

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday November 12, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M.

District Headquarters Board Room
12109 Hwy 166, 6.5 miles west of Mettler, CA

Or via GoToMeeting

(Optional Remote Public Participation Only – See NOTICE Below)

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

7. *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

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

8. *Two Matters*

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

9. *Two Matters*

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

3. Attorney's Report

Torigiani (10 mins)

1. Report from Closed Session (Gov. Code § 54957.1)
2. Legislative, Executive, Regulatory, and Legal Matters
3. Pacific Legal Foundation – Western Water Law Project Presentation

Nicholas (20 mins)

4. Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 8, 2025
2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting October 9, 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)
 - a. File List of Delinquent Tolls & Charges – **Resolution Required**
2. Budget Expenditures Report for October 2025 *Whitby* (5 mins)
3. Approval of Budget, Water Rates, & Cash Forecast for 2026 *Smith* (10 mins)
4. Consider Approval of Audit Engagement Letter *Smith* (5 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* (30 mins)
 - a. 2025 Water Supply/Demand Estimate
 - b. Other Purchases/Exchanges
 - c. 2025-26 San Luis Reservoir Carryover Update
 - d. Consider Approval of Second Amendment to the Westside 5 – Palmdale Agreement for Purchase of Water Supplies
 - e. Consider Approval of the San Luis Canal Company Water Purchase Agreement
 - f. Future Participation in Pioneer Replacement Wells
3. State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) *Nicholas* (10 mins)
4. Sites Reservoir *Kunde* (5 mins)
5. Consider Approval of Proposal for Water Accounting & Billing Software *Smith* (5 mins)
6. Consider Approval of Updated Publicly Available Pay Schedule *Nicholas* (5 mins)
7. EKI Report: Three-dimensional Geologic Model and Recharge Suitability Assessment for the WRMWSD Service Area *Nicholas* (15 mins)
8. Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA *Staff* (30 mins)
 - a. Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Sharing Agreement
 - b. 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. ACWA Fall Conference – San Diego – December 2-4, 2025 *Nicholas* (2 mins)

11. Public Comments

12. Adjournment

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

By: Danyel Ruth

November 7, 2025

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****Per Govt. Code § 54954.3(a)**, A member of the public may comment on any matter on the agenda, before or during the Board's consideration of the matter (and in the case of a closed session matter immediately before the Board goes into closed session) upon being recognized by the President and subject to any time constraints the President may impose from time to time.



UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA/STATE WATER BOARD LIVE WEBINAR

ACWA, in partnership with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), will host a live webinar on November 6 at 11:00 AM to provide agencies with a walkthrough of the [California Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System](#) (CalWATRS), the State Water Board's new water rights data system. Register [here](#).

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Regions 8, 9, and 10 / Reception and Forum / November 13-14 / Register [here](#).

ACWA FALL 2025 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its Fall 2025 Conference and Exhibition in San Diego from December 2-4. ACWA Policy Committee meetings will be held in person on Tuesday, December 2 (preliminary schedule below). Register [here](#) to attend 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
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Federal Affairs Committee

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

ACWA's Federal Regulatory Issues chart is accessible [here](#).

WATER MANAGEMENT

PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan Update – Sacramento/ Delta Update On September 16, the 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 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.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com  WORKING GROUP
PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan Update 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 (draft SBR) for Consideration of Potential Updates to the Bay-Delta Plan to Incorporate a Proposed	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com  WORKING GROUP

Voluntary Agreement for the Tuolumne River. The draft SBR is a prerequisite before the State Water Board can amend the Bay-Delta Plan to incorporate the Tuolumne River Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program. - Public workshop: November 5 at 9:00 am - Written comments due: November 7 at 12:00 pm	
California Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System - On October 7, the State Water Board launched a new water rights data system, CalWATRS. The State Water Board is hosting a virtual public workshop on CalWATRS where staff will demonstrate the system's key features and answer questions. Virtual workshop: November 12 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Delta Conveyance Project - On October 10, the State Water Board Requested Additional Information to Supplement the Administrative Record in the Hearing on the Proposed Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) from the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) on the pending petitions for change of water rights permits for the State Water Project. - On October 17, a three-judge panel (Panel) of the state Court of Appeals reversed a lower court decision about commencement of geotechnical work in anticipation of the DCP. The Panel ruled that the Delta Reform Act does not require DWR to submit a certification of consistency before commencing preconstruction geotechnical work. - On October 17, DWR submitted a Certification of Consistency with the Delta Plan (Certification) to the Delta Stewardship Council for the DCP, as required by the Delta Reform Act. The Certification is an administrative record that details how DWR has determined the DCP is consistent with Delta Plan policies. - Public review and appeals due: November 17	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund - On October 9, the State Water Board released a Revised Notice of Opportunity for Public Comments, Board Workshop, and Board Consideration of the Draft Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (draft plan). The draft plan outlines expenditures from the fund that will complement other funding sources as part of the broader Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program. The State Water Board will consider adoption of the draft plan at its next board meeting. - Board meeting: November 4 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook - DWR will hold a Public Meeting on the Release of the Public Review Draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Guidebook that is intended to inform water suppliers and interested parties on updates to the UWMP Guidebook since the last reporting cycle. - Public meeting: November 17 at 10:00 am 2025 UWMPs due: July 1, 2026	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com 

Urban Water Use Objective Reporting Forms - 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 and will host office hours for those with questions regarding the reporting form. - Reporting form Q&A webinar: November 18 at 11:00 am - Urban Water Use Objective Reporting due: January 1, 2026	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations - On October 30, the State Water Board released a Notice of Publicly Available Changes to the Proposed Water Measurement and Reporting Revisions (Revisions). The Revisions update California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapter 2.8 (Measuring and Monitoring) by clarifying and revising effective dates of some requirements. The State Water Board is only accepting comments on the proposed changes. - Written comments due: November 14 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Water Technical Access Portal On October 29, the State Water Board held a public webinar to discuss efforts to modernize drinking water data through the creation of the Water Technical Access Portal (WaterTAP). WaterTAP is anticipated to go live by late 2027 with an Advisory Committee expected to be established by spring 2026.	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
AGRICULTURE	
Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook On September 30, DWR published the Final 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook (Guidebook). The Guidebook assists agricultural water suppliers in preparing and submitting Agricultural Water Management Plans.	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	
Bulletin 118 - On October 20, DWR released a draft update of Bulletin 118 for a 45-day public comment period. The draft update provides a comprehensive assessment of statewide groundwater conditions and incorporates information from annual groundwater sustainability agency reports, California's Groundwater Live, and other groundwater initiatives since 2020. Public webinar: November 4 at 12:00 pm - Public comments due: December 5 - Anticipated final update release: Spring 2026	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com 
PRIORITY Draft Land Subsidence Best Management Practices - On July 24, DWR released the draft Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) document. The BMP 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	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com 

Groundwater Conditions Update On October 20, DWR released its fall Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update (Update). The Update describes the accomplishments made towards a sustainable groundwater future under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), as well as the challenges posed by climate extremes, land subsidence, and infrastructure needs.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
PRIORITY State Intervention: Kaweah Subbasin - On October 13, the State Water Board released a Staff Assessment (Assessment) of the 2024 Amended Kaweah Subbasin groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). The Assessment determines that the GSPs were amended such that probationary designation of the Kaweah Subbasin is not necessary and recommends returning the Kaweah Subbasin to DWR's jurisdiction for continued evaluation. - Written comments due: November 12 at 12:00 pm - Board meeting: December 2 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
PRIORITY State Intervention: Kern County Subbasin - On October 29, DWR opened a public comment period for Kern County Subbasin's modified GSPs submitted to DWR as required by SGMA. - Written comments due: January 8	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
PRIORITY State Intervention: Tulare Lake Subbasin On October 31, the State Water Board announced its extension of the deadline for reporting groundwater extractions in the Tulare Lake Subbasin. Information about actions related to Tulare Lake Subbasin's probationary designation and the new extraction reporting period and report submittal deadline can be found here.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
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 (draft permit). The draft permit consolidates the four existing statewide NPDES general permits for residual pesticide discharges into one permit. - Written comments due: November 12	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
PRIORITY New and Revised Notification and Response Levels On October 29, the State Water Board issued New and Revised Drinking Water Notification and Response Levels for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), and perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA). Under state law, water agencies must respond accordingly to timely notify and treat the source of contamination. More information on these newly lowered response and notification levels can be found at the Board's Drinking Water Notification website.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Proposed Public Health Goal Update – 1,4-Dioxane	Staff Contact

- On September 26, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) issued a draft proposed Public Health Goal (PHG) for 1,4-dioxane in drinking water of 0.04 parts per billion. PHGs published by OEHHA are considered by the State Water Board in setting drinking water standards for California. - Written comments due: November 10 - Public workshop: November 13 at 9:00 am	Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
State Revolving Fund Environmental Package Requirements - On April 9, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Webinars regarding environmental package requirements (requirements) for the Division of Financial Assistance's various funding programs, including the Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. At each webinar, staff will provide an overview of the requirements and the resources available to assistant applicants. - Public webinar: November 13 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
ENERGY	
Clean Transportation Incentive Policies Workshop - On October 14, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced a hybrid workshop to discuss the next phase of the clean transportation incentive policies initiative, Drive Forward. This initiative aims to invest in clean technologies to protect public health, meet mandated air quality targets, and fulfill state goals. Public workshop: November 13 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Clean Transportation Program On October 9, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released their 2025-2026 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program (Plan), which includes proposed allocations for light-duty charging infrastructure, medium- and heavy-duty ZEV infrastructure, hydrogen refueling, and workforce training and development.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Statewide Clean Energy Investments On October 9, Governor Newsom announced California's continued commitment to the development of clean energy and grid resilience. Since taking office, Governor Newsom has added 30,800 megawatts of new clean energy and storage. Concurrently, the CEC announced \$136M in climate investments to expand electric vehicle charging access, advance clean energy innovation and reliability, and continue California's leadership in decarbonization.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Zero Emission Vehicle Report On October 23, CARB staff provided an informational update on its Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Report (Report) in response to Executive Order N-27-25. The Report directs several state agencies, including CARB, to develop recommendations for expanding the deployment of ZEV across all vehicle classes through additional regulations that will: reduce emissions from diverse vehicle types, maintain lists of partnering manufacturers and fleets adhering to state standards, and enhance prior collaborative efforts with manufacturers.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 

ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [Draft Final Recommendations and Implementation Steps Released in September 2025](#), California Department of Food and Agriculture, October 15, 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: 10/07/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 12/02/2024

Status: 10/07/2025 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 431, Statutes of 2025

Location: 10/07/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

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 10/07/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

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

Current Text: 10/11/2025 - Vetoed [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/07/2025

Last Amended: 09/05/2025

Status: 10/11/2025 - Vetoed by Governor.

Location: 10/11/2025 - Assembly VETOED

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: 10/06/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/22/2025

Status: 10/06/2025 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 359, Statutes of 2025

Location: 10/06/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

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 10/06/2025 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: 10/06/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/06/2025

Last Amended: 06/16/2025

Status: 10/06/2025 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 365, Statutes of 2025

Location: 10/06/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

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 10/06/2025 text)

Is Urgency: Y

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

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

Current Text: 10/13/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/10/2025

Last Amended: 09/04/2025

Status: 10/13/2025 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 694, Statutes of 2025.

Location: 10/13/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

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 SAPPR 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: 10/11/2025 - Chaptered [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/13/2025

Last Amended: 06/11/2025

Status: 10/11/2025 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 617, Statutes of 2025.

Location: 10/11/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

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 10/11/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[VAWC AB 639 SUPPORT AWPW 031325.edited.docx](#)

[AB 639 \(Soria\) Coalition ASM WPW Support Ltr 3-17.pdf](#)

[VAWC AB 639 SUPPORT SNRW 05302025.edited.docx](#)

[AB 639 \(Soria\) CoalitionSNRWSupport Ltr 5-30.pdf](#)

[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: 10/07/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/14/2025

Status: 10/07/2025 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 439, Statutes of 2025

Location: 10/07/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

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 10/07/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: N

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

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

Current Text: 10/06/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/19/2025

Last Amended: 08/29/2025

Status: 10/06/2025 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 385, Statutes of 2025

Location: 10/06/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

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 10/06/2025 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](#)

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

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

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

Current Text: 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Last Amended: 03/24/2025

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was PUB. S. on 3/24/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/01/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

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

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[AB 1218 CCVFCA VAWC Support APS 04.24.2025](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

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

Current Text: 05/27/2025 - Amended [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Last Amended: 05/27/2025

Status: 06/05/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 6/4/2025) (May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 06/05/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

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

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

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

Current Text: 10/11/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Last Amended: 09/05/2025

Status: 10/11/2025 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 638, Statutes of 2025.

Location: 10/11/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

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 10/11/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose

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

Current Text: 10/11/2025 - Vetoed [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Last Amended: 08/29/2025

Status: 10/11/2025 - Vetoed by Governor.

Location: 10/11/2025 - Assembly VETOED

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: 10/11/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Last Amended: 09/04/2025

Status: 10/11/2025 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 643, Statutes of 2025.

Location: 10/11/2025 - Assembly CHAPTERED

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 10/11/2025 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: 10/03/2025 - Vetoed [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/27/2025

Last Amended: 09/02/2025

Status: 10/03/2025 - Vetoed by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.

Location: 10/03/2025 - Senate VETOED

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: 10/06/2025 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Last Amended: 07/03/2025

Status: 10/06/2025 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 422, Statutes of 2025

Location: 10/06/2025 - Senate CHAPTERED

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 10/06/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[SB 697 FACT SHEET](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

Total Measures: 34

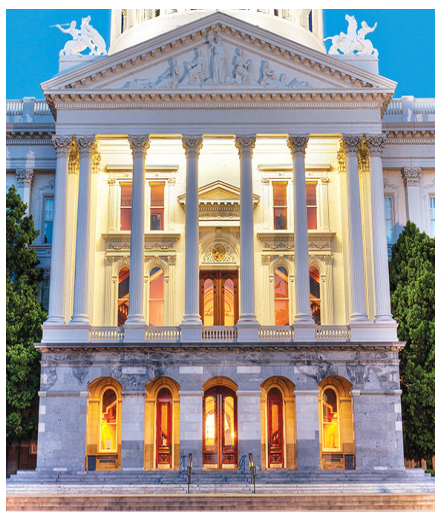
Total Tracking Forms: 34

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NEWS BRIEFS

New FAQ on Flood-MAR

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released a new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document on Flood-MAR. The FAQ is intended to clarify how floodwater diversion and managed aquifer recharge strategies can be applied across various landscapes—such as agricultural lands, floodplains, refuges, and managed natural areas—to improve groundwater recharge with high runoff flows. The updates include new information. The new FAQ will be available for reference on DWR's website, and DWR encourages

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Governor Wraps Up First Year of the Legislative Session

Governor Newsom completed his review of hundreds of bills that landed on his desk following the adjournment of the legislative session on September 13. He had until midnight Sunday night to complete his work.

Newsom's decisions of legislation of interest to Valley Ag Water Coalition included:

AB 293 (Bennett): 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. 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.

According to the author, "AB 293 is a simple step to build public trust, strengthen accountability, and protect one of California's most vital resources for future generations. California's groundwater is a critical resource, supplying anywhere from 30% to 46% of the state's water needs in an average year. Millions of residents, businesses, and farms rely on sustainable groundwater management to ensure long-term water security. Given the growing pressures of climate change and competing demands for water, it is vital that groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) operate with the highest level of transparency and accountability."

See [Legislative Session](#), page 2

Kern Subbasin Avoids SGMA Probation

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved a resolution to return the Kern County Groundwater Subbasin to the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) jurisdiction under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This ends the possibility of probation for the subbasin in the state intervention process.

The Kern subbasin was among six San Joaquin Valley subbasins that submitted groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) that DWR deemed "inadequate" in 2023. The determination placed Kern under the State Water Board jurisdiction and triggered the SGMA state intervention process.

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local agencies, landowners, and water managers to review it to better understand Flood-MAR concepts and implementation. If you have any questions, consult your DWR regional office or contact DWR headquarters via their public inquiry channels. The new FAQ can be found [here](#).

Bay-Delta Plan Workshops Rescheduled

The State Water Board has canceled Sept. 24-25 hearings and a public comment period for the revised draft Sacramento-Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan. Board staff anticipate a limited recirculation of the draft Staff Report/Substitute Environmental Document in support of the Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan, together with the updated draft Plan, in December. New dates for a public hearing and comment period will be announced upon release. The Rescinded Notice is available on the [Board's website](#)

Paying Farmers to Conserve Water

A new study published in the *Journal of American Water Resources Association* finds that compensating farmers to reduce water use is the most cost-effective strategy for conserving shrinking water supplies. The study evaluated conservation and supply projects along the Colorado River, and found that agricultural conservation programs can save water at a much lower cost per acre-foot than infrastructure projects. Agricultural conservation programs conserved water for as low as \$69.89 per acre-foot. On average, agricultural conservation programs cost

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AB 293 was supported by Community Alliance with Family Farmers, Community Water Center, Environmental Defense Fund, and Sierra Club. The bill was opposed by the Association of California Water Agencies and Valley Ag Water Coalition.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2025)

AB 639 (Soria): 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. The bill only applies to Peoples Weir, Reynolds Weir, Last Chance Weir, Lemoore Diversion Weir, Island Weir, Crescent Weir, Stinson Weir, Empire Weir No. 1, and Empire Weir No. 2 within the Kings River system, the sites being within Tulare, Fresno, and Kings County.

According to the author, “Water impounding and delivery systems called “weirs” do not typically cross the entirety of rivers or streams, do not impound water above the river levees and are only operated during low-flow periods to pool water for delivery to adjacent farms and ranches. Any spill would be contained entirely within a streambed leading the Department of Water Resources to rate them as very low hazard. Despite this rating, DWR’s Division of Safety of Dams includes weirs in their maintenance and inspection schedule and imposes fees of \$56,000 on all water impounding structures despite not posing an equivalent safety risk as a dam. This has significantly increased the cost to operate and maintain these weirs with no practical increase in safety for California’s residents.”

Kings River Conservation District sponsored the legislation, which was supported by Valley Ag Water Coalition and others.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 617, Statutes of 2025)

AB 1373 (Soria): This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, if requested by an applicant for a Section 401 water quality certification 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. 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.

According to the Turlock Irrigation District (TID), which sponsored AB 1373, “Over the last few decades, the State Water Board has delegated many of its authorities to staff, removing the option for members of the public to voice their concern on matters of significance to their communities. While we can appreciate the need to expedite certain administrative actions to streamline workload, not every action should be treated the same. One such area of delegated authority is the issuance of water quality certificates under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. These certificates are essential to the operations of hydroelectric facilities that provide other essential benefits to many disadvantaged communities across the state. Requiring an open forum would allow the communities that rely on these projects to provide meaningful comments to the State Water Board on potential

impacts or consequences. Additionally, decisions as significant as these should be made by the State Water Board, rather than being delegated to staff.”

AB 1373 was supported by the Association of California Water Agencies and Valley Ag Water Coalition. The Sierra Club opposed the bill.

Governor Newsom, in his veto message, wrote “While well-intentioned, this bill is unnecessary. The Board’s certification process already includes opportunities for input by members of the public and Board members, including a mechanism for Board members to reconsider decisions initially delegated to staff. I am, however, directing the Board to work with the relevant stakeholders to explore ways to make this process more efficient, consistent with the intent of this bill.”

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB 1466 (Hart): 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.

According to the author, “[This bill] streamlines groundwater adjudications, reduces unnecessary litigation costs, and protects small and disadvantaged water users from being caught up in costly legal battles. The bill allows small and disadvantaged water users—whose pumping does not substantially impact the basin—to request an exemption from the full adjudication process. It also requires the local [GSA] to report on water use by all pumpers in the basin, helping ensure that small and disadvantaged communities are represented throughout the adjudication. By improving the fairness of groundwater adjudications, [this bill] strengthens California’s efforts to sustainably manage its groundwater resources while safeguarding the rights of vulnerable water users.”

Opponents argued that AB 1466 would place a substantial burden on GSAs and would likely distract them from their primary mission of groundwater management. They also expressed concern that the provisions of the legislation appears to be a stand in for a pumper who does not respond (for whatever reason) to the notice of an adjudication, even though the current version of the bill provides a streamlined path for a small pumper to fill out a form, submit it to the court, and then remain on the sidelines of the comprehensive adjudication while retaining their water right.

AB 1466 was supported by Community Alliance With Family Farmers and Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (sponsor). The bill was opposed by agricultural commodity groups, water districts, and several GSAs.

Status: Signed by the Governor (Chapter 643, Statutes of 2025)

about \$417 per acre-foot, while local supply projects—such as reservoirs, wells, and wastewater treatment facilities—cost more than \$2,400 per acre-foot on average. The study found that agricultural conservation programs, particularly those that provided financial incentives to promote behavioral changes among farmers, were successful at delivering water savings at a relatively low cost.

For more information, the study can be found [here](#).

Water Banking Project Receives Funding

The California Water Commission (CWC) has approved an additional \$22 million for the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project—the only San Joaquin Valley water storage project to qualify for Proposition 1 funding. A partnership between the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Irvine Ranch Water District, the project was initially awarded \$89 million and aims to enhance groundwater recharge and water supply reliability for the region. The project would develop a regional water bank in the Kern Fan area to recharge and store in the Kern County Groundwater up to 100 thousand acre-feet (TAF) of unallocated Article 21 water available from the State Water Project (SWP) operation. The Kern Fan Project provides groundwater storage and would be operated so that in wet years, the project partners, IRWD and Rosedale would divert unallocated SWP Article 21 supplies for storage in the Kern Fan Project. IRWD and Rosedale would share first

priority rights to 75 percent of the stored water for water supply purposes. The remaining 25 percent of the stored water would be available to support ecosystem benefits.

For more information, please visit the project's [webpage](#).

Groundwater Monitoring Expanded

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is enhancing its ability to monitor land subsidence—sinking of the ground due to groundwater extraction—through data from NASA's new satellite, NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar). Launched in July 2025, NISAR is designed to detect minute surface movements, including subsidence, to fractions of an inch. This advanced data will support local groundwater agencies in managing and mitigating subsidence impacts across California. Data from the satellite is expected to become available later this year and DWR staff are ready to work with consultants and the NASA-Jet Propulsion Laboratory OPERA project to publish resulting subsidence maps. When ready, the maps will be made available on the [California Natural Resources Agency Open Data Portal](#) and the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Data Viewer](#) to help locals address sustainable groundwater management challenges.

For more information, please visit DWR's [website](#).

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The State Water Board originally held a public hearing on whether to designate Kern as probationary in February 2025; however, the board decided to continue the hearing on September 17, 2025, citing significant progress in the revised plans adopted by the Kern subbasin GSAs. In June 2025, Kern subbasin groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) submitted updated GSPs, which State Water Board staff reviewed.

The staff review of local agencies' new plans, submitted in June, found that the subbasin's 20 agencies substantially, but not completely, addressed deficiencies in prior plans to achieve groundwater sustainability goals by 2040. Among the new provisions that fully address prior deficiencies, the plans now include basin-wide approaches to setting appropriate management criteria for groundwater levels and quality. It also ramps down subsidence prior to 2040, with no additional subsidence after 2040.

"We applaud the progress that the Kern County Subbasin's groundwater agencies have made with their latest plans towards meeting sustainability goals," said State Water Board Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel. "The subbasin is the largest and one of the most important in the state, and the good coordination among local agencies toward a successful resolution of issues in their plans is a model for how achieving sustainability under SGMA is designed to work. The State Water Board is here to partner with the subbasin as it begins the critical work of implementation."

Local agencies within the subbasin submitted revised groundwater sustainability plans to the board in early September that are still undergoing staff review. With respect to issues still outstanding, the board adopted language into its resolution requiring that the return of the subbasin to DWR's oversight be contingent on staff's completed review of the revised plans and confirmation that certain deficiencies are satisfactorily addressed. After this, staff will finalize the subbasin's exit from the state intervention process by letter to DWR, likely this fall.

The Kern subbasin is the third of the six San Joaquin Valley subbasins to avoid probation. Earlier this year, Board staff recommended the return of the Kaweah subbasin to DWR oversight. The Chowchilla subbasin was returned to DWR oversight in June.

For more information on the status of the subbasins, please visit the State Water Board's [Groundwater Basins](#) webpage.

DWR Releases 2025 AWMP Guidebook

Last month, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Final 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) Guidebook, providing updated direction and resources for agricultural water suppliers preparing their 2025 plans. The guidebook serves as the primary reference for developing Agricultural Water Management Plans, which document water suppliers' efforts to manage, measure, and use water efficiently in support of statewide water sustainability goals.

Agricultural Water Management Plans are required under the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SB X7-7), which aims to improve water use efficiency across all sectors in California. Agricultural water suppliers serving more than 25,000 irrigated acres, excluding recycled water, must prepare and submit these plans to DWR every five years. The plans are intended to promote efficient water use practices,

identify opportunities for system improvements, and support broader water management and conservation strategies.

The 2025 guidebook builds upon lessons learned from previous planning cycles, incorporating new examples, updated references, and additional guidance to help suppliers address evolving challenges such as drought resilience, groundwater management coordination, and climate adaptation. DWR developed the 2025 guidebook with the goal of improving clarity and usability for water suppliers. The document provides updated explanations of planning requirements, enhanced discussion of key components such as water budgeting and measurement, and expanded references to external resources and data tools.

According to DWR, the AWMP process supports California's integrated approach to water management. Agricultural water management planning complements other state planning efforts such as Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) and Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Together, these efforts promote a more comprehensive understanding of how surface and groundwater resources are used and managed across the state. By documenting water use efficiency measures, infrastructure improvements, and collaborative efforts, AWMPs help inform regional and state-wide strategies for achieving water supply reliability and sustainability. The 2025 guidebook encourages agricultural water suppliers to coordinate with neighboring agencies and groundwater sustainability agencies where appropriate, particularly in areas where agricultural and groundwater management efforts overlap.

The 2025 guidebook also highlights several tools available to support plan preparation. These include DWR's water use efficiency portal, data dashboards, and geospatial resources that can assist suppliers in compiling and analyzing local water use data. The guidebook provides examples of effective data management practices and outlines optional templates that suppliers may adapt to meet reporting requirements. In addition, DWR continues to offer technical assistance and informational workshops to help suppliers understand and apply the guidance. The Department encourages agencies to take advantage of these resources early in the planning process to ensure timely and complete submissions.

With the final guidebook now available, agricultural water suppliers are encouraged to begin reviewing the new content and preparing their 2025 AWMPs in alignment with the updated guidance. The completed plans will play an important role in documenting ongoing efforts to improve agricultural water use efficiency, modernize delivery systems, and support sustainable water management throughout California.

The Final 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook can be accessed on DWR's Agricultural Water Use Efficiency [webpage](#).

Governor Names Two to Delta Stewardship Council

Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Ann Paterson and Audrey Cho to the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC).

Ann Patterson fills the seat previously held by Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr. Patterson has served as senior counselor in the Governor's Office since earlier this year, and has also held the roles of cabinet secretary and legal affairs secretary since

See [Delta Stewardship Council](#), page 6

State Water Board Requests Additional Information from DWR on Delta Conveyance Project

The State Water Resources Control Board's Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) has requested that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) provide additional data and analysis related to the proposed Delta Conveyance Project. In a recent letter, the AHO asked DWR to submit updated modeling information and supporting materials to clarify how the project would operate under various Delta flow conditions, hydrologic scenarios, and potential future climate impacts. According to the AHO, the additional information is needed to help evaluate whether the project is consistent with Delta flow criteria established under the Delta Reform Act of 2009 and with proposed updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. The data will also assist in assessing how the project could affect fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, and other beneficial uses within the Delta. The requested materials will become part of the administrative record for DWR's pending water right change petition, which seeks authorization to divert and convey water through the proposed Delta Conveyance facilities. The AHO will use the new information to inform its review and recommendations to the State Water Board as the permitting process continues.

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DWR Submitted Certification of Consistency for Delta Conveyance Project

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced its intent to submit a Certification of Consistency for the Delta Conveyance Project to the Delta Stewardship Council. In accordance with Council procedures, DWR has released a draft certification for public review at least ten days prior to formal submission. The draft document outlines how the Delta Conveyance Project complies with the Delta Plan's policies and regulations. Members of the public were invited to provide comments on the draft certification by October 13, 2025. The draft certification is available on DWR's Delta Conveyance [webpage](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

California Water Commission

October 15, 2025
California Natural Resources
Agency Building
715 P Street, Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
[Agenda and Zoom Link](#)

Department of Water Resources Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative Meeting

October 17, 2025
California Natural Resources
Agency Building
715 P Street, Sacramento
Room 02-2221 A/B/C
[Registration, Agenda, and Zoom Link](#)

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2019. Before joining state government, she was a partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP from 2005 to 2018. Her appointment requires Senate confirmation.

Audrey Cho has been named legislative and policy advisor for the DSC, succeeding Brandon Chapin. Cho joined the Council as an executive fellow through the Capital Fellows Program in 2024 and has previously worked as a district intern for Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, a researcher at the University of Wisconsin–Stout and Smith College, and an open innovation fellow at Conservation X Labs. She currently serves on the Udall Alumni Association board. Her appointment does not require Senate confirmation.

“On behalf of the Council, I could not be more delighted to welcome Ann and Audrey to our agency,” says Chair Julie Lee. “Their commitments to and knowledge of public service are impressive and position them to excel in their roles.”

The Delta Stewardship Council, created by the Legislature in 2009, is responsible for advancing water supply reliability and ecosystem health in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta. The Council includes seven appointed members and is supported by staff and an independent science board.

Governor Newsom Signs SB 72

On October 1, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 72, by Senator Ana Caballero (D-Merced), which directs the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to modernize the California Water Plan and develop a water supply target to be achieved in 2050 and beyond. The bill was sponsored by the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB).

“This bill will require DWR, in its next plan update, to analyze current and future water needs trends, including identifying additional water necessary to sustain public trust resources,” Governor Newsom wrote to the Senate. “This is a welcome opportunity to ensure the next plan update recognizes the impacts of climate change, ensures safe drinking water for all Californians, and reflects statewide, regional, and local planning efforts that include critical infrastructure for California’s future.”

“California residents, businesses, and the environment statewide will reap the benefits of SB 72 as we finally have a modernized strategy signed into law that will further protect California’s future generations and ensure a reliable and long-term water supply for all,” said Senator Caballero.

Current law requires the Department of Water Resources 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, known as the California Water Plan. Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the department to expand the membership of the advisory committee to include, among others, tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests.

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SB 72 would require the department, as part of the 2033 update to the plan, to update the interim planning target for 2050. The bill would require the target to consider the identified and future water needs for all beneficial uses, including, but not limited to, urban uses, agricultural uses, tribal uses, and the environment, and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians. The bill would require the plan to include specified components, including a discussion of the estimated costs, benefits, and impacts of any project type or action that is recommended by the department within the plan that could help achieve the water supply targets.

The bill was backed by a broad coalition of water, environmental, business, public safety, and agricultural stakeholders, including VAWC. Overall, SB 72 will transform water management to: establish necessary statewide water supply targets to capture and produce enough water for all uses; require the state, water community, and stakeholders to work together to develop comprehensive, long-term water supply solutions; and enhance the California Water Plan to drought-proof the state.

“SB 72 sets bold statewide water supply targets and ensures durable planning that carries beyond any single administration,” said Craig Miller, President of CMUA and General Manager at Western Water District. “This is the important next step in building a reliable, climate resistant water future for communities, farms, the environment, and our economy.”

SB 72 enjoyed unanimous support in both houses of the Legislature, passing all committee hearings and both houses with zero “no” votes.

Board Accepting Comments on Draft Report for Tuolumne VA

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is currently accepting public comments on the Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement for the Tuolumne Voluntary Agreement (TVA), opening a new phase of public review and engagement on proposed changes to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

Released early last month, the draft report evaluates the scientific foundation for a potential amendment to the Bay-Delta Plan that would incorporate the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement—a proposal developed through a 2022 Memorandum of Understanding among state agencies, water users, and other stakeholders. The TVA outlines a set of flow and habitat commitments intended to improve ecological conditions for fish and wildlife while supporting water supply reliability.

The draft supplement provides a detailed technical assessment of the TVA proposal, focusing on its flow, habitat, and operational components and how they compare with the current flow objectives for the Lower San Joaquin River and its tributaries under the existing Bay-Delta Plan.

The analysis examines hydrologic modeling, fish population responses, habitat benefits, and potential trade-offs associated with implementing the TVA in place of or alongside existing requirements. The report also identifies areas of uncertainty and outlines where further monitoring or adaptive management might be necessary if the TVA were adopted.

Because portions of the TVA's proposed flow measures do not fully align with existing Bay-Delta Plan objectives, any inclusion of the TVA would likely require

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California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair

October 21, 2025

Virtual

[Registration](#)

State Water Board Public Work Group for Agricultural Expert Panel

October 22, 2025

CalEPA Building

1001 I Street, Sacramento

Conference Room 710

[Notice](#)

Delta Independent Science Board

October 22, 2025

California Natural Resources

Agency Building

715 P Street, Room 15-204

Sacramento, CA 95814

[Agenda and Notice](#)

Delta Stewardship Council

October 23, 2025

California Natural Resources

Agency Building

715 P Street, Room 221

Sacramento, CA 95814

[Agenda and Notice](#)

Central Valley Flood Protection Board

October 24, 2025

715 P Street, Room 2-201

Sacramento, CA 95814

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California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair

October 29, 2025

Virtual

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Flood-Mar Network Flood-MAR Forum

Nov. 5, 2025 – Nov. 6, 2025

Sacramento State Alumni
Center

6000 Jed Smith Drive

Sacramento, CA 95819

[Registration and Agenda](#)

Delta Independent Science Board

November 12, 2025

California Natural Resources
Agency Building

715 P Street, Room 15-204

Sacramento, CA 95814

[Notice will be posted 10 days
before meeting](#)

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amendments to the plan. The report is therefore intended to inform the scientific and policy discussion around whether the TVA provides adequate environmental protection and resource benefits under state law.

To gather input, the State Water Board will hold an informational public workshop on November 5, 2025, beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m., at the CalEPA Building in Sacramento. The workshop will also be accessible online via remote participation. Staff will present an overview of the draft report, and registered participants will have the opportunity to provide oral comments.

While no formal action will be taken at the workshop, feedback will help guide revisions to the draft supplement and inform future updates to the Bay-Delta Plan. Presenters wishing to use slides must submit their materials by October 27, 2025. Written comments on the draft report are due by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on November 7, 2025, and should be submitted via email to LSJR-SD-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line “Comment Letter – Draft TVA Scientific Basis Report.”

Following the close of the comment period, State Water Board staff will consider all input and prepare a revised draft for independent scientific peer review. The peer review process will ensure that the scientific methods, assumptions, and conclusions in the report meet established standards before any future policy decisions are made.

The [Draft TVA Report](#) and [Public Notice and Workshop Details](#) are available on the State Water Board’s Bay-Delta [webpage](#).

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Valley Ag Water Coalition

The mission of the Valley Ag Water Coalition is to represent the collective interests of its San Joaquin Valley member agricultural water companies and agencies in California legislative and regulatory matters by providing leadership and advocacy on issues relating to the development and delivery of a reliable farm water supply.

**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., October 8, 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, October 8, 2025, at the hour of 8:00 A.M. President Atkinson declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

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

Directors Absent. None.

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 9:30 A.M. Engineer-Manager Sheridan Nicholas, Attorney for the District Steve Torigiani, Director of Water Resources Eric McDaris, Staff Engineer Tom Suggs, 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. *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 A.M. Open Session. Mr. Torigiani reported there was one reportable action taken in Closed Session. Upon motion by Director Martin, seconded by Director Valpredo, and unanimously carried with no abstention the Board approved pay increases for hourly staff and management as recommended by the personnel committee.

Legislative, Executive, Regulatory and Legal Matters. Mr. Torigiani reviewed some of the latest regulatory issues that may be of interest to the District and its Water Users, including the ongoing Change in Point of Diversion hearings for the Delta Conveyance Project at the Administrative Hearings Office of the State Water Resources Control Board. 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 all of the bills that passed the State Legislature were now before the Governor for approval or veto by the end of this week.

Minutes. Upon motion from Director Fry, seconded by Director Blaine and unanimously carried with no abstentions, *The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Directors ... Convened September 10 2025*, were approved and filed.

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

Director Marin left the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

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

Director Marin returned to the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Delinquent Accounts Report. Ms. Whitby 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 September 2025. Ms. Whitby reviewed the Budget Expenditure Report for September 2025.

Draft Budget, Water Rates, & Cash Forecast for 2026. Ms. Whitby reviewed the Draft 2026 Budget with the Board and stated that staff would bring it back next month for final approval.

President's Report. Nothing to report.

Engineer-Manager's Report. Mr. Nicholas reported that Director of Water Resources Eric McDaris had completed two courses with ACWA/JPIA - Leadership Essentials for the Water Industry and the Professional Development Program: Human Resources Track - and commended him on his hard work and accomplishment. Mr. Nicholas also reviewed the completed AX-BX Intertie with the Board, and emphasized the importance of Water Users matching their water deliveries with their orders.

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

Other Purchases and Exchanges. Mr. McDaris reviewed his October 6, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *Other Purchases and Exchanges*.

2025-26 San Luis Reservoir Carryover Update and Consider Implementation of Water Management

Activities. Mr. McDaris reviewed his October 6, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *2025-26 San Luis Reservoir Carryover Update and Consider Implementation of Water Management Activities* and slides. Upon motion by Director Valpredo, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board authorized the Engineer-Manager to 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 actions which may mitigate loss of carryover.

2022-2023 Carryover Spill Update. Mr. McDaris reviewed his October 6, 2025 memorandum to the Board entitled *2022 - 2023 Carryover Spill*.

State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project. Mr. Nicholas reviewed the October 1, 2025 letter from the State Water Contractors, Inc. to Governor Newsom regarding the importance of the State Water Project and the several issues the SWP is currently facing in terms of water supply and costs.

He also reviewed the September 10, 2025 State Water Contractor press release entitled *State Water Contractors Applaud Broad Support for Delta Conveyance Project, Pledge to Push for Streamlining in Next Legislative Session* in response to the Governor's streamlining proposal on DCP being pushed to the next legislative session.

Sites Reservoir. Mr. Nicholas stated all updates on the Sites Project are available for review in the EM Report.

WRMGSA - Report of Sept 17 SWRCB Continued Hearing on Kern Subbasin. Mr. Nicholas reported on the SWRCB's decision at the continued probationary hearing on the Kern Subbasin GSP, which was to not designate the subbasin as probationary. He further reviewed the included resolution passed by the SWRCB, and the three items - as noted in the resolution - that must be addressed prior to the subbasin being sent back to DWR. He also noted that now the hard work begins, as the Subbasin must continue to implement the GSP.

WRMGSA - Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin Task Orders for Remainder of 2025. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his October 6, 2025 memorandum with the Board entitled *Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin Task Orders for Remainder of 2025*. Upon motion by Director Valpredo, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board approved, and if necessary, authorized 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.

WRMGSA - Consider Approval of EKI Task Order for SOKR GSP Implementation Support. Mr. Nicholas stated this item was to be tabled until next meeting.

Directors Meeting Attended. Nothing to report.

Kern County Water Agency. Mr. McDaris stated that Buena Vista WSD had reported finding the Golden Mussel in their district facilities and informed the Board that District staff planned to do inspections during our upcoming annual maintenance.

Kern Water Bank Authority/KWBGSA. Mr. Nicholas noted the October meetings of the KWBA and the KWBGSA would be next week, therefore there was no report at this time.

South of Kern River GSP. No meeting.

Kern Non-District Lands Authority. Mr. McDaris reported that KNDLA is exploring methodologies for collecting charges from non-districted lands.

Kern Coordination Committee. Nothing to report.

White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency. No meeting.

Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority. No meeting.

Committee for Delta Reliability. Mr. Nicholas stated there was a blog post in the packet for self review.

South Valley Water Resource Authority. Mr. Nicholas noted that the other SVWRA members are currently reviewing further funding for the Fish Friendly Diversion Demonstration Project.

Unfinished and New Business. Executive Assistant Danyel Ruth reminded the Board that the District's Biennial Employee Recognition Dinner was being held this Friday, October 10, 2025. She also mentioned the ACWA Fall Conference would be held in San Diego on December 2-4, 2025, and asked for Board members to let her know if they wished to attend.

Mr. Nicholas announced that former Engineer-Manager Rob Kunde would be receiving the 2025 Water Legacy Award at this year's Water Association of Kern County Annual Meeting on November 5th and invited all Board members to attend.

Public Comments. None.

Adjournment. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 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
GPS	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

**Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Convened at 1:00 P.M., October 9, 2025**

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District was held at the Kern County Water Agency, on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the hour of 1:00 P.M. President Atkinson declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Directors Present in Person. Atkinson, Blaine, Marin, Reiter, Richardson.

Directors Absent. Fry, Martin, Mettler, Valpredo.

Others Present at 1:00 P.M. Engineer-Manager Sheridan Nicholas, Director of Water Resources Eric McDaris, and Attorney for the District Steve Torigiani.

1:01 P.M. Closed Session. The Board convened in Closed Session to consider the following matters:

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

1. *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*

Director Marin left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Adjournment. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m. due to a lack of a quorum. It was reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Respectfully submitted:

[Seal]

Secretary of the Board

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

11/12/2025 Board Packet
GENERAL FUND

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT:

BALANCE AS OF:	09/30/2025	74,080,104.51
PLUS CASH RECEIVED FOR: (cash receipts/laif/camp interest)	10/2025	4,204,188.40
LESS CASH EXPENDED DURING MONTH FOR:	10/2025	(5,232,391.10)
(KCWA, pr, ap, cdr, ach, mnl, fees, pr burdens, ee net, taxes, inv)		

FUNDS ON RECONCILED DEPOSIT AT END OF MONTH:

73,051,901.81

THE ABOVE FUNDS ARE ON DEPOSIT AS FOLLOWS:

WELLS FARGO BANK NA - (GL) CASH BALANCE	1,607,010.68
KCT -POOLED INVESTMENTS - (G/L) CASH BALANCE	32,803,262.09
LAIF -POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE	2,151.58
CAMP -POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE	38,639,477.46
	73,051,901.81

INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED)

MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025	CAMP	4.26%
MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025		4.36%
MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025		4.40%
MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2025		4.41%

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	2,900,884.02
GROUND WATER SERVICE CHARGES	697,459.05
INTEREST APPORTIONMENT - kern county auditor controller	350,436.92
CAMP INTEREST	139,307.45
MANUAL INVOICES	98,369.32
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES ADMINISTRATION - kern county auditor/controller	15,710.16
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES GENERAL - kern county auditor/controller	868.65
REFUND - BELRIDGE WSD (KCWA ADJ)	775.69
LAIF & OTHER INTEREST	377.14
WRM GSA	-

Cash Receipts Summary

4,204,188.40

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

11/12/2025 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>10/31/2025</u>
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	24,903,002		24,903,002
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	3,602,282		3,602,282
GROUND WATER REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FUND	12,429,594		12,429,594
CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND	11,171,205	(47,669) (1)	11,123,536
WATER BANKING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	5,791,997		5,791,997
WATER BANKING REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	0		0
WELL REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	11,486		11,486
DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION RESERVE FUND	100,445		100,445
 TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS INTERNALLY CONSTRAINED	 58,010,011	 (47,669)	 57,962,342
THIS AMOUNT IS SHOWN AS AN UNCONSTRAINED RESERVE. THIS IS MISLEADING AS THE BOARD HAS NOT DESIGNATED SUCH A RESERVE, AND IT IS NOT A CASH ASSET (COMPARE 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

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
SEPTEMBER 2025

5.2

NAME	DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
CHRIS BROOKS	10/28/2025	10.28.25	225.00	2025 BOOTS - BROOKS	
ROBERT CLAFFY	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	25.00	WATER TREATMENT - OCT 2025	
ROSALYNN JOHNSTON	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	21.00	TRANSPORTATION	
ROSALYNN JOHNSTON	10/31/2025	10.15.25	403.79	CALPERS EDUC FORUM - JOHNSTON	
MARK DELEON	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	420.00	TRANSPORTATION	
KEVIN EATON	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	189.00	TRANSPORTATION	
AUSTIN MONROE	11/5/2025	11.5.25	320.00	PEST LICENSE RENEWAL - MONROE	
THOMAS SUGGS	10/31/2025	10.23.25	309.24	OROVILLE TOUR - SUGGS	
COREY WILKERSON	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	25.00	SAFETY MEETING - OCT 2025	
JENNIFER WHITBY	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	1,535.19	CALPERS EDUC FORUM - WHITBY	
661 COMMUNICATIONS	4/25/2025	1966	2,245.17	RADIO - TRUCK #168	
661 COMMUNICATIONS	4/25/2025	1967	3,048.00	RADIOS - TRUCK #172 & #173	
661 COMMUNICATIONS	10/21/2025	2046	142.50	INSTALL 2-WAY RADIO TRUCK #168	5,435.67
HYDRAULIC CONTROLS, INC. CORP. ADMIN	11/7/2025	02927463	2,134.16	REPAIR CRANE #369	
ACWA JPIA	10/14/2025	1655	124,511.83	AUTO/GEN LIAB 10/1/25-9/30/26	124,511.83
AFTW HOLDINGS, LLC	10/16/2025	"AFTW"09-2025	67,738.28	WHEELER #1 SOLAR CHARGES	67,738.28
ALERT 360	10/15/2025	16731369	132.30	FIRE ALARM MONITORING	
ASG SUPPLY	10/9/2025	006954	382.90	HYDRATION STIKS, GREASE	
ASG SUPPLY	10/14/2025	006972	449.69	PLASMA NOZZLES (5), GLOVES	
ASG SUPPLY	10/17/2025	006995	856.73	FACE GASKETS (44), GLOVES, ETC	
ASG SUPPLY	10/22/2025	7009	310.07	EXHAUST FLUID, NOZZLES, ETC.	
ASG SUPPLY	10/29/2025	7042	247.22	DRILL BITS, WIRE WHEELS (5)	
AT&T 831-001-4061 150	10/7/2025	N/A	318.89	FIRE ALARM LINES	
AVADINE	10/31/2025	115936	1,000.00	LATIS MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT	
BSE RENTS	11/5/2025	404211	562.86	CONCRETE FOR TURNOUT 25-10-04	
BAKERSFIELD ICE	9/30/2025	3320533	770.95	ICE / BOX RENTAL	
BAKERSFIELD ICE	10/31/2025	1025707	952.81	ICE / BOX RENTAL	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	10/16/2025	GYT96	287.17	PAINT	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	10/17/2025	62DJM	91.38	ACETONE	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	10/17/2025	5ZVKQ	99.14	PAINT	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	10/23/2025	998FB	628.80	PAINT	
B & B SURPLUS INC	10/15/2025	1260500	1,060.85	SQUARE TUBING	
BARBICH HOOPER KING DILL HOFFMAN	10/21/2025	159904	735.00	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	
BERMAD INC.	10/30/2025	2575504485	3,476.44	AIR VALVES (36)	
BERMAD INC.	11/3/2025	2575504514	7,380.00	AIR VALVES (10)	10,856.44
BIG STATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	10/2/2025	1612507	713.48	PAINT, CUT-OFF WHEELS, ETC.	
BLUE BEACON INC	10/31/2025	5022220	173.20	TRUCK WASHES (2)	
BUILDERS CONCRETE SALES	10/9/2025	359570	707.42	CONCRETE	
BUTTE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	10/30/2025	2025 #2	383,256.92	4,255.64AF @ \$176.40 PMT #2/2	383,256.92
CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL RUBBER	10/24/2025	B-052293	870.33	BELTING	
CANON	10/12/2025	N/A	857.47	LEASE 2 CANON COPIERS	
CRYSTAL CLEAN, LLC	10/15/2025	19610175	310.00	USED OIL DISPOSAL	
CONEXUS SG	10/25/2025	251025WHEESU	200.00	GREAT PLAINS SUPPORT	
CORE & MAIN LP	10/20/2025	X942735	1,127.56	GATE VALVES (9)	
CORE & MAIN LP	10/29/2025	X995693	3,119.57	MATERIAL FOR TURNOUTS	
CORE & MAIN LP	11/6/2025	Y061010	2,029.69	HYMAX COUPLERS (3)	6,276.82
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	10/14/2025	4457	173.20	CHLORINE	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	10/24/2025	240201628	675.03	TIRES (4)	
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	10/6/2025	4622265	3,969.63	COMPUTERS (4), PMT 1 OF 3	
DIMENSIONAL WIRECUT	10/30/2025	7843	5,886.64	DRUM ROLLERS (4)	5,886.64
EWING IRRIGATION PRODUCTS INC	10/8/2025	27916387	623.92	GRASS SEED	
EQUIPMENT SHARE	10/31/2025	BFL-5970485-0000	1,532.75	FORKLIFT RENTAL - 6P 25-01-04	
FARM PUMP & IRRIGATION CO	10/9/2025	025116	10,350.42	PUMP PARTS	10,350.42
FAST UNDERCAR	10/22/2025	08UG9922	187.74	AIR & OIL FILTERS	
FAST UNDERCAR	11/5/2025	08UJ3144	69.39	OIL FILTERS, WIPER BLADES	
FAST UNDERCAR	11/5/2025	08UJ4065	125.04	FUEL FILTER #380	
FAST UNDERCAR	9/9/2025	08TZ6135	29.68	AIR FILTERS (2)	
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	10/14/2025	0045704	4,741.85	COUPLERS (2)	
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	10/15/2025	0046042	1,329.31	CHECK VALVES (100)	6,071.16
FLOOD CONTROL COUNTY OF PLUMAS	10/24/2025	FC002	300,625.00	925AF @ \$325	300,625.00
FLYERS ENERGY, LLC	10/13/2025	25-494896	25,849.24	GASOLINE	25,849.24
GRAINGER	10/8/2025	9668286884	468.53	DRILL, SANDER, BATTERIES	
GRAINGER	11/5/2025	9700209944	765.87	BALL VALVES (70)	
GRAPEVINE MSP	10/15/2025	49922	5,321.50	IT SERVICES	5,321.50
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC.	10/31/2025	582011	691.10	DIESEL FUEL - HIGHT	

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GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC.	11/5/2025	583275	2,245.19	600 GALLONS RED DIESEL	
HD SUPPLY	10/9/2025	897310967	534.96	CLEANING SUPPLIES, TRASH BAGS	
HD SUPPLY	10/9/2025	897470837	220.17	COFFEE CUPS	
JIM'S STEEL SUPPLY	10/20/2025	266665	3,697.66	MATERIAL FOR TURNOUTS	
JIM'S STEEL SUPPLY	10/20/2025	266666	936.36	MATERIAL FOR TURNOUTS	
JIM'S STEEL SUPPLY	10/31/2025	267093	2,082.30	FLANGES (16)	6,716.32
KEN'S OPTICAL	10/10/2025	10833	239.00	SAFETY GLASSES - CHASE	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	10/15/2025	43208	11,030.00	CVC BAFFLE WALLS	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	11/7/2025	43237	1,475.00	XFR 25-060 PLUMAS SUPP	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	11/7/2025	43241	1,475.00	XFR 25-062 AVEK SUPP	13,980.00
KERN TROPHIES	10/7/2025	79559	1,235.98	RECOGNITION AWARDS	
KERN TURF SUPPLY	9/22/2025	SI2617809	114.37	RAKE, VALVE BOX	
KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY	10/31/2025	RCHG 2025-10E	34,705.00	OCT 2025 RCHG 3,155AF	
KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY	10/31/2025	RCHG 2025-10W	84,304.50	OCT 2025 RCHG 3,441AF	119,009.50
KIMBALL MIDWEST	10/3/2025	103807869	66.14	CONNECTORS, CABLE TIES	
KIMBALL MIDWEST	10/8/2025	103820967	413.73	BOLTS	
KMS MECHANICS INC	9/10/2025	9925WAC	553.42	MOVE EXCAVATOR TO SHOP	
KMS MECHANICS INC	9/30/2025	92325WCC	1,135.74	REPAIR MOTOR PUMP #380	
KNIGHTS PUMPING SERVICE	10/3/2025	0000250205	245.62	PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
KNIGHTS PUMPING SERVICE	10/17/2025	0000251698	270.70	PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
KNIGHTS PUMPING SERVICE	10/24/2025	0000252393	270.70	PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCOUNT	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	895.47	CONCRETE, HOSES, SCREWS, ETC.	
THE MARCOM GROUP	10/15/2025	67757	95.00	WEBSITE HOSTING	
IOS II A, LLC	10/7/2025	SP-395-000018	27,211.39	850 CANAL SOLAR CHARGES	27,211.39
MADISON ENERGY INVESTMENTS IX LLC	10/7/2025	SP-337-000011	71,571.77	WHEELER #2 SOLAR CHARGES	71,571.77
MONTGOMERY HARDWARE CO	10/14/2025	778849	61.74	BLDG ACCESS - OCT 2025	
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	10/10/2025	64235090	61.85	HARD HATS (2)	
NAPA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONS	10/27/2025	SWP #25028	606,825.00	1,618AF @ \$375	606,825.00
QUADIENT	10/21/2025	10.21.25	200.00	POSTAGE	
P.A.S. ASSOCIATES	9/1/2025	48986	640.20	HR HOTLINE	
P G & E #1	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	1,086,378.53	OCTOBER POWER	
P G & E #2	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	572,663.63	OCTOBER POWER	
P G & E #3	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	8,161.17	OCTOBER POWER	
P G & E #4	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	159.78	OCTOBER POWER	
P G & E #5	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	3,566.85	OCTOBER POWER	1,670,929.96
PLATINUM EQUIPMENT RENTAL	11/5/2025	R238-1	1,880.79	VACUUM TRUCK RENTAL 3PP2	
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	9/9/2025	51974189	1,082.50	PLASMA CABLE	
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	10/22/2025	52758860	1,075.44	CYLINDER RENTAL	
PRICE DISPOSAL INC	9/30/2025	N4855314975	1,292.87	2 40-YD ROLL OFFS	
PRICE DISPOSAL INC	10/31/2025	N4855343540	850.38	2 40-YD ROLL OFFS	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	10/7/2025	123996	68.78	WS5 WATER SUPPLY SEP 2025	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	10/8/2025	124113	7,427.50	WHITE WOLF IN-LIEU BANKING	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	10/20/2025	124639	1,148.40	WELL FLOWMETER REVIEW PROGRAM	8,644.68
QUALITY POWDER COATING	10/31/2025	INV-20251031-1943	4,447.00	POWDER COAT NEW TURNOUTS	
RINGCENTRAL INC.	11/1/2025	CD 001261407	791.85	TELEPHONES	
PRIMO BRANDS	10/29/2025	15J0028964179	726.71	DRINKING WATER	
S A CAMP PUMP CO	10/6/2025	PSINV-101486	23,173.00	REBUILD PUMP WRM9	
S A CAMP PUMP CO	10/13/2025	PSINV-101606	17,677.23	SOFT START WRM8	
S A CAMP PUMP CO	10/14/2025	PSINV-101663	6,495.00	PVC PIPE FOR INTERTIE	47,345.23
SGMA COORDINATION COMMITTEE	11/5/2025	FUNDING REQ #16	50,090.32	FUNDING REQUEST #16	50,090.32
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	10/9/2025	1049123	662.76	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	10/16/2025	1050166	667.46	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	10/23/2025	1051165	691.96	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	10/30/2025	1052183	652.97	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	11/6/2025	1053184	659.45	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SMART & FINAL	10/8/2025	10.08.25	96.73	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	10/22/2025	10.22.25	53.42	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	11/5/2025	11.5.25	105.56	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SNIDERS	8/13/2025	333651	119.08	KEYS (23)	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY	10/24/2025	10.24.25	153.43	NATURAL GAS	
STEAM CLEANERS INC.	10/23/2025	168750	599.63	REPLACE STARTER PRESSURE WASHE	
STINSON'S	10/16/2025	348207-0	8,163.75	LIBRARY CHAIRS	
STINSON'S	10/22/2025	354512-0	942.07	2026 CALENDAR, PLANNERS, SOAP	
STINSON'S	10/29/2025	C354512-0	(132.12)	RETURNS	
STINSON'S	10/28/2025	355243-0	213.02	CALENDAR, PLANNERS (5)	9,186.72
TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS, INC	11/5/2025	INVP502013912	8,688.61	HERBICIDE, ROUNDUP	

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TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS, INC	11/5/2025	INVP502013913	6,598.92	HERBICIDE	15,287.53
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	10/21/2025	52165	2,324.50	BUTTERFLY VALVES FOR NEW TOS	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	10/21/2025	52166	7,853.75	TOP PLATE METERS (3)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	10/21/2025	52167	8,409.73	TOP PLATE METERS (3)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	10/22/2025	52191	8,225.27	TOP PLATE METERS (3)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	10/22/2025	52192	7,853.75	TOP PLATE METERS (3)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	10/23/2025	52194	7,338.95	TOP PLATE METERS, BUTTERFLY VA	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	10/31/2025	52318	603.99	DIGITAL MODULE TURNOUT B9	42,609.94
TEHACHAPI-CUMMINGS COUNTY WD	11/1/2025	26-014	1,653.37	RADIO SITE LEASE 2026	
UNIVERSAL URGENT CARE AND OCCUPATIONAL ME	10/24/2025	EM018949	548.00	FIRST AID - K MEADOWS	
VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS OF THE SOUTHERN	11/1/2025	84089	1,565.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES	
VAST NETWORKS	11/1/2025	69089	1,450.00	INTERNET	
VERIZON WIRELESS	10/31/2025	6127368931	298.20	IPAD DATA	
VERIZON WIRELESS	10/31/2025	6127368932	192.65	CELL PHONE / SIM CARDS	
WELLS FARGO - MCDARIS 8085	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	144.00	GRAMMARLY ANNUAL RENEWAL	
WELLS FARGO - LOVELESS	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	2,523.77	TRAVEL - JPIA TRAINING (5)	
WELLS FARGO - OFFICE	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	1,714.31	CALPERS FORUM - JOHNSTON	
WELLS FARGO - T SUGGS 4566	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	122.33	ADOBE (5)	
WELLS FARGO - OFFICE #2	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	2,377.14	200AMP BATTERIES, LAPTOP STAND	
WELLS FARGO - NICHOLAS	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	2,387.14	WAKC DINNER - 2 TABLES	
WELLS FARGO - SMITH	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	467.37	QUICKBOOKS, CPE SMITH, WSJ	9,736.06
WESTERN EXTERMINATOR COMPANY	10/15/2025	84026806	260.31	PEST CONTROL	
WIENHOFF DRUG TESTING INC	11/5/2025	134126	25.00	DOT DRUG TEST - FERNANDEZ	
YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE	10/31/2025	OCT 2025	23,936.39	LEGAL SERVICES	23,936.39
ZEP SALES AND SERVICE	10/31/2025	9011999246	391.71	TRUCK WASH CLEANER	
SUBTOTAL			3,735,392.86		
MANUAL CHECKS			271.36		
VOUCHER TOTAL			3,735,664.22		

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

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OCTOBER	NAME	TYPE	DATE	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
	CA Dept of Tax & Fee Admin	Check #28168	10/17/25	Q3 2025	268.00	DIESEL FUEL TAX	
	AT&T	EFT	11/5/25	2876129014	3.36	ADDITIONAL AMOUNT	
				Total	271.36		

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WSD
FISCAL AGENT FOR COMMITTEE FOR DELTA RELIABILITY
CUSTODIAL FUNDS-REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS
OCTOBER 2025 FOR THE NOVEMBER 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING

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TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED BY WRMWSD BOARD

OCTOBER 8, 2025 BOARD AUTHORIZATION	OCTOBER	VOUCHER	22,658.89
VOUCHER TOTAL REQUESTED			22,658.89

EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY COMMITTEE AND PAID BY WRMWSD MANUAL CHECK

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

TOTAL PAID **22,658.89**

INVOICES AWAITING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

INVOICES APPROVED BY WRMWSD BOARD @ NOVEMBER 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING (VOUCHER)

Water & Land Solutions, LLC	4866	Representation - October 2025	8,981.63
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VOUCHER TOTAL REQUEST **8,981.63**

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Revolving Account Check Listing

OCTOBER 2025

Check	Date	Payee	Amount	Description
			BALANCE AS OF 9/30/25	6,001.00
			Deposit	999.00
				7,000.00

Total Checks Issued	0.00
Ending Balance	7,000.00
Balance Limit	7,000.00
Replenish Amount	0.00

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

October 2025 for the November 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING

	ACWA BLUE CROSS OF CA			DENTAL-HEALTHEDGE		HARTFORD	
NAME	MED	VISION	LIFE/AD&D	CLAIMS	ADM	DISABILITY	TOTAL
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	72.50	***
MCDARIS	1,809.40	17.21	14.00	***	18.15	72.50	***
NICHOLAS	2,397.46	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	72.50	***
SMITH	2,397.46	17.21	78.50	***	18.15	72.50	***
SUGGS	2,397.46	17.21	78.50	***	18.15	72.50	***
WHITBY	1,809.40	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	72.50	***
	33,338.24	275.36	340.67	4,645.30	290.40	435.00	
TOTAL BENEFITS							\$39,324.97

*** INDIVIDUAL CLAIM AMOUNTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL PER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/MANAGEMENT *COMPENSATION & EXPENSE* BREAKDOWN
OCTOBER 2025 for the NOVEMBER 12, 2025 BOARD

NAME	DATE	TOTAL	PAYEE	MEMO
Atkinson	10/08/2025	129.00	Atkinson	Regular Board Meeting
Atkinson	10/09/2025	129.00	Atkinson	Special Board Meeting
Atkinson	10/10/2025	125.00	Atkinson	Groundwater Meeting
Blaine	10/06/2025	125.00	Blaine	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee
Blaine	10/08/2025	128.00	Blaine	Regular Board Meeting
Blaine	10/09/2025	128.00	Blaine	Special Board Meeting
Blaine	10/20/2025	125.00	Blaine	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee
Blaine	10/27/2025	125.00	Blaine	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee
Fry	10/08/2025	125.00	Fry	Regular Board Meeting
Marin	10/08/2025	125.00	Marin	Regular Board Meeting
Marin	10/09/2025	125.00	Marin	Special Board Meeting
Martin	10/08/2025	127.00	Martin	Regular Board Meeting
Mettler	10/08/2025	128.00	Mettler	Regular Board Meeting
Reiter	10/08/2025	139.00	Reiter	Regular Board Meeting
Reiter	10/09/2025	139.00	Reiter	Special Board Meeting
Reiter	10/22/2025	125.00	Reiter	Landowner Meeting
Richardson	10/08/2025	128.00	Richardson	Regular Board Meeting
Richardson	10/09/2025	128.00	Richardson	Special Board Meeting
Valpredo	10/08/2025	129.00	Valpredo	Regular Board Meeting
DIRECTORS		2,432.00		

Loveless	09/02/2025	15.48	Wells Fargo	Meal - Meeting
Loveless	09/24/2025	40.10	Wells Fargo	Meal
McDaris	09/18/2025	16.50	Wells Fargo	Meal
McDaris	09/26/2025	79.00	Wells Fargo	Registration - ACWA Region 6 and 7 Tour
McDaris	09/29/2025	414.73	Wells Fargo	Lodging - ACWA Leadership Essentials
Nicholas	09/09/2025	79.00	Wells Fargo	Registration - ACWA Region 6 and 7 Tour
Nicholas	09/14/2025	1,745.48	Wells Fargo	Lodging/Meals/Fuel - SWRCB Hearing
Nicholas	10/01/2025	102.25	Wells Fargo	Communication - cell
Smith	09/29/2025	186.39	Wells Fargo	Lodging/Meals-ACWA
Suggs	09/05/2025	65.00	Wells Fargo	Registration - ACWA Region 2 Tour
Suggs	09/05/2025	79.00	Wells Fargo	Registration - ACWA Region 6 and 7 Tour
MANAGEMENT		2,822.93		

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

WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WSD
 PAYROLL FUND
 OCTOBER 2025
 NOVEMBER 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING

	EMPLOYEES	DIRECTORS	RETIREES	TOTALS
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (October 11, 2025/ee)-(September 30, 2025/dir)	166,191.56	2,038.00		168,229.56
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (October 25, 2025)	164,594.36			164,594.36
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (, 2025)				-
PAYCHEX Employer taxes: SSI, Medicare, UI	24,090.32	178.47		24,268.79
PERS (EMPLOYER PORTION) RETIREMENT	59,584.06			59,584.06
ACWA-HEALTH BENEFITS Medical/Vision Insurance Premium (+cobra)	92,292.91	18,525.76	25,382.55	136,201.22
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	3,663.68	3,695.60	3,080.46	10,439.74
THE HARTFORD GROUP Long Term Disability Insurance	3,113.22			3,113.22
PAYCHEX P/R Processing Fees, monthly and W-2 fees	1,301.10	142.00		1,443.10
TOTAL PAYROLL FUND:	515,611.66	24,743.18	28,971.21	569,326.05

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS
NOVEMBER 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025**

GENERAL/REVOLVING ACCOUNT:

FUND #			
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: October 2025 Accounts Payable	1	\$ 3,735,664.22
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: Accounts Payable	1.1	\$ 0.00
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: October 2025 Accounts Payable		3,735,664.22 \$
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK GENERAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: Committee for Delta Reliability	2	\$ 8,981.63
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK REVOLVING ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR: October 2025 Revolving Account	3	\$
TOTAL GENERAL/REVOLVING ACCOUNT:			\$ 3,744,645.85

PAYROLL ACCOUNT:

FUND #			
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: November 22, 2025	4	217,000.00
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: December 6, 2025	5	340,000.00
60710	WRM-WSD WELLS FARGO BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PPE: 2025	6	
TOTAL PAYROLL ACCOUNT:			\$ 557,000.00 557,000.00

COUNTY TRANSFERS:

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS:	\$ 4,301,645.85
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◀ WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ▶

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: James Smith, Controller
Flower Duenas, Contract Administrator

DATE: November 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution Ordering the Filing of List of Delinquent Tolls and Charges for November 2025 Contract & Groundwater Service Charges (GWSC)

As of November 7, the District has both contract and GWSC delinquencies which are summarized below. Upon adopting the attached resolution, staff will file the resolution and Exhibit A with the Kern County Recorder's Office establishing a lien on the delinquent lands. Please note, that GWSC delinquencies below the \$100,000 threshold will not be filed unless there is a corresponding contract delinquency.

2025 Delinquencies as November 10, 2025							
Contract Water Charges							
Acct #	Customer	Billing	Penalties	Interest	Total		
0038	Almond Blossom Ranch, LLC	169,230.95	16,923.10	1,899.89	188,053.94		
2410	Old River Farm, Inc. et. al.	11,699.20	4,269.17	-	15,968.37		
3150	Taft Vegetable Farms, Inc	43,133.77	7,050.13	1,869.02	52,052.92		
	Total	224,063.92	28,242.40	3,768.91	256,075.23		
Ground Water Service Charges							
Acct #	Customer	Billing	Penalties	Interest	Total		
2180	Almond Blossom Ranch, LLC	59,206.00	5,920.61	890.60	66,017.21	✓ (1)	
1010	Biane JP Living Trust	3,377.95	337.80	1.95	3,717.70	✓ (2)	disputing
1040	Echeverria Farms	7,192.50			7,192.50	✓ (2)	disputing
1060	K & B Inv Fund	1,687.00	168.70	8.43	1,864.13	✓ (2)	
2150	Old River Farm, Inc. et. al.	40,213.25	4,021.33	303.09	44,537.67	✓ (1)	
1080	LNZ Prosperity, LLC	6,452.25	645.23	70.97	7,168.45	✓ (2)	
1090	New Sunny International, LLC	3,610.84	298.40	38.52	3,947.76	✓ (2)	2024
1090	New Sunny International, LLC	634.25	126.11	430.02	1,190.38	✓ (2)	2025
	Total	122,374.04	11,518.18	1,743.58	135,635.80		
	Grand Totals	346,437.96	39,760.58	5,512.49	391,711.03		

[https://wrnwdsd.sharepoint.com/sites/wrnwdsdshared/shared documents/management/shared_aa/board mailing november 12, 2025/6.1 list of dlng tolls and charges memo wsc and gwsc 2025.doc](https://wrnwdsd.sharepoint.com/sites/wrnwdsdshared/shared%20documents/management/shared_aa/board%20mailing%20november%2012,%202025/6.1%20list%20of%20dlng%20tolls%20and%20charges%20memo%20wsc%20and%20gwsc%202025.doc)

Ground Water Service Charges		Forbearance				
<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>2025 Pmts</u>	<u>Balance</u>		
1130	Westland Farms, LLC	175,079.58	(96,451.30)	78,628.28		(3)
(1) Included in list of delinquent tolls & charges due to contract water charges delinquencies						
(2) Excluded from delinquent tolls & charges. Under \$100,000 threshold						
(3) Lien filed last year. Landowner has paid as agreed.						

Balances shown in the delinquent tolls and charges are subject to additional penalties and charges.

These delinquent account balances will be adjusted to conform with those actions taken in closed session.

Recommendation. As delinquencies exist on both the Water Service Contract charges and Groundwater Service Charges, staff recommends that the Board approve and adopt the attached resolutions titled “Ordering The Filing Of List Of Delinquent Tolls And Charges (Calendar Year 2025) (Water Code Section 47183)” and “Ordering the Filing of List of Delinquent Tolls and Charges not established by Contract (November 2025) (Water Code Section 47183), respectively, and direct that staff file said List of Delinquent Tolls and Charges with the office of the Kern County Recorder, subject to review by Counsel as to form, and final approval of the Engineer-Manager.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

**ORDERING THE FILING OF LIST OF DELINQUENT TOLLS AND
CHARGES (CALENDAR YEAR 2025) (WATER CODE SECTION 47183)**

WHEREAS, the Water Service Contract mentioned in the List of Delinquent Tolls and Charges (Calendar Year 2025) attached hereto, incorporated herein by this reference, among other things establishes tolls and charges for the services rendered and provides in part that in the event any charge thereunder or any obligation of Water User arising from said Contracts remains unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after it becomes payable, then it shall be collectible, all as provided in Sections 47181 through 47185, inclusive, of the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 47182 of the Water Code provides that: "In case any toll or charge remains unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after it becomes payable, it becomes delinquent and a penalty of 10% shall be added thereto, and shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per year"; and

WHEREAS, Section 47183 of the Water Code provides in part that "After any toll or charge becomes delinquent, the Board may file in the office of the County Recorder of the county in which is situated the land as to which such tolls or charges are delinquent", a list setting forth the particulars therein mentioned and further provides that "upon the filing of the list, the tolls and charges so listed, together with the penalties and interest thereon, shall become a lien upon the land as to which such tolls and charges are delinquent in the same manner and of the same character as the lien of a District assessment"; and

WHEREAS, Section 47184 of the Water Code provides an alternative procedure for the collection of delinquent tolls and charges, namely that a suit may be brought in the name of the District against the delinquent to enforce collection of the delinquent tolls or charges, together with penalties, interest and costs of suit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 46759.5 of the Water Code, the Board is authorized to file a resolution with the County Treasurer, on or before the time of sale, ordering the Treasurer to sell all property to the District for the amount due; and

WHEREAS, it is found that the matters mentioned in the said List of Delinquent Tolls and Charges (Calendar Year 2025) are true and correct; that it is to the best interest of the District to order that the procedure established by Section 47183 of the Water Code be followed in collecting the delinquent charges mentioned in the List of Delinquencies attached hereto and that no order be filed pursuant to said Section 46759.5 of the Water Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Directors as follows:

1. That the foregoing recitals and findings are true and correct.
2. It is ordered that on or after October 11, 2025 the List of Delinquencies (Calendar Year 2025) in the form attached hereto be filed as provided in Section 47183 of the Water Code and that the lien thereby established be enforced as provided in Sections 46730 through 46761 of the Water Code;
3. That the District, its officers, agents, employees, attorney and the County Treasurer, and each of them, are hereby ordered and authorized to do all things necessary and proper to collect said delinquency (and each of them) in accordance with law and the terms hereof.

ALL THE FOREGOING being on motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 12th day of November 2025.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Board of Directors this 12th day of November 2025.

Secretary of the Board of Directors

(SEAL)

Recorded at the Request of and
For the Benefit of:
WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT,
A California Water Storage District
As Official Business.

When recorded mail to:
WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
12109 Highway 166
Bakersfield, CA 93313-9630

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
LIST OF DELINQUENT TOLLS AND CHARGES (CALENDAR YEAR 2025)
(Water Code, Section 47183)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 47183 of the Water Code of the State of California, the Board of Directors of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District has ordered filed in the office of the County Recorder of Kern County, with respect to tolls and charges for the Calendar Year 2025, this delinquent list showing the names of the owners of the land with respect to which a delinquency exists, a description of such lands and a statement of the amount of tolls and charges which constitute each such delinquency, which matters are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, incorporated herein by this reference the same as if set forth herein in full.

The statements of amounts of tolls and charges which constitute each delinquency contained in said Exhibit A are subject to final accounting and adjustments, if necessary, on or before July 1, 2026, pursuant to Section 5(g) of the respective contracts under which such delinquencies were incurred. Said final accounting and adjustments may result in additional charges or credits as the case may be.

Dated: November 12, 2025

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

(SEAL)

By: _____
Benjamin (Jose) Melendrez-Marin
Secretary of the Board of Directors

No. 124A09 & 124A25

**EXHIBIT A TO LIST OF DELINQUENT
TOLLS AND CHARGES (CALENDAR YEAR 2025)**

District Parcel No. 2025-01

Under that particular Contract dated January 12, 1970, recorded January 20, 1970, in Book 4358, Page 858, et seq., of the Official Records of Kern County, California, and with interest acquired subject to stated Contract by instrument dated August 04, 2015, recorded August 26, 2015, in Document No. 0215118643 and 0215118644 at the Office of the County Recorder of Kern County, California in which Water User ALMOND BLOSSOM RANCH, LLC., dated April 10, 2014, said Water Users constituting the ones to whom the tolls and charges mentioned herein are assessed, is delinquent with respect to the following described real property, namely:

NE ¼ of Section 26, T11N-R19W & SW ¼ of Section 23, T11N-R19W, SBM

APN # 238-370-12-00-6

APN # 238-400-05-00-4

T.O.(s) B22 & B28

in payment of water tolls and charges for the calendar year 2025, in the total of the following amounts, namely:

(A)	Delinquent tolls and charges in the sum of:	\$	169, 230.95
(B)	Plus penalties of 10% in the sum of:	\$	16,923.10
(C)	Plus interest at 12% per annum on the monthly installments due February 10, 2025 through September 10, 2025 or any of them, as of November 10, 2025, in the sum of:	\$	1,899.89
(D)	Plus interest thereafter at the rate of 12% per annum on the delinquent tolls and charges until paid.		

No. 44 & 103

EXHIBIT A TO LIST OF DELINQUENT
TOLLS AND CHARGES (CALENDAR YEAR 2025)

District Parcel No. 2025-02

Under that particular Contract dated January 12, 1970, recorded January 19, 1970, in Book 4356, Page 299, et seq., and Book 4358, Page 0002, et seq., of the Official Records of Kern County, California, and with interest acquired subject to stated Contract by instrument dated October 04, 1991, recorded October 16, 1991, in Book 6581, Page 1080 & 1086, at the Office of the County Recorder of Kern County, California in which Water User TAFT VEGETABLE FARMS, INC., dated November 18, 1986, said Water Users constituting the ones to whom the tolls and charges mentioned herein are assessed, is delinquent with respect to the following described real property, namely:

Portions of SW ¼ of California Aqueduct, SE ¼, & NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Sec.26, T32S R24E,
MDM

APN # 220-060-03-00-1, 220-050-09-00-6, & 220-050-28-00-1

T.O.(s) 2G3 & 2G5

in payment of water tolls and charges for the calendar year 2025, in the total of the following amounts, namely:

(A) Delinquent tolls and charges in the sum of:	\$ 43,133.77
(B) Plus penalties of 10% in the sum of:	\$ 7,050.13
(C) Plus interest at 12% per annum on the monthly installments due February 10, 2025 through September 10, 2025 or any of them, as of November 10, 2025, in the sum of:	\$ 1,869.02
(D) Plus interest thereafter at the rate of 12% per annum on the delinquent tolls and charges until paid.	

No. 78

EXHIBIT A TO LIST OF DELINQUENT
TOLLS AND CHARGES (CALENDAR YEAR 2025)

District Parcel No. 2025-03

Under that certain Contract dated January 12, 1970, recorded January 19, 1970, in Book 4357, Page 118, et seq., of the Official Records of Kern County, California, and with interest acquired subject to stated Contract by instrument dated January 27, 2022, recorded February 10, 2022, in Document No. 222021883, at the Office of the County Recorder of Kern County, California in which Water User OLD RIVER FARM, INC, dated December 03, 2021, said Water Users constituting the ones to whom the tolls and charges mentioned herein are assessed, is delinquent with respect to the following described real property, namely:

W/2 of NE/4 of Sec.34 T12N R21W, SBM and All fractional Sec.26, T12N R21W, SBM

APN # 295-270-19-00-5 & 295-210-01-00-4

T.O.(s) 8G24 & 8G30

in payment of water tolls and charges for the calendar year 2025, in the total of the following amounts, namely:

(B)	Delinquent tolls and charges in the sum of:	\$ 11,699.20
(B)	Plus penalties of 10% in the sum of:	\$ 4,269.17
(C)	Plus interest at 12% per annum on the monthly installments due August 10, 2025 through September 10, 2025 or any of them, as of November 10, 2025, in the sum of:	\$ 0.00
(D)	Plus interest thereafter at the rate of 12% per annum on the delinquent tolls and charges until paid.	

DATED: November 12, 2025

EXHIBIT A Page 3 of 3

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

**ORDERING THE FILING OF LIST OF DELINQUENT TOLLS AND CHARGES NOT
ESTABLISHED BY CONTRACT
(NOVEMBER 2025) (WATER CODE SECTION 47183)**

WHEREAS, Water Code section 43006 authorizes the District to “fix tolls or charges for the use of water, including the use of groundwater”; and

WHEREAS, on July 07, 2023, the District’s Board of Directors passed Resolution 2023-07, declaring the results of a Proposition 218 majority protest process and adopted as ordinance provisions to District Rules and Regulations, authorizing the Groundwater Service Charge be collected on each acre-foot of groundwater consumptively used on each parcel in the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 47182 of the Water Code provides that: "In case any toll or charge remains unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after it becomes payable, it becomes delinquent and a penalty of 10% shall be added thereto, and shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per year"; and

WHEREAS, Section 47183 of the Water Code provides in part that "After any toll or charge becomes delinquent, the Board may file in the office of the County Recorder of the county in which is situated the land as to which such tolls or charges are delinquent”, a list setting forth the particulars therein mentioned and further provides that “upon the filing of the list, the tolls and charges so listed, together with the penalties and interest thereon, shall become a lien upon the land as to which such tolls and charges are delinquent in the same manner and of the same character as the lien of a district assessment”; and

WHEREAS, Section 47184 of the Water Code provides an alternative procedure for the collection of delinquent tolls and charges, namely that a suit may be brought in the name of the District against the delinquent to enforce collection of the delinquent tolls or charges, together with penalties, interest and costs of suit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 46759.5 of the Water Code, the Board is authorized to file a resolution with the County Treasurer, on or before the time of sale, ordering the Treasurer to sell all property to the District for the amount due; and

WHEREAS, it is found that the matters mentioned in the said List of Delinquent Tolls and Charges (November 2025) are true and correct; that it is to the best interest of the District to order that the procedure established by Section 47183 of the Water Code be followed in collecting the delinquent charges mentioned in the List of Delinquencies attached hereto and that no order be filed pursuant to said Section 46759.5 of the Water Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Directors as follows:

1. That the foregoing recitals and findings are true and correct.
2. It is ordered that on or after November 12, 2025, the List Of Delinquent Tolls And Charges Not Established By Contract in the form attached hereto be filed and that a lien thereby be established upon the land(s) as provided in Section 47183, and be enforced as provided in Sections 46730 through 46761, all of the Water Code;
3. That the District, its officers, agents, employees, attorney and the County Treasurer, and each of them, are hereby ordered and authorized to do all things necessary and proper to collect said delinquency (and each of them) in accordance with law and the terms hereof.

ALL THE FOREGOING being on motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 12th day of November 2025.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Board of Directors this 12th day of November 2025.

Benjamin (Jose) Melendrez-Marin
Secretary of the Board of Directors

(SEAL)

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For the Benefit of:
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WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
LIST OF DELINQUENT GROUNDWATER SERVICE CHARGES
(NOVEMBER 2025)
(Water Code, Section 47183)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 47183 of the Water Code of the State of California, the Board of Directors of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District has ordered filed in the office of the County Recorder of Kern County, with respect to tolls and charges for the Calendar Year 2025, this delinquent list showing the names of the owners of the land with respect to which a delinquency exists, a description of such lands and a statement of the amount of tolls and charges which constitute each such delinquency, which matters are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, incorporated herein by this reference the same as if set forth herein in full.

Dated: November 12, 2025

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

(SEAL)

By: _____
Benjamin (Jose) Melendrez-Marin
Secretary of the Board of Directors

No. 2180

ALMOND BLOSSOM RANCH LLC

EXHIBIT A TO LIST OF DELINQUENT
GROUNDWATER SERVICE CHARGES (DECEMBER 2025)

District Parcel No. 2025-01

In accordance with Section 6 of the District's Rules and Regulations and pursuant to Section 47183 of the Water Code, Water User ALMOND BLOSSOM RANCH LLC, is delinquent with respect to the following described real property, and said Water Users constituting the ones to whom the tolls and charges mentioned herein are assessed, namely:

- **Parcel No. 29527011001:** Section 34, Township 12, Range 21
- **Parcel No. 29527012004:** Section 34, Township 12, Range 21
- **Parcel No. 29527013007:** Section 34, Township 12, Range 21
- **Parcel No. 29527009006:** Section 34, Township 12, Range 21
- **Parcel No. 23840005004:** Section 26, Township 11, Range 19

in payment of water tolls and charges, in the total of the following amounts, namely:

(A)	Delinquent tolls and charges in the sum of:	\$59,206.00
(B)	Plus penalties of 10% in the sum of:	\$5,920.61
(B)	Plus interest at 12% per annum on the monthly installments due August 10, 2025, through November 10, 2025, or any of them, as of November 12, 2025, in the sum of	\$890.60
(D)	Plus interest thereafter at the rate of 12% per annum on the delinquent tolls and charges until paid.	

No. 2150

OLD RIVER FARM INC

EXHIBIT A TO LIST OF DELINQUENT
GROUNDWATER SERVICE CHARGES (DECEMBER 2025)

District Parcel No. 2025-02

In accordance with Section 6 of the District's Rules and Regulations and pursuant to Section 47183 of the Water Code, Water User OLD RIVER FARM INC, is delinquent with respect to the following described real property, and said Water Users constituting the ones to whom the tolls and charges mentioned herein are assessed, namely:

- **Parcel No. 29527029004:** Section 27, Township 12, Range 21
- **Parcel No. 29527019005:** Section 34, Township 12, Range 21
- **Parcel No. 29527007000:** Section 34, Township 12, Range 21
- **Parcel No. 29521001004:** Section 26, Township 12, Range 21
- **Parcel No. 29527004001:** Section 27, Township 12, Range 21
- **Parcel No. 29527005004:** Section 27, Township 12, Range 21

in payment of water tolls and charges, in the total of the following amounts, namely:

(A)	Delinquent tolls and charges in the sum of:	\$40,213.25
(B)	Plus penalties of 10% in the sum of:	\$4,021.33
(C)	Plus interest at 12% per annum on the monthly installments due September 10, 2025, through November 10, 2025, or any of them, as of November 12, 2025, in the sum of:	\$303.09
(D)	Plus interest thereafter at the rate of 12% per annum on the delinquent tolls and charges until paid.	

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
BUDGET EXPENDITURES REPORT
PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 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	3,623,441	3,472,764	150,677	95.84%
PAYROLL TAX	321,974	272,440	268,284	4,156	98.47%
PAYROLL PERS	539,334	456,360	416,207	40,153	91.20%
PAYROLL HEALTH	1,205,000	1,004,167	1,007,253	(a) (3,086)	100.31%
TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	6,348,557	5,356,407	5,164,508	191,899	96.42%
FUEL & OIL	494,800	412,333	267,089	145,244	64.78%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1,248,300	1,040,250	898,883	141,367	86.41%
SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS	50,100	41,750	16,325	25,425	39.10%
WELL MAINTENANCE STANDBY POWER	30,000	25,000	7,679	17,321	30.72%
COMMUNICATIONS	65,860	54,883	43,697	11,186	79.62%
DIRECTORS PAYROLL & EXPENSES	36,000	30,000	23,680	6,320	78.93%
DIRECTORS HEALTH	228,000	190,000	192,619	(a) (2,619)	101.38%
RETIREEES-OPEB	322,400	268,667	269,034	(a) (367)	100.14%
INSURANCE & BONDS	241,600	201,333	235,443	(34,110)	116.94%
MEMBERSHIPS	118,400	90,279	90,279	-	100.00%
MISC SERVICES & SUPPLIES	152,300	126,917	54,258	72,659	42.75%
OFFICE SERVICES & SUPPLIES	54,300	45,250	20,819	24,431	46.01%
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	150,200	125,167	41,952	83,215	33.52%
MAINT. & REPAIR BY OTHERS	211,500	176,250	205,114	(28,864)	116.38%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-LEGAL	125,000	104,167	102,611	1,556	98.51%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-ACCT:					
AUDIT	50,900	50,900	52,100	(1,200)	102.36%
WELLS FARGO FEES	-	-	-	-	-
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-OTHER	198,600	165,500	122,289	43,211	73.89%
SGMA - SOKR/KERN GW AUTHORITY	190,000	158,333	307,740	(149,407)	194.36%
SGMA - WHITE WOLF GSA	150,000	125,000	9,346	115,654	7.48%
LEGAL NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS	22,200	18,500	10,506	7,994	56.79%
RENTED EQUIPMENT	65,400	54,500	36,834	17,666	67.59%
SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSE	33,300	27,750	19,482	8,268	70.21%
TRANSP & TRAVEL EXPENSE	56,300	46,917	32,831	14,086	69.98%
UTILITIES	124,900	104,083	115,547	(11,464)	111.01%
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	686,630	686,630	-	100.00%
RESERVE FUNDED ASSETS	10,340,000	336,884	336,884	-	100.00%
TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	18,073,460	4,726,201	4,218,629	507,572	89.26%
KCWA F.O.	58,151,438	51,817,091	51,817,091	-	100.00%
KCWA VARIABLE	8,218,376	7,361,568	7,361,568	-	100.00%
DISTRICT POWER-PUMPS	13,978,134	12,830,041	12,830,041	-	100.00%
TOTAL WATER COSTS	80,347,948	72,008,700	72,008,700	-	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	104,769,965	82,091,308	81,391,837	699,471	99.15%
(a) Health Insurance combined	1,755,400	1,462,833	1,468,906	(6,073)	100.42%

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET - PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 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		178,793	178,793	178,793		30%
1	A5X/B5X Intertie Facilities	460,000	460,000		460,000	190,322	218,347		218,347	47%
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	418,365	564,927	228,043	336,884	
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	876,952	887,014	686,630	336,884	

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

BUDGET

WATER RATES

AND

CASH FORECAST

FOR

2026

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November 12, 2025

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To: Board of Directors
From: Jennifer Whitby, Assistant Controller
Date: November 12, 2025

Subject: **Budget, Water Rates and Cash Projection for 2026**

Transmitted herewith are the proposed budget, the recommended water charge schedules, and cash forecast for the calendar year 2026.

The Budget is divided into three sections as follows:

I. Budget Requirements.

This section sets forth the budget requirements for the year, along with the sources of revenue for the recovery of costs, in accordance with the District pricing policies.

II. Water Charges.

In this section the various water charges, including the Water Availability Charge, Water Use Charge, and rates for Temporary and Unscheduled Water Service are computed on the basis of the budget requirements. The Special Service Charges applicable to the Surface Water Service Area, which will be included with the 2026 Water Statements, are also listed.

III. Cash Flow Projections.

This section shows the forecast of cash flow, month by month for the year 2026.

The budget was prepared on the basis of the best information available. There may, however, be modifications in costs which cannot be specifically determined at this time. The budget is based on the assumption of a 100% water supply available for 2026.

Attached hereto, Table A, is a comparison of rates and statistics for 2022 - 2026.

It is recommended that the proposed budget and rate schedule, with any modifications you feel are appropriate, be approved and adopted. In accordance with the provisions of the Water Service Contracts, the 2026 Water Charge Statements based upon the adopted budget must be submitted to the Water Users no later than December 1, 2025.

Should the water supplies or water costs either increase or decrease, the budget may be revised.

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
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
DISTRICT BUDGET AND SCHEDULE OF CHARGES
CALENDAR YEAR 2026

SECTION 1 – BUDGET

The total budget requirements for the year 2026 amount to \$104,807,824, which is \$37,859 more than the Revised 2025 budget.

Although the total only changed slightly, this was made-up of larger variances within the cost centers. Services & Supplies decreased by \$6.2 million. This was almost entirely due to changes in reserve-funded capital expenditures. The amount of salaries and services & supplies attributable to rates increased by \$544,047. Most of this increase was budgeting for replacement parts for the District's motor control centers, totaling \$500,000. This was offset by an increase in the District Variable budget of \$6.0 million and an increase of \$2.4 million in State Variable offset by a decrease of \$2.3 million in Fixed Obligation. This is attributable to a 100% allocation budgeted for 2026 versus the 75% allocation for the Revised 2025 budget, plus a general increase in variable rates.

The 2026 Capital Expenditures include \$3,444,000 in reserve funded items, namely Drilling one of Two Replacement Supply Wells, and 80% of the cost for 8 Large Pump Units (see Table 12, page 18).

The total budget requirements are shown on Table 1, and the various components of the budget are discussed as follows:

A. SALARIES AND BENEFITS

This item includes direct salaries and District contributions to fringe benefit items such as Social Security, health and accident insurance, dental insurance, and retirement. There are currently 44 authorized positions and 1 retired annuitant position. The 2026 budget includes funding for 44 positions and 1 retired annuitant position. A list of personnel requirements is shown on Table 13. This item totals \$8,583,980 of which \$3,036,376 is funded through reserves for potential CalPERS UAL and SSC and represents about 8.2% of the total budget and 6% of the current funded budget. Included is an overtime allowance for engineering, maintenance, and operations based on historical information. The total 2026 salaries and benefits budget represents an increase of 1.06% from that of 2025. It is worth noting that health insurance premiums are expected to increase by 10% in 2026 and are reflected in the budget. Any salary adjustment or addition from the present schedule will be based upon future Board approval for any particular position.

B. SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

Services and Supplies items are broken down by the natural classification of accounts as set forth in the State Controller's uniform system of accounting and are shown on Tables 3 and 4. Details of the makeup of each of these items are on file at the District Office and are available for review. This item totals \$9,710,200, or approximately 9.3% of the total budget expenditures and 5% of the current funded budget. This represents a decrease of about 39% from the 2025 figure of \$15,928,460. Current funded services and supplies increased by \$523,629 which is almost entirely from the \$500,000 budgeted for motor control center parts and supplies discussed above. Services and Supplies includes \$4,334,000 for capital expenditures, of which \$3,444,000 is reserve funded.

C. STATE WATER COSTS (FIXED OBLIGATION & KCWA VARIABLE)

This category consists of the Agency bill under our Water Service Contract. It includes both fixed costs, which must be paid regardless of the amount of water actually delivered, and variable costs which are dependent upon deliveries.

The Water Service contract provides that the District pay 18.6% of the Agency multiplier, which is the entire Agency bill from the State, for water delivered through the Dos Amigos pumping plant, excluding the variable power costs of water delivered through incremental aqueduct pumping plants. Thus, the Agency multiplier includes the variable costs through Dos Amigos pumping plant.

Table 6 shows the computation to develop the Fixed Obligation under the District-Landowner Water Service Contract. The District's estimated basic obligation for 2026 is \$60 million reduced to \$55.8 million by the groundwater service charge which is \$2 million more than last year's revised budget. The 2025 GWSC revenue will be included in the 2025 FAA.

It is anticipated, as has happened since 2007, that the budgeted F.O. could be adjusted later in the budget year when the State allocation is finalized, and other Supplemental Water Supplies are determined.

D. POWER COSTS (DISTRICT VARIABLE)

This category consists of the variable costs to lift water from the California Aqueduct through District pumping plants and into the various pump zones. This item totals \$20,046,584 for 2026, an increase of 43.4% from the previous budget year. The revised 2025 budget was based on a 75% water allocation while the 2026 budget is based on a 100% allocation. In addition, this increase is due to PG&E agricultural rates rising. District power costs for pumping are recovered through Water Use Charge (WUC) rates.

E. CAPITAL

Capital expenditures are listed on Table 12. As discussed previously, this item totals \$4,334,000 for 2026. Of this amount \$890,000 is currently funded for 2026 and is part of the water rates. The remaining \$3,444,000 is reserve funded.

F. AVERAGE WATER COSTS

On Table 2, the average water costs based on full delivery of water can be found broken down by various charge components.

The following table shows the components of the Water Availability Charge, the percent each component is to the total, and the percentage of change from the 2025 Revised Budget.

Charge Component	2026 WAC Amt	% of WAC Total	% of Change
Salaries & Benefits	5,5847,604	8.4%	0.37%
Services & Supplies	4,906,464	7.4%	11.95%
KCWA Fixed Obligation	55,800,000	84.2%	-4.04%
Total WAC Charges	66,254,068	100.00%	-2.7%

G. BANKING PROJECTS

Costs associated with Kern Water Bank, Pioneer Project and Berrenda Mesa are recovered from the following components:

1. Capital (Expense for facilities) recovered through the Water Banking Capital Reserve Fund.
2. Recharge costs are recovered through the Ground Water Replenishment Reserve Fund.
3. Recovery costs are recovered through supplemental water rates (not included in this budget).
4. Fixed Administrative and O&M costs are recovered in the Fixed Obligation Rate of the Water Availability Charge component.

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)

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TABLE 6
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY
FIXED OBLIGATION
2026 BUDGET

BASIC OBLIGATION				
\$	242,825,891 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				
			\$	850,898
BERRENDA MESA PROJECT FIXED O&M CHARGES				
			\$	73,805
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				
			\$	41,373,873
DETERMINATION OF FIXED OBLIGATION UNIT COST PER AC-FT				
	NET FIXED OBLIGATION		\$	41,373,873
	DIVIDED BY 2026 ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION			197,088
	EQUALS F.O. UNIT RATE PER AC-FT		\$	209.9259
SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SUPPLY				
	3,730 AC-FT @	\$ 209.9259		\$ 783,024
TOTAL FIXED OBLIGATION				
			\$	42,156,897
	DIVIDED BY 2026 C.A.W.			200,818
	EQUALS F.O. UNIT RATE PER AC-FT:		\$	209.9259
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		
	NON-CONTRACT PUMPING SUBJECT TO CHARGE	21,000 AC-FT @	\$200.00	\$ (4,200,000)
	NON-CONTRACT GWSC ALLOWANCE	- AC-FT @	\$ -	\$
TOTAL FIXED OBLIGATION - ADJUSTED				
	NET GWSC		\$	(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

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

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

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

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
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

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

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	

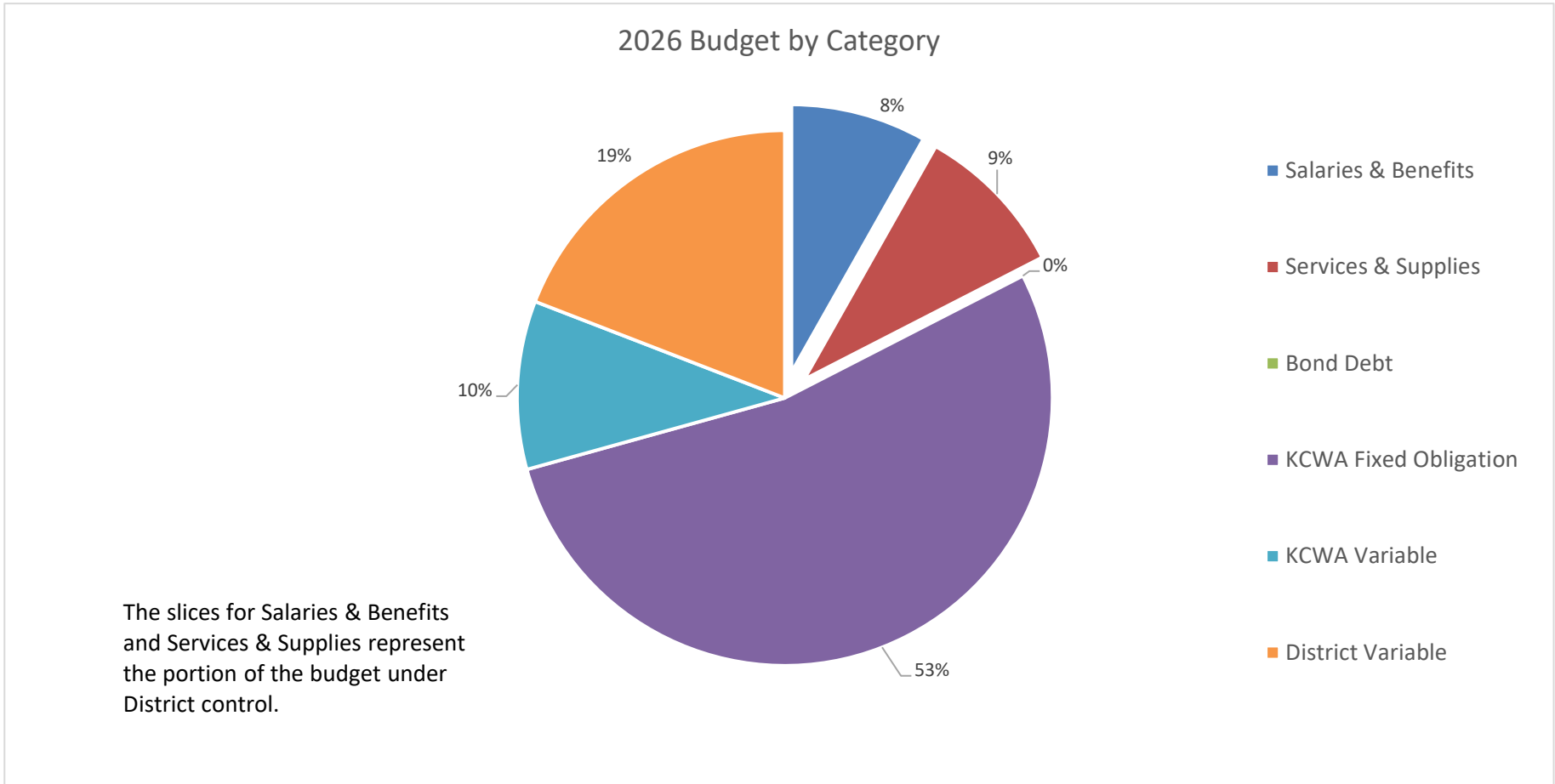
(a) Delinquency balances are calculated assuming a 10%, 20%, or 30% delinquency rate on all sources of cash receipts. Expenditures are assumed to remain fixed.

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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



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: James Smith, Controller

DATE: November 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of 2025 Audit Engagement Letter

Attached, you will find the 2025 Audit Engagement and Governance letters. The proposed fees are not to exceed \$54,900 compared to \$53,400 for the 2024 audit, or a 3% increase. The actual 2024 audit fees were \$52,100 or 2% under budget.

The audit is expected to begin in approximately March 2026. In accordance with California Government Code 12410.6(b), the District is required to either rotate audit partners or audit firms every six years. Danhira Barajas Millan has been the audit partner for the previous six years. Geoff King will assume this duty for the 2025 audit.

Recommendation. It is recommended that the Board approve the continued use of BHK as its auditors for the 2025 audit.



November 6, 2025

Board of Directors
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
12109 Highway 166
Bakersfield, CA 93313-9630

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (the District) for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the District's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis
2. Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) - CalPERS
3. Schedule of Contributions
4. Schedule of the Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability (Asset) and Related Ratios

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole in a report combined with our auditors' report on the financial statements:

1. Schedules of Revenues and Expenses

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP; and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the District or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the District.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

We will obtain an understanding of the District and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal

control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America with the oversight of those charged with governance.

Management is responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records, and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the District from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the District involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the District complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to [include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon OR make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon]. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of

measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Other Services

We will assist in preparing the financial statements, the schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) – CalPERS, schedule of contributions and schedule of the changes in the District's total OPEB Liability (Asset) and Related Ratios of the District, and related notes in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you.

We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The services are limited to the financial statements services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statement preparation services, the schedules noted above, and related notes and any other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand your staff will prepare all cash and other confirmations we request, will locate any documents selected by us for testing, and prepare schedules and analysis of accounts, all of which has been discussed and coordinated with Mr. Jim Smith and Ms. Jennifer Whitby. Timely completion of this work will help us complete our audit on schedule.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to other governmental agencies pursuant to District given to it by law or regulation. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

Geoffrey B. King is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it. We expect to begin our audit approximately in March 2026.

Our fees are based on the time required by the individuals assigned to the engagement, plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, typing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.). Individual hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the skill required. We would propose our fees for the audit of your financial statements not to exceed \$54,900. Billings are due upon submission and will accrue interest at 12% per annum on amounts not paid after 30 days. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 30 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

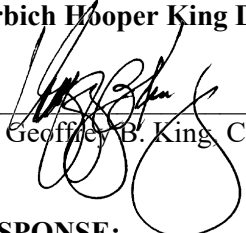
Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Directors of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or withdraw from this engagement.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman, LLP

By:  _____
Geoffrey B. King, CPA

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of **Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District**:

Management signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Governance signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



Board of Directors
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
12109 Highway 166
Bakersfield, CA 93313-9630

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (the District) for the year ended December 31, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit. We would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this information further since a two-way dialogue can provide valuable information for the audit process.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated November 6, 2025 our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Generally accepted accounting principles provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI) to supplement the basic financial statements. Our responsibility with respect to management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), the Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset), the Schedule of Contributions, and the Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability (Asset) and Related Ratios, which supplements the basic financial statements, is to apply certain limited procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. However, the RSI will not be audited and, because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance, we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We have been engaged to report on the schedules of revenues and expenses, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Our responsibility for this supplementary information, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

We gave significant consideration to nonattest/nonaudit services provided, which may reasonably be thought to bear on independence, in reaching the conclusion that independence has not been impaired.

Planned Scope, Timing of the Audit, Significant Risks, and Other

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. We will generally

communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit. However, some matters could be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

We have identified the following as areas of significant risk of material misstatement as part of audit planning:

- According to GAAS, significant risks include management override of controls, and GAAS presumes that revenue recognition is a significant risk. Accordingly, we have considered these as significant risks.
- Incorrect water rates charged to landowners.
- Cash receipts not allocated to proper landowner accounts.
- Potential that valuation or recoverability of water in storage differs from reported or estimated amounts.

Danhira B. Millan is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it. We expect to begin our audit on approximately March 2026.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of the District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

BARBICH HOOPER KING
DILL HOFFMAN, LLP



Bakersfield, California
November 6, 2025



ENGINEER-MANAGER'S REPORT

OCTOBER
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: NOVEMBER 5, 2025

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

During the months of October, the District delivered 7,280 acre-feet consisting of the water types described below. Of the total quantity delivered, 269 acre-feet was delivered for industrial use, with the remainder being delivered for agricultural use. This compares to the projected deliveries of approximately 10,200 acre-feet, based on the “typical average surface water demand” estimated in September 2025. 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:

<u>Quantities (Acre- Feet)</u>			
Source of Supply- 2025	Jan-Sept	Oct	YTD
2025 SWP Entitlement (a)	49,793	14,139	63,932
2024 Carryover (estimate) (b)	21,019	-	21,019
Pastoria/TRC	2,076	260	2,335
Granite/TRC	75	8	83
Supplemental Supplies	49,270	532	49,802
Kern Water Bank (Recharge)/Recovery (c)	-	(5,707)	(5,707)
Kern Water Bank - 2nd Priority (Recharge)/Recovery	(1,923)	(2,275)	(4,198)
Deliveries to AEWSA CA AQ Turnout	(6,891)	(1,184)	(8,075)
Landowner Water Transfer	4,329	1,507	5,836
User Input-District Wells	7	-	7
User Input-Private	-	-	-
Type of Delivery			
Irrigation	115,556	7,011	122,567
Industrial Contract	2,150	268	2,418
Other Industrial	49	1	50
Deliveries Total	117,755	7,280	125,036

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

(b) This carryover volume reflects the 2024-2025 balance available following the adjustment due to 2023 carryover spill per KCWA. 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. The District is also working on liability and insurance requirements with DWR.

White Wolf GSA. The November 4 Board meeting was cancelled.

- Technical Report
- Grant update
- Update on Periodic Evaluation and GSP Amendment (5 year update) and reviewed proposed SMC changes
- Discussions on:
 - Monitoring wells
 - Land use changes
 - Water budgets
 - Projects and management actions
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 2.

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 20.

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
- 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 - SWRCB Passed Resolution
- ??? - SWRCB Letter Sending Subbasin to DWR
- DWR Review of Kern Subbasin Plan

Kern County Water Agency Hires New General Manager. *(Per KCWA Press Release).* At its meeting on October 23, 2025, the Board of Directors of Kern County Water Agency (Agency) approved a contract to hire former Agency Board President Eric Averett as the Agency's new General Manager. Mr. Averett has a long history with the Agency having started in an entry level field staff position in 1991 and working up to several management positions during his initial tenure at the Agency, which lasted approximately 17 years. Mr. Averett then served as General Manager of Agency member unit Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District for roughly 13 years. He has worked in the private sector for the past four years and joined the Agency's Board of Directors in 2022 before resigning in early October 2025.

SGMA Litigation. *(Per Kronick Moskovitz Tiedmann and Gerard "Legal Alert").* On October 29, 2025, the Fifth District Court of Appeal in *Kings County Farm Bureau v. State Water Resources Control Board* reversed a trial court's broad preliminary injunction that had barred the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board") placing the entire critically overdrafted Tulare Lake Subbasin on probation, and imposing regulatory fees and mandating groundwater extraction monitoring and reporting therein.

In reversing and remanding the trial court’s injunction against the State Board’s probation actions, the appellate court highlighted that the Farm Bureau likely would prevail at trial on its “good actor” claim that the State Board must exclude from probation sustainable portions of a groundwater basin or subbasin. The appellate court found that “the State Board shall exclude portions of a basin from its probationary designation when a groundwater agency requests exclusion and demonstrates compliance with the sustainability goal.”

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

Oct 06	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee	Oct 14	Committee for Delta Reliability	Oct 23	KCWA Board
Oct 07	ACWA/JPIA Insurance	Oct 14	KWBGSA/KWB Board	Oct 24	Arvin-Edison Staff
Oct 08	WRMWSO Board Meeting	Oct 15	White Wolf GSA Technical Committee	Oct 24	Kern Subbasin Managers
Oct 08	Kern Subbasin Subsidence Subcommittee	Oct 16	Kern Subbasin Managers	Oct 27	CVC Settlement
Oct 08	DWR Golden Mussel Workshop	Oct 20	White Pine Renewables	Oct 27	California Farm Water Coalition Board
Oct 09	Pioneer Participants	Oct 20	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee	Oct 27	SWP Water Ops
Oct 09	Member Unit Managers with DWR	Oct 20	ACWA Special Board Meeting	Oct 28	Gianquinto, Gilkey
Oct 09	WRMWSO Special Board Meeting	Oct 21	CVC Settlement	Oct 28	Tri-Counties Bank
Oct 09	ACWA Region 6&7 Reception	Oct 22	DCP Landowner Workgroup	Oct 28	Mission Bank
Oct 09	Kern Subbasin Dinner	Oct 22	CVC HIP Ad Hoc Subcommittee	Oct 28	Bank of the Sierra
Oct 10	ACWA Region6&7 Tour	Oct 22	CVC Advisory Committee	Oct 28	Community West Bank
Oct 10	WRMWSO Employee Appreciation Dinner	Oct 23	Landowner Meeting	Oct 28	Banc of California
Oct 14	White Pine Renewables	Oct 23	South Valley Water Resources Authority	Oct 31	Kern Subbasin Managers

RETIRED ANNUITANT REPORT – R. KUNDE

Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – Public Information Campaign. DWR has intensified its public information campaign in support of the DCP. From July to October, it has issued short informational documents entitled “Securing Statewide Water Supplies” Parts 1 to 9.

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

Part 7: System Flexibility Means Reliable Water Supplies

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

(NEW Oct 1) Part 9: Acknowledging and Addressing Community Concerns During Project Construction and Operations

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

Delta Conveyance Project - KCWA Urges Redirection of High Speed Rail Funds to DCP. On October 1, the Kern County Water Agency issued a press release noting the federal government has refused to direct additional funding towards the high-speed rail. *“The Agency strongly encourages elected officials to shift these infrastructure investment funds toward California’s proposed State Water Project (SWP), Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)... The DCP will contribute greatly to the economic well-being of our state, and it is fundamental to our nation’s food security, business continuity, and environmental resilience. Conversely, high speed rail has shown NO return on investment for the people.”*

Delta Conveyance Project - Geotechnical Work. On November 7, a state appellate court reversed a trial court ruling in 2024, and allowed preliminary geotechnical work to proceed as a separate consistency determination by the Delta Stewardship Council was not required by law.

Delta Conveyance Project - Submittal to Delta Stewardship Council. On October 17, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) submitted a Certification of Consistency with the Delta Plan for the Delta Conveyance Project. Materials relevant to this certification will be posted at <https://coveredactions.deltacouncil.ca.gov>. If the Certification is appealed, an appeal hearing will be held by the Council followed by the issuance of a determination on the appeal. DWR has prepared the “Delta Conveyance Project Certification of Consistency Explainer” posted at: https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Delta-Conveyance/Public-Information/DCP_Consistency-Determination-Explainer-Brochure_Final.pdf

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 for activities through December 2025. On October 22, the AHO amended and updated the Hearing schedule through Summer 2026 as follows:

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

October 23, 27, 28, & 29, November 10 & 17

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.

Petitioner’s rebuttal portion of the Public Hearing will begin on

February 20, 2026, and continue on

February 23, 24, & 25 and March 2, 5, & 6, 2026.

Protestants’ rebuttal portion of the Public Hearing will begin on

June 1, 2026, and continue on June 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 23, 24, & 26, 2026.

If necessary, Petitioner’s surrebuttal portion of the Public Hearing will begin on

August 20, 2026, and continue on August 21 & 24, 2026

In October, hearings continued on the remaining parties' (State Water Contractors, Bureau of Reclamation and Protestants) cases in-chief.

Delta Conveyance Project – Local Activity. *(Updated from September).* 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.

(NEW) On October 20, the AHO issued a directive that the Sites Project submit its CALSIM 3 modeling results to the AHO by November 3. All prior hydrologic modeling was based on CALSIM 2. The Sites Authority argued the CALSIM 3 modeling was unnecessary for the AHO to properly consider the Sites water right application, but the AHO ruled otherwise. Furthermore, *"after submission of the additional model results and supporting documentation, the AHO will consider whether to allow or require testimony related to the additional evidence. Parties will have until November 21, 2025, to submit any such request."* It seems likely this will cause further delay in the proceedings.

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 - Application for Section 401 Clean Water Act Permit. On October 30, the State Water Resources Control Board posted Public Notice of the Sites Project's Clean Water Act 401 water quality certification (certification) application.

Sites Reservoir – September Joint Meeting of Sites Project Authority (SPA) and Reservoir Project Committee (RPC). At its October 17, 2025 meeting, the SPA and/or RPC approved the usual consent agenda (minutes, treasurer's report, accounts payable). Also approved on the consent agenda were within budget adjustments to authorized billing amounts for consultants AECOM (additional \$20,000) and CH2M (additional \$150,000) for engineering support.

Action items were as follows.

1. Actions related to the Amendment 3 Work Plan Update and FY26 Annual Budget:
 - a. Conduct a Public Hearing related to AB2561 - Job Vacancies and Recruitment and Retention Efforts
 - b. Approval of Amendment 3 Work Plan update for 2026 work activities.
 - c. Approval of an extension of Amendment 3 to the Reservoir Project Agreement to December 31, 2026.
 - d. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget of \$30 million balancing revenue and expenditures.
 - e. Approval of revisions to the Delegation of Authority to be effective January 1, 2026.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to proceed with procuring a Terrestrial Biological Compensatory Mitigation Contractor through the issuance of a Request for Qualifications. The proposed schedule was issuance of the RFQ in mid-November, responsive Statement of Qualifications to be due mid-January, Requests for Proposals to be due in Apr 2026, award of the Mitigation Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Contract in June 2026 with a Sites option to extend the Contract into Phase 3 (2027).
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute with Colusa, Glenn and Yolo Counties Development Agreements between the Authority and each County. The Agreements provide for Sites to make Payments in Lieu of property taxes based on standard reassessment and escalation terms. Eleven local agencies were identified for Impact Alleviation Agreements. 46 miles of roads and crossings will be built or improved. An endowment fund would be established for the future Sites Lodoga Road Bridge operations and maintenance. Financial commitments would start when construction starts. It was expected that Colusa County would consider the Agreement in November with Glenn and Yolo County consideration in December.
4. Considered authorizing the Executive Director to execute Impact Alleviation Agreements with the eleven interested parties identified in the County Development Agreements. However, the Authority and Committee concluded it would consider the Agreements on a case by case basis. No such Agreements were ready for consideration.
5. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Colusa and Glenn Air Pollution Control Districts
6. Approved the 2026 meeting calendar.

The primary discussion item was a report on the fourteen firms deemed qualified to provide interim financing for the next phase of the Sites Project and eligible to continue in the next steps of the procurement process.

Closed session considered several important items.

The next regular joint Sites Project Authority/Reservoir Project Committee Meeting will be held on November 21, 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.

(NEW) The Sites Project Authority (SPA) and Reservoir Project Committee (RPC) intend to consider this Assignment at its December meeting. Subsequent effort will be required to obtain written permission from all 22 Reservoir Committee members since the Assignment modifies the participation levels for Santa Clara and the District in the 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement, and all members are signatory to that Agreement.

Meetings. The Retired Annuitant attended the following meetings:

Oct 14 Committee for Delta Reliability
Oct 14 KCWA Operations Call
Oct 10 Sites Reservoir - Budget and Finance Committee
Oct 01 Sites Reservoir - Chairperson's Meeting
Oct 16 Sites Reservoir - Colusa Basin Drain Tour
Oct 08 Sites Reservoir - Coordination Committee
Oct 14 Sites Reservoir - Downstream Capacity Small Group
Oct 08 Sites Reservoir - Environmental Planning and Permitting Work Group
Oct 17 Sites Reservoir - Joint Authority Board/Reservoir Committee Board of Directors

DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES REPORT – E. MCDARIS

2025 State Water Project Allocation.

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

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

The October 27th 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 conditions will be drier than assumed.

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

Water and Snowpack Conditions.

The “*Northern Sierra 8-Station Precipitation Tabulation*” index of rain and snow water content for the Sacramento, Feather, Yuba and American River Basins in October was 3.0 inches, 107% of the monthly average of 2.8 inches. *Accumulation* for the season is as follows:

Current Amount – October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025, 3.0”
Seasonal Average to Date 2.7”
Seasonal Percent of Average to Date 111%
Average (historic) for the entire Water Year (Oct. 1 through Sep. 30) 53.2”

The “*San Joaquin 5-Station Precipitation Tabulation*” index for the month of October was 2.6 inches, which is 123% of historical average (2.1 inches). *Accumulation* for the season is 2.6 inches, which is 130% of the seasonal average of 2.0 inches.

State Water Project

The USBR outage at Jones Pumping Plant beginning ended on October 21st. With the outage, USBR and the SWP executed a Joint Point of Diversion agreement for Banks Pumping Plant. This allowed the SWP to utilize some of the excess pumping capacity at Banks to pump on behalf of USBR. Total exports were approximately 13,100 acre-feet for Cross Valley Canal contractors and approximately 927 acre-feet on behalf of USBR. This was excess capacity only and did not impact SWP operations.

Carryover and Spill Conditions.

On September 11th, KCWA notified Member Units of two San Luis Reservoir spill incidents which occurred in 2023; one a contractual spill and the other a traditional spill of ‘22-‘23 carryover supplies not evacuated. 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.

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. There has been no update regarding this matter at this time. KCWA has cited staffing issues and work on ongoing reconciliations as reason for the delay. Staff will provide an update to the Board on this matter following the discussions with Agency staff.

The District continually reviews current San Luis Reservoir (SLR) storage levels (October 30, 2025: 52% capacity, 118% of average) to determine optimum carryover amounts. End of month San Luis Reservoir conditions were as follows:

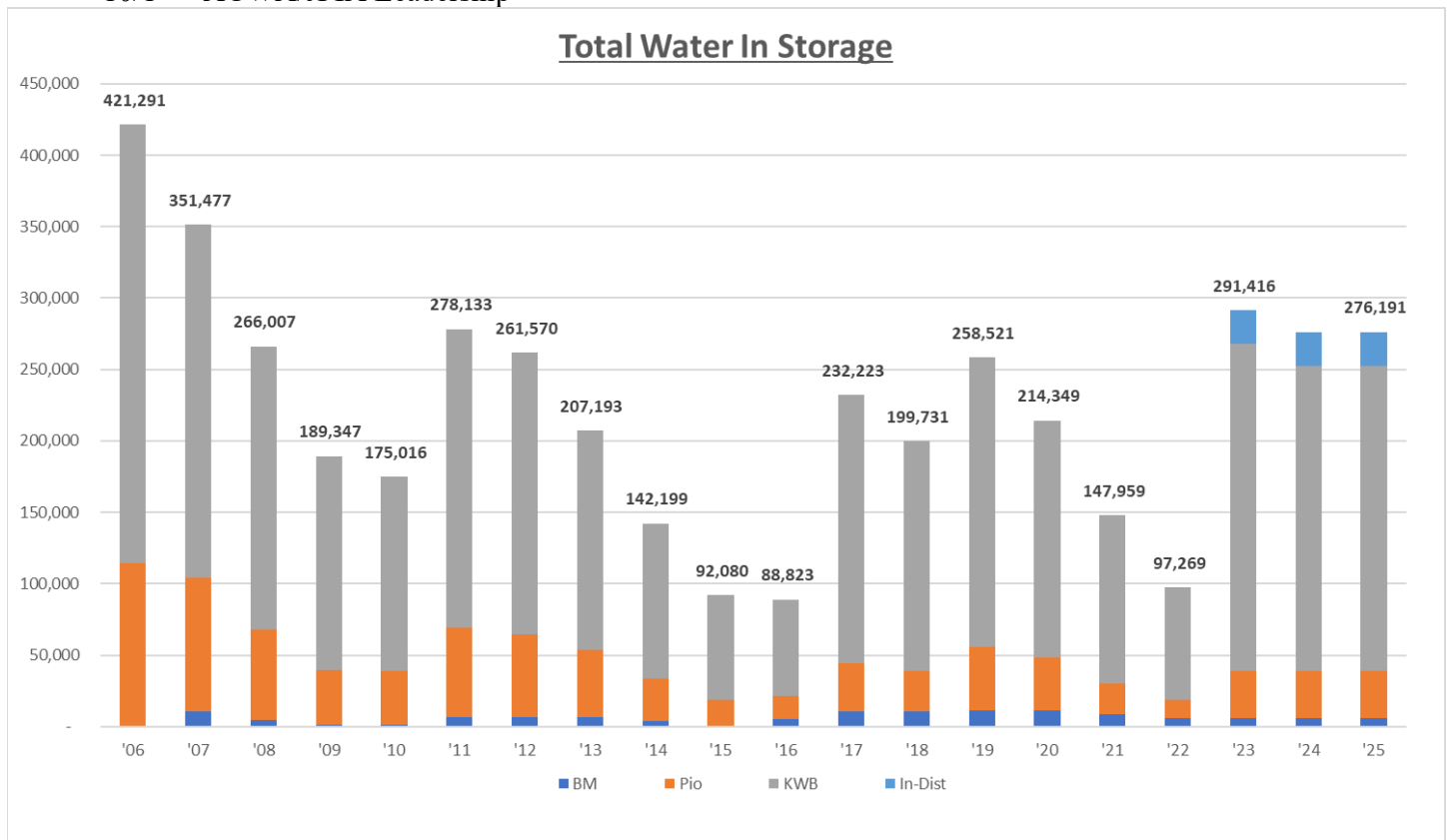
<u>Description</u>	<u>Million Acre-feet (MAF)</u>
SLR Capacity	
SWP Share	1.062
CVP Share	<u>0.966</u>
SWP + CVP subtotal	2.028
Actual December 31, 2015 storage	0.436
Actual December 31, 2016 storage	1.259
Actual December 31, 2017 storage	1.638
Actual December 31, 2018 storage	1.503

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 30, 2025, storage	
SWP Share	0.817
CVP Share	<u>0.254</u>
SWP + CVP subtotal	1.071

The amount of State Water Project water stored during the month of October decreased approximately 6,663 acre-feet, going from 823,975 acre-feet at the end of September to 817,312 acre-feet at the end of October. On October 30, 2025, SLR overall storage was approximately 956,800 acre-feet from full.

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

- 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 — KCWA ops call
- 10/7, 10/15 — District supervisor meeting
- 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/20, 10/22, 10/24, 10/29 — WS5 Weekly Call and Water Supply Meetings (various)
- 10/7, 10/14, 10/15 — WWGSA & SOKR Board and technical committee meetings
- 10/17 — Sites Reservoir BOD meeting
- 10/8, 10/13 — Golden Mussel/ invasive species meetings
- 10/27 — KNDLA
- 10/14 — KWB Board & KWBGSA meeting
- 10/9, 10/23, 10/29 — KCWA MU Mgr & Board, Pioneer, Berrenda Mesa, DCP MU Yield Committee
- 10/1 — ACWA/JPIA Leadership



The Contract Administrator's Work Included:

Contract/ Water Allocation Work.

- Contract(s): 124A18A
 - Property closed escrow, received a copy of the Grant Deed
 - Review/verify APNs and land descriptions
- Contract(s): 69NA1A
 - Completed Assumption Agreement
 - Pending Landowner Notarized Signatures
- Contract(s): 121
 - Received Landowner Notarized signatures
 - Pending Board Notarized signatures
- Contract(s): 69L & 131
 - Received Landowner & Board Notarized signatures
 - Pending recording at the Kern County Recorder's Office
- Contract(s): 14, 26, 51, 54A, 69.11, 69K, 70, 83A, 124A06, 124A18
 - Received back from the Kern County Recorder's Office
- Contract(s): 2, 5, 5A, 20E1, 20E3, 20E5, 20F, 20H, 20J, 21, 46, 49, 54, 55A, 69.04, 69.07, 69.11A, 69.14, 74, 92, 121A, 12109A, 12109B, 124A02, 124A06A, 124A07C, 124A15, 124A23, 127, 162A
 - Working through Post-Recording Procedures
- Contract(s): 20G, 47, 48B1, 69T, 72.102A, 80, 80A, 121B, 12110, 125, 126, 135, 136, 162, & 165
 - Completed Post-Recording Procedures

Landowner Assistance.

- 2025 Supplemental 3 Water Supply
- Received **01** 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 **08** Water User(s) with 2025 SWP Allocation/Supp/Return Water questions.
 - Assisted **14** Water User(s) with 2025 Carryover/Water/Usage
 - Assisted **08** 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 **04** Water User(s) with Farming Unit Operation changes/questions.
 - Assisted **06** 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
 - Assisted **01** Water User(s) with a Water for Sale Announcement via email
 - Provided **07** Water User(s) with Seller's contact information
 - Processed **08** Water Transfer(s)
 - Processed **03** Water Return(s)
 - Processed **04** Second Priority KWB Sub-Account Request(s)

Other Tasks.

- Important Notices via email to Landowners/Water Users:
 - 10/14/25 Power Outage(s) Issue Notice
- Completed weekly water schedule updates, reconciling variances with Dispatch and Controller.
 - Low Water Balance Notices
 - 10/6/25, 10/14/25, 10/16/25
 - 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
- Begin reviewing and drafting both GWSC and WSC delinquency Board Documents
 - Ordering the Filing of List of Delinquent Charges -Board Resolution(s)
 - List of Delinquent Charges Cover Page for Recording
 - Tolls & Charges Exhibit A List
- Assisted Executive Assistant and Accounting Department with Mail Distribution/Cash Receipts/Cash Deposit Scan process
- Assisted in current/ongoing discussions:
 - 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:
 - 10/08/25 Board Meeting
- Landowner In-person/Phone or Other Meetings
 - October 01, 08, 14-15, 17, 21-24, 27-28, 30

ACCOUNTING ACTIVITIES – J. SMITH

Controller's Report:

2025 Water Allocations, Deliveries, and Billings The October water reports were mailed on November 3. 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	7,153.00
• Carry Over	14,232.84
• User Input	187.72
• Transfers	1,637.32
• Temporary Water	202.00
• Returns	<u>- 28,336.87</u>
• Total Supply	146,638.04
• Deliveries (Jan-Aug)	<u>- 122,567.04</u>
• Unused	<u>24,071.00</u>

2025 Contract and Non-Contract Water Billings and Delinquencies.

- The eighth contract water billings were mailed on August 26
- The sixth non-contract water billings were mailed on July 28

Controller Report-Smith:

- 10/24/2025–Grapevine IT regarding water accounting database development
- 10/28/2025-BHK interview potential banks

- 11/3/2025-Grapevine IT regarding water accounting database development
- 11/5/2025-Follow-up bank meetings

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
- Updated/prepared GWSC statements
- Distributed water reports to landowners
- Assisted Controller with water orders, returns, and transfers
- Followed up on delinquent accounts, posted penalties and interest
- Attended CalPERS Educational Forum Oct 13-15
- Attended meetings regarding Water Accounting Software Development 10/24 & 11/3
- Met with 5 banks regarding new business 10/28
- Participated in multiple demos for new banking options
- Attended webinar for ACWA JPIA new property insurance portal
- Sent out payment reminders to landowners
- Met with landowner regarding farming agreement dispute/delinquency

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 October 50k life worksheet
- Updated September cell audit sheet
- Prepared burden checks
- Made online burden payments
- Entered the 9/27, 10/11 and 10/25 CalPERS data and submitted the payments
- Generated the CalPERS report breakdown for each pay period
- October meetings requested from the directors
- Prepared and submitted the monthly payroll
- Updated the ACWA, HealthEdge Administration and HealthEdge Claims spreadsheets and vouchers for November invoices
- Completed the October burden journal entries
- Completed the 3rd quarter workers compensation sheets and invoice
- Completed the CES report for October
- 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 October safety incentives
- Filed AP invoices

Employee Committee

- Collected cash from snack stations
- Reviewed October's bank statement
- Made Deposit

Meetings/Training

- 2025 CalPERS Forum
- Attended accounting department meetings
- Attended a payroll meeting
- Attended a CalPERS forum recap meeting

ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES – T. SUGGS

South of Kern River (SOKR) GSP:

- Water levels were recorded in 14 out of 14 monitoring wells and subsequently shared with EKI and AEWS.

White Wolf Basin GSA:

- A large package of information was conveyed to EKI to enable preparation of the 2025 Water Year Report on SGMA implementation including the following:
 - Records of 2024-2025 water deliveries
 - Laboratory analytical reports of water quality in SGMA monitoring wells
 - Crop and land use survey records
- Water levels were observed in 10 out of 11 SGMA monitoring wells and shared with EKI as a routine matter; one program well was not sounded because it is known to be collapsed.
- The new monitoring well located inside the PB-1 Pumping Plant was surveyed for its reference elevation by DeWalt Corporation.
- Coordination and planning continued for three new turnouts (CG24A, DG12B, and DG25A) in support of the GSA's Proposition-68-grant-funded in-lieu banking project.
- Shop drawings, plans, and materials lists were developed for new turnouts CG24A and DG12B and provided to the O&M Department for fabrication, requiring about one man-day of effort.

Groundwater Service Charges (GWSCs):

- August 2025 groundwater extraction amounts were computed and GWSC invoices totaling \$569,994 were mailed out to 48 farm operators by October 20th.
- Currently, seven different landowners have elected to have their groundwater extraction determined by direct meter readings, and most of those landowners have well meters in various stages certification or recertification. As of this writing, 32 meter applications have been approved and 19 are pending.
- New well-meter applications were conveyed to three additional landowners during the month.
- 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.

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

- Engineering Department staff responded to 225 underground services alerts (USAs) during October, eventually marking about 3.1 miles of District pipelines.
- Field meetings were held with various contractors in anticipation of the following planned projects:
 - Crossing of the 7G-4-A Lateral with an irrigation pipeline.
 - Crossing of the 7P-D Lateral with 3-inch-diameter electrical conduit from the Calgon solar facility.

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

Annual Maintenance Inspections: Steel tanks were inspected during annual maintenance in October with the following observations:

Facility	Findings
Hydropneumatic (HP) tank at the WRM 3 Pumping Plant	The tank interior, which was recoated in 2013, was found to be in excellent condition. The sacrificial anode was replaced together with the reference cell. The anode support was reinforced.
HP tank at the 3P-P2 Pumping Plant	The tank interior, which was recoated in 2013, was found to be in excellent condition with no sign of deterioration; all cathodic protection system equipment was found intact.
Stand tank at the 3P-P2 Pumping Plant	The original bituminous coating was observed to be badly deteriorated and lacking adhesion. The sacrificial anodes were observed to be due for replacement soon, but the balance of the cathodic protection system equipment was found to be in order.

Corrosion Protection:

- Cathodic potentials were measured at five rectifier stations during October, and minor adjustments were made to rectifier voltage as needed as part of an ongoing program.
- Charts and tables were developed for the 2024 Corrosion Protection Annual Report.

Maps and Records:

- Rainfall and evaporation pan readings were tabulated through the end of the water year.
- A deep ripping contractor was advised about its obligation to notify the District before making any changes to ripping plans in the 850C Gravity service area. An agreement to that effect were signed and returned by the contractor.
- The Engineering Technician distributed certain kmz files to District personnel showing the precise location of District pipelines, valves, and turnouts.

Direct Landowner Services: The following engineering assistance was provided to landowners or members of the general public:

- Certain plan and profile drawings were conveyed to PG&E per their request as they plan for the improvements to one of their substations.
- As-built drawings of District pipelines were also provided to CivilGrid, a land and utility data firm, in anticipation of planned construction by PG&E in the 850A Service Area.

Meetings Attended:

October 1	SOKR Managers Meeting
October 7	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
October 9	ACWA SGMA Implementation Subcommittee
October 10	ACWA Region 6 & 7 Joint Tour
October 14	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
October 15	White Wolf Technical Committee
October 21	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
October 21	Meeting with TerraVerde Energy
October 23	Region 2 Tour of Oroville Dam
October 28	KCWA Operations Conf. Call

District Well Status Summary

As of October 31, 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 637.20' on 10/2/2025.	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 10/1/2025.	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 10/1/2025.	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' on 10/1/2025.	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 10/1/2025.	Tested 3/5/2025; found to produce 960 gpm with 24' of drawdown at good efficiency. New pump assembly rated 1007 gpm at 887' TDH was installed 6/28/2021.	
 #A1	Currently off. SWL was 673' on 10/1/2025.	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 591' on 10/1/2025.	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 10/1/2025.	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 10/1/2025.	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 October 31, 2025

Well Name	Status / Description of the Problem	Most Recent Activity	Next Planned Activity
Currently in Running Condition			
 #C1	Currently off. SWL was 619' on 10/1/2025.	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 10/1/2025.	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 10/1/2025.	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	October 2025	Since 10/01/2025	Days Occurred in October
Maximum Temperature	92°	92°	8th
Minimum Temperature	48°	48°	27th
No. Days at or over 100° F	0	0	N/A
No. Days at or under 32° F	0	0	N/A
Precipitation (inches)	0.68	0.68	3rd, 14th
Evaporation (inches)	5.43	5.43	----
Wind Run	1,897	1,897	----

STORAGE IN MAJOR RESERVOIRS (Acre-Feet)

Reservoir	Capacity	Storage at End of October	
		2024	2025
Shasta	4,552,000	2,595,650	2,547,440
Oroville	3,538,000	1,729,331	1,835,511
San Luis (Total)	2,028,000	1,061,118	1,069,396
San Luis (State Share)	1,062,000 (a)	727,291	812,595
Folsom	977,000	400,516	421,472
Isabella	568,075 (b)	150,322	187,207
Millerton	520,000	219,043	256,235
TOTALS	12,183,075	6,155,980	6,317,261

(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

Safety meeting on *Code of Safe Practices, Confined Space*.

Field/System Maintenance

- Completed clean-up work on A5X-B5X intertie project. Installed IV pad and bollards around turnout.
- Constructed oversized cement pads for air valves on B-2 and C-3 laterals.
- 10/22/25 – Applied aquatic herbicide (Teton) to 850 Canal.
- Completed numerous trouble reports across the District.
- Trenched yard for installation of new compressor airline at PA-1.
- Cleaned and box-scraped pumping plant yards in preparation for pre-emergent application.
- Fabricated turnouts for Engineering Department and delivered to powder coating.
- Hauled all pipe to 6-area for upcoming 6P lateral replacement.



**Cement Pads for Air Valves
on B-2 & C-3 Laterals**

Pipeline Repair

10/2/25, 0720 hours – Leak reported on 4G-A lateral at turnout 4G3. Repair was completed and service resumed 10/6/25, 1430 hours.

Power Outage

10/14/25, 0452 hours – Power outage WRM-14, WRM-15.

0603 hours – Power outage WRM-2.

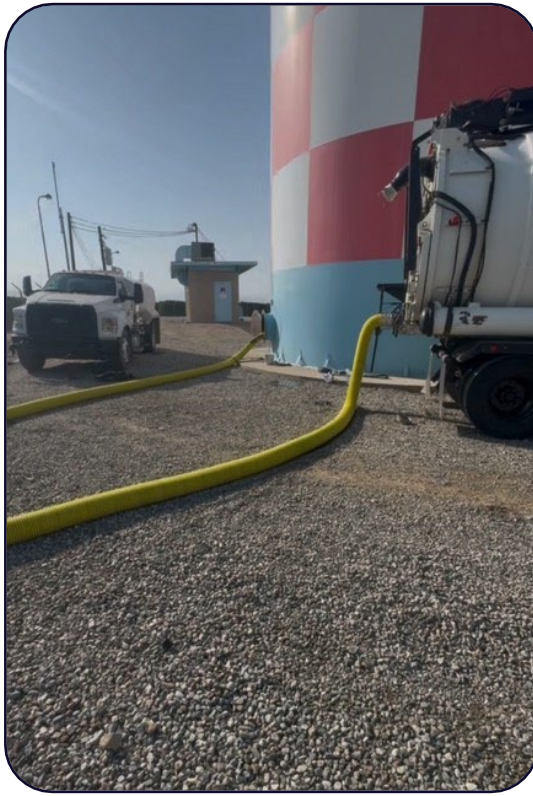
1217 hours – Voltage imbalance WRM-4, 6P-P2, WRM-8, District office.

1342 hours – Power outage WRM-4.

1417 hours – PG&E completed work at substation, service restored to all affected areas.

Other Service Interruptions

10/25/25, Annual Maintenance WRM-3, 3P-P2. Work scheduled to be completed in November.



3P-P2 Annual Maintenance

Pump/Electrical

- WRM-3 unit #3 back spinning. New check valve was installed during Annual Maintenance.
- WRM-3 unit #4 check valve had broken linkage. New check valve was installed during Annual Maintenance.
- WRM-5 unit #1 was running in the off state. Time delay was removed, cleaned, and lubricated and the motor disconnect switch was repaired and returned to service.
- 5P-P3 - Repaired broken air compressor supply line.
- WRM-13B – Cleared debris from air compressor relief valve.
- WRM-13B, WRM-14, WRM-15 - Replaced and upgraded SCADA battery backups following power outage.

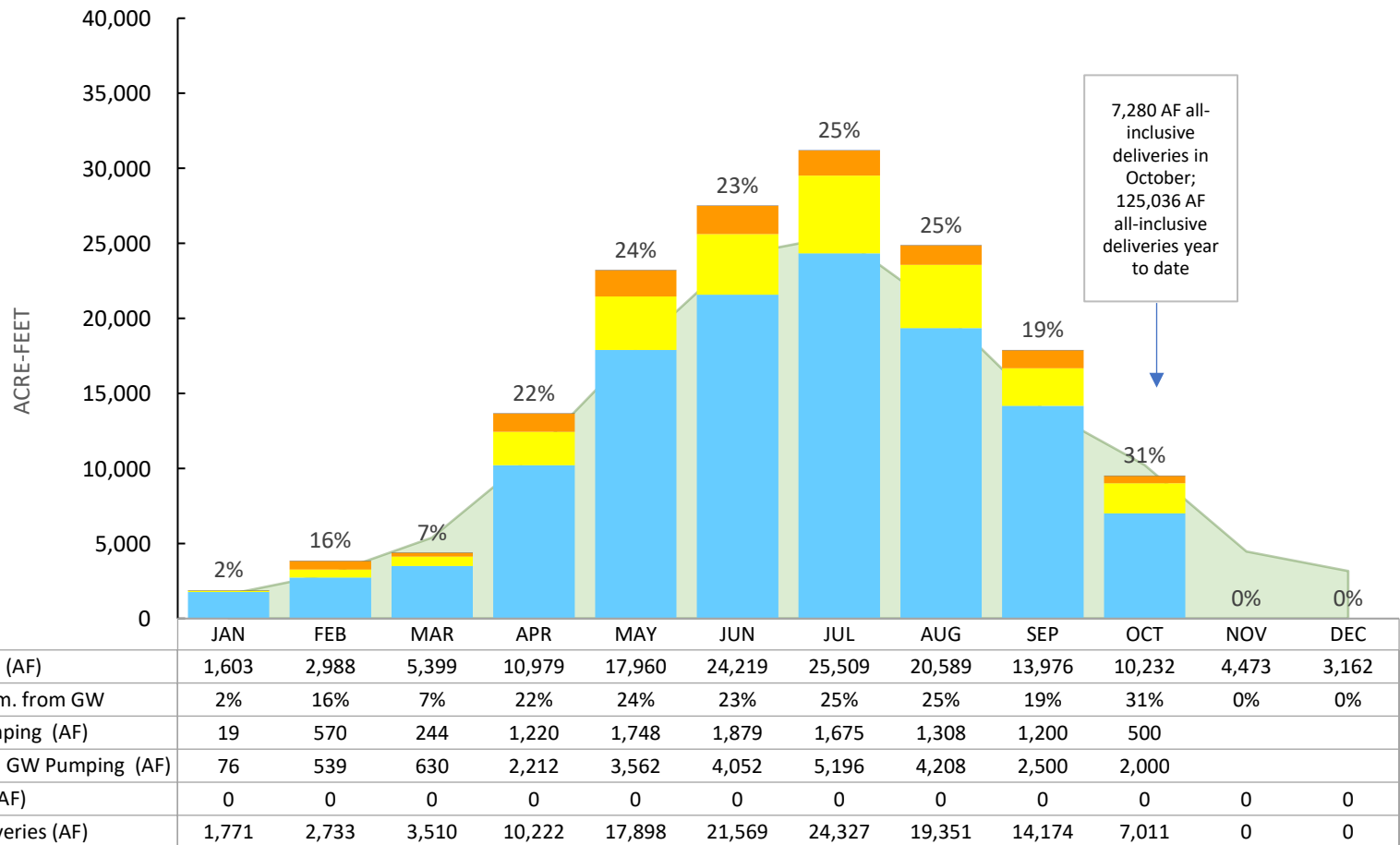
Equipment Maintenance

7 regular vehicle services.

- Unit #369 welding truck had the transmission and A/C repaired.
- Unit #797A dump trailer had the hydraulic pump replaced.

**Current gasoline bulk purchase prices for the District are:
\$3.71 per gallon for gasoline and \$3.90 per gallon for diesel.**

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



Notes and Assumptions:

- a. October 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%, Oct 80%)

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

Monthly Deliveries in Acre-Feet

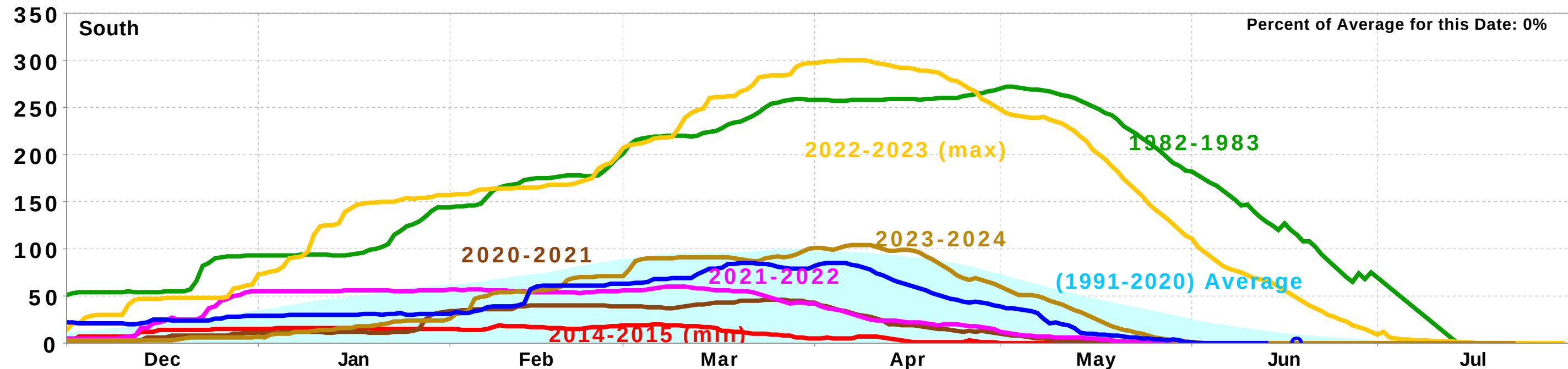
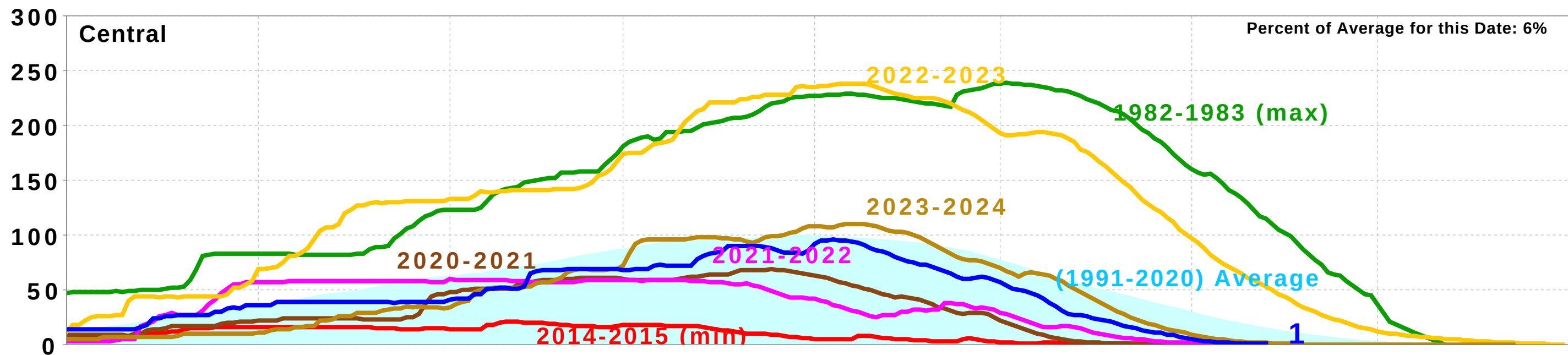
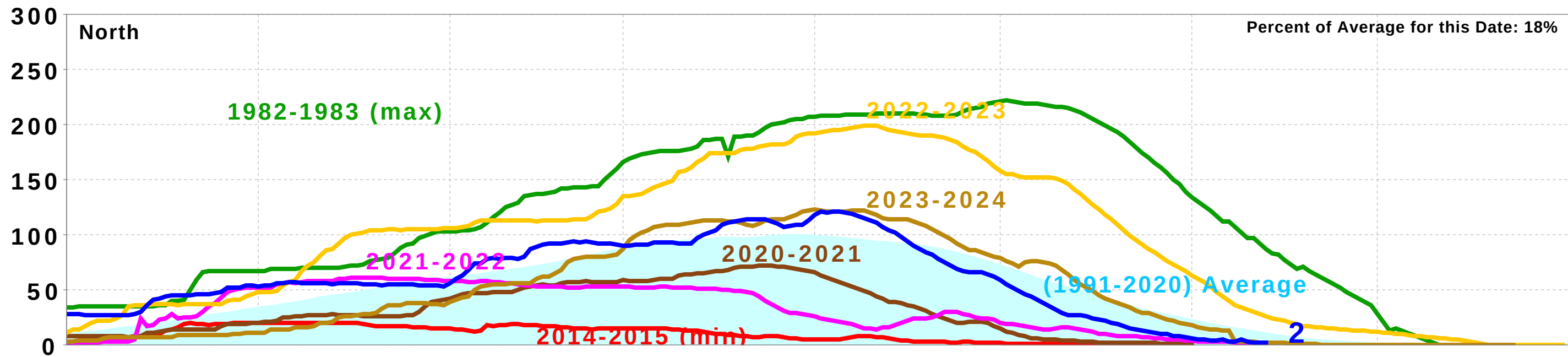
(Includes water from the State Water Project, banking projects, District wells, and User input.)

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	7,280
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		

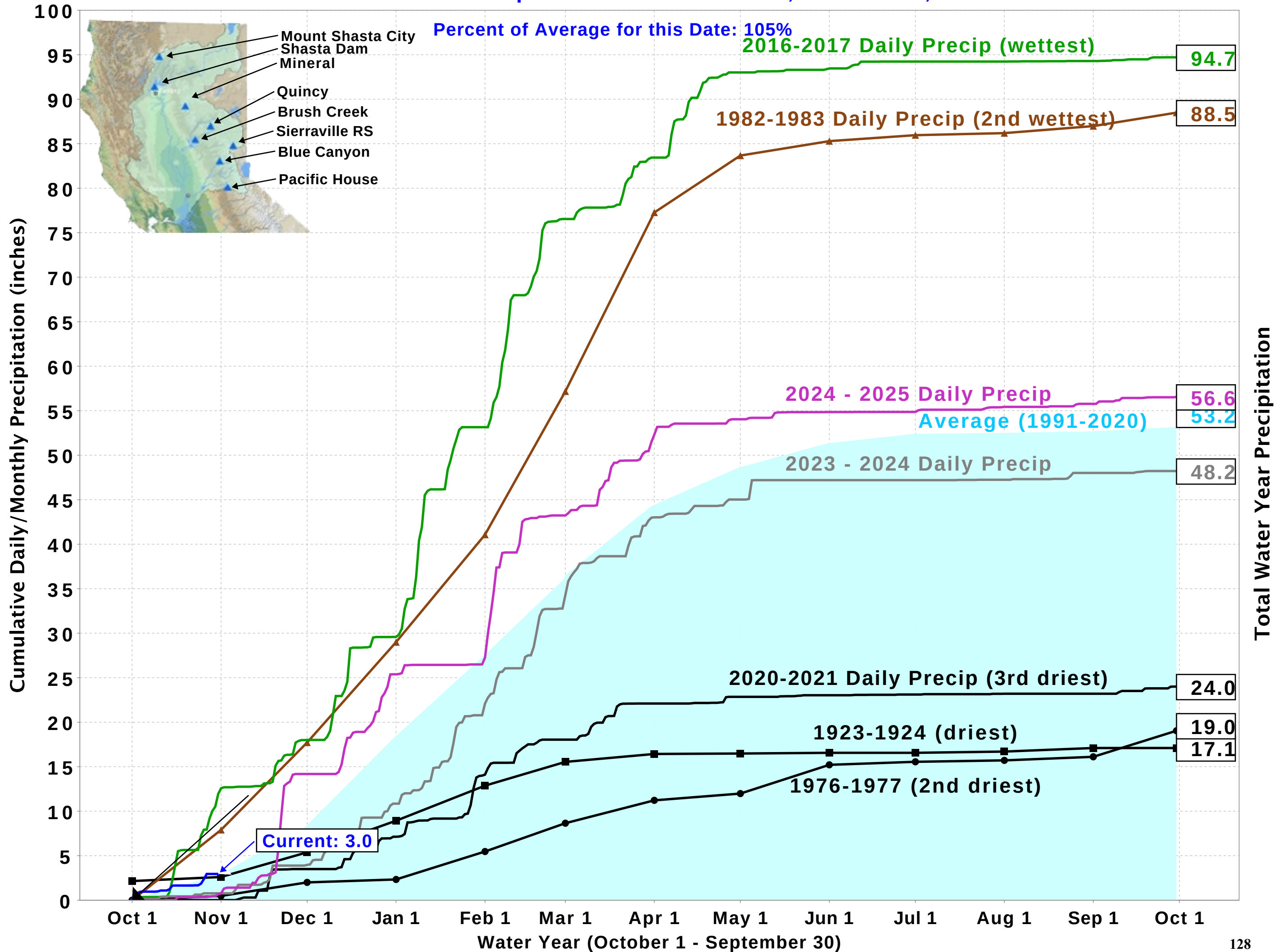
Accumulated Monthly Deliveries in Acre-Feet

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	125,035
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%	50%
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	98,544

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



Northern Sierra Precipitation: 8-Station Index, October 31, 2025



WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT 2025 WATER SUPPLY/DEMAND ESTIMATE As of October 30, 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) (a)	6,787	6,787	35,719
[17] Long Term- Butte County **	7,889	2,128	33,591
[18] Long Term- Western Hills Water District**	-	-	33,591
[19] Long Term- Mojave Water Agency**	25,000	6,743	26,849
[20] Long Term- Palmdale Water District **	-	-	26,849
[21] Two Year- Exchange Contractors**	7,000	3,500	23,349
[22] MET**	100,000	27,883	(4,534)
[23] PALMDALE**	4,000	4,000	(8,534)
[24] ZONE 7**	8,000	1,079	(9,613)
[25] NAPA**	6,000	1,618	(11,231)
[26] SOLANO Co. Water Agency**	9,650	2,603	(14,913)
[27] PLUMAS Co. FCWCD**	925	249	(15,162)
[28] AVEK**	25,000	6,743	(21,905)
[38] Supplemental 1 Water Capacity	175,251	56,589	28.18%
[39] DISTRICT ALLOCATION		155,133	77.25%
<u>Supplemental Supplies - Water User</u>		2.15	AF/Ac
[47] Water User - Carryover from 2024 (estimate)	14,232	14,232	(36,137)
[48] Kern Water Bank Second Priority - estimate to date (Recharge)/Recover	(4,199)	(4,199)	(31,938)
[49] Kern Water Bank Second Priority - estimated through EOY	-	-	(36,137)
[50] User Input - actual	-	-	(36,137)
[51] User Input - estimated through EOY	-	-	(36,137)
[52] Landowner Transfer	5,836	5,836	(41,973)
[53] Available Supply		171,003	
[54] Estimated Demand		141,050	
[55] Shortage (Excess)		(29,953)	
[56]			

** WS5 Deal

(a) Includes 2023 Carryover Spill; subject to change based on ongoing discussions & reconciliations with KCWA.

(b) Based upon average deliveries 2015-2024.

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

WATER IN STORAGE @ 30-Oct-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: November 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Other Purchases and Exchanges

Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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

Antelope Valley – East Kern

➤ Status- approved at the KCWA October Board meeting; scheduling for recharge based on availability.

San Luis County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

➤ Status- term sheet executed, pending KCWA approval and execution of SWP Agreement (November Board meeting- tentative)

➤ The WS5 districts have executed a term sheet for the purchase of up to 4,000 acre-feet of 2025 Table A supplies at costs based on the month in which supplies are made available for delivery. The cost per acre-foot are within that authority provided to the Engineer-Manager under the General Authorization for Water Purchases approved in January of this year. This late-year supply was pursued as a recharge supply. The maximum District share of this supply will be approximately 1,078 acre-feet.

Month Delivered	\$/AF
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.b 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 Conditions and Carryover Update**

On the October 27th State Water Contractor operations update DWR reviewed the attached position analysis projecting SLR fill. The analysis indicates there is now about a 12% chance of San Luis Reservoir filling in November (down from approximately 30% in the last position analysis), and a 42% chance of SLR filling in December (down from approximately 50%). In addition to these, there were model runs for January, February and March of 2026, showing respective 65%, 81%, and 88% chances of SLR filling. All probability of exceedance studies in DWR's most recent *Allocation Analysis* indicate that San Luis Reservoir levels will be at +85% of capacity on December 31st, 2025, with SLR filling in the 50% probability study.

Staff currently estimate that total District carryover will be approximately 21,000 acre-feet. Of this, approximately 16,857 acre-feet is estimated to be Water User carryover. Water User carryover has been limited to 5% of total CAW, or 10,040 acre-feet. Consistent with District carryover policy, any supplies held by Water Users in excess of the 5% CAW carryover limit may be lost on December 31st 2025.

On October 6th, the District initiated recharge of 2,725 acre-feet of Water User supplies into their respective Kern Water Bank sub-accounts. These operations concluded October 16th and segued into District recharge operations. To date, the District has recharged 5,707 acre-feet. It is anticipated that both AVEK¹ and SLOCFCWCD² will make supplies available for recharge. The District share will total approximately 7,000 acre-feet. These late-year supplies were sourced with purchase prices conducive to recharge. Based on conditions, the District may increase overall recharge or reclassify some of the District recharge that occurred in October to show the AVEK or SLOCFCWCD supplies recharged.

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

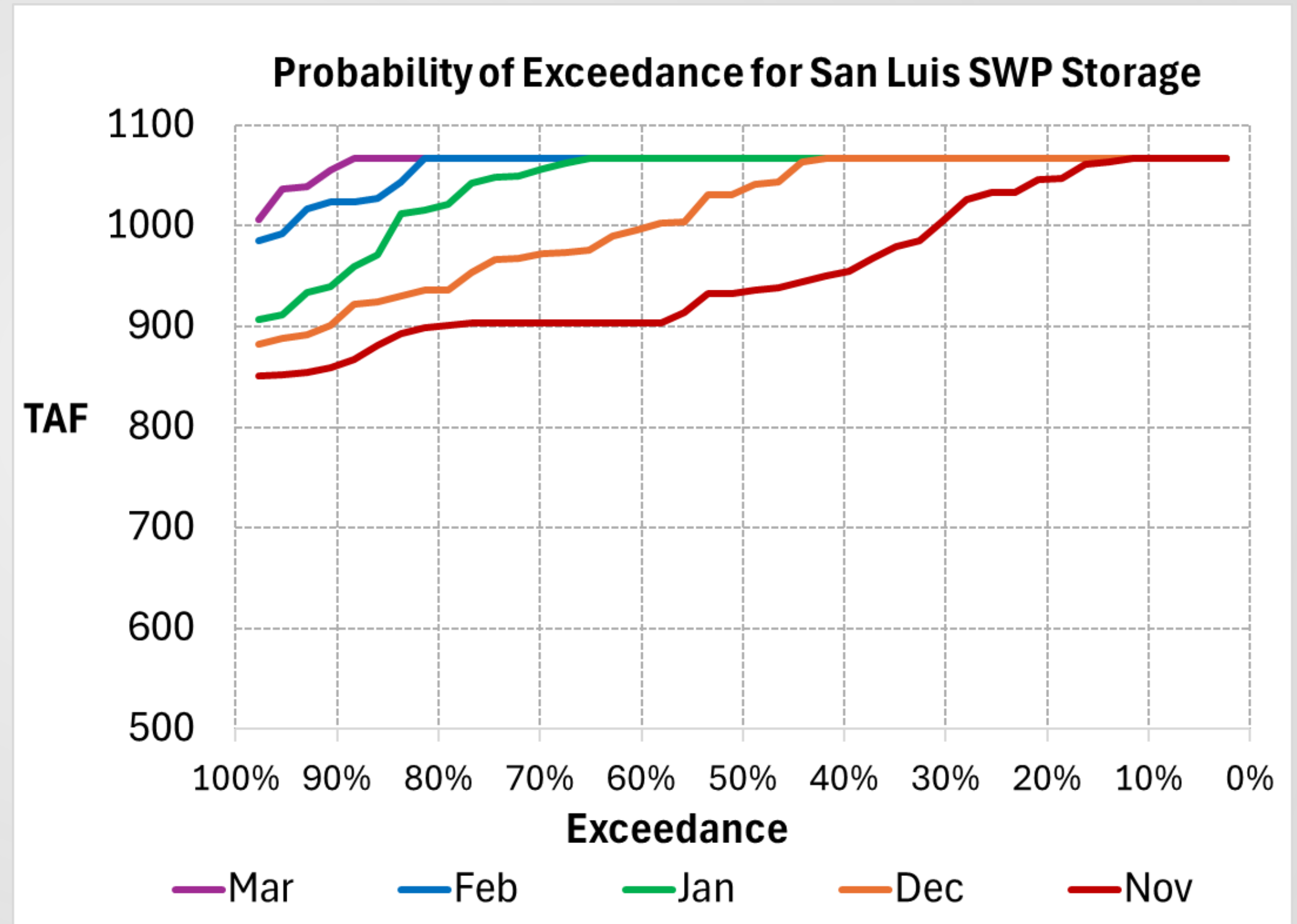
Recommendation: None. This item is for information only.

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

1. Antelope Valley-East Kern
2. San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

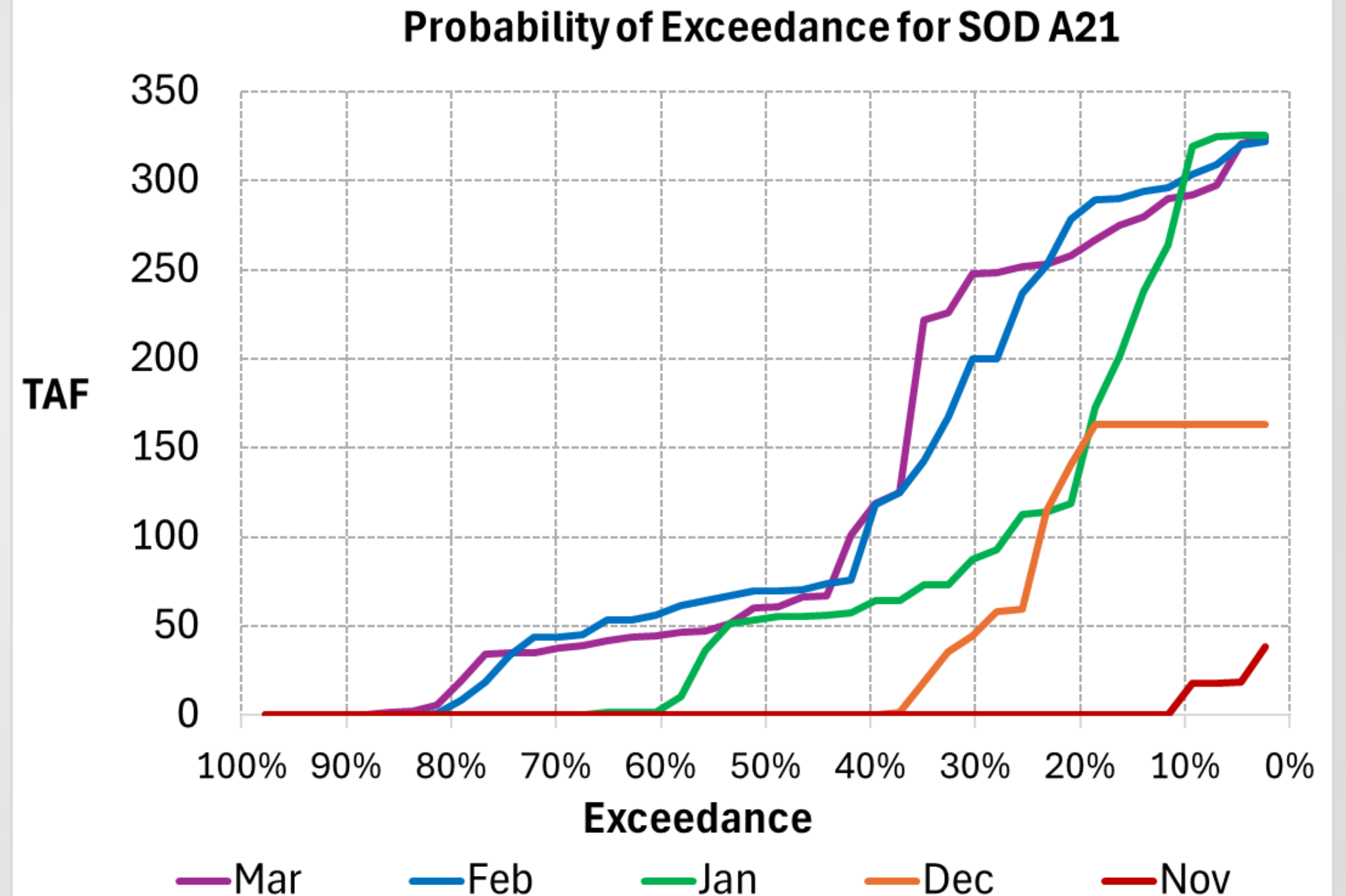
PA: San Luis SWP Storage, RFC

Month	Fill
Nov	~12%
Dec	~42%
Jan	~65%
Feb	~81%
Mar	~88%



PA: SOD A21, RFC

Month	Start	Max (taf)
Nov	~9%	~38
Dec	~37%	~163
Jan	~65%	~326
Feb	~81%	~322
Mar	~86%	~324



WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Eric McDaris

DATE: October 6th, 2025

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to the WS5-Palmdale Long Term Water Transfer Agreement

In 2021 the Westside 5 districts entered into a long-term agreement (Agreement) with Palmdale Water District (PWD) for the purchase of SWP supplies made available based on the annual SWP allocation. Shortly after executing the Agreement, Palmdale requested the First Amendment to the Agreement, which modified the Point of Delivery from San Luis Reservoir to Reach 1/Banks Pumping Plant. This First Amendment was approved by the Board in February of 2022 and was done to keep the PWD long-term purchase agreement consistent with others the WS5 were working on at that time.

The Agreement allows for the renegotiation of rates (§2.02(b)) for the periods of January 2026-December 2030, and again for the subsequent 5-year period. Both PWD and the WS5 wish to renew the terms of the Agreement with minor modifications discussed below.

Over 15,500 acre-feet has been made available by Palmdale in the first five years of the program, specifically in years 2023-2025; no transfers occurred in 2021 and 2022 due to the 5% SWP allocations. While this is not a significant volume when divided amongst the WS5 agencies, these smaller supplies help considerably when pulling together supplemental surface water in low SWP allocation years, and Palmdale has been an excellent partner to work with throughout the initial term.

The most significant changes to the Agreement were the modifications to the rate schedule outlined in Section 1.01(f). WS5 staff felt that the 5% annual escalation resulted in the price per acre-foot being too high in the latter half of the initial term. The rate schedule as it relates to the SWP allocation was also modified to mirror those allocation ranges in which minimum transfer volumes were made available. The recommended rates are shown below. In addition to these, there were minor changes to various notification dates to better coincide with DWR's allocation announcements, as well as the inclusion of language that eliminates minimum volumes in years which Kern River flows are high.

	SWP Allocation (%)	Minimum Quantity (AF)	Rate (\$/AF)				
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<i>Proposed</i>	90%-100%	8,000	\$ 165	\$ 169	\$ 173	\$ 178	\$ 182
	80%-89%	6,000	\$ 217	\$ 223	\$ 228	\$ 234	\$ 240
	70%-79%	4,000	\$ 263	\$ 269	\$ 276	\$ 283	\$ 290
	60%-69%	2,000	\$ 313	\$ 320	\$ 328	\$ 337	\$ 345
	55%-59%	1,000	\$ 350	\$ 359	\$ 367	\$ 377	\$ 386
	0%-54%	-	To Be Determined				
<i>Initial Term</i>			2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	76%-100%		\$ 150.00	\$ 157.50	\$ 165.38	\$ 173.64	\$ 182.33
	56%-75%		\$ 325.00	\$ 341.25	\$ 358.31	\$ 376.23	\$ 395.04
	31%-55%		\$ 550.00	\$ 577.50	\$ 606.38	\$ 636.69	\$ 668.53
	0%-30%		To Be Determined				

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Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the attached Second Amendment to the Agreement for Purchase of Water Supplies, which, among other minor changes, would extend the term of the Agreement through 2030, allowing for the transfer of State Water Project supplies subject to the annual State Water Project allocation at those rates per acre-foot identified, and authorize the Engineer-Manager to execute said Second Amendment subject to review by counsel as to form and final approval of the Engineer-Manager.

Attachments: WS5-PWD Long-Term Water Transfer Agreement, Second Amendment
Filename: 8.2.d Second Amendment WS5-Palmdale Long Term Water Transfer Agreement

SECOND AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF WATER SUPPLIES

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF WATER SUPPLIES (**Second Amendment**) is executed as of _____, 2025 by and between PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, a California water district (**Palmdale**) and BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, a California water storage district (**Belridge**) BERRENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT, a California water district (**Berrenda Mesa**), LOST HILLS WATER DISTRICT, a California water district (**Lost Hills**), WHEELER-RIDGE MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, California water storage district (**Wheeler Ridge**), and DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT, a California water district (**Dudley Ridge**). Belridge, Berrenda Mesa, Lost Hills, Wheeler Ridge, and Dudley Ridge are referred to collectively as the **Westside Districts**. Palmdale and the Westside Districts are referred to collectively as the **Parties**.

RECITALS

A. Palmdale and the Westside Districts entered into an Agreement for Purchase of Water Supplies dated October 13, 2021 (**Agreement**). Section 9.03 of the Agreement provides that any change to the Agreement must be in writing and signed by the Parties to be charged.

B. Palmdale and the Westside Districts executed a First Amendment to the Agreement in February, 2022, which amended the point of delivery identified in Section 2.03(b).

C. Section 2.02(b) provides in part that the Parties shall negotiate in good faith, a revision of the Rate under Section 1.01(g) prior to each of the five-year periods (i) January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030 and (ii) January 1, 2031 through December 31, 2035. The resulting revision of the Rate will be substituted in place of the table provided in Section 1.01(g) above for that five-year period for purposes of this Agreement. Palmdale and the Westside Districts desire to exercise said revision option under Section 2.02(b) of the Agreement and amend the rate for the 2026-2030 period and to further revise SWP allocation notice requirements.

THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. Amendment of Section 1.01(f).

Section 1.01(f) of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“Minimum Quantity of Transfer Water” means a quantity of Table A Water determined for transfer to the Westside Districts each Year according to DWR’s Final SWP allocation and the following table:

<u>SWP Allocation (%)</u>	<u>Minimum Quantity (AF)</u>
90 to 100	8,000
80 to 89	6,000
70 to 79	4,000
60 to 69	2,000
55 to 59	1,000
0 to 54	0

There will be no Minimum Quantity of Transfer Water in Years when (1) the Final SWP allocation is less than 55 percent, or (2) Palmdale does not have at least 3,500 AF of SWP water in carryover storage in San Luis Reservoir at the beginning of the subject Year, or (3) in any year in which the January – March aggregate Kern River flow exceeds 250,000 acre-feet at the First Point of Measurement. However, before Palmdale may transfer Table A water to any party other than the Westside Districts in such a Year, at least the minimums in the above table shall be first transferred to the Westside Districts.

2. Amendment of Section 1.01(g).

Section 1.01(g) of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“Rate” means the rate for Transfer Water, expressed in dollars per AF, and determined as follows according to DWR’s Final SWP allocation. For Year 2026-2030, the Rate is:

SWP Allocation (%)	Rate (\$/AF)				
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
90%-100%	\$ 165	\$ 169	\$ 173	\$ 178	\$ 182
80%-89%	\$ 217	\$ 223	\$ 228	\$ 234	\$ 240
70%-79%	\$ 263	\$ 269	\$ 276	\$ 283	\$ 290
60%-69%	\$ 313	\$ 320	\$ 328	\$ 337	\$ 345
55%-59%	\$ 350	\$ 359	\$ 367	\$ 377	\$ 386
0%-54%	To Be Determined				

If the SWP allocation is below 55%, the Parties shall meet no later than June 15 of that Year to negotiate, in good faith, a Rate for Transfer Water, if any is to be made available.

3. Amendment of Section 2.01(c)

Section 2.01(c) of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“By April 1 of each Year, Palmdale shall evaluate the quantity of water available for sale to the Westside Districts in addition to the Minimum Quantity of Transfer Water, if any, and provide the Westside Districts with the total estimated quantity of Transfer Water available for the Year for sale to the Westside Districts.”

4. Amendment of Section 2.01(d)

Section 2.01(d) of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“By June 1 of each Year, Palmdale shall provide the Westside Districts with the final Minimum Quantity of Transfer Water. By August 1 of each Year, Palmdale shall provide to the Westside Districts the final total quantity of Transfer Water for the Year, which will consist of the final Minimum Quantity of Transfer Water *plus* any additional Table A Water

Palmdale determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, to make available to the Westside Districts.”

5. **Scope of Amendment.**

The Agreement shall remain in full force and effect except as otherwise expressly amended by this Second Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Palmdale and the Westside Districts have executed this Second Amendment as of the day and year first hereinabove written.

[Signature page follows]

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT,
a California water district

By: _____
Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
a California water storage district

By: _____
Mark Gilkey, General Manager

BERRENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT
a California water district

By: _____
Mark Gilkey, General Manager

LOST HILLS WATER DISTRICT
a California water district

By: _____
Mark Gilkey, General Manager

DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT
a California water district

By: _____
Mark Gilkey, General Manager

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER
STORAGE DISTRICT, a California water
storage district

By: _____
Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manager

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Eric McDaris

DATE: October 6th, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Potential Long-Term Water Purchase Agreement

San Luis Canal Company (SLCC) has approached the WS5 districts with a proposed purchase agreement for up to 1,000 acre-feet of Exchange Contractor supplies made available from the annual SLCC following program. Rates for the proposed 3-year term are shown below. The total supply available shall not exceed 1,000 acre-feet, however, there is no commitment on behalf of SLCC to make any volume available in any year. Similarly, the WS5 would be under no obligation to purchase any portion of any volume (not to exceed 1,000 acre-feet) which may be made available in any year. All transfers would be authorized only by mutual agreement. Should SLCC make a volume available and WS5 agrees to take, the transfer would be subject to the price per acre-foot shown below, which is based on the May 1st South of Delta (SOD) Ag Allocation. SOD Ag Allocations have historically been very consistent with the SWP allocation, and more favorable than annual SWP allocation in select years.

SOD Ag Allocation	2026	2027	2028		SWP	SOD Ag
Critical Year	\$ 950	\$ 993	\$ 1,037	2017	85%	100%
0-10%	\$ 858	\$ 897	\$ 937	2018	35%	50%
15-20%	\$ 767	\$ 802	\$ 838	2019	75%	75%
25-30%	\$ 675	\$ 705	\$ 737	2020	20%	20%
35-40%	\$ 583	\$ 609	\$ 637	2021	5%	0%
45-50%	\$ 492	\$ 514	\$ 537	2022	5%	0%
55-100%	\$ 400	\$ 418	\$ 437	2023	100%	100%
				2024	40%	50%
				2025	50%	55%

Approval and execution of this Agreement would allow staff to submit a pragmatic Transfer Request Form (TRF) with KCWA, as well as submit to DWR and USBR the necessary documents for a long-term SWP and A55 Agreements. Having these 3-year approvals already in place will expedite the lead time in executing any transfer in the future, allowing the water to move without waiting on necessary one-year approvals and Board cycles. Long-term approvals may also reduce the costs vs. annual TRF and SWP/A55 agreement approvals.

Should the Board elect to participate in this program, delivery of Federal supplies would be restricted to the CVP Place of Use (POU). Approximately 15,000 acres of the District's Surface Water Surface Area is within the CVP POU. Staff does not anticipate any issues with scheduling what would likely be small blocks of water for delivery to the WRM 9A and WRM 10 pumping plants (those pumping plants that facilitate delivery to the CVP POU).

Because the proposed prices may be higher than the Supplemental F.O. in a given year, this water could be supplied to Water Users on a subscription basis as opposed to including in the overall supply on behalf

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of all Water Users. Should this program be provided by subscription, internal operational exchanges could facilitate delivery to Water Users who may not farm within the CVP POU.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Engineer-Manager to execute the attached Water Purchase Agreement and its associated Exhibit A, for the purchase of up to 1,000 acre-feet of water subject to availability, all subject to review by counsel as to form and final approval of the Engineer-Manager.

Attachments: Water Purchase Agreement
Filename: 8.2.e Consider Approval of Potential Long-Term Water Purchase Agreement (SLCC)

FOLLOWING WATER
PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AGREEMENT (“Purchase Agreement”) is executed as of _____, 2025 by and between San Luis Canal Company (hereinafter “SLCC”) and Berrenda Mesa Water District, Belridge Water Storage District, Lost Hills Water District, Dudley Ridge Water District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (collectively, hereinafter the “Westside Districts”) and shall become effective as stated in Section 2. SLCC and the Westside Districts may be collectively referred to hereinafter as the “Parties” or individually as a “Party.”

For adequate consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, SLCC and the Westside Districts agree as follows:

1. Purchase Agreement

1.1 Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, SLCC may make up to 1,000 Acre Feet of water available for sale to the Westside Districts and the Westside Districts may purchase up to 1,000 Acre Feet of water from SLCC each year during the term of this Agreement (“Transfer Water”), as mutually agreed upon notice of availability of such Transfer Water, and in accordance with that schedule to be mutually approved by the Parties, the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (“Authority”), and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”) (the “Transfer”).

1.2 Transfer Water may be available in both Critical and Non-Critical years as defined by Reclamation per Article 7 of the “Second Amended Contract for Exchange

of Waters entered into between Central California Irrigation District, San Luis Canal Company, Firebaugh Canal Water Company and Columbia Canal Company and Reclamation on February 14, 1968.”

1.3 The purchase and sale of Transfer Water shall be in accordance with the “Following Transfer Agreement 20xx Calendar Year” (“Transfer Agreement”) attached as **Exhibit A** and made part hereof. The Transfer Agreement is subject to annual approval by the Authority, whose member entities include SLCC, Central California Irrigation District, Firebaugh Canal Water District and Columbia Canal Company (collectively the “Member Entities”) and is subject to change.

1.4 The price of Transfer Water shall be determined based on the Reclamation’s May 1 South of Delta agriculture contract allocation percentage (“SOD Ag Allocation”) and adjusted annually as follows:

SOD Ag Allocation	2026	2027	2028
Critical Year	\$950	\$993	\$1,037
0-10%	\$858	\$897	\$937
15-20%	\$767	\$802	\$838
25-30%	\$675	\$705	\$737
35-40%	\$583	\$609	\$637
45-50%	\$492	\$514	\$537
55-100%	\$400	\$418	\$437

2. **Effective Date.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date of execution by

both Parties and shall remain in force and effect for a period of three (3) years, terminating on December 31, 2028. SLCC and the Westside Districts may agree to extend the term of this Agreement on mutually agreeable terms and conditions by written agreement. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time, without or without cause, upon 30 day's advance written notice to the other.

3. Necessary Approvals.

3.1 **By the Authority and its Member Units.** By [DATE] of each year during the Term of this Agreement, SLCC and the Westside Districts shall obtain the consent and approval of the Transfer by the Authority and the Member Entities to ensure that the Transfer meets the stated objectives, technical standards and criteria of the Authority's Transfer Policy, and to consider whether the Transfer is likely to cause unreasonable impacts to SLCC's or any Member Entity's water supply, water management operations, or financial conditions.

3.2 **By Reclamation.** By [DATE] of each year during the Term of this Agreement, SLCC and the Westside Districts shall obtain the consent and approval of the Transfer by Reclamation.

3.3 **Failure to Obtain Necessary Approvals.** If the Authority, its Member Units, or Reclamation fail to approve the Transfer, then SLCC shall be excused of all obligations under this Purchase Agreement for the year which the Transfer was not approved, and the Westside Districts may, within thirty (30) days of notice of such failure, give notice to SLCC that they elect to be excused of all obligations under this Agreement,

as well, for that year specifically, or for all successive years, if any. For example, if Reclamation fails to approve the Transfer during year one of the Purchase Agreement term, the Westside Districts may elect to be excused of their obligations to purchase the Transfer Water during year one only and/or all successive years of the Purchase Agreement term.

3.3 **No New Obligations.** No new material conditions or requirements shall be imposed upon or borne by SLCC through the consent of Reclamation or any other party to accomplish the Transfer.

4. **Costs of Transfer.**

4.1 The Westside Districts shall perform, satisfy and pay the reasonable costs of any requirements, including, environmental studies and mitigation of environmental conditions associated with the Transfer; however, if it is determined by the Westside Districts that the cost for additional environmental compliance under CEQA and/or NEPA or other unforeseen and significant costs not identified herein are unreasonable as determined by the Westside Districts in their sole and absolute discretion, then the Westside Districts have the right to terminate this Purchase Agreement upon written notice to SLCC.

4.2 The Westside Districts shall pay all costs, charges and amounts to Reclamation associated with the delivery of Transfer Water to the Westside Districts at the Point of Delivery. The Westside Districts shall also pay to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority all costs, charges and amounts associated with delivery of Transfer Water to the Westside Districts.

5. **Representations and Warranties.** SLCC and the Westside Districts warrant they have full authority to enter into this Purchase Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there are no implied or explicit representations or warranties of the Authority or the Westside Districts regarding this Purchase Agreement and their performance of the terms set forth herein, other than that all Parties shall act in good faith and reasonably cooperate to accomplish the means of this Purchase Agreement.

6. **Attorneys' Fees; Defense Against Third-Party Challenges; Remedies.**

6.1 **Attorneys Fees.** In the event of any action between SLCC and the Westside Districts seeking enforcement or interpretation of any of the provisions of this Purchase Agreement, the prevailing party in such action shall be awarded, in addition to any damages, its reasonable costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, all as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

6.2 **Defense Against Third-Party Challenges.** In the event this Purchase Agreement or any of the provisions hereof is challenged, whether judicially or otherwise, the Parties shall assist one another without cost in connection therewith by providing information and witnesses as reasonably requested. Each Party shall retain the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to choose its own counsel for defense of such challenge. Costs of defending any such challenge, including out-of-pocket costs and attorneys' fees, shall be borne by the Party incurring those costs, except to the extent such challenge results from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of one Party, in which case such Party shall be responsible for all such costs and fees.

6.3 **Westside Districts' Remedy for Breach.** Notwithstanding the foregoing and anything in this Purchase Agreement to the contrary, should SLCC refuse to provide Transfer Water to the Westside Districts or otherwise breach this Purchase Agreement, this Purchase Agreement shall immediately terminate and the Westside Districts shall be entitled to a refund of any and all amounts paid for Transfer Water less payment for Transfer Water previously relinquished by SLCC and received by the Westside Districts.

7. **Force Majeure.** Each Party shall be relieved of its obligation to perform any part of this Purchase Agreement to the extent its performance is prevented or rendered impracticable by any events or circumstances beyond its reasonable control including, but not limited to, war, fires, floods, acts of God (natural disasters), governmental restrictions, labor lock-outs, civil uprising resulting in damage or destruction of any facilities. Each Party will promptly notify the other in writing of any inability to perform and the cause thereof, as well as its good faith estimate of the date upon which the event will end and its performance will resume. If the event is anticipated to extend beyond 60 days, the Party not claiming Force Majeure may, at its option, terminate this Purchase Agreement and be relieved from their obligations as of the date of such termination. Both Parties will make reasonable efforts to avoid the adverse impacts of a Force Majeure and to expeditiously resolve the event or occurrence once in order to resume performance.
8. **Counterparts.** This Purchase Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX

Dated:

General Manager

Dated:

SAN LUIS CANAL COMPANY

By _____
President

By _____
Secretary

EXHIBIT ‘A’

FOLLOWING
TRANSFER AGREEMENT
20XX CALENDAR YEAR

THIS FOLLOWING TRANSFER AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is executed as of _____, 20xx by and between the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (hereinafter “Authority”), San Luis Canal Company (hereinafter the “SLCC”), Central California Irrigation District, Firebaugh Canal Water District, Columbia Canal Company, all as members of the Authority and signatories to the Second Amended Exchange Contract, the Purchase Contract and the Division of Water Agreement (collectively referred to as “Member Entities”), and xxxxxxxxxxxxxx (Transfer Recipient), and shall become effective as stated in Paragraph 6 with reference to the following facts:

- A. On July 24, 2013, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”) approved a Record of Decision for the Water Transfer Program for the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, 2014-2038 (State Clearinghouse #2011061057), and no lawsuits were filed challenging the same.
- B. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the transfer program was certified by the Authority on March 1, 2013, and no lawsuits were filed challenging the same.
- C. Through a fallowing program with landowners, the SLCC has developed approximately

xxxx acre-ft of water (“Transfer Water”) that can be transferred in a Non-Critical year (or Critical Year) to Transfer Recipients.

- D. The Authority shall submit to Reclamation an estimated transfer delivery schedule from the SLCC for the water year and receive conditional approval by Reclamation prior to the transfer of any water. Conditional approval shall mean approval by Reclamation contingent only upon successful field verification of no applied irrigation water.

THEREFORE, for adequate consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Authority, SLCC, Member Entities and the Transfer Recipient agree as follows:

1. **Water Transfer and Payment Amount:** xxxxxxxxxx, as Transfer Recipient, agrees to pay, after said conditional approval by Reclamation, the sum of xxxx_Hundred Dollars (\$xxxx) per Acre Foot for xxxxx Thousand_(xxxxx) acre feet of Transfer Water, for a total of xxxx Million Dollars (\$xxxxx) in lawful money of the United States. Upon receipt of an invoice submitted by the Authority, the Transfer Recipient shall pay xxx Million Dollars (\$xxxx) on or before June 1st, 20xx payable to the Authority pursuant to this Agreement. All payments are subject to conditions of Paragraph 1.3 below.

1.1 If payment is not received by the Authority by June 30, 20xx from the Transfer Recipient, interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum shall be charged and paid.

1.2 If any attorney’s fees, expert witness fees or other costs are reasonably incurred in enforcement of the payment of the amounts, the prevailing party shall be entitled to payment thereof.

1.3 If SLCC reasonably determines that it has transferred less water than set forth in Paragraph 1 above, SLCC and Authority will provide for a reimbursement to Transfer Recipient for that amount of water; provided, however, no reimbursement shall be required for any Transfer Water amounts not permitted to be transferred by Reclamation or its agent, the San Luis-Delta/Mendota Water Authority.

2. **Transfer Recipient Responsible for all Costs:** Prior to or promptly following execution of this Agreement, SLCC and Transfer Recipient shall obtain the consent and approval of Reclamation to the transfer of water. Transfer Recipient shall pay all costs, charges and amounts to Reclamation or to third parties required to accomplish delivery of the Transfer Water to the Transfer Recipient from the Point of Delivery to the final delivery location. Transfer Recipient shall also pay to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and/or the Department of Water Resources all charges associated with transfer or delivery of the Transfer Water to Transfer Recipient. No new material conditions or requirements shall be imposed upon or borne by Authority or Member Entities through the consent of Reclamation or any other requirement to accomplish the transfer. There are no implied or explicit representations or warranties of Authority or Transfer Recipient regarding this Agreement and its performance other than that all Parties will act in good faith and reasonably cooperate; provided, however, the Authority, its Member Entities and SLCC will not be required to be subjected to or bear additional material conditions on water use or costs of any nature or requirements, including environmental studies and/or mitigation of environmental conditions. Transfer Recipient agrees that it will

perform, satisfy and pay the costs of any such requirements and the compliance and performance of those requirements; however, if it is determined by XXXX that the cost for additional environmental compliance under CEQA and/or NEPA or other unforeseen costs not identified herein are unreasonable as determined by XXXX, then XXXX has the right to terminate this Agreement upon proper notice to SLCC. XXXX shall pay for any transfer water received by it prior to the written notice. The Parties hereto warrant that they have full authority to enter into this Agreement.

3. **Point of Delivery:** The Point of Delivery for the Transfer Recipient will be the San Luis Reservoir.
4. **Water Scheduling:** The SLCC will make the water subject to this Agreement available to Transfer Recipient at the Point of Delivery in the amount called upon by Transfer Recipient on a schedule to be developed by the SLCC in coordination with the Transfer Recipient and Reclamation. The SLCC and the Authority agree to work cooperatively to re-schedule water, if necessary, if water deliveries to the Authority are less than forecasted due to pumping restrictions at Jones Pumping Plant. Transfer Water shall not be transferred, banked or assigned to any third party at any price terms without the prior written consent of the Authority.
5. **Water Rights Not Affected:** No transfer of water pursuant to this Agreement shall confer any right to water of any nature or kind on any person or entity. Nothing in this Agreement shall act as a forfeiture, diminution, or impairment of any rights of the SLCC or of the Authority to its full deliveries of water after the expiration of this Agreement

and shall in no way prejudice any of the SLCC's or Authority's rights thereto. No transfers under this Agreement, nor the Agreement itself, shall constitute evidence of the availability of surface water beyond the term of the Agreement nor evidence of the lack of beneficial use of the water involved in the transfer, and Transfer Recipient shall not contend otherwise. The only rights granted to the Transfer Recipient as a result of this Agreement are those expressly set forth herein.

6. **Effective Date and Term of this Agreement:** When this Agreement has been executed by the Authority and the Transfer Recipient, the Authority and Transfer Recipient are assured to their reasonable satisfaction that Reclamation will approve the Agreement, and the Authority is assured to its reasonable satisfaction that no new material costs, burdens or conditions burdening Authority or the Member Entities will be incurred, this Agreement shall become effective. The Term of this Agreement shall remain in force and effect until it is fully performed, including during the enforcement of the obligations contained herein or December 31, 20xx, whichever occurs first.
7. **Attorneys' Fees and Third Party Challenges:** In the event of any action between the SLCC, Member Entities or Transfer Recipient (individually Party or collectively Parties) seeking enforcement or interpretation of any of the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action shall be awarded, in addition to damages, its reasonable costs and expenses, including without limitation actual out of pocket costs and attorneys' fees, all as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Parties shall diligently and aggressively defend against any third-party challenges to this Agreement or any of the

provisions hereof, whether judicially or otherwise. The Parties shall assist one another without cost in connection therewith by providing information and witnesses as reasonably requested. Each Party shall retain the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to choose counsel. Costs of defending any such challenge, including out-of-pocket costs and attorneys' fees, shall be borne by the Party incurring them except to the extent such challenge results from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of one Party, in which case such Party shall be responsible for all such costs and fees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should the SLCC and/or the Authority refuse to provide the water agreed to as provided for in this Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate and the Transfer Recipient shall be entitled to a refund of the amount paid for Transfer Water less payment for water previously relinquished by the SLCC.

8. **Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**TRANSFER RECIPIENT /
PURCHASER OF TRANSFER WATER:**

XXXXXX

Dated:

General Manager

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By _____
President

By _____
Secretary

Dated:

COLUMBIA CANAL COMPANY

By _____
President

By _____
Secretary

Dated:

SAN LUIS CANAL COMPANY

By _____
President

By _____
Secretary

Dated:

FIREBAUGH CANAL WATER DISTRICT

By _____
President

By _____
Secretary

Dated:

**SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS
WATER AUTHORITY**

By _____
President

By _____
Secretary

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Eric McDaris

DATE: November 5th, 2025

SUBJECT: Future Participation in Pioneer Project Replacement Wells

The Agency has solicited the Pioneer Project Participants (Participants) for interest in drilling new wells on the Pioneer Project. Bolthouse is continuing their development in the areas surrounding the Pioneer Project and to coordinate and preserve Pioneer access, remaining well site locations will need to be drilled and/or improved in the near future. Some sites may only require the installation of pipelines, road crossings, etc. in anticipation of a future well being drilled.

Two well sites will need to be completed in the next two to three years and the additional sites will need to be completed over the next five to ten years. Based on the recent costs of KCWA-38 and KCWA-39, a completed Pioneer well will cost approximately \$2,250,000. This price can vary depending on the depth and the length of the pipe needed to tie the well output into an existing conveyance/collection line. Past practices have been to drill new wells to a depth of 800', however, Agency staff recommend that any new well be drilled to a depth of 1,000'. This is consistent with other entities, such as the Kern Water Bank.

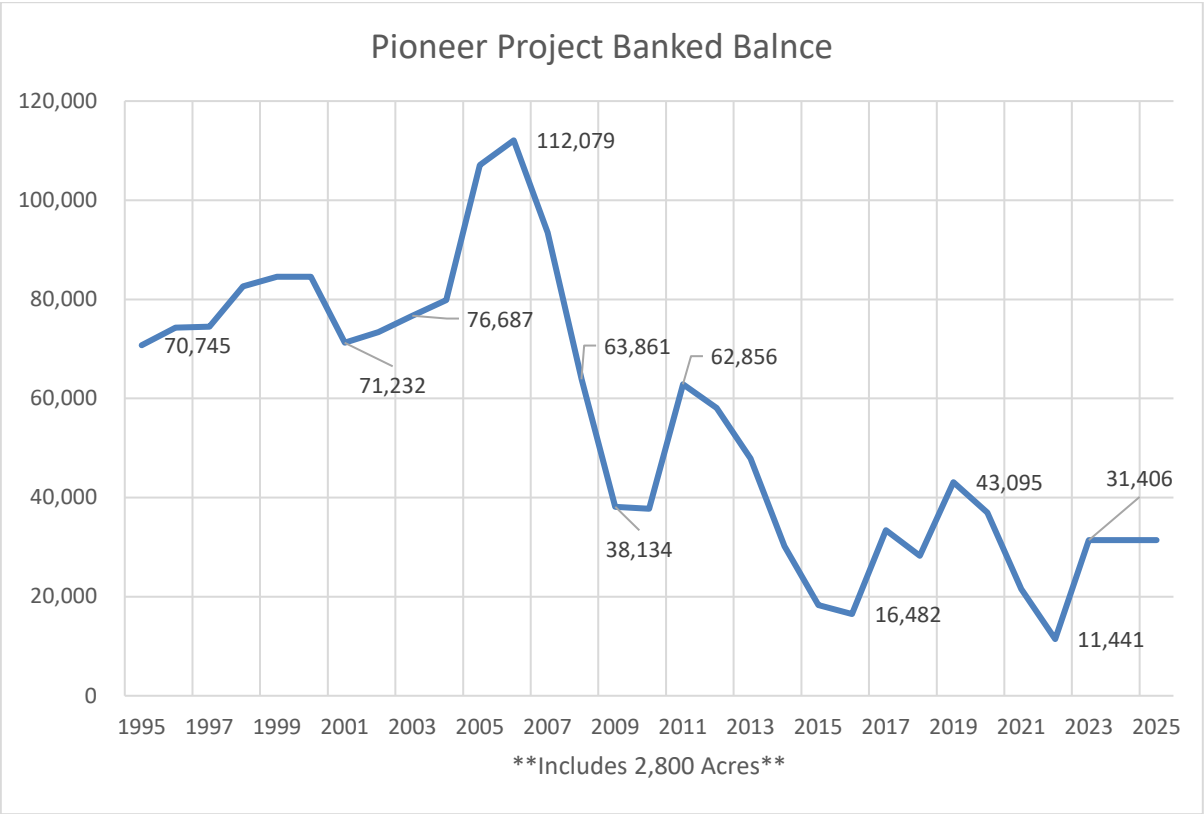
The Water Banking Capital Reserve Fund does not have funds for this purpose. Traditionally, these costs would be included in the Pioneer budget and spread across the District F.O. Equivalent in the year in which the costs are incurred. Because the new wells are unlikely to be drilled in 2025 or 2026 it is difficult to forecast impacts to the F.O. Instead, staff estimate the costs per acre-foot of CAW entitlement are shown below.

District share of 2-wells at \$2.25 million/well	\$1,170,000
Total Cost spread across District CAW	\$5.80/AF CAW

In 2015, 2021, and 2023 the Board elected not to participate in drilling new wells or well rehabilitations. At that time, the Board determined there was no cost-benefit and that investment would only expediate the depletion of the District banked supplies. Current balances are in a similar state to those in 2015 and 2021, in that consecutive maximum recovery years would fully deplete the Pioneer account balance. Maximum yield of the Pioneer Project changes based on how much the project is used, but KCWA reports that the anticipated maximum yield for 2021 and 2022 were 75,000 and 58,000 acre-feet respectively. The District share of this would have been approximately 19,500-15,000 acre-feet.

However, the District rarely recovers in excess of the rationing policy, which limits total recovery in dry years to a total of 30,000 acre-feet between the banking projects. In addition, demand within the District has dropped dramatically over the past decade, further reducing the need to exceed the

banking project rationing policy. The table below illustrates the District’s historical banked balance in the Pioneer Project:



Recommendation. None. As this is not a formal commitment to participate, staff are only looking for direction and feedback to provide to KCWA.

Attachments: KCWA email re: Interest in Pioneer Recovery Wells
Filename: 8.2.f Future Participation in Pioneer Project Replacement Wells

From: [Clark, Micah](#)
To:

Cc:
Subject: (DUE 11/5) - Interest in Pioneer Recovery Wells
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 15:31:56
Importance: High

Pioneer Participants,

As previously discussed at the October Pioneer meeting, the need for funding Pioneer's additional recovery well sites (four in total) is an item of concern. Bolthouse is continuing their development plans and our remaining well site locations will need to be drilled soon, with pipelines installed as needed. Approximately two well sites will need to be completed in the next two to three years and the additional sites completed over the next five to ten years. Based on the recent costs of KCWA-38 and KCWA-39, a completed Pioneer well will cost approximately \$2,250,000. This price can vary depending on the well depth and the length of the pipe needed to tie into an existing well pipeline.

There has been interest from both Recovery and Recharge Participants at the last few Pioneer meetings; Therefore, I am seeking interest from all Pioneer Participants.

Please let me know by November 5th if your district is interested in drilling one or more wells within:

1. The next two to three years – if yes, how many?
2. The next five to ten years – if yes, how many?

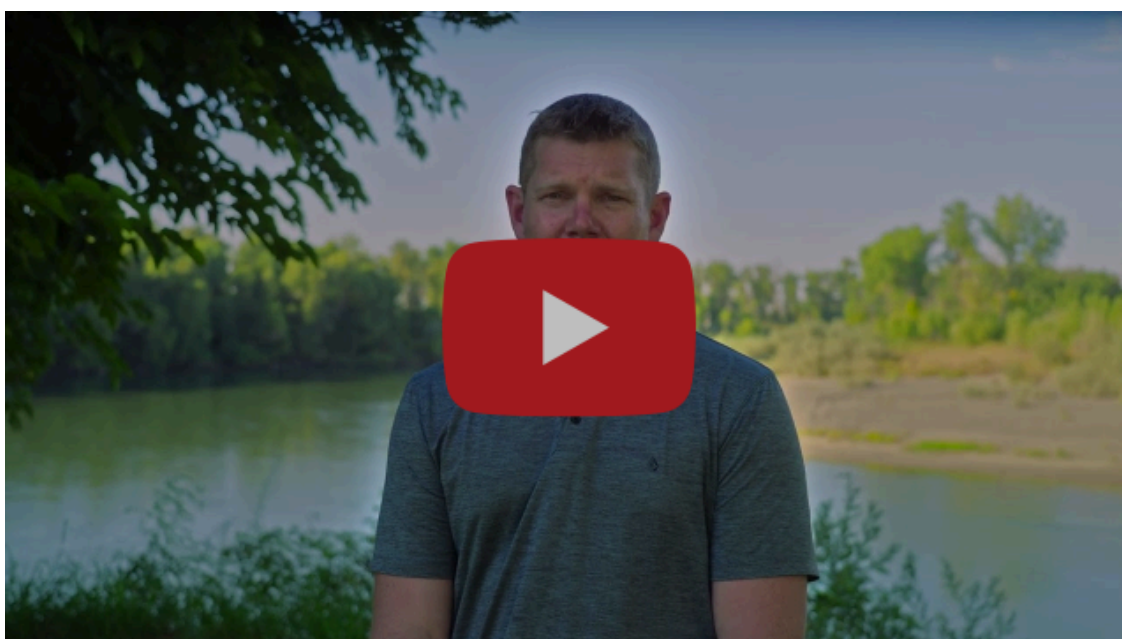
This is not a commitment to participate, rather a solicitation of interest. This information will be utilized during the 2026 Pioneer Budget discussion and recommendations will be made for the development of a Recovery Reserve fund.

Thank you,

Micah Clark

Water Resources Planner
 Kern County Water Agency
 3200 Rio Mirada Drive
 Bakersfield, CA 93308-4944

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A Bird's-Eye View of California's Water Future

Join JP Robinette, Engineering and Construction Manager for the Sites Project Authority, for a drone tour of the future Sites Reservoir Project site. Discover how the project leverages existing water infrastructure to capture water from the Sacramento River and deliver it to Project participants.

Learn how Sites Reservoir is a bold solution to one of the state's most pressing challenges: climate-driven water supply uncertainty.

Watch the full video [here](#).



Sites Authority Local Community Working Group Meets in Maxwell

This month, 30 members of the Sites Project Authority Local Community Working Group (LCWG) met to receive updates and discuss progress on permits, Developer Agreements, Impact Alleviation Agreements, land acquisition, the Colusa County Community Plan, and local contracting and workforce goals. Since 2022, the LCWG has met quarterly to collaborate with the Authority on solutions to local concerns and identify opportunities of shared interest. It's one of several ways the Authority prioritizes partnerships with Sacramento Valley residents throughout the construction and operation of Sites Reservoir.

#WhySites

government agencies, and elected officials.

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



“The Almond Alliance views Sites Reservoir not just as a water storage project, but as a strategic investment in California’s future. It reflects a comprehensive approach to water management that addresses both human and ecological needs and positions the state to better manage the challenges posed by climate change.”

– Blake Vann, Chair, Almond Alliance

In The News



Sites gets early funding from Prop. 1

The California Water Commission awarded the Sites Reservoir Project \$10.9 million in additional funding from the Water Storage Investment Program, which administers disbursements of water project funding authorized by California voters who approved Proposition 1 in 2014.

Read more [here](#).

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❖WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT❖

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: November 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Updated Publicly Available Pay Schedule

At its October Board meeting, the Board of Directors: 1) approved a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for hourly employees and 2) modified the salaries of most management positions. With that, it is necessary to update the District's Publicly Available Pay Schedule to reflect those adjustments. The updated Schedule is attached. This is required per California Code of Regulations Title 2 Section 570.5.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board adopt the Publicly Available Pay Schedule attached hereto effective September 28, 2025 with such changes, if any, as the Board deems appropriate.

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PAY SCHEDULE
per California Code of Regulations, Title 2, §§ 570.5
Effective September 28, 2025
Pending Approval: November 12, 2025

Position	Range	Salary Steps (\$/month unless shown otherwise)								No. of Positions
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Directors		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Resolution 2006-04 \$125.00 per meeting								9
Engineer-Manager	(a)	(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$225,000 to 325,000/year								1
Assistant Engineer-Manager	(a)	(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$180,000 to 250,000/year								0
Director of Water Resources	(a)	(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$150,000 to 200,000/year								1
Contract Administrator	34	37.21	39.10	41.08	43.16	45.34	47.64	50.05	52.58	1
Executive Assistant	30	33.71	35.42	37.21	39.10	41.08	43.16	45.34	47.64	1
Extra Help Retired Annuitant	(b)	per hour								1
Temporary Part-time		16.50 per hour								0
Controller	(a)	(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$120,000 to 185,000/year								1
Assistant Controller	(a)	(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$80,000 to 135,000/year								1
Staff Accountant	34	37.21	39.10	41.08	43.16	45.34	47.64	50.05	52.58	0
Accountant	30	33.71	35.42	37.21	39.10	41.08	43.16	45.34	47.64	0
Jr. Accountant	24	29.07	30.54	32.09	33.71	35.42	37.21	39.10	41.08	1
Accounting Clerk II	16	23.86	25.07	26.34	27.67	29.07	30.54	32.09	33.71	0
Staff Engineer	(a)	(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$120,000 to 210,000/year								1
Assistant Engineer	37	40.07	42.10	44.24	46.47	48.83	51.30	53.90	56.62	1
Staff Geologist	34	37.21	39.10	41.08	43.16	45.34	47.64	50.05	52.58	1
Corrosion Technician	31	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	44.24	46.47	48.83	1
Engineering Technician	28	32.09	33.71	35.42	37.21	39.10	41.08	43.16	45.34	1
Temporary Part-time		13.00 per hour								0
O&M Superintendent	(a)	(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$100,000 to 150,000/year								1
Assistant O&M Superintendent	(a)	(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$80,000 to 120,000/year								0
Operations Supervisor*	34	37.21	39.10	41.08	43.16	45.34	47.64	50.05	52.58	1
Assistant Ops Supervisor	33	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	44.24	46.47	48.83	51.30	1
Water Tender II	25	29.80	31.31	32.89	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	7
Water Tender I	16	23.86	25.07	26.34	27.67	29.07				2
Water Tender Trainee	10	20.57	21.62							0
Chief Dispatcher	32	35.42	37.21	39.10	41.08	43.16	45.34	47.64	50.05	1
Asst. Chief Dispatcher	29	32.89	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	44.24	46.47	1
Dispatcher	22	27.67	29.07	30.54	32.09	33.71	35.42	37.21	39.10	2
Dispatcher Trainee	16	23.86	25.07							0
Maintenance&Pump/Electrical Supervisor	45	48.83	51.30	53.90	56.62	59.49				1
Assist. Maintenance Supervisor	33	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	44.24	46.47	48.83	51.30	1
Lead Equipment Operator	31	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	44.24	46.47	48.83	1
Equipment Operator	27	31.31	32.89	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	44.24	1
Lead Welder	31	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	44.24	46.47	48.83	1
Welder	27	31.31	32.89	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	44.24	1
Maintenance II	25	29.80	31.31	32.89	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	2
Maintenance I	16	23.86	25.07	26.34	27.67	29.07				0
O&M Purchasing Agent	30	33.71	35.42	37.21	39.10	41.08	43.16	45.34	47.64	1
Electrical/Pump Technician II	31	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	44.24	46.47	48.83	2
Electrical/Pump Technician I	29	32.89	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	44.24	46.47	3
Pumpman	25	29.80	31.31	32.89	34.56	36.31	38.14	40.07	42.10	0
TOTAL POSITIONS:										52

(a) Updated to reflect salary range changes authorized by the Board of Directors at its **10/09/2024 meeting**

(b) Hourly rate set by Engineer-Manager within the salary range for the position with comparable duties

updated: **11/10/2025**



28 October 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Sheridan Nicholas, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWSD)

From: Anona Dutton, PG, CHg, EKI Environment and Water, Inc. (EKI)
Christina Lucero, PG, EKI
Sarah Gerenday, PhD, EKI

Subject: Three-dimensional Geologic Model and Recharge Suitability Assessment for the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Service Area (C30177.00)

1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWSD or District) desires to further develop the data and information needed to improve its understanding of the aquifer and aquitards beneath its service area to facilitate the siting, development, and implementation of potential groundwater recharge projects. As such, EKI Environment and Water, Inc. (EKI) has developed a three-dimensional geologic model (Leapfrog Model or Model) to represent the subsurface conditions beneath the District and has used outputs from the Model to conduct a spatial recharge suitability screening. This brief memorandum describes the Model development (Section 2), Model verification (Section 3), the recharge suitability screening process (Section 4), limitations and potential future refinements of the Model (Section 5), and how to access the Model (Section 6).

2. MODEL DEVELOPMENT

The Model was developed using Seequent Leapfrog Works Software. As shown in **Figure 1**, the Leapfrog Model's area of interest (AOI) includes the WRMWSD service area (excluding the non-contiguous portion to the northwest) and portions of the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, with an additional buffer around the WRMWSD boundaries where feasible. The Model boundaries were designed to encompass the entirety of the WRMWSD contiguous service area and produce a convex shape where possible, without extending past the edges of the quaternary alluvium or the Wheeler Ridge Fault.

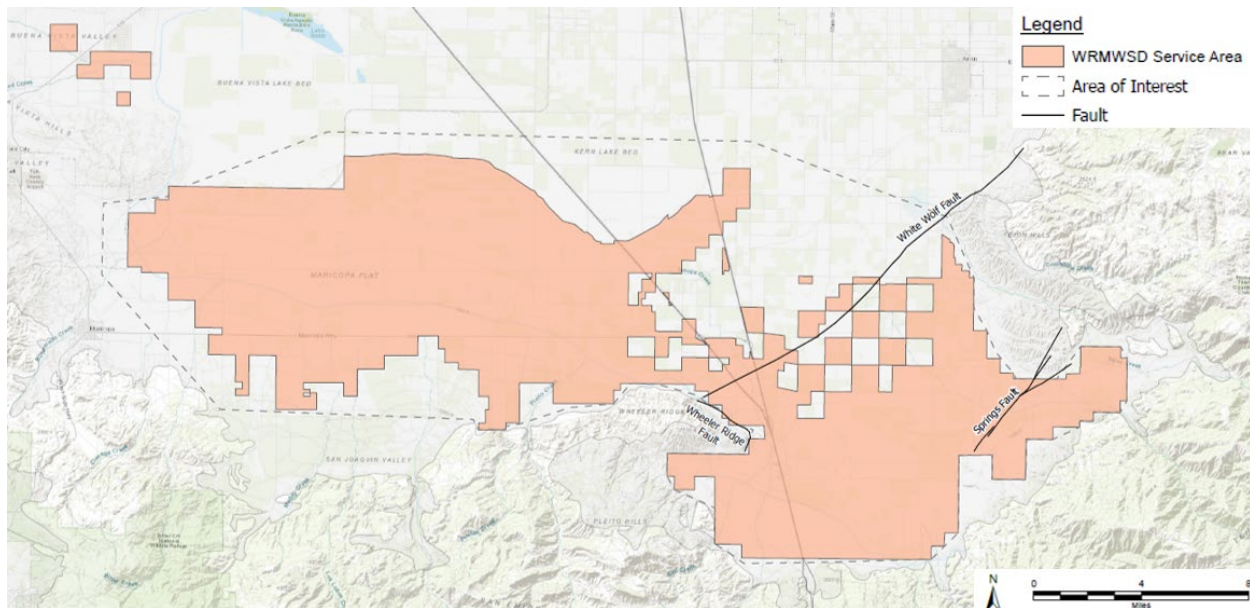


Figure 1. Leapfrog Model Area of Interest

The Model's vertical extent spans from the ground surface to the depth of the deepest wells with detailed lithology in a given area, typically ranging from 120 to 4,300 feet below ground surface (ft bgs), and averaging approximately 1,700 ft bgs. Ground surface elevations were derived from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Digital Elevation Model (DEM) dataset¹.

The White Wolf and Springs Faults are present within the AOI; however, only the White Wolf Fault is explicitly modeled due to technical constraints of Leapfrog Works with regard to modeling faults that do not cross the entire groundwater subbasin.

The primary input to the Leapfrog Model included 346 well completion reports (WCRs), including WCRs furnished by WRMWSD, WCRs processed and included in the White Wolf Groundwater Flow Model (WWGFM), records accessed from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) public well completion reports dataset², and digitized drilling logs published in the DWR Aerial Electromagnetic (AEM) Survey³ supporting data.

Data extracted from the WCRs include location, borehole lithologies, total completed depth, and screened intervals. Logged lithologies were categorized as: gravel, sand, mixed coarse materials, mixed coarse and fine materials, or fines (i.e., clays and silts). Units of sand, gravel, and mixed coarse deposits were assumed to have a moderate to high-permeability and therefore represent aquifer materials. Fines were assumed

¹ U.S. Geological Survey, USGS 1/3 Arc Second n38w122 20230126: U.S. Geological Survey.

² DWR. 2023. *i07_WellCompletionReports*. Feature Server.

https://gis.water.ca.gov/arcgis/rest/services/Environment/i07_WellCompletionReports/FeatureServer

³ DWR. 2022. Statewide AEM Survey Project: Survey Area 4 – Supporting Data.

<https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/aem/resource/eb09227e-32c7-4e11-94f5-359c9b202734>

to have a low permeability and impede water flow and therefore represent aquitard materials. Intervals of mixed coarse and fine materials were initially assumed to represent aquifer materials but were in some cases reassigned to better match the AEM Survey data and to generate more continuous hydrogeologic units. Extremely long intervals of mixed coarse and fine materials that were documented in the WCRs and that could not be broken into explicit coarse or fine units were excluded from the Model.

Hydrogeologic contacts between moderate to high-permeability materials (aquifers) and low-permeability materials (aquitards) were defined through interpolation between boreholes. The lithologic borehole data were connected to form reasonable and continuous surfaces and volumes through supervised kriging. The interpolation was informed by existing knowledge of the aquifer units and regional hydrogeology including the extents and thicknesses of major clay units (i.e., the A-clay and E-clay) as mapped by USGS⁴, and perched water conditions provided by WRMWSD. Additional points were added to the interpolation based on the resistivity and modeled coarse fraction from the AEM Survey. To avoid edge effects, the initial interpolation was conducted across an area extending beyond the AOI that encompassed all available data. Once the hydrogeologic contacts were generated, the Model was trimmed to the AOI.

Example cross sections extracted from the Model are provided as **Figure 2**, **Figure 3**, and **Figure 4** below.

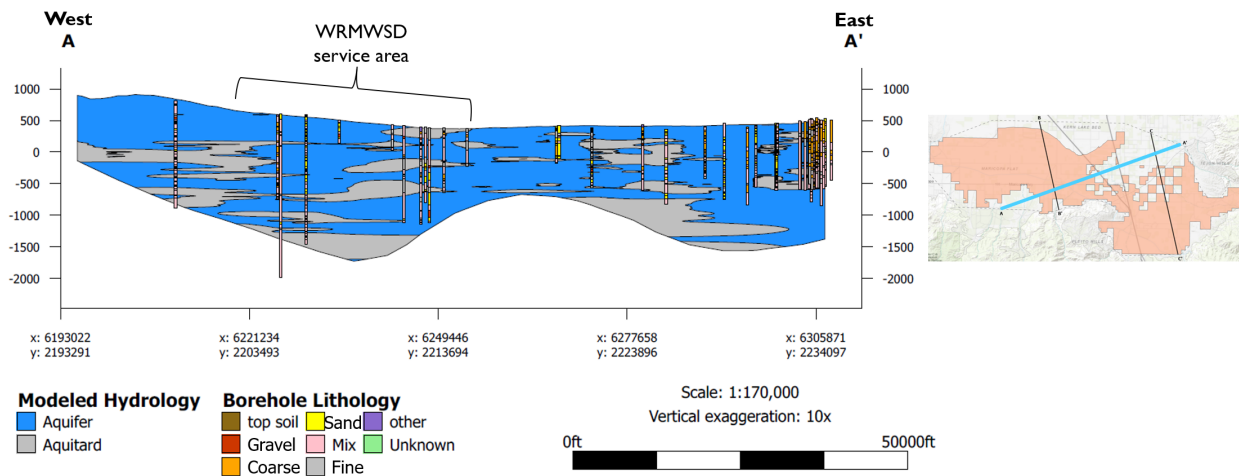


Figure 2. Model Cross Section A-A', WRMWSD Service Area within Kern County Subbasin

⁴ Croft, M. G. 1972. *Subsurface geology of the late Tertiary and Quaternary water-bearing deposits of the southern part of the San Joaquin Valley, California* (Report 1999H; Water Supply Paper). USGS Publications Warehouse. <https://doi.org/10.3133/wsp1999H>

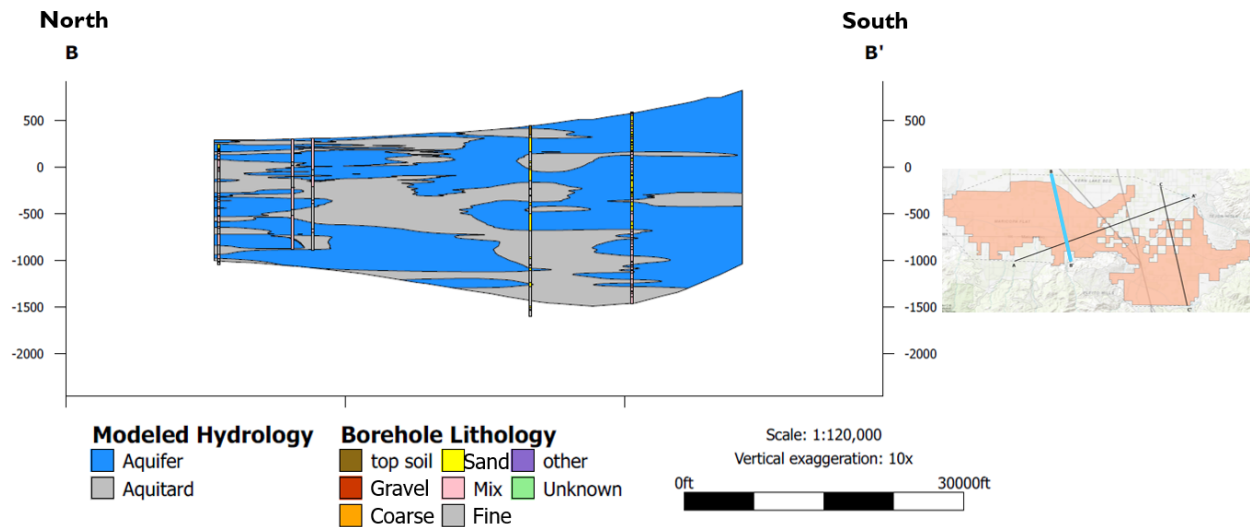


Figure 3. Model Cross Section B-B', WRMWSD Service Area within Kern County Subbasin

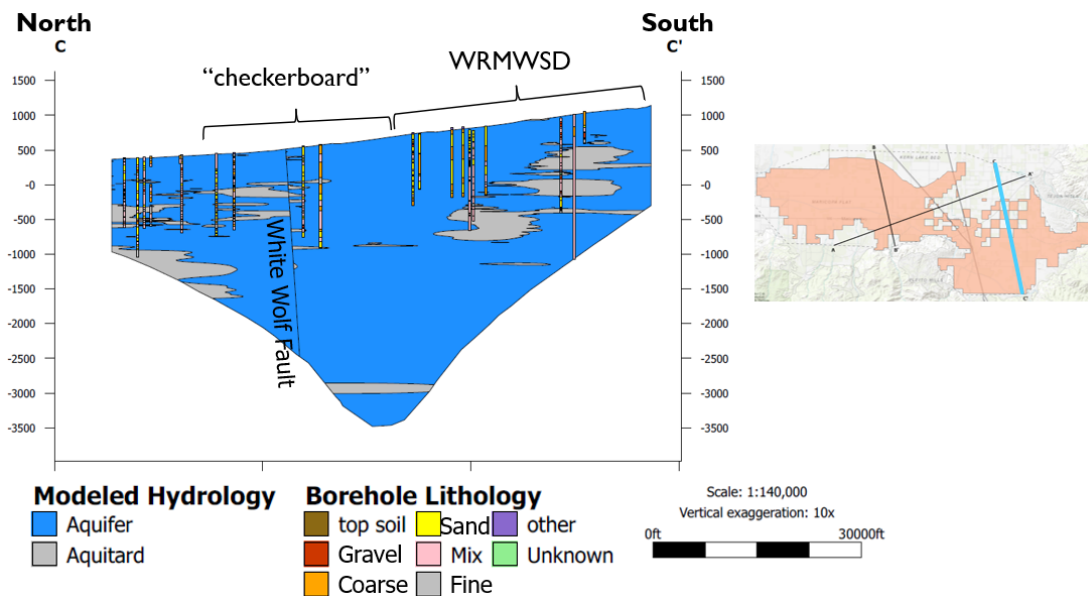


Figure 4. Model Cross Section C-C', WRMWSD Service Area within White Wolf Subbasin

3. MODEL VERIFICATION

To verify the Leapfrog Model, cross sections extracted from the Model were compared to existing published studies and cross-sections. As shown in **Figure 5**, **Figure 6**, and **Figure 7**, Model cross sections show good agreement to the DWR’s AEM Survey findings on the locations of major coarse and fine units. Model cross sections were also compared with cross sections from the White Wolf Groundwater

Sustainability Plan (GSP)⁵, 2022 South of Kern River⁶ GSP, and draft cross sections from the Basin Study. Reasonable agreement can be seen between the depths of major clay units in the Model and previous cross sections, though the Corcoran does not extend quite as far southwest as indicated in cross section D-D' from the Basin Study.

The depth and thickness of the fine-grained units were also compared with the Corcoran Clay top and bottom elevations from the Central Valley Hydrologic Model version 2 (CVHM2)⁷, elevation contours for the base of A-clay and E-clay as mapped by Croft (1972)⁸, and the locations and approximate depths of perched water provided by WRMWSD. The dimensions of the major fine- and coarse-grained elements tended to agree with the Croft and WRMWSD surfaces better than those from CVHM2.

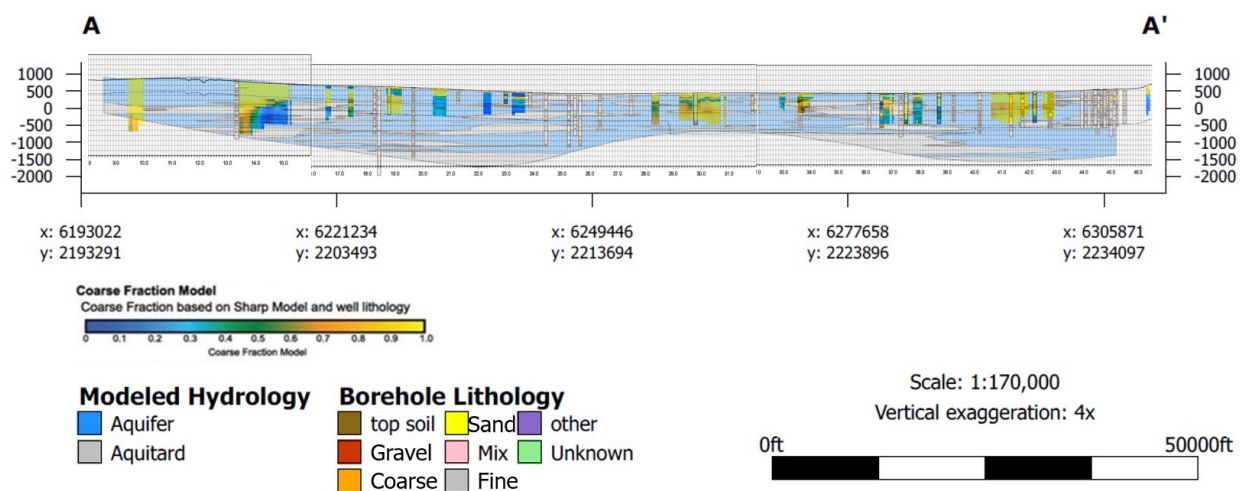


Figure 5. Cross Section A-A' Overlay with DWR AEM Survey

⁵ White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). 2021. *Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the White Wolf Subbasin*. Prepared by EKI Environment & Water, Inc.

⁶ Arvin GSA, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA, Tejon-Castac Water District GSA. 2022. *South of Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Plan*. Prepared by EKI Environment & Water, Inc.

⁷ Faunt, C. 2022. Central Valley Hydrologic Model version 2 (CVHM2): Model Setup Files. USGS – California Water Science Center. DOI: 10.5066/P97XBULI. <https://www.usgs.gov/data/central-valley-hydrologic-model-version-2-cvhm2-model-setup-files>

⁸ Croft, M.G. 1972. *Subsurface geology of the late Tertiary and Quaternary water-bearing deposits of the southern part of the San Joaquin Valley, California*. USGS. DOI: 10.3133/wsp1999H. <https://pubs.usgs.gov/publication/wsp1999H>

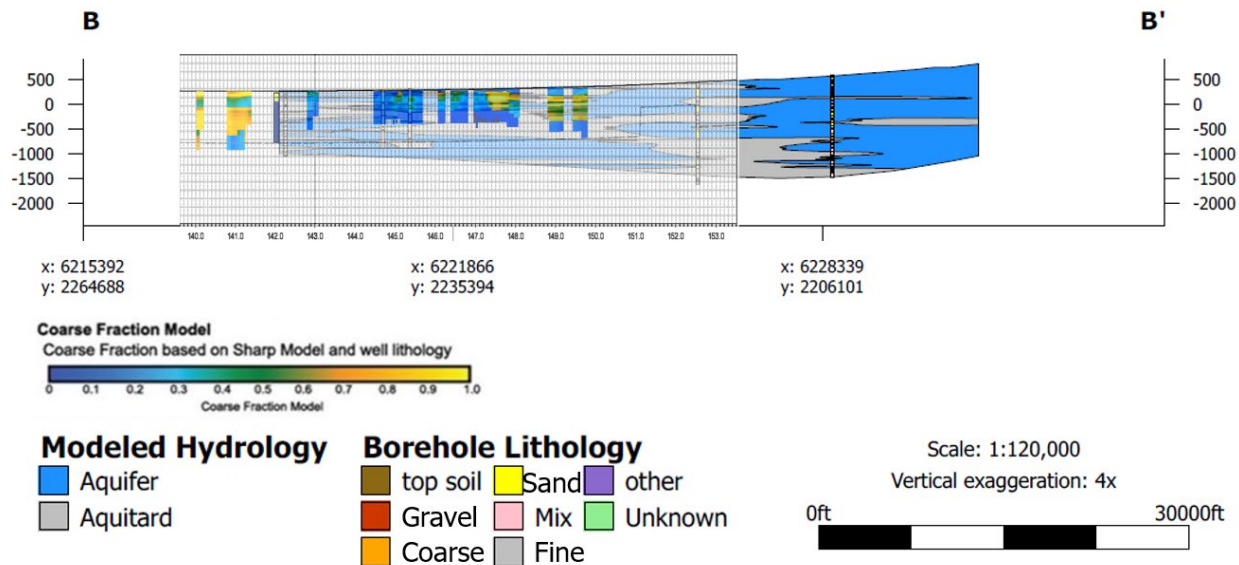


Figure 6. Cross Section B-B' Overlay with DWR AEM Survey

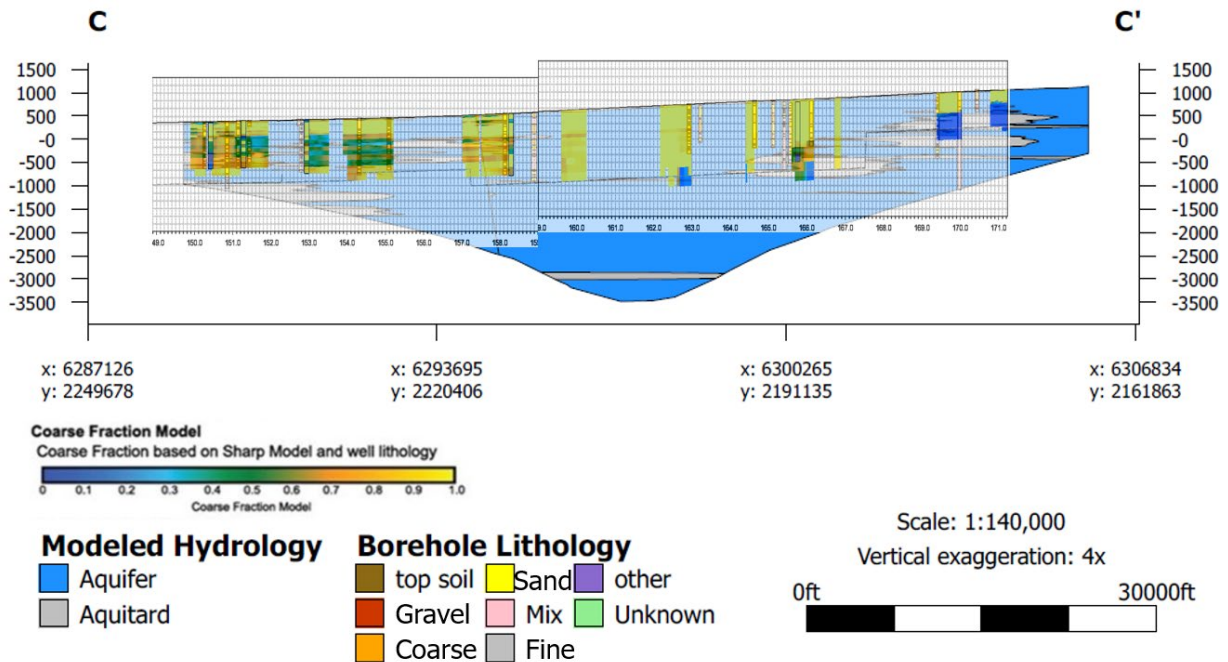


Figure 7. Cross Section C-C' Overlay with DWR AEM Survey

4. RECHARGE SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT

A multi-criteria suitability mapping exercise was conducted to assess the potential for managed aquifer recharge within the AOI. For the purposes of the suitability analysis, the AOI was divided into 5,000-foot (ft) by 5,000 ft cells. Four physical criteria (coarse fraction, depth to water, soil hydraulic conductivity, and the presence of perched water) and one chemical criteria (groundwater total dissolved solids [TDS])

concentrations) were analyzed to assess recharge suitability, as described below. Figures associated with the screening criteria and assessment use consistent coloration, whereby red is less favorable and blue is more favorable for managed aquifer recharge.

Coarse Fraction. Within each cell, the average coarse fraction, defined as the fraction of the underlying Model considered to be aquifer, relative to the total thickness of the Model in that location. The resulting coarse fractions were then binned into five quantiles, and each cell was scored from one to five, with one corresponding to the lowest coarse fractions and five to the highest; see **Figure 8**.

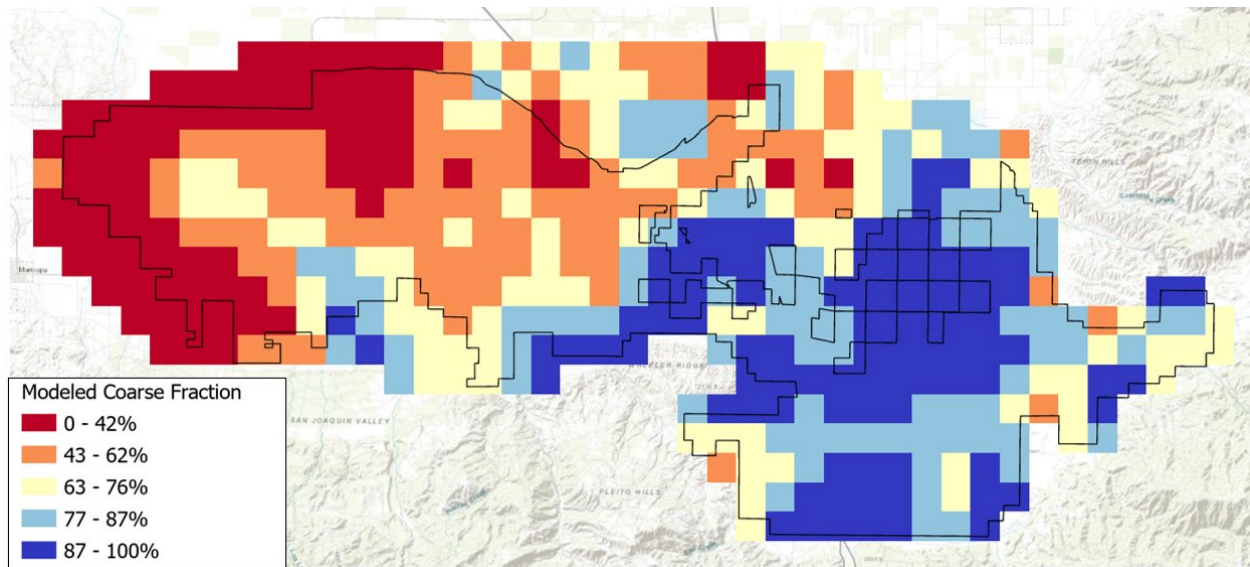


Figure 8. Modeled Coarse Fraction

Depth to Water. Water table depth is an important factor in siting recharge facilities, as raising an already shallow water table could result in waterlogged soil, but if the water table is too deep, the infiltrating water may not reach the saturated zone on the desired timescale. A depth to water raster with the same cell size and positioning as the grid used to evaluate the Leapfrog Model was generated using Fall 2023 well water level data from District records and the White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) data management system (DMS). Since no location had a water table less than 100 ft bgs, depth to water scores were assigned with the shallowest water tables receiving the highest score. Cells with a depth to water of 600 ft bgs or more were considered unsuitable for recharge given the large unsaturated zone space and given a score of zero (see black cells in **Figure 9**). Depths of less than 600 ft bgs were binned into five quantiles and scored one through five; see **Figure 9**.

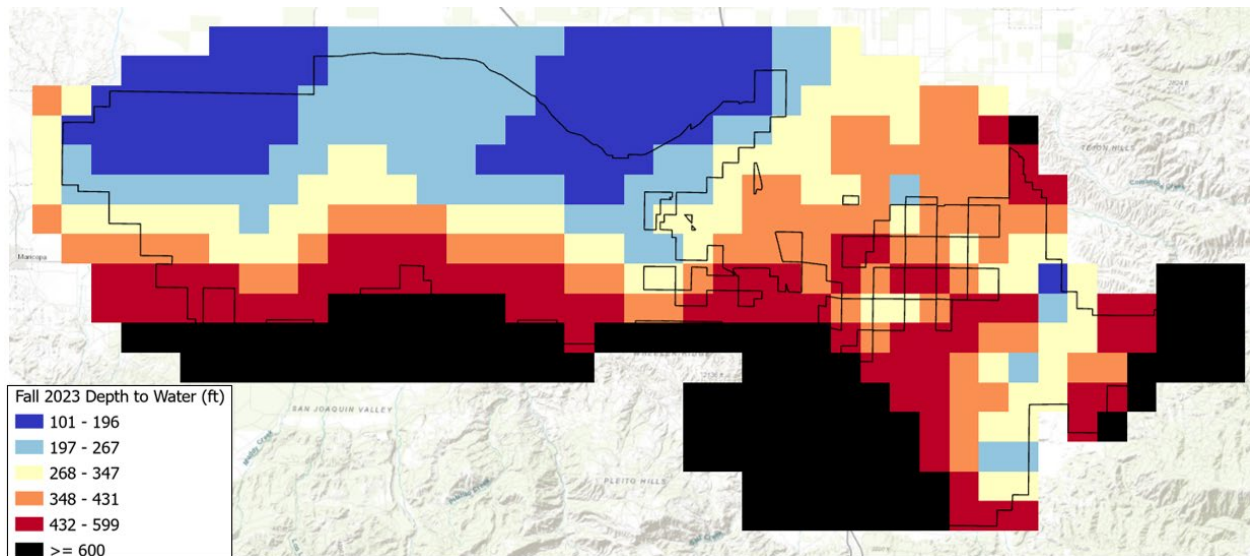


Figure 9. Fall 2023 Depth to Water

Hydraulic Conductivity. Soil saturated hydraulic conductivity represents the ease with which water could infiltrate through the soil. Soil saturated hydraulic conductivity, as mapped by the Natural Resource Conservation Service,⁹ was scored in the same method as coarse fraction; see **Figure 10**.

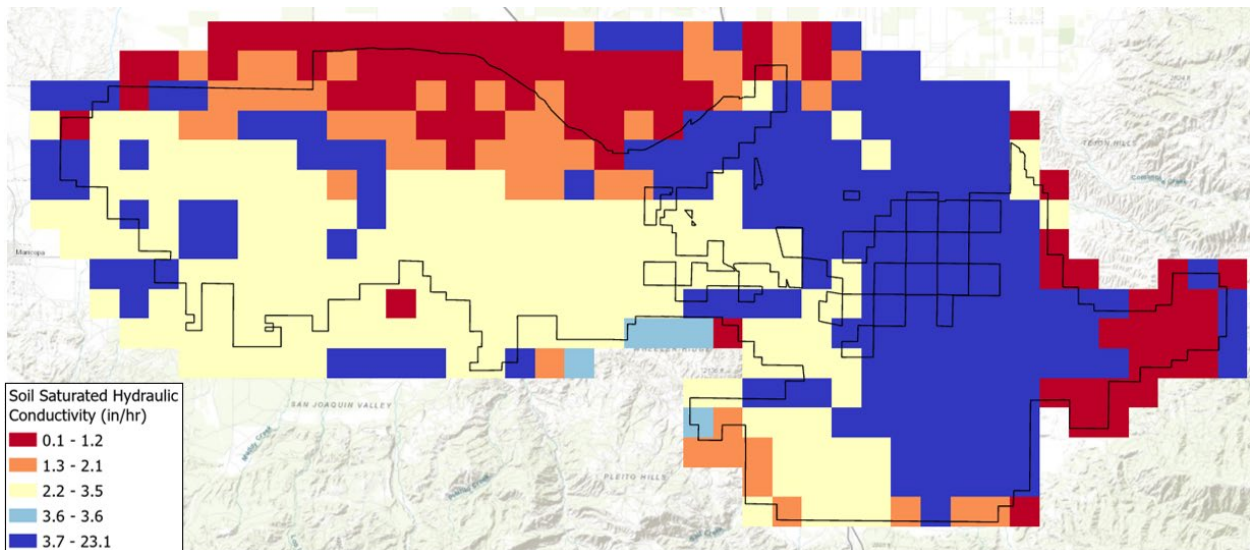


Figure 10. Soil Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity

⁹ Soil Survey Staff, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. 2024. *Soil Survey Geographic Database*. <http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/>.

Perched Water. Any cell where perched water has historically been present was considered unsuitable for recharge and given a score of zero, as the presence of perched water indicates shallow impermeable layers that could block infiltration to the regional groundwater table. See black cells in **Figure 11**.

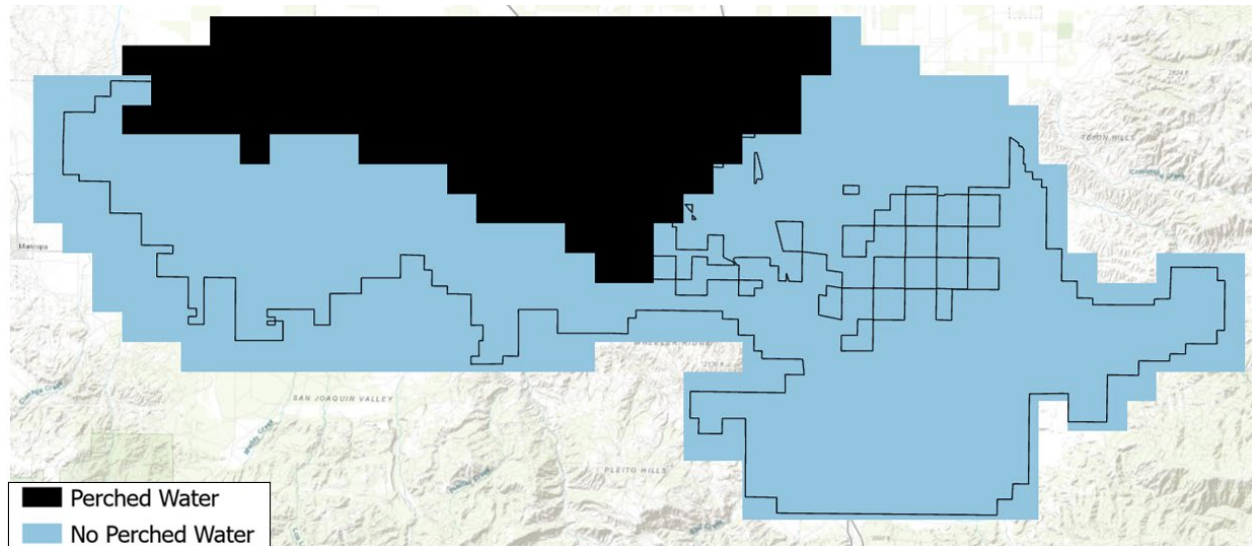


Figure 11. Perched Water Table Conditions

Water Quality. A raster of average TDS concentration was used to assess water quality. Data was obtained from the White Wolf GSA DMS and the Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Groundwater Information System¹⁰. Average TDS concentrations by well were spatially interpolated using the minimum curvature method. The TDS concentrations for each cell were assigned to five bins separated at 500 milligrams per liter (mg/L), 1,000 mg/L, 1,500 mg/L, and 2,000 mg/L. The lower three separations correspond to the recommended, upper, and short-term secondary maximum contaminant levels for TDS in California. The cells were scored from one to five, with the lowest concentration receiving the highest score; see **Figure 12**.

¹⁰ SWRCB and USGS. 2024. *GAMA Groundwater Information System*.
<https://gamagroundwater.waterboards.ca.gov/gama/gamamap/public/>. Accessed 30 May 2024.

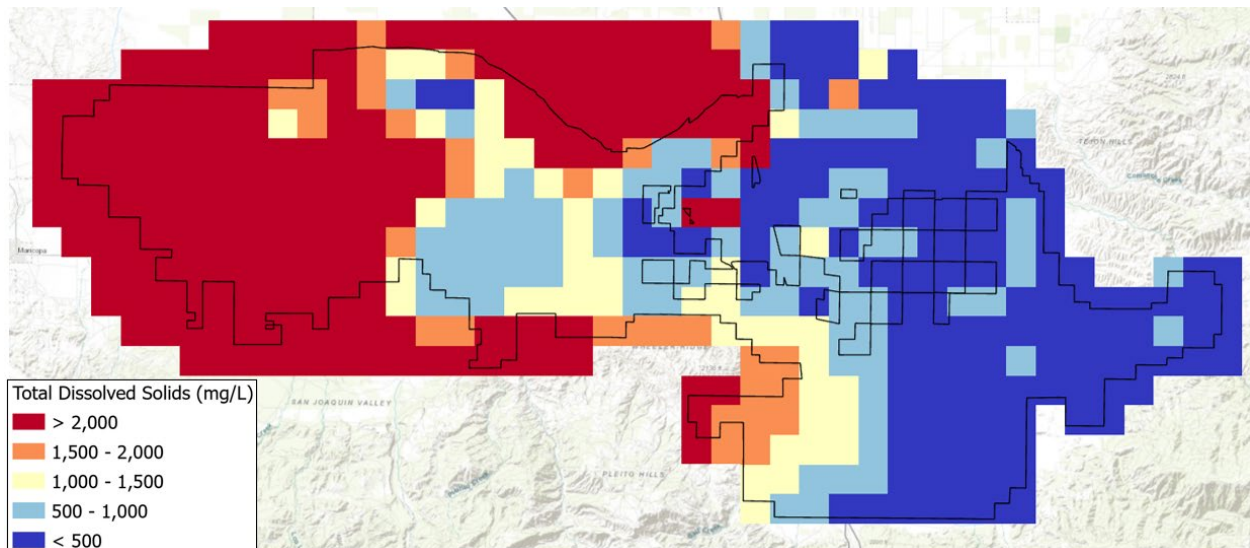


Figure 12. Total Dissolved Solids Concentration

To calculate overall recharge suitability for each cell, all cells with perched water or with a main water table 600 ft bgs or more were excluded and assigned a score of zero. The remaining numeric criteria were then averaged with equal weight, and the resulting scores were scaled from one to 100. Cells with a score of zero or one were considered the least suitable for recharge, and cells with a score of 100 were considered the most suitable. **Figure 13** below shows the final recharge suitability score. Based on the multi-criteria mapping exercise, the most suitable areas of the District for managed aquifer recharge are located in the main portion of the White Wolf Subbasin, and along selected stretches of the California Aqueduct, including near Old River Road and Schallock Road.

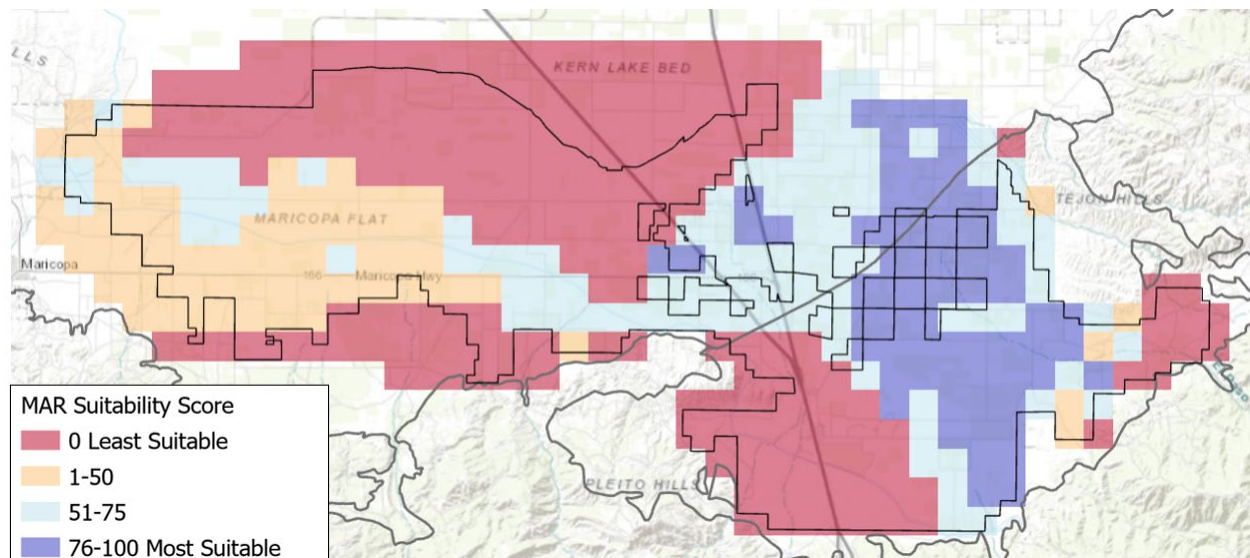


Figure 13. Managed Aquifer Recharge Suitability Score

5. LIMITATIONS AND POTENTIAL FUTURE REFINEMENTS

The Model was developed primarily relying on transcribed lithologic data from WCRs. However, there are some data gaps that exist whereby subsurface units are inferred based on a spatial interpolation between available WCRs. Further refinements to the Model could include digitizing and incorporating additional WCRs, oil well logs from California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM)¹¹, or e-Logs in data gap areas to further refine the Model interpolation.

The recharge suitability assessment relied on a coarse grid and an equal weighting of all five criteria in the recharge suitability score. Additionally, the recharge suitability assessment relied on data as of Fall 2023. Future refinements to the assessment could include refining the grid cell size, specifying a depth range of interest for calculating coarse fraction, adding user-defined weighting factors to the criteria, updating datasets through current conditions, and incorporating a subsidence criterion.

6. ACCESSING THE MODEL

A Leapfrog Viewer copy of the Leapfrog Model has been provided for future reference. This is a read-only copy of the Model and associated reference materials for comparison, which can be viewed, rotated, sliced, and separated into individual components in three dimensions. A data description document is provided along with the Viewer file explaining each component and documenting sources. To view the Model, download the Leapfrog Viewer software¹², and create a free Seequent account. The Viewer file can then be accessed by launching Leapfrog Viewer, clicking “Open Scene”, then navigating to the file. When Leapfrog Viewer launches, a browser window will appear prompting you to log into your account and check out a Viewer license for a selected number of days. There is no charge to check out the license, and any number of days may be selected.

¹¹ <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx>

¹² <https://www.seequent.com/products-solutions/leapfrog-viewer/>

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◀ WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA GSA ▶

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: November 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Sharing Agreement

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 and into 2026. The various consultants working for the various groundwater sustainability agencies within the subbasin are currently coordinating task orders to assist the subbasin in implementation.

In October the Board approved, and if necessary, authorized 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). Since that time it was determined that additional work should be included in the task order/agreement for 2026 as well.

With that, please find attached the KERN SUBBASIN GSP COST SHARING AGREEMENT (25-01). Included in the Agreement are six task orders for the various work associated with the Agreement (individual task orders are available upon request). The additional 2026 work adds an additional approximately \$280 thousand to the previously approved amount.

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 Board President to execute the Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Sharing Agreement at a total cost not to exceed \$721,925 (WRMGSA's share \$32,815) and subject to final approval of the Engineer-Manager and District Counsel.

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**KERN SUBBASIN GSP
COST SHARING AGREEMENT (25-01)**

This Cost Sharing Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on _____ by and among the following Groundwater Sustainability Agencies ("GSAs") and Management Areas located within the Kern Subbasin, each a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties":

South of Kern River GSA Group

1. Arvin GSA
2. Wheeler-Ridge Maricopa GSA
3. Tejon-Castac Water District GSA

Kern River GSA

4. Kern Delta Water District
5. City of Bakersfield
6. KCWA Improvement District No. 4

North Central Kern GSA Group

7. Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District GSA
8. Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District GSA
9. Shafter-Wasco 7th Standard Annex
10. North Kern Water Storage District GSA
11. Cawelo Water District GSA

12. Semitropic Water Storage District GSA

13. West Kern Water District GSA

14. KCWA - Pioneer GSA

15. Kern Water Bank Authority GSA

16. Kern-Tulare Water District GSA

17. Eastside Management Area

18. Westside District Water Authority GSA

19. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District GSA

20. Henry Miller Water District GSA

21. Olcese Water District GSA

22. Buena Vista GSA

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, prior to the State Water Resources Control Board's ("SWRCB") hearing on the Kern Subbasin, held on September 17, 2025, the Parties collectively revised and submitted Groundwater Sustainability Plans ("GSPs") for the Kern Subbasin to satisfy the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA");

WHEREAS, following the September 17, 2025 hearing, the SWRCB recommended that the Kern Subbasin be returned to oversight by the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") provided the Kern Subbasin addresses issues identified by the SWRCB;

WHEREAS, several Parties will retain consultants to perform the work necessary to meet the requirements for returning to DWR oversight, with each consultant engaged under a separate agreement with its respective Party;

WHEREAS, the total cost of the consultant work is estimated to be Seven Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$721,925), as set forth in the scopes of work attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibits A through F** (collectively, the "Scopes of Work");

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that sharing the costs associated with this process is beneficial and cost-effective;

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to appoint Buena Vista Water Storage District as the custodian of the shared funds for the purpose of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT TERMS:

1. Cost Sharing: The Parties agree to collectively share the total cost of \$721,925 for the Scopes of Work, with each Party contributing an equal 1/22 share of the total cost. The Parties will contribute their share of the total cost over two cash calls with the first occurring this year to cover the work to be completed in 2025 and a future cash call to cover the work done in 2026. A Party must timely complete its cost-share contribution before it is entitled to joint ownership of work product under paragraph 7.

2. Payment to Buena Vista Water Storage District: The Parties shall deposit their respective contributions with Buena Vista Water Storage District, which will serve as the custodian of the funds. In order for a Consultant's fee to be eligible for cost sharing under this Agreement, it must be consistent with the Scopes of Work, and the Consultant must be under contract with at least one Party. Consultant invoices will be sent directly to the contracting Party, and a copy of each invoice shall be forwarded to Buena Vista Water Storage District for payment following review by the Parties for consistency with the scopes of work. The Plan Manager will facilitate the Parties' timely review of invoices.

3. Accounting: Buena Vista Water Storage District shall maintain accurate accounting records and other documentation pertaining to all monies concerning this Agreement. Such records and documentation shall be kept at Buena Vista Water Storage District's office during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of three (3) years from the date the final invoice is received from any of the Parties. Buena Vista Water Storage District shall, at any time during regular business hours, make available to any requesting Party the accounting records pertaining to that requesting Party.

4. Amendments: This Agreement may only be amended in writing and signed by all Parties hereto.

5. Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

6. Joint Ownership of Work Product: All work product generated pursuant to this Agreement shall be jointly owned by the Parties so that each will have access and ability to utilize said work product.

7. Electronic Signatures: Electronic signatures shall be binding.

EXECUTION:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Cost Sharing Agreement as of the date first above written.

[Signature Block for Each Entity]

Arvin GSA

Derek Yurosek, Director

Wheeler-Ridge Maricopa GSA

Dennis Atkinson, President

Tejon-Castac Water District GSA

Angelica Martin, Board Secretary

Kern Delta Water District

Rodney Palla, Board Chair

City of Bakersfield

Bob Smith, City Councilmember

KCWA Improvement District No. 4

Wesley Shryock, General Manager

Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District	Roland Gross, General Manager
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District GSA	Randy Bloemhof, Board Member
Shafter-Wasco 7 th Standard Annex	Randy Bloemhof, Board Member
North Kern Water Storage District GSA	Kevin Andrew, Board President
Cawelo Water District GSA	David Halopoff, Assistant General Manager
Semitropic Water Storage District GSA	Dan Waterhouse, Board President
West Kern Water District GSA	Greg A. Hammett, General Manager
KCWA - Pioneer GSA	Lauren Bauer, Water Resources Manager
Kern Water Bank Authority GSA	Joseph Butkiewicz, General Manager
Kern-Tulare Water District GSA	Skye Grass, General Manager
Eastside Water Management Area	Chad Hathaway, President
Westside District Water Authority GSA	Mark Gilkey, Executive Director

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District GSA

Dan Bartel, Engineer-Manager

Henry Miller Water District GSA

Jeof Wyrick, President, Chairman

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James L. Nickel, President

Buena Vista GSA

Terry Chicca

Tim Ashlock, Engineer-Manager

Kern Subbasin Cost Share Agreement (25-01)

	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Base Agreement (25-01):	11/1/2025	\$721,925.00

Exhibit A - Subsidence Monitoring Program:

Aquilogic:	10/1/25 - 3/31/26	\$66,700.00
EKI:	10/1/25 - 12/31/26	\$149,700.00
Intera:	10/1/25 - 3/31/26	\$85,928.00
Todd GW:	10/1/25 - 3/31/26	\$34,700.00
		\$337,028.00

Exhibit B - Data Gaps Analysis and Well Inventory:

LSCE:	10/1/25 - 12/31/25	\$67,000.00
GEI:	10/1/25 - 12/31/25	\$23,640.00
		\$90,640.00

Exhibit C - Water Quality Monitoring / Well Mitigation Program:

Kahn, Soares & Conway	10/1/25 - 12/31/25	\$40,500.00
		\$40,500.00

Exhibit D - Outreach and Engagement:

Intera:	10/1/25 - 9/30/26	\$87,000.00
		\$87,000.00

Exhibit E - Annual Report Prep / Support:

Todd GW:	10/1/25 - 4/30/26	\$92,700.00
GEI:	10/1/25 - 4/30/26	\$40,000.00
		\$132,700.00

Exhibit F - Kern Subbasin POC/Plan Manager:

Rincon	10/1/25 - 12/31/25	\$34,057.00
		\$34,057.00

Total:		\$721,925.00
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Exhibit A - Subsidence Monitoring Program:

Aquilologic:	10/1/25 - 3/31/26	\$66,700.00
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Todd GW:	10/1/25 - 3/31/26	<u>\$34,700.00</u>
		\$337,028.00

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: November 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of EKI Task Order for SOKR GSP Implementation Support

Please find attached the November 5, 2025 proposal to the Engineer-Manager from Anona Dutton of EKI entitled *South of Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Support October 2025 through December 2026*. (The proposal is addressed to the Engineer-Manager as the District acts as the fiscal agent for the SOKR GSP Executive Committee.)

EKI provides administrative and technical support to the SOKR GSP Executive Committee and its member GSA's (Arvin GSA, Tejon-Castac Water District GSA, and the WRMGSA). The proposal is for \$205,700 in total, of which the WRMGSA's share is \$68,567. This proposal will be considered at the next SOKR Executive Committee meeting on November 20.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the attached proposal entitled *South of Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Support July through December 2024* with EKI at a total cost of \$205,700.

5 November 2025

Sheridan Nicholas
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
12109 Hwy 166
Bakersfield, CA 93313

Subject: South of Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Support October 2025 Through December 2026
Kern County Subbasin, Kern County
(EKI C20055.14)

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWSD, District, or Client) has requested that EKI Environment and Water, Inc. (EKI) prepare a scope to support Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities for the South of Kern River (SOKR) Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). The Client approved a previous Task Order, dated 7 March 2025, that covered SOKR GSAs GSP Implementation Support through September 2025. This Task Order extends the scope of the previous agreement and covers SOKR GSAs GSP implementation activities from October 2025 through December 2026.

BACKGROUND

In December 2024, Arvin GSA, Arvin Community Services District, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA, and Tejon-Castac Water District (TCWD) GSA (collectively, the SOKR GSAs), amended a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) detailing coordinated GSP implementation. The SOKR GSAs are covered by the 2025 Kern County Subbasin GSP, which was adopted in August 2025. The 2025 Plan, composed of seven GSPs (inclusive of the Kern County Subbasin GSP and six “blue page” GSPs) and one coordination agreement, has been submitted to the SWRCB for their review. The SWRCB Board adopted Resolution 2025-0029 during the 17 September 2025 probationary hearing, directing SWRCB staff to review the adopted 2025 Plan, and if the three priority deficiencies have been satisfactorily resolved, return the Kern County Subbasin (Basin) to California Department of Water Resources (DWR) oversight.

The Sustainable Groundwater management Act (SGMA) requires that GSAs continue to implement an adopted GSP even prior to approval by DWR. Therefore, the SOKR GSAs must continue to implement the adopted 2025 Plan. Key aspects of Plan implementation to occur in the remainder of 2025 and extend through 2026 include: (1) Monitoring, Data Collection and Data Gap Filling; (2) Projects & Management Action (P/MA) Implementation; (3) Intrabasin Coordination; (4) Stakeholder Engagement; (5) Reporting; and (6) Enforcement and Response Actions. As described in the MOA, each of the three GSAs is responsible for implementing the GSP within its respective GSA area, bearing its own costs with respect to activities and responsibilities under the MOA, and no GSA will implement the GSP within any other GSA’s area without consent. Therefore, the Scope of Work below does not address these GSA-specific efforts but is rather focused exclusively on coordinated SOKR work efforts related to GSA administration,

intra-basin coordination, GSP implementation, and coordination with other Subbasin GSAs related to GSP implementation.

SCOPE OF WORK

The tasks listed below are to: (1) facilitate coordination and administration of the SOKR GSAs, (2) provide as-needed GSP implementation support, (3) review compliance against Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs), and (4) provide project management through 31 December 2026.

Task 1 – GSA Coordination and Administration

EKI will support the SOKR GSAs to coordinate, participate in, and manage the following SOKR meetings scheduled through 31 December 2026, including development of meeting agendas, as-needed PowerPoint presentations, meeting minutes, as-needed meeting packet memoranda, and supporting documents:

- Up to 14 SOKR Managers meetings. EKl has assumed virtual attendance of two staff at all SOKR Managers meetings. It is assumed that these meetings will be one hour in length and will include discussion of key technical matters, as well as development of agendas for the SOKR Executive Committee meetings.
- Up to five (5) quarterly SOKR Executive Committee meetings. EKl has assumed virtual attendance of up to three staff at the Executive Committee meetings, and that these meetings will be two hours in length.

EKI assumes that the SOKR GSAs will maintain and post Executive Committee materials to both the SOKR GSP website and their own individual GSA websites. EKl will work with the SOKR GSAs to ensure Executive Committee meeting materials are posted to websites consistent with Brown Act noticing requirements.

Task 2 – As-Needed GSP Implementation Support

Task 2 involves intrabasin coordination and ongoing SOKR-specific technical support with coordinated GSP implementation. Under Task 2, EKl will support the SOKR GSAs' involvement with Subbasin-wide activities that are not eligible for Subbasin cost share, which could include tasks such as:

- Attendance at Subbasin coordination meetings with other Kern Subbasin GSAs, including attendance at Basin Study update meetings and as-needed support and attendance at Kern Subbasin coordination committee meetings and managers meetings. EKl has assumed virtual attendance of up to two staff and/or support at up to 29 meetings, and that these meetings will be two hours in length.
- Review of the Basin Study and associated IWFM-Kern representation of the SOKR GSAs area.
- Review of Water Year 2025 Annual Report.
- Attendance at Subbasin subcommittee meetings in which EKl is not a technical leader. EKl has assumed virtual attendance of up to two staff at up to 14 meetings, and that these meetings will be two hours in length.

- Draft and final review of deliverables from subcommittees in which EKI is not a technical leader. EKI has assumed up to two hours per month for deliverables review.
- Attendance at meetings with DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Office. EKI has assumed virtual attendance of up to two staff at two meetings, and that these meetings will be two hours in length.

Services under this task will be performed on an as-needed and as-requested basis, and will be charged on a time and materials basis.

Task 3 – SMC Compliance Tracking

Task 3 involves ongoing data review collected at the Representative Monitoring Sites (RMS) and tracking against SMCs for the Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels, Degraded Water Quality, and Land Subsidence sustainability indicators. Specifically, under Task 3, EKI will:

- Conduct quality assurance and quality control (QAQC) checks on water level and water quality data collected and provided by the SOKR GSAs, and enter data into the SOKR GSAs Access database.
- Support the SOKR GSAs with entry of data into the Kern Data Management System (DMS), as needed, and confirm the Kern DMS data is consistent with the SOKR GSAs Access database. EKI has assumed support for Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Fall 2026 upload events.
- Produce monthly groundwater level SMCs compliance maps.
- Produce semi-annual water quality chemographs and SMC compliance tables.
- Produce quarterly land subsidence SMC compliance charts comparing RMS sites against InSAR data, using the SMC compliance chart template produced by the Subbasin Subsidence Subcommittee.
- Develop an SMC Compliance Dashboard, which digitizes the maps, charts, and tables into one centralized interactive repository.

Assumptions

- EKI will present options for Dashboard development, including open source, commercial platforms, or a combination of both. EKI will discuss with the District on licenses needs, if any, for the Dashboard, but will not procure or maintain these licenses for the District. EKI will provide the District with estimates for the expected costs to procure, host, and maintain the Dashboard.
- Once the Dashboard is fully functional, monthly level of effort will be reduced to only QAQC checks and Access database uploads.

Task 4 – Project Management

EKI will provide project management and as-needed consultation services during the GSP implementation process. This task includes coordination and communications with the SOKR GSAs, and project management services by EKI including the preparation of invoices and coordination of staff.

PERSONNEL

EKI's staff members who will lead this project include Anona Dutton, P.G., C.Hg. (Officer) and Christina Lucero, P.G. (Senior 2); grades in parentheses are for purposes of billing in accordance with the attached Schedule of Charges (see attached). Other EKI staff members will be assigned to assist with the performance of the tasks as required to meet project commitments.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All work performed by EKI under this Task Order will be performed pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of our existing Agreement with Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District.

COMPENSATION

Inasmuch as the exact level of effort required to complete the above Scope of Work cannot be known precisely, EKI proposes to perform the work on a time and materials expense reimbursement basis in accordance with our current Schedule of Charges (Attachment A). The estimated budget for this scope of work is \$205,700 (see also Table 1). We will inform you if the level of effort exceeds this anticipated amount.

Table 1. Estimated Budget

TASK	Cost Estimate
Task 1 – GSA Coordination and Administration	\$30,800
Task 2 – As-Needed GSP Implementation Support	\$88,900
Task 3 – SMC Compliance Tracking	\$76,200
Task 4 – Project Management	\$9,800
TOTAL:	\$205,700

SCHEDULE

Upon authorization to proceed, EKI is prepared to start work on the above Scope of Work immediately. This Scope of Work will cover work efforts conducted from 1 October 2025 through 31 December 2026. EKI will inform the SOKR GSAs of any issues that arise that may affect the schedule for completion or impact the anticipated level of effort.

We are happy to discuss the proposed approach and anticipated level of effort for these tasks in more detail with you and look forward to working with you on this important project. If this Task Order meets with your approval, please sign where noted below and return a fully executed copy to our office to confirm authorization to proceed. Please call if you have any questions or wish to discuss this proposal in greater detail.

Sheridan Nicholas
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
5 November 2025
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Very truly yours,

EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER, INC.



Anona L. Dutton, P.G., C.Hg.
Vice President / Principal-In-Charge

AUTHORIZATION
WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT (CLIENT)

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

Attachments

Schedule of Charges, dated 1 January 2025

Client/Address: Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
12109 Hwy 166
Bakersfield, CA 93313



Proposal/Agreement Date: 11/5/2025

EKI Proposal/Project # C20055.14

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER, INC.

1 January 2025

<u>Personnel Classification</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Officer and Chief Engineer-Scientist	355
Principal Engineer-Scientist	343
Supervising I, Engineer-Scientist	333
Supervising II, Engineer-Scientist	319
Senior I, Engineer-Scientist	306
Senior II, Engineer-Scientist	295
Associate I, Engineer-Scientist	283
Associate II, Engineer-Scientist	267
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 1	248
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 2	234
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 3	215
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 4	193
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 5	170
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 6	148
Project Assistant	139
Technician	133
Senior GIS / Database Analyst	175
CADD Operator / GIS Analyst	152
Senior Administrative Assistant	167
Administrative Assistant	132
Secretary	111

Direct Expenses

Reimbursement for direct expenses, as listed below, incurred in connection with the work will be at cost plus fifteen percent (15%) for items such as:

- a. Maps, photographs, reproductions, printing, equipment rental, and special supplies related to the work.
- b. Consultants, soils engineers, surveyors, drillers, laboratories, and contractors.
- c. Rented vehicles, local public transportation and taxis, travel, and subsistence.
- d. Special fees, insurance, permits, and licenses applicable to the work.
- e. Outside computer processing, computation, and proprietary programs purchased for the work.

A Communication charge for e-mail access, web conferencing, cellphone calls, messaging and data access, file sharing, local and long distance telephone calls and conferences, facsimile transmittals, standard delivery U.S. postage, and incidental in-house copying will be charged at a rate of 4% of labor charges. Large volume copying of project documents, e.g., bound reports for distribution or project-specific reference files, will be charged as a project expense as described above.

Reimbursement for company-owned automobiles, except trucks and four-wheel drive vehicles, used in connection with the work will be at the rate of sixty cents (\$0.60) per mile. The rate for company-owned trucks and four-wheel drive vehicles will be seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per mile. There will be an additional charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per day for vehicles used for field work. Reimbursement for use of personal vehicles will be at the federally allowed rate plus fifteen percent (15%).

CADD and other specialized software computer time will be charged at twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour. In-house material and equipment charges will be in accordance with the current rate schedule or special quotation. Excise taxes, if any, will be added as a direct expense.

Rate for professional staff for legal proceedings or as expert witnesses will be at a rate of one and one-half times the Hourly Rates specified above.

The foregoing Schedule of Charges is incorporated into the Agreement for the Services of EKI Environment & Water, Inc. and may be updated annually.



KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center

3200 Rio Mirada Drive
Bakersfield, California 93308

Notice of BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 23, 2025

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

Access Code: 863-465-805#

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/863465805>

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. Two potential suits
 - 3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code section 54956.8):
 - a. Negotiator: Water Resources Manager
Property: State Water Project Water
Parties: California Department of Water Resources and State Water Project Contractors
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms
 - 4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6):
Agency designated representatives: Gene Lundquist and James Ciampa
Unrepresented employee: 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. 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 –
Regular Board Meeting September 25, 2025
2. Payment of the Bills
3. Authorization to Execute an Agreement Among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District and Kern County Water Agency for Transfer and Storage of a Portion of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's State Water Project Water in Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District's Water Banking and Exchange Program, SWP #25032
4. Authorization to Execute an Agreement for a Transfer of Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's 2025 State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency, SWP #25037
5. Authorization to Execute an Agreement for a Transfer of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's 2025 State Water Project Table A Water to Dudley Ridge Water District and Kern County Water Agency, SWP #25038

IX. 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. Financial Report
3. Treasury Report
4. Consideration and Possible Approval of Employment Contract with General Manager

B. POLICY COMMITTEE – Director Milobar, Chair

1. Update on Delta Conveyance Activities
2. Update on Legislative Activities
3. Authorization to Retain a State Water Project Consultant

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
5. Authorization to Execute the Kern County Water Agency Agreement Regarding Onyx Project Coordination
6. Sustainable Groundwater Management
 - a. Update on the Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency

D. WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Director Kroeker, Chair

1. Report of the Engineering and Groundwater Services Manager
 - a. Update on Groundwater Banking Construction/Maintenance Projects
2. Report on 2025 Water Operations
3. Report on Kern Water Bank Activities
4. Authorization to Amend the 2025 Pioneer Project Budget
5. North Pioneer West Basin Weir Plan
 - a. Authorization to Execute the Notice of Award for the North Pioneer West Basin Weir Plan Project – Contract No. KCWA 2025-05
 - b. Authorization to Retain a Construction Management Services Consultant for the North Pioneer West Basin Weir Plan Project
 - c. Authorization to Retain a Material Testing Services Consultant for the North Pioneer West Basin Weir Plan Project

E. CROSS VALLEY CANAL COMMITTEE – Director Lundquist, Chair

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
 - a. Update on Cross Valley Canal Construction/Maintenance Projects
2. Report on Cross Valley Canal Operations and Deliveries
3. Authorization to Request Proposals for the Flow Meter Study for Conveyance Facilities of the Cross Valley Canal and Banking Projects

F. URBAN BAKERSFIELD COMMITTEE – Director Wulff, Chair

1. Report of the Improvement District No. 4 Manager
 - a. Report on the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting
2. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2025 Water Supply and Management Plan
3. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant

X. Correspondence

XI. Brief Report on Potential New Business

XII. 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 October 17, 2025.


Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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

KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY



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

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 3:15 PM

**Kern Water Bank Authority Conference Room¹
1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500, Bakersfield, California**

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

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approval of September 9, 2025, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Authorization to Pay Expenses of Authority

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

5. Consider Rescheduling the November Regular Board Meeting

Resolution Required

6. 2026 Capital Improvements Budget and 2026 G&A Budget Amendment

The Board will review and consider approval of proposed capital improvements budget for the 2026 fiscal year and an amendment to the 2026 G&A budget.

7. Strand Ranch Joint Use of Facilities and Encroachment Permit Agreements

The Board will consider approval of Joint Use of Facilities and Encroachment Permit agreements, providing for KWBA's construction of a turnout, removal of a siphon, and joint use of facilities on and adjacent to the Strand Ranch property, determined exempt from CEQA review by KWBA Staff, and authorizing filing of a notice of exemption.

8. Retirement Plan Amendments

The Board will consider approval of amendments to the KWBA's 457(b) and 401(a) retirement plans.

9. KWBA Use Fees

Consider approval of updated use fee schedule.

10. Reports/Other Action Items

A) Staff Report

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

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

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

B) Directors, Counsel and Committee Reports

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

- (1) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee

11. Old Business

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

12. New Business

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

13. Public Input

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

14. Closed Session

- A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1)).

- (1) Various Applications to appropriate Kern River water, complaint and related proceedings before the State Water Resources Control Board.

- B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4). Two potential litigations.

- C) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2). Two potential litigations.

- D) Conference with Real property Negotiator – Gov. Code section 54956.8.

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist

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

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

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Irvine Ranch WD/Rosedale Rio-Bravo WSD
Property: Strand Ranch - Encroachment Permit and Joint Use Agreement

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

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Pioneer Project
Property: Nord Turnout

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

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: KWBA and PG&E
Property: APN#s 160-030-03, 160-030-09, 160-020-05 and 160-020-07

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

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Tricor Energy, LLC
Property: Kern Water Bank Lands – Renewal of Various Easement and License Agreements

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

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Irvine Ranch WD/Rosedale Rio-Bravo WSD
Properties: Kern Water Bank Land - Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project Conveyance

15. Reconvene and Report from Closed Session (Gov't Code section 54957.1)

16. Adjourn

KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

To: KWBA Board of Directors; Steve Torigiani

From: KWBA Staff

Date: October 14, 2025

Subject: Monthly Status Report

CALENDAR

KWBA (and KWB GSA Regular) Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled for November 4, 2025 (3:15 P.M.).

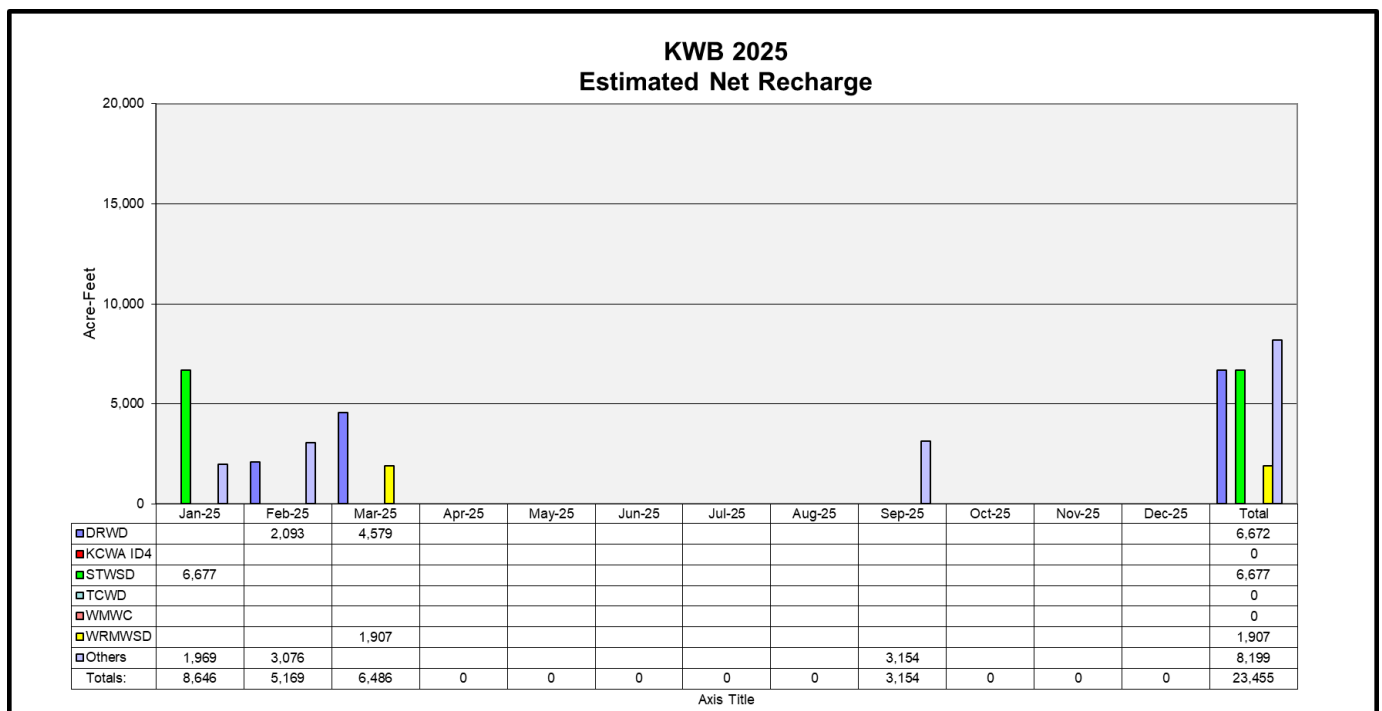
OPERATIONS

Recharge

Recharge activities for WKWD (8,000 AF) started on September 8, 2025 for a total of 3,154 acre feet. Recharge activities for KWB participants started on October 1st, 2025 for STWSD (5,000 AF) and on October 6, 2025 for WRMWSD (2,275 AF). Current flow is 185 cfs.

Recovery

No current recovery operations.



FACILITIES

Facilities Maintenance

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

Vegetation Management and Grazing

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

THIRD PARTIES

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

ENVIRONMENTAL – GENERAL AND HCP ISSUES

Conservation Bank

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

Capitalized Maintenance Program

Construction of replacement turnouts is currently in progress.

Replacement Wells

No current wells being replaced.

Well Rehabilitation and Repairs

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

Basin 11

The KCWA has provided execution copies of the previously-approved Basin 11 agreements. There were a couple typographical errors in each of the agreements that KWBA made KCWA aware of on or about August 27, 2025, and KWBA is waiting for new execution versions to be provided by KCWA staff. Once said agreements are executed, KCWA will grant the conveyance easement to KWBA, and KWBA will enter

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

Strand Siphon Replacement and Joint Use of Facilities Agreements

The KWBA Board of Directors will be asked to approve final joint use and encroach permit agreements for this project. KWBA staff has determined to be exempt from CEQA review pursuant to the CEQA Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 categorical exemptions, and legal counsel has prepared a Notice of Exemption for filing should the Board approve the project agreements.

Enos Lane Culvert

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Power Update

White Pine Renewables has prepared for the KWBA a proposed 5MW purchase power agreement (PPA) that included both solar and batteries. ThinkWire has performed a thorough analysis of the proposed PPA and will make a presentation to the KWBA Board at the October 14th board meeting. The KWBA NEM2 application must be submitted to the PG&E CAISO cluster study in October 2026. TotalEnergies is assisting in that process.

Data Management Progress

WH Automation and has completed the installation of the control panels on twenty wells and is progressing at a rate of about two wells a week. Communications Enterprises Inc. (CEI) is continuing the installation of the water bank communications backbone and is installing the communication equipment at individual well sites. The KWBA has submitted its first PG&E automation incentive application for fifteen wells and will submit additional applications as wells are completed.

Loan Refinancing

Meetings with the four banks chosen to submit proposals for the refinancing of the KWBA term debt continue. All four banks have requested financial information and are in the process of preparing term sheets.

Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency



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

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
Kern Water Bank Authority Conference Room¹
1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500, Bakersfield, California

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

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Consider Approval of September 9, 2025 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**
3. **Consider Approval of September 2025 Treasurer's Report**
4. **Consider Authorizing Payment of September 2025 Expenses**
5. **Consider Rescheduling the November Regular Board Meeting**
 Resolution Required
6. **Reports and Other Action Items**
 - a. Kern County Subbasin Amended GSP
 - b. SWRCB Notice of Continued Public Hearing Re Proposed Designation of Subbasin as a Probationary Basin
 - c. Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
 - d. SGMA Compliance
7. **New Business**
8. **Public Comment**
9. **Closed Session Item Descriptions (Gov. Code, § 54956.8):**
 - a. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Litigation:

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- i. Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(2) [Potential: Significant Exposure to
a. Litigation]: One Item.
- ii. Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(4) [Potential: Initiation of
a. Litigation]: One Item.

10. Reconvene and Report from Closed Session (Gov't. Code section 54957.1)

11. Adjourn

KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY



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

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 3:15 PM
Kern Water Bank Authority Conference Room¹
1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500, Bakersfield, California

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

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approval of October 14, 2025, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Authorization to Pay Expenses of Authority

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

5. White Pine Renewables Non-Binding Term Sheet and Reimbursement Agreement

The Board will review and consider approval of White Pine Renewables non-binding term sheet and reimbursement agreement regarding potential solar project.

6. Reports/Other Action Items

A) Staff Report

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

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

B) Directors, Counsel and Committee Reports

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

- (1) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee

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7. Old Business

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

8. New Business

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

9. Public Input

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10. Closed Session

- A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1)).

(1) Various Applications to appropriate Kern River water, complaint and related proceedings before the State Water Resources Control Board.

- B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4). Two potential litigations.
- C) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2). Two potential litigations.
- D) Conference with Real property Negotiator – Gov. Code section 54956.8.

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

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

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Irvine Ranch WD/Rosedale Rio-Bravo WSD
Property: Strand Ranch - Encroachment Permit and Joint Use Agreement

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

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist

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

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

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: KWBA and PG&E
Property: APN#s 160-030-03, 160-030-09, 160-020-05 and 160-020-07

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

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Tricor Energy, LLC
Property: Kern Water Bank Lands – Renewal of Various Easement and License Agreements

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

KWBA Representative: General Manager and Geologist
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Irvine Ranch WD/Rosedale Rio-Bravo WSD
Properties: Kern Water Bank Land - Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project
Conveyance

11. Reconvene and Report from Closed Session (Gov't Code section 54957.1)

12. Adjourn

KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

To: KWBA Board of Directors; Steve Torigiani

From: KWBA Staff

Date: October 14, 2025

Subject: Monthly Status Report

CALENDAR

The KWBA December 2025 Regular Board of Directors' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2025 (3:15 P.M.).

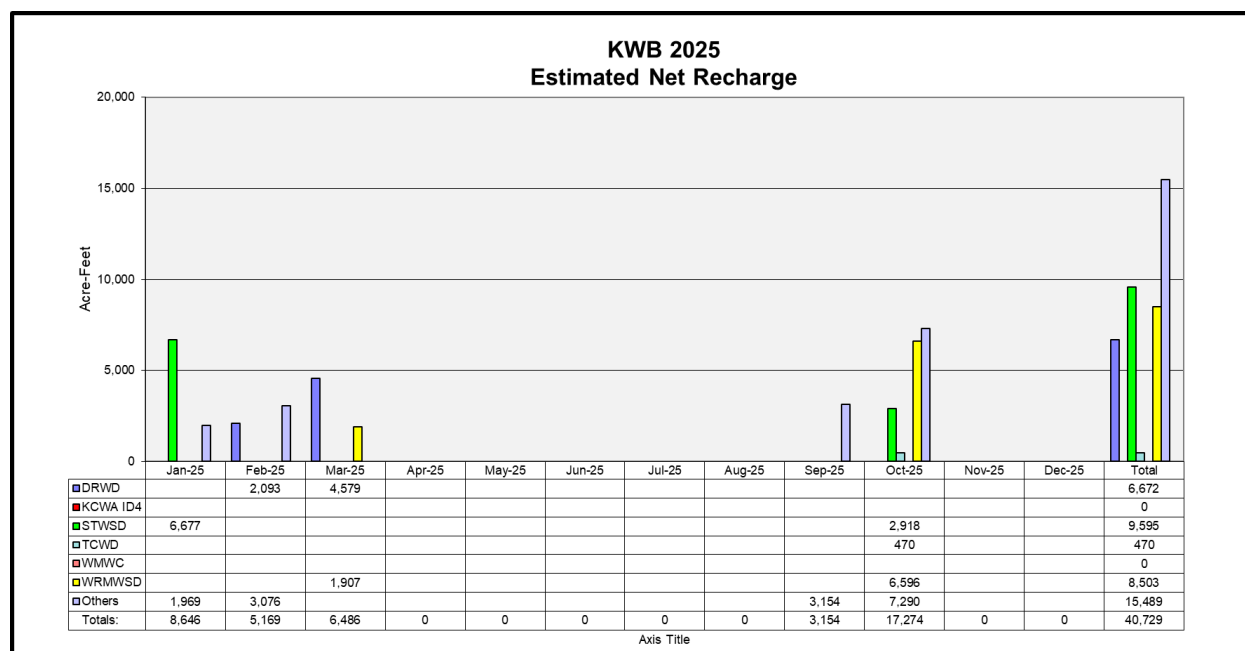
OPERATIONS

Recharge

Recharge activities for WKWD (11,491 AF) started on September 8, 2025 for a total of 3,154 acre feet in September and 7,290 acre feet in October 2025. Recharge activities for KWB participants started on October 1st, 2025 for STWSD (10,000 AF) and on October 6, 2025 for WRMWSD (10,275 AF) and October 17, 2025 for TCWD (500 AF). Current flow is 305 cfs between the KWB Canal and CVC.

Recovery

No current recovery operations.



FACILITIES

Facilities Maintenance

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

Vegetation Management and Grazing

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

THIRD PARTIES

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

ENVIRONMENTAL – GENERAL AND HCP ISSUES

Conservation Bank

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

Capitalized Maintenance Program

Construction of replacement turnouts is currently in progress.

Replacement Wells

No current wells being replaced.

Well Rehabilitation and Repairs

There are no current well rehabilitation activities underway. Electrical work on four of the nine wells that were vandalized due to copper wire is complete. The remaining five wells are scheduled for repairs starting the first week of November 2025.

Basin 11

The KCWA has provided execution copies of the previously-approved Basin 11 agreements. There were a couple typographical errors in each of the agreements that KWBA made KCWA aware of on or about August 27, 2025, and KWBA is waiting for new execution versions to be provided by KCWA staff. Once said agreements are executed, KCWA will grant the conveyance easement to KWBA, and KWBA will enter

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

Strand Siphon Replacement and Joint Use of Facilities Agreements

At the October Board of Directors' meeting, the KWBA Board of Directors approved these agreements subject to some requested revisions to the joint use and encroach permit agreements for this project. Those revisions have been communicated to Irvine Ranch Water District and Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District, and KWBA staff are waiting for a response.

Enos Lane Culvert

A geotechnical study report was submitted to Caltrans, and we have received approval and a permit from Caltrans. The KWBA is currently utilizing the Enos Lane culvert for recharge activities so construction will be delayed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Power Update

White Pine Renewables has prepared for the KWBA a proposed 5MW purchase power agreement (PPA) that included both solar and batteries. ThinkWire has performed a thorough analysis of the proposed PPA and presented their analysis to the KWBA Board at the October 14th board meeting. ThinkWire was asked to expand their analysis to consider a larger range of potential electrical rate escalations and will present its analysis to the Board at the November 4th meeting. White Pine Renewables has prepared a non-binding term sheet and reimbursement agreement for the Board to consider approving at the November 4th KWBA board meeting. The KWBA NEM2 application must be submitted to the PG&E CAISO cluster study in October 2026. TotalEnergies is assisting in that process.

Data Management Progress

WH Automation and has completed the installation of the control panels on twenty four (24) wells and is progressing at a rate of about two (2) wells a week. Communications Enterprises Inc. (CEI) is continuing the installation of the water bank communications backbone and is installing the communication equipment at individual well sites. The KWBA has submitted its first PG&E automation incentive application for (15) fifteen wells and will submit additional applications as wells are completed.

Loan Refinancing

Meetings with the four banks chosen to submit proposals for the refinancing of the KWBA term debt continue. All four banks have requested financial information and are in the process of preparing term sheets.

Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency



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

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
Kern Water Bank Authority Conference Room¹
1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500, Bakersfield, California

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

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Consider Approval of October 14, 2025 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**
3. **Consider Approval of October 2025 Treasurer's Report**
4. **Consider Authorizing Payment of October 2025 Expenses**
5. **Consider Approving and Authorizing Execution of Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Sharing Agreement**
6. **Reports and Other Action Items**
 - a. Kern County Subbasin Amended GSP
 - b. Transition from SWRCB to DWR
 - c. Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
 - d. SGMA Compliance
7. **New Business**
8. **Public Comment**
9. **Closed Session Item Descriptions (Gov. Code, § 54956.8):**
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10. Reconvene and Report from Closed Session (Gov't. Code section 54957.1)

11. Adjourn

KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY (FORMERLY KERN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY)

3200 Rio Mirada Drive Bakersfield, CA 93308

Meeting of the Board of Directors

October 27, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87916828311?pwd=MXovFd9w4lFdX8AnOTJBubbKBaglaC.1>

Telephone Dial-in: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 879 1682 8311

Password: 795650

KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

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

1. Roll Call- Quorum Determination.

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

2. Flag Salute

3. Public Input

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4. Approval of Minutes

- a. *September 22, 2025 (Jenny)

5. Financial Report

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

6. Administration

- a. Executive Director Report (Jenny)
- b. Landowner Assessment Ad Hoc (Jenny)
- c. Nov/ Dec Meeting Schedule

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. Statewide Update

10. New Business

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- 11. Correspondence**
 - 12. Closed Session**
 - a. KNDLA Assessment
 - 13. Adjournment**

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White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda
November 4, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.

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

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

Or Virtual Option:

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

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Recognition of Guests**
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 2, 2025**
- 5. Financial Accounting Report (Robert Velasquez)**
- 6. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Implementation Round 2 grant update (Angelica Martin)**
- 7. Updates on actions discussed or authorized on September 2, 2025 (EKI)**
 - a. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities
 - i. September and October 2025 groundwater levels
 - ii. Dedicated monitoring wells installation
 - b. Periodic Evaluation and GSP Amendment (“5-year update”)
 - i. Proposed revised Sustainable Management Criteria for RMW-WWB-010
 - ii. Water budget review
 - c. Projects and Management Actions (P/MAs)
 - i. Land use changes
 - ii. 850 Canal-South Canal intertie
 - iii. In-lieu expansion

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

Agenda
November 4, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.

8. Correspondence

9. Public Comment

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

10. Consider and provide direction on future agenda items

11. Closed Session – Anticipated litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))—1 item.

12. Report out of Closed Session

13. Adjourn

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EKI TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

WHITE WOLF GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
4 NOVEMBER 2025



OUTLINE

- Updates on GSP implementation activities:
 - September and October groundwater levels
 - Replacement monitoring wells installation
- Periodic Evaluation and GSP Amendment:
 - Proposed revised Sustainable Management Criteria for RMW-WWVB-010
 - Water budget review
- Updates on Projects and Management Actions (P/MAs)

UPDATES ON GSP IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

RMW-WL HYDROGRAPHS

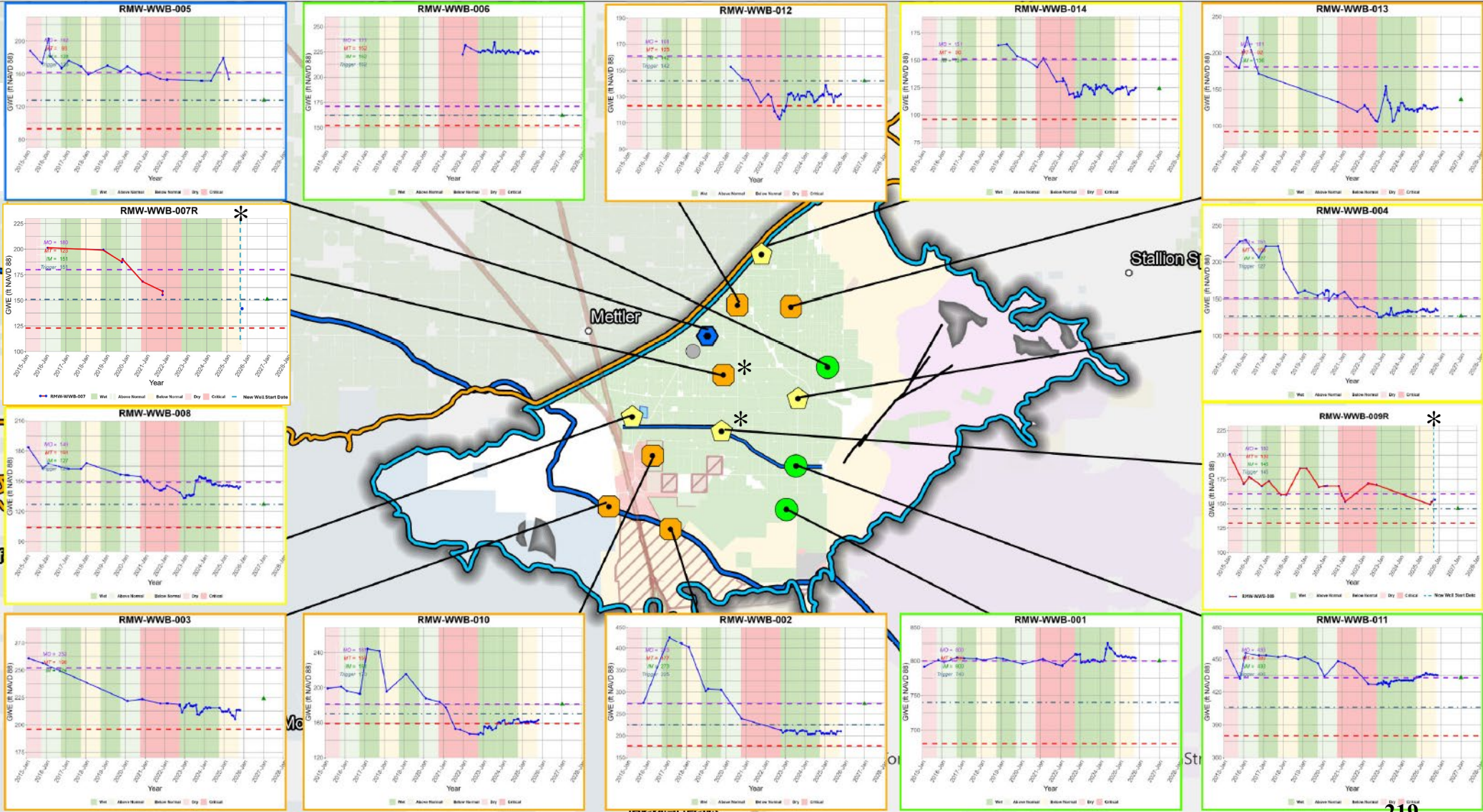
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- Water Level Above MO (3 or 21%)
- Water Level Between MO and MT but above IM (4 or 28%)
- Water Level Between MO and MT but below IM (6 or 42%)
- Water Level Below MT (0)
- No Water Level Measurement (1 or 7%)

- Old RMW-WL
- Mettler Recharge Project
- Groundwater Subbasin
 - White Wolf (DWR 5-022.18)
 - Kern County (DWR 5-022.14)

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OCTOBER 2025 MEASUREMENTS COMPARED TO

SMCs

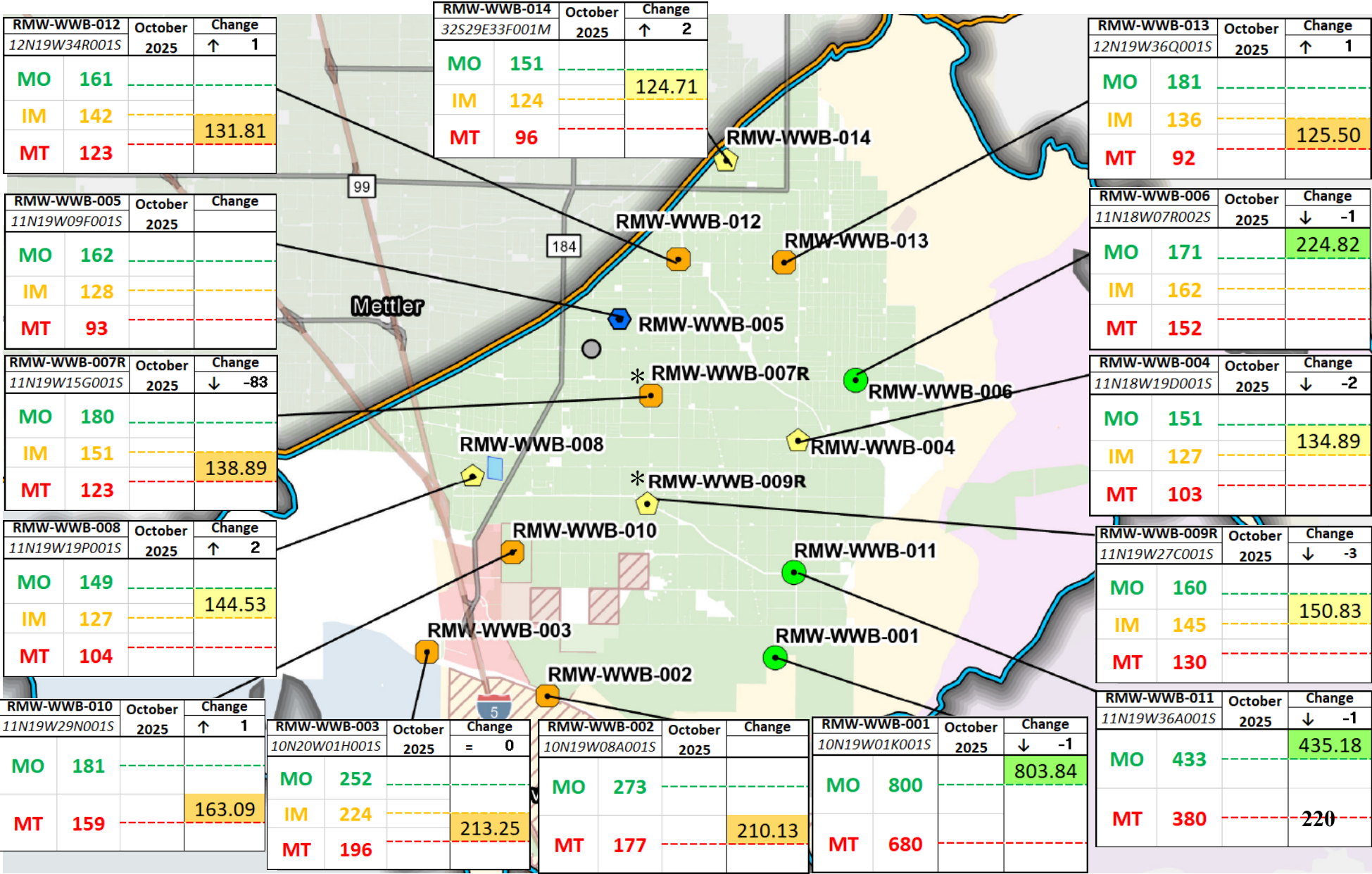
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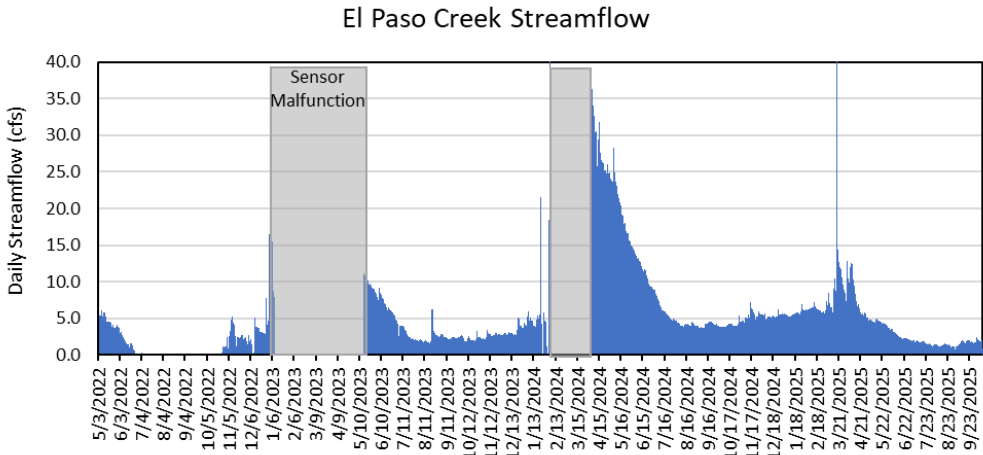
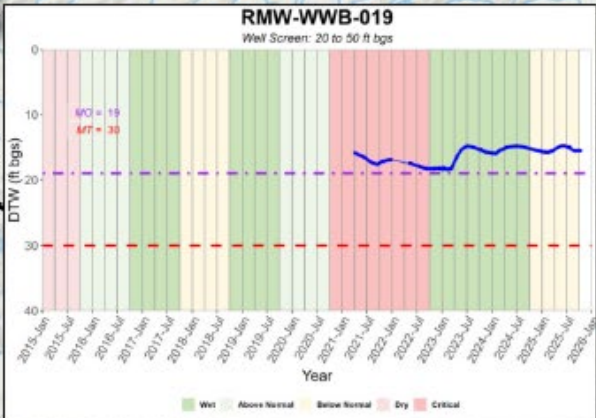
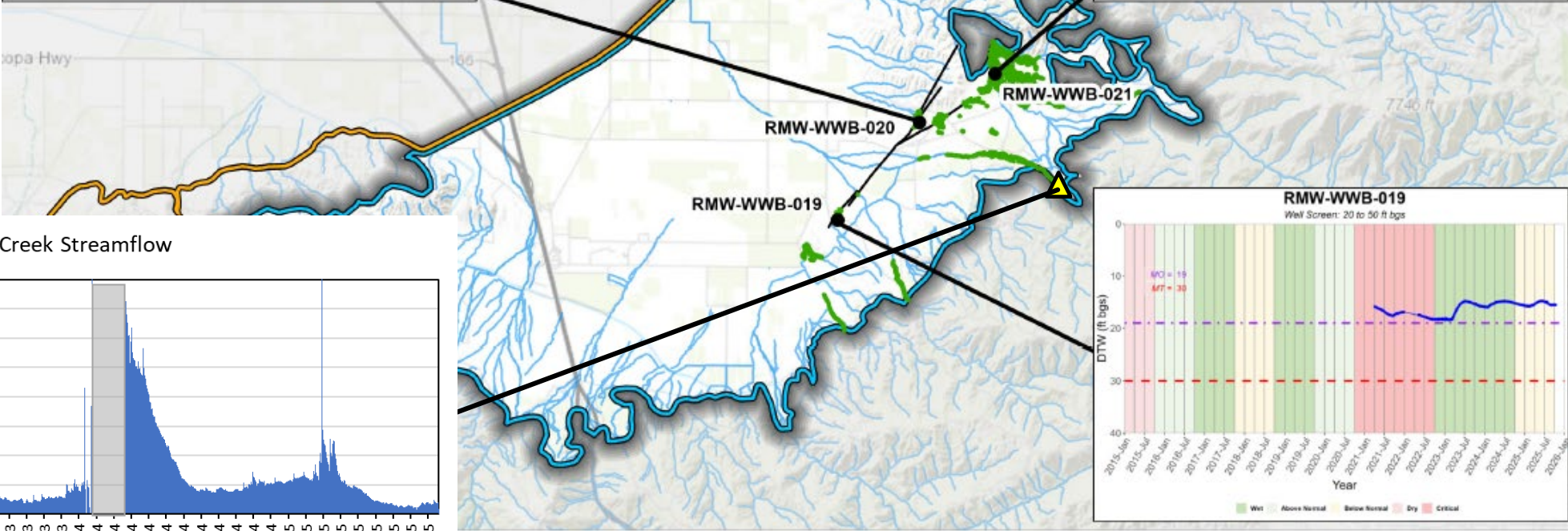
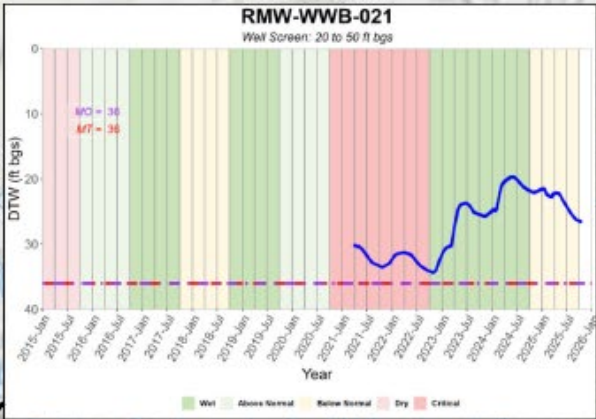
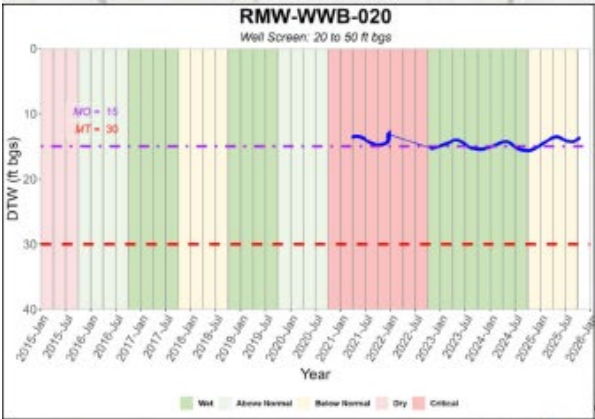
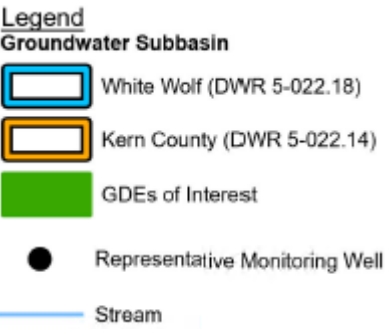
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- URs not occurring
- Where IM not shown, IM = MO



ISW-WL HYDROGRAPHS



5-YEAR UPDATE TO GDE ASSESSMENT

- Field biological survey conducted Oct 20-24th
 - Visually inspected and documented dominant vegetation species, presence of surface water, soil moisture, and field conditions at same locations visited in 2020
- Conducting desktop remote sensing analysis on GDE health
- Results will be documented in appendix to GSP, and support Interconnected Surface Waters sustainability indicator and associated Sustainable Management Criteria definitions

MONITORING WELL UPDATE

- RMW-WWVB-009R developed & completed
- RMW-WWVB-007R developed & completed
- RMW-WWVB-005R borehole abandoned

RMW-WWVB-009R
Flush Mount Completion



RMW-WWVB-007R
Monument Completion



RMW-WWVB-007R
Well Development



Board-approved Budget	\$1,200,000
Total Cost	\$1,063,000
Grant Funds	\$835,000
GSA Cost	\$228,000
Cost per District	\$76,000

RMW-WWB-005R CHALLENGES

- Driller lost circulation at approximately 500 feet below ground surface
- Driller re-mixed a thicker mud with LCM (lost circulation material) but after two days again lost circulation and experienced borehole instability, losing several hundred feet of borehole
- Success of reaching total depth at 700 feet unlikely
- Budget assessment was conducted; abandonment of borehole and re-drilling well in different location would have exceeded Board approved costs
- Borehole was abandoned under Kern County oversight, and permit closed out



RMW-WWB-005R OPTIONS

- Grant agreement that commits to “install and develop one to three monitoring wells” has been fulfilled
- Easement with landowner requires revision – new location or termination
- GSP / Periodic Evaluation / Annual Reports could continue to identify this as a data gap:
 - GSP commits to assessing the monitoring network every 5 years as part of the Periodic Evaluation
 - WY2023 and 2024 Annual Reports state GSA is working to replace defunct wells, with an expected completion in 2025
- DWR TSS grant no longer accepting applications for monitoring well installations; TSS grant could be used to video nearby existing converted monitoring wells, however well integrity & data reliability are questionable
- No other grant funding currently available for installation, however future potential with Prop 4 (anticipated next year)

PERIODIC EVALUATION AND GSP AMENDMENT

REFRESHER ON WATER LEVELS SMC APPROACH

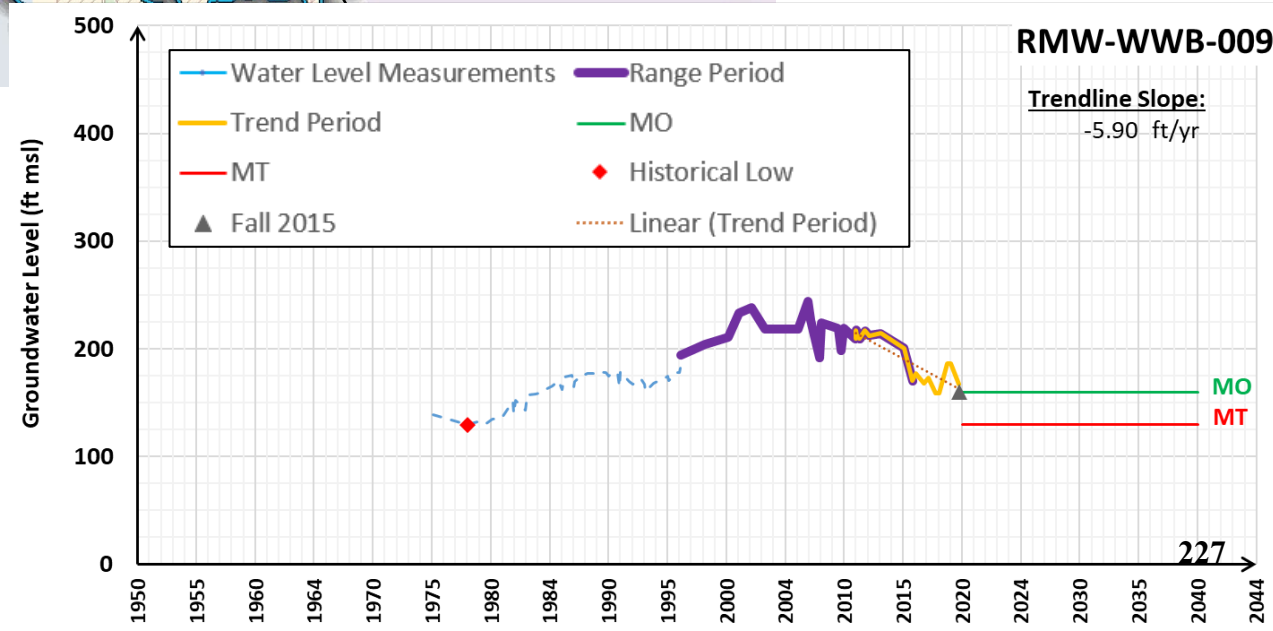
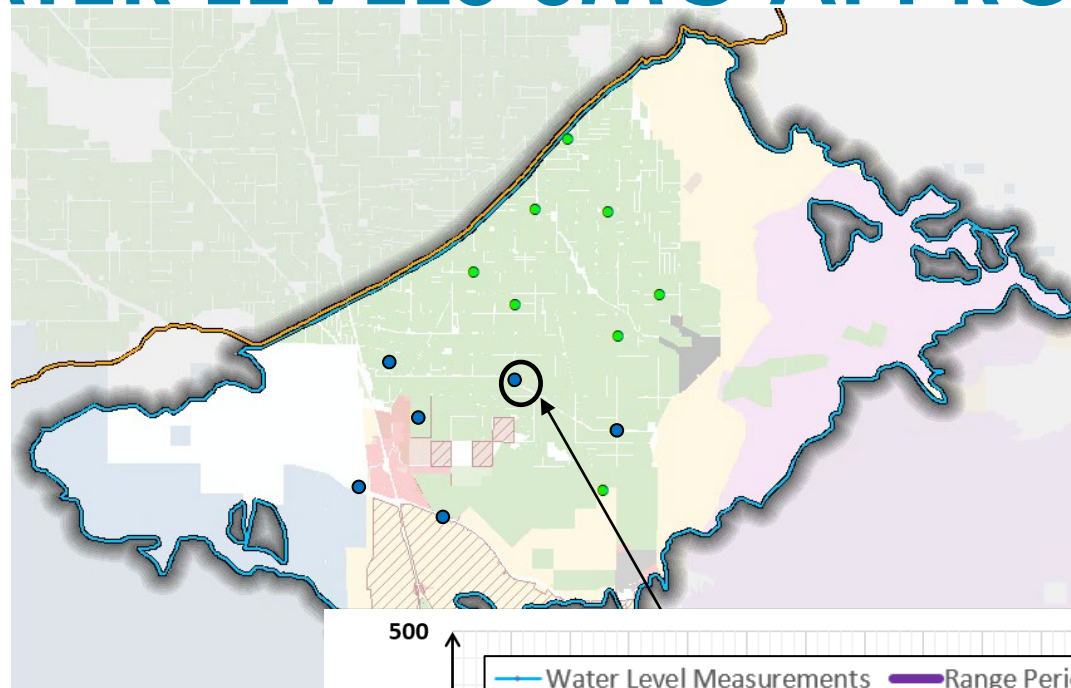
■ Minimum Threshold

- Minimum of:
 - Historical Low minus 25% range
 - Fall 2015 minus the greater of 25% range or 10-yr projected trend (2010-2019)
- 6 RMWs within 1 mile of CA Aqueduct or 850 Canal capped at historical low

■ Measurable Objective

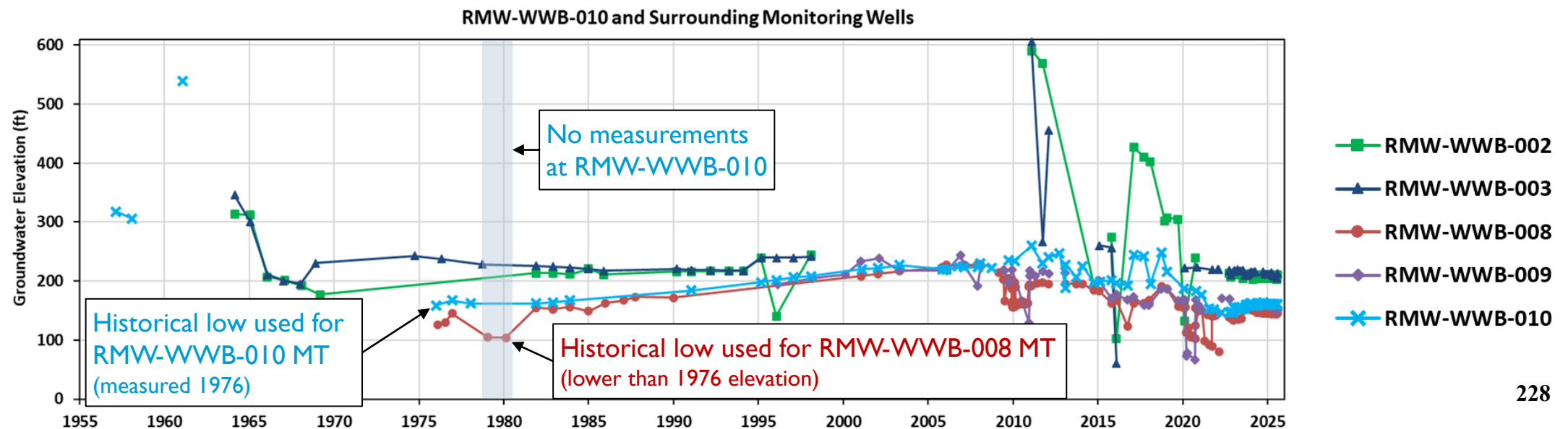
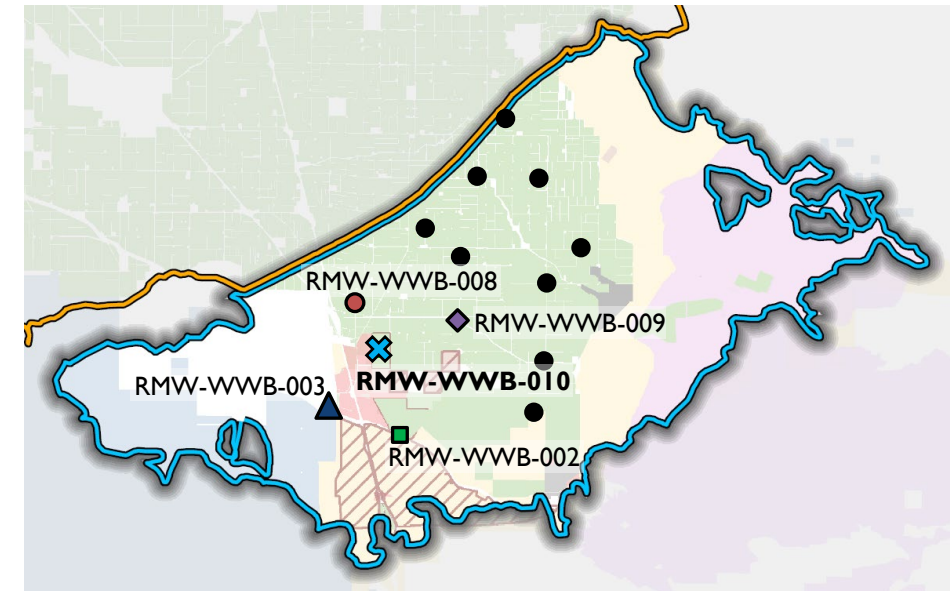
- Lower of Fall 2015 or Fall 2019, measured water levels when available or modeled when unavailable

● MT capped at historical low



RMW-WWB-010 GROUNDWATER LEVEL MT REVIEW

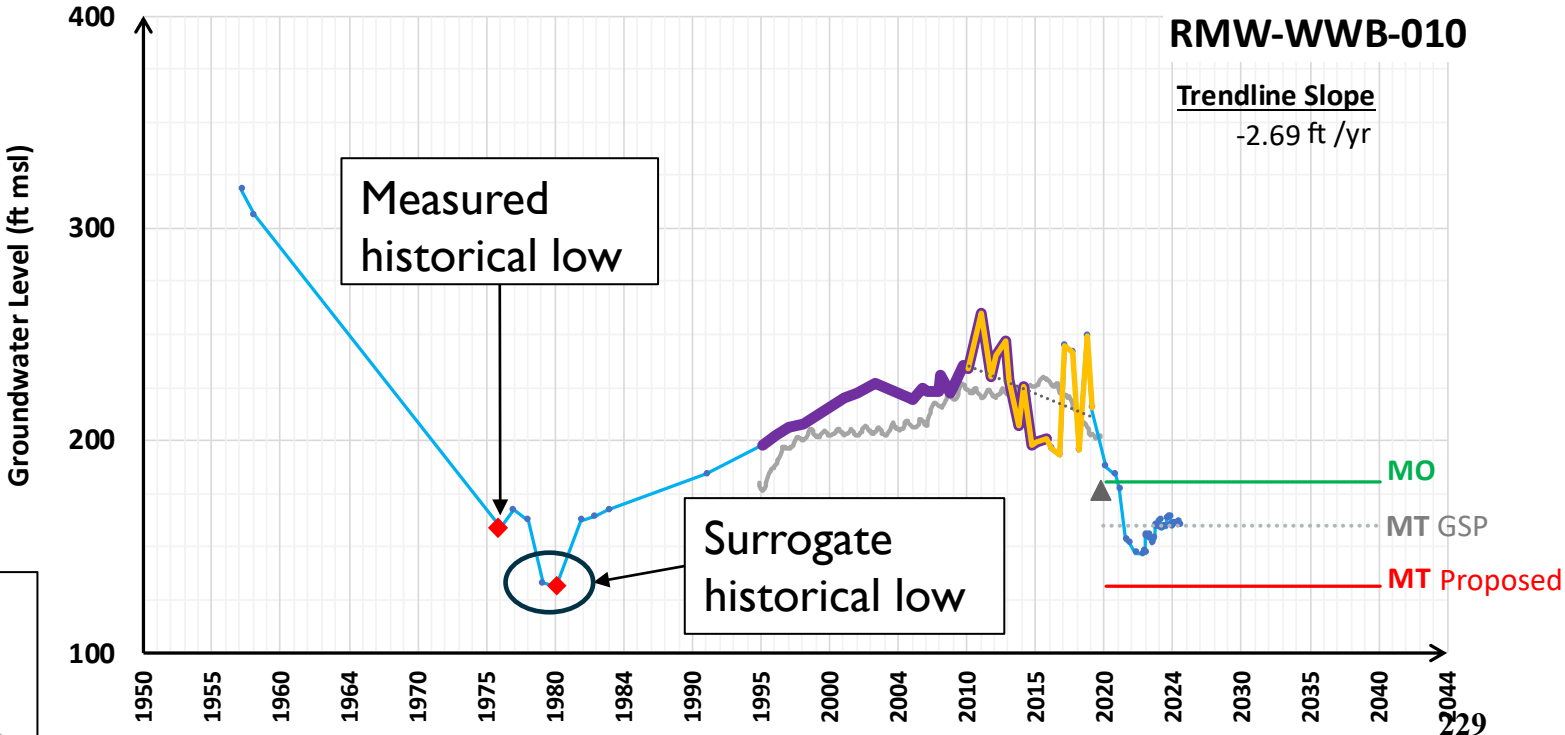
- MT is capped at historical low for subsidence considerations
- Triggered an MT exceedance investigation last year
 - Transects showed MT (historical low) may be slightly higher than adjacent wells
- Stacked hydrograph shows lack of data during historical low period measured in RMW-WWB-008 (1979-1980), although generally consistent trends



PROPOSAL FOR REVISED MT IN RMW-WWB-010

- Update MT calculation to use surrogate historical low value of 132 ft msl informed by nearby RMW-WWB-008
- May need to be revised for consistency with subsidence SMCs (subject to future analysis)

RMW-WWB-010	MT
2021 GSP	159
Proposed Revision	132
Change	-27



SUSTAINABLE YIELD (SY) CONSIDERATIONS

- Examined modeled water budget components in the **irrigated agricultural area** (~39,680 acres) from principal aquifer over various time periods
- Estimated SY from the model based on calculated pumping and modeled groundwater storage change ~ 1.0 AF/acre
- Pumping exceeds estimated SY by ~ 5,000 to 12,700 AFY (0.13 to 0.32 AF/acre)



WY Range	Time Period Relevance	Model Pumping	Model Change in Storage	Estimated Sustainable Yield*		Model Pumping	Model Pumping Exceeds Estimated SY	
		(AFY)	(AFY)	(AFY)	(AF/acre)	(AF/acre)	(AF/acre)	(AFY)
1995-2014	GSP – “Historical”	37,700	-2,300	35,400	0.89	0.95	0.06	2,300
2015-2019	GSP – “Current”	52,400	-12,700	39,600	1.00	1.32	0.32	12,700
1995-2024	Entire Model Period	41,800	-5,000	36,800	0.93	1.05	0.13	5,000
2020-2024	Last 5 Years	47,500	-7,700	39,800	1.00	1.20	0.19	7,700
2015-2024	Last 10 Years	49,900	-10,200	39,700	1.00	1.26	0.26	10,200
2010-2024	Last 15 Years	50,500	-10,500	40,000	1.01	1.27	0.26	10,500
2005-2024	Last 20 Years	47,700	-9,100	38,600	0.97	1.20	0.23	9,100
2000-2024	Last 25 Years	44,600	-6,600	38,000	0.96	1.12	0.17	6,600
2007-2024	Post-Wanger	50,800	-12,400	38,300	0.97	1.28	0.31	12,400

*calculated as +pumping + (+/-)change in storage

PROJECTED SCENARIOS IN GSP (WY 2020-2072)

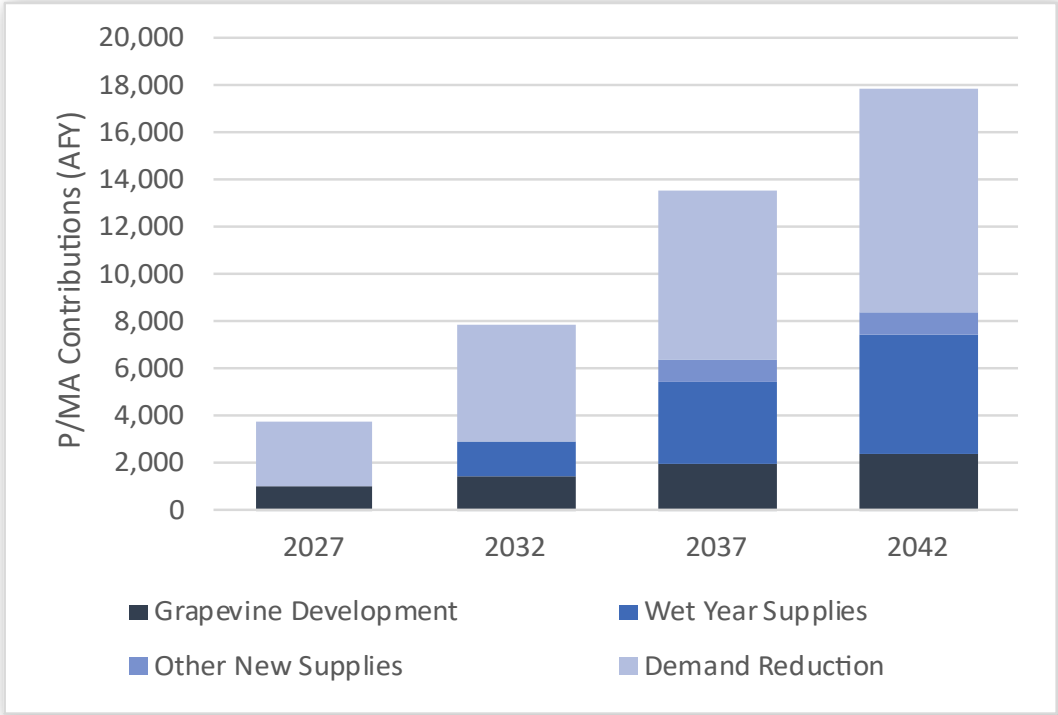
- Multiple future scenarios included in GSP:
 - Baseline
 - 2030 climate change
 - 2070 central tendency climate change
 - 2030 climate change with Grapevine
 - 2030 climate change with Grapevine & combined P/MAs (“Glide Path”)
- Repeat historical hydrology with climate change factors applied to precipitation & ET, and reduced reliability for imported surface water

Water Year	Projected	Actual
2020	Wet	Above Normal
2021	Above Normal	Critical
2022	Below Normal	Critical
2023	Wet	Wet
2024	Wet	Wet

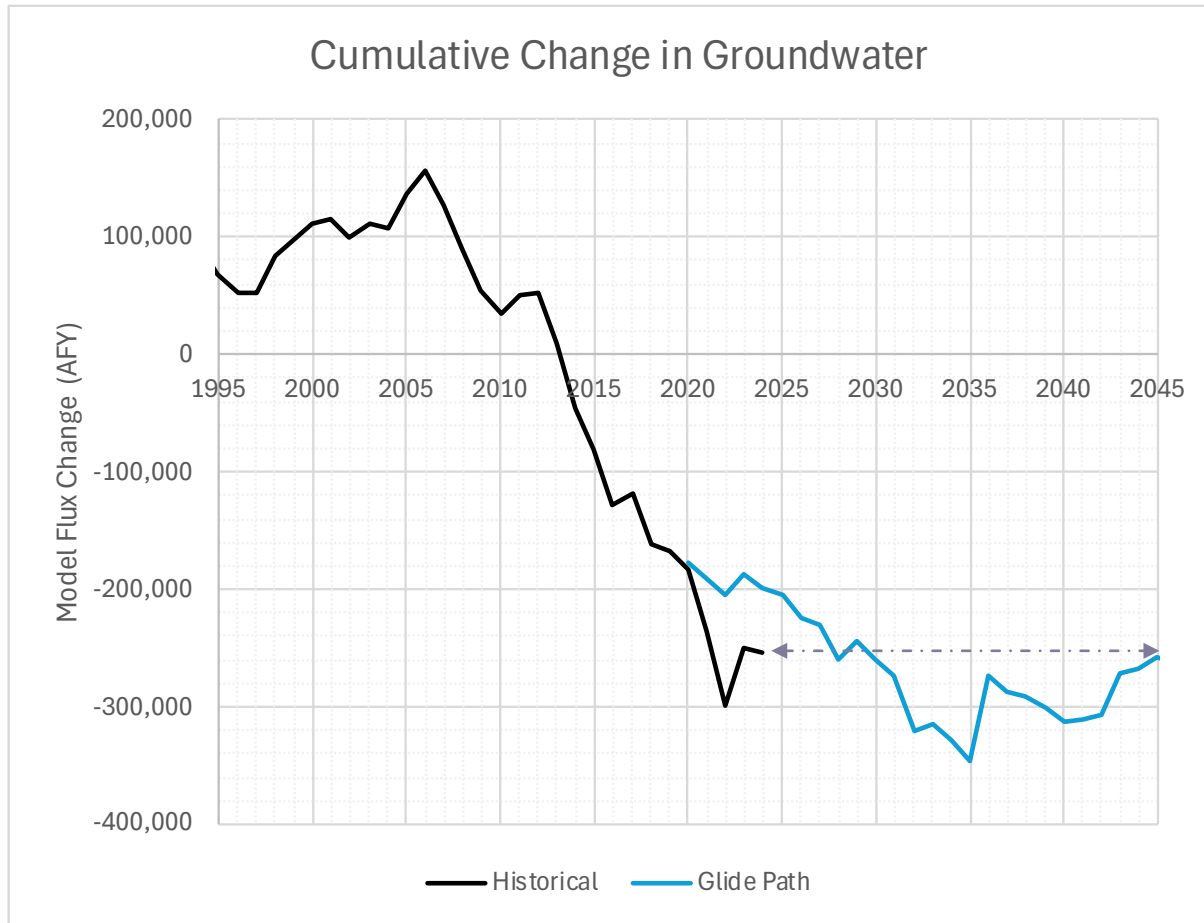
REFRESHER ON P/MAS TIMING - GLIDE PATH

Year	2027	2032	2037	2042
P/MA Contributions (AFY)				
Grapevine Development	1,000	1,400	1,900	2,400
Wet Year Supplies	0	1,500	3,500	5,000
Other New Supplies	0	0	1,000	1,000
Pumping Reduction	2,700	5,000	7,200	9,500
P/MA Total Contributions	3,700	7,900	13,600	17,900

- Designed to close projected groundwater storage deficit by 2042



WATER BUDGET COMPARISONS SUGGEST NEED FOR FASTER P/MA IMPLEMENTATION



- Updated historical model results indicate more storage loss and less recharge compared to the projected model “glide path” scenario (2020-2024)
- ~50,000 AFY storage deficit between 2024 and “glide path”
- 2042 goal can still be met, provided that storage declines do not continue

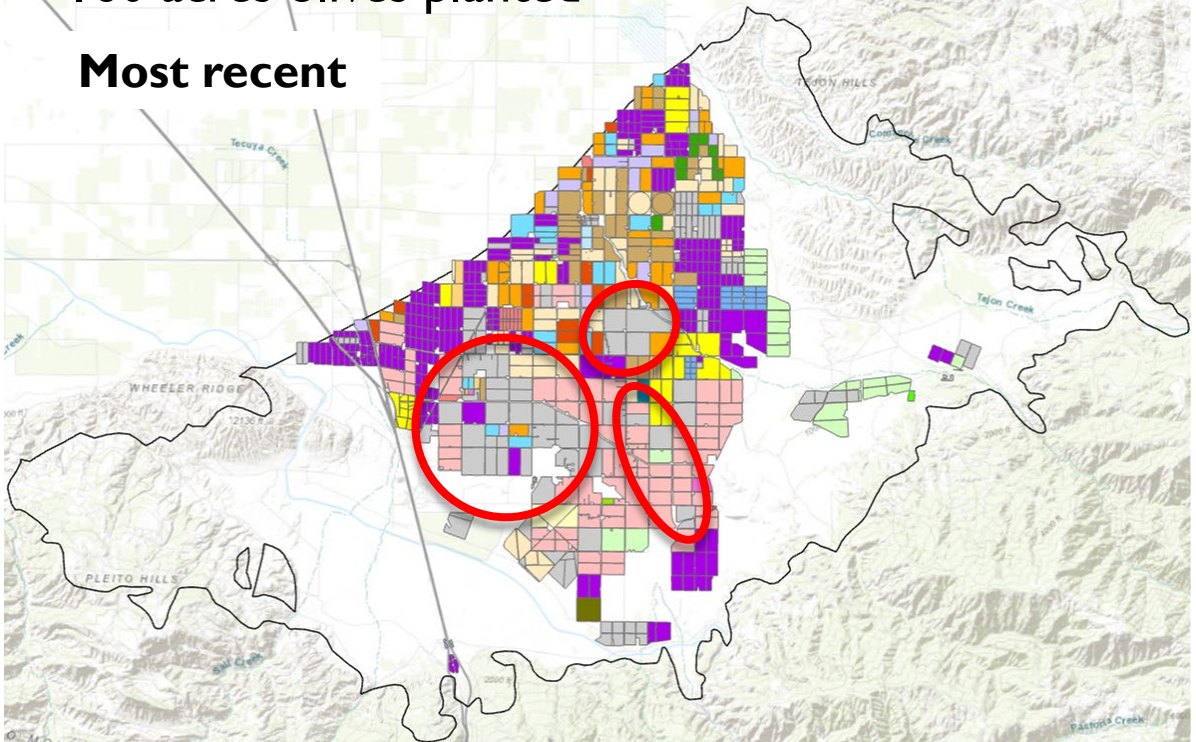
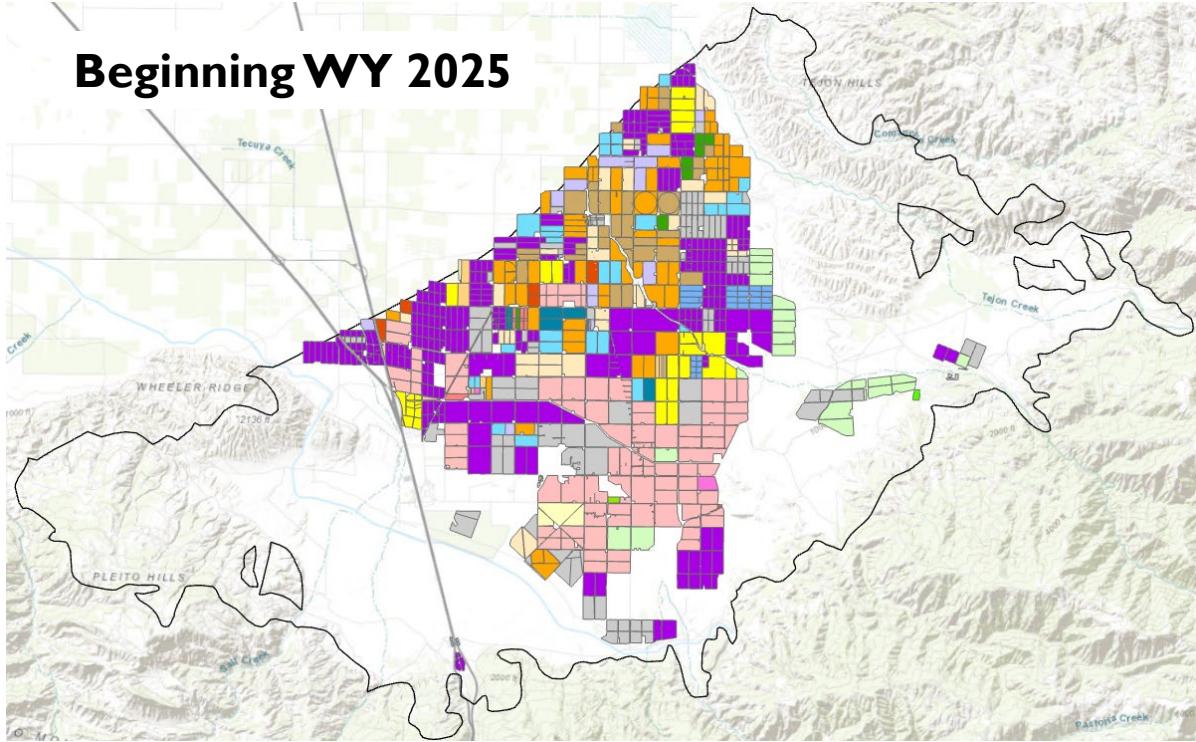
ONGOING UPDATES TO PROJECTED SCENARIOS

- Update land use assumptions and Grapevine development schedule
- Consider incorporation of updated SWP reliability assumptions that project future reliability under climate change and subsidence capacity constraints
 - Indicate 8% reductions currently modeled for 2070 climate change scenario conditions may need to be reduced to 13-22% (no future subsidence) or 18-87% (with future subsidence)
- Will revisit demand management timing assumptions once other updates have been completed

UPDATES ON P/MAS

2,800 ACRES OF PERMANENT CROPLAND FALLOWED

~760 acres almonds & 2,200 acres grapes fallowed
~160 acres olives planted



Land use (LandIQ)

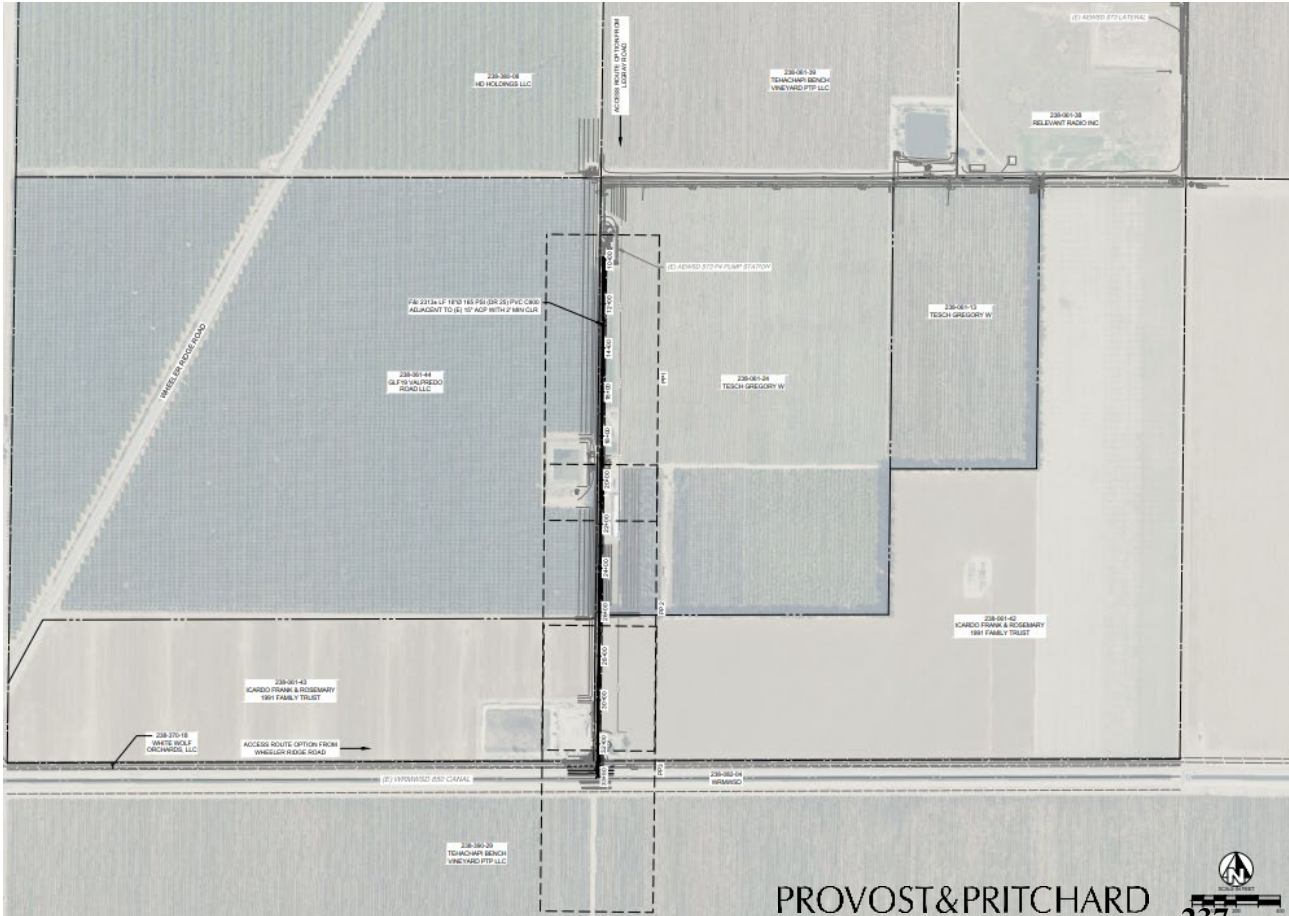
Cotton	Almonds	Cole Crops	Miscellaneous Deciduous	Peaches/Nectarines
Potatoes or Sweet Potatoes	Apples	Eucalyptus	Miscellaneous Grain and Hay	Peppers
Bush Berries	Carrots	Flowers, Nursery and Christmas Tree Farms	Miscellaneous Truck Crops	Pistachios
Cherries	Grapes	Greenhouse	Mixed Pasture	Tomatoes
Citrus	Lettuce/Leafy Greens	Olives	Onions and Garlic	Unclassified Fallow
				Young Perennials

ET on the recently fallowed parcels averaged ~7,000 AFY in WY 2021- 2024.

850 CANAL-SOUTH CANAL INTERTIE

Project Scope: Connect AEWSD and WRMWSD systems -- Construct approximately 2,350 feet of 18-inch C900 PVC pipe, and discharge into 850 Canal

Contractor:	Laurel-Ag & Water
Contract:	\$645,099
Total Complete to Date:	30%
Construction Start Date:	07/23/2025
Construction End Date:	12/01/2025



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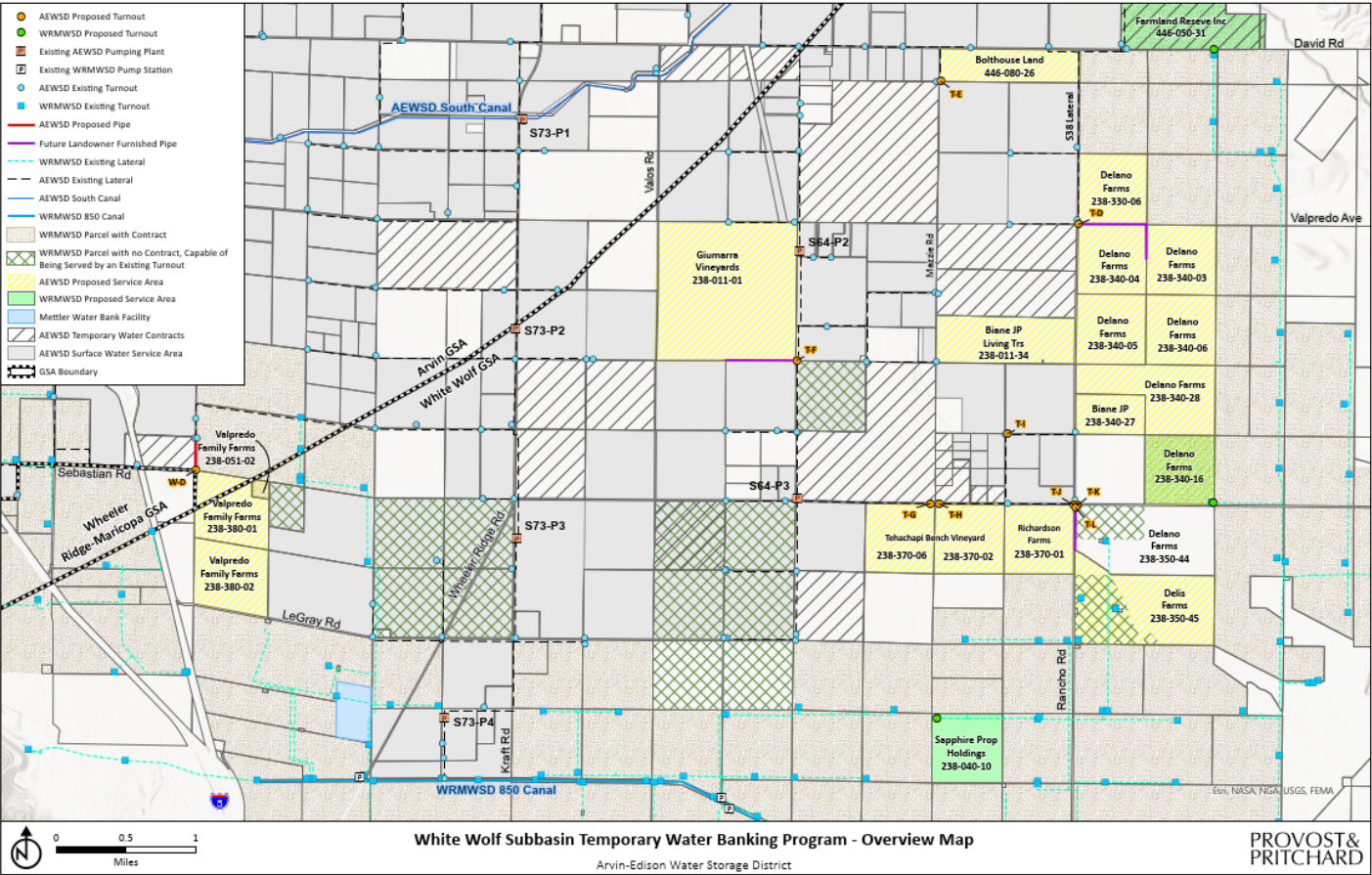


IN-LIEU EXPANSION TEMPORARY WATER BANKING PROGRAM

Project Scope: Construct ten (10) landowner pipeline turnouts with vertical propeller flow meters and appurtenances

Contractor:	Superior Ag Construction
Contract:	\$772,600
Total Complete to Date:	5%
Construction Start Date:	09/23/2025
Construction End Date:	12/31/2025

Notice to Proceed sent September 23rd



QUESTIONS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2025
Time: 1:30 P.M.
Location: Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD, 849 Allen Road, Bakersfield, CA 93314

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**
- 3. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. **APPROVAL of September 4, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes***
- 6. TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORT**
 - a. **September and October 2025 Accounts Payable/Receivable Ratification and Approval***
 - b. **KRWCA 2019-2024 Audited Financial Reports Review*: Danhira Millian and Scott Westall, BHK (Barbich, Hooper, King, Dill, Hoffman, LLP)**
- 7. KRWCA MANAGER REPORT/ILRP PROGRAM UPDATE**
 - a. **Administrative:**
 - i. Enrollment/Payment Update
 - ii. **GTM Demand Charge Reimbursement***
 1. **10043, KRWCA00026 & KRWCA00054, \$5,409.65**
 - iii. New Lease Options
 - b. **Outreach and Education:**
 - i. Grower Meetings Scheduled, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM: Zoom January 13, 2026, and In-Person January 15, 2026.
- 8. NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT ZONE**
 - a. **Kern Water Collaborative (KWC) Update:**
 - i. Application, Well Test and Water Delivery Update

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

By: Nicole M. Bell Date: November 3, 2025
Per Govt. Code § 54953.2 and § 54961, requests for a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to attend or participate in this meeting should be made to Nicole Bell (phone 661-616-6500) in advance of the meeting to ensure availability of the requested service or accommodation.



ii. Community Outreach and Engagement

1. <https://KWCMZ.org>

b. SGMA Coordination:

i. NGO/Non-Profit Monthly Coordination Meetings

ii. KMEC Member

9. REPORT OF PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP

a. General Program Updates

10. CV-SALTS www.cvsalinity.org

Manager Bell and Land IQ represent KRWCA at the Monthly CV-SALTS Meetings. Information related to CVSALTS is available at www.cvsalinity.org.

11. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

12. ATTORNEYS REPORT

13. CLOSED SESSION

a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

i. Pacific Coast Federation, etc., et al. v. Karl Stock, et al., U.S. Court of Appeal (9th Circuit), Case No. 23-15599.

b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation/Significant exposure to litigation-Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). One item.

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

15. KRWCA & KWC MEETING ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS – INFORMATION ITEM

a. 9/10, MZ Leadership Meeting

b. 9/10, CVSC Board Meeting

c. 9/11, CVSALTS Executive Committee/CVSC Board Meetings

d. 9/12, KWC Board Meeting

e. 9/15, CVGMC Meeting

f. 9/15, Kern Subbasin NGO/Non-Profit Monthly Meeting

g. 9/18, All CV ILRP Coalition's Meeting

h. 10/3, PEOC Meeting

i. 10/10, KWC Board Meeting

j. 10/14, All CV ILRP Coalition's Meeting

k. 10/14, KMEC Meeting

l. 10/15, MZ Leadership Meeting

m. 10/16, CVSALTS Executive Committee/CVSC Board Meetings

n. 10/20, CVGMC Meeting

o. 10/21, SWB MZ Briefing

p. 10/26, All CV ILRP Coalition's Meeting

q. 10/31, Second Expert Panel Meeting



r. 11/5, SSJV MPEP/CVSALTS Meeting

16. NEXT MEETING*

To Be Determined. Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 1, 2026.

17. ADJOURN

“*” Notates an action item (Approval/Ratification)

COMMITTEE FOR DELTA RELIABILITY

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Location: Zoom

1. Administration

- a. July 8, 2025, Meeting Notes (Brad S.)– **(Page 2)**
- b. Financial Report – WRMWSD **(Page 4)**
- c. Date of Next Meeting: January 13, 2026

2. Center for California Water Resources Policy and Management External Communications

- a. Water Agency Coordination (Brad S.)
- b. Blog Activity (Dennis M.) **(Page 9)**

3. Federal Efforts

- a. USBR Operational Changes (Paul W.)
- b. H.R. 1897 (Westerman) – ESA Amendments Act of 2025 (Paul W.)

4. State Efforts

- a. State Incidental Take Permit/Fall X2 (Paul W.)
- b. State Water Board Bay Delta Plan Update & Voluntary Agreements (Paul W.)
- c. Internal Review of D-1641 (Brad S.)
- d. White Sturgeon Listing (Paul W.) **(Page 19)**
- e. Striped Bass Petition at California Fish & Game Commission (Paul W.) **(Page 39)**

**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

October 23, 2025, at 10:00 am

Call to Order

- 1. Public Input**—This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Board members any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction, provided no action shall be taken on any such matter unless otherwise provided.
- 2. Minutes**
Approval of minutes of 9/19/25 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**

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October 23, 2025, at 10:00 am

Call to Order

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- 2. Minutes**
Approval of committee meeting minutes of 9/19/25
- 3. Financial Reports**
 - a. Presentation of financial reports for September.
 - b. September accounts payable.
 - c. 2026 Budget.
- 4. Fish Friendly Diversion Demonstration Project**
 - a. Project Financial Status - Budget vs Actual
 - b. Demonstration Project permitting status
- 5. Determination of Date for Next Board Meeting**
- 6. Adjournment**