medicare, UI	36,376.66	152.72		36,529.38
PERS (EMPLOYER PORTION) RETIREMENT	39,139.67			39,139.67
ACWA-HEALTH BENEFITS Medical/Vision Insurance Premium (+cobra)	92,280.39	18,525.76	25,382.55	136,188.70
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	3,424.00	334.00	941.67	4,699.67
THE HARTFORD GROUP Long Term Disability Insurance	3,111.21			3,111.21
PAYCHEX P/R Processing Fees, monthly and W-2 fees	1,511.30	200.45		1,711.75
TOTAL PAYROLL FUND:	675,966.22	21,031.28	26,832.42	723,829.92

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS
OCTOBER 8, 2025 BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025**

GENERAL/REVOLVING ACCOUNT:

FUND #

60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: September 2025 Accounts Payable	<div>1</div>	\$	4,608,871.24
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: Accounts Payable	<div>1.1</div>	\$	0.00
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: September 2025 Accounts Payable			<div>4,608,871.24</div> \$
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: Committee for Delta Reliability	<div>2</div>	\$	22,658.89
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK REVOLVING ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: September 2025 Revolving Account	<div>3</div>	\$	999.00
TOTAL GENERAL/REVOLVING ACCOUNT:			\$	<div>4,632,529.13</div>

PAYROLL ACCOUNT:

FUND #

60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: October 11, 2025	<div>4</div>		376,000.00
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: October 25, 2025	<div>5</div>		208,000.00
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: November 8, 2025	<div>6</div>		349,000.00
TOTAL PAYROLL ACCOUNT:			\$	<div>933,000.00</div> <div>933,000.00</div>

COUNTY TRANSFERS:

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS:	\$	<div>5,565,529.13</div>
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WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
BUDGET EXPENDITURES REPORT
PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2025
(UNAUDITED)

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	3,294,038	3,182,845	111,193	96.62%
PAYROLL TAX	321,974	247,672	247,212	460	99.81%
PAYROLL PERS	539,334	373,385	356,623	16,762	95.51%
PAYROLL HEALTH	1,205,000	903,750	907,403 (a)	(3,653)	100.40%
TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	6,348,557	4,818,845	4,694,083	124,762	97.41%
FUEL & OIL	494,800	371,100	240,281	130,819	64.75%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1,248,300	936,225	807,082	129,143	86.21%
SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS	50,100	37,575	15,254	22,321	40.60%
WELL MAINTENANCE STANDBY POWER	30,000	22,500	7,519	14,981	33.42%
COMMUNICATIONS	65,860	49,395	35,042	14,353	70.94%
DIRECTORS PAYROLL & EXPENSES	36,000	27,000	21,463	5,537	79.49%
DIRECTORS HEALTH	228,000	171,000	170,234 (a)	766	99.55%
RETIREEES-OPEB	322,400	241,800	240,063 (a)	1,737	99.28%
INSURANCE & BONDS	241,600	181,200	211,184	(29,984)	116.55%
MEMBERSHIPS	118,400	89,860	89,860	-	100.00%
MISC SERVICES & SUPPLIES	152,300	114,225	52,314	61,911	45.80%
OFFICE SERVICES & SUPPLIES	54,300	40,725	10,413	30,312	25.57%
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	150,200	112,650	37,453	75,197	33.25%
MAINT. & REPAIR BY OTHERS	211,500	158,625	152,596	6,029	96.20%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-LEGAL	125,000	93,750	90,722	3,028	96.77%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-ACCT:					
AUDIT	50,900	50,900	52,100	(1,200)	102.36%
WELLS FARGO FEES	-	-	-	-	-
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-OTHER	198,600	148,950	111,710	37,240	75.00%
SGMA - SOKR/KERN GW AUTHORITY	190,000	142,500	306,198	(163,698)	214.88%
SGMA - WHITE WOLF GSA	150,000	112,500	-	112,500	0.00%
LEGAL NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS	22,200	16,650	10,506	6,144	63.10%
RENTED EQUIPMENT	65,400	49,050	34,114	14,936	69.55%
SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSE	33,300	24,975	15,068	9,907	60.33%
TRANSP & TRAVEL EXPENSE	56,300	42,225	26,773	15,452	63.41%
UTILITIES	124,900	93,675	101,522	(7,847)	108.38%
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	318,175	318,175	-	100.00%
TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	18,073,460	4,351,285	3,861,701	489,584	88.75%
KCWA F.O.	58,151,438	51,787,713	51,787,713	-	100.00%
KCWA VARIABLE	8,218,376	7,352,597	7,352,597	-	100.00%
DISTRICT POWER-PUMPS	13,978,134	12,805,778	12,805,778	-	100.00%
TOTAL WATER COSTS	80,347,948	71,946,088	71,946,088	-	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	104,769,965	81,116,218	80,501,872	614,346	99.24%
(a) Health Insurance combined	1,755,400	1,316,550	1,317,700	(1,150)	100.09%

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET - PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2025											
		BUDGET				ACTUAL (net of trade or sale)					
		BGT COST	TOTAL	CURRENT	RESERVE		TOTAL	CURRENT	RESERVE	%	
QTY	DESCRIPTION	PER ITEM	BUDGET	FUNDED	FUNDED	2025	TO DATE	FUNDED	FUNDED	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	171,613	199,638		199,638	43%	
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	398,123	544,685	226,510	318,175		
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	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%	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES											
			11,501,500	1,161,500	10,340,000	856,710	866,772	685,097	318,175		

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

BUDGET

WATER RATES

AND

CASH FORECAST

FOR

2026

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October 8, 2025

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WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE A1

COMPARISON OF CONTRACT RATES AND STATISTICS (2022 - 2026)
2026 BUDGET
(in dollars)

	2022 FINAL	2023 FINAL	2024 FINAL	2025 BUDGET Revised	2026 BUDGET
PERCENTAGE OF STATE ENTITLEMENT					(estimated)
Combined State & Other Sources	5%	100%	40%	50%	100%
CONTRACT ACRES	38%	100%	72%	75%	100%
72,081	72,081	72,081	72,081	72,081	72,081
ACRE-FEET DELIVERED	77,428	145,479	123,015	151,562	200,818
AGENCY COSTS PER ACRE-FOOT:					
FIXED OBLIGATION PER ACRE-FOOT(melded)	730.35	139.38	376.79	383.68	298.78
VARIABLE THROUGH DOS AMIGOS PP	24.59	24.29	25.86	25.66	27.34
VARIABLE THROUGH BUENA VISTA PP	35.23	40.93	39.77	46.00	45.00
VARIABLE THROUGH WHEELER-RIDGE PP	46.93	52.56	54.93	62.00	60.00
VARIABLE THROUGH WIND GAP PP	73.93	86.47	90.08	99.00	100.00

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE A2

COMPARISON OF CONTRACT RATES AND STATISTICS (2022 - 2026)
2026 BUDGET
(in dollars)

	2022 FINAL	2023 FINAL	2024 FINAL	2025 BUDGET Revised	2026 BUDGET
OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT COSTS PER ACRE:					
NSI AREA	130.80	99.82	119.62	124.13	134.84
NS-1972 AND NS-1974	153.13	122.84	152.62	137.72	150.21
LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	193.20	164.28	211.36	161.85	177.50
SANTIAGA SYSTEM	148.21	117.76	157.07	139.55	152.28
N.A.L.	130.09	99.01	118.84	123.84	134.51
LATERAL 13G AND 14G	111.64	79.94	91.80	112.73	121.95
DISTRICT VARIABLE PER ACRE-FOOT:					
DOWNHILL PUMPING	33.00	28.50	35.60	48.00	50.00
UPHILL - ZONE I	58.00	68.33	80.81	82.00	95.00
UPHILL - ZONE II	110.00	133.52	145.34	146.00	163.00
UPHILL - ZONE III	168.00	216.60	227.71	233.00	247.00
RANCH HEADQUARTERS - ZONE I	84.00	99.41	117.05	119.00	133.00
RANCH HEADQUARTERS - ZONE II	116.00	-	-	160.00	153.00
LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	273.00	338.06	343.36	338.00	368.00
850-ZONE I	63.00	53.07	54.46	88.00	79.00
850-ZONE II	116.00	111.54	120.01	132.00	144.00
850-ZONE III	155.00	164.53	181.97	150.00	215.00
SANTIAGA - ZONE I	54.00	62.96	64.55	74.00	83.00
SANTIAGA - ZONE II	131.00	155.00	147.19	168.00	180.00
RINCON - ZONE I					
RINCON - ZONE II					
RINCON - ZONE III					

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE A3

COMPARISON OF CONTRACT RATES AND STATISTICS (2022 - 2026)
2026 BUDGET
(in dollars per ac-ft)

	2022 FINAL	2023 FINAL	2024 FINAL	2025 BUDGET Revised	2026 BUDGET
WAC-WUC CHARGES PER ACRE FOOT (ASSUMING 3.0 AC-FT PER ACRE)					
1401 BUENA VISTA DOWNHILL	828.34	242.08	462.19	519.06	417.81
1402 SAN EMIDIO - ZONE I	857.04	281.91	507.40	553.06	462.81
1403 SAN EMIDIO - ZONE II	911.69	347.10	571.92	617.06	530.81
1501 WHEELER RIDGE DOWNHILL	840.04	253.71	477.35	535.06	432.81
1508 850 - ZONE I	862.47	278.28	496.21	575.06	461.81
1509 850 - ZONE II	900.86	336.76	561.76	619.06	526.81
1510 850 - ZONE III	900.96	389.74	623.72	637.06	597.81
1600 RANCH HQ - GRAVITY	833.76	259.11	476.90	524.06	422.81
1605 RANCH HQ - ZONE I	943.47	358.52	593.95	643.06	555.81
1606 RANCH HQ - ZONE II	1,087.71	259.11	476.90	684.06	575.81
2401 SOUTH LAKE	828.34	242.08	462.19	519.06	417.81
3402 NS-1972 - ZONE I	864.28	289.59	518.40	557.59	467.93
3403 NS-1972 - ZONE II	918.93	354.78	582.92	621.59	535.93
3404 NS-1972 - ZONE III	989.72	437.86	665.29	708.59	619.93
4407 LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	1,098.74	573.13	800.53	821.63	750.03
5401 SANTIAGO - DOWNHILL	833.98	248.06	474.67	524.20	423.62
5411 SANTIAGO - ZONE I	852.23	282.52	503.61	550.20	456.62
5412 SANTIAGO - ZONE II	933.25	374.56	586.26	644.20	553.62
6402 LATERAL 6P (EXC SPECIAL) - ZONE I	864.28	289.59	518.40	557.59	467.93
6402A LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL) - ZONE I	864.28	289.59	518.40	557.59	467.93
6403 LATERAL 6P - ZONE I	918.93	354.78	582.92	621.59	535.93
7401 N.A.L.	835.58	249.75	473.19	518.96	417.70
7402 N.A.L.	856.78	281.64	507.14	552.96	462.70
7403 N.A.L.	911.43	346.83	571.66	616.96	530.70
7411 N.A.L.	846.34	276.27	490.87	544.96	450.70
7509 N.A.L.	888.91	324.86	546.33	618.96	526.70
7600 N.A.L.	833.50	258.85	476.64	523.96	422.70
7699 N.A.L.	833.50	258.85	476.64	523.96	422.70
8600 LATERAL 14G	827.51	252.49	467.63	520.26	418.51
9600A LATERAL 13G-A	827.51	252.49	467.63	520.26	418.51
9600B LATERAL 13G-B	827.51	252.49	467.63	520.26	418.51

RATE = (OM&R / 3) + FIXED OBLIGATION + STATE VARIABLE + DISTRICT VARIABLE
See Table 14 for the rates used

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE A4

COMPARISON OF CONTRACT RATES AND STATISTICS (2022 - 2026)
2026 BUDGET
(in dollars)

	2022 FINAL	2023 FINAL	2024 FINAL	2025 BUDGET REVISED	2026 BUDGET
RATES PER ACRE FOOT					
INCREMENTAL COSTS OF ENTITLEMENT WATER					
1401 BUENA VISTA DOWNHILL	798.86	208.81	449.16	477.68	372.86
1402 SAN EMIDIO - ZONE I	827.56	248.64	494.37	511.68	417.86
1403 SAN EMIDIO - ZONE II	882.21	313.83	558.90	575.68	485.86
1501 WHEELER RIDGE DOWNHILL	810.56	220.44	467.33	493.68	387.86
1508 850 - ZONE I	833.00	245.01	486.18	533.68	416.86
1509 850 - ZONE II	871.39	303.48	551.73	577.68	481.86
1510 850 - ZONE III	871.49	356.47	613.69	595.68	552.86
1600 RANCH HQ - GRAVITY	804.28	225.85	466.87	482.68	377.86
1605 RANCH HQ - ZONE I	913.99	325.26	583.93	601.68	510.86
1606 RANCH HQ - ZONE II	1,058.23	225.85	466.87	642.68	530.86
2401 SOUTH LAKE	798.86	208.81	449.16	477.68	372.86
3402 NS-1972 - ZONE I	827.56	248.64	494.37	511.68	417.86
3403 NS-1972 - ZONE II	882.21	313.83	558.90	575.68	485.86
3404 NS-1972 - ZONE III	953.00	396.91	641.26	662.68	569.86
4407 LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	1,049.00	518.37	756.92	767.68	690.86
5401 SANTIAGA - DOWNHILL	798.86	208.81	449.16	477.68	372.86
5411 SANTIAGA - ZONE I	817.12	243.27	478.10	503.68	405.86
5412 SANTIAGA - ZONE II	898.14	335.31	560.75	597.68	502.86
6402 LATERAL 6P (EXCEPT SPECIAL) - ZONE I	827.56	248.64	494.37	511.68	417.86
6402A LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL) - ZONE I	827.56	248.64	494.37	511.68	417.86
6403 LATERAL 6P - ZONE II	882.21	313.83	558.90	575.68	485.86
7401 N.A.L.	798.86	208.81	449.16	477.68	372.86
7402 N.A.L.	827.56	248.64	494.37	511.68	417.86
7403 N.A.L.	882.21	313.83	558.90	575.68	485.86
7411 N.A.L.	817.12	243.27	478.10	503.68	405.86
7509 N.A.L.	871.39	303.48	551.73	577.68	481.86
7600 N.A.L.	804.28	225.85	466.87	482.68	377.86
7699 N.A.L.	804.28	225.85	466.87	482.68	377.86
8600 LATERAL 14G	804.28	225.85	466.87	482.68	377.86
9600A LATERAL 13G-A	804.28	225.85	466.87	482.68	377.86
9600B LATERAL 13G-B	804.28	225.85	466.87	482.68	377.86

RATE = FIXED OBLIGATION + STATE VARIABLE + DISTRICT VARIABLE
See Table 14 for the rates used

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE B
CONTRACT ACREAGE BY CATEGORY
2026 BUDGET

CODE	CONTRACT	DEBT	OM&R	ALLOC	SSC PROJ	SSC ADM	SSC GEN
1401	18,399.40	18,293.23	18,342.42	18,248.56	18,236.25	18,399.40	18,236.25
1402	3,421.37	3,365.27	3,421.37	3,365.27	3,365.27	3,421.37	3,365.27
1403	1,087.83	943.04	1,087.83	943.04	943.04	1,087.83	943.04
1501	2,560.43	2,560.43	2,560.43	2,560.43	2,560.43	2,560.43	2,560.43
1508	6,752.34	6,752.34	6,671.42	6,752.34	8,163.86	6,752.34	6,590.50
1509	6,988.12	6,988.12	6,926.01	6,925.89	6,863.89	6,988.12	6,863.89
1510	2,163.34	2,004.70	2,163.34	2,004.70	2,004.70	2,163.34	2,004.70
1600	723.87	723.87	723.87	723.87	723.87	723.87	723.87
1605	257.09	257.09	257.09	257.09	257.09	257.09	257.09
1606	257.06	257.06	257.06	257.06	257.06	257.06	257.06
2401	7,753.18	7,450.00	7,753.18	7,341.90	7,450.00	7,753.18	7,450.00
3402	1,431.75	1,431.75	1,431.75	1,431.75	1,431.75	1,431.75	1,431.75
3403	4,619.01	4,619.01	4,619.01	4,619.01	4,619.01	4,619.01	4,619.01
3404	3,825.17	3,825.17	3,825.17	3,825.17	3,825.17	3,825.17	3,825.17
4407	858.79	858.79	858.79	858.79	858.79	858.79	858.79
5401	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
5411	448.98	448.98	448.98	448.98	448.98	448.98	448.98
5412	2,434.71	2,434.71	2,396.23	2,353.20	2,357.74	2,434.71	2,357.74
6402	1,189.82	1,189.82	1,189.82	1,189.82	1,189.82	1,189.82	1,189.82
6403	1,508.52	1,508.52	1,508.52	1,508.52	1,508.52	1,508.52	1,508.52
6492	272.89	272.89	272.89	272.89	272.89	272.89	272.89
7401	496.54	496.54	496.54	496.54	496.54	496.54	496.54
7402	40.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
7403	40.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
7411	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00
7509	150.89	150.89	150.89	150.89	150.89	150.89	150.89
7600	921.57	921.57	921.57	921.57	921.57	921.57	921.57
7699	321.86	321.86	321.86	321.86	321.86	321.86	321.86
8600	1,305.46	1,305.46	1,305.46	1,305.46	1,305.46	1,305.46	1,305.46
9699	1,651.42	1,651.42	1,651.42	1,651.42	1,651.42	1,651.42	1,651.42
TOTAL	72,081.41	71,312.53	71,802.92	71,016.02	72,385.87	72,081.41	70,812.51

WHEELER RIDGE MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUIREMENTS AND SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR RECOVERY OF EXPENSES
2026 BUDGET

	BUDGET REQUIREMENTS		SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR RECOVERY OF EXPENSES				
	REVISED 2025 BUDGET	2026 BUDGET	W.A.C.	W.U.C.	(1) ADMIN SERVICE CHARGE	(1) WRM GSA SERVICE CHARGE	RESERVE FUND
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE							
SALARIES & BENEFITS	8,493,557	8,583,980	5,587,904		996,076		2,000,000
SERVICES & SUPPLIES	15,928,460	9,710,200	4,945,464		927,736	393,000	3,444,000
WATER COSTS (3)							
FIXED OBLIGATION (melded)	58,151,438	55,800,000	55,800,000				
KCWA VARIABLE	8,218,376	10,667,060		10,667,060			
DISTRICT VARIABLE	13,978,134	20,046,584		20,046,584			
DEBT SERVICE							
BOND DEBT SERVICE	0	0					
KERN WATER BANK BOND (2)	376,000	376,000					
KCWA PIONEER PROP 204 (2)	0	0					
OTHER DEBT SERVICE	0	0					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	105,145,965	105,183,824	66,333,368	30,713,644	1,923,812	393,000	5,444,000
WATER BANKING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	(376,000)	(376,000)					
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RECOVERED	\$ 104,769,965	\$ 104,807,824	\$ 66,333,368	\$ 30,713,644	\$ 1,923,812	\$ 393,000	\$ 5,444,000

(1) ALLOCATION TO ALL SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE ACREAGE (CONTRACT AND NONCONTRACT).

(2) TO BE PAID BY WATER BANKING CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS.

(3) FIXED OBLIGATION WILL BE REVISED AFTER FINAL 2025 ALLOCATION

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

TABLE 2
AVERAGE COSTS BY VARIOUS COST COMPONENTS
2026 BUDGET

			(1)	(1)	(2)	(3)
	2025 TOTAL COSTS (\$)	2026 TOTAL COSTS (\$)	2025 AVERAGE COST (\$/ACRE)	2026 AVERAGE COST (\$/ACRE)	2025 AVERAGE COST (\$/AF)	2026 AVERAGE COST (\$/AF)
WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE:						
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	5,527,186	5,587,904	76.98	77.82	36.47	27.83
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	4,382,835	4,945,464	61.04	68.88	28.92	24.63
KCWA FIXED OBLIGATION	58,151,438	55,800,000	809.88	777.13	383.68	277.86
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL W.A.C.	68,061,459	66,333,368	947.89	923.83	449.07	330.32
WATER USE CHARGE:						
DISTRICT POWER	13,978,134	20,046,584	194.67	279.19	92.23	99.82
STATE POWER (AGENCY VAR)	8,218,376	10,667,060	114.46	148.56	54.22	53.12
TOTAL W.U.C.	22,196,510	30,713,644	309.13	427.75	146.45	152.94
TOTAL W.A.C + W.U.C.	90,257,969	97,047,012	1,257.02	1,351.57	595.52	483.26
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES (4)	877,784	768,941	12.19	10.68	5.79	3.83
TOTAL ALLOCATED COST	\$ 91,135,753	\$ 97,815,953	\$ 1,269	\$ 1,362	\$ 601	\$ 487

(1) TOTAL COSTS DIVIDED BY 71,803 OM&R ACRES

(2) 2025 TOTAL COSTS DIVIDED BY 151,562 ALLOCATED ACRE FEET

(3) 2026 TOTAL COSTS DIVIDED BY 200,818 ALLOCATED ACRE FEET

(4) FOR CONTRACT LANDS ONLY, AS ADOPTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON 6/14/2023; EXCLUDES S.S.C. ALLOCATED TO NON-CONTRACT LANDS

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 3

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED BUDGET EXPENDITURES
2026 BUDGET

	O&M DEPT	ENG DEPT	ADMIN DEPT	TOTAL
01 SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 5,463,894	\$ 1,062,641	\$ 2,057,445	\$ 8,583,980
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES				
32 FUEL AND OIL	494,800			494,800
33 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	1,857,000	10,900		1,867,900
34 SMALL TOOLS	36,600	16,000		52,600
38 WELL MAINT. STANDBY POWER	6,000			6,000
41 COMMUNICATIONS	27,200		39,500	66,700
43 DIRECTORS FEES			291,000	291,000
45 INSURANCE AND BONDS			700,800	700,800
46 MEMBERSHIPS		10,910	91,300	102,210
47 MISC SERVICE & SUPPLIES	7,100	13,100	52,200	72,400
48 OFFICE SVC & SUPPLIES		9,000	25,700	34,700
49 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	9,300	16,490	134,800	160,590
51 MAINT & RPRS BY OTHERS	270,500	2,000	57,000	329,500
52 PROF & SPEC SERVICES	73,200	23,200	285,900	382,300
53 PUBLICATIONS & LEGAL		2,200	15,000	17,200
54 RENTS & LEASES OF EQUIP	50,600	200	15,600	66,400
56 SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXP	2,000		18,400	20,400
57 TRAINING & TRAVEL	27,600	11,300	42,000	80,900
58 UTILITIES	65,700		64,500	130,200
60 SGMA		43,000	450,000	493,000
77 JUDGEMENTS AND CLAIMS	6,600			6,600
79 CAPITAL ASSETS	254,000	4,080,000	-	4,334,000
TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	\$ 3,188,200	\$ 4,238,300	\$ 2,283,700	\$ 9,710,200
WATER COSTS				
36 KCWA FIXED OBLIGATION	55,800,000			55,800,000
37 KCWA VARIABLE	10,667,060			10,667,060
38 DISTRICT VARIABLE	20,046,584			20,046,584
DEBT SERVICE				
44 PAYING AGENT FEES			-	-
71 NOTES PAYABLE			-	-
72 BOND PRINCIPAL			-	-
74 BOND INTEREST			-	-
75 OTHER INTEREST			-	-
GRAND TOTAL	95,165,738	5,300,941	4,341,145	104,807,824

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 4

ALLOCATION TO SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR RECOVERY
2026 BUDGET
(in dollars)

	W.A.C.	W.U.C.	ADMIN SERVICE CHARGE	WRM GSA SERVICE CHARGE	RESERVE FUND	TOTAL
01 SALARIES	5,587,904		996,076		2,000,000	8,583,980
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES						
32 FUEL AND OIL	494,800		0			494,800
33 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	1,862,200		5,700			1,867,900
34 SMALL TOOLS	47,000		5,600			52,600
38 WELL MAINT. STANDBY POWER	6,000		0			6,000
41 COMMUNICATIONS	37,460		29,240			66,700
43 DIRECTORS FEES	174,600		116,400			291,000
45 INSURANCE AND BONDS	420,480		280,320			700,800
46 MEMBERSHIPS	61,206		41,004			102,210
47 MISC SERVICE & SUPPLIES	36,260		36,140			72,400
48 OFFICE SVC & SUPPLIES	20,640		14,060			34,700
49 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	100,074		60,516			160,590
51 MAINT & RPRS BY OTHERS	277,384		52,116			329,500
52 PROF & SPEC SERVICES	262,260		120,040			382,300
53 PUBLICATIONS & LEGALS	10,320		6,880			17,200
54 RENTS & LEASES OF EQUIP	60,080		6,320			66,400
56 SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXP	13,040		7,360			20,400
57 TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL	60,660		20,240			80,900
58 UTILITIES	104,400		25,800			130,200
60 SGMA	0		100,000	393,000		493,000
77 JUDGEMENTS AND CLAIMS	6,600		0			6,600
79 CAPITAL ASSETS	890,000		0		3,444,000	4,334,000
TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	4,945,464	0	927,736	393,000	3,444,000	9,710,200
WATER COSTS						
36 KCWA F/O	55,800,000					55,800,000
37 KCWA VAR		10,667,060				10,667,060
38 DIST PWR		20,046,584				20,046,584
DEBT SERVICE						
44 PAYING AGENT						0
71 NOTE PAY						0
72 BOND PRN						0
74 BOND INT						0
75 OTHER INT						0
TOTAL BEFORE ADJ	66,333,368	30,713,644	1,923,812	393,000	5,444,000	104,807,824
ALLOCATIONS & ADJUSTMENTS						
DEBT SVC	0					
GRAND TOTAL	66,333,368	30,713,644	1,923,812	393,000	5,444,000	104,807,824

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 5
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS
2026 BUDGET

DETERMINATION OF O&M COSTS PER ACRE								
	TOTAL	NSI	NS-1972 NS-1974	5P EXT	SANTIAGA	(A) NAL	LAT 13G	LAT 14G
CHARGE CODE		1xxx&2xxx	3xxx&6xxx	4xxx	5xxx	7xxx	9xxx	8xxx
Acreage Served per 2025	71,802.92	50,164.02	12,847.16	858.79	2,885.21	2,090.86	1,651.42	1,305.46
Acreage Changes 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	71,802.92	50,164.02	12,847.16	858.79	2,885.21	2,090.86	1,651.42	1,305.46
1988 Canceled Acres Served	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 2025 Non-Pump O&M Acres	71,802.92	50,164.02	12,847.16	858.79	2,885.21	2,090.86	1,651.42	1,305.46
Ratio to Total	1.000000	0.698635	0.178923	0.011960	0.040182	0.029119	0.022999	0.018181
Non-Pump O&M Costs Allocated	\$ 8,756,430	\$ 6,117,547	\$ 1,566,723	\$ 104,730	\$ 351,854	\$ 254,982	\$ 201,392	\$ 159,202
Contract Acreage Equivalents Served By Pumping Plants	84,316.20	46,546.96	26,142.03	3,435.16	6,300.82	1,891.23	0.00	0.00
Acreage Changes 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1988 Equivalent Canceled Acres (B)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 2025 Pump O&M Acres	84,316.20	46,546.96	26,142.03	3,435.16	6,300.82	1,891.23	0.00	0.00
Ratio to Total	1.000000	0.552052	0.310048	0.040741	0.074728	0.022430	0.000000	0.000000
Pump O&M Costs Allocated	\$ 1,170,939	\$ 646,419	\$ 363,047	\$ 47,706	\$ 87,502	\$ 26,264	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total O&M Costs	\$ 9,927,368	\$ 6,763,966	\$ 1,929,769	\$ 152,436	\$ 439,356	\$ 281,247	\$ 201,392	\$ 159,202
Non-Pump O&M Cost Per Acre	\$ 121.9509	\$ 121.9509	\$ 121.9509	\$ 121.9509	\$ 121.9509	\$ 121.9509	\$ 121.9509	\$ 121.9509
Pump O&M Cost Per Acre	\$ 16.3077	\$ 12.8861	\$ 28.2589	\$ 55.5499	\$ 30.3279	\$ 12.5615	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.0000
Unit O&M Cost Per Acre	\$ 138.2586	\$ 134.8370	\$ 150.2098	\$ 177.5008	\$ 152.2788	\$ 134.5124	\$ 121.9509	\$ 121.9509
CHARGE CODE		1xxx&2xxx	3xxx&6xxx	4xxx	5xxx	7xxx	9xxx	8xxx

2025 Budget Unit O&M Cost Per Acre	\$ 127.1539	\$ 124.1284	\$ 137.7216	\$ 161.8534	\$ 139.5512	\$ 123.8414	\$ 112.7340	\$ 112.7340
2024 FAA Values	\$ 126.9581	\$ 119.6201	\$ 152.6196	\$ 211.3555	\$ 157.0725	\$ 118.8357	\$ 91.8006	\$ 91.8010

ALLOCATION OF TOTAL O&M COSTS TO PUMP AND NON-PUMP O&M COSTS			
	PUMP PLANT O&M COSTS	NON-PUMP O&M COSTS	TOTAL O&M COSTS
Payroll Costs (Direct Labor, including burden)	\$678,507	\$4,909,397	\$5,587,904
Ratio to Total	0.121424	0.878576	1.000000
Services & Supplies	\$492,432	\$3,563,032	\$4,055,464
Currently Funded Plant Acquisitions		\$890,000	\$890,000
Total Services & Supplies	\$492,432	\$4,453,032	\$4,945,464
Subtotal	\$1,170,939	\$9,362,430	\$10,533,368
Credits from Non-Contract Land OM&R Surcharge on Farming Unit Operations (C)		(\$606,000)	(\$606,000)
Adjusted Cost to Water Users	\$1,170,939	\$8,756,430	\$9,927,368

- (A) The Nonsprinkler Added Land (NAL) category of service was created in 2010 to help ensure that other Water Users are not adversely affected when contract lands are moved to a different charge code zone.
 (B) For budget purposes, assume none of 1988 Canceled Lands will be farmed in 2026
 (C) Estimated irrigated non-contract acres x average budget OM&R rate (rounded)

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 6
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY
FIXED OBLIGATION
2026 BUDGET

BASIC OBLIGATION				
\$	224,284,220	X	0.185447	= \$ 45,031,333
KWB DELTA CHARGE				
				\$ 93,263
EXCESS CAPACITY				
				\$ 673,623
KERN WATER BANK FIXED O&M CHARGES				
				\$ 961,440
PIONEER PROJECT FIXED O&M CHARGES				
				\$ 600,000
BERRENDA MESA PROJECT FIXED O&M CHARGES				
				\$ 55,000
CROSS VALLEY CANAL FIXED O&M CHARGES				
				\$ 115,956
KERN FAN MONITORING COMMITTEE				
				\$ 13,000
IAA AUDIT OF THE STATE WATER PROJECT via KCWA				
				\$ 50,000
LESS VARIABLE THRU DOS AMIGOS P.P.				
	197,088	AF	FIRM @	\$ 27.3400 = \$ (5,388,385.92)
	34,205	AF	SURPLUS @	\$ 32.1900 = \$ (1,101,058.95)
				\$ (6,489,445)
NET FIXED OBLIGATION				
				\$ 41,104,170
DETERMINATION OF FIXED OBLIGATION UNIT COST PER AC-FT				
				\$ 41,104,170
DIVIDED BY 2026 ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION				
				197,088
EQUALS F.O. UNIT RATE PER AC-FT				
				\$ 208.5574
SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SUPPLY				
	3,730	AC-FT @	\$ 208.5574	\$ 777,919
TOTAL FIXED OBLIGATION				
				\$ 41,882,089
DIVIDED BY 2026 C.A.W.				
				200,818
EQUALS F.O. UNIT RATE PER AC-FT:				
				\$ 208.5574
Based on historical information for past 5 years, estimated 2026 F.O. cost for melded SWP and Supplemental 1 water at a 100% allocation.				
				\$ 60,000,000
DIVIDED BY 2026 C.A.W.				
				200,818
EQUALS BUDGET F.O. UNIT RATE PER AC-FT:				
				\$ 298.7780
GROUNDWATER SERVICE CHARGE (GWSC) ADJUSTMENT [A]				
ESTIMATED NON-CONTRACT PUMPING:				
			AC-FT	
	21,000	AC-FT @	\$200.00	\$ (4,200,000)
	-	AC-FT @	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FIXED OBLIGATION - ADJUSTED				
				\$ (4,200,000)
BUDGET FIXED OBLIGATION				
				\$ 60,000,000
GWSC ADJUSTED FIXED OBLIGATION				
				\$ 55,800,000
DIVIDED BY 2026 C.A.W.				
				200,818
EQUALS GWSC ADJUSTED BUDGET F.O. UNIT RATE PER AC-FT:				
				\$ 277.8635

[A] - POST SETTLEMENT-MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE 2026 GWSC RATE SHOWN.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 7

KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY VARIABLE
2026 BUDGET

	REACH 14	REACH 15	REACH 16	TOTAL
2026 ENTITLEMENT: CAW ACRE FEET	133,220	52,191	15,407	200,818
UNIT RATE PER ACRE-FOOT	\$ 45.000	\$ 60.000	\$ 100.000	
VARIABLE PAST COST ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
ADJUSTED KCWA VARIABLE UNIT RATES (\$ PER ACRE-FOOT)	\$ 45.000	\$ 60.000	\$ 100.000	
KCWA VARIABLE COSTS	\$ 5,994,900	\$ 3,131,460	\$ 1,540,700	\$ 10,667,060

NOTE: THE ABOVE CHARGES ARE BASED UPON THE FULL 2026 CONTRACT AMOUNT
OF WATER WITH NO ADJUSTMENT FOR POOLED OR TRANSFERRED WATER.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 8

DISTRICT POWER COSTS FOR PUMPING
2026 BUDGET

PUMP ZONE	ACRE FEET	\$PER AC-FT	ESTIMATED COST
00	13,947	\$ -	\$ -
01	79,276	\$ 50	\$ 3,963,800
02	18,470	\$ 95	\$ 1,754,650
03	20,611	\$ 163	\$ 3,359,593
04	11,701	\$ 247	\$ 2,890,147
05	730	\$ 133	\$ 97,090
06	730	\$ 153	\$ 111,690
07	2,808	\$ 368	\$ 1,033,344
08	19,145	\$ 79	\$ 1,512,455
09	19,975	\$ 144	\$ 2,876,400
10	5,664	\$ 215	\$ 1,217,760
11	1,725	\$ 83	\$ 143,175
12	6,036	\$ 180	\$ 1,086,480
TOTALS	200,818		\$ 20,046,584

NOTE: THE ABOVE ESTIMATED CHARGES ARE BASED UPON THE FULL 2026 CONTRACT
AMOUNT OF WATER WITH NO ADJUSTMENT FOR POOLED OR TRANSFERRED WATER.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- A) PG&E Agricultural rates will increase approximately 10% between 2025 and 2026
- B) Credits from the Wheeler #1 solar facilities will result in net savings of approximately \$3,500,000 which will be prorated by KWH among all Water Users
- C) Total deliveries will be approximately 174,200 acre-feet
- D) The 14G27X intertie will remain in service during 2026 enabling significant transfers of water from Reach 16 into the 1510 charge code zone

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TABLE 9
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
2026 BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST
MOTOR CONTROL CENTER INVENTORY	500,000
VALVES & PARTS	318,000
PUMP & VALVE MAINTENANCE	155,000
WEED CONTROL	135,000
PIPE REPAIR MATERIALS	110,000
WATER SCREEN PARTS	100,000
FLOW METER PARTS	70,000
REPLACE A/C UNITS	60,000
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	51,000
MISC HARDWARE, PARTS, & WIRES	46,000
MOTOR EQUIPMENT & PARTS	30,000
TIRES	30,000
UNIFORMS	30,000
GENERAL SUPPLIES	28,000
DISTRICT WELLS	25,000
METAL	23,400
SCADA EQUIPMENT	21,500
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	20,300
PIPE FITTINGS	18,000
PAINT SUPPLIES	15,200
NUTS, BOLTS, & WASHERS	13,000
WELDING SUPPLIES	11,000
OIL, SAND, & COLD MIX	10,800
CEMENT & SAND	10,200
GRAVEL	6,800
INDUSTRIAL CLEANERS	5,500
CONCRETE	4,900
CATHODIC PROTECTION	4,800
PACKING & GASKETS	4,000
ENGINEERING SUPPLIES	4,000
LUMBER	2,400
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	2,000
GROUNDWATER STUDIES	2,000
CLIMATE STATIONS	100
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TOTAL MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1,867,900

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TABLE 12
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
2026 BUDGET
(in dollars)

QTY	DESCRIPTION	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	2026 ESTIMATE	CURRENTLY FUNDED	RESERVE FUNDED
ENGINEERING						
2	Drill Two Replacement Supply Wells	2,100,000	4,200,000	2,100,000		2,100,000
8	WRM10 Large Pump Units, 17 & 44 CFS	210,000	1,680,000	1,680,000	336,000	1,344,000
1	Portion of 6P Lateral Pipeline Replacement	600,000	600,000	300,000	300,000	
	SUBTOTAL		6,480,000	4,080,000	636,000	3,444,000
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE						
1	Compact SUV	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
1	Mid-Sized Crew Cab 4X4	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
1	1/2 Ton Reg Cab Pickup	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	
1	1/2 Ton Ext Cab Pickup	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
1	3/4 Ton Pickup	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000	
1	1 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
1	1-1/2 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	
	SUBTOTAL		254,000	254,000	254,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			6,734,000	4,334,000	890,000	3,444,000

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TABLE 13
BUDGETED EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS
2025 BUDGET

TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		
	2024		2025
	AUTHORIZED	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
ENGINEER-MANAGER	1	1	1
ASSISTANT ENGINEER-MANAGER	0	0	0
DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES	1	1	1
WATER RESOURCES MANAGER	0	0	0
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	1	1	1
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	1	1
CONTROLLER	1	1	1
ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	1	1
STAFF ACCOUNTANT	1	1	0
ACCOUNTANT	1	1	1
JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT	1	1	1
ACCOUNT CLERK (I OR II)	0	0	0
STAFF ENGINEER	1	1	1
STAFF GEOLOGIST	1	1	1
CORROSION TECHNICIAN	1	1	1
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN (or JR.)	1	1	1
ASSISTANT ENGINEER	1	1	1
O & M SUPERINTENDENT	1	1	1
ASSISTANT O & M SUPERINTENDENT	0	0	0
MAINTENANCE/PUMP/ELECTRICAL SUPERVISOR	1	1	1
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	0	0	0
ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	1	1
MAINTENANCE (I OR II)	3	3	3
O & M PURCHASING AGENT (WAREHOUSE)	1	1	1
PAINTER	0	0	0
LEAD EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	1	1	1
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	1	1	1
LEAD WELDER	0	0	1
WELDER	2	2	1
PUMP / ELECTRICAL SUPERVISOR	0	0	0
PUMP TECHNICIAN (OR TRAINEE)	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL / PUMP TECHNICIAN (or I or II)	5	5	5
OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	1	1
ASSISTANT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	1	1
WATER TENDER (I OR II)	9	9	9
WATER TENDER TRAINEE	0	0	0
CHIEF DISPATCHER	1	1	1
ASSISTANT CHIEF DISPATCHER	1	1	1
DISPATCHER (OR TRAINEE)	2	2	2
TOTAL EMPLOYEE POSITIONS	45	45	44

(1) ALSO BUDGETED, IS ONE RETIRED ANNUITANT

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TABLE 14

WATER CHARGE COMPONENTS BY CATEGORY OF SERVICE AND PUMP ZONES
2026 BUDGET

WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE (WAC) (\$\text{ACRE})						
CODE	CATEGORY OF SERVICE	O M & R	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL WAC (EXC FO)	TOTAL WAC + SSC	TOTAL WAC +SSC +FO
1	NSI (EXCEPT SOUTH LAKE)	134.8370	0.0000	134.8370	145.5170	979.1076
2	SOUTH LAKE	134.8370	0.0000	134.8370	145.5170	979.1076
3	NS-1972	150.2098	0.0000	150.2098	160.8898	994.4804
4	LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	177.5008	0.0000	177.5008	188.1808	1,021.7714
5	SANTIAGO	152.2788	0.0000	152.2788	162.9588	996.5494
6	LATERAL 6P (EXC SPECIAL)	150.2098	0.0000	150.2098	160.8898	994.4804
6A	LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL)	150.2098	0.0000	150.2098	160.8898	994.4804
7	N.A.L.	134.5124	0.0000	134.5124	145.1924	978.7830
8	LATERAL 14G	121.9509	0.0000	121.9509	132.6309	966.2215
9A	LATERAL 13G-A	121.9509	0.0000	121.9509	132.6309	966.2215
9B	LATERAL 13G-B	121.9509	0.0000	121.9509	132.6309	966.2215
WATER USE CHARGE (WUC) (\$\text{ACRE-FOOT})						
FIXED OBLIGATION (FO) @ 100%		277.8635				
FO =		277.8635				
STATE VARIABLE				DISTRICT VARIABLE		
CODE	AQUEDUCT REACH	UPSTREAM PUMPING PLANT	FIRM RATE	CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATE
--	12	DOS AMIGOS	30.0000	00	GRAVITY	0.0000
4	14	BUENA VISTA	45.0000	01	DOWNHILL PUMP	50.0000
5	15	WHEELER RIDGE	60.0000	02	UPHILL - ZONE I	95.0000
6	16	WIND GAP	100.0000	03	UPHILL - ZONE II	163.0000
				04	UPHILL - ZONE III	247.0000
				05	RANCH HQ - ZONE I	133.0000
				06	RANCH HQ - ZONE II	153.0000
				07	LATERAL 5P EXT	368.0000
				08	850 - ZONE I	79.0000
				09	850 - ZONE II	144.0000
				10	850 - ZONE III	215.0000
				11	SANTIAGO - ZONE I	83.0000
				12	SANTIAGO - ZONE II	180.0000
				13	RINCON - ZONE I	N/A
				14	RINCON - ZONE II	N/A
				15	RINCON - ZONE III	N/A
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE (SSC) (\$\text{ACRE})						
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CHARGE		9.9800				
GENERAL SERVICE CHARGE		0.7000				
PROJECT SERVICE CHARGE		0.0000				
TOTAL SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE		10.6800				

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TABLE 15

WAC AND WUC RATES BY CATEGORY OF SERVICE AND PUMP ZONES
2025 BUDGET

CHARGE CODE	CHARGE ZONE	(a) WAC (\$/acre) Excludes FO	(b) WAC (\$/acre) Includes FO	(c) WUC (\$/acre foot)	(d) SSC (\$/acre)
1401	BUENA VISTA DOWNHILL	134.84	968.43	95.00	10.68
1402	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE I	134.84	968.43	140.00	10.68
1403	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE II	134.84	968.43	208.00	10.68
1501	WHEELER RIDGE DOWNHILL	134.84	968.43	110.00	10.68
1508	850 - ZONE I	134.84	968.43	139.00	10.68
1509	850 - ZONE II	134.84	968.43	204.00	10.68
1510	850 - ZONE III	134.84	968.43	275.00	10.68
1600	RANCH HQ - GRAVITY	134.84	968.43	100.00	10.68
1605	RANCH HQ - ZONE I	134.84	968.43	233.00	10.68
1606	RANCH HQ - ZONE II	134.84	968.43	253.00	10.68
2401	SOUTH LAKE	134.84	968.43	95.00	10.68
3402	NS-1972 - ZONE I	150.21	983.80	140.00	10.68
3403	NS-1972 - ZONE II	150.21	983.80	208.00	10.68
3404	NS-1972 - ZONE III	150.21	983.80	292.00	10.68
4407	LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	177.50	1,011.09	413.00	10.68
5401	SANTIAGO - DOWNHILL	152.28	985.87	95.00	10.68
5411	SANTIAGO - ZONE I	152.28	985.87	128.00	10.68
5412	SANTIAGO - ZONE II	152.28	985.87	225.00	10.68
6402	LATERAL 6P (EXC SPECIAL) ZONE 1	150.21	983.80	140.00	10.68
6402A	LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL) ZONE 1	150.21	983.80	140.00	10.68
6403	LATERAL 6P - ZONE II	150.21	983.80	208.00	10.68
7402	N.A.L.	134.51	968.10	140.00	10.68
7403	N.A.L.	134.51	968.10	208.00	10.68
7509	N.A.L.	134.51	968.10	204.00	10.68
7600	N.A.L.	134.51	968.10	100.00	10.68
8600	NS-1978	121.95	955.54	100.00	10.68
9600A	LATERAL 13G-A	121.95	955.54	100.00	10.68
9600B	LATERAL 13G-B	121.95	955.54	100.00	10.68

(a) WAC RATE = OM&R (per acre)

(b) WAC RATE = OM&R (per acre) + (FIXED OBLIGATION x 3) (assuming 3.0 Acre Feet per acre)

(c) WUC RATE = STATE VARIABLE + DISTRICT VARIABLE (per Acre Foot)

(d) SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE (per acre)

See Table 14 for the rates used

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TABLE 16

ANNUAL WATER COMPUTATION FOR EACH TURNOUT
USING THE RATES SHOWN ON TABLE 14 AND INFORMATION ON
TURNOUT LISTING WHICH ACCOMPANIES EACH BILLING
2025 BUDGET

1. WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE (WAC)			AMOUNT BILLED
A.	_____ ACRES X (WAC PER ACRE EXC FO)	\$ _____	\$ _____
B.	_____ ACRE-FEET ENTITLEMENT X (FO)	\$ <u>277.8635</u>	\$ _____
TOTAL WAC (A + B)			\$ _____
2. WATER USE CHARGE (WUC)			
_____ ACRE-FEET ENTITLEMENT X _____ WUC PER AF			\$ _____
3 SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE (SSC)			
_____ ACRES X \$ 10.68			\$ _____
TOTAL TURNOUT COSTS (1 + 2 + 3)			

(A) THE TURNOUT LISTING WHICH ACCOMPANIES EACH ANNUAL WATER BILLING CONTAINS ALL THE DATA NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE ABOVE COMPUTATION FOR EACH TURNOUT, i.e. CHARGE CODE, ACRES SERVED, AND ACRE-FEET ENTITLEMENT.
(B) DELIVERIES TO NON-CONTRACT LANDS ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO THE NON-CONTRACT LAND OM&R SURCHARGE (TABLE 17).

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TABLE 17

MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES
FOR NON-CONTRACT LAND, UNSCHEDULED, TEMPORARY, AND INDUSTRIAL USES
2025 BUDGET

CHARGE CODE	CHARGE ZONE	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		NON-CONTRACT LAND OM&R RATES (\$/acre) (\$/AF)	ADDED OR UNSCHEDULED WATER RATE (\$/AF)	TEMPORARY WATER RATE (\$/AF)	
1401	BUENA VISTA DOWNHILL	134.8370	44.95	372.86	417.81
1402	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE I	134.8370	44.95	417.86	462.81
1403	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE II	134.8370	44.95	485.86	530.81
1501	WHEELER RIDGE DOWNHILL	134.8370	44.95	387.86	432.81
1508	850 - ZONE I	134.8370	44.95	416.86	461.81
1509	850 - ZONE II	134.8370	44.95	481.86	526.81
1510	850 - ZONE III	134.8370	44.95	552.86	597.81
1600	RANCH HQ - GRAVITY	134.8370	44.95	377.86	422.81
1605	RANCH HQ - ZONE I	134.8370	44.95	510.86	555.81
1606	RANCH HQ - ZONE II	134.8370	44.95	530.86	575.81
2401	SOUTH LAKE	134.8370	44.95	372.86	417.81
3402	NS-1972 - ZONE I	150.2098	50.07	417.86	467.93
3403	NS-1972 - ZONE II	150.2098	50.07	485.86	535.93
3404	NS-1972 - ZONE III	150.2098	50.07	569.86	619.93
4407	LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	177.5008	59.17	690.86	750.03
5401	SANTIAGO - DOWNHILL	152.2788	50.76	372.86	423.62
5411	SANTIAGO - ZONE I	152.2788	50.76	405.86	456.62
5412	SANTIAGO - ZONE II	152.2788	50.76	502.86	553.62
6402	LATERAL 6P (EXC SPECIAL) ZONE I	150.2098	50.07	417.86	467.93
6402A	LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL) ZONE I	150.2098	50.07	417.86	467.93
6403	LATERAL 6P - ZONE II	150.2098	50.07	485.86	535.93
7402	N.A.L.	134.5124	44.84	417.86	462.70
7403	N.A.L.	134.5124	44.84	485.86	530.70
7509	N.A.L.	134.5124	44.84	481.86	526.70
7600	N.A.L.	134.5124	44.84	377.86	422.70
8600	NS-1978	121.9509	40.65	377.86	418.51
9600A	LATERAL 13G-A	121.9509	40.65	377.86	418.51
9600B	LATERAL 13G-B	121.9509	40.65	377.86	418.51

INDUSTRIAL WATER RATES ARE THE HIGHER OF:

- (A) \$150 FOR FIRST DAY OF SERVICE, PLUS \$75 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CONTINUOUS DAY OF SERVICE; OR
(B) \$600 PER ACRE-FOOT.

ALL WATER TYPES IN THIS TABLE ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY, AND DELIVERIES ARE MADE ON AN INTERRUPTIBLE, NON-DEPENDABLE BASIS.

- (1) 100% OF CONTRACT LAND OM&R RATE. APPLIES TO CROPPED NON-CONTRACT LAND INSIDE A FARMING UNIT OPERATION.
- (2) NON-CONTRACT LAND OM&R RATE DIVIDED BY 3.
- (3) FIXED OBLIGATION + STATE VARIABLE + DISTRICT VARIABLE = COST OF DISTRICT POOL WATER TO CONTRACT LANDS.
- (4) COL (2) + COL (3) = COST OF DISTRICT POOL WATER PURCHASED BY A LANDOWNER AT 100% OF THE F.O. RATE.

See Table 14 for the rates used

ADDED OR UNSCHEDULED vs. TEMPORARY?

ADDED OR UNSCHEDULED = Pool Water purchased by a contract landowner

TEMPORARY = Pool Water purchased by a non-contract landowner

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TABLE 18

COMPARISON OF COSTS PER ACRE AND ACRE FOOT
ASSUMING 3.0 ACRE-FEET PER ACRE
2025 BUDGET

CHARGE CODE	CHARGE ZONE	(a)	(b)
		TOTAL (\$/acre)	TOTAL (\$/AF)
1401	BUENA VISTA DOWNHILL	1,264.11	421.37
1402	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE I	1,399.11	466.37
1403	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE II	1,603.11	534.37
1501	WHEELER RIDGE DOWNHILL	1,309.11	436.37
1508	850 - ZONE I	1,396.11	465.37
1509	850 - ZONE II	1,591.11	530.37
1510	850 - ZONE III	1,804.11	601.37
1600	RANCH HQ - GRAVITY	1,279.11	426.37
1605	RANCH HQ - ZONE I	1,678.11	559.37
1606	RANCH HQ - ZONE II	1,738.11	579.37
2401	SOUTH LAKE	1,264.11	421.37
3402	NS-1972 - ZONE I	1,414.48	471.49
3403	NS-1972 - ZONE II	1,618.48	539.49
3404	NS-1972 - ZONE III	1,870.48	623.49
4407	LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	2,260.77	753.59
5401	SANTIAGO - DOWNHILL	1,281.55	427.18
5411	SANTIAGO - ZONE I	1,380.55	460.18
5412	SANTIAGO - ZONE II	1,671.55	557.18
6402	LATERAL 6P (EXC SPECIAL) ZONE I	1,414.48	471.49
6402A	LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL) ZONE I	1,414.48	471.49
6403	LATERAL 6P - ZONE II	1,618.48	539.49
7402	N.A.L.	1,398.78	466.26
7403	N.A.L.	1,602.78	534.26
7509	N.A.L.	1,590.78	526.07
7600	N.A.L.	1,278.78	426.26
8600	NS-1978	1,266.22	422.07
9600A	LATERAL 13G-A	1,266.22	422.07
9600B	LATERAL 13G-B	1,266.22	422.07

(a) RATE PER ACRE = OM&R + SSC + (FIXED OBLIGATION x 3) + STATE VARIABLE +
DISTRICT VARIABLE

(b) RATE PER ACRE FOOT = RATE PER ACRE / 3

See Table 14 for the rates used

SECTION III - CASH FLOW PROJECTION

A cash flow projection has been developed for 2026 based upon operations and activities covered in the proposed budget. This is shown on Table 19.

Table 19 shows a beginning cash balance of \$70 million. This is before the payment of January 1, 2025 water costs of \$39.9 million.

The 2026 year-end projected cash balance reflects an increase in cash of \$2.2 million. Primarily caused by increases in Groundwater Service Charges and Industrial Water Sales.

A brief summary of items of cash flow is as follows:

INCREASE IN CASH (Thousands of Dollars)			DECREASE IN CASH (Thousands of Dollars)	
Water Installments	97,816		Salaries	6,584
KCT (NONC SSC collection)	525		Services & Supplies	5,376
Interest	2,855		Water Costs	66,467
Industrial Water Sales	1,493		District Power	20,047
Miscellaneous	41		Equipment Current Funded	890
Noncontract OM&R	606		Reserve Funded	5,444
Groundwater Service Charges	3,275			
WRM GSA Service Charges	393			
TOTAL INCREASE IN CASH	\$107,004		TOTAL DECREASE IN CASH	\$104,808

NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) \$2,196

Three lines at the bottom of the cash flow projection indicate the impact of 10%, 20% and 30% delinquency rates respectively of the 2026 cash receipts.

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TABLE 19
ESTIMATED CASH FLOW
2026
(in dollars x 1,000)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	70,000	28,047	32,107	42,340	53,010	62,461	71,572	54,198	63,636	72,739	76,794	74,652	70,000
CASH RECEIPTS:													
WATER INSTALLMENTS		6,113	12,227	12,227	12,227	12,227	12,227	12,227	12,227	6,114			97,816
S S C (KCT)	240	20	15	240	5	5							525
NONCONTRACT OM&R				101	101	101	101	101	101				606
GROUNDWATER SERVICE CHARGES			405	410	410	410	410	410	410	410			3,275
WRM GSA SERVICE CHARGES	150	50	30	150	10	3							393
INTEREST EARNED	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	237	2,855
OTHER WATER SALES		339	5	5	336	6	116	338	6	5	332	5	1,493
MISC RECEIPTS	1	2	15	2	5	2	2	5	2	2	2	1	41
TOTAL RECEIPTS	629	6,762	12,935	13,373	13,332	12,992	13,094	13,319	12,984	6,769	572	243	107,004
CASH EXPENDITURES:													
PAYROLL EXPENSE	546	546	546	546	546	546	546	546	546	557	557	556	6,584
SERVICES & SUPPLIES	448	448	448	448	448	448	448	448	448	448	448	448	5,376
WATER COSTS (KCWA & SUPP1)	39,880						26,587						66,467
DISTRICT POWER	1,179	1,179	1,179	1,180	2,358	2,358	2,358	2,358	2,358	1,180	1,180	1,180	20,047
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	65	890
RESERVE FUNDED	454	454	454	454	454	454	454	454	454	454	454	450	5,444
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	42,582	2,702	2,702	2,703	3,881	3,881	30,468	3,881	3,881	2,714	2,714	2,699	104,808
MONTH END BALANCES:	28,047	32,107	42,340	53,010	62,461	71,572	54,198	63,636	72,739	76,794	74,652	72,196	72,196
MONTH END BALANCES (a):													
10% DELINQUENCY	27,984	31,368	40,307	49,640	57,758	65,570	46,886	54,992	62,797	66,175	63,976	61,496	
20% DELINQUENCY	27,921	30,629	38,275	46,270	53,055	59,567	39,575	46,349	52,855	55,556	53,300	50,795	
30% DELINQUENCY	27,858	29,890	36,242	42,900	48,352	53,565	32,263	37,705	42,913	44,937	42,624	40,095	

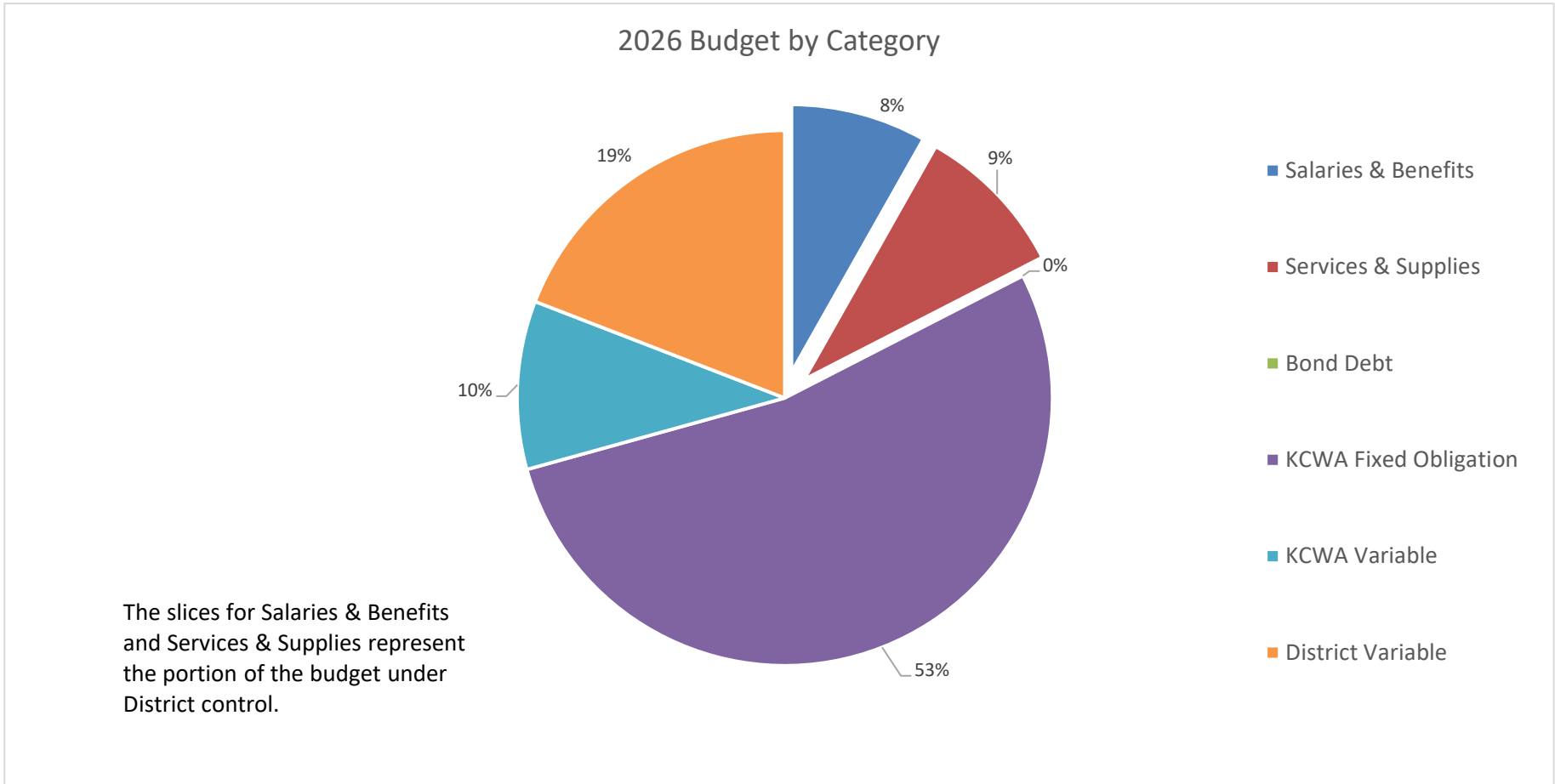
(a) Delinquency balances are calculated assuming a 10%, 20%, or 30% delinquency rate on all sources of cash receipts. Expenditures are assumed to remain fixed.

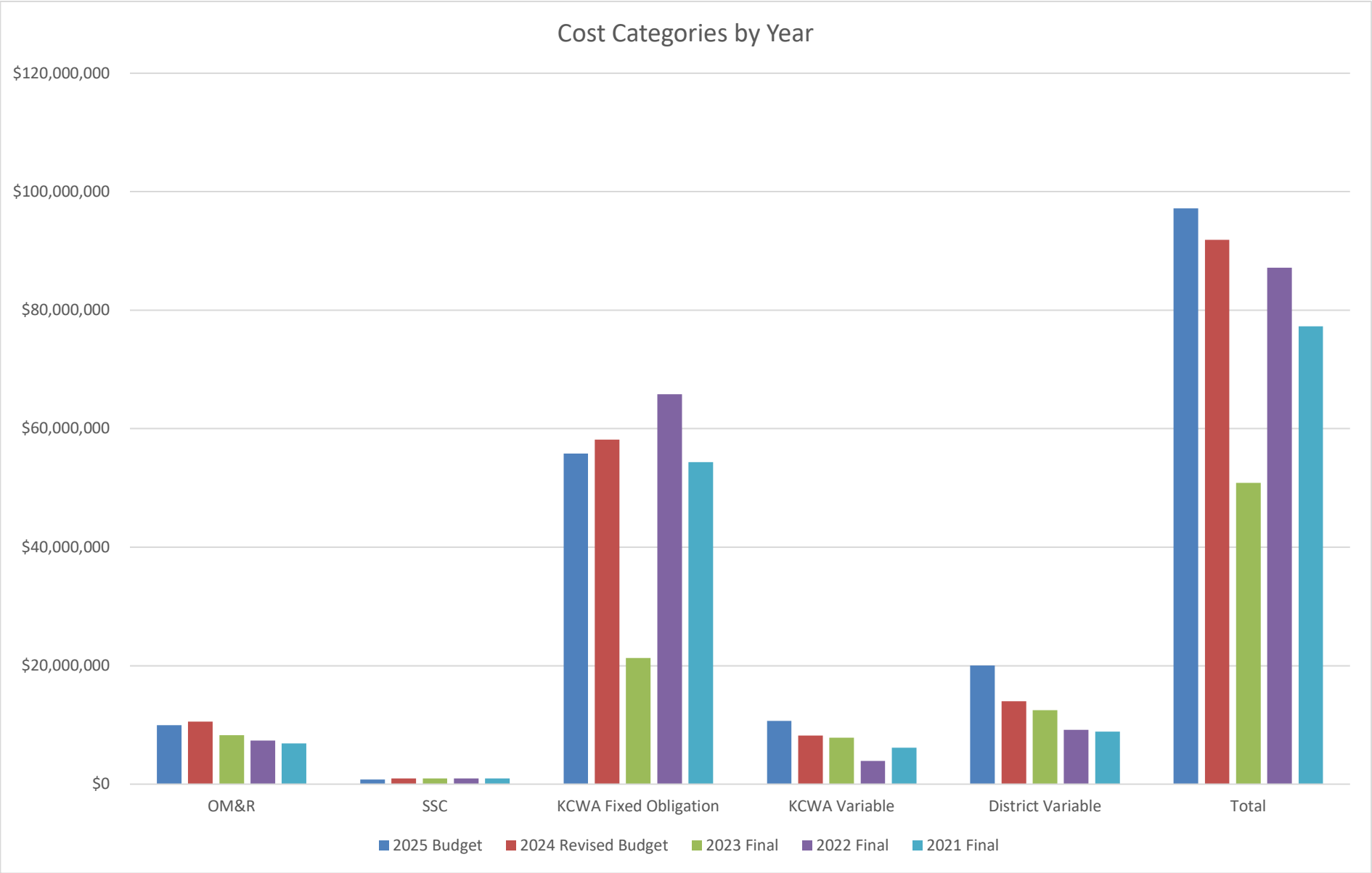
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Table 20

Reserve Fund Balances
As of December 31, 2024

RESERVE FUND	BALANCE
OPERATING RESERVE	\$ 24,903,002
GROUND WATER REPLENISHMENT RESERVE	\$ 12,429,594
CONTINGENCY RESERVE	\$ 11,171,205
WATER BANKING CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 5,791,997
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE	\$ 3,602,282
DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION RESERVE	\$ 100,445
WELL REPAIR & REPLACEMENT RESERVE	\$ 11,486
	\$ 58,010,011







ENGINEER-MANAGER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER
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: OCTOBER 2, 2025

SUBJECT: ENGINEER-MANAGER’S MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEP 2025

During the months of September, the District delivered 14,467 acre-feet consisting of the water types described below. Of the total quantity delivered, 293 acre-feet was delivered for industrial use, with the remainder being delivered for agricultural use. This compares to the projected deliveries of approximately 19,300 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	Sept.	YTD
2025 SWP Entitlement (a)	72,685	14,181	86,866
2024 Carryover (estimate) (b)	24,398	-	24,398
Pastoria/TRC	1,799	277	2,076
Granite/TRC	67	8	75
Kern Water Bank Recovery (c)	-	-	-
Kern Water Bank - 2nd Priority Recovery	-	-	-
Pioneer Project Recovery (c)	-	-	-
Berrenda Mesa Recovery (c)	-	-	-
Landowner Water Transfer	4,329	-	4,329
User Input-District Wells	7	-	7
User Input-Private	-	-	-
Type of Delivery			
Irrigation	101,381	14,174	115,556
Industrial Contract	1,865	285	2,150
Other Industrial	42	8	49
Deliveries Total	103,288	14,467	117,755

(a) Assumes a 2025 allocation of 197,088 acre-feet (100%)

(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.

(c) Estimates based on KCWA daily Summary of Deliveries

ENGINEER-MANAGER’S REPORT – S. NICHOLAS

District Battery Project. 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.

Delta Conveyance Project. The recent trailer bill proposed by Governor Newsom that would have streamlined some of the permitting requirements for the DCP did not come to vote in the recent legislative session. As noted in the State Water Contractor press release included in the Board Packet, Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors. “Even if action is

delayed this year, the need for modern delta conveyance has never been greater, and the sooner we are able to make a decision on construction, the less that construction will cost. The work to complete planning activities and advance this critical project continues, and we remain committed to ensuring that California’s families, farms and businesses can rely on safe, clean water for generations to come. The State Water Contractors look forward to working with legislative leaders, stakeholders and the Administration in the months ahead to streamline the process and keep planning activities on track. The need is urgent, the support is broad, and the time to move forward is now.”

White Wolf GSA. The October 7 Board meeting was cancelled. Next Scheduled Board meeting is November 4.

South of Kern River GSP.

Coordination between SOKR GSA’s

The September and October Executive Committee meetings were cancelled.

- Next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting is November 13.

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 Resources Control Board resumed their Probationary Hearing from February 20 on September 17. After addressing the myriad of issues raised by the SWRCB and its staff, the Board unanimously approved a resolution on the Kern Subbasin that -

- Finds that the Kern County Subbasin GSAs substantially addressed the deficiencies identified in the Department of Water Resources’ Inadequacy Determination and additional issues identified by State Water Board staff.
- Finds that designating the Kern County Subbasin as probationary under SGMA is not necessary at this time and that the Kern County Subbasin should be returned to the oversight of the Department of Water Resources under Chapter 10 of SGMA.
- Directs Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management staff to review the revised Kern County Subbasin adopted 2025 GSPs for consistency with the 2025 Draft GSPs and representations regarding changes to be made to address the three priority deficiencies identified by staff, and, if satisfactorily resolved, to transmit a letter to the Department of Water Resources formalizing the return of the Kern County Subbasin to the Department’s oversight consistent with the above findings.

Once the Subbasin has been formally returned to DWR’s oversight, DWR has up to two years to review the Kern Subbasin plan.

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

Sep 01	ACWA Executive Director Selection Committee	Sep 10	WRMWSD Board
Sep 02	White Wolf GSA	Sep 10	Kern Subbasin Subsidence Committee and CASP
Sep 03	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee	Sep 10	DWR Subsidence BMP Workshop
Sep 03	CVC Settlement Discussion	Sep 11	KCWA Special Board Meeting
Sep 04	WRMWSD Personnel Committee	Sep 11	Member Unit Managers
Sep 04	CFWC Executive Director Selection Committee	Sep 12	Brian Allum
Sep 05	Kern Subbasin Managers Meeting	Sep 12	Kern Water Collaborative
Sep 05	Member Unit Funding Committee	Sep 15	ACWA Executive Director Selection Committee
Sep 08	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee	Sep 16	Craig Wallace
Sep 09	Atlas Water	Sep 17	SWRCB Hearing on Kern Subbasin
Sep 09	KWBGSA/KWB Board		

RETIRED ANNUITANT REPORT – R. KUNDE

Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – DWR July 23 Press Release. 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

(New) Part 7: System Flexibility Means Reliable Water Supplies

(New) Part 8: Protecting Important Agricultural Land in the Delta and Throughout California

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

Delta Conveyance Project - Water Right Hearing and Schedule. 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.

On September 12, the AHO updated the Hearing schedule as follows:

Hearing continues with remaining parties’ (State Water Contractors, Bureau of Reclamation and Protestants) cases in-chief.

September 15, 18, 19, 22, 29, & 30, and

October 1, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 (reserved for site visit), 20, 23, 27, 28, & 29, 2025, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Deadline for Protestants to submit written offer of exhibits into the evidentiary record.

November 3, 2025.

Deadline for evidentiary objections to Protestants’ offer of exhibits.

November 17, 2025.

Deadline for replies to evidentiary objections to Protestants’ offer of exhibits.

December 1, 2025.

In mid-September, cross-examination was in progress by the DCP proponents of Protestant’s case-in-chief.

Delta Conveyance Project – Local Activity. (No change from August.) Although most Member Units have conditionally 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.

The AHO held a status conference on September 4. The Sites Project requested a schedule be adopted for the SWRCB decision. No schedule was released by month's end, and no Hearing Officer recommendation (the draft Decision) was issued by month's end.

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.

Sites Reservoir - Increased State Funding. On August 20, the California Water Commission approved regulations that would remove the \$135 million cap on early funding dollars from Proposition 1 (Water Storage Investment Program). On September 17, the CWC awarded an additional \$10.9 million to the Sites Project in early funding through end of 2026. This increases funds available to Sites for its current funding phase for design, planning, and permitting.

Sites Reservoir – September Joint Meeting of Sites Project Authority (SPA) and Reservoir Project Committee (RPC). At its September 19, 2025 meeting, the SPA and/or RPC approved the usual consent agenda (minutes, treasurer's report, accounts payable, adjustment to authorized billing amounts for select consultants). There were no action items.

Discussion items were as follows.

1. Discuss the continued development of components of the contracting strategy for terrestrial biological mitigation,
2. Discuss the priorities for engineering and construction and related activities in preparation for the initiation of Phase 3/4/5,
3. Discuss the process and timing for the Assignment of Sites Participation between existing Participants - the Wheeler Ridge/Santa Clara Assignment is the first example of such Assignment, and
4. Discuss the status of information development regarding construction and operations considerations for the Lower Colusa Basin Drain System - some Participants voiced concerns that the current information regarding future use of the Drain for conveyance of Sites water was insufficient for the 2026 decision to continue with the Project.

Closed session considered several important items.

The next regular joint Sites Project Authority/Reservoir Project Committee Meeting will be held on October 17, 2025.

Sites Reservoir - District Participation Changes. In July and August, 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. In September, one grower with 1000 acre-feet of participation decided to accept the Santa Clara offer. Minor modifications to reflect this were made to the Assignment Agreement which was forwarded to Santa Clara which intends to take the matter to its Board of Directors in November.

At the September 19 Joint Meeting of Sites Project Authority (SPA) and Reservoir Project Committee (RPC), an extensive discussion was held regarding the approval process for Assignments. Work continues in this regard.

Meetings. The Retired Annuitant attended the following meetings:

Sep 11	Delta Conveyance Project - Policy Briefing	Sep 12	Sites Reservoir - Governance Ad Hoc Committee
Sep 11	KCWA - Member Unit Managers	Sep 30	Sites Reservoir - Governance Ad Hoc Committee
Sep 23	KCWA - State Water Project Update	Sep 03	Sites Reservoir - Meeting with Resources Secretary Crowfoot and his staff
Sep 12	Sites Reservoir - Budget and Finance Committee	Sep 04	Sites Reservoir - Operations and Engineering Work Group - Agenda Planning
Sep 03	Sites Reservoir - Chairperson's Meeting	Sep 10	Sites Reservoir - Operations and Engineering Work Group
Sep 05	Sites Reservoir - Conveyance Ad Hoc Subcommittee	Sep 19	Sites Reservoir - Sites Authority/Reservoir Committee - Joint Board of Directors
Sep 10	Sites Reservoir - Coordination Committee	Sep 10	WRMWSO - Board of Directors
Sep 17	Sites Reservoir - Downstream Capacity Small Group		
Sep 25	Sites Reservoir - Downstream Capacity Small Group - Sacramento Valley		
Sep 03	Sites Reservoir - Governance Leadership Group		

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 September 23rd DWR analysis results for 2025 are 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 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.

State Water Project

At the September 23rd State Water Contractor operations call, DWR provided updates on the ITP amendment stating that the amendment is still pending formal approval, however, SWC's should expect no additional flow measures (or gate actions) in 2025. In submitting the ITP amendment, SWC had already agreed to an additional 7-day gate action, as well as an additional 3-day action which was done proactively and voluntarily to improve water quality in the Delta. Instead, SWC's are focused on food subsidy actions, such as vegetation management, in-lieu of any additional flow actions.

The USBR has a week-long scheduled outage at Jones Pumping Plant beginning October 6th. With the outage, USBR has requested combined pumping at Banks Pumping Plant. This would require a Joint Point of Diversion agreement, however, DWR stated approval would be contingent on capacity (which is unlikely to be available as SWP operations are prioritized) and there would be no impact on SWP exports.

Carryover and Spill Conditions.

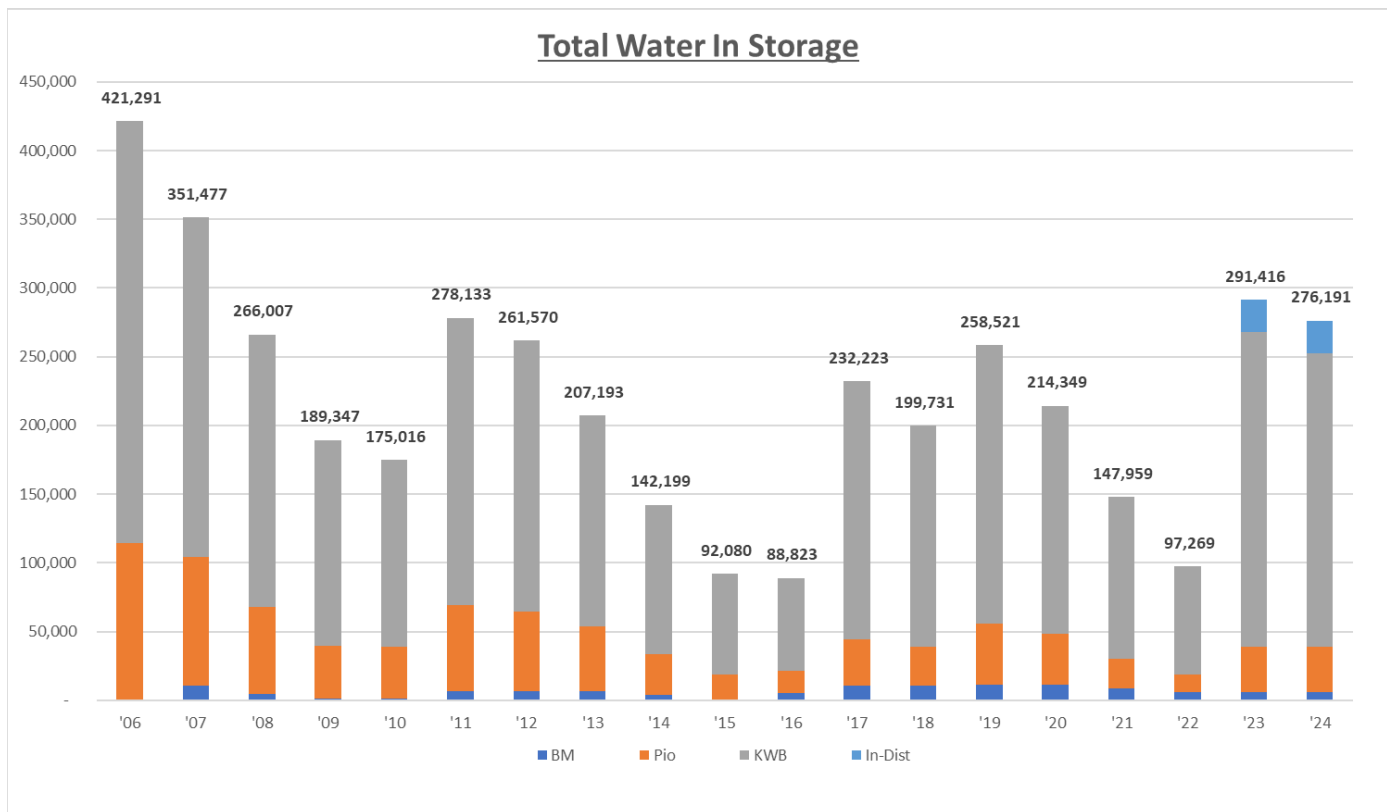
The District continually reviews current San Luis Reservoir (SLR) storage levels (October 1st, 2025: 53% capacity, 124% of average) to determine optimum carryover amounts. End of month San Luis Reservoir conditions were as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Million Acre-feet (MAF)</u>
SLR Capacity	
SWP Share	1.062
CVP Share	<u>0.966</u>
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
October 1, 2025, storage	
SWP Share	0.829
CVP Share	<u>0.253</u>
SWP + CVP subtotal	1.082

The amount of State Water Project water stored during the month of September increased approximately 222,161 acre-feet, going from 606,550 acre-feet at the end of August to 828,711 acre-feet at the end of September. On October 1, 2025, SLR overall storage was approximately 945,000 acre-feet from full.

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

- 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30 — KCWA ops call
- 9/2, 9/9 — District supervisor meeting
- 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 — Westside weekly Call
- 9/19 — Sites Reservoir BOD meeting
- 9/19 — SVWRA
- 9/2, 9/3 — WWGSA/WRMGSA
- 9/22 — KNDLA
- 9/9 — KWB Board & KWBGSA meeting
- 9/23 — SWC Board & Water Operations
- 9/11, 9/25 — KCWA MU Mgr & Board, Pioneer Participant, DCP MU Yield Committee
- 9/5, 9/19, 9/24, 9/25, 9/26, 9/29, 9/30 — WS5 Meetings -Various
- 9/5, 9/16, 9/30 — ACWA/JPIA Leadership



The Contract Administrator's Work Included:

Contract/ Water Allocation Work.

- Contract(s): 69NA1A
 - Property closed escrow, received Grant Deed
 - Reviewed/verified APNs and land descriptions
 - Began drafting Assumption Agreement
- Contract(s): 121 & 131
 - Reviewed/verified APNs and land descriptions
 - Drafted/Completed Assumption Agreements
 - Pending Landowner Notarized Signatures
- Contract(s): 69L
 - Identified contract number error before recording
 - Revised Assumption Agreement from 69K to 69L
- Sent to Landowner for notarized signatures
- Contract(s): 14, 26, 51, 54A, 69.11, 69K, 70, 83A, 124A06, 124A18
 - Finalized all Amendment/Assumption Agreements and mailed them to the Receiver
 - Received Board Notarized signatures
 - Pending recording at the Kern County Recorder's Office
- Contract(s): 20G, 80, 80A, 125, & 126, 162, 136, 165, 124A02, 55A, 127, 74, 49, 72.102A 20E3, 20E5, 5A, 124A06A, 124A07C, 124A15, 124A23, 2, 5, 20E1, 20F, 20H, 20J, 21, 46, 48B1, 54, 69.04, 69.07, 69.11A, 69.14, 69T,
 - Received back from the Recorder's Office
 - Working through Post-Recording Procedures
- 2025 Farming Unit Operation Agreements
 - Assisted with new or revision requests to existing farming units
 - Finalized **01** agreement(s) (fully executed)

Landowner Assistance.

- 2025 Supplemental 3 Water Supply

- ☐ Received **03** 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 **06** Water User(s) with 2025 SWP Allocation/Supp/Return Water questions.
 - Assisted **10** Water User(s) with 2025 Carryover/Water/Usage
 - Assisted **12** Water User(s) with 2025 Water Costs/Allocation/Other questions.
 - Assisted **04** Water User(s) with APN District verification (Appraiser Requests)
 - Assisted **03** Non-contract User(s) with general allocation/cost associated with The District.
 - Assisted **06** Water User(s) with Farming Unit Operation changes/questions.
 - Assisted **05** Water User(s) with Second Priority Sub-Account Program
 - Assisted **04** Water User(s) with GWSC Questions/Information
 - Assisted **03** Potential Water User(s) with Water District Information/Water Allocations/Costs
 - Processed **02** Water Transfer(s)
 - Processed **02** Second Priority KWB Sub-Account Request(s)

Other Tasks.

- Important Notices via email to Landowners/Water Users:
 - 9/10/25 2025-2026 Water User Carry-over
 - 9/22/25 Final Annual Maintenance Schedule
 - 9/30/25 2025-2026 Water User Carry-over Update
- 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
- 2025 GWSC/WSC 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
 - ☐ District Farming Unit Agreement/Rules & Regs modifications
 - ☐ Second Priority Agreement renewal modifications
- 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:
 - 09/10/25 Board Meeting
 - Landowner In-person/Phone or Other Meetings
 - ☐ September 03-05, 08, 09, 11, 12, 16-17, 22, 26, 30

ACCOUNTING ACTIVITIES – J. SMITH

Controller's Report:

2025 Water Allocations, Deliveries, and Billings The September water reports were mailed on October 4. 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:

	<u>Acre-Feet</u>
• SWP	98,541.06
• SUPPLEMENTAL	53,020.97
• SUBSCRIPTION	7,080.00
• Carry Over	14,232.84
• User Input	187.72
• Transfers	3,912.43
• Temporary Water	202.00
• Returns	- 21,687.86
• Total Supply	150,579.16
• Deliveries (Jan-Aug)	- 101,381.40
• Unused	<u>52,433.76</u>

Controller Report-Smith:

- 9/19/2025–Grapevine IT regarding water accounting database development
- 9/26/2025-Westside Water Authority. Review and discussion regarding WWA, commercial banking, accounting and database software
- 9/29/2025-Attended the ACWA JPIA Finance Committee Meeting-Roseville
- Added the interest-bearing sweep account to Wells Fargo

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 July 28

Delinquencies as of October 6, 2025:

DELINQUENCIES 10/6/25										
Customer	WSC				GWSC				TOTAL	
	Delinquent			Current	Delinquent			Current		
	Install 6/8 & prior	Install 7/8	Penalties & Int		GWSC 02 & prior	GWSC 03	Penalties & Int			
Almond Blossom	\$ 58,345.73	\$ 55,442.61	\$ 12,310.95	\$ 55,442.61	\$ 27,657.00	\$ 14,236.25	\$ 4,614.84	\$ 41,882.75	\$ 269,932.74	NEW - they have never paid, no contact info emailed Felix 10/2
Biane J P Living Trust	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177.20	\$ 17.72	\$ 8,631.00	\$ 8,825.92	
Echeverria Farms	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,281.50	\$ 528.15	\$ 22,291.50	\$ 28,101.15	
K&B Inv Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 766.50	\$ 76.65	\$ 1,653.75	\$ 2,496.90	NEW - they have never paid, no contact info emailed Ameet and Karandeep 10/2
Kern Water Unit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,825.51	\$ -	\$ 40,743.50	\$ 4,074.35	\$ 37,371.25	\$ 216,014.61	
LNZ Prosperity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,452.25	\$ 645.23	\$ 19,829.25	\$ 26,926.73	
New Sunny	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,954.59	\$ 120.75	\$ 827.05	\$ 525.00	\$ 5,427.39	no contact info
Santa Paula Hay & Grain	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,409.79	\$ -	\$ 2,936.73	\$ 293.67	\$ 2,887.50	\$ 20,527.69	long-term delinquency, no contact info
Taft Vegetable Farms	\$ 32,527.41	\$ 5,303.18	\$ 7,938.22	\$ 5,303.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,071.99	emailed Lupe and Jerry 10/2
Westland Farms	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,984.96	\$ -	\$ 20,368.97	\$ 55,028.75	\$ 149,382.68	Levi is trying to sell
	\$ 90,873.14	\$ 60,745.79	\$ 20,249.17	\$ 208,981.09	\$ 105,596.55	\$ 70,714.68	\$ 31,446.63	\$ 190,100.75	\$ 778,707.80	current on payment plan
Total WSC & NONC 2025	\$ 73,367,531.92				Total GWSC 2025	\$ 2,436,414.97			\$ 75,803,946.89	Total billed
Total WSC outstanding	\$ 2,802,658.71				Total GWSC outstanding	\$ 564,389.36			\$ 3,367,048.07	Total A/R
Total delinquent	\$ 171,868.10				Total delinquent	\$ 207,757.86			\$ 379,625.96	Total delinquent
Delinquency % o/s	6.13%				Delinquency % o/s	36.81%			11.27%	Delinquency % o/s
Delinquency % total	0.23%				Delinquency % total	8.53%			0.50%	Delinquency % total

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 water reports to landowners
- Assisted Controller with water orders, returns, and transfers
- Followed up on delinquent accounts, posted penalties and interest
- Completed two courses towards Human Resources Certification
- Entered 2025 budget into QuickBooks
- Completed draft of 2026 budget
- 9/15/25 Wells Fargo / Jason Burks meeting regarding sweep account, banking changes
- 9/19/25 Grapevine MSP meeting regarding Water Accounting Software

The Junior Accountant's activities included:

- Faxed payroll vouchers
- Updated payrates, half sheet and vacation/sick worksheets
- Calculated timesheets
- Compared time sheets to the Paychex system
- Processed and submitted the biweekly payroll
- Reviewed and saved payroll reports
- Reviewed the payroll distribution reports
- Updated the salary schedule
- Updated the September 50k life worksheet
- Updated August cell audit sheet
- Prepared burden checks
- Made online burden payments
- Entered the 8/30 and 9/13 CalPERS data and submitted the payments
- Submitted SSA CalPERS payments
- Generated the CalPERS report breakdown for each pay period
- September meetings requested from the directors
- Prepared and submitted the monthly payroll
- Updated the ACWA, HealthEdge Administration and HealthEdge Claims spreadsheets and vouchers for October invoices
- Completed the September burden journal entries
- Completed the CES report for September
- Completed the Expense and Compensation sheet
- Completed the payroll voucher estimates
- Completed daily deposits
- Faxed AP and CDR vouchers
- Completed safe pay for accounts payable and CDR checks
- Requested September safety incentives
- Filed AP invoices

Employee Committee

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

Meetings/Training

- Attended employee committee meeting
- Attended accounting department meetings

ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES – T. SUGGS

South of Kern River (SOKR) GSP:

- Water levels were recorded in 14 out of 14 monitoring wells during the month.

White Wolf Basin GSA:

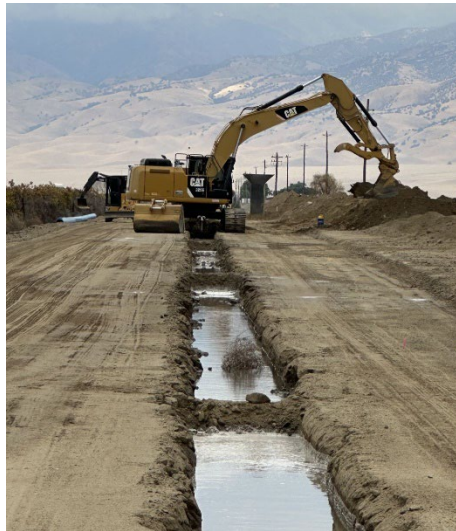
- The Staff Geologist checked in occasionally while AEWSD's well drilling contractor completed construction of one new monitoring well on behalf of the GSA and got stuck while attempting to drill a third well, but AEWSD personnel had oversight.
- Water levels were observed in nine out of 11 SGMA monitoring wells as a routine matter; two program wells were not sounded because they were known to be collapsed.

Groundwater Service Charges (GWSCs):

- July 2025 groundwater extraction amounts were computed and GWSC invoices totaling \$745,267 were mailed out to 47 farm operators by September 20th.
- A number of new well-meter applications were received during the month. The Assistant Engineer made a preliminary inspection of the subject wells and then forwarded seven applications to Provost & Pritchard for review.
- Currently seven different landowners have elected to have their groundwater extraction determined by direct meter readings, and each has meter applications in various stages of approval. As of this writing, 52 applications have been approved and 11 are pending.
- Engineering Department staff continued to make progress on a small study to compare metered pumping with pumping inferred from remote sensing and began to coordinate with Land IQ for a joint presentation on the topic.

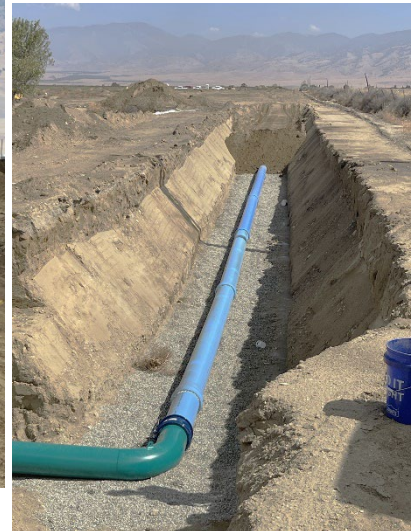
850A-850B System Interconnection:

- Rain for Rent delivered 2,700 feet of 12-inch-diameter PVC pipe pursuant to their contract. Staff inspected the materials upon arrival. Later in the month, this material was used to construct the interconnecting pipeline known at 850B-DX.
- The O&M Department began construction of the new 850B-DX pipeline on September 1st and substantially completed construction on September 29th.
- The Staff Geologist provided ongoing engineering support during construction by continually surveying the slope and alignment of the new pipeline, by resetting grade stakes as needed, and by helping the O&M crews work around several unmarked and previously unknown oil and gas pipelines that were discovered in the work area.
- As-built drawings were created for the project and updated as work progressed.



Ponding was used to soften extremely hard dirt

Plastic pipe transitions to a steel pipe and valve at the east end



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

- Engineering Department staff responded to 249 underground services alerts (USAs) during September, eventually marking about 3.7 miles of District pipelines.
- Plans and drawings were received from an engineering firm showing where planned 8-inch-diameter electrical cables for the 70-MW Jasmine solar and battery facility will cross District laterals in the vicinity of Copus Road and Old River Road.
- Field inspections were made and as-built notes and photos were collected while a contractor crossed the District's

CG-A Lateral with two 15-inch-diameter PVC irrigation pipelines.

- The Engineering Technician worked with the O&M Department to install several excavation warning signs near the District's 6P and 7P mainlines.
- Design, coordination, and planning continued for three new turnouts (CG24, DG12, and DG25) which are scheduled for construction during the month of December as part of the GSA's Proposition-68-grant-funded in-lieu banking project.

Crop Surveys: Field checks continued for the 2025 fall crop survey, and about three days were devoted to revising the annual crop survey report.

Corrosion Protection: Cathodic potentials were measured at five rectifier stations during September, and minor adjustments were made to rectifier voltage as needed as part of an ongoing program.

Maps and Records: A small project was completed to associate about 200 active agricultural wells with the lands that they serve using GIS maps and databases, and to associate pumping amounts from the GWSC calculator with individual wells. As a result, centers of pumping can now be more easily spotted within lands adjacent to the California Aqueduct or any other desired location.

Kern County Planning Documents Received and Reviewed: The following notices were received and reviewed during the month:

- Notice of a public hearing on removal of road reservations within the Jasmine Solar Project. It is believed that no response is needed.
- Notice of a hearing for determination of public convenience related to the sale of liquor at the Grapevine RV Resort. No response was made.

Direct Landowner Services: A landowner's irrigation consultant was provided with typical pressure heads and flow rates for a turnout located in the 850C Gravity area.

Hydrology and Hydraulics:

- Dataloggers were reinstalled in the automated weather stations located at the WRM 2 and 5P-P2 pumping plants after factory service.
- All District wells were observed for static water levels as part of an ongoing program.
- A simple hydraulic model was constructed to simulate pressures and flow rates in a hypothetical large-diameter gravity pipeline connecting the California Aqueduct with the 850 Canal.

Surface Water Quality:

- Aqueduct raw water samples were collected at the District Headquarters once per week and transported to the Kern County Water Agency ID4 Water Quality Laboratory for e. coli analysis as part of a long-running program.
- Bacteriological data were updated and organized on the District's website, wrmwsl.com.










Staff Continuing Education: The Corrosion Technician attended the Cathodic Protection Tester 2 course from September 22nd-26th in Downey, California.

Meetings Attended:

September 2	White Wolf GSA Board
September 9	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
September 23	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
September 23	White Wolf Technical Committee










District Well Status Summary

As of September 30, 2025

Well Name	Status / Description of the Problem	Most Recent Activity	Next Planned Activity
Not in Running 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 574' on 9/22/2025.	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 583' on 9/22/2025.	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.
Currently in 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 711' on 9/22/2025.	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 675' on 9/22/2025.	New wires were pulled 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 9/22/2025.	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 735' on 9/22/2025.	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 9/22/2025.	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 September 30, 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 9/22/2025.	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 	Currently off. SWL was 564' on 9/22/2025.	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 	Currently off. SWL was 720' on 9/22/2025.	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.	Listed in the SOKR GSP as a SGMA water level monitoring 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 	Currently unequipped. Shut down 7/9/2018 for vibration and low PWL (926') and a sudden loss of flow rate. Pump removed 8/13/2018. Upon inspection, impellers showed clear signs of cavitation. SWL was 594' on 11/18/2023.	Listed in the SOKR GSP as a SGMA water level monitoring well.	Should probably remain unequipped until a substitute monitoring well can be found.
PB-1 	All of the old column pipe was removed 3/23/2022. Part of the old pump assembly was also removed, but the bottom eight pump stages broke off and the hole remains full of sand fill below 785' of depth. SWL was 687' on 4/27/22.	Kaweah Pump air lifted approx. 2-3 feet of sand on 10/22/2022 before encountering a hard obstruction at 785'. Video logged in 2022 and 2025, revealing only a sandy bottom; nothing could be seen sticking up.	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 	Began pumping sand and gravel on 4/21/2016. Video logged 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 together with 240' of sand fill.	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 converted 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'.	Same as above.	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	September 2025	Since 10/01/2024	Days Occurred September	in
Maximum Temperature	108°	108°	3rd	
Minimum Temperature	60°	30°	8th	
No. Days at or over 100° F	5	61	1st - 5th	
No. Days at or under 32° F	0	25	N/A	
Precipitation (inches)	0.07	5.36	19th	
Evaporation (inches)	9.49	83.53	----	
Wind Run	2,415	27,602	----	

STORAGE IN MAJOR RESERVOIRS (Acre-Feet)

Reservoir	Capacity	Storage at End of September	
		2024	2025
Shasta	4,552,000	2,766,184	2,678,074
Oroville	3,538,000	1,888,114	2,060,586
San Luis (Total)	2,028,000	1,011,194	1,076,669
San Luis (State Share)	1,062,000 (a)	639,802	823,975
Folsom	977,000	460,167	443,151
Isabella	568,075 (b)	165,080	219,875
Millerton	520,000	248,105	252,246
TOTALS	12,183,075	6,538,844	6,730,601

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

(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

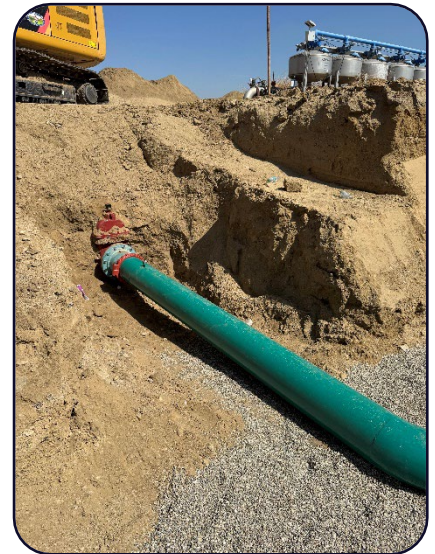
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – G. LOVELESS

Safety/Administrative Training

Tailgate Safety Meeting on *Code of Safe Practices, Close Calls and Near Misses*.

Field/System Maintenance

- Completed various trouble reports across the District.
- Completed construction and installation of the A5X-B5X Intertie.
- 9/10/25 – Applied aquatic herbicide (Teton) to the 850 Canal.



A5X-B5X Intertie installation



Pipeline Repair

No reported leaks in September.

Power Outage

- 9/8/25, 0408 hours – Power outage PA-1, PA-2, PB-1, PB-2, PC-1, PD-1. Service restored 0858 hours.
- 9/10/25, 1457 hours – Power outage WRM-3, 3P-P2. Service restored 1604 hours.

Other Service Interruptions

9/26/25, 0900 hours – PC-1 low suction shutdown due to obstructed travelling water screen. Debris was cleared, the system recharged, and service resumed 1030 hours.

Pump/Electrical

- 4P-P2 – Replaced broken stand tank transducer line.
- 4P-P2 – Power Line Monitor (PLM) shutdown. Replaced PLM switch with an adjustable unit to accommodate broader incoming power fluctuations.
- 5P-P4 – High Air Alarm would not clear. Replaced gem switch in High Air float canister on HP tank.
- WRM-8 unit #5 pump fail. Arced wiring resulted in a short in the unit's auto transformer, which is now obsolete. The unit was upgraded to a soft start system and returned to service.
- PC-1 – Replaced two leaking air relief valves on HP tank.
- PC-1 unit #1 pump fail due to a loose control wire on the starter. Wire was terminated, pump fail alarm was cleared, and the unit was returned to service.
- End of Canal traveling water screen chain broke, slightly damaging the chain mesh. Repair to the screen was completed and it was returned to service.

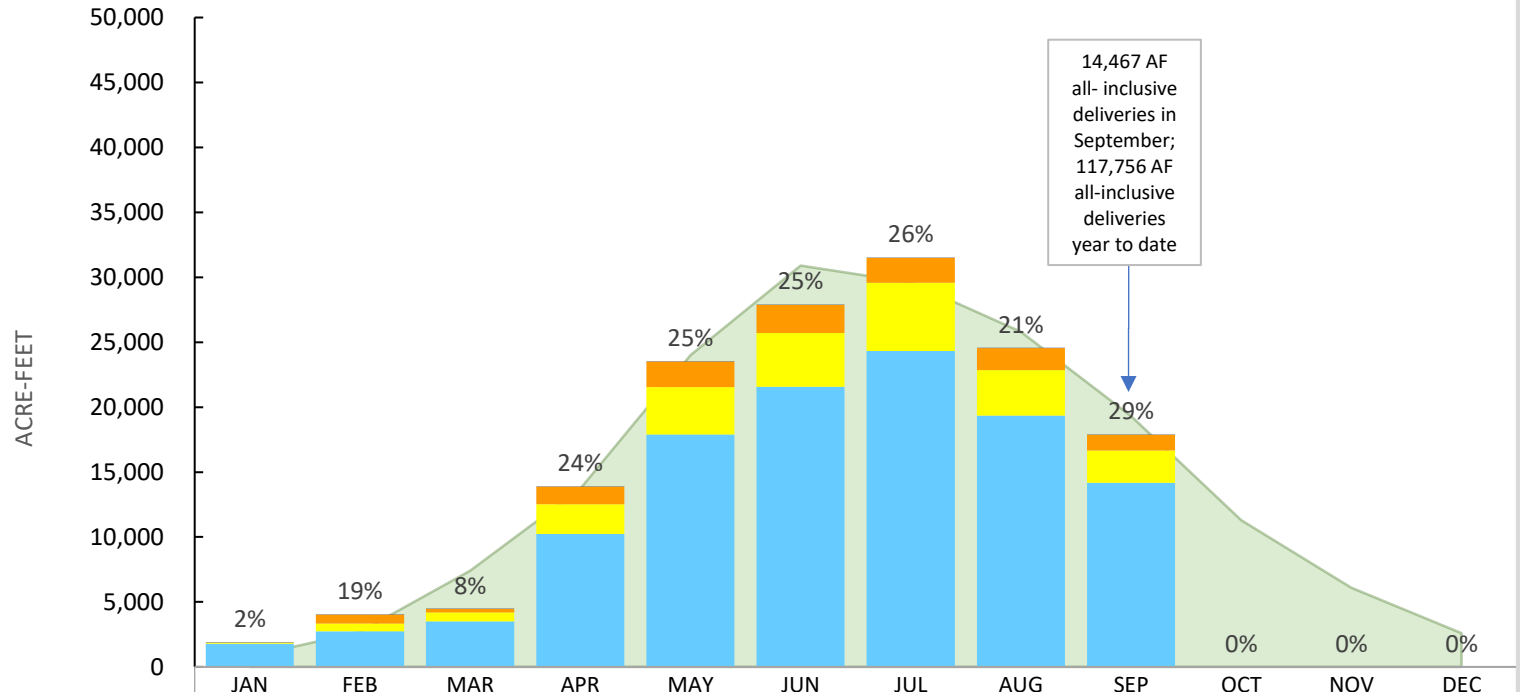
Equipment Maintenance

9 regular vehicle services.

- Unit #380 had the water pump on the auxiliary motor repaired.
- Unit#384 had six tires and front shocks, and the battery replaced.
- Unit #165 Had an injector flow rate recall fixed and had the brake master cylinder replaced under warranty.
- Unit #158 Had an engine flow control valve and a motor mount replaced under warranty.

**Current gasoline bulk purchase prices for the District are:
\$3.72 per gallon for gasoline and \$3.90 per gallon for diesel.**

IN-DISTRICT WATER DEMANDS AND SURFACE WATER DELIVERIES THROUGH September 2025



Typical Avg. SW Demand (AF)	800	2,700	7,400	13,700	24,000	30,900	29,600	25,800	19,300	11,300	6,100	2,600
Est. % of Crop Water Dem. from GW	2%	19%	8%	24%	25%	25%	26%	21%	29%	0%	0%	0%
Est. White Wolf GW Pumping (AF)	19	686	269	1,349	1,977	2,183	1,933	1,700	1,200			
Estimated Kern Subbasin GW Pumping (AF)	76	609	688	2,303	3,641	4,132	5,247	3,500	2,500			
User Input GW Applied (AF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
District Non-indust. Deliveries (AF)	1,771	2,733	3,510	10,222	17,898	21,569	24,327	19,351	14,174	0	0	0

Notes and Assumptions:

a. August and September 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%, Sep 80%)

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

Monthly Deliveries in Acre-Feet

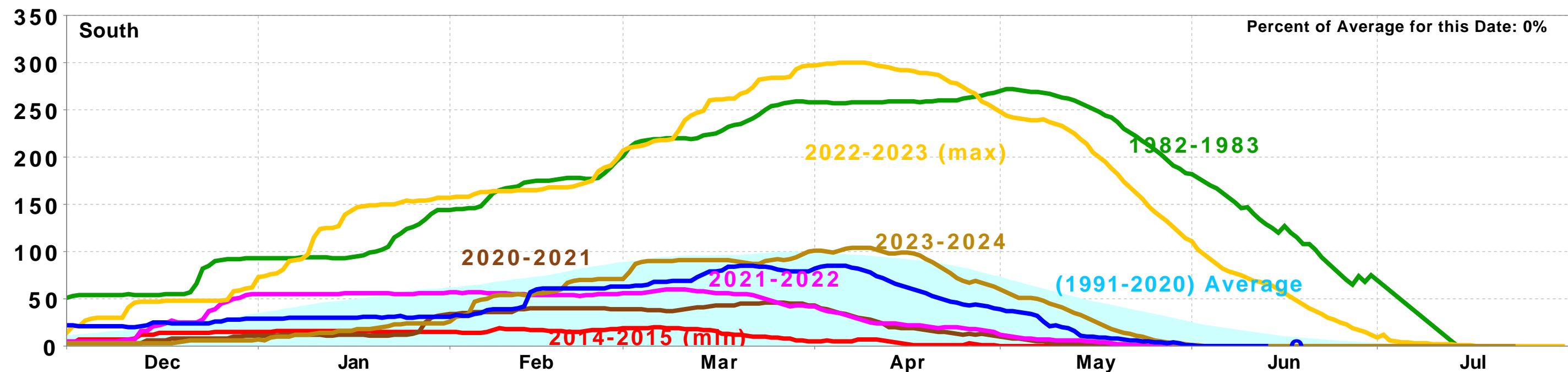
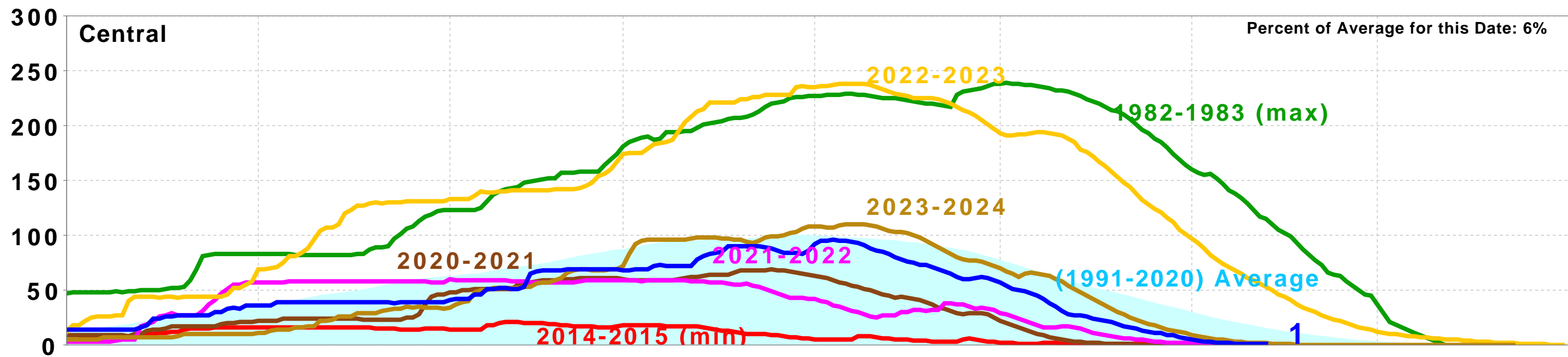
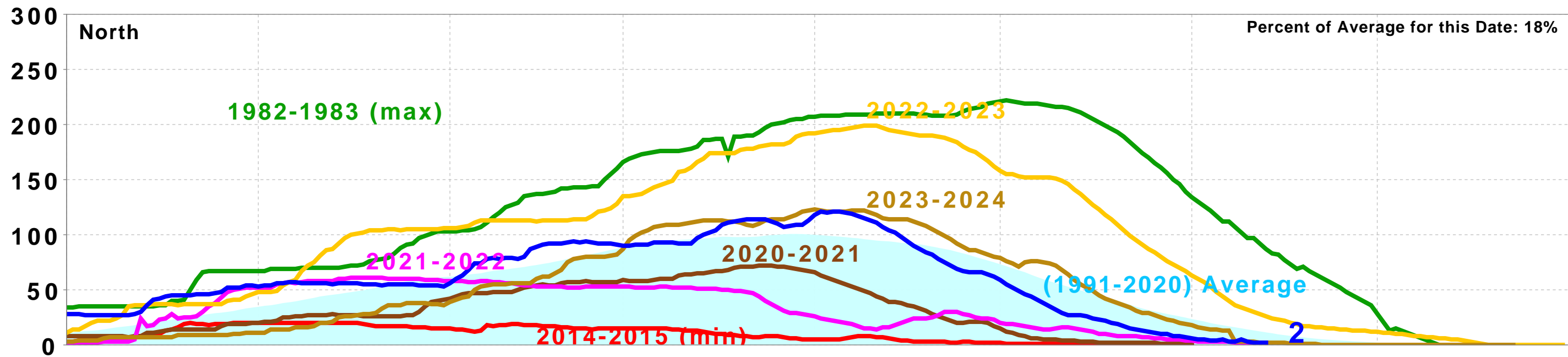
(Includes water from the State Water Project, banking projects, District wells, and User input.)

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	1,962	5,258	1,615	1,265	894	1,613	6,108	2,213	3,367	2,210	1,223	2,425	1,785	3,055	1,386	1,785	1,094	1,357	1,277	2,009
February	7,588	7,269	6,933	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	12,392	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	17,770	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	24,384	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	27,348	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	29,661	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	22,680	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	16,050	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	14,467
October	9,033	9,385	10,797	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	6,093	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	3,245	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		

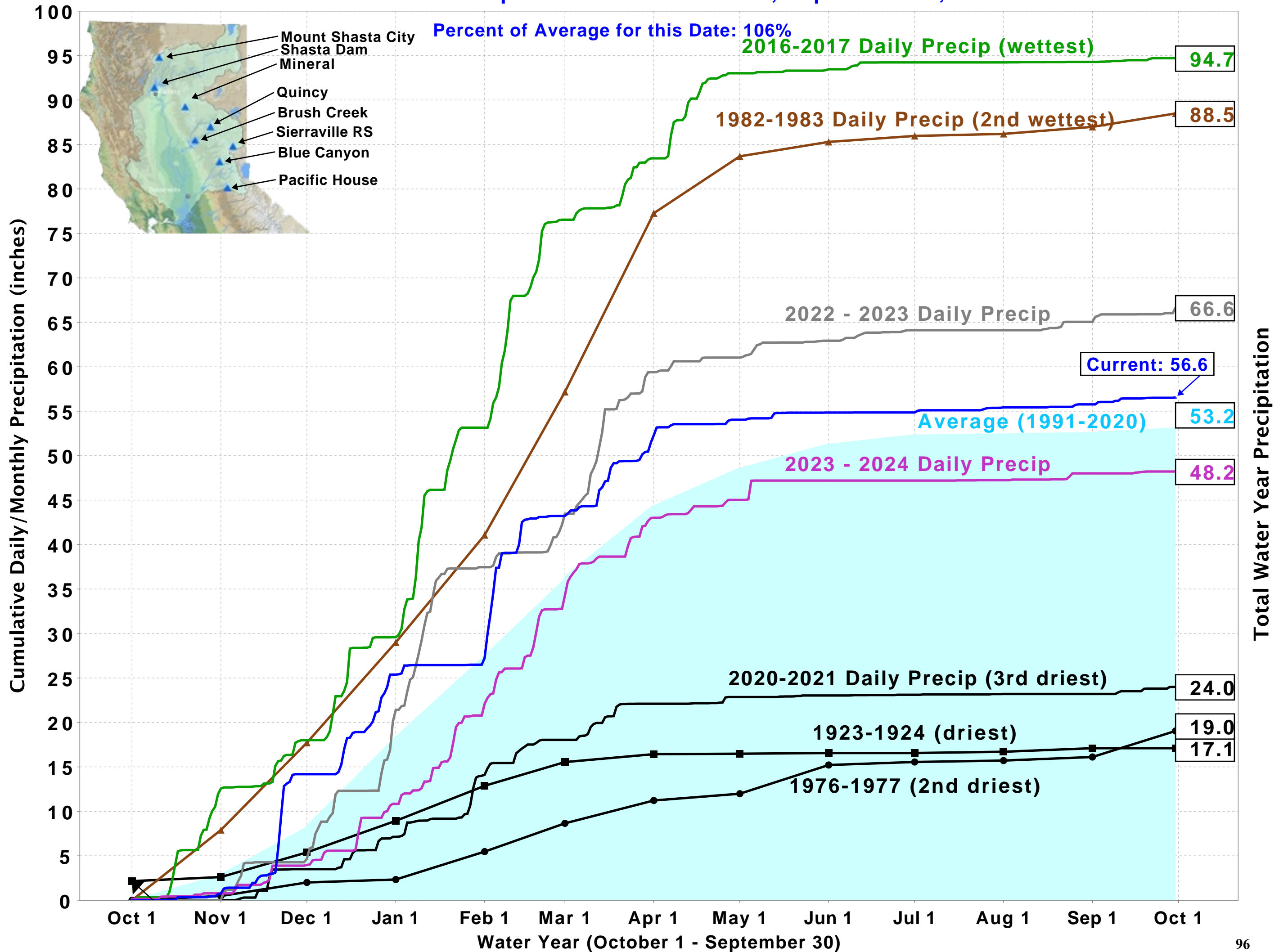
Accumulated Monthly Deliveries in Acre-Feet

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	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	117,755
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



Northern Sierra Precipitation: 8-Station Index, September 30, 2025



WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT 2025 WATER SUPPLY/DEMAND ESTIMATE As of September 29, 2025		50% SWP ALLOCATION	
	Capacity Values in acre-feet	Supply	Shortage or (Excess)
[1] Sacramento Valley Water Year Index (40-30-30)		Above Normal	
[2] <i>Probability of Exceedance</i>		90%	P.O.E.
[3] Assumptions		50% Allocation	
<u>Estimated Demand</u>			
[4] -- WRMWSD in-District deliveries (b)			141,050
[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			141,050
<u>Surface Supplies</u>			
[10] SWP Table A Entitlement	197,088	98,544	42,506
SWP Supply		98,544	49.07%
<u>Supplemental 1 Supplies - Subscription</u>			
[16] District Carryover (estimate)	10,166	10,166	32,340
[17] Long Term- Butte County **	7,889	2,128	30,212
[18] Long Term- Western Hills Water District**	-	-	30,212
[19] Long Term- Mojave Water Agency**	25,000	6,743	23,470
[20] Long Term- Palmdale Water District **	-	-	23,470
[21] Two Year- Exchange Contractors**	7,000	3,500	19,970
[22] MET**	100,000	27,883	(7,913)
[23] PALMDALE**	4,000	4,000	(11,913)
[24] ZONE 7**	8,000	1,079	(12,992)
[25] NAPA**	6,000	1,618	(14,610)
[27] SOLANO Co. Water Agency**	9,650	2,603	(18,292)
[28] PLUMAS Co. FCWCD**	925	249	(18,541)
[29] AVEK**	25,000	6,743	(25,284)
[38] Supplemental 1 Water Capacity	178,630	59,968	29.86%
DISTRICT ALLOCATION		158,512	78.93%
<u>Supplemental Supplies - Water User</u>		2.20	AF/Ac
[47] Water User - Carryover from 2024 (estimate)	14,232	14,232	(39,516)
[48] Kern Water Bank Second Priority - estimate to date (Recharge)/Recover	(1,924)	(1,924)	(37,592)
[49] Kern Water Bank Second Priority - estimated through EOY	-	-	(39,516)
[50] User Input - actual	-	-	(39,516)
[51] User Input - estimated through EOY	-	-	(39,516)
[52] Landowner Transfer	5,836	5,836	(45,352)
[53] Available Supply		176,657	
[54] Estimated Demand		141,050	
[55] Shortage (Excess)		(35,607)	
[56]			

** WS5 Deal

(b) Based upon average deliveries 2015-2024.

(c) Based on KCWA daily Summary of Water Supply Rights

WATER IN STORAGE @ 29-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
PRELIMINARY- SUBJECT TO REVISION	

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Eric McDaris

DATE: October 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Other Purchases and Exchanges

Solano County Water Agency

➤ Status- approved at the KCWA September Board meeting; actively scheduling.

Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

➤ Status- term sheet executed, transfer package submitted to DWR.

➤ Pending KCWA approval and execution of SWP Agreement (October Board meeting- tentative)

➤ The WS5 district executed a term sheet with Plumas County FCWCD for the purchase of 925 acre-feet at a cost of \$325 per acre-foot. The District share of this supply will be approximately 250 acre-feet.

Antelope Valley – East Kern

➤ Status- term sheet executed, transfer package submitted to DWR.

➤ Pending KCWA approval and execution of SWP Agreement (October Board meeting- tentative)

➤ The WS5 districts have executed a term sheet for the purchase of up to 25,000 acre-feet of 2025 Table A supplies at costs based on the month in which supplies are made available for delivery. Delivery of these supplies are on a mutually agreeable basis and WS5 districts are not responsible for costs of any supply not requested for delivery. This late-year supply was pursued as a possible recharge supply. The maximum District share of this supply will be approximately 2,603 acre-feet.

Month Delivered	\$/AF
October	\$250
November	\$225
December	\$200

Staff will continue to update the Board on the progress of these and any other 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: Eric McDaris

DATE: October 6th, 2025

SUBJECT: **2025-26 San Luis Reservoir Carryover Update and Consider Implementation of Water Management Activities**

At the September 23rd State Water Contractor operations update, DWR reported on current Delta exports and San Luis Reservoir storage conditions and released the attached position analysis projecting SLR fill. The analysis indicates there is about a 30% chance of San Luis Reservoir filling in November, and over a 50% chance of SLR filling in December.

All probability of exceedance studies in DWR's most recent *Allocation Analysis* indicate that San Luis Reservoir levels will be at +90% of capacity on December 31st, 2025. DWR's climatologist also reported that we are likely to see La Niña conditions transition to neutral later this year, which may allow for increased atmospheric river activity in early 2026.

Staff currently estimate that total District carryover will be between 30,000 – 40,000 acre-feet, contingent on the supplies discussed in agenda item 8.2.b. As noted, some of the late-year supplies included in the carryover supply were sourced with potential recharge in mind and were purchased at prices conducive to banking. Water User carryover is estimated to be approximately 23,500 acre-feet of the total carryover volume and considerably more than the 5% CAW limit of 10,040 acre-feet. Water Users are strongly encouraged to consider submitting a request to recharge supplies into their Second Priority Sub-Account. Water Users may also elect to return supplies to the District, however, reimbursement for returned supplies will not be issued until the 2025 Final Accounting Adjustment set to occur in July of 2026.

Based on this information, the District plans to initiate recharge of 2025-2026 carryover supplies to reduce spill risk. Subject to direction from the Board and discretion of the Engineer-Manager, the initial target will be approximately 20,000 acre-feet. This target will be adjusted based on Water User returns and real-time conditions; should SLR begin to draw down, we can reduce recharge to carry over a larger volume for the 2026 District allocation. Similarly, if SLR levels continue to increase, our target may be increased to fully evacuate carryover supplies and mitigate spill.

Recall that per Rule 13 of the Rules and Regulations, staff will consider all carryover supplies, including Water User carryover, in determining when to begin District recharge of carryover. Once recharge operations begin, District staff will attempt to recharge Water User carryover supplies on behalf of Water Users in a KWB second priority sub-account. Water User must agree to pay all appropriate costs; if the Water User declines to pay the appropriate costs or declines to enter into a Second Priority Sub-Account Agreement, Water User carryover supplies will be forfeited to the District with no financial reimbursement to the Water User.

Staff will continue to provide information and updates to the Board (and Water Users as appropriate) regarding recharge operations and San Luis Reservoir conditions.

Recommendation: In recognition of the potential need for recharge, staff recommend that the Board direct the Engineer-Manager do all things necessary in order to preserve the District's water supply, including the initiation and cessation of recharge activities at his discretion, pursuing exchange opportunities, and any other water management action which may mitigate loss of carryover.

Attachments: DWR Position Analysis
Filename: 8.2.c 2025-26 San Luis Reservoir Carryover Update

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Eric McDaris

DATE: October 6th, 2025

SUBJECT: 2022 - 2023 Carryover Spill

On September 11th, KCWA notified Member Units of two San Luis Reservoir spill incidents which occurred in 2023. The Agency provided updated Supply & Delivery Summaries (SDS), which included reconciled deliveries and available supplies, as well as spill calculations based on actual deliveries and water orders submitted in March of 2023.

There was a contractual spill of KCWA carryover which came at the *end* of 2023. Each SWC is limited annually in their storage capacity at SLR based on that year's SWP allocation. In +75% years, KCWA has a contractual carryover limit of 200,000 acre-feet. According to KCWA, this contractual spill "was the direct result of prioritizing the delivery of Lower River and/or other Kern River water available to the Member Units, and, in some limited instances, third-party transfer water." The District was not impacted by this spill, however the provided SDS shows other Member Units lost a combined 30,000 acre-feet. This water was 'spilled' to the following years SWP allocation and became project water for 2024.

The second spill was a traditional spill of carryover supplies which were not evacuated from SLR prior to Article 21 supplies becoming available. The Agency provided SLR spill calculations which show the District spilled approximately 3,448 acre-feet of 2022-2023 carryover supplies. Other Member Units were also impacted in this spill, losing an additional 18,143 acre-feet.

District staff have requested additional information from KCWA to fully evaluate the spill calculations which were provided and have requested a meeting with Agency staff to review and discuss. Staff will provide an update to the Board on this matter following the discussions with Agency staff.

Recommendation: None. This item is for discussion and informational purposes only.

Attachments: None
Filename: 8.2.d 2022 - 2023 Carryover Spill

October 1, 2025

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Dear Governor Newsom:

Today marks the beginning of the 2026 water year. Your tenure as Governor has been instrumental in highlighting the importance of managing water and making key investments in water infrastructure to carry our State through its next 100 years, especially in the face of climate change. However, several ongoing legislative and administrative actions have the potential to undermine those efforts. We seek your and the legislature's leadership in 2026 to address the issues outlined in this letter to ensure water supply reliability and affordability for the vast majority of the State.

The State Water Project (SWP) was built to be a foundational water supply, flood control, and green energy generating system, and also now provides significant environmental and water quality management benefits, the costs of which are almost entirely borne by the members of the State Water Contractors (SWC) organization and their ratepayers. The members of the SWC deliver drinking water to 27 million Californians throughout the State and serve 750,000 acres of productive farmland. Constructed in the 1960s, the SWP played a vital role in the State's growth into the 4th largest economy in the world. Every year, the SWP protects millions of people and billions of dollars in property from flooding; provides rare recreational opportunities in rural areas throughout the State; supports the State's ability to meet affordable housing goals; and provides food security to the State and nation. The SWP is the fourth largest generator of clean hydropower in California and is called upon nearly every year by the California Independent System Operator to keep the lights on and prevent rolling blackouts. This clean energy is generated at places like the SWP's Oroville Dam, the maintenance of which is \$200 million annually and is paid for by the members of the SWC and their ratepayers.

Despite these enormous benefits that accrue to the entire State, legislative and administrative actions continue to drive up costs, and reduce SWP water supply reliability and affordable clean energy, ultimately hurting every Californian. The SWP exemplifies a modern case of 'death by a thousand cuts,' gradually undermined by countless seemingly small challenges over time. The good news is that we can fix the challenges facing the SWP using sound government decision making based on science and through prudent leadership. The SWC's need this sound decision making and prudent leadership to resolve the following issues.

Water Supply Reliability and Mitigation Costs

Your Executive Order N-16-25 (CA EO) signed on January 31, 2025, retained states of emergency throughout many California counties due to drought conditions and sought to maximize opportunities for drought relief. The findings state that compliance with various statutes and regulations would prevent, hinder, and delay mitigation of the drought state of emergency. The EO at paragraph 4 directs the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Natural Resources Agency, and the Environmental Protection Agency:

...to identify obstacles that would hinder efforts to maximize diversions to storage of excess flows that become available as a result of the anticipated winter storms, to remove or minimize such obstacles wherever possible, and to promptly report to my office any additional statutory or regulatory barriers that should be considered for suspension.

There are many opportunities to more robustly apply emerging scientific information to decisions being made about permits, species listing, and adaptive management over the course of a season to maximize water supply when it is available while minimizing the impacts to the environment. The issues and potential opportunities are as follows:

1. Assembly Bill 1319 (Schultz)

AB 1319, which is currently on your desk for consideration, would give nearly carte blanche authority for CDFW to list species as “provisional candidates” under the California Endangered Species Act with no opportunity for public comment and no requirement that the determination be based on science. This legislation would make the provisional candidate listing like that which currently exists for white sturgeon (described below) even easier because the current modest prerequisite of some scientific support for the listing would be removed. Such listings will undoubtedly include Central Valley steelhead and green sturgeon, which will require DWR to immediately seek incidental take coverage, giving CDFW another opportunity to demand more money and more water from the SWP, and ultimately the public. **We strongly urge you to veto AB 1319.**

2. California Fish and Wildlife Commission Pending White Sturgeon Endangered Species Act Listing Decision

The white sturgeon petition submitted to the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) in November 2023 is an attempt to limit the benefits of key water supply projects, including the ongoing operation of the SWP and any further water rights development, such as storage and conveyance projects throughout the watershed. The best available science supports the conclusion that white sturgeon should not be listed. Moreover, the Commission and the regional water quality control board have already taken the most effective protective actions, which are more sustainable fishing limits and new restrictions on nutrient discharges to the Bay to limit the potential for future “red tide” events. Nevertheless, just the Commission’s threshold determination that the petition to list was complete and could be moved forward for consideration cost the SWP over \$10 million. Even though the SWP’s potential impact on white sturgeon is minimal, CDFW required that DWR fund the majority of the monitoring and science for the species, in addition to funding

new habitat restoration and imposing new limits on SWP operations. See also letter from the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta to you dated September 18, 2025, attached.

We urge CDFW and the Commission to provide a fair and science-based decision regarding the final decision as to whether to list white sturgeon and we ask that CDFW only require permit conditions that are proportionate to the effect of the SWP on the species.

3. Department of Fish and Wildlife's Application of the California Endangered Species Act to the State Water Project

Despite years of dedicated scientific studies and agreements on processes to better coordinate and include transparency in decision-making, the SWP continues to be regulated inconsistent with the plain language of CESA. We continue to be concerned that the nexus between SWP operations and required mitigation is not apparent nor described and best available science is inconsistently applied. These inconsistencies can have significant water supply costs and can be the difference between a manageable drought year and a drought emergency. Even with your Executive Order, and as the State looks to make major investments in water infrastructure, we are mismanaging the existing infrastructure through unjustified water operations rules and requirements. In addition to the misapplication of CESA, SWC and its members are also concerned about the lack of transparency in CDFW decision making. In the past, we often have had little to no information about CDFW's biological justification for its minimization and mitigation requirements. While there were improvements in the 2024 ITP for the SWP, we are concerned that the pending permit amendment terms CDFW now demands indicates movement back towards less transparency and lack of scientific rigor.

Our ability to be climate resilient depends on our ability to move and store water when it is plentiful and environmentally safe to do so. We request that CDFW be clear about the scientific basis for its curtailments and costly mitigation measures, some of which are likely infeasible and/or impossible to implement. **CDFW should adhere to the letter of the law and mitigation should be proportional to the magnitude and nature of the effect of the SWP.**

4. State Water Board's Delay in Adopting the Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Plan)

The Administration's decision to further delay the implementation of the Water Quality Control Plan only exacerbates concerns about water supply reliability. The State Water Board began the update process in 2009. The water agencies subject to regulation have worked tirelessly over the course of your entire Administration to develop a workable and legally enforceable Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program. The water agencies have answered every question posed by the State Water Board and its staff. There is significantly more detail incorporated into the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program than the Program adopted by the State Water Board in December 2018 update to the Bay-Delta Plan; the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program is ready for approval.

We ask that the State Water Board expeditiously adopt the update to the Bay-Delta Plan with the inclusion of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program.

5. State Water Board's Water Rights Permit Time Extension Process for the SWP

The SWC are incredibly appreciative of your inclusion of language to establish the SWP's water rights as perpetual in your May revise budget trailer bill proposal. Unfortunately, with the failure to pass that part of the bill, the problem that the SWP has had since 2009 continues to be unresolved, and this unresolved permitting issue threatens the capability of the SWP to fulfill future demands with climate change.

The issue is that the SWP requires more time to obtain permits to continue to build out its beneficial use of water to continue to serve 2/3 of the State. Since DWR only asks that the State Water Board grant it more time, this is purely an administrative obstacle that should be easily addressed. Yet, it has not been addressed for more than 16 years because of the administrative process that has been established by the State Water Board, a process that includes a complex multi-party adversarial process that will take years to complete, a process where the appropriate evidence and technical information to be presented is hotly contested, including between the State Water Board and the SWP. For 16 years, DWR has not been able to progress past the point where the State Water Board deems DWR's petition complete, let alone start the complex administrative process. The process to obtain an extension of time should not be so unclear, uncertain, expensive, and time-consuming that the process itself has been a formidable barrier to DWR even getting its petition processed. The last 16 years have been a failure of government. **Legislation or State Water Board leadership could solve this problem by articulating a common-sense approach to the administrative hearing process, addressing this unnecessary obstacle.**

Subsidence Repair Funding

Over the course of your governorship, DWR has increasingly raised the alarm about the urgent need to make critical repairs to the California Aqueduct, the backbone of the State water system. The most direct and compelling warning came in the May 2025 report which made clear that without repairs, deliveries from the SWP would be significantly reduced by up to 87%. In fact, the first region to be impacted will be the Central Coast, where the SWP supplies account for 50% of the region's water supply.

Despite this clear and data-driven warning, and after informing the legislature that the costs of repairs would be in the billions of dollars (nearly \$4 billion just for SWP and not including the Central Valley Project's aqueducts), Proposition 4 included a mere \$75 million for the whole State's conveyance infrastructure needs. While we appreciate the previous \$200 million allocated in 2022, which was spread across both the CVP and SWP facilities, it is clear that significantly larger and sustained commitments of funds are necessary to prevent major consequences, including water supply delivery interruption or stoppage, significant water rate increases and highly disruptive and costly statewide litigation.

The SWC strongly urge the 2026 State budget to explicitly recognize this urgent need and allocate an ongoing dedicated funding stream for necessary repairs to the California Aqueduct that can be matched with federal funds and ratepayer funds to make the costs of repairs affordable and timely. A modest, sustained commitment from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund would ensure that DWR can seamlessly move forward with the necessary repairs, minimize ratepayer impacts, and maximize the ability to leverage federal funds. At the same time,

since the cause of the damage to the California Aqueduct infrastructure is significant land subsidence due to groundwater overdraft, the SWC is committed to working with the State to ensure full Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation as well as support other measures to stem ongoing damage.

Renewable Energy Costs

1. California Independent Systems Operator (CAISO) reliance on SWP without fair compensation

California's aggressive climate policies around grid electrification could not occur without the reoperation of the SWP to absorb solar generation during the day and displace natural gas during the evening ramp. Annually, CAISO asks DWR to report on the potential for the SWP to curtail demand and increase hydropower generation during grid stressing events without any additional compensation from the market. Since 2022, DWR, at the request of CAISO has responded over a dozen times ramping up generation and shifting load up to 800 MW's during critical hours. Any other utility, generator or demand response aggregator in CAISO would receive compensation for costs incurred as a result of these actions, which ultimately fall on its customers- the water ratepayers. SWC and DWR have been meeting with CAISO to explore market initiatives that recognize the importance and irreplaceable role the SWP plays in grid support. Despite these conversations, to date, the CAISO has yet to adopt or advance several DWR proposed initiatives that recognize the value the SWP provides and the costs water ratepayers incur in supporting California's grid. **We urge CAISO to work with DWR to advance initiatives that allow for the full recovery of costs borne by SWP and its customers for operations in support of California's grid.**

2. SB 1020 (Laird) revisions to address inequitable costs to SWP

In 2022, you signed SB 1020 (Laird) into law, which requires the SWP to purchase 100% zero carbon or renewable resources to meet its load by 2035, 10 years ahead of the rest of the State. The SWC did not object and has been working collaboratively with DWR to find affordable ways to meet this goal. However, components of that bill are already outdated, and will lead to inequities between how the SWP can procure resources and function in the wholesale market, especially as California moves towards participation in a regional market. We requested minor revisions to the SB 1020 statutes to address these inconsistencies and reduce costs for SWP ratepayers, but even those marginal affordability amendments were not included in any trailer bill language in 2025. **We ask that the legislature recognize the need to minimize costs to the SWP through sensible adjustments to the legislation governing SWP electric power procurement consistent with all other utilities in the State, and provides a pathway for ongoing adjustments as they are ultimately provided to the broader market.** We also want to express appreciation for the inclusion of funding for Oroville pumped storage in several of your proposed budgets, which will help the State's grid by reestablishing Oroville as a giant battery while also helping the SWP meet the State's goals. These types of funding commitments are absolutely imperative to ensure clean, affordable water for the 27 million people ultimately paying for the SWP.

Recreation and the Unfunded State's Cost-Share Obligations

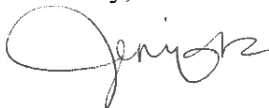
The SWP includes several reservoirs, trails, campsites, boat launches, and other facilities that collectively support over 5 million recreational visitor days annually. These facilities are primarily located in rural areas which your Administration has repeatedly prioritized for outdoor recreational access. However, the State's cost share mandated under the Davis-Dolwig Act for a multi-purpose SWP system, including public recreation, and fish and wildlife enhancements has not been consistently funded as was the intent of the State under this act. This has resulted in the water ratepayers left to fund the State's obligation (costs), creating a current deficit of approximately \$50 million annually. This deficit continues to grow each year that the State does not meet its obligation and includes its share of recreational costs in the State budget. **Proposition 4 includes significant funds targeting rural areas, parks, and outdoor recreation and access. A portion of these funds could be directed toward addressing this shortfall.** Looking ahead, additional policy discussions are required to address this ongoing deficit in the long-term, as SWP contracts do not allow for DWR to collect funds from water supply ratepayers to fund the State's recreational, and fish and wildlife enhancement obligations, making a sustainable funding solution even more critical.

Conclusion

The State Water Project is a cornerstone of California's water infrastructure and economy. While its primary mission is to deliver water supply, it provides widespread benefits to all Californians directly as described above and indirectly given the amplification of economic benefits wherever water from the SWP is delivered, including in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the State. While you have been a leader on many major water issues during your tenure as Governor, there are many key challenges that remain unresolved, creating continued uncertainty around costs, ratepayer affordability, and long-term reliability of the SWP.

It doesn't need to be this way. We have the opportunity to shape a better future for California. We look forward to working with you and the legislature in 2026 to address these critical issues.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Pierre
General Manager

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State Water Contractors Applaud Broad Support for Delta Conveyance Project, Pledge to Push for Streamlining in Next Legislative Session

The Delta Conveyance Project remains the state's most important climate adaptation project and will protect water supplies and the state's economy, while maintaining strong environmental protections

Sacramento, CA — The State Water Contractors (SWC), who deliver water to the homes, farms and businesses of more than 27 million Californians, applaud the broad legislative, labor, business, social justice, and water agency support and dedication shown in recent months to advance the Delta Conveyance Project permit streamlining bill. The Project represents California's most important climate adaptation strategy, protecting water supplies against sea level rise, earthquakes and other climate-driven threats while maintaining strong environmental protections. The bill itself would have helped save our customers \$500 million through reductions in delays caused by the opposition.

Although the Governor's proposal to streamline administrative review and reduce project costs for the DCP was caught up in the crush of high-profile legislative activities at the end of the 2025 legislative session, and will now need to be heard in the next legislative session, the momentum of support from across the state demonstrates the urgent need to continue moving forward, which we plan to do.

"Delegations from across California stood up for their water supplies and affordability for their customers in support of the Delta Conveyance Project permit streamlining, and we deeply appreciate their leadership," **said Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors.** "Even if action is delayed this year, the need for modern delta conveyance has never been greater, and the sooner we are able to make a decision on construction, the less that construction will cost. The work to complete planning activities and advance this critical project continues, and we remain committed to ensuring that California's families, farms and businesses can rely on safe, clean water for generations to come. The State Water Contractors look forward to working with legislative leaders, stakeholders and the Administration in the months ahead to streamline the process and keep planning activities on track. The need is urgent, the support is broad, and the time to move forward is now."

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The State Water Contractors is a statewide, non-profit association of 27 public agencies from Northern, Central and Southern California that purchase water under contract from the California State Water Project. Collectively the State Water Contractors deliver water to more than 27 million residents throughout the state and more than 750,000 acres of agricultural land. For more information on the State Water Contractors, please visit www.swc.org.

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Sites Reservoir Awarded \$10.9 Million in Early Prop 1 Funding

The California Water Commission recently awarded the Sites Reservoir Project \$10.9 million in early funding from the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP), funded by Proposition 1.

WSIP provides funding for five major water storage projects throughout the state, including Sites Reservoir. The early funding has supported the Authority's work on permitting and environmental documents, which helps the Project meet the public benefit requirements of Proposition 1.

Read more in our latest press release [here](#).



Sites Project Authority Celebrates 15 Years of Progress

Hear from Jerry Brown, Executive Director of the Sites Project Authority, as he reflects on this year's key state and federal funding milestones and more water agencies across the state expressing interest in participation.

Years of dedicated work by the Authority have helped transform the vision of the Sites Reservoir into a rapidly approaching reality. Construction of this critical water storage project is anticipated to begin as early as 2026.

#WhySites

Sites Reservoir is supported by a broad range of environmental organizations, government agencies, and elected officials.

Here's what they have to say about Sites Reservoir:



“Drought years are particularly hard for farmworkers who experience job loss due to reduced irrigation supplies and crop production. Sites drought year supplies will lessen such loss for farmworkers in the nearby Kern County disadvantaged communities of Mettler, Arvin, Lamont, Taft and Maricopa.”

– Robert Kunde, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

In The News



Sites Reservoir project advances with key negotiations

Representatives from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Sites Project Authority met at the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority building to continue public negotiations for a partnership. The proposed reservoir aims to stabilize water deliveries for agriculture, cities and environmental purposes.

Read more [here](#).



California Awards \$10.9 Million Boost to Sites Reservoir Project

The long-planned Sites Reservoir Project received a \$10.9 million boost this week from the California Water Commission. The early funding, part of the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP), will help cover permitting and environmental documentation as the project inches closer to construction.

“This additional funding will help the Authority secure key federal and state permits that will advance Sites Reservoir closer to construction,” said Fritz Durst, Chair of the Sites Project Authority Board of Directors.

Read more [here](#).

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0029**

**RETURNING THE KERN COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN BACK TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES CONSISTENT WITH THE
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

WHEREAS:

1. Groundwater provides a significant portion of California's water supply, making up more than one-half of the water used by Californians in drought years when surface water is limited. Properly managed groundwater resources can provide for communities, farms, and the environment and help protect against prolonged dry periods and climate change, preserving water supplies for existing and potential beneficial uses. However, excessive groundwater extraction can cause long-term overdraft, failed wells, deteriorated water quality, environmental damage, and irreversible land subsidence that damages infrastructure and diminishes the capacity of aquifers to store water for the future, all of which can have substantial societal and economic impacts. Additionally, failure to manage groundwater to prevent long-term overdraft can potentially infringe on rights to or use of groundwater or interconnected surface water.
2. In 2014, the State of California enacted Assembly Bill 1739, and Senate Bills 1168 and 1319, collectively referred to as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA is intended to ensure the proper and sustainable management of groundwater resources in California.
3. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) recognizes that near-term SGMA implementation has the potential to result in substantial economic impacts in overdrafted basins. The State Water Board further recognizes that the goal of SGMA is sustainable groundwater management that will ensure the long-term viability of groundwater resources for future use by communities, farms, businesses, and the environment.
4. SGMA allows local public agencies overlying alluvial groundwater basins to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and prepare and implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) to achieve

sustainable management of the basin. SGMA requires that groundwater basins determined to be high or medium priority by the Department of Water Resources (Department) must do so.

5. SGMA requires GSAs, whose planning and management actions can have broad impacts within their basins, to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater and to encourage the active involvement of diverse elements of the population of a groundwater basin during the development and implementation of GSPs.
6. SGMA recognizes that groundwater management is best accomplished locally; however, if local agencies in a high or medium priority groundwater basin fail to form a GSA or prepare a GSP, or the Department determines that the GSP is inadequate or not being implemented in a way that is likely to achieve SGMA's sustainability goal, SGMA authorizes the State Water Board to intervene in the basin to ensure that the basin is managed sustainably. This is called the state intervention process.
7. To implement SGMA's state intervention process, the State Water Board may designate a basin as probationary. If the State Water Board designates a basin as probationary, the Board must identify the deficiencies in the GSP, identify potential actions to remedy the deficiencies, and exclude from probationary status any portion of a basin for which a GSA demonstrates compliance with SGMA's sustainability goal. The State Water Board may exclude a class or category of extractions from the reporting and fee requirement that applies to probationary basins under Water Code section 5202 if those extractions are adequately managed under an applicable plan or program or are likely to have a minimal impact on basin withdrawals.
8. The deadline for GSAs in critically overdrafted high- and medium-priority basins to adopt and submit GSPs for review by the Department was January 31, 2020.
9. The Kern County Subbasin is a critically overdrafted high-priority basin.
10. As of the date of this resolution, the Department recognizes the following GSAs for the Kern County Subbasin: Arvin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Buena Vista Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Cawelo Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency,

Greenfield County Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Henry Miller Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Kern Non-Districted Land Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Kern-Tulare Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency - Kern County, North Kern Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Olcese Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Semitropic Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Tejon-Castac Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, West Kern Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency (collectively, the Kern County Subbasin GSAs¹).

11. The Kern County Subbasin GSAs submitted the Kern County Subbasin 2020 GSPs to the Department for review between January 22 and 30, 2020.
12. On January 28, 2022, the Department issued a determination that the Kern County Subbasin 2020 GSPs were incomplete and provided the Kern County Subbasin GSAs with 180 days to address the deficiencies identified in the incomplete determination.
13. The Kern County Subbasin GSAs submitted Revised Kern County Subbasin GSPs to the Department for review on July 27, 2022.
14. The Department evaluated the Revised Kern County Subbasin GSPs and on March 2, 2023, issued its “Inadequate Determination of the Revised 2020 Groundwater Sustainability Plans Submitted for the San Joaquin Valley – Kern County Subbasin” (Inadequate Determination) and referred the Subbasin to the State Water Board for potential state intervention.

¹ The number of GSAs in the Kern County Subbasin changed at different times between the initial submission of GSPs to the Department in January 2020 and the most recent submission of GSPs to the State Water Board in September 2025.

15. In an effort to further address the deficiencies identified by the Department, the Kern County Subbasin GSAs developed revised draft GSPs and submitted those Kern County Subbasin 2024 Draft GSPs (2024 Draft GSPs) to the State Water Board for review on May 28, 2024.
16. The State Water Board reviewed the Kern County Subbasin 2022 GSPs, the Department's determination of inadequacy, and the 2024 Draft GSPs. Board staff prepared a draft staff report that described the 2022 GSPs' deficiencies, the 2024 Draft GSPs' further changes, recommended potential actions that GSAs could take to remedy remaining deficiencies, and supported designating the Kern County Subbasin as a probationary basin under SGMA.
17. On July 25, 2024, the State Water Board made the draft staff report available to the public and issued notice of public staff workshops, opportunities to comment, and the date of the board hearing for the proposed designation of the Kern County Subbasin as a probationary basin.
18. When issuing the notice, the State Water Board posted the notice on its website and sent the notice by electronic mail to its SGMA email listserv, to the Department, to each city and county within which any part of the Kern County Subbasin is situated, and to the points of contact for each of the Kern County Subbasin GSAs.
19. On July 26, 2024, the State Water Board mailed the notice to all persons known to the Board who extract or who propose to extract water from the basin.
20. The public comment period for the probationary hearing notice and draft staff report ran from July 26, 2024, to September 23, 2024.
21. State Water Board staff held informational workshops on August 26, 2024, and August 29, 2024, to explain the draft staff report, share more about how to participate in the State Water Board's state intervention process, and accept verbal public comments regarding the draft staff report.
22. The Kern County Subbasin GSAs incorporated additional revisions and submitted the Kern County Subbasin 2024 adopted GSPs (2024 Final GSPs) to the State Water Board for review on December 16, 2024.

23. State Water Board staff revised and finalized the Staff Report after considering public comment and reviewing the 2024 Final GSPs. The report recommended that the State Water Board designate the Kern County Subbasin as a probationary basin under SGMA.
24. On February 20, 2025, the State Water Board opened a hearing to determine whether to place the Kern County Subbasin on probation. In recognition of the substantial progress the Kern County Subbasin GSAs made in revising the GSPs since the Department issued its 2023 Inadequate Determination, the Board adopted [Resolution 2025-0007](#) continuing the hearing to September 17, 2025 so that remaining deficiencies might be resolved without the need for the Board to designate the subbasin probationary, and directing the GSAs to increase community engagement to assist in the resolution of outstanding issues.
25. The Kern County Subbasin GSAs submitted the Kern County Subbasin Community Outreach and Engagement Strategy to the State Water Board for review on March 20, 2025.
26. The Kern County Subbasin GSAs submitted the Kern County Subbasin 2025 Draft GSPs (2025 Draft GSPs) to the State Water Board for review on June 20, 2025.
27. On June 23, 2025, the State Water Board made the 2025 Draft GSPs available to the public, and the Board accepted written public comments regarding the 2025 Draft GSPs until August 7, 2025. Comments included, but were not limited to, concerns regarding potential impacts of groundwater management on drinking water wells and potential loss of wetland habitat.
28. Board staff reviewed the 2025 Draft GSPs and concluded that the GSAs substantially, though not completely, addressed the deficiencies identified in the previous GSPs, identifying three primary issues that, if resolved, staff would recommend returning the Kern County Subbasin to the Department's oversight. Kern County Subbasin GSAs continued working diligently with Board staff to try to resolve these priority issues, which relate to drinking water wells, including contaminants such as 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP), and durable governance. Subsequently, the GSAs represented that changes were or are being made to address the three priority deficiencies identified by Board staff.

29. The State Water Board recognizes the challenge 1,2,3-TCP poses for GSAs as an anthropogenic contaminant introduced as an impurity in agricultural soil fumigants and that responsibility for introduction and remediation of 1,2,3-TCP is the subject of past and pending litigation with responsible parties. Notwithstanding GSAs bearing no responsibility for introduction of 1,2,3-TCP, the State Water Board recognizes GSAs' commitments to take steps to assist well owners impacted by 1,2,3-TCP due to GSA management activities while preserving recovery from responsible parties.

30. The Kern County Subbasin GSAs incorporated additional revisions and submitted the Kern County Subbasin 2025 adopted GSPs (2025 Final GSPs) to the State Water Board for review on September 2, 2025.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Finds that the Department of Water Resources' determination that the GSPs for the Kern County Subbasin were inadequate made the Kern County Subbasin subject to state intervention under Chapter 11 of SGMA.
2. Finds that the Kern County Subbasin GSAs substantially addressed the deficiencies identified in the Department of Water Resources' Inadequacy Determination and additional issues identified by State Water Board staff.
3. Finds that designating the Kern County Subbasin as probationary under SGMA is not necessary at this time and that the Kern County Subbasin should be returned to the oversight of the Department of Water Resources under Chapter 10 of SGMA.
4. Directs Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management staff to review the revised Kern County Subbasin adopted 2025 GSPs for consistency with the 2025 Draft GSPs and representations regarding changes to be made to address the three priority deficiencies identified by staff, and, if satisfactorily resolved, to transmit a letter to the Department of Water Resources formalizing the return of the Kern County Subbasin to the Department's oversight consistent with the above findings.

5. Encourages the Kern County Subbasin GSAs to continue to engage with parties representing wetland interests and to consider approaches that can meet the needs of this habitat given its statewide importance.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on September 17, 2025.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Laurel Firestone
Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None


Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA GSA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: October 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin Task Orders for Remainder of 2025

With the recent SWRCB action sending the Kern Subbasin to the Department of Water Resources, the focus of the subbasin now turns to implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The subbasin is currently working on various tasks related to the monitoring network, subsidence, water quality, well mitigation, and outreach/engagement through the remainder of 2025. The various consultants working for the various groundwater sustainability agencies within the subbasin are currently coordinating task orders to assist the subbasin in implementation. This far, the total of cost of said proposals is approximately \$407,460 (WRMGSA share - \$18,521). This cost does not include estimated costs for outreach/engagement. These costs are only for 2025, and the subbasin is working on 2026 tasks as well.

The total since March 2023 excluding 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.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve, and if necessary, authorize the Engineer-Manager to execute the appropriate task orders and funding for work related to the implementation of the Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the remainder of 2025 at a total cost not to exceed \$440,000 (WRMGSA's share \$20,000) and subject to final approval of the Engineer-Manager and District Counsel.

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KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center

3200 Rio Mirada Drive
Bakersfield, California 93308

Notice of BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 25, 2025

Conference Line: [+1 \(571\) 317-3122](tel:+15713173122)

Access Code: 863-465-805#

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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)
- l. 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. Three 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
 - 4. 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. Advisory Committee Reports
 - A. Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee
 - B. Improvement District No. 3 Advisory Committee
 - C. Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee
- VIII. Public Hearing – Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Zones of Benefit Report
- IX. Public Hearing – Adoption of Ordinance No. 25-02 Regarding Director Fees

- X. 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:

A. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings –
Special Board Meeting August 28, 2025
Regular Board Meeting August 28, 2025
Special Board Meeting September 11, 2025
2. Authorization to Execute a Single Source Agreement with Secure Systems to Purchase a Building Access and Alarm System for the Kern County Water Agency

- XI. 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. Adoption of the Strategic Plan for the Kern County Water Agency

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 the State Water Contractors Board Meeting
3. Report on 2025 State Water Project and Central Valley Project Allocations and Operations

4. Water Delivery Operations
 - a. Report on Kern County Water Agency California Aqueduct Deliveries
 - b. Update on Water Transfers, Exchanges and Purchases
 - c. Authorization to Execute an Agreement for a Transfer of Solano County Water Agency's 2025 State Water Project Table A Water to Dudley Ridge Water District and Kern County Water Agency, SWP #25029
 - d. Authorization to Execute an Agreement for a Transfer of Solano County Water Agency's State Water Project Article 56 Carryover Water to Kern County Water Agency, SWP #25030
5. Report on the Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority Meeting

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

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 Waive the Request for Proposals and Procure Cross Valley Canal Uninterruptible Power Supply Replacements

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

- b. Update on the Improvement District No. 4 Water Education Program
- 2. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2025 Water Supply and Management Plan
- 3. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant

XII. Correspondence

XIII. Brief Report on Potential New Business

XIV. 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 September 19, 2025.


Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY

(FORMERLY KERN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY)

3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 22, 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:

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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. *August 25, 2025 (Rachelle/Valerie)

5. Financial Report

- a. *Financial Report & Accounts Payables (Andrew/ Barry)

6. Administration

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

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- 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. Legal (Valerie)**
 - a. Kern Subbasin SGMA Hearing
 - b. Statewide Update
 - 10. New Business**
 - 11. Correspondence**
 - a. Famoso Hills (Trent)
 - 12. Closed Session**
 - a. Potential Litigation- Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
 - 13. Adjournment**

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Department of Fish and Wildlife Tips Its Hand in Advance of White Sturgeon Status Review

Paul S Weiland

2 October 2025

The Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Fish and Game Commission both play key roles in the implementation of the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The Commission must act on petitions to list species under the Act, initially by determining whether listing “may be warranted,” in which case the species becomes a candidate for listing and the Commission subsequently determines whether listing as threatened or endangered is warranted. At both stages, the Commission’s decision is informed by a report and recommendation issued by the Department. At the outset, once Commission staff deem a petition to be complete, the Department is required to prepare a “written evaluation report” to inform the Commission’s decision as to whether the species should be a candidate for listing. If the Commission designates a species as a candidate, the Department is then required to prepare a written peer-reviewed status report based on the best scientific information available to inform the decision whether the species should be listed as threatened or endangered.

In November 2023, San Francisco Baykeeper and other groups submitted a [petition to list the white sturgeon](#) in California as a threatened species under CESA to the Commission. Petitioners did not include any of the raw data they relied on in describing the white sturgeon’s abundance, its trend in population numbers, and its distributional range in the petition or otherwise make such data available to the Commission and the public. Nonetheless, in March 2024, the Department issued its written evaluation report. That report is devoid of any critical analysis of the substance of the petition. Rather, it is a recitation of the contents of the petition, stating:

- “The Petition discusses life history of White Sturgeon...”
- “The Petition discusses range and distribution for White Sturgeon...”

- “The Petition discusses the kind of habitat necessary for survival for White Sturgeon in California...”
- “The Petition discusses the abundance of White Sturgeon in California...”
- “The Petition discusses White Sturgeon population trends in California...”
- “The Petition discusses factors affecting ability to survive and reproduce...”
- “The Petition discusses the degree and immediacy of the threat...”
- “The Petition discusses the impact of existing management efforts...”
- “The Petition provides a list of 68 references...”

Following that direct recitation of the petition’s contents, the report declares: “the Department has determined that the Petition and other relevant information provide sufficient scientific information to indicate that the petitioned action to list the White Sturgeon as threatened may be warranted.”

In part, in reliance on the Department’s report, the Commission in June 2024 determined that listing may be warranted and made the white sturgeon a candidate for listing. This determination triggered the requirement for the Department to prepare its status review of the white sturgeon. The current deadline for the Department to issue its status review is January 2026. More importantly, the determination made in reliance on the superficial assessment of the petition by the Department triggered the “take” prohibition under CESA, halting any activity that might be anticipated to result in take of even a single white sturgeon.

The white sturgeon is a long-lived fish that is native to the west coast of North America from approximately Monterey, California in the south, north to the Gulf of Alaska. The species is predominantly anadromous, although a small number of landlocked populations exist. White sturgeon reside in San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, spawning upstream in the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and feeder tributaries to them. No data indicate that the geographic range of white sturgeon has retracted over the past 50 years. In the San Francisco Estuary the white sturgeon has been subject to varying levels of fishing pressure over that same time period, but no reliable data indicate that the abundance of white sturgeon has declined during that time. The data sets available on the white sturgeon do not allow scientists to draw reliable conclusions regarding the species’ population dynamics in the Estuary.

Recognizing that survey efforts to gather data providing essential information on white sturgeon population dynamics are not up to the task of informing a decision to list the species, the Department in 2024 implemented a new survey method for the species in

collaboration with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and local sturgeon fishing guides. In July 2025, just one year into the new effort, the Department issued a press release entitled “Scientific Surveys Show Continued Decline in White Sturgeon Population.” In the press release and in a series of statements to the press over the following days, the Department made an unequivocal case that there has been a multi-decade decline in the white sturgeon population.

That action by the Department, at the same time it is tasked to prepare an objective status review of the petition to list the species based on the best available scientific information, is plainly improper. It creates the appearance that the fix is in at the Department, and it is a foregone conclusion that the agency will recommend listing before it has completed the status review process, including a peer review of the Department’s own analyses by outside experts. Further, it has the potential to taint the peer review as reviewers are likely to read and could be influenced by the media coverage generated by the Department’s narrative, which included startlingly unsupported titles such as “A native California species is plummeting by the thousands.”

Along with the press release, the Department issued an eight-page report describing the new survey method, also indicating that as a matter of fact the white sturgeon population has declined materially from the 1990s to the present. To support this statement of “fact” the Department included a graph in the report, plotting estimates using three different analytical methods. That decision – to combine population estimates that were developed using three different methods of interpreting survey data – is contrary to accepted practices in population biology.

Yet another line of evidence that indicates the Department had a pre-decisional agenda was its selective presentation of those data. For example, in its report, the Department states: “Estimates from the 1990’s [sic] and earlier were around 150,000 or more white sturgeon within the range of the legal size to harvest.” But the very same report includes a graph (its Figure 2) with white sturgeon population estimates for three years in the 1990s (1990, 1993, 1997) -- including two estimates under 25,000 individuals and just one with an estimate of 150,000. To its credit, the Department graphed the 95% confidence intervals around those estimates, although it does not report the actual ranges. What the graph demonstrates is that the estimates are unreliable for the purposes of determining whether the white sturgeon is threatened or endangered, with population size ranges from 5,000-40,000 in 1990, 0-35,000 in 1993, and 50,000-250,000 in 1997. What the graph does not demonstrate is that the population in the 1990s was 150,000 individuals or more.

State law provides that the Department is responsible to manage fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats on which they depend, for their ecological values and

for the use and enjoyment of the public. It further provides that (i) the Department is responsible to use ecosystem-based management informed by credible science in all resource management decisions to the extent feasible and that (ii) all decisions made by Department personnel must follow well-established standard protocols of the scientific profession. It is difficult to reconcile the Department's conduct in this instance with these statutory obligations. It is also hard to imagine that – now that the Department has tipped its hand – it could be considered an honest broker when carrying out the task of completing the status review of white sturgeon.

As the legislature itself has acknowledged in the Fish and Game Code, there is a mismatch between the resources available to the Department and its statutory obligations. In this context, further overextending the agency by listing species based on specious scientific information and advocacy degrades the agency's ability to take affirmative steps to protect other species that are actually in need of conservation and diminishes public trust in government scientists to call it like they see it. It also incentivizes parochial special interests to gin up listing petitions to monkey wrench public works and private development projects that are essential to the provision of food, water, electricity, shelter and other basic societal needs. The consequences are bad conservation outcomes, reduced social welfare, and a loss of trust in our more vital institutions. One can only hope that the Department leadership and the Governor will remain focused on the public interest and demand that those who report to them do the same.

Sending More Freshwater Through the Delta Does Not Benefit Delta Smelt and is Keeping California From Meeting the Delta Reform Act's "Co-Equal Goals"



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**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of
South Valley Water Resources Authority
Agenda**

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

September 19, 2025, at 3:00 pm

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 8/28/25 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
Agenda**

Kern Water Bank Authority Office
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September 19, 2025, at 3:00 pm

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 8/28/25
- 3. Financial Reports**
 - a. Presentation of financial reports for August.
 - b. August accounts payable.
- 4. Fish Friendly Diversion Demonstration Project**
 - a. Project Financial Status - Budget vs Actual
 - b. Demonstration Project permitting status
 - c. Review of Demonstration Project schedule.
 - d. Discussion of Alternative Paths Forward
 - e. Consideration of Motion to Levee Assessment for Construction of the Demonstration Project
 - f. Consideration of Approval of construction contracts for the Demonstration Project
 - g. Consideration of Appointment of a Project Management Subcommittee
- 5. Adjournment**