

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA
Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday April 15, 2026 @ 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, § 54957.7)
2. Legislative, Executive, Regulatory, and Legal Matters
3. Consider Support of SB 872 and AB 2215

4. Minutes

1. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2026

Atkinson (2 mins)

5. Financial Reports

Mettler (10 mins)

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

6. Controller's Report

1. Delinquent Accounts Report *Smith* (10 mins)
2. Budget Expenditures Report for March 2026 *Whitby* (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 – **2026 SWP Increased Allocation of 30%** *McDaris* (30 mins)
 - a. 2026 Water Supply/Demand Estimate
 - b. Other Purchases/Exchanges
 - c. Consider Adoption of Notice of Determination for Final IS-Negative Declaration for Westside 5-SCVWA Multi-Year Transfer Agreement
3. Consider Golden Mussel Treatment Options *McDaris* (10 mins)
4. Consider 2025 Carryover Recharge Accounting Reconciliation *McDaris* (20 mins)
5. White Wolf Orchards et. al – Request for Water Service Contract Amendments *McDaris* (10 mins)
*****Resolution Required*****
6. 2025 and 2026 Groundwater Service Charge Review *Suggs* (15 mins)
7. State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) *Nicholas* (10 mins)
8. Sites Reservoir *Kunde* (10 mins)
9. White Wolf GSA 2025 Annual Report *Nicholas* (10 mins)
10. Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA *Nicholas* (10 mins)
 - a. Consider Approval of LandIQ Proposal for Evapotranspiration Support
 - b. Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin Task Order for Subsidence Program Implementation

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. Ethics Training – AB1234 *Nicholas* (2 mins)
2. SB-827 Fiscal & Financial Training for Elected Officers of a Local Agency

11. Public Comments

12. Adjournment



MONTHLY
**REGULATORY
ROUNDUP**



APRIL 2026

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA VISION FOR OUR WATER FUTURE BRIEFING

ACWA will host a members-only webinar to unveil the Vision for Our Water Future—ACWA’s statewide initiative to elevate water as a top priority with California’s gubernatorial candidates and the next Administration. Learn how your agency can help advance and amplify this unified platform and its recommended actions. The live webinar will be held on April 21 at 11:00 am. Register [here](#) to attend.

ACWA SPRING 2026 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its Spring 2026 Conference and Exhibition in Sacramento, CA from May 5-7. ACWA Policy Committee Meetings will be held in person on Tuesday, May 5 (preliminary schedule below). Click [here](#) to register for the Spring Conference, including the Policy Committee Meetings.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Groundwater Committee
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Energy Committee Water Management Committee
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Agriculture Committee Local Government Committee
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Water Quality Committee
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Federal Affairs Committee Legal Affairs Committee

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

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

PROPOSITION 4 IMPLEMENTATION TRACKER

State agencies are in the process of drafting guidelines for Proposition 4 funding allocations. ACWA is maintaining a Proposition 4 Implementation Tracker for informational purposes. ACWA’s Proposition 4 tracker is accessible [here](#).

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WATER MANAGEMENT

Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment

- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will host an [online webinar](#) covering the Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment (Annual Assessment) with an overview of requirements.
 - [Public webinar](#): April 8 at 10:00 am
 - Annual Assessment and Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report due: July 1.

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PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan: Legislative Analyst’s Office Report

- On March 18, the Legislative Analyst’s Office released a report, [The Bay-Delta Plan and Voluntary Agreements: Ensuring Effective Legislative Oversight](#). The report acknowledges the benefits of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes

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<p>Program and encourages the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to adopt the Bay-Delta Plan Update without further delay.</p>	
<p>Delta Conveyance Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On February 9, the State Water Board announced a Tenth Amended Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Ruling. The hearing will gather evidence that the State Water Board will consider to determine whether to approve change petitions filed by DWR to add two new points of diversion and redirection for the State Water Project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public hearings: June 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 18, 23, 24, and 26 at 9:00 am 	<p>Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com</p>
<p>Electronic Annual Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On January 20, the State Water Board announced the availability of the reporting year (RY) 2025 electronic Annual Report (eAR). All public water systems are required to complete an eAR under the January 2025 Technical Reporting Order. The RY 2025 reporter excel worksheet is now available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RY 2025 due: April 1 Reporter excel worksheet 	<p>Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com</p>
<p>Proposition 4 Grant Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DWR will host an online joint workshop on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program and the Watershed Resilience Grant Program. The workshop will provide an overview of both grant programs, discuss upcoming Proposition 4 funding opportunities, and provide opportunity for early input on program development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public workshop: April 30 at 9:00 am 	<p>Staff Contact Soren Nelson SorenN@acwa.com</p>
<p>Sites Reservoir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 20, the State Water Board released a Draft Decision and Draft Water Rights Permit on Sites Project Authority – Application 25517X01. The Draft Decision lays out the evidence and arguments received during the water rights hearings and explains the conditions of the Draft Water Rights Permit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public comment due: May 22 at 11:59 pm 	<p>Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com</p>
<p>AGRICULTURE</p>	
<p>Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability (OARS) plans to release a solicitation for the Healthy Soils Program (HSP) and State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP). OARS has released a tentative timeline and will email additional details related to both grant applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concept proposal opens: April 2026 Full proposal notification: June 2026 Full proposal close: August 2026 	<p>Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com</p>
<p>Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 23, the State Water Board released the Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Staff Workshop - Recommendations of the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel (Panel) Draft Report (Draft Report). The Draft Report presents independent recommendations of the Panel in response to the Panel charge questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public workshop: April 10 at 2:00 pm 	<p>Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com</p>

- [Public comment due](#): April 30 at 12:00 pm

GROUNDWATER

California’s Groundwater: Bulletin 118

- On March 12, the DWR released the final [California’s Groundwater: Bulletin 118 – Update 2025](#). This document 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.

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Tulare Lake and Tule Subbasin

- On March 19, the State Water Board released the [Notice of Board Meeting and Opportunity to Comment Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Consideration of a Proposed Resolution Denying Requests for Exclusion from Probationary Reporting and Fees to Eight Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Tule Subbasin](#). Following the Tule subbasin’s designation as probationary under SGMA, eight Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the subbasin requested exemption from reporting and fees. If this report is adopted, the State Water Board will not exempt the eight GSAs.
 - [Public comment due](#): April 20 at 12:00 pm
 - Board meeting: April 21 at 9:00 am
- On April 7, the State Water Board will consider adopting resolutions to exclude groundwater pumpers in the [Tulare Lake](#) and [Tule subbasins](#) who extract no more than 20 acre-feet of groundwater per year from reporting and fee requirements.
 - [Board meeting](#): April 7 at 9:00 am

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WATER QUALITY

2026 California Integrated Report

- On April 1, the State Water Board submitted the [2026 California Integrated Report](#) (Report) to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Report identifies waters of the United States that do not or are not expected to meet water quality standards by the next listing cycle and is submitted to the EPA for prioritization and approval.

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Drinking Water Regulation Priorities

- On March 3, the State Water Board adopted the [2026 Drinking Water Priorities](#) which includes numerous proposed maximum contaminant levels (such as PFAS), notification and response levels, and lead and copper rule revisions.

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Electronic Reporting of Drinking Water Quality Data

- On March 19, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Board Meeting and Opportunity to Comment Proposed Emergency Regulations for Electronic Reporting of Drinking Water Quality Data](#). If adopted, the regulations will allow the State Water Board to enforce the current electronic reporting requirements, which currently apply to laboratories, directly against public water systems.
 - [Public comment due](#): April 30 at 12:00pm
 - Board meeting: June 2

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State Water Board Nationwide Permits General Order

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 15, the State Water Board, under the Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification, certified 19 and denied 38 of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Nationwide Permits (NWP). NWPs authorize a variety of activities, including: navigation, recreation, utilities, bank stabilization, response, and remediation activities. 	<p>Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com</p>
<p>Wastewater Needs Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On January 12, the State Water Board released a Notice of Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) Advisory Group 2026 Quarterly Meetings. At the meetings, the WWNA Advisory Group will provide information on addressing water-related sanitation system needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory group meeting: April 24 at 9:30 am 	<p>Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com</p>
<p>Wastewater Rates Questionnaire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 27, the State Water Board announced they are conducting a one-time wastewater user charge survey to collect historical rate and fee data for 2019-2025 with the intent to prioritize future investments to support improvements for wastewater systems. Participation is voluntary, but highly encouraged. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey due: May 15 	<p>Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com</p>
<p>ENERGY</p>	
<p>2025 SB 100 Joint Agency Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 9, the California Energy Commission (CEC) published the SB 100 Inputs and Assumptions. This document articulates the key inputs and assumptions used for the SB 100 analysis performed as part of the 2025 SB 100 Joint Agency Report (Report). The Report is generated every 4 years and establishes a target for renewable and zero-carbon resources to supply 100 percent of retail sales and electricity procured to serve all state agencies by 2045. 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>
<p>Consider Criteria Pollutant Planning Efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 26, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) provided an overview of future planning efforts to: regulate building emissions and on-road vehicles, including Medium and Heavy Duty vehicles, which may include updated engine standards, enforce retirement dates, and voluntary programs, and propose an indirect source review of ports, airports, railyards, and warehouses. 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>
<p>Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 26, CARB adopted the Proposal to Permanently Adopt the Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations (Emergency Regulation). This Emergency Regulation will permanently extend protective emissions standards for vehicles and engines despite uncertainty caused by federal actions. 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>
<p>New Vehicle Emissions Testing Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On April 22, CARB will host an online webinar covering vehicle testing requirements for the Clean Truck Check program that began in October 2024 (Program). The Program aims to achieve State Implementation Plan 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>

commitments and move closer to meeting federal ambient air quality standards and improving public health.

- [Public webinar](#): April 22 at 1:00 pm

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



Indicates ACWA Working Group



Indicates ACWA Priority Issue

[AB 35](#) ([Alvarez, D](#)) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria.

Current Text: 01/14/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 12/02/2024

Last Amended: 01/14/2026

Status: 01/27/2026 - In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 01/27/2026 - Senate Rules

Summary: Existing law, the Administrative Procedure Act, sets forth the requirements for the adoption, publication, review, and implementation of regulations by state agencies. The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (act), approved by the voters as Proposition 4 at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. Existing law authorizes certain regulations needed to effectuate or implement programs of the act to be adopted as emergency regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, as provided. Existing law requires the emergency regulations to be filed with the Office of Administrative Law and requires the emergency regulations to remain in effect until repealed or amended by the adopting state agency. This bill, notwithstanding the above, would exempt the adoption of regulations needed to effectuate or implement programs of the act from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, as provided. The bill would require a state entity that receives funding to administer a competitive grant program established using the Administrative Procedure Act exemption to do certain things, including develop draft project solicitation and evaluation guidelines and to submit those guidelines to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, except as provided. The bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to post an electronic form of the guidelines submitted by a state entity and the subsequent verifications on the Natural Resources Agency's internet website. The bill would authorize the use of certain previously developed program guidelines and selection criteria for these purposes, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 01/14/2026 text)

Is Urgency: Y

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

[AB 1772](#) ([Papan, D](#)) Fish and wildlife: invasive mussels.

Current Text: 03/23/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/09/2026

Last Amended: 03/23/2026

Status: 03/24/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Calendar: *04/23/26 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE Upon adjournment of Session - State Capitol, Room 447 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair*

Location: 03/23/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

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 in the state, invasive mussels. Existing law requires a public or private agency that operates a water supply system to cooperate with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement measures to avoid infestation by invasive mussels and to control or eradicate any infestation that may occur in a water supply system. Existing law requires, if invasive mussels are detected, the operator of a water supply system to, in cooperation with the department, prepare and implement a plan to control or eradicate invasive mussels within the system, and eliminate or minimize any potential downstream transport of an invasive mussel. Existing law requires, on or before December 31, 2026, the department to review all approved plans and require all plans that do not specifically address all

invasive mussel species known to be present in bodies of water in the state as of January 1, 2026, to be updated or revised appropriately to include all invasive mussel species, on or before September 30, 2027. Existing law requires every invasive mussel species to be addressed in a plan no later than 180 days from the date that the species is listed in a certain regulation. Existing law defines “invasive mussel” for these purposes as any nonnative detrimental mussel, 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 require the department to require water supply system operators to update their plans to address all invasive mussel species present in the operator’s water system as of January 1, 2026, as provided. The bill would require a plan to address every invasive mussel species detected in a water supply system after January 1, 2026, no later than 180 days from the date the species is detected. The bill would require a plan to minimize or eliminate the spread of invasive mussels. The bill would revise the definition of “invasive mussel” to mean any nonnative biofouling mussel, as provided. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 03/23/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[VAWC AB 1772 WPW SA 04082026.edited.docx](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Support/Amend

[AB 1881](#) ([Ramos, D](#)) California Indian Freedom Act of 2026.

Current Text: 04/08/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/12/2026

Last Amended: 04/08/2026

Status: 04/09/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

Calendar: 04/14/26 A-JUDICIARY 8 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 KALRA, ASH, Chair

Location: 03/02/2026 - Assembly Judiciary

Summary: Existing law establishes various protections for California Native American tribes, including prohibiting a public agency or private party using or occupying public property or operating on public property from interfering with the free expression or exercise of Native American religion as provided in the United States Constitution and the California Constitution. Existing law also requires a local government to provide formal notification to each California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project site as an invitation to consult on the proposed project, as provided. Existing law requires the local government, during the consultation, to give deference to the tribal information, tribal knowledge and customs, and the significance of the resource to the California Native American tribe. Existing law prohibits any information, as described, that is submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process from being included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, as specified, without the prior consent of the tribe that provided the information. Existing law, the California Public Records Act, requires each state and local agency, as defined, to make its records open to public inspection at all times during office hours, except as specifically exempted from disclosure by law. The act specifically exempts from disclosure records that are exempted or prohibited from disclosure by federal or state law and lists records subject to that exemption, specifying that the listed exemptions are not inclusive of all exemptions under the act. This bill, the California Indian Freedom Act of 2026, would prohibit a governmental agency from substantially burdening a California Indian or California Native American tribe’s exercise of religious beliefs or spiritual practices on state public lands, including their access to and use of sacred sites and objects, and their ability to perform religious ceremonies and rites, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless the governmental agency demonstrates that application of the burden is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is in the least restrictive means of furthering that interest. The bill would authorize a California Indian or tribe to assert a violation of these provisions as a claim or defense in any judicial or administrative proceeding, as specified. The bill would require a governmental agency to allow California Indians access to sacred sites on state public lands, as specified. The bill would require a governmental agency to seek and document free, prior, and informed consent from affected tribes before undertaking any project action that may pose a risk to sacred sites, as specified. The bill would require the affirmation of consent from the governing body of the affected tribe to be in writing, as described. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 04/08/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose Unless Amended

[AB 1894](#) ([Rubio, Blanca, D](#)) Fish and wildlife: invasive mussels.

Current Text: 03/16/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/12/2026

Last Amended: 03/16/2026

Status: 03/17/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Calendar: 04/14/26 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair

Location: 03/16/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

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, invasive mussels, and authorizes the Director of Fish and Wildlife, or the director's designee, to engage in various enforcement activities with regard to invasive mussels. Existing law, until January 1, 2030, requires a public or private agency that operates a water supply system to cooperate with the department to implement measures to avoid infestation by invasive mussels and to control or eradicate any infestation that occurs in a water supply system. Existing law requires any person, or federal, state, or local agency, district, or authority that owns or manages a reservoir, where specified activities are permitted, except as specified, to develop and implement a program designed to prevent the introduction of invasive mussel species, as provided. Existing law requires any entity that discovers invasive mussels within the state to immediately report the discovery to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This bill would provide that, notwithstanding any other law, the state has exclusive authority to regulate invasive mussels. The bill would prohibit a city, county, district, or other local agency from adopting, enforcing, or implementing any ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other declaratory action pertaining to invasive mussels unless expressly authorized by state law. The bill would include findings that changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities and counties, including charter cities and charter counties. (Based on 03/16/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[VAWC AB 1894 OUA AWPW 04072026.edited.docx](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose Unless Amended

[AB 1941](#) ([González, Mark, D](#)) Organized metal theft.

Current Text: 03/26/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/13/2026

Last Amended: 03/26/2026

Status: 04/06/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 04/15/26 A-APPROPRIATIONS 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 WICKS, BUFFY, Chair

Location: 03/25/2026 - Assembly Appropriations

Summary: Existing law makes a person who is a dealer in or collector of junk, metals, or secondhand materials, or their agent, employee, or representative, who buys or receives any wire, cable, copper, lead, solder, mercury, iron, or brass that the person knows or reasonably should know is used by or belongs to specified entities, including a railroad, certain utility companies, or a public entity engaged in furnishing public utility service, without using due diligence to ascertain that the person selling or delivering that material has a legal right to do so, guilty of criminally receiving that property and, in addition to imprisonment, makes that act punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000. This bill would prohibit organized metal theft, described as acting in concert with one or more persons to steal metal materials from one or more of specified materials and items with the intent to sell, exchange, or return those metal materials for value, acting in concert with 2 or more persons to receive, purchase, or possess those metal materials knowing or believing it to have been stolen, acting as an agent of another to steal those metal materials as part of an organized plan to commit theft, or recruiting, coordinating, organizing,

supervising, directing, managing, or financing another to undertake acts of theft of metal. The bill would make a violation of organized metal theft punishable as either a misdemeanor or a felony. The bill would make related findings and declarations and state the intent of the Legislature. By creating new crimes, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 03/26/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[AB 1941 - Organized Metal Theft - Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

[CCVFCA VAWC AB 1941 SUPPORT APS 031826.docx](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Support

[AB 2026](#) ([Aguiar-Curry, D](#)) **Water diversion: groundwater recharge: permit.**

Current Text: 04/07/2026 - Amended [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/17/2026

Last Amended: 04/07/2026

Status: 04/08/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Calendar: 04/14/26 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair

Location: 03/19/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

Summary: Existing law declares that all water within the state is the property of the people of the state, but the right to the use of the water may be acquired by appropriation in the manner provided by law. Existing law requires the appropriation to be for some useful or beneficial purpose. Existing law provides, however, that the diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge does not require an appropriative water right if certain conditions are met, including that a local or regional agency that has adopted a local plan of flood control or has considered flood risks as part of its most recently adopted general plan has given notice, as provided, of imminent risk of flooding and inundation of lands, roads, or structures. Existing law defines "floodflow" for these purposes to include circumstances in which flows would inundate ordinarily dry areas in the bed of a terminal lake to a depth that floods dairies and other ongoing agricultural activities, or areas with substantial residential, commercial, or industrial development. Existing law applies those requirements to diversions commenced before January 1, 2029. Existing law prohibits an entity from substantially diverting or obstructing the natural flow of, or substantially changing or using any material from the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake, or from depositing or disposing of certain material where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake, without first notifying the Department of Fish and Wildlife of that activity, and entering into a lake or streambed alteration agreement if required by the department to protect fish and wildlife resources, except as specified. This bill would revise and recast those conditions required for the appropriative water right exemption for a diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge, would apply the requirements to a diversion commenced at anytime, and would further exempt those diversions from the requirements of CEQA and requirements relating to lake or streambed alteration agreements, subject to conducting tribal consultation, as provided. The bill would expand the definition of "floodflow" to include flows downstream of a dam that is releasing water for flood control purposes, as provided, and would delete the requirement that eligible diversions have commenced prior to January 1, 2029. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 04/07/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

[AB 2032](#) ([Ransom, D](#)) **Fish and wildlife: golden mussels.**

Current Text: 03/19/2026 - Amended [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/17/2026

Last Amended: 03/19/2026

Status: 03/26/2026 - Assembly Rule 56 suspended. (Pending re-refer to Com. on E.S. & T.M.)

Calendar: 04/14/26 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair

04/14/26 A-ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 CONNOLLY, DAMON, Chair

Location: 03/26/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

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, invasive mussels, as defined. Existing law requires a public or private agency that operates a water supply system to cooperate with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement measures to avoid infestation by invasive mussels and to control or eradicate any infestation that may occur in a water supply system, and, if invasive mussels are detected, to prepare and implement a plan, as specified, to control or eradicate invasive mussels within the system. Existing law prohibits the importation, transportation, possession, or live release of specified wild animals, except under a revocable, nontransferable permit, known as a restricted species permit, issued by the department, in cooperation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, and only if certain requirements are met. Existing law authorizes the department to issue permits, commonly known as scientific collecting permits, to take or possess any form of plant or animal life for scientific, educational, or propagation purposes. This bill would exempt from the requirement to obtain a restricted species permit a public or private agency that operates a water supply system for maintenance and operational activities to control the spread of golden mussels in the water supply system, as specified. This bill would require the department's Invasive Species Program, through the Golden Mussel Task Force convened by the department, to develop and adopt, by April 1, 2027, best management practices for public and private agencies that operate water supply systems to control the spread of golden mussels, as specified, and would encourage those public and private agencies to comply with those best management practices. The bill would also require the department's Invasive Species Program, through the Golden Mussel Task Force, to adopt, by April 1, 2027, guidance for scientific research conducted by or for public and private agencies that operate water supply systems to control the spread of golden mussels, as specified, and would encourage those private and agencies to comply with that guidance. This bill would exempt scientific research to control the spread of golden mussels conducted by or for public and private agencies that operate water supply systems from scientific collecting permits issued by the department if the public or private agency participates in the Golden Mussel Task Force, as that participation may be determined by the department. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 03/19/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[AB 2032 Golden Mussels Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	

[AB 2132](#) ([Macedo, R](#)) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: groundwater recharge project.

Current Text: 02/18/2026 - Introduced [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/18/2026

Status: 04/06/2026 - Assembly Rule 56 suspended. (Pending re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W.)

Calendar: 04/23/26 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE Upon adjournment of Session - State Capitol, Room 447 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair

Location: 04/06/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

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 on a project that it 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. 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 plans, except as specified. Existing law requires a groundwater sustainability plan to include various information relating to subsidence, as applicable. This bill would exempt from the requirements of CEQA a groundwater recharge project if the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency determines the project would address subsidence. Because a lead agency would be

required to determine whether a project qualifies for this exemption, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 02/18/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[VAWC AB 2132 WPW Support 04072026.docx](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

[AB 2170](#) ([Boerner, D](#)) California Environmental Quality Act: overburdened communities: documents and information: translations.

Current Text: 03/19/2026 - Amended [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/18/2026

Last Amended: 03/19/2026

Status: 03/23/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Calendar: *04/20/26 A-NATURAL RESOURCES 2:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 BRYAN, ISAAC, Chair*

Location: 03/19/2026 - Assembly Natural Resources

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 on a project that it 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. Existing law requires a lead agency to be responsible for determining whether the project is exempt from CEQA and whether an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration is required, as provided. Existing law, for certain projects, establishes a ministerial review process with modified environmental assessment procedures, as provided. This bill, notwithstanding the above-described provisions relating to determinations by a lead agency, would require an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration for the development, operation, substantial modification, or substantial expansion of a project on land that is zoned to allow industrial uses and is in or within 1 / 2 mile of an overburdened community, as defined. The bill would disqualify these projects from receiving a statutory exemption or ministerial review process. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this requirement, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 03/19/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	

[AB 2218](#) ([Kalra, D](#)) Water policy: California Native American tribes.

Current Text: 02/19/2026 - Introduced [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/19/2026

Status: 03/26/2026 - Assembly Rule 56 suspended. (Pending re-refer to Com. on E.S. & T.M.)

Calendar: *04/14/26 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair*

04/14/26 A-ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 CONNOLLY, DAMON, Chair

Location: 03/26/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

Summary: Existing law establishes various state water policies, including the policy that the use of water for domestic purposes is the highest use of water and the human right to water. This bill would declare that it is the established policy of the state to acknowledge and correct the inequities caused by state-sanctioned acts of termination, removal, and assimilation inflicted upon all California Native American tribes through compensation,

legal recognition of rights, or replacement of benefits lost. The bill would require all relevant state agencies, including the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board, to consider and incorporate this policy when revising, adopting, or establishing rights, policies, regulations, permits, or grant criteria to address identified inequities. (Based on 02/19/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[AB 2218 \(Kalra\) Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

[AB 2218 Coalition Oppose WPW.pdf](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose

[AB 2447](#) ([Bauer-Kahan, D](#)) **Water: Nitrogen Pollution Reduction Act.**

Current Text: 04/06/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2026

Last Amended: 04/06/2026

Status: 04/07/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

Calendar: 04/14/26 A-ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 CONNOLLY, DAMON, Chair

04/15/26 A-AGRICULTURE 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 SORIA, ESMERALDA, Chair

Location: 03/23/2026 - Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

Summary: Under existing law, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards are the principal state agencies with authority over matters relating to water quality. The act requires the state board to formulate and adopt state policies for water quality control and requires the regional boards to adopt regional water quality control plans in compliance with the state policies. Under the act, the state board and the regional boards prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge of waste that could affect the quality of the waters of the state. This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to require the regional boards to update the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program in order to reduce nitrogen waste discharges from commercial irrigated agricultural areas, as provided. The bill would require the regional boards to adopt revised orders with waste discharge requirements on or before January 1, 2028, that are sufficient to meet certain reductions in nitrogen waste discharges. The bill would require the state board to, on or before July 1, 2027, publish both a list of standardized crop names and categories, and a statewide methodology for calculating, and field-level reporting of, nitrogen balances for croplands, including nitrogen fertilizer applications and nitrogen discharges, that account for available soil nitrogen, to be used by the regional boards and incorporated into the revised orders. The bill would require the state board, on or before January 1, 2031, and in coordination with the regional boards, to submit a report to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature on progress achieved in implementing these requirements, including data on the extent of progress made toward reducing nitrogen waste discharges, as provided. (Based on 04/06/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[AB 2447 \(Bauer-Kahan\) Nitrogen Pollution Reduction Act Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

[AB 2447 Oppose Letter to Asm. ESTM.pdf](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose

[AB 2521](#) ([Papan, D](#)) **Sustainable groundwater management.**

Current Text: 03/19/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2026

Last Amended: 03/19/2026

Status: 03/23/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Calendar: 04/23/26 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE Upon adjournment of Session - State Capitol, Room 447 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair

Location: 03/19/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

Summary: Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Existing law defines various terms for purposes of the act. This bill would add the defined term “best available science” for purposes of the act. (Based on 03/19/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: N

Organization	Position
VAWC	

[AB 2569](#) ([Hart, D](#)) California Environmental Quality Act: natural hazards and adverse environmental conditions.

Current Text: 02/20/2026 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2026

Status: 03/09/2026 - Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Calendar: 04/13/26 A-NATURAL RESOURCES 2:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 BRYAN, ISAAC, Chair

Location: 03/09/2026 - Assembly Natural Resources

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 it 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. This bill would expand those definitions to include impacts on people, as specified. The bill would additionally require the lead agency to include in the EIR a detailed statement on any significant effects that may result from locating the proposed project near, or attracting people to, existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazards or adverse environmental conditions. Because the lead agency would be required to undertake this additional consideration, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 02/20/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

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Organization	Position
VAWC	Not Favor

[AB 2630](#) ([Bennett, D](#)) Water diversion and use: adoption of regulations.

Current Text: 03/26/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2026

Last Amended: 03/26/2026

Status: 04/06/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Calendar: 04/20/26 A-NATURAL RESOURCES 2:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 BRYAN, ISAAC, Chair

Location: 03/24/2026 - Assembly Natural Resources

Summary: Existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt regulations requiring measurement and reporting of water diversion and use by persons, including, among others, those authorized to appropriate water under a permit, a license, a registration for small domestic, small irrigation, or livestock stockpond use, or a certificate for livestock stockpond use. For the initial regulations, existing law requires that they be adopted as emergency regulations and provides that the emergency regulations remain in effect until revised by the state board. Existing law also exempts the initial regulations from the California Environmental Quality Act. This bill would require, until January 1, 2032, that all further regulations adopted by the state board

pursuant to these provisions be adopted as emergency regulations and remain in effect until revised by the state board, and would exempt them from the California Environmental Quality Act. (Based on 03/26/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[AB 2630 \(Bennett\) Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose

[ACA 11](#) ([Macedo, R](#)) California Water Resiliency Act.

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

Introduced: 03/24/2025

Status: 03/25/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee April 24.

Location: 03/24/2025 - Assembly PRINT

Summary: The California Constitution declares that the general welfare requires that the water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable, and that the right to the use of water does not extend to the waste or unreasonable use, method of use, or method of diversion of water. This measure, the California Water Resiliency Act, would require the Treasurer to annually transfer an amount equal to 1% of all state revenues from the General Fund to the Water Conveyance and Capacity Infrastructure Fund, which the measure would create. The measure would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund to the California Water Commission for its actual costs of implementing these provisions and for administering grants for the entitlement, repair, design, and construction of water infrastructure projects that will maintain or expand the availability of clean, safe drinking water for homes and businesses, and water for agricultural uses, consistent with area of origin water rights. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[VAWC ACA 11 Author Support 04082026.docx](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

[SB 872](#) ([McNerney, D](#)) Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund.

Current Text: 04/09/2026 - Amended [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/06/2026

Last Amended: 04/09/2026

Status: 04/09/2026 - Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 04/07/2026 - Senate Appropriations

Summary: Existing law, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, declares that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) is a critically important natural resource for California and the nation and it serves as both the hub of the California water system and the most valuable estuary and wetland ecosystem on the west coast of North and South America. Existing law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Water Resources. Existing law requires the department and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine the principal options for the Delta and requires the department to evaluate and comparatively rate each option for its ability to do specified things, including, among others, to maintain Delta water quality for Delta users, and to preserve, protect, and improve Delta levees. Existing law establishes in the agency the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. Existing law requires the conservancy to act as a primary state agency to implement ecosystem restoration in the Delta and to support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents. This bill would establish the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund in the State Treasury and, upon appropriation, would make the moneys in the fund available to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency for expenditure consistent with the allocations described below. The bill would authorize the secretary to seek out, and the fund to accept, state moneys from, among other sources, any bond funds, the General Fund, or the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The bill would authorize the fund to accept moneys from

nonstate sources, including federal and private moneys, and would continuously appropriate those moneys without regard to fiscal year, for allocation as described below, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require the secretary to allocate moneys in the fund, through the 2046–47 fiscal year, subject to funding availability, as follows: (1) in the amount of \$150,000,000, annually, to the Department of Water Resources for the purposes of supporting capital improvements to restore the original design water conveyance capacity for state water conveyance systems impacted operationally by land subsidence, and (2) in the amount of \$150,000,000, annually, to the conservancy for projects in the Delta to improve existing levees, as specified. The bill would authorize the conservancy to impose additional requirements on projects to meet the conditions of the funding source, as provided. The bill would require the secretary to proportionally reduce the above-described amounts if there is insufficient moneys in the fund, as provided. (Based on 04/09/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

[VAWC SB 872 SUPPORT SNRW 032626.EDITED.docx](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Support

SB 997 ([Caballero, D](#)) **North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency: lien authority.**

Current Text: 02/09/2026 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/09/2026

Status: 04/09/2026 - Set for hearing April 21.

Calendar: *04/28/26 S-JUDICIARY 1:30 p.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2100 UMBERG, THOMAS, Chair*

Location: 04/07/2026 - Senate Judiciary

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. Existing law establishes the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, requires the agency to be a groundwater sustainability agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for that portion of the Kings Subbasin that lies within the boundaries of the agency, and requires the agency to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan to achieve sustainable groundwater management within the territory of the agency. Existing law generally specifies the powers of the agency, including the power to impose fees, including, but not limited to, permit fees and fees on groundwater extraction or other regulated activity, to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program. This bill would authorize the agency to impose civil penalties on any person who extracts groundwater in excess of the amount that person is authorized to extract under a rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution adopted by the agency. If any charges for water and other services, or civil penalties imposed by the agency pursuant to its authority, remain unpaid, the bill would authorize the amount of unpaid charges or penalties, in the discretion of the agency, to be secured at any time by filing for record in the office of the county recorder of any county a certificate specifying the amount of the charges or penalties and the name and address of the person liable for the charges. The bill would require that, from the time of recordation of the certificate, the amount required to be paid together with interest and penalties would constitute a lien upon all real property in the county owned by the person or afterwards, and before the lien expired, acquired by that person. The bill would require that the lien has the force, priority, and effect of a judgment lien, and that the lien shall continue for 10 years from the date of the filing of the certificate unless sooner released or otherwise discharged. The bill would also authorize the lien to be extended, as provided. (Based on 02/09/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: N

Attachments:

[VAWC SB 997 SUPPORT SNRW 032626.edited.docx](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Support/Amend

[SB 1108](#) (Caballero, D) Grassland Ecological Area Conservancy.

Current Text: 04/07/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/17/2026

Last Amended: 04/07/2026

Status: 04/07/2026 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 04/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

Location: 03/24/2026 - Senate Appropriations

Summary: Existing law authorizes various conservancies to acquire, manage, direct the management of, and conserve lands in the state. This bill would establish the Grassland Ecological Area Conservancy within the Natural Resources Agency, with jurisdiction over the Grassland Ecological Area and the Grassland Focus Area, as defined, for specified purposes, including to protect, conserve, and restore the physical, cultural, archaeological, historical, and living resources of the Grassland Ecological Area and the Grassland Focus Area and to provide increased opportunities for tourism and recreation. The bill would require the conservancy to be governed by a board composed of designated voting members, including certain members appointed by certain local agencies, and nonvoting liaison advisers. The bill would set forth the powers, duties, and limitations of the governing board and the conservancy, as provided. The bill would create the Grassland Ecological Area Conservancy Fund and would make moneys in the fund available for expenditure by the conservancy, upon appropriation by the Legislature, only for the purposes of these provisions. The bill would require all funds or income received by the conservancy, including proceeds from donations or a lease, rental, sale, exchange, or transfer of an interest or option in real property, to be deposited into the fund. By imposing new duties on local agencies, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 04/07/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

[SB 1183](#) (Caballero, D) Large-scale solar: central valley: study.

Current Text: 03/23/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/18/2026

Last Amended: 03/23/2026

Status: 04/08/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 04/08/2026 - Senate Environmental Quality

Summary: Existing law establishes the California Environmental Protection Agency to enhance the state's protection of the environment. Existing law provides state goals for the installation of solar energy systems through, among other programs, the California Solar Initiative. This bill would require, on or before January 1, 2029, and upon appropriation by the Legislature, the agency to complete a study on the impacts of large-scale solar on land use planning, the environment, and the economy of the central valley region. The bill would require the agency, in conducting the study, to consult interested parties, as specified. The bill would require the study to include an analysis of the impacts of large-scale solar on regional land use planning, the regional environment, and the regional economy. The bill would require the study to include recommendations on how to mitigate impacts of large-scale solar through changes to existing or the adoption of new state, regional, and local policy, as provided. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the central valley region. (Based on 03/23/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	

Total Tracking Forms: 19

◀ WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ▶

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Sheridan Nicholas
DATE: March 9, 2026
SUBJECT: Consider Support of SB 872 and AB 2215

Two bills have been submitted during the current legislative session that would have a direct impact on the District.

SB 872 (McNerney) - Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund would provide \$150 million of annual funding to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for 20 years for subsidence repairs on the California Aqueduct. It would also provide the same amount to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy for “projects in the Delta to improve existing levees.”

AB 2215 (Calderon) - Water rights: permits: State Water Project would extend the time period for the application of water to beneficial use and for the completion of construction work for specific water rights permits held by DWR for the operation of the State Water Project to December 21, 2085.

I would note that both of these bills reference the Delta Conveyance Project, and prohibit their use for the DCP in any manner.

The entire bill summaries from CalMatters are attached for your reference.

Recommendation. It is recommended the District lend its support to SB 872 and AB 2215.

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SB 872: Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund.

Session Year: 2025-2026

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(2026-04-09: Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.)

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Amended Senate (4/9/2026)



Existing law, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, declares that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) is a critically important natural resource for California and the nation and it serves as both the hub of the California water system and the most valuable estuary and wetland ecosystem on the west coast of North and South America. Existing law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Water Resources. Existing law requires the department and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine the principal options for the Delta and requires the department to evaluate and comparatively rate each option for its ability to do specified things, including, among others, to maintain Delta water quality for Delta users, and to preserve, protect, and improve Delta levees. Existing law establishes in the agency the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. Existing law requires the conservancy to act as a primary state agency to implement ecosystem restoration in the Delta and to support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents.

This bill would establish the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund in the State Treasury and, upon appropriation, would make the moneys in the fund available to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency for expenditure consistent with the allocations described below. The bill would authorize the secretary to seek out, and the fund to accept, state moneys from, among other sources, any bond funds, the General Fund, or the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The bill would authorize the fund to accept moneys from nonstate sources, including federal and private moneys, and would continuously appropriate those moneys without regard to fiscal year, for allocation as described below, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require the secretary to allocate moneys in the fund, through the 204647 fiscal year, subject to funding availability, as follows: (1) in the amount of \$150,000,000, annually, to the Department of Water Resources for the purposes of supporting capital improvements to restore the original design water conveyance capacity for state water conveyance systems impacted operationally by land subsidence, and (2) in the amount of \$150,000,000, annually, to the conservancy for projects in the Delta to improve existing levees, as specified. [The bill would authorize the conservancy to impose additional requirements on projects to meet the conditions of the funding source, as provided.](#) The bill would require the secretary to proportionally reduce the above-described amounts if there is insufficient moneys in the fund, as provided. The bill would prohibit these moneys from being expended to pay the costs of the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of any additional Delta conveyance facilities, as provided. [The bill would require the secretary, no later than January 1, 2032, and by January 1 every 5 years thereafter, to report to the Legislature on expenditures, as provided.](#)

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AB 2215: Water rights: permits: State Water Project.

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The Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Resources Development System, commonly referred to as the State Water Project. Existing law requires that construction work for a project that will put appropriated water to beneficial use be commenced, prosecuted with due diligence, and completed within the time period specified in the water right permit. Existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to extend the deadline specified in the permit to commence or complete construction work and to put appropriated water to beneficial use for good cause shown.

This bill would require that the time periods for the application of water to beneficial use and for the completion of construction work for specific water right permits held by the Department of Water Resources for the operation of the State Water Project be December 31, 2085.

Existing law, the Urban Water Management Planning Act, requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision of law naming that act.

**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., March 11, 2026**

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, March 11, 2026, 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, and Trey Irwin with Tejon Ranch.

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 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 A.M. Open Session. Mr. Torigiani stated there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

Legislative, Executive, Regulatory and Legal Matters. Mr. Torigiani reported that some 1,800-1,900 bills are been submitted this legislative session. He reviewed SB 872, which would provide annual funding (\$150 million) for California Aqueduct subsidence repairs for 20 years, noting the press release from Senator McNeerney regarding the bill in the Board packet. He also reviewed a trio of bills for golden mussel assistance. He further noted the March 2026 ACWA Regulatory Roundup and the February 2026

Valley Ag Water Coalition Sacramento Report included in the Board packet.

Minutes. Upon motion from Director Reiter, seconded by Director Richardson and unanimously carried with no abstentions, *The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Directors ... Convened February 11 2026*, were approved and filed.

The following two agenda items were considered prior to their order on the agenda.

District Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP). At precisely 10:00 a.m., President Atkinson announced this was the time and place set by the Public Hearing Notice published in the Bakersfield Californian on February 24th and March 3rd 2026 for a public hearing to consider the adoption of the District's 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan Update. President Atkinson confirmed that the proof of publication had been received and filed with the District. He then asked Staff if the District had received any written objections to these proceedings as described in said notice to which District Staff responded there had been no written comments or objections received.

Mr. McDaris then reviewed his slide deck presentation entitled *2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan Update* with the Board.

President Atkinson asked the public if they had any comments. There were none.

Upon motion from Director Martin, seconded by Director Mettler and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-04 in the matter of:

ADOPTION OF 2025 AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Consider Revising District's Participation in DCP Planning Costs/Pre-Construction Work Funding for Calendar Years 2026 and 2027. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his March 9, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Revising District's Participation in DCP Planning Costs/Pre-Construction Work for Calendar Years 2026 and 2027*. Upon motion by Director Marin, seconded by Director Fry and unanimously carried with no abstentions the District revised its participation in DCP Planning and Pre-Construction Costs from 32% to 1% of its Table A share of the \$300 million in DCP Planning and Pre-Construction Costs for 2026 and 2027.

Director Marin left meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Filing of the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Mettler presented and reviewed the *Treasurer's Report for the Month of February 2026*. Upon motion from Director Mettler, seconded by Director Fry and unanimously carried with no abstentions, the *Treasurer's Report for the Month of February 2026* was approved and filed.

Approve Payment of Accounts Payable. Treasurer Mettler presented and reviewed the *Accounts Payable for the month of February 2026*, and the *Reimbursements and Transfers for the month of February 2026*. Upon motion from Director Mettler, seconded by Director Fry and unanimously carried with no abstentions, the *Accounts Payable for the Month of February 2026*, and the *Reimbursements and Transfers for the Month of February 2026* were approved and filed.

Controller's Report. Mr. Smith reported that the audit field work was scheduled to begin next week. He also mentioned that Break9 was moving forward with its work on the Water Billing software. Lastly Mr. Smith mentioned the Tri Counties Bank accounts were now operational, and that the District would be submitting its February Accounts Payable through those accounts. He also noted certain Wells Fargo accounts would be closed at the end of month.

Delinquent Accounts Report. Mr. Smith reported that the District due date for statement 2 of 8 was

yesterday and there were currently 3 delinquent landowners. Mr. Smith also mentioned that Westland Farms had made their final payment of their forbearance agreement with the District and continued to stay current with ongoing Groundwater Service Charge payments.

Budget Expenditures Report for February 2026. Ms. Whitby reviewed the Budget Expenditure Report for February 2026.

WSC Certificate of Sale Procedures. Mr. McDaris reviewed his March 4, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Water Service Contract Delinquency Certificate of Sale Procedure*.

President's Report. Nothing to report.

Engineer-Manager's Report. Mr. Nicholas reported the District had delivered 9,140 acre-feet thus far this year. Mr. Nicholas also discussed damage to the 9G30A turnout due to an automobile accident.

2026 Water/Supply Demand Estimate. Mr. McDaris reviewed the 2026 Water/Supply Demand Estimate.

Other Purchases and Exchanges. Nothing to report.

2025-26 San Luis Reservoir Carryover Update. Mr. McDaris reviewed his March 9, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *2025-26 San Luis Reservoir Conditions and Carryover Update*.

Golden Mussel Update and Consider Approval of Treatment Expenses. Mr. McDaris reviewed his March 6, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Golden Mussel Update*.

Consider Approval of Contract For A Portion of Kern County Water Agency Lower River Rights and Obligations. Mr. McDaris reviewed his March 4, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Approval of KCWA Lower River Agreement*. Upon motion by Director Blaine, seconded by Director Valpreo and unanimously carried with no abstentions the Board authorized the Engineer-Manager to enter into an agreement with the Kern County Water Agency regarding the Contract for a Portion of Kern County Water Agency Kern River Lower River Rights and Obligations, subject to review by District counsel as to form and final approval of the Engineer-Manager.

2025 and 2026 Groundwater Service Charge Review. This item was tabled until next month.

California Farm Water Coalition Annual Report. Mr. Nicholas reviewed the 2025 Impact Report Flyer included in the Board packet and presented a short video from the California Farm Water Coalition summarizing its 2025 activities.

Consider 2026 Funding for Northwest Kern Resource Conservation District for Mobile Lab Program. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his March 9, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider 2026 Funding for Northwest Kern Resource Conservation District for Mobile Lab*, highlighting the 2025 Annual Report and the work the NWKRCDD had done within the District. Mr. Nicholas noted that Mobile Lab funding is included in the District budget, and hearing no concerns the District would move forward with payment.

State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project. Mr. Nicholas reviewed the March 2, 2026 State Water Contractor press release regarding the launch of its 2026 Policy Platform, and the February 11, 2026 Kern County Water Agency Op-Ed entitled *Science Should Be a Bridge, Not a Barrier: Why CDFW Must Act Before the Storms Disappear*.

Sites Reservoir. Mr. Kunde reviewed the Site's section of his E-M Report.

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA. Mr. Nicholas updated the recent activity of the Kern County Subbasin. He also reported that subbasin representatives met with DWR-SGMO regarding the Kern County

Subbasin GSP review, and DWR recognized the significant work and changes in the 2025 GSP compared to the 2020 GSP, and once again noted the up to two-year time frame for DWR's review. He further noted the upcoming meetings regarding subbasin Best Management Practices and quarterly meeting with DWR-CASP.

Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Sharing Agreement (26-01). Mr. Nicholas reviewed his March 9, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Sharing Agreement*, noting the new cost share arrangement. Upon motion by Director Blaine, seconded by Director Fry and unanimously carried with no abstentions, the Board approved, and if necessary, authorized the Board President to execute the Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Share Agreement 26-01 at a total cost not to exceed \$622,064 (WRMGSA's share \$37,366) and subject to final approval of the Engineer-Manager and District Counsel.

Directors Meeting Attended. Nothing to report.

Kern County Water Agency. Mr. McDaris reported that KCWA had elected to join the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley.

Kern Water Bank Authority/KWBGSA. Mr. Nicholas reported the Authority approved an investment policy and the previously approved debt refinancing with US Bank should be complete by the end of the month.

South of Kern River GSP. Mr. Nicholas reported that SOKR Executive Committee met on February 12th. The Executive Committee reviewed the groundwater levels of the SOKR GSA's.

Kern Non-District Lands Authority. Director Fry reported that KNDLA approved a task order with Provost & Pritchard to study possible groundwater allocations within the KNDLA.

White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Mr. Nicholas reported the WWGSA Board was held March 3, 2026, and reviewed the 2025 Annual Report. He noted the Report would be presented to the District in April. He further mentioned that the GSA would be meeting with DWR on April 20th and a stakeholder workshop would be held on April 30th.

Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority. No meeting.

Committee for Delta Reliability. No meeting or blog post.

South Valley Water Resource Authority. No meeting.

Unfinished and New Business. Ms. Ruth noted that Board Ethics Training will be required in 2026, and that 2025 Form 700 statement's will need to be completed and filed by April 1, 2026. She also mentioned that all Directors will be required to complete the SB-827 Fiscal and Financial Training, and noted CSDA will be holding a webinar on June 17th for any Director who would like to participate.

Public Comments. None.

Adjournment. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.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
HRL	Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Flow Program
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
SGMO	Sustainable Groundwater Management Office
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
SSJVQC	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
WSS	Westside 5 Water Districts - Belridge, Berrenda Mesa, Dudley Ridge, Lost Hills & Wheeler Ridge
WSC	Water Service Contract
WSD	Water Storage District
WUC	Water Use Charge, consists of State Pumping/Variable and District Pumping/Variable
WWGSA	White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency

WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

4/15/2026 Board Packet
GENERAL FUND

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT:

BALANCE AS OF:	02/28/2026	57,758,231.78
PLUS CASH RECEIVED FOR: (cash receipts/interest)	03/2026	14,426,300.79
LESS CASH EXPENDED DURING MONTH FOR:	03/2026	(12,381,806.07)
(KCWA, pr, ap, cdr, ach, mnl, fees, pr burdens, ee net, taxes, inv)		

FUNDS ON RECONCILED DEPOSIT AT END OF MONTH: **59,802,726.50**

THE ABOVE FUNDS ARE ON DEPOSIT AS FOLLOWS:

CAMP-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE	50,956,835.38
WELLS FARGO BANK NA - (GL) CASH BALANCE	(65.00)
KCT-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (G/L) CASH BALANCE	4,149,598.15
TRI COUNTIES BANK - (GL) CASH BALANCE	4,693,983.69
LAIF-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE	2,174.33
PETTY CASH	200.00
	59,802,726.50

CAMP BALANCE AS OF:	02/28/2026	49,733,263.85
TRANSFERS (TO) TRI COUNTIES BANK	03/2026	(12,206,617.52)
TRANSFERS FROM TRI COUNTIES BANK	03/2026	13,272,458.30
INTEREST INCOME	03/2026	157,730.75
ENDING CAMP BALANCE:		50,956,835.38

INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED)		CAMP
MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2026	-----	3.80%
MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026	-----	3.83%
MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026	-----	3.85%
MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	-----	3.95%

INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED)		TCBK Sweep
MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2026	-----	3.61%
MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026	-----	2.96%
MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026	-----	N/A
MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	-----	N/A

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/TRI COUNTIES/CAMP) DURING MONTH AS FOLLOWS:

CONTRACT WATER PAYMENTS	12,819,731.19
PG&E REFUND	789,472.52
INTEREST APPORTIONMENT - kern county auditor controller	317,694.71
MANUAL INVOICES / MISC RECEIPTS	221,477.44
CAMP INTEREST	157,730.75
GROUND WATER SERVICE CHARGES	71,995.15
TRI COUNTIES SWEEP INTEREST	32,177.44
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES - kern county auditor/controller	14,978.62
WELLS FARGO SWEEP INTEREST	1,042.97
LAIF INTEREST	-
WRM GSA	-

Cash Receipts Summary **14,426,300.79**

OPERATING RESERVE FUND BALANCE: audited **24,903,002**

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

4/15/2026 Board Packet

INTERNALLY CONSTRAINED RESERVES	AUDIT <u>12/31/2024</u>	2025 & 2026 Adjustments	Adjusted <u>3/31/2026</u>
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	24,903,002	96,998 (4)	25,000,000
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	3,602,282	(74,401) (3), (4)	3,527,881
GROUND WATER REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FUND	12,429,594	(7,746,927) (4), (7)	4,682,667
CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND	11,171,205	278,540 (1), (4)	11,449,745
WATER BANKING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	5,791,997	308,003 (2), (4)	6,100,000
KWBA EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE	0	306,213 (6)	306,213
WELL REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	11,486	390 (4)	11,876
DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION RESERVE FUND	100,445	2,355 (4)	102,800
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS INTERNALLY CONSTRAINED	58,010,011	(6,828,830)	51,181,181
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	6,828,830	66,792,221
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	117,973,402	0	117,973,402

- (1) Includes adjustment for 2024 & 2025 litigation expenses
- (2) KWB Capital Assessment 2024 & Facilities Assessment 2025 less 2025 wheeling charges
- (3) 2025 reserve funded capital assets
- (4) Estimated interest credited
- (5) Interest capped / reserve at max
- (6) 2023 & 2024 4% water / RR reconciliation less 2024 capital fees

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
MARCH 2026**

NAME	DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
ADVANCED COMPLIANCE	03/17/2026	16700	227.60	REPAIR GAS PUMP BURNER	
AFTW HOLDINGS LLC	03/17/2026	AFTW02-2026	52,591.79	WHEELER #1 SOLAR CHARGES	52,591.79
AMERICAN BUSINESS MACHINES CO	04/03/2026	861010	15.00	FREIGHT - TONER	
ARVIN EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT	03/13/2026	25-53	786.67	SOKR/GSP LEGAL/CONSULTING JAN / FEB 2026	
ASG Supply	03/11/2026	007547	990.24	TRANSFER PUMP, ROPE, ETC.	
ASG Supply	03/13/2026	007558	767.82	WIRE WHEELS (10), GRINDERS (2)	
ASG Supply	03/18/2026	007573	519.83	BATTERY PACKS (2), GLOVES	
ASG Supply	03/25/2026	007589	269.99	PINE-SOL, SQWINCHER, GLOVES, ETC.	
ASG Supply	03/30/2026	007617	919.04	MATERIALS FOR NEW STORAGE RACKS	
ASG Supply	04/01/2026	007627	136.72	FLAP DISCS, WELDING GLOVES	
ASG Supply	04/02/2026	007638	1,082.50	BRASS BALL VALVES	
ASG Supply	04/08/2026	007659	370.92	BEVERAGE COOLERS, CHEMTOOL, GLOVES, ETC.	
ASG Supply	04/08/2026	007660	33.32	ELECTRODES, NOZZLES	5,090.38
AT&T	04/07/2026	N/A	143.85	FIRE ALARM LINE	
AVADINE	03/08/2026	116358	250.00	TV INSTALL - SCADA SUPPORT	
AVADINE	03/22/2026	116386	1,125.00	SCADA SUPPORT	
AVADINE	03/31/2026	116425	1,000.00	LATIS MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT	
AVADINE	04/05/2026	116439	5,850.00	WATER ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	8,225.00
BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	1,898.56	PUBLIC HEARING, NOTICE OF DELQNCY SALE	
BAKERSFIELD ICE	03/31/2026	33126538	744.97	ICE / BOX RENTAL	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	03/11/2026	K3J7U	326.83	PAINT & THINNER	
BERMAD INC	03/24/2026	2675501128	2,871.69	AIR VALVES (15)	
Break9	04/09/2026	INV-2026-0219	20,000.00	WATER SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	20,000.00
Bro's Automotive	03/16/2026	1547	2,914.81	MULTIPLE SERVICE / REPAIR #165	
Bro's Automotive	03/20/2026	1548	1,458.54	REPAIRS TRUCK #153	
BSK Associates	03/31/2026	BJ01596	270.00	WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS	
BSK Associates	04/06/2026	BJ01684	274.10	WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS	
BSK Associates	04/06/2026	BJ01685	274.10	WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS	
BSK Associates	04/09/2026	BJ01791	270.00	WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS	
BUILDERS CONCRETE SALES	03/05/2026	367220	650.59	CONCRETE FOR WORK ORDER 25-10-02	
CAL STATE COMMUNICATIONS	03/26/2026	4594	588.45	CABLE RUN AND ACCESS POINT INSTALLATION	
CALIFORNIA DEPT OF TAX AND FEE ADMIN	03/31/2026	Q1 2026	107.00	Q1 2026 DIESEL FUEL TAX	
CANON	04/12/2026	N/A	906.20	LEASE 2 CANON COPIERS	
Capitol Environmental Services Inc.	03/31/2026	INV-001262	3,452.50	DISPOSAL & RECYCLING SERVICES	
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	03/06/2026	1329452	4,087.33	REPLACE RUBBER TRACKS UNIT #799	
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	03/27/2026	1335626	1,644.75	REPAIRS UNIT #799	5,732.08
CONEXUS SG	03/28/2026	260328WHEESU	100.00	IT SERVICES / GP SUPPORT	
CORE & MAIN LP	03/13/2026	Y678143	1,479.78	HYMAX COUPLERS (2)	
CORE & MAIN LP	03/13/2026	Y678147	1,071.68	HYMAX COUPLERS (2)	
COREY WILKERSON	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	75.00	MONTHLY SAFETY MEETING / SAFETY COORDINATOR	
COUNTY OF KERN	04/01/2026	26/27 SSC	220.00	KERN COUNTY ASSESSMENT ROLL	
CRYSTAL CLEAN LLC	03/31/2026	19896887	1,672.00	USED OIL DISPOSAL	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	04/01/2026	240208778	4,951.70	NEW TIRES + INSTALL UNIT #385	
EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER INC	03/25/2026	C50064.00-02	12,677.86	2025 AWMP UPDATE	12,677.86
ELITE 911 INDUSTRIES	04/03/2026	040326-01	1,667.50	INSTALL EMERGENCY SAFETY LIGHTING #392	
FAST UNDERCAR	03/24/2026	08VE8765	-21.05	AIR FILTER RETURNED	
FAST UNDERCAR	03/17/2026	08VD6739	249.38	COOLANT, AIR FILTERS	
FAST UNDERCAR	03/24/2026	08VE8676	299.54	AIR FILTERS, WIPER BLADES	
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2777	03/25/2026	0057870	7,169.07	COUPLERS (3), WRAP TAPE	7,169.07
FLYERS ENERGY LLC	03/23/2026	26-601057	35,213.91	GASOLINE	35,213.91
GRAINGER	03/13/2026	9841171961	58.20	PRESSURE CUP GASKET	
GRAINGER	03/18/2026	9846886118	40.95	BATTERIES	
GRAINGER	03/25/2026	9854898310	122.78	CLAY, SEALANT, FILTER	
GRAPEVINE MSP	03/11/2026	52049	151.55	SMITH NEW PC SETUP	
GRAPEVINE MSP	03/15/2026	52286	5,025.50	IT SERVICES - APR 2026	5,177.05
GREENLEAF AG	N/A	N/A	119,625.00	GOLDEN MUSSEL TREATMENT	119,625.00
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE INC	03/17/2026	617245	3,760.76	700 GALLONS RED DIESEL	
GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE INC	03/31/2026	621169	705.31	DIESEL FUEL - HIGHT	
IMPERIAL SUPPLIES LLC	03/27/2026	I001GL1936	643.51	NUTS AND BOLTS	
INTEGRATED POWER SERVICES	03/30/2026	33368	60,741.24	SQUARE D SOFT STARTERS (6)	60,741.24
JIM'S STEEL SUPPLY	03/12/2026	272082	1,309.50	STEEL SHEETS	
JIM'S STEEL SUPPLY	03/20/2026	272431	729.71	STEEL PIPE	
JORGENSEN COMPANY	04/01/2026	6244543	100.00	INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION	
KEN'S OPTICAL	04/02/2026	11610	239.00	SAFETY GLASSES - DURHAM	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	03/19/2026	43711	167,828.00	RECHARGE 4,268 AF @ \$39.32	167,828.00
KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY	03/02/2026	KNDLA 26-20	18,040.00	KNDLA 2026 CASH CALL	18,040.00
KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY	02/28/2026	RCHG 2026-02E	11,528.00	FEB 2026 RECHARGE 1,048 AF	
KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY	02/28/2026	RCHG 2026-02W	55,174.00	FEB 2026 RECHARGE 2,252 AF	66,702.00
KEVIN EATON	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	195.75	TRANSPORTATION	
KIMBALL MIDWEST	03/05/2026	104244882	442.97	GRIT TAPE, MISC HARDWARE	
Knight's Pumping	03/06/2026	0000265510	270.70	PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
Knight's Pumping	03/13/2026	0000266167	270.70	PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	03/22/2026	55627486	1,014.34	CYLINDER RENTALS	
LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCOUNT	04/02/2026	MAR 2026	1,027.79	STATEMENT	
Madison Energy Investments IX LLC	02/28/2026	SP-337-000016	46,156.87	WHEELER #2 SOLAR CHARGES	
Madison Energy Investments IX LLC	03/31/2026	SP-337-000017	79,725.05	WHEELER #2 SOLAR CHARGES	125,881.92

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
MARCH 2026**

NAME	DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
MARK DELEON	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	543.75	TRANSPORTATION	
MEH OBSP LLC	02/28/2026	SP-395-000023	21,708.71	850 CANAL SOLAR CHARGES	
MEH OBSP LLC	03/31/2026	SP-395-000024	19,976.76	850 CANAL SOLAR CHARGES	41,685.47
MONTGOMERY HARDWARE CO	03/23/2026	782630	71.45	BUILDING ACCESS - MAR 2026	
NEIL DURHAM	03/20/2026	3.20.26	225.00	STEEL TOE BOOTS - DURHAM	
NEIL DURHAM	03/31/2026	Q1 2026	50.00	MAINTAIN FILTRATION SYSTEM	
P G & E #1	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	289,806.21	MARCH POWER	
P G & E #2	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	1,280,017.15	MARCH POWER	
P G & E #3	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	5,458.77	MARCH POWER	
P G & E #4	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	433.11	MARCH POWER	
P G & E #5	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	2,694.62	MARCH POWER	1,578,409.86
PRICE DISPOSAL INC	02/28/2026	N4855409052	850.38	2 40-YARD ROLL OFFS	
PRICE DISPOSAL INC	03/31/2026	N4855413476	1,329.06	2 40-YARD ROLL OFFS	
Primo Brands	03/28/2026	16C0028964179	462.71	DRINKING WATER	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	03/13/2026	128746	3,674.90	WHITE WOLF IN-LIEU BANKING	
Purpose-Built Trade Co	03/28/2026	#PBT629612	225.00	WORK BOOTS - WILLIAMS	
QUADIANT	03/22/2026	MAR 2026	250.00	POSTAGE	
QUADIANT LEASING USA INC	03/15/2026	Q2265421	604.89	POSTAGE METER LEASE	
Rincon Consultants Inc.	03/12/2026	72787	5,258.06	CONSULTING WS5-SCV WATER TRANSFER	5,258.06
RINGCENTRAL INC	04/01/2026	CD_001397706	790.04	TELEPHONES	
ROBERT CLAFFY	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	75.00	WATER TREATMENT & LICENSE	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS	03/16/2026	0332-1156386	1,821.73	VARIOUS HARDWARE, TAPE, ETC.	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS	03/16/2026	0332-1156390	7.97	HARDWARE	
SGMA COORDINATION COMMITTEE	03/31/2026	FUNDING REQUEST #18	18,732.61	SGMA CC FUNDING REQUEST #18	18,732.61
SMART & FINAL	03/11/2026	3.11.26	73.06	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	03/25/2026	3.25.26	29.30	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	04/01/2026	4.1.26	47.60	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY	03/26/2026	MAR 2026	542.26	NATURAL GAS	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	03/11/2026	1070872	733.78	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	03/18/2026	1071890	733.78	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	03/25/2026	1072864	757.76	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	04/01/2026	1073870	731.73	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	04/08/2026	1074845	731.73	UNIFORM CLEANING	
STINSON'S	03/19/2026	372274-0	420.43	PAPER, TONER, OFFICE SUPPLIES	
STINSON'S	03/20/2026	372274-1	17.95	PENCIL LEAD	
STINSON'S	03/25/2026	372274-2	40.66	TONER	
TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS INC	03/10/2026	invp502093087	722.90	HERBICIDE	
TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS INC	03/31/2026	INVP502111147	643.02	HERBICIDE	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	03/18/2026	53867	4,178.10	BUTTERFLY VALVES (6)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	03/20/2026	53893	965.95	BUTTERFLY VALVE	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	03/20/2026	53894	3,048.32	BUTTERFLY VALVES (4)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	04/07/2026	54148	8,661.73	METER HEADS (3)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	04/07/2026	54149	6,671.66	METER HEADS (2)	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	04/07/2026	54150	5,648.05	METER HEADS (2)	29,173.81
THE MARCOM GROUP	03/15/2026	68826	95.00	WEBSITE HOSTING	
Tri Counties Bank Credit Cards	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	19,032.05	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES	19,032.05
VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS	04/01/2026	86510	1,565.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES	
VAST NETWORKS	03/01/2026	72601	1,450.00	INTERNET	
VAST NETWORKS	04/01/2026	73601	1,450.00	INTERNET	
VERIZON WIRELESS	03/31/2026	6139937686	298.00	IPAD DATA	
VERIZON WIRELESS	03/31/2026	6139937687	192.59	CELL PHONES / SIM CARDS	
VULCAN MATERIALS	03/06/2026	5833210	1,180.54	GRAVEL	
VULCAN MATERIALS	03/23/2026	5947954	530.53	ROCK	
VULCAN MATERIALS	03/27/2026	5990540	1,079.01	ROCK	
WELLS FARGO - OFFICE #2	04/03/2026	MAR 2026	87.25	PUMP FANS	
WESTERN EXTERMINATOR COMPANY	03/18/2026	92722416	283.74	PEST CONTROL SERVICES	
WHITE CAP	03/04/2026	50035667233	975.48	RED TOP LATHE STAKES (6)	
YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE	03/31/2026	MAR 2026	22,804.03	LEGAL SERVICES	22,804.03
		SUBTOTAL	2,493,065.13		
		MANUAL CHECKS	245.62		
		BILLS PAID BY CREDIT CARD	(2,539.26)		
		VOUCHER TOTAL	2,490,771.49		

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
 ACH AND MANUAL CHECKS PAYMENTS
 MARCH 2026

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MARCH	NAME	TYPE	DATE	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
	Knights Pumping	Check	3/11/26	0000263951	245.62	missed invoice	
				Total	245.62		

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WSD
 FISCAL AGENT FOR COMMITTEE FOR DELTA RELIABILITY
 CUSTODIAL FUNDS-REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS
 MARCH 2026 FOR THE APRIL 15, 2026 BOARD MEETING

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NAME	INVOICE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED BY WRMWSO BOARD

MARCH 11, 2026 BOARD AUTHORIZATION	MARCH	VOUCHER	52,158.83
VOUCHER TOTAL REQUESTED			52,158.83

EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY COMMITTEE AND PAID BY WRMWSO MANUAL CHECK

Center for California Water Resources	318	Murphy - Oct/Nov 2025; Hamilton - Dec 2025	10,300.58
Nossaman	587904	ESA / Water Quality - Dec 2025	37,365.37
Water & Land Solutions, LLC	5088	Representation - February 2026	4,492.88
TOTAL PAID			52,158.83

INVOICES AWAITING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

INVOICES APPROVED BY WRMWSO BOARD @ APRIL 15, 2026 BOARD MEETING (VOUCHER)

Center for California Water Resources	319	Assn Mgmt - Jan/Feb 2026, Hamilton - Jan 2026	4,388.50
Nossaman	589457	ESA / Water Quality - Jan 2026	22,612.31
Nossaman	590334	ESA / Water Quality - Feb 2026	9,848.92
Water & Land Solutions, LLC	5143	Representation - March 2026	1,910.06
VOUCHER TOTAL REQUEST			38,759.79

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Revolving Account Check Listing

MARCH 2026

Check	Date	Payee	Amount	Description
			BALANCE AS OF 2/28/26	
				Deposit
				7,000.00

Total Checks Issued	0.00
Ending Balance	<u>7,000.00</u>
Balance Limit	<u>7,000.00</u>
Replenish Amount	0.00

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

March 2026 for the April 15, 2026 BOARD MEETING

NAME	ACWA BLUE CROSS OF CA			DENTAL-HEALTHEDGE	HARTFORD		TOTAL
	MED	VISION	LIFE/AD&D	CLAIMS	ADM	DISABILITY	
ATKINSON	1,990.34	17.21	9.77	***	18.15	0.00	***
BLAINE	2,637.20	17.21	5.50	***	18.15	0.00	***
FRY	2,637.20	17.21	4.30	***	18.15	0.00	***
MARIN	2,637.20	17.21	5.50	***	18.15	0.00	***
MARTIN	2,637.20	17.21	5.50	***	18.15	0.00	***
METTLER	1,990.34	17.21	7.10	***	18.15	0.00	***
REITER	995.70	17.21	4.30	***	18.15	0.00	***
RICHARDSON	2,637.20	17.21	3.20	***	18.15	0.00	***
VALPREDO	1,990.34	17.21	5.50	***	18.15	0.00	***
LOVELESS	2,637.20	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	71.93	***
MCDARIS	1,990.34	17.21	14.00	***	18.15	71.93	***
NICHOLAS	2,637.20	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	71.93	***
SMITH	2,637.20	17.21	78.50	***	18.15	71.93	***
SUGGS	2,637.20	17.21	78.50	***	18.15	71.93	***
WHITBY	1,990.34	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	71.93	***
	34,682.20	258.15	331.17	542.00	272.25	431.58	
TOTAL BENEFITS							\$36,517.35

*** 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
MARCH 2026 for the APRIL 15, 2026 BOARD

NAME	DATE	TOTAL	PAYEE	MEMO
Atkinson	03/11/2026	129.00	Atkinson	Regular Board Meeting
Blaine	03/02/2026	125.00	Blaine	Kern Subbasin Committee Meeting
Blaine	03/11/2026	128.00	Blaine	Regular Board Meeting
Fry	03/03/2026	125.00	Fry	WWGSA Meeting
Fry	03/11/2026	125.00	Fry	Regular Board Meeting
Marin	03/11/2026	125.00	Marin	Regular Board Meeting
Martin	03/11/2026	127.00	Martin	Regular Board Meeting
Metter	03/11/2026	128.00	Mettler	Regular Board Meeting
Reiter	03/11/2026	139.00	Reiter	Regular Board Meeting
Reiter	03/12/2026	125.00	Reiter	KCWA Call
Richardson	03/11/2026	128.00	Richardson	Regular Board Meeting
Valpredo	03/11/2026	129.00	Valpredo	Regular Board Meeting
DIRECTORS		1,533.00		

Loveless	02/11/2026	18.25	Tri Counties	Meal - Tulare Ag Expo
McDaris	02/17/2026	999.00	Tri Counties	Registration - ACWA Event
McDaris	03/11/2026	125.00	Tri Counties	Fiscal & Financial Training webinar
McDaris	03/17/2026	198.26	Tri Counties	Lodging - Zone 7 Meeting/Tour
McDaris	03/19/2026	50.00	Tri Counties	Golden Mussels Workshop
Nicholas	01/30/2026	294.92	Tri Counties	Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Board Meeting
Nicholas	02/18/2026	337.99	Tri Counties	Lodging/Parking/Meals/Fuel - Meeting with CASP & SWP
Nicholas	02/23/2026	29.90	Tri Counties	EM Lunch
Nicholas	03/05/2026	121.93	Tri Counties	2026 WAKC Water Summit ticket
Nicholas	03/19/2026	375.83	Tri Counties	Lodging/Parking/Fuel/Meals - ACWA Board Meeting
Nicholas	04/01/2026	102.19	Verizon	Communication - cell
Nicholas	03/11/2026	125.00	Tri Counties	Fiscal & Financial Training webinar
Smith	03/11/2026	125.00	Tri Counties	Fiscal & Financial Training webinar
Suggs	03/05/2026	121.93	Tri Counties	2026 WAKC Water Summit ticket
MANAGEMENT		3,025.20		

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*** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation

RETIRED ANNUITANT 0.00

Board	02/10/2026	59.32	Tri Counties	2/11/2026 Board Meeting - refreshments
	02/11/2026	120.09	Tri Counties	2/11/2026 Board Meeting - burritos
	03/11/2026	120.00	Tri Counties	3/11/2026 Board Meeting - burritos
	03/11/2026	51.55	Tri Counties	3/11/2026 Board Meeting - refreshments
	3/11/2026	875.00	Tri Counties	Fiscal & Financial Training webinar - 7 directors
BOARD		1,225.96		

TOTAL EXPENSE 5,784.16

WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WSD
 PAYROLL FUND
 MARCH 2026
 APRIL 15, 2026 BOARD MEETING

	EMPLOYEES	DIRECTORS	RETIREES	TOTALS
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (February 28, 2026/ee)-(February 28, 2026/dir)	170,343.47	2,022.00		172,365.47
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (March 14, 2026)	165,597.42			165,597.42
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (March 28, 2026)	167,391.51			167,391.51
PAYCHEX Employer taxes: SSI, Medicare, UI	38,930.74	187.09		39,117.83
PERS (EMPLOYER PORTION) RETIREMENT	40,973.56			40,973.56
ACWA-HEALTH BENEFITS Medical/Vision Insurance Premium	100,447.47	20,359.43	27,059.11	147,866.01
HEALTH EDGE ADMINISTRATORS INC Dental Insurance Administrative Fees	780.45	163.35	508.20	1,452.00
HEALTH EDGE ADMINISTRATORS INC Dental Insurance Claims	1,315.00		2,066.40	3,381.40
THE HARTFORD GROUP Long Term Disability Insurance	3,092.85			3,092.85
PAYCHEX P/R Processing Fees, monthly and W-2 fees	1,281.80	142.00		1,423.80
TOTAL PAYROLL FUND:	690,154.27	22,873.87	29,633.71	742,661.85

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS
APRIL 15, 2026 BOARD MEETING
MARCH / APRIL 2026

OPERATING / REVOLVING ACCOUNT:

WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK OPERATING ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR: March 2026 Accounts Payable	1	\$ 2,490,771.49
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK OPERATING ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR: Committee for Delta Reliability	2	\$ 38,759.79
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK REVOLVING ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR: March 2026 Revolving Account	3	\$
TOTAL OPERATING / REVOLVING ACCOUNT:		\$ <u>2,529,531.28</u>

PAYROLL ACCOUNT:

WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR PPE: April 11, 2026	4	213,000.00	
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR PPE: April 25, 2026	5	215,000.00	
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR PPE: May 9, 2026	6	351,000.00	
TOTAL PAYROLL ACCOUNT:		\$ <u>779,000.00</u>	<u>779,000.00</u>

COUNTY TRANSFERS: Transfer to CAMP 4,000,000.00

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS: \$ 7,308,531.28

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
 BUDGET EXPENDITURES REPORT
 PERIOD ENDING MARCH 2026
 (UNAUDITED)

BUDGET CLASS	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANTICIPATED TO DATE	ACTUAL SPENT TO DATE	UNDER/(OVER) BUDGET TO ACTUAL DIFFERENCE	% OF ANTICIPATED TO DATE
PAYROLL SALARIES	4,415,798	1,188,869	1,204,949	(16,080)	101.35%
PAYROLL TAX	332,953	89,641	97,992	(8,351)	109.32%
PAYROLL PERS	547,589	126,367	122,157	4,210	96.67%
PAYROLL HEALTH	1,287,640	321,910	322,119 (a)	(209)	100.06%
TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	6,583,980	1,726,787	1,747,217	(20,430)	101.18%
FUEL & OIL	494,800	123,700	93,430	30,270	75.53%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1,867,900	466,975	221,319	245,656	47.39%
SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS	52,600	13,150	931	12,219	7.08%
WELL MAINTENANCE STANDBY POWER	6,000	1,500	1,896	(396)	126.40%
COMMUNICATIONS	66,700	16,675	10,654	6,021	63.89%
DIRECTORS PAYROLL & EXPENSES	36,000	9,000	8,004	996	88.93%
DIRECTORS HEALTH	255,000	63,750	62,026 (a)	1,724	97.30%
RETIREEES-OPEB	336,000	84,000	95,051 (a)	(11,051)	113.16%
INSURANCE & BONDS	364,800	91,200	70,308	20,892	77.09%
MEMBERSHIPS	102,210	75,803	75,803	-	100.00%
MISC SERVICES & SUPPLIES	72,400	18,100	24,290	(6,190)	134.20%
OFFICE SERVICES & SUPPLIES	34,700	8,675	5,646	3,029	65.08%
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	160,590	40,148	14,316	25,832	35.66%
MAINT. & REPAIR BY OTHERS	329,500	82,375	43,279	39,096	52.54%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-LEGAL	125,000	31,250	43,140	(11,890)	138.05%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-AUDIT	54,000	4,325	4,325	-	0.00%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-OTHER	203,300	50,825	43,163	7,662	84.92%
SGMA - SOKR EXPENSES	100,000	25,000	40,950	(15,950)	163.80%
SGMA - WHITE WOLF GSA EXPENSES	100,000	25,000	51,572	(26,572)	206.29%
SGMA - WRM GSA EXPENSES	293,000	73,250	40,996	32,254	55.97%
LEGAL NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS	17,200	4,300	1,899	2,401	44.16%
RENTED EQUIPMENT	66,400	16,600	9,057	7,543	54.56%
SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSE	20,400	5,100	4,014	1,086	78.71%
TRAINING & TRAVEL EXPENSE	80,900	20,225	11,707	8,518	57.88%
UTILITIES	130,200	32,550	31,163	1,387	95.74%
JUDGEMENTS & CLAIMS EXPENSE	6,600	-	-	-	0.00%
CALPERS UNFUNDED LIABILITY	2,000,000	-	-	-	0.00%
CURRENTLY FUNDED ASSETS	890,000	29,252	29,252	-	100.00%
RESERVE FUNDED ASSETS	3,444,000	-	-	-	0.00%
TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	11,710,200	1,412,728	1,038,191	374,537	73.49%
KCWA F.O.	55,800,000	55,799,993	55,799,993	-	100.00%
KCWA VARIABLE	10,667,060	10,664,987	10,664,987	-	100.00%
DISTRICT POWER-PUMPS	20,046,584	20,018,789	20,018,789	-	100.00%
TOTAL WATER COSTS	86,513,644	86,483,769	86,483,769	-	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	104,807,824	89,623,283	89,269,177	354,106	99.60%
(a) Health Insurance combined	1,878,640	469,660	479,196	(9,536)	102.03%

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET - PERIOD ENDING MARCH 2026									
		BUDGET				ACTUAL (net of trade or sale)			
QTY	DESCRIPTION	BGT COST PER ITEM	TOTAL BUDGET	CURRENT FUNDED	RESERVE FUNDED	TOTAL TO DATE	CURRENT FUNDED	RESERVE FUNDED	% OF BGT.
ENGINEERING:									
1	Drill Two Replacement Supply Wells	2,100,000	2,100,000	-	2,100,000	-	-	-	0%
8	WRM10 Large Pump Units, 17 & 44 CFS	210,000	1,680,000	336,000	1,344,000	-	-	-	0%
1	Portion of 6P Lateral Pipeline Replacement	300,000	300,000	300,000	-	-	-	-	0%
	SUBTOTAL		4,080,000	636,000	3,444,000	-	-	-	0%
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE:									
1	Compact SUV	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	0%
1	Mid-Sized Crew Cab 4X4	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	0%
1	1/2 Ton Reg Cab Pickup	27,000	27,000	27,000	-	29,252	29,252	-	108%
1	1/2 Ton Ext Cab Pickup	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	0%
1	3/4 Ton Pickup	32,000	32,000	32,000	-	-	-	-	0%
1	1 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	0%
1	1-1/2 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility	55,000	55,000	55,000	-	-	-	-	0%
	SUBTOTAL		254,000	254,000	-	29,252	29,252	-	12%
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			4,334,000	890,000	3,444,000	29,252	29,252	-	



ENGINEER-MANAGER'S REPORT

MARCH
2026



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: APRIL 2, 2026

SUBJECT: ENGINEER-MANAGER’S MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2026

During the months of March, the District delivered 9,082 acre-feet consisting of the water types described below. Of the total quantity delivered, 202 acre-feet was delivered for industrial use, with the remainder being delivered for agricultural use. This is less than average when compared to the projected deliveries of approximately 5,400 acre-feet, based on the “typical average surface water demand 2015-2025” 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- 2026	Jan-Feb	Mar	YTD
2026 SWP Entitlement (a)	-	3,893	3,893
2025 Carryover (estimate) (b)	2,047	4,698	6,745
Mettler Water Bank (c)	220	303	523
Pastoria/TRC	167	180	347
Granite/TRC	173	7	181
Supplemental Supplies	-	-	-
Landowner Water Transfer	-	-	-
User Input-District Wells	-	-	-
User Input-Private	-	-	-
Type of Delivery			
Irrigation	2,265	8,880	11,145
Industrial Contract	340	187	528
Other Industrial	2	14	17
Subtotal: In-District Deliveries	2,608	9,082	11,690
Kern Fan Recharge Deliveries estimates			
Kern Water Bank (c)	3,651	-	3,651
Pioneer Project + 2800 Acres (c)	2,881	-	2,881
Total Deliveries	9,140	9,082	18,222

(a) Assumes a 2026 allocation of 197,088 acre-feet (100%)

(b) An estimated 15,000 acre-feet was carried over from 2025 into 2026. Of this, Water User carryover was approximately 4,345 acre-feet. 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 Pine is currently working with adjacent landowners to site the batteries.

White Wolf GSA.

- The White Wolf GSA meeting for April 7 was cancelled.
- The 2025 Annual Report was submitted to DWR. The report can be found at whitewolfgsa.org.
- The stakeholder workshop is scheduled for April 30.
- Next scheduled White Wolf GSA Board Meeting is May 5.

Coordination between SOKR GSA's

- The Next Executive Committee meeting is May 14

Kern Subbasin Coordination

- Biweekly Managers Meetings
- Monthly Subbasin Meetings
- 2025 Annual Report was submitted to DWR. Can be found at kerngsp.com.
- Subbasin working on possible GSP revisions due to DWR Subsidence BMP document.
- Meetings with Self Help, DWR-SGMO, and CASP

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
- Dec 9 - SWRCB Letter Sending Subbasin to DWR
- DWR Review of Kern Subbasin Plan (potentially 2 years)

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

Mar 02 Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee	Mar 18 Region 6/7 Pre-ACWA Board Meeting
Mar 02 CVC Settlement Discussions	Mar 19 Kern Subbasin Subsidence Subcommittee
Mar 03 White Wolf GSA Board	Mar 19 ACWA Region Chair/Vice Chair Leadership
Mar 03 ACWA Finance Committee	Mar 20 ACWA Board
Mar 04 Kern Subsidence Subcommittee	Mar 23 ACWA Board
Mar 04 ACWA Committee Reporter Training	Mar 23 KNDLA Board Meeting
Mar 05 WAKC Water Summit	Mar 24 Kern Subbasin/CASP
Mar 10 KWBGSA/KWB Board	Mar 25 Local Legislative Committee
Mar 11 WRMWSA Board	Mar 25 SOKR Managers
Mar 12 WRM/AE Staff	Mar 26 Special Member Unit Managers
Mar 12 Pioneer Participants	Mar 26 KCWA Board
Mar 12 Member Unit Managers	Mar 26 ACWA Region 6&7 Call
Mar 13 Kern Subbasin Managers	Mar 27 Kern Subbasin Managers
Mar 13 Kern Water Collaborative	Mar 27 CVC Settlement Discussions
Mar 13 CVC Settlement Discussions	Mar 30 ACWA Special Board
Mar 18 White Wolf GSA Technical Committee	

RETIRED ANNUITANT REPORT – R. KUNDE

Delta Conveyance Project - Submittal to Delta Stewardship Council (DSC). *(Unchanged from December).* On October 17, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) submitted a Certification of Consistency with the Delta Plan for the DCP. Subsequently, at least ten parties filed appeals with the DSC. The DSC then scheduled a public hearing for February 26 and 27, 2026, regarding the appeals.

(Brief version from February) At the February 26 and 27 hearings, the DSC allocated 200 minutes for presentations from the 10 appellant parties which included 6 local government agencies, San Francisco Baykeeper on behalf of 10 tribal and environmental groups, and 3 local stakeholders. The 10 presenters argued the *Certification of Consistency* was erroneous on various grounds and recommended the DSC reject the *Certification* and/or remand the matter for further consideration. DWR responded to the presenters arguments. There followed extensive public comments. The DSC Chair stated “*The council will consider the draft determination and staff review and make a final decision within sixty days of today's hearing. A notice confirming the date and time will be sent out in advance of the meeting as required by law.*”

Delta Conveyance Project - Water Right Hearing and Schedule. *Updated)* *The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Administrative Hearing Officer (AHO) conducted 6 days of Hearings in March on DWR's Petition (Change in Point of Diversion - CPOD) for the DCP. The current Hearing schedule through Summer 2026 is as follows:*

*Protestants' rebuttal portion of the Public Hearing will begin on
June 1, 2026, and continue on June 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 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.*

Sites Reservoir - Draft Water Right Issued for Public Comment. On March 20, the SWRCB released for public comment its:

- a. 174 page DRAFT “*Decision Conditionally Approving Water Right Application for the Sites Reservoir Project and Denying Assignment of State-filed Application and Release from Priority of State-filed Applications*”, and
- b. 123 page DRAFT “*Permit to Divert and Use Water*”,
for the Sites Reservoir Project. Public comments are due on May 22, 2026. The Sites Water Right Application was submitted to the SWRCB on May 11, 2022.

Excerpts from the March 20 SWRCB Press Release were:

- c. “*The hearing process involved 21 parties, 60 witnesses, 2,115 evidentiary documents and took place over 32 separate hearing days, with a two-day site visit. The draft decision evaluates the evidence and legal arguments received during the proceedings and provides the rationale for conditions contained in the draft water right permit; it is the product of extensive deliberations by the board members during closed sessions over the last two years. In drafting the Sites decision, the State Water Board considered multiple competing needs and set draft conditions to protect senior right holders, water quality, and flows for fisheries in the Sacramento River and Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta.*”
- d. “*The conditions proposed in the draft include the following:
Annual diversions limited to 986,000 acre-feet.
Requirements to align the proposed water right with the planning processes underway for the Bay-Delta watershed.
Operating criteria at the diversion facilities to protect fisheries.*”
- e. “*After the 60-day public comment period ends on May 22, the hearings office will evaluate the input received and, if appropriate, revise the draft decision and permit for consideration by board members. The board will provide a second comment period prior to final consideration of the water right decision and water right permit.*”

The March 21 Sites Project Authority Press release was as follows.

Maxwell, CA – Today, the Sites Project Authority released the following statement after the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Administrative Hearings Office’s (AHO) transmittal of a draft Decision Conditionally Approving the Water Right Application for the Sites Reservoir Project and associated Draft Water Right Permit:

“We are carefully reviewing these extensive documents and will take the time necessary to fully understand their potential implications on the Project’s operations and the benefits that it can provide to the people of California. Elements of the draft decision and permit are different from the end of the hearing process last year, and we will need to evaluate and reconcile these differences.

In the coming weeks, interested parties will have the opportunity to submit public comment to the State Board on the terms and conditions of the draft decision and permit. The Authority intends to actively participate in this process.

We remain committed to delivering the benefits that the people of California overwhelmingly supported with the passage of Proposition 1 in 2014. Today, the water challenges facing our state remain daunting. We will continue working with our state and federal partners, as well as our statewide participants, to ensure Sites Reservoir can help meet the goals of the California Water Plan.”

The draft Decision and draft Permit contained several terms which were more burdensome and restrictive - allegedly to protect fisheries - than the terms included in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for the Sites Project. For example, the ITP required minimum bypass flows at Wilkins Slough on the Sacramento River to be 10,930 cfs in order to protect fisheries. But the Draft Order increases this minimum to 14,125 cfs - a 29% increase. So Sites diversions from the Sacramento River into the Reservoir would be significantly reduced (although by less 29% due to the volume of diversions that would occur above 14,125 cfs). Among other terms of significant impact were Bend Bridge pulse flow protections (the draft increases such protections above the ITP permit level at the expense of diversions) and conditions tied to the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan currently under consideration by the SWRCB.

The effect of the draft Order and Permit, if adopted as proposed, would reduce the Project Yield and increase the unit costs of water from the Project.

Sites staff and consultants were evaluating the Drafts by including the various terms in an updated CalSIM3 hydrologic model. This evaluation may be available in April.

Sites Reservoir - April 2 Joint Special Meeting of Sites Project Authority (SPA) and Reservoir Project Committee (RPC). At its Special April 2, 2026 meeting, the only agenda item besides public comments was a closed session to discuss the draft Water Right Decision and Permit. No reportable action was taken.

Sites Reservoir - March Joint Meeting of Sites Project Authority (SPA) and Reservoir Project Committee (RPC). At its March 20, 2026 meeting, the SPA and/or RPC approved the usual consent agenda (minutes, treasurer’s report, accounts payable), and authorization of \$1.76 million for two contractors to perform 2026 environmental survey work to support upcoming Phase 3 construction in 2027.

Action items were as follows.

1. Authorization to execute a Sites/Bureau of Reclamation agreement on conveying Incremental Level 4 refuge water was tabled.
2. Memoranda of Understandings were approved with Richvale Irrigation District and Western Canal Water District for conveyance of Proposition 1 Sites Water to Upper Butte Basin Area.
3. The staff proposed Contingency Land Acquisition Program was approved.
4. Staff were authorized to proceed with the Governance proposal to make further revisions to the contract documents and pursue legislative activities related to Government Code Section 6508.
5. A letter response was approved to respond to Brown Act violations allegations made by the Northern California Carpenters Union.

Discussion items were as follows.

6. A status update was provided on the development of the Program Baseline Report – Water Supply Benefits.
7. A report was received on Participant comments on the December 2025 draft Benefits & Obligation Contract, Bylaws and amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement.
8. A report was received on Lower Colusa Basin Drain System conditions precedent to Investor Commitment.
9. A status update was provided on the Facilities Use Agreements with Glenn Colusa Irrigation District and Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority and the Operations Agreement with Reclamation District 108.
10. A review was provided of the final draft of the January 2026 Plan of Finance Update, which incorporates comments from Authority Board and Reservoir Committee members.

A Closed session was also held on various matters with no reportable action taken.

The next regular joint Sites Project Authority/Reservoir Project Committee Meeting will be held on April 17, 2026.

Sites Reservoir - District Participation Changes. (*NEW information is below*). Per Board actions taken in December, the District, Santa Clara Valley Water District and the Sites Project Authority approved and/or executed an *Assignment* of 1000 acre-feet of Sites participation (out of the total District participation of 3050 acre-feet) from the District to Santa Clara Valley Water District on behalf of District grower Booth Ranches LLC. On January 5, 2026, the Retired Annuitant submitted a request for written approval of the *Assignment* by February 2 to each of the other 20 Reservoir Committee members.

(*NEW*) On March 23, the District received the \$30,000 initial deposit from Santa Clara.

On April 2, the last of 20 Reservoir Committee members submitted its written *Assignment* approval. This completed the Sites approval process of the *Assignment* and established the Effective Date as April 2, 2026 of the *Assignment and Assumption Agreement* between Santa Clara and the District. The remainder of the \$608,500 (less the initial deposit) will be due on May 2 from Santa Clara, plus up to \$10,000 in District costs to develop and execute the *Assignment*.

Sites Reservoir - Grower Communications. Information on the Draft Water Right Decision and Draft Permit was provided to participating Growers on March 20, 22, and 25.

Meetings. The Retired Annuitant attended the following meetings:

- Mar 12 Delta Conveyance Project - Policy Briefing
- Mar 12 Kern County Water Agency - Member Unit Managers
- Mar 17 Sites Reservoir - Retired Annuitant meeting with Northern California Carpenters Union
- Mar 13 Sites Reservoir - Budget and Finance Committee
- Mar 19 Sites Reservoir - Chairpersons Meeting
- Mar 05 Sites Reservoir - Contract Strategy Subcommittee
- Mar 06 Sites Reservoir - Conveyance Ad Hoc Subcommittee
- Mar 11 Sites Reservoir - Coordination Committee
- Mar 09 Sites Reservoir - Governance Ad Hoc Committee
- Mar 20 Sites Reservoir - Joint Sites Authority/Reservoir Committee Board of Directors
- Mar 16 Sites Reservoir - Land Management Committee
- Mar 05 Sites Reservoir - Operations and Engineering Workgroup Agenda Planning
- Mar 11 Sites Reservoir - Operations and Engineering Workgroup
- Mar 11 WRMWSD - Board of Directors
- Mar 25 WRMWSD - Staff Meeting on History of Contract Acreage Changes

DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES REPORT – E. MCDARIS

2026 State Water Project Allocation – 30%

On December 1st, 2025, DWR announced the initial 2026 State Water Project allocation of 10%. On January 29th, DWR announced an increase to the 2026 allocation raising it to 30% 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 2026 contractor demands. DWR may revise the initial and subsequent allocations if warranted by the year’s developing hydrologic and water supply conditions.

The 30% allocation is nearly consistent with the 90% probability of exceedance (P.O.E.) study with moderate Old and Middle River (OMR) restrictions in DWR’s most recent “*Allocation Analysis for 2026*” (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 March 26th DWR analysis results for 2026 are as follows (values in acre-feet).

Source/SVI	Below Normal	Below Normal	Above Normal	Above Normal
SWP Allocation	28%	30%	41%	53%
OMR Restriction [a]	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Prob. Of Exceedance [b]	90%	75%	50%	25%
District Supply	55,185	59,126	80,806	104,457

[a] Average Old and Middle River reverse flow restrictions (cfs) from December 2025 to July 2026.

[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 54% per DWR’s *Draft Delivery Capability* report 2025). 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 March was **0.1 inches, only 1% of the monthly average of 8.1 inches.** *Accumulation* for the season is as follows:

Current Amount – October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026,	42.2”
Seasonal Average to Date	44.4”
Seasonal Percent of Average to Date	95%
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 March was **0.0 inches, which is 0% of historical average (6.3 inches).** *Accumulation* for the season is 28.8 inches, which is 86% of the seasonal average of 33.2 inches.

Carryover and Spill Conditions.

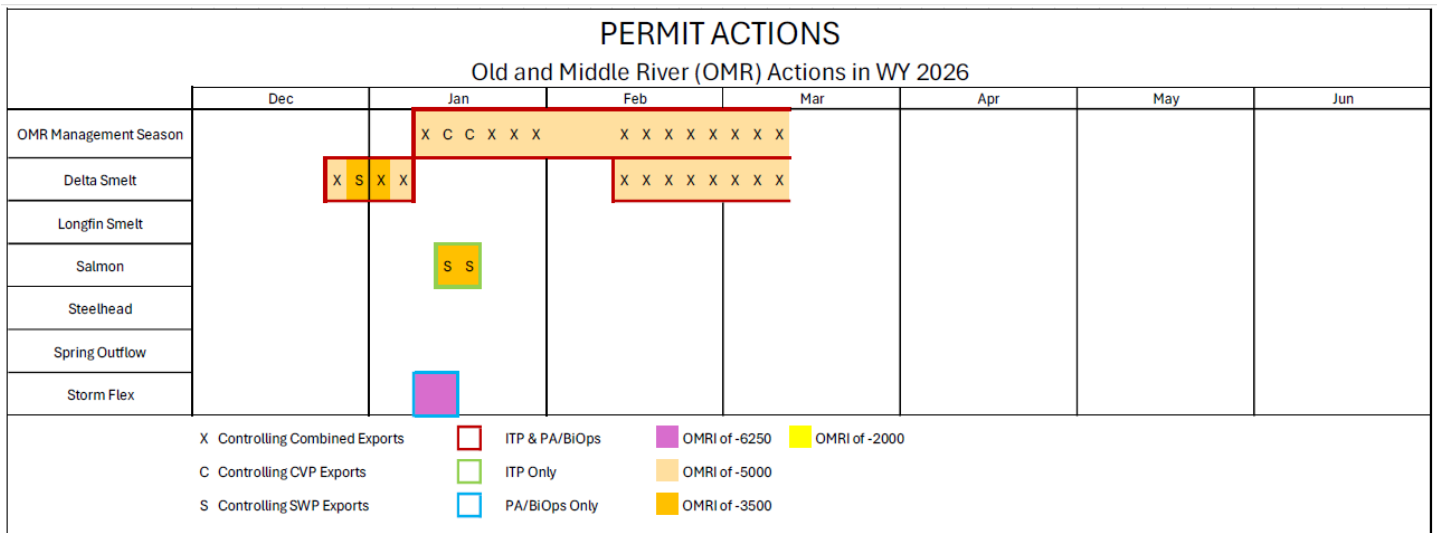
The District continually reviews current San Luis Reservoir (SLR) storage levels (April 1, 2026: 89% capacity, 102% of average) to determine optimum carryover amounts. End of month San Luis Reservoir conditions were as follows:

Description Million Acre-feet (MAF)

SLR Capacity	
SWP Share	1.062
CVP Share	<u>0.966</u>
SWP + CVP subtotal	2.028
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
Actual December 31, 2025 storage	1.397
March 02, 2026, storage	
SWP Share	1.036
CVP Share	<u>0.771</u>
SWP + CVP subtotal	1.807

The amount of State Water Project water stored during the month of March decreased approximately 12,800 acre-feet, going from 1,049,084 acre-feet at the end of February to 1,036,282 acre-feet at the end of March. On April 01, 2026, SLR overall storage was approximately 220,403 acre-feet from full.

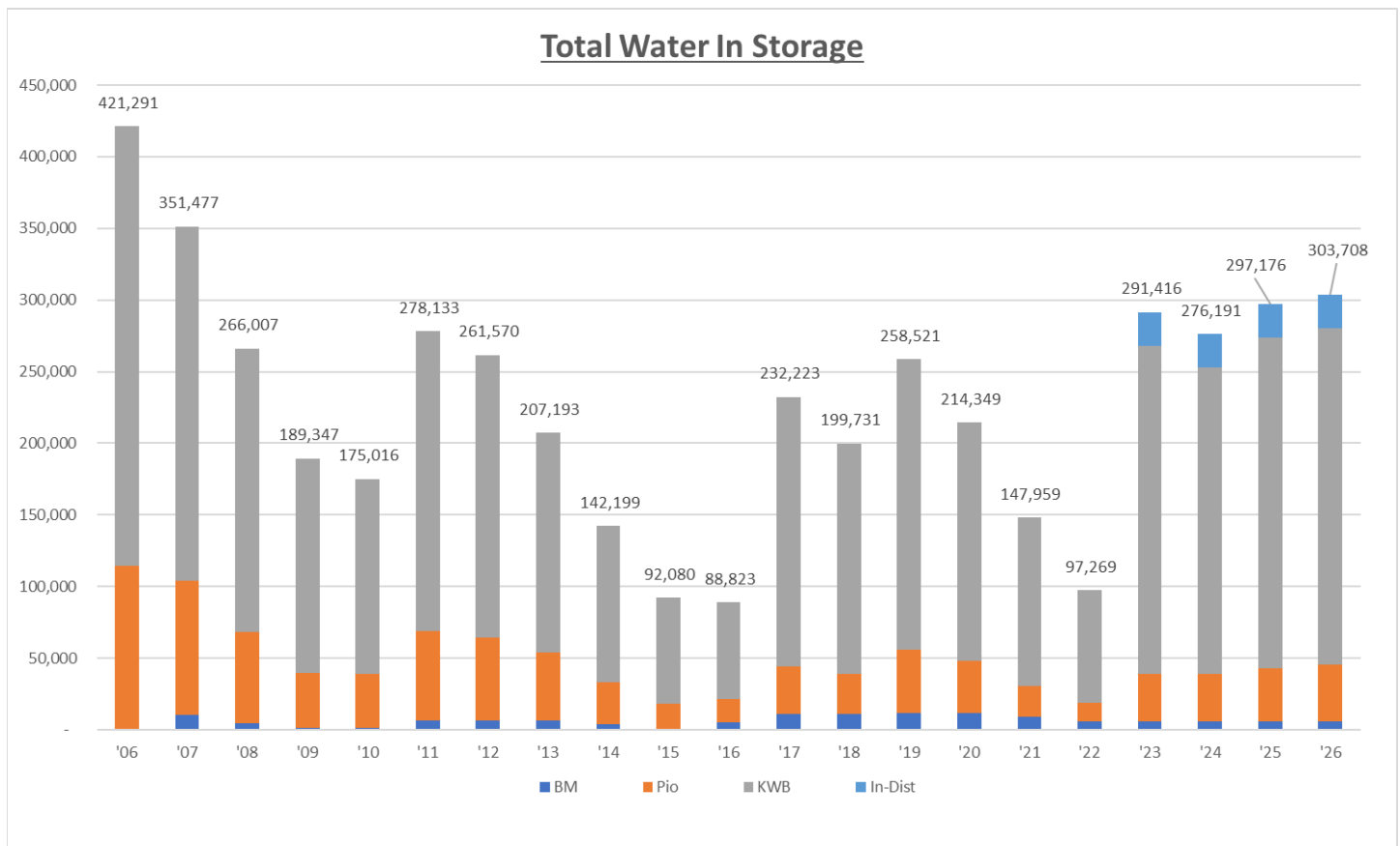
The below graphic shows the various permit actions which have controlled Delta exports for both the State and Federal projects. Not included in this graphic is the X2 conditions which were triggered in February and March. February required 22 days of compliance and March required an additional 21 days of compliance at Port Chicago.



Recharge. The District conducted recharge operations in the Kern Fan projects during the last week of February. Both the Kern Water Bank and Pioneer projects were utilized, recharging a total of 3,651 acre-feet and 2,881 acre-feet respectively. An additional 533 acre-feet was recharged into the in-District Mettler Water Bank. These operations were conducted to mitigate spill risk in San Luis Reservoir.

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

- 3/3- White Wolf Board meeting, KCWA Ops call, Supervisor meeting
- 3/4- WS5 weekly call
- 3/5- WAKC Water Summit
- 3/6- Supplemental Water meeting
- 3/9- Contract delinquency meeting, Certificate of Sale discussion w/GC
- 3/10- KCWA Ops call, Supervisor meeting, internal WIS meeting, KWB Board & KWB GSA
- 3/11- District Board meeting, WS5 weekly call
- 3/12- monthly AEWSD meeting, Pioneer Participates, MU Mgr, MU Policy, SWC mid-month Ops call
- 3/13- WRM-AE LT discussion w/KCWA, Kern Subbasin, WS5 strategy meeting
- 3/17- tour Zone 7, KCWA Ops call
- 3/18- Supervisor meeting, internal subsidence meeting, White Wolf Tech. Committee, GWSC delinquency w/GC, landowner meeting re: Contract amendment
- 3/20- Sites Reservoir Committee/Authority Board meeting
- 3/23- KCWA Golden Mussel task Force, KNDLA Board meeting
- 3/24- KCWA Ops call, ACWA Groundwater Banking Working Group
- 3/25- internal Contract turnout discussion, Supervisor meeting, SOKR managers, WS5 weekly call
- 3/26- KCWA MU Mgr (Special), Golden Mussel meeting (SePRO), KCWA Board, SWC Operations Committee,
- 3/27- Kern Subbasin, Certificate of Sale hearing (Kern County), Golden Mussel meeting (SePRO)
- 3/31- WS5-AVEK tour, KCWA Ops call



The Contract Administrator's Work Included:

Contract/ Water Allocation Work.

- Contract(s): 25A
 - Drafted Contract Correctory Agreement
- Contract(s): 43 & 103
 - Received Deed of Trust
 - Verifying APN/Land Description
- Contract(s): 124A18
 - Received Grant Deed/Verified APN/Land Description
 - Finalized Assumption Agreement & sent it to the Landowner for signatures
- Contract(s): 14, 95, &120A
 - Received notarized signatures from the Board
 - Pending recording at the Kern County Recorder's Office
- Contract(s): 14, 124A18A, & 69L
 - Working through Post Recording Procedures
- Contract(s): 121, 69NA1A
 - Completed Post Recording Procedures

Landowner Assistance.

- 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 2026 SWP Allocation/Supp/Return Water questions.
 - Assisted **04** Water User(s) with 2025 Carryover/Water/Usage
 - Assisted **10** Water User(s) with 2025/2026 Water Costs/Allocation/Other questions.
 - Assisted **06** Water User(s) with APN District verification (Appraiser Requests)
 - Assisted **03** Non-contract User(s) with general allocation/cost associated with The District.
 - Assisted **01** Water User(s) with Farming Unit Operation changes/questions.
 - Assisted **08** Water User(s) with Second Priority Sub-Account Program
 - Assisted **03** Water User(s) with GWSC Questions/Information
 - Assisted **06** Potential Water User(s) with Water District Information/Water Allocations/Costs
 - Processed **01** Title Demand Request
 - Processed **04** Water Transfer(s)
 - Processed **0** Water Return(s)
 - Processed **04** Second Priority KWB Sub-Account Request(s)
 - Processed **0** Farming Unit Operation Agreements

Other Tasks.

- Important Notices via email to Landowners/Water Users
 - 3/03/2026 Second Priority Sub-Account Agreement Extension reminders
- Completed weekly water schedule updates, reconciling variances with Dispatch and Controller.
 - Low Water Balance Notices
 - Worked with Controller & Operations on End of Month Water Reports & Non-Contract Accounts.
 - Worked with Dispatch/Accounting to resolve low/negative Water User Accounts
- 2025 WSC Delinquencies
 - 3/3/2026- Certificate of Sale researched historical predated Certificate of Sale files
 - 3/4/2026- Assisted with Certificate of Sale Memo presented at our March Board Meeting
 - 3/12/2026- Received Proof of Publication from The Bakersfield Californian
 - 3/16/2026- Emailed/Hand Delivered formal cover letter, Proof of Publication, and original Notice of Sale to the Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office
 - 3/17/2026- Emailed Certificate of Sale drafts to District Counsel for review
 - 3/25/2026- Emailed formal cover letter and three different final Certificate of Sale documents to the Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office
 - 3/25/2026- Taft Vegetable Farms contacted the District requesting pay-off amounts as of 3/26/2026, as that is

when they intended to pay in full; however, they later discovered a Deed of Trust Upon Sale due to a loan foreclosure was recorded to another landowner in our District. The District did not receive payment from Taft Vegetable Farms.

- 3/26/2026- District's Counsel Office provided the District with a copy of the Deed of Trust recorded on 1/28/2026. District then contacted the new landowner to provide a courtesy notice regarding the properties subject to a Public Certificate of Sale by the District.
 - 3/26/2026- The new Landowner emailed the District and Kern County Treasurer-Tax's Office a Notice of Intent to Redeem and Request for Immediate Stay of Sale
 - 3/27/2026- After a phone meeting between District Counsel and County Counsel, it was the County's position that, because the Notice of Sale was published after the recorded foreclosure deed, the County recommended we cancel and reinstate the delinquency process. Therefore, the Sale was canceled, and the County provided this notice at the time of the sale.
 - 3/27/2026- District contacted the new Landowner by email, informing them of the cancellation, and that the District would be reinstating the delinquency process if they did not cure their balance immediately. The District received payment in full.
 - 3/30/2026- District filed a Release of Delinquency
- Assisted Executive Assistant and Accounting Department with Mail Distribution/Cash Receipts/Cash Deposit Scan process
 - Assisted in current/ongoing discussions:
 - Bankruptcy Notices/Proof of Claim regarding a Contract Water User
 - GWSC Delinquencies and Public Auction Sale Date
 - Research District's historical Certificate of Sale contracts
 - Extension collections of 2nd Priority Sub-Account Agreement holders
 - 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
 - Attended Bi-Weekly Sync Meetings
 - Meetings/Trainings Attended/Completed:
 - 03/11/2026 Board Meeting
 - 03/09/2026 Contract Delinquency (Rob/Kunde/District Staff)
 - 03/09/2026 Certificate of Sale Research review (District Counsel)
 - 03/25/2026 Contract TO Discussion (Rob Kunde/District Staff)
 - 03/27/2026 Certificate of Sale (Contract Delinquency)
 - Landowner In-person/Phone or Other Meetings - March 02-03, 05-06, 09, 11, 23-24, 26-27, 30

ACCOUNTING ACTIVITIES – J. SMITH

Controller’s Report:

2026 Water Allocations, Deliveries, and Billings The January water reports were mailed on February 2. On December 1, 2025, DWR announced an initial SWP allocation of 10% of CAW. The DWR announced a revised allocation of 30% on January 29. Current allocations and usage are:

<u>As of 3/31/2026</u>	<u>Acre-Feet</u>
SWP	200,818.00
Carry Over	4,343.48
User Input	18.15
Returns	(3,161.00)
Total Supply	202,018.63
Deliveries (Jan-Mar)	(11,145.30)
Unused	190,873.33

2026 Contract and Non-Contract Water Billings and Delinquencies.

- The 3 of 8 contract water billings were mailed on March 25
- The 2 of 6 noncontract billings were mailed on March 25

Contract Water Delinquencies as of March 31, 2026.

<u>Contract Water Charges</u>						<u>Contract</u>	<u>Delinq.</u>
<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Billing</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>\$/Acre</u>
0038	Almond Blossom Ranch, LLC	5,867.79	586.78		6,454.57	322.59	20.01
	Total	5,867.79	586.78	-	6,454.57	322.59	20.01

2024/2025 Ground Water Service Charge Delinquencies as of March 31, 2026.

<u>Ground Water Service Charges</u>							
<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Billing</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Field Acres</u>	<u>Delinq. \$/Acre</u>
2180	Almond Blossom Ranch, LLC	130,903.50	10,324.67	9,441.91	150,670.08	279.92	538.26
1010	Biane JP Living Trust	13,762.45	1,376.26	543.68	15,682.39	90.00	174.25
1060	K & B Inv Fund	3,419.50	341.96	166.04	3,927.50	99.11	39.63
1080	LNZ Prosperity, LLC	26,914.61	503.13	1,043.23	28,460.97	322.32	88.30
1090	New Sunny International, LLC	3,610.84	298.40	38.52	3,947.76	61.69	63.99
1090	New Sunny International, LLC	1,077.00	170.39	710.41	1,957.80	61.69	31.74
2150	Old River Farm, Inc. et. al.	80,462.75	8,046.28	3,466.95	91,975.98	365.69	251.51
	Total	260,150.65	21,061.09	15,410.74	296,622.48	1,280.42	231.66
	Grand Totals	266,018.44	21,647.87	15,410.74	303,077.05		

Controller Report-Smith:

2025 Audit Update-Staff continues to work with BHK on the 2025 audit and anticipates a draft audit by May 8 and will begin work on the MD&A at that time. The Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for June 4. BHK to present the audit at the June 10 Board meeting.

Staff anticipate receiving draft proposals for investment advisory services from CAMP and California CLASS. Staff will review and report to the finance committee.

Meetings:

- Mar 3 Break9/Latis meeting. Review integrations with water accounting database
- Mar 9 Staff contract delinquency meeting
- Mar 10 Break9 meeting water accounting database update
- Mar 11 Lincoln Financial Group 457 plan review with Kim Thomas and EM Sheridan Nicholas
- Mar 25 Staff meeting to review contract, allocation, OM&R, BDS, and SSC acre history
- Mar 26 Break9/Latis API integration meeting
- Mar 26 Tri Counties Bank Integrated Payables training
- Mar 26 ACWA JPIA Finance Committee Meeting
- Apr 3 CAMP meeting to discuss investment advisor
- Apr 6 Break9/Latis API integration meeting
- Apr 7 Westside Water Authority meeting to review water in storage and landowner banking accounting

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
- Invoiced water users for short run/industrial/miscellaneous water charges
- Distributed water reports to landowners
- Assisted Controller with water orders, returns, and transfers
- Completed JPIA Performance Management training
- Trained Junior Accountant on posting payroll entries and bank rec in QuickBooks
- Provided audit support

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 March 50k life worksheet
- Updated the March cell audit sheet
- Prepared burden checks
- Made online burden payments
- Entered the 2/28 and 3/14 CalPERS data and submitted the payments
- Generated the CalPERS report breakdown for each pay period
- March meetings requested from the directors
- Prepared and submitted the monthly payroll
- Updated the ACWA, HealthEdge Administration and HealthEdge Claims spreadsheets and vouchers for April invoices
- Completed the March burden journal entries
- Completed the CES report for March
- Completed the Expense and Compensation sheet
- Completed the payroll voucher estimates
- Completed daily deposits
- Requested the March safety incentives

- Filed AP invoices
- Completed the monthly security training course
- Completed all requested audit items and questions

Employee Committee

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

Meetings/Training

- Attended accounting department meetings
- Attended the Employee Committee meeting

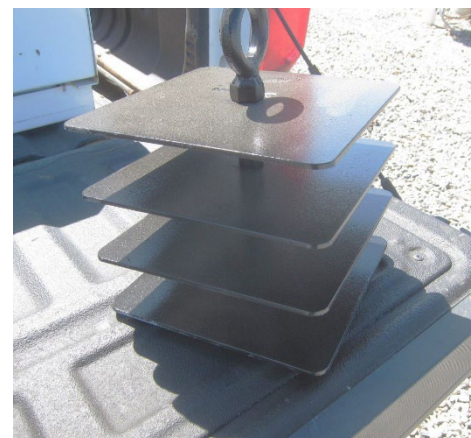
ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES – T. SUGGS

Golden Mussels: The following activities and/or research took place during the month related to golden mussels:

- Fourteen mussel settling plates were set in place during the month with the intention of documenting early signs of mussel infestations, should they begin to occur, as well as possibly the speed of their advance. By month's end, at least one set of steel settling plates had been hung in nearly every pumping plant forebay. Two sets of plates (one coated with paint and one uncoated) were installed in several locations, including each 850 Canal pumping plant forebay plus the 850D Lateral intake. Pieces of scrap steel and makeshift detection plates were installed in several Aqueduct forebays as early as January 2026. So far, no identifiable attached mussels have been observed on any of the devices, although some adult mussels can be seen attached to the 850D Lateral water screen.



Paint-coated settling plates



Uncoated steel plates

- The Staff Engineer and Corrosion Technician made a visit to AEWS's Forrest Frick and N1P1 pumping plants on March 26th to observe the application of Natrix CA molluscicide in the AEWS Canal together with the ensuing mussel kill.

South of Kern River (SOKR) GSP:

- Water levels were recorded in 14 out of 14 monitoring wells and subsequently shared with EKI and AEWS.
- In the Kern Subbasin GSP, December 2024 version, the District was assigned four wells for water quality sampling. All are under the control of private landowners. Two wells, known in the program as RMW-320 and RMW-321, were successfully sampled prior to the end of March in accordance with the sampling protocols contained in the GSP. The two remaining wells, called RMW-317 and RMW-319, could not be sampled during the spring sampling window, because they have not run yet this year, although Engineering Department staff did make all appropriate efforts to coordinate with the well owners.

White Wolf Basin GSA:

- 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.
- On March 10th, the O&M Department completed work on turnout DG25A, which was the third and final turnout constructed by the District under the GSA's Proposition-68-grant-funded in-lieu banking project.

Groundwater Service Charges (GWSCs):

- During March, the Assistant Engineer visited 16 private supply wells to verify the landowner-reported meter readings.
- The latest well meter readings, surface water deliveries, and ET data were tabulated as a routine matter.
- Engineering Department staff concluded a small analysis of permanent crop changes from 2001 to 2025.
- One new application to use a landowner meter to determine GWSCs was received and forwarded to Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for their review.

Crop Surveys: Field checks continued as part of the 2026 spring crop survey, requiring about 10 man-days of effort and by month's end, the survey was roughly 95% complete.

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

- Engineering Department staff responded to 234 underground services alerts (USAs) during this period, eventually marking a total of 2.75 miles of District pipelines.
- Field meetings were held with a Water User in anticipation of a planned project to cross the District’s 9AG-A Lateral with a 6-inch-diameter PVC irrigation pipeline plus a 1-1/4-inch diameter conduit.
- Two future turnouts, which ultimately will be called DG18A and DG18B, were staked in the field at the request of the Water User.

Corrosion Protection:

- Current rectifiers were read for cathodic potential at 10 pumping plants and minor adjustments were made as needed.
- The Corrosion Technician met with a vendor on the District’s 7P Lateral to discuss the scope of a possible continuity survey.

Maps and Records:

- A hard copy of the DWR’s recently released publication, *Bulletin 118, California’s Groundwater, Update 2025*, was printed in two large volumes and placed in the District’s library.
- Pursuant to the KCWA’s request, Engineering Department staff provided all water level readings collected as part of the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 surveys to the KCWA.

Energy: The following activities and/or research took place during the month related to electrical energy.

- During the month, a PG&E bill totaling \$1,173,310 was received for eight months of power (February and September 2025) at the WRM 10 Pumping plant. The bill did contain large RES-BCT program credits, and it is suspected that RES-BCT computations could have been the source of the delay.
- The Engineer-Manager and Staff Engineer met with personnel from TerraVerde Energy on March 27th to review TerraVerde’s findings in their draft report on the financial and technical performance of the District’s solar generation projects. TerraVerde requested to update the report in response to staff’s questions, but a new version of the report was not received by month’s end.

Kern Fan Monitoring Committee: The KFMC met on March 18th. The meeting was largely routine but did include additional details on the KCWA’s offer to effectively perform the functions of financial agent for the KFMC. West Kern Water District has given notice that it will soon step down as financial agent after two decades of service in that capacity. Cash flow was not an issue so a call for funds was postponed until the financial agent duties are worked out.

Meetings Attended:

March 3	White Wolf GSA Board Meeting
March 5	Kern County Water Summit
March 10	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
March 12	ACWA Groundwater Committee
March 12	ACWA Energy Committee
March 13	Kern Subbasin Managers
March 17	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
March 18	Kern Fan Monitoring Committee
March 23	Golden Mussel Task Force
March 24	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
March 27	Kern Subbasin Managers










District Well Status Summary

As of March 31, 2026

Well Name	Status / Description of the Problem	Most Recent Activity	Next Planned Activity
Not in Running Condition			
	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 635' on 3/27/2026.	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.
	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 570' on 3/27/2026.	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.
	Off line for wire theft. SWL was 580' on 3/27/2026	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			
	Currently off. SWL was 598.50' on 3/27/2026.	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.	
	Currently off. SWL was 708' on 3/27/2026.	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.	
	Currently off. SWL was 674' on 3/27/2026.	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.	
	Currently off. SWL was 591' on 3/27/2026.	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.	
	Currently off. SWL was 734' on 3/27/2026.	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.	
	Currently off. SWL was 769' on 3/27/2026.	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 March 31, 2026

Well Name	Status / Description of the Problem	Most Recent Activity	Next Planned Activity
Currently in Running Condition			
 #C1	Currently off. SWL was 621' on 3/27/2026.	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 560' on 3/27/2026.	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 719' on 3/27/2026.	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 properly abandon the hole by grouting in 2026. The site location is very favorable, and it is recommended that a new well should be drilled to replace the collapsed well.
 #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 should be converted to a monitoring well and that a replacement well be drilled.
 #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.		

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA FOR GREENLEE'S PASTURE

Parameter	March 2026	Since 10/01/2025	Days Occurred in March
Maximum Temperature	95°	92°	21st
Minimum Temperature	40°	48°	6th
No. Days at or over 100° F	0	0	N/A
No. Days at or under 32° F	0	0	N/A
Precipitation (inches)	0.03	7.75	31st
Evaporation (inches)	5.87	19.64	----
Wind Run	OOS	OOS	----

STORAGE IN MAJOR RESERVOIRS (Acre-Feet)

Reservoir	Capacity	Storage at End of March	
		2025	2026
Shasta	4,552,000	4,067,273	4,090,291
Oroville	3,538,000	3,023,419	3,090,516
San Luis (Total)	2,028,000	1,817,698	1,809,264
San Luis (State Share)	1,062,000	(a) 998,855	1,039,359
Folsom	977,000	816,632	817,354
Isabella	361,250	(b) 232,555	334,091
Millerton	520,000	352,721	419,856
TOTALS	11,976,250	10,310,298	10,561,372

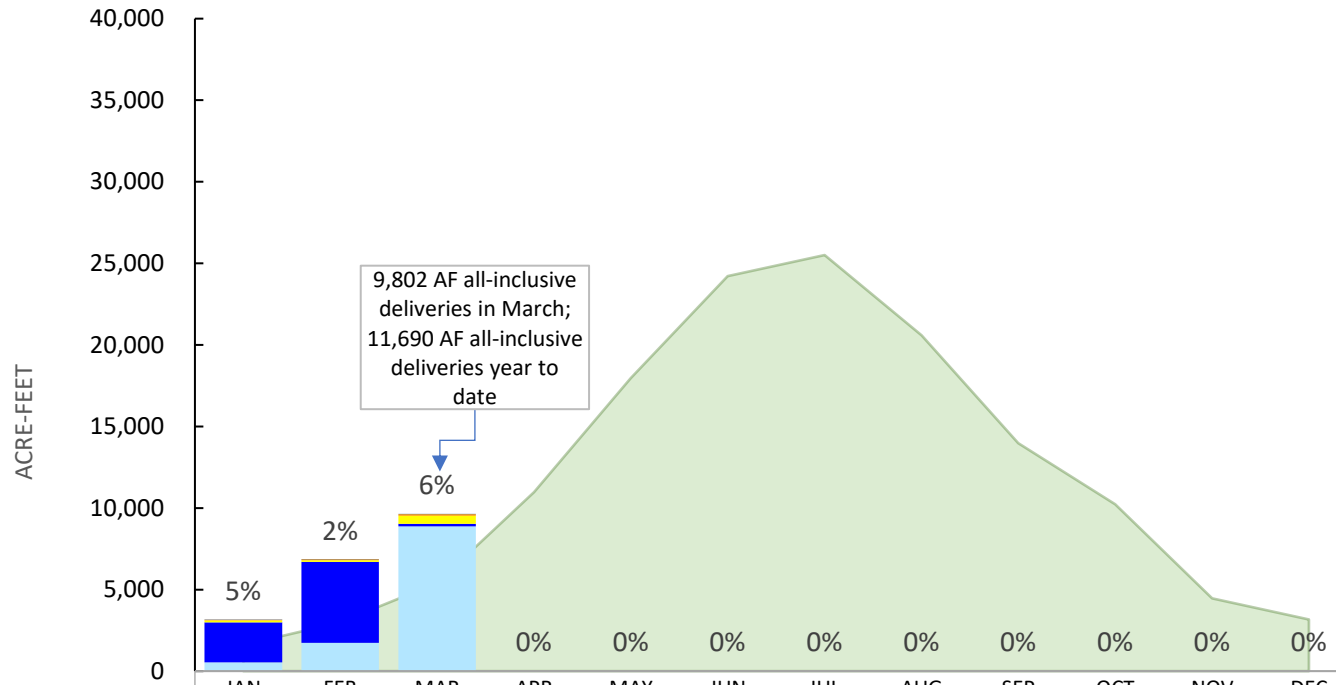
(a) The San Luis (State Share) is included in San Luis (Total) but not included in total capacity or storage.

(b) US Army Corps Of Engineers' authorized capacity in Lake Isabella = 568,075 AF on May 1; 170,000 AF from Nov 1 - Jan 1; 245,000 AF from February 1-28; between 245,000 and 361,250 AF from March 1-30; 361,250 AF on April 1

NR Not reported as of this publication

OOS Out Of Service

IN-DISTRICT WATER DEMANDS AND SURFACE WATER DELIVERIES THROUGH March 2026



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Typical Avg. SW Demand (AF)	1,603	2,988	5,399	10,979	17,960	24,219	25,509	20,589	13,976	10,232	4,473	3,162	141,089
Est. % of Available Water from GW	5%	2%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--
Est. White Wolf GW Pumping (AF)	50	50	100										200
Estimated Kern Subbasin GW Pumping (AF)	100	100	500										700
User Input GW Applied (AF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calc'd Effective Precip. (AF)	2,462	4,970	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,582
SW Deliveries (AF)	538	1,727	8,880	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,145

Notes and Assumptions:

- a. January, February and March crop water use and GW pumping were 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%, Nov 50%, Dec 20%)

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	2026
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	704
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	8,436
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	9,082
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	4,149	2,845	
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	3,347	2,455	

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	2026
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	18,222
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	9,140
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	18,222
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	137,963	127,880	
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	141,310	130,335	
SWP Allocation%	100%	60%	35%	40%	50%	80%	65%	35%	5%	20%	60%	85%	35%	75%	20%	5%	5%	100%	40%	50%	30%
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	59,126

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – G. LOVELESS

Safety/Administrative Training

Tailgate safety meeting on Code of Safe Practices *General Safety*.

Field/System Maintenance

- Spot sprayed herbicide around turnouts across the District.
- Replaced broken isolation valve (IV) pads at various locations.
- Replaced IV tube and pad for turnout 4G7.
- Replaced IV tube for turnout B7.
- Installed new turnout DG25A.
- 3/26/26 applied aquatic herbicide (Teton) to 850 Canal.



DG25A New Turnout Install

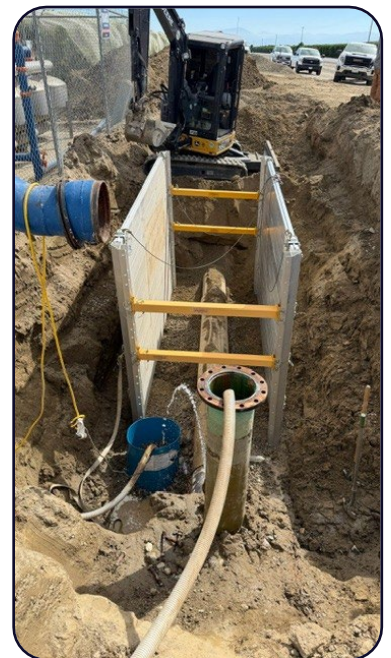


Pipeline Repair

- 3/23/26, 1910 hours - 6P-P2 drained for repair to a previously reported leak at turnout 6P12. Work was completed and service resumed 3/24/26, 1858 hours.
- 3/3/26, 0900 hours - D11 lateral was isolated to install new turnout DG25A. Work was completed and service resumed 3/6/26, 1148 hours.



6P12 Leak Repair



Power Outage

- 3/1/26, 1858 hours - Power outage WRM-9A, WRM-13B, WRM-14, WRM-15, and Pump Fail alarms WRM-10 unit #2, unit #3. WRM-10 units reset 2007 hours, and all service restored 2030 hours.
- 3/2/26, 1739 hours - Power outage 5P-P2, 5P-P3, 5P-P4. Service restored 2030 hours.

Other

AG26RD, Mettler Recharge Basin, secured at 562 AF total input.



Mettler Recharge Basin

Pump/Electrical

- WRM-3 PLC failed causing Emergency Shut Down (ESD) and various false alarms. Grounding cables were installed and work to troubleshoot the cause is ongoing.
- 5P-P4 yard lighting failed. Conduit and new wiring were installed.
- 5P-P4 unit #1 hour meter failed and was replaced.
- WRM-6 unit # 2 leaking check valve was repaired.
- WRM-6 HP tank leaking air relief valve was replaced.
- 6P-P2 air conditioner thermostat was replaced.
- WRM-8 unit # 2 run status lights were replaced with LED.
- WRM-9 unit # 2 burnt heater contactor was replaced.
- PB-1 - Cat 6 cable was installed for new surveillance camera.
- PC-1 travelling water screen spray bar solenoid was repaired.
- 15GP2 unit # 1 leaking air valve was replaced.

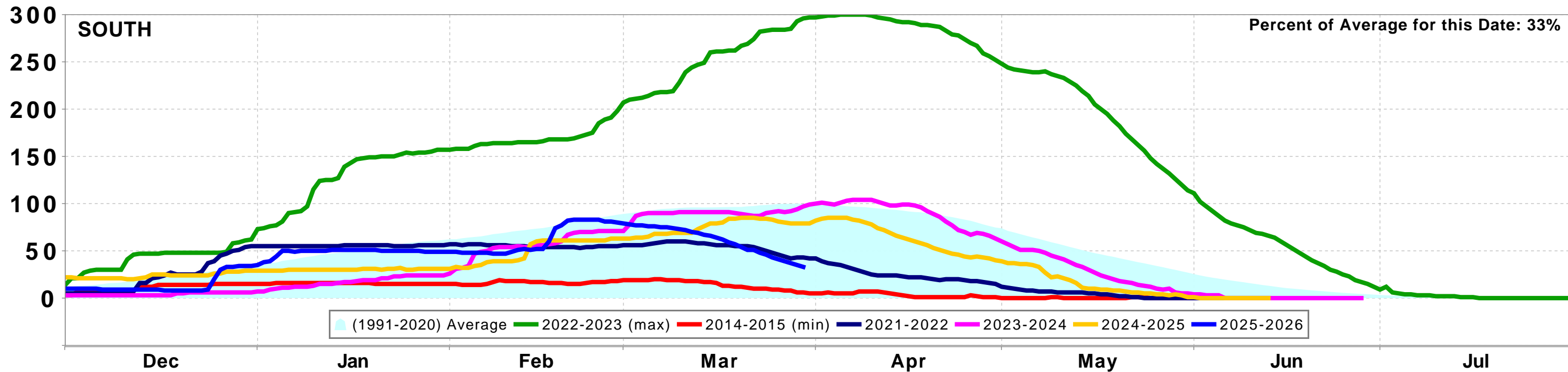
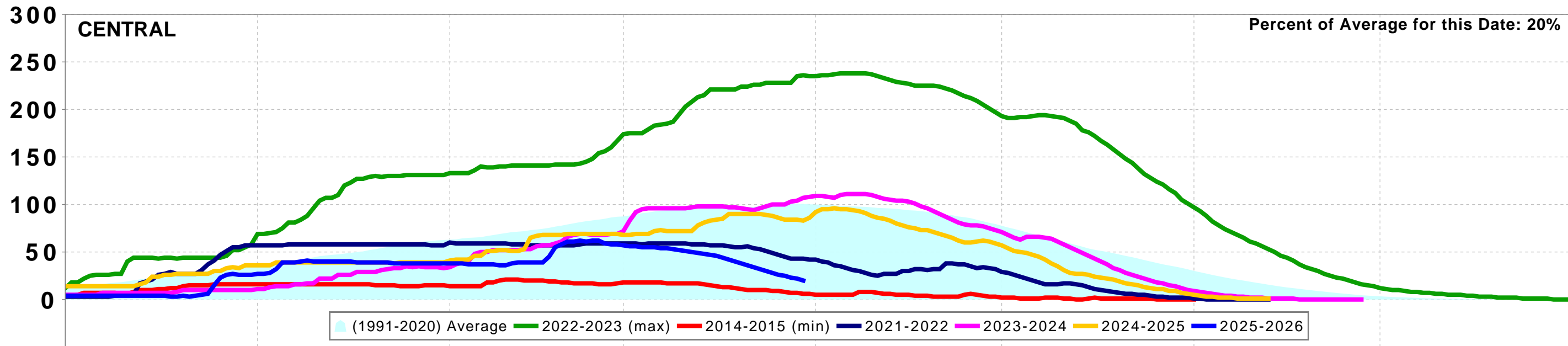
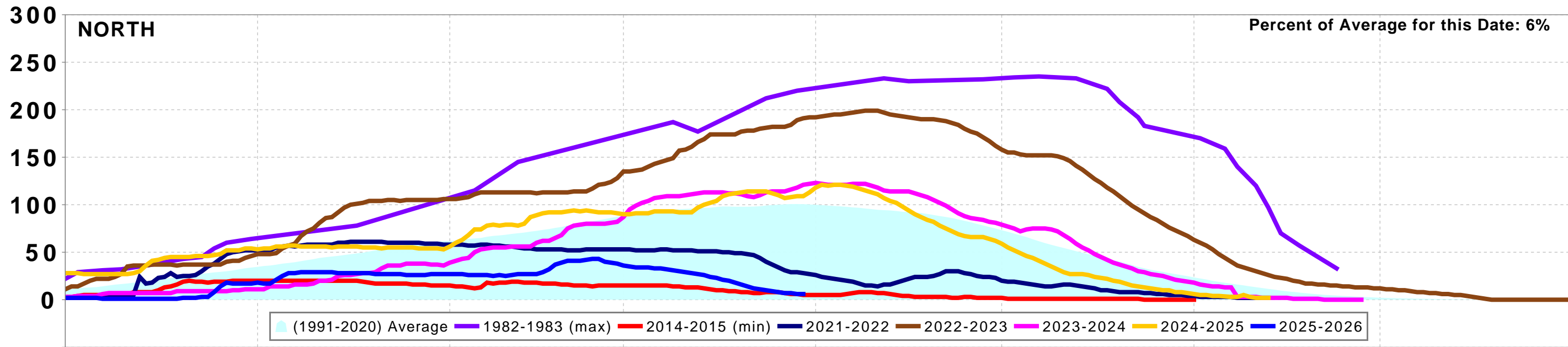
Equipment Maintenance

8 regular vehicle services.

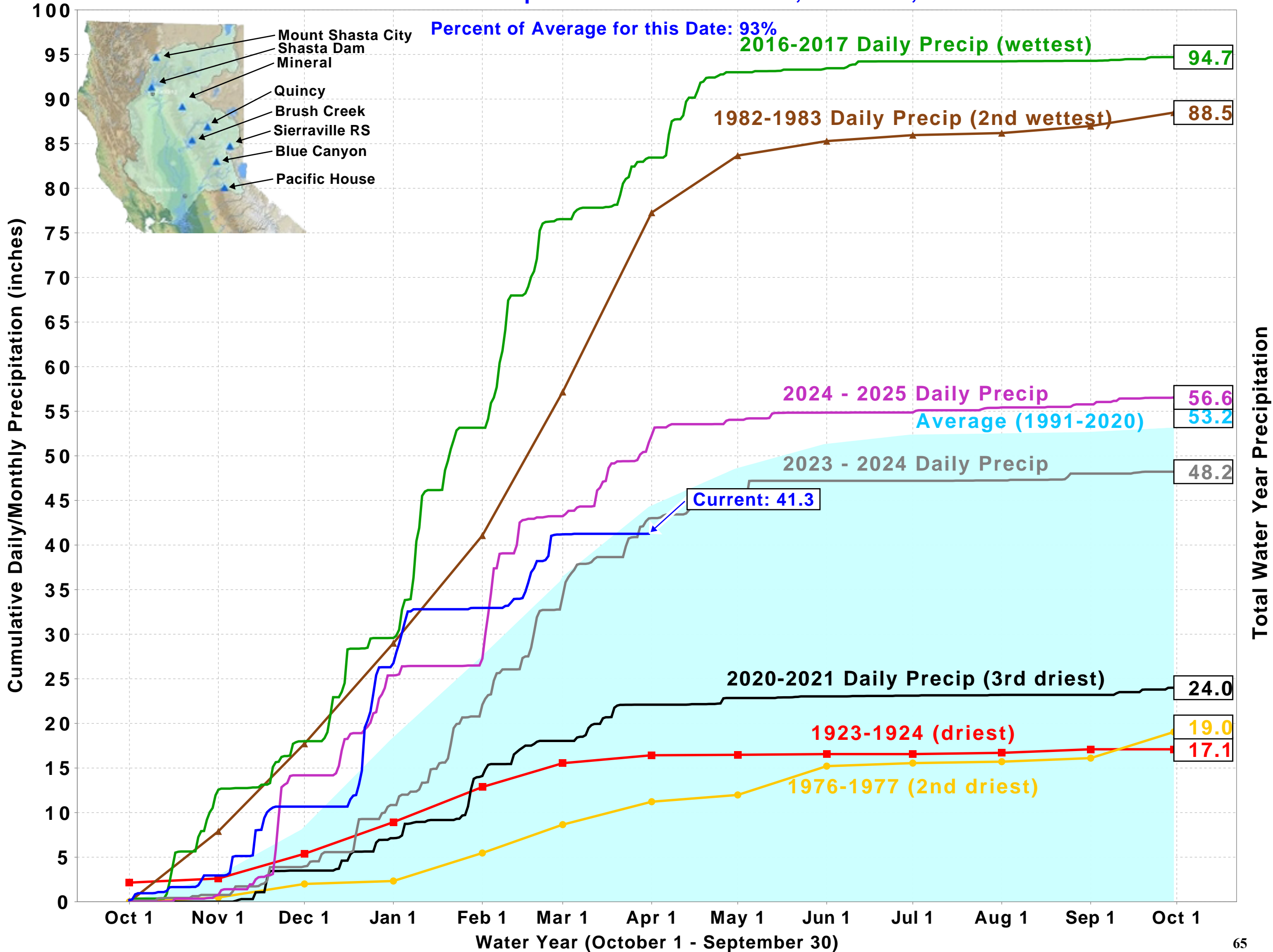
- Unit #153 fan and thermostat were replaced.
- Unit #165 A/C compressor, EVAP canister & solenoid replaced and transmission serviced.
- Unit #169 alternator and EVAP canister were replaced.
- Unit #695 tractor had steering hoses, belts, and pully replaced.
- Unit #799 skid steer loader had main track motor hose and tracks replaced.

**Current gasoline bulk purchase prices for the District are:
\$5.09 per gallon for gasoline and \$5.37 per gallon for diesel.**

California Snow Water Content, March 30, 2026, Percent of April 1 Average



Northern Sierra Precipitation: 8-Station Index, March 31, 2026



WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
2026 WATER SUPPLY/DEMAND ESTIMATE
As of April 02, 2026

		Max Recovery		Max Recovery		Max Recovery		Max Recovery	
		28% SWP		28% SWP		30% SWP		30% SWP	
		ALLOCATION		ALLOCATION		ALLOCATION		ALLOCATION	
Capacity		Supply	Shortage	Supply	Shortage	Supply	Shortage	Supply	Shortage
Values in acre-feet		or (Excess)		or (Excess)		or (Excess)		or (Excess)	
		Below Normal		Below Normal		Below Normal		Below Normal	
		90% P.O.E.		90% P.O.E.		75% P.O.E.		75% P.O.E.	
		28% Allocation		28% Allocation		30% Allocation		30% Allocation	
		130,600		130,600		130,600		130,600	
[1]	Sacramento Valley Water Year Index (40-30-30)								
[2]	Probability of Exceedance								
[3]	Assumptions								
[4]	Total Estimated Demand (b)								
[5]	Surface Supplies								
[6]	SWP Table A Entitlement	197,088	55,185 75,415	55,185 75,415	59,126 71,474	59,126 71,474	59,126 71,474	80,806 49,794	
[7]	Article 21 In-district deliveries	-	- 75,415	- 75,415	- 71,474	- 71,474	- 71,474	- 49,794	
[8]	KR Lower River Water	-	- 75,415	- 75,415	- 71,474	- 71,474	- 71,474	- 49,794	
[11]	SWP Supply		53,138 26.46%	53,138 26.46%	59,126 30%	59,126 30%	59,126 30%	80,806 41%	
[12]	Lyndal Water	2,076	2,076 73,339	2,076 73,339	2,076 69,398	2,076 69,398	2,076 69,398	2,076 47,718	
[13]	Transfers out of WRMWS	-	- 73,339	- 73,339	- 69,398	- 69,398	- 69,398	- 47,718	
[14]	District Recharge Deliveries	(4,123)	(4,123) 77,462	(4,123) 77,462	(4,123) 73,520	(4,123) 73,520	(4,123) 73,520	(4,123) 51,840	
[15]	Lower River Water Banking deliveries	-	- 77,462	- 77,462	- 73,520	- 73,520	- 73,520	- 51,840	
[16]	Article 21 Banking deliveries	-	- 77,462	- 77,462	- 73,520	- 73,520	- 73,520	- 51,840	
[17]	Supplemental 1 Supplies								
[18]	District Carryover (estimate)	5,334	5,334 72,128	5,334 72,128	5,334 68,186	5,334 68,186	5,334 68,186	5,334 42,384	
[19]	Long Term- Butte County **	15,761	661 71,467	661 71,467	747 67,439	747 67,439	747 67,439	1,223 41,161	
[21]	Long Term- Palmdale Water District **	8,000	- 71,467	- 71,467	- 67,439	- 67,439	- 67,439	- 41,161	
[22]	Long Term - Exchange Contractors**	5,000	1,349 70,119	1,349 70,119	1,349 66,090	1,349 66,090	1,349 66,090	1,349 39,812	
[23]	Metropolitan Water District **	50,000	13,485 56,634	13,485 56,634	13,485 52,605	13,485 52,605	13,485 52,605	13,485 26,327	
[24]	Solano County Water Agency **	8,000	2,158 54,476	2,158 54,476	2,158 50,448	2,158 50,448	2,158 50,448	2,158 24,170	
[25]	NOD **	3,000	526 53,950	526 53,950	526 49,922	526 49,922	526 49,922	526 23,644	
[26]	Kern Water Bank - estimate to date (c)	-	- 53,950	- 53,950	- 49,922	- 49,922	- 49,922	- 23,644	
[27]	Kern Water Bank - estimated through end of year	33,669	33,669 20,281	10,157 43,793	33,669 16,253	10,070 39,852	9,594 14,049	9,594 14,049	
[28]	Pioneer Project - estimate to date (c)	-	- 20,281	- 43,793	- 16,253	- 39,852	- 39,852	- 14,049	
[29]	Pioneer Project - estimated through end of year	5,000	5,000 15,281	- 43,793	5,000 11,253	- 39,852	- 39,852	- 14,049	
[34]	Supplemental 1 Water Capacity	133,764	62,180	33,669	62,267	33,669	33,669	33,669	
[35]	DISTRICT ALLOCATION		115,319 57.42%	86,807 43.23%	121,393 60.45%	92,795 46.21%	114,475 57.00%	114,475 57.00%	
[43]	Additional Supplemental Water Capacity		1.62 AF/Ac	1.22 AF/Ac	1.709 AF/Ac	1.307 AF/Ac	1.612 AF/Ac	1.612 AF/Ac	
[44]	Supplemental Supplies - Water User		- 0.00%	- 0.00%	- 0.00%	- 0.00%	- 0.00%	- 0.00%	
[45]	Water User - Carryover from 2025 (estimate)	1,423	1,423 13,858	1,423 42,370	1,423 9,830	1,423 38,428	1,423 12,626	1,423 12,626	
[46]	KWB 2nd Priority - estimate to date (Recharge)/Recovery	(2,920)	- 13,858	(2,920) 45,291	(2,920) 12,751	(2,920) 41,349	(2,920) 15,547	(2,920) 15,547	
[47]	KWB 2nd Priority - estimated through EOY	-	- 13,858	- 42,370	(2,920) 12,751	(2,920) 41,349	(2,920) 15,547	(2,920) 15,547	
[48]	User Input - actual	-	- 13,858	- 42,370	- 12,751	- 41,349	- 15,547	- 15,547	
[49]	User Input - estimated through EOY	-	- 13,858	- 42,370	- 12,751	- 41,349	- 15,547	- 15,547	
[50]	Landowner Transfer	-	- 13,858	- 42,370	- 12,751	- 41,349	- 15,547	- 15,547	
[51]	Available Supply		116,742	85,309	116,975	88,377	110,057	110,057	
[52]	Estimated Demand (b)		130,600	130,600	130,600	130,600	130,600	130,600	
[53]	Shortage (Excess)		13,858	45,291	13,625	42,223	20,543	20,543	

** WS5 Deal

(b) Based upon average deliveries 2020-2025.

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

WATER IN STORAGE @ 3-Apr-26	
LOCATION	AF
Kern Water Bank	
District	183,154
Water User 2nd Priority	51,420
KWB Tot	234,574
KCWA	45,645
In-District	23,568
Semitropic	7,500
TOTAL KERN FAN	311,287
PRELIMINARY- SUBJECT TO REVISION	

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
 FROM: Eric McDaris
 DATE: April 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Other Purchases and Exchanges

In addition to our long-term water purchase agreements, the Westside 5 districts are working with the following agencies on potential 2026 transfers for supplemental supplies. These supplies are being pursued at prices within the Engineer-Manager’s existing authority to purchase any water supply not to exceed \$650/acre-foot.

Metropolitan Water District

➤ Status- term sheet executed; agreement complete and approved by counsel, pending signatures. At the current 30% allocation, Metropolitan will make a minimum of 50,00 acre-feet available for purchase by WS5. Costs at the current allocation are \$500/acre-foot and reduce down should the allocation increase. The District’s share and cost of this supply at the current SWP allocation is 13,485 acre-feet and \$6,742,500 respectively.

SWP Allocation	Minimum AF	\$/AF
30%	50,000	\$500
35%	60,000	\$450
40%	60,000	\$425
45%	60,000	\$415
50%	60,000	\$400

Solano County Water Agency

➤ Status- term sheet in development. Proposed 8,000 acre-feet available at \$475/AF. The District share of this supply will be approximately 2,158 acre-feet.

NOD Sellers

➤ Status- initial discussion with selling agencies. Potential for approximately 3,000 acre-feet at \$300/AF North of Delta. Assuming 35% Delta carriage losses results in a South of Delta F.O. Equivalent of \$461 per acre-foot. This supply would be available only during the transfer window of July through November and would be subject to carriage loss reconciliation. Staff plan to make this supply available to Water Users by subscription.

Recommendation. None. This memorandum is for information purposes only. Staff will continue to update the Board on the progress of these and any other potential purchases.

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: April 6th, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Notice of Determination for Final IS-Negative Declaration (SCH# 2026020535) for Westside Districts SWP Multi-Year Transfer Agreement

In September of 2025 staff brought before the Board details of a proposed multi-year water transfer agreement between the Westside 5 Districts (WS5) and Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCVWA). The proposed program is a combination of both exchange and transfer water made available contingent on the annual SWP allocation. These scenarios are summarized below:

- **>70% SWP Allocation—**
 - Supplies will be made available for transfer to and purchased by the WS5 in SWP allocation years of 70% or greater. Supplies will be purchased by the WS5 at the rates shown in Table 2 below.
- **60%-69% SWP Allocation—**
 - In 60%-59% SWP allocation years, SCVWA has the option to transfer supplies for purchase by WS5 or elect to exchange supplies at a 2:1 ratio (at no cost to WS5), but only after the annual minimum transfer volume has been met. The costs of supplies transferred in years when SCVWA elects to exercise this exchange option are at 1/2 the rates shown in Table 2 below.
- **40%-59% SWP Allocation—**
 - In these years, SCVWA will exchange with WS5 a minimum volume of 2,000 acre-feet on a 2:1 basis after 10% losses have been applied. This will be at no cost to the WS5 Districts.
- **20%-39% SWP Allocation—**
 - WS5 will return to SCVWA a portion of their previously exchanged supply balance at no cost to SCVWA. Minimum return volume will be 1,000 acre-feet; additional return transfers will be at the discretion of the WS5. In 35% years, SCVWA also has the option to exchange supplies at the 2:1 ratio.
- **5%-19% SWP Allocation—**
 - WS5 will return to SCVWA a portion of their previously exchanged supply balance at the then SWP fixed cost. Minimum return volume will be 1,000 acre-feet; additional return transfers will be at the discretion of the WS5.

TABLE 1

SWP Allocation	Minimum Transfer (AF)	Transfer/Exchange
70%-100%	5,000.00	SCVWA Transfer to WS5
60%-69%	3,000.00	SCVWA Transfer to WS5 <u>or</u> Transfer @ Reduced Rate & Exchange 2:1
40%-59%	2,000.00	SCVWA Exchange 2:1
20%-39%	1,000.00	WS5 Return <u>or</u> No Action
5%-19%	-	WS5 Return - SCVWA Pays F.O. <u>or</u> No Action

TABLE 2

SWP Alloc.	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
100%	\$ 135	\$ 138	\$ 142	\$ 145	\$ 149
95%	\$ 150	\$ 154	\$ 158	\$ 162	\$ 166
90%	\$ 175	\$ 179	\$ 184	\$ 188	\$ 193
85%	\$ 200	\$ 205	\$ 210	\$ 215	\$ 221
80%	\$ 225	\$ 231	\$ 236	\$ 242	\$ 248
75%	\$ 250	\$ 256	\$ 263	\$ 269	\$ 276
70%	\$ 275	\$ 282	\$ 289	\$ 296	\$ 304
65%	\$ 300	\$ 308	\$ 315	\$ 323	\$ 331
60%	\$ 325	\$ 333	\$ 341	\$ 350	\$ 359

This proposed multi-year transfer is beneficial to both the WS5 and SCVWA, allowing SCVWA to leverage surplus supplies in wetter years, and retain supplemental reliability in drier years. SCVWA is an SWP Contractor with a maximum annual Table A amount of 95,200 acre-feet. In addition, SCVWA operates a comprehensive water management plan that includes various supplemental surface water and groundwater storage programs. According to the SCVWA Urban Water Management Plan, projected water demand within the service area remains below available supply through 2050. The analysis shows that SCVWA is expected to have adequate supplies—and even surpluses—during normal, single-dry, and extended multi-dry year conditions. As a result, SCVWA can reliably meet service area demands during drought periods, supported by its existing imported water agreements and SWP deliveries. In some years, when demand is supplemented by carryover storage, groundwater, exchange agreements, or other imported sources, the agency may receive a Table A allocation from the SWP that exceeds its immediate requirements.

The term of the program as provided in the draft Agreement is proposed to expire December 31, 2085, making it effective for 59-years. This was mainly in effort to obtain programmatic approval by DWR and KCWA, but also to recognize the investment made through the CEQA process. Similar to our other long-term transfer agreements, the WS5-SCVWA agreement requires that the parties shall negotiate, in good faith, a revision to the per-acre-foot rates on or before December 31, 2030, and each five-year period thereafter. If at any time these negotiations do not result in amendable terms, the Agreement shall terminate at the end of the last year for which there is an agreed rate.

Following the initial discussions in September 2025, the Board directed staff to continue pursuing the program and begin a CEQA review of the proposed project. WS5 staff developed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and requested bids from consultants for the CEQA work. WS5 staff received bids from four consultants and ultimately selected Rincon Consultants for the project at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000. This CEQA cost was split first 50/50 with SCVWA and then broken out further by the standard WS5 participation percentages. At present, the total cost incurred by WRMWSD is approximately \$2,500.

The Initial Study found that the proposed Project could not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration has been prepared. The Notice of Intent and Public Review Draft IS-ND was submitted February 12th, 2026, and received no comments from the public or other agencies. Following the public comment period, Dudley Ridge Water District, as the lead agency, adopted the findings at their March 23rd, 2026, Board meeting; SCVWA approved similar action at their April 7th, 2026 meeting. Copies of the final IS-ND can be found at the CEQAnet website: <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2026020535/2>.

Agenda Item 8.2.c

Recommendation: Staff recommend that: (a) the Board approve the attached Notice of Determination, concurring with the findings of the Final Initial Study-Negative Declaration (SCH. No. 2026020535) under the California Environmental Quality Act and authorize the Engineer-Manager to execute said Notice of Determination and direct that a copy be filed with the appropriate County Clerk offices, and (b) approve the attached Multi-Year Water Transfer and Exchange Agreement between Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and the Westside 5 Districts and authorize the Engineer-Manger to execute the same, subject to review by Counsel as to form and final approval of the Engineer-Manager.

Attachments: Notice of Determination re: Westside Districts State Water Project Multi-Year Transfer Agreement with Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
Westside 5 & Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Proposed Multi-Year Transfer Agreement Overview Slides

Filename: 8.2.c Consider Adoption of Notice of Determination for Final IS-Negative Declaration

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
 U.S. Mail: _____ Street Address: _____
 P.O. Box 3044 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
 County of: _____
 Address: _____

From:

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water
 Public Agency: Storage District
 Address: _____
 _____ Bakersfield, CA 93313

Contact: _____
 Phone: _____

Lead Agency (if different from above): _____
 Address: 8501 Brimhall Road, Building 200, Suite 202
 _____ Bakersfield, CA 93312

Contact: _____
 Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): _____

Project Title: Westside Districts State Water Project Multi-Year Transfer Agreement with Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location (include county): _____

Project Description:

The proposed Project involves a 59-year transfer agreement of SWP Table A supplies between SCV Water and the Westside Districts. The agreement would initiate in 2026 and terminate on December 31, 2085. Under the agreement, SCV Water would annually assess its water supplies and determine whether it has surplus Table A water to transfer. On or before June 1 of each year, SCV Water would provide the Westside Districts with an updated quantity of available water for that calendar year. Within ten days of receipt of SCV Water's updated quantity of available water, SCV Water and Westside Districts would finalize the quantity of water for transfer and/or exchange.

This is to advise that the _____ has approved the above
 (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on _____ and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

 Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: _____

Date: _____ Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Westside 5 & Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Proposed Multi-Year Transfer Agreement



Overview

- Exchange program presented as two (2) one-way transfers
 - Exchange Ratio
 - 2:1 in 35%-65% SWP years
 - SCVWA covers all losses
 - Returns only in <35% SWP years
 - Satisfy returns using SWP Table A in given year
 - Physical banking on behalf of Santa Clarita not required
 - May be needed under select SWP allocations (+65%) if WS5 Districts cannot take the additional surface water
- Complex in structure, but not in practice
- Opportunity to utilize District shoulder seasons in recharge & recovery as needed



Exchange Years & Purchase Costs

SWP Allocation	Minimum Transfer (AF)	Transfer/Exchange
100%	10,000.00	SCVWA Transfer
95%	10,000.00	SCVWA Transfer
90%	10,000.00	SCVWA Transfer
85%	7,500.00	SCVWA Transfer
80%	7,500.00	SCVWA Transfer
75%	5,000.00	SCVWA Transfer
70%	5,000.00	SCVWA Transfer
65%	3,000.00	SCVWA Transfer/Xfr Reduced Rate & Exchange 2:1
60%	3,000.00	SCVWA Transfer/Xfr Reduced Rate & Exchange 2:1
55%	2,000.00	SCVWA Exchange 2:1
50%	2,000.00	SCVWA Exchange 2:1
45%	2,000.00	SCVWA Exchange 2:1
40%	2,000.00	SCVWA Exchange 2:1
35%	1,000.00	SCVWA Exchange/WS5 Return/No Action
30%	1,000.00	WS5 Return/No Action
25%	1,000.00	WS5 Return/No Action
20%	1,000.00	WS5 Return/No Action
15%	-	WS5 Return - SCVWA Pays F.O./ No Action
10%	-	WS5 Return - SCVWA Pays F.O./ No Action
5%	-	WS5 Return - SCVWA Pays F.O./ No Action

- Traditional supplemental purchase in years above 60% SWP
 - 60%-65% SCVWA has option to exchange or sell
 - Prices escalate at appx. 2% annually
 - 5% escalator on initial MWA and PWD long-term agreements (currently under renegotiation)

SWP Alloc.	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
100%	\$ 135	\$ 138	\$ 142	\$ 145	\$ 149
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65%	\$ 300	\$ 308	\$ 315	\$ 323	\$ 331
60%	\$ 325	\$ 333	\$ 341	\$ 350	\$ 359



WRMWSD Impacts – Exchange Return

- No maximum return identified in the Agreement
 - Returns above 1,000 AF at WS5 discretion to make available
 - SCVWA discretion to take
- Assuming minimum return of 1,000 AF:
 - WRMWSD – 270 AF
- Assuming maximum return of 10,000 AF:
 - WRMWSD – 2,697 AF

	Volume	BWSD	BMWD	DRWD	LHWD	WRMWSD	Totals
	AF	20.46%	17.97%	14.34%	20.26%	26.97%	100%
Minimum Return:	1,000	205	180	143	203	270	1,000
¹ Maximum Return:	10,000	2,046	1,797	1,434	2,026	2,697	10,000

¹ Volumes above minimums subject to WS5 / SCVWA discretion

SWP Alloc.:	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%
WRMWSD AF SWP:	9,854	19,709	29,563	39,418	49,272	59,126	68,981
Est. SWP F.O.:	\$ 3,878	\$ 1,939	\$ 1,293	\$ 969	\$ 776	\$ 646	\$ 554

SCVWA responsible for fixed SWP costs (F.O.)

- Return in 5%-15% years
 - SCVWA covers SWP fixed costs per acre-foot



WRMWSD Impacts – Supply Benefits

- No maximum transfer volume identified in the Agreement
 - Transfers above minimum at SCVWA discretion to make available
 - WS5 discretion to take
- Assuming Average SWP allocation of 45% results in net exchange benefit to WRMWSD of 296 AF/year
- Exchange portion locks in purchase options in wet years

		WRMWSD Exchanged Supply Benefit						
SWP Alloc.:		35%	40%	45%	50%	55%	60%*	65%*
Min. Exchange AF:		1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000
AF to WRMWSD:		270	539	539	539	539	809	809
AF Avail. For Return to SCVWA:		450	900	900	900	900	1,350	1,350
WRMWSD Exchange Obligation:		121	243	243	243	243	364	364

		WRMWSD Purchased Supply Benefit						
SWP Alloc.:		70%	75%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%
Min. Exchange AF:		5,000	5,000	7,500	7,500	10,000	15,000	15,000
Min. AF to WRMWSD:		1,349	1,349	2,023	2,023	2,697	4,046	4,046



Program Example

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Totals
SWP Alloc.	30%	50%	40%	100%	65%	5%	20%	75%	35%	55%	
Return	-	-	-	-	-	(1,000)	(1,000)	-	-	-	(2,000)
Transfer	-	-	-	10,000	3,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	18,000
Exchange	-	2,000	2,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	1,000	2,000	10,000
SCVWA Cumulative Return Balance [a]	-	900	1,800	1,800	3,150	2,150	1,150	1,150	1,600	2,500	2,500
Total Water Supply - WS5	-	2,000	2,000	10,000	6,000	-	-	5,000	1,000	2,000	28,000
Return Obligation	-	(900)	(900)	-	(1,350)	-	-	-	(450)	(900)	(4,500)
Total Cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,450,000	\$ 496,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,946,500
Net Water Less Return Obligation	-	1,100	1,100	10,000	4,650	-	-	5,000	550	1,100	23,500
Total Water Supply - WRMWS D	-	539	539	2,697	1,618	-	-	1,349	270	539	7,552
WRMWS D Return Obligation	-	(242.73)	(242.73)	-	(364.10)	-	-	-	(121.37)	(242.73)	(1,214)
WRMWS D Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 391,065	\$ 133,906	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 524,971
WRMWS D Net Water	-	297	297	2,697	1,254	-	-	1,349	148	297	6,338

[a] SCVWA covers assumed banking losses. Because all exchanges are at 2:1, this is calculated at 90% of 1/2 total volume

[b] In 60%-65% SWP allocations, SCVWA has the option to transfer the full amount at the full Table 2 rate, **OR transfer the full amount at a reduced rate**, which then gives them the added option of executing a 2:1 exchange on any additional supplies.

[c] SCVWA covers SWP fixed costs (F.O.) in return years <15% SWP



WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
 FROM: Eric McDaris
 DATE: March 6th, 2025
SUBJECT: Consider Golden Mussel Treatment Options

At the February meeting, the Board approved expenses in 2026 up to \$2.5 million for golden mussel treatment and mitigation. Immediately following the meeting, staff begin engaging two primary applicators to develop a treatment plan. These applicators were GreenLeaf Ag, using the EarthTechQZ product, and SePRO who uses the NatrixCA product. Recall that GreenLeaf Ag is the company that the Westside Water Authority is utilizing for their treatment applications and SePRO is the company that Arvin Edison utilized for their recent treatment application.

Staff met multiple times with representatives from each company to review their proposed treatment plans. These proposals are summarized as follows:

- GreenLeaf Ag. recommended treating the entire District distribution system at a cost of approximately \$2.19 million. Of this, treatment for just the 850 canal systems is expected to be approximately \$334,000. GreenLeaf’s proposal included an initial treatment targeting 8 ppm of EarthTechQZ (or appx. 1 ppm of copper) during the month of April, and continued treatment through October targeting 1.5 ppm of EarthTechQZ (0.3 ppm of copper). GreenLeaf would be responsible for all equipment, buildout, mobilization and demobilization. GreenLeaf proposes introducing the product into the District’s distributing system via dosing pumps synchronized to the District's booster pumps so that when a booster pump is started to make deliveries, the dosing pump initiates delivery of the EarthTechQZ product. This makes the product application nearly fully automated, requiring only regular checks and water quality testing.
- SePRO provided an initial proposal focused on treating only the 850 Canal using NatrixCA at a cost of approximately \$613,687, also targeting treatment at 1 ppm of copper. The costs for the treatment itself were expected to be \$332,687 with an additional \$281,000 for licensed applicator services being provided by Clean Lakes Inc., which included 24-hour on-site supervision, application equipment buildout, mobilization and demobilization. The SePRO proposal did not use automated dosing pumps and instead relied on manual dosing adjustment based on real-time District water orders and pump output at WRM-10. Following receipt of the SePRO proposal for just the 850 systems, staff did not request a proposal for the rest of the District system.

Given the variability in cost and approach between these two proposals, staff requested an impromptu Board ad-hoc meeting on April 7th to discuss the treatment options as well as the service agreements provided by each applicator. Directors Fry and Martin were available and attended a brief teleconference ad-hoc.

The SePRO service agreement was very straightforward with little redline or comments from District counsel. The GreenLeaf service contract had terms which the District found unfavorable. Primary points of concern were related to (a) language that limited the District's ability to terminate the agreement and (b) exclusivity language that bound the District to working with GreenLeaf Ag. exclusively for the duration of its golden mussel mitigation.

In effort to move forward with treatment before District deliveries for irrigation began to increase (which thereby increases the total volume of product required and increases the total cost of treatment), and with the direction provided by the ad-hoc, staff elected to move forward with the GreenLeaf proposal for treatment services along the 850 Canal. GreenLeaf was amenable to requested redlines to the proposal that limited the term and exclusivity such that it is related to treatment operations only along the 850 Canal; additional treatment, and any services necessary for said treatment, is at the complete discretion of the Board.

Other Updates. The Agency, through the golden mussel task force, continues working to draft a county-wide control plan, which the District intends to be party to. KCWA has solicited an initial round of RFPs for consultant support on developing the plan. The next task force meeting is scheduled for April 27th.

Engineering and Maintenance staff have completed installation of biofouling plates at all District pumping plants with forebays. These plates are suspended in the water column in effort to promote mussel growth and will allow staff to monitor the extent of the golden mussels across the District service area. These plates were constructed in a manner to allow testing of different settling materials to help inform future mitigation efforts.

Staff circulated the attached notice to all Water Users regarding the upcoming treatment along the 850 Canal. Subsequently, the District was contacted by Munger Farms and Country Sweet Produce, both contract Water Users, raising concerns over the treatment and its potential impact to their farming operations. Munger Farms produces organic blueberries in the 850-C area while Country Sweet Produce operates a packing facility in the 850-A system. Staff are working with these Water Users to ensure that impacts are limited. This may require the Water User to utilize wells as an alternative water source or for blending with District surface water.

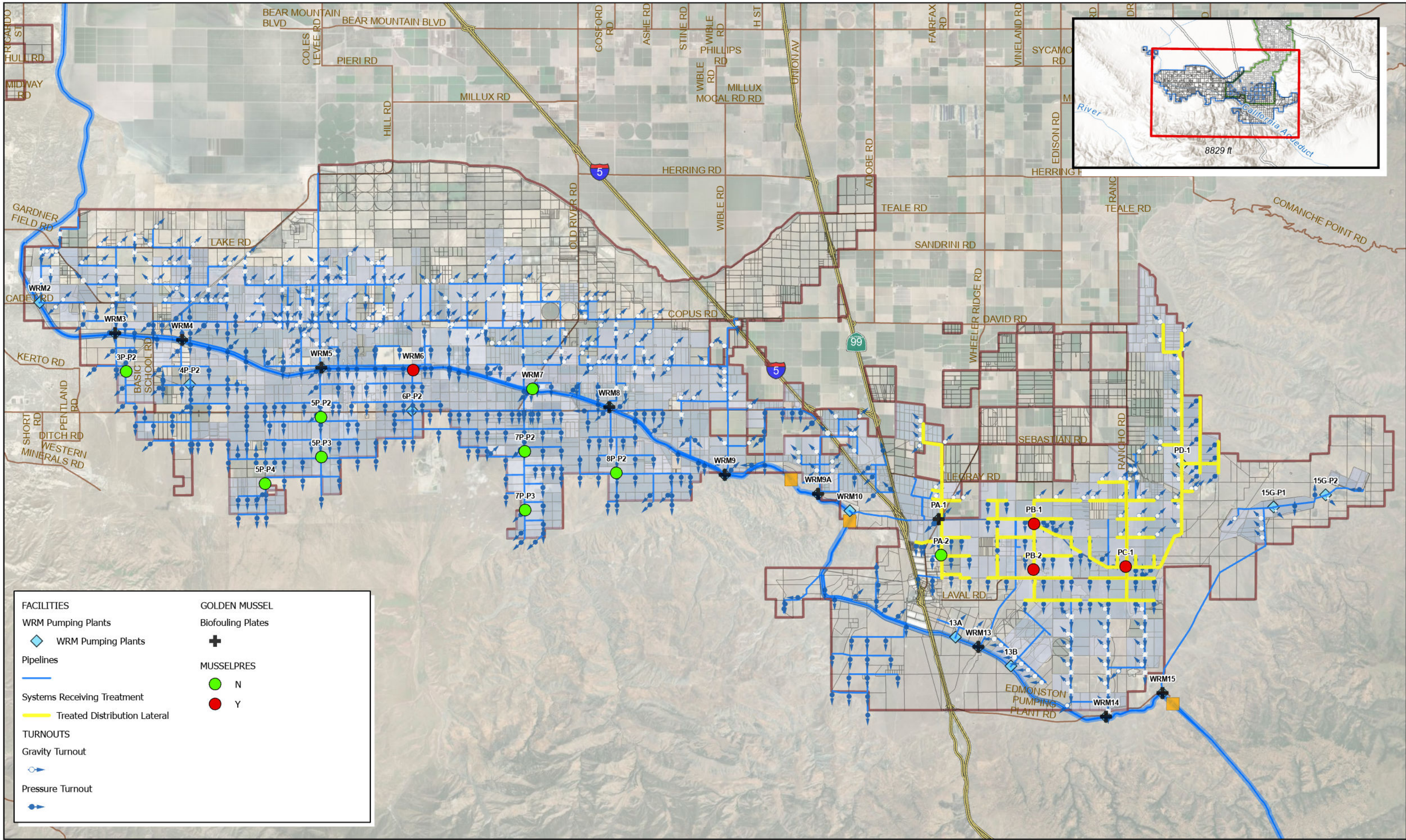
Discussion. The attached map shows the current extent of golden mussels within the District. Recall that District staff completed the annual winter maintenance in January 2026, which included inspection of stand tanks and HP tanks along the WRM3, WRM5, WRM7, WRM8, 850-A, 850-B, and 850-C systems. These inspections resulted in confirmed mussels only within those facilities along the 850 Canal and there have been no additional detections within the District's distribution system.

There is a question as to whether the District should incur the costs associated with pursuing treatment along the remaining distribution systems considering the lack of positive mussel detections. Should the Board elect to utilize GreenLeaf with the services they proposed, the additional systems would be treated at a rate targeting no more than 1 ppm of copper for 30 days, then continue treatment at concentrations at or below 0.3 ppm of copper. Costs for this service are estimated at \$1.85 million.

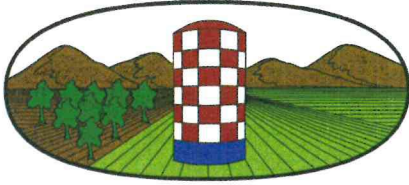
As an alternative, the Board may elect to pursue treatment at lower dosing rates or target an alternative time step (e.g. pursuing only a fall treatment, or spring 2027 treatment) or elect to forgo treatment altogether for the time being and instead monitor these systems for golden mussel infestation.

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Physical control measures, such as dewatering or ultraviolet light systems, have been considered unviable. Dewatering requires a minimum of 30 days to achieve efficacy, and the available ultraviolet technology is expensive and limited in application to smaller diameter pipe sizes.



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Attn: All Water Users
Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Water Users,

In early January 2026 the District notified Water Users of the presence of golden mussels within the District's distribution systems and their prevalence within the 850 Canal. Following the discovery, staff were directed by the Board to explore available mitigation options and to take immediate actions to address this invasive species.

Staff have recommended a two-phased approach to mitigate golden mussels using copper-based treatment. Initial treatments will occur **exclusively along the District's 850 Canal and the 850 Canal distribution systems** and are scheduled to begin within the next 14 days. Should additional treatment be necessary on the remainder of the distribution system, District staff will notify affected Water Users by separate notice.

Phase 1 will consist of treating the 850-Canal using the EarthTechQZ algaecide/molluscicide product which has an active ingredient of copper sulphate pentahydrate (reference information attached to this notice). Initial treatment rates will target a copper concentration of no more than 1 part per million (ppm) for a 30-day duration, scheduled to begin mid to late April 2026. Injection pumps will be located at the District's WRM-10 pumping plant with additional injection sites along the 850-Canal as needed to maintain the dosing rate. These operations will then transition into Phase 2, which is a continuous treatment scheduled to last from the end of Phase 1 through October 2026. Phase 2 is planned at a lower copper concentration (appx. 0.3ppm) but will depend on the efficacy of the initial treatment in Phase 1.



Traveling Water Screen, 850 Canal D-Reach

Assistance and coordination from Water Users may be required to move the treated water throughout the District's distribution systems. ***If any Water User has issues or concerns regarding the delivery of District supplies which have been treated for golden mussels, please contact the District office immediately.***

If you detect mussel growth within your irrigation systems or observe mussels attached to District facilities, please report your findings to the District as soon as possible.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
 FROM: Eric McDaris
 DATE: April 09, 2026
 SUBJECT: Consider 2025 Carryover Recharge Accounting Reconciliation

The total 2025-2026 carryover balance was approximately 13,800 acre-feet. This volume was made up of 4,343 acre-feet of Water User supplies, with an additional 9,457 acre-feet of District supplies. Prior to the District initiating recharge, Water Users delivered a total of 1,113 acre-feet of supplies from January 1st to February 18th. On February 19th, when recharge was initiated, the total carryover balance in storage at SLR was 12,687 acre-feet.

Between February 19th and February 28th, the District completed recharge of approximately 6,493 acre-feet within the Pioneer and Kern Water Bank projects. An additional 550 acre-feet was recharged at the Mettler Water Bank facility in-District. As these recharge operations were initiated to avoid perceived spill of carryover supplies stored at SLR, no delineation of supply ownership was made; the District was recharging **all supplies** remaining in storage at SLR, regardless of ownership.

District Carryover Supplies	9,457	Total Recharge 2/19-2/28	7,043
<u>W.U. Carryover Supplies</u>	<u>4,343</u>	W.U. Recharge	3,230
Total Carryover Balance	13,800	<u>Dist. Recharge</u>	<u>3,813</u>
		Remaining Avail. for 2026 Alloc.	5,644
W.U. Deliveries 1/1-2/18	(1,113)		
Supplies in SLR @ 2/19	12,687		

The District Rules and Regulations provide that *“final allocation of recharge activities and/or remaining carryover will be determined through a final reconciliation. Final allocations will be determined in a manner that will benefit the District [on behalf of all Water Users] first, and [individual] Water Users second. Final allocations will be consistent with District practices and will be approved by the Board.”*

Accounting for this recharge can have significant impact on the 2026 water supply and F.O. If all 7,043 acre-feet of recharge is considered District supplies, only 2,414 acre-feet of District carryover remains available for inclusion in the 2026 allocation as a supplemental surface water supply. Melding that supply into the District’s 30% SWP allocation reduces the SWP F.O. from \$630/AF to \$623/AF. Alternatively, if the maximum portion of recharge is classified as Water User carryover, the remaining District carryover balance of 5,644 acre-feet reduces the SWP F.O. from \$630/AF to \$614/AF.

SWP 30%	59,126	\$ 37,269,842	\$ 630.35	SWP 30%	59,126	\$ 37,269,842	\$ 630.35
<u>Dist. C/O</u>	<u>2,414</u>	<u>\$ 1,091,466</u>	<u>\$ 452.14</u>	<u>Dist. C/O</u>	<u>5,644</u>	<u>\$ 2,551,878</u>	<u>\$ 452.14</u>
F.O.	61,540	\$ 38,361,308	\$ 623.36	F.O.	64,770	\$ 39,821,720	\$ 614.82

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Assuming this reconciliation is satisfactory, staff will prepare invoices for recharge of Water User carryover into Second Priority Sub-Accounts. Consistent with Rule 13.e of the Rules and Regulations, if a Water User is not currently a Second Priority participant, or does not have a current Agreement on file, they will be required to execute an updated Agreement. Should any Water User decline to either enter into said Agreement or pay the appropriate costs of recharging their supply, Water User carryover supplies will be forfeited to the District with no financial reimbursement to the Water User.

Recommendation: Consistent with Rule 13 of the District's Rules and Regulations regarding the 2026 recharge activities occurring February 19th through February 28th for SLR spill mitigation of 2025-2026 carryover, staff recommend the Board approve the following final allocation of recharge activities:

- a) Water Users will receive the benefit for deliveries of carryover occurring January 1st through February 18th, totaling 1,113 acre-feet.
- b) Of the total 7,043 acre-feet of recharge, the balance of Water User carryover which remained undelivered and in storage on February 19th, 3,230 acre-feet, is classified as Water User carryover which was recharged and direct that staff prepare Second Priority invoices for these Water User recharge activities.
- c) The remaining 3,813 acre-feet of recharge will be classified as District supplies, and the remaining District carryover balance of 5,644 acre-feet will be included in the District's 2026 allocation to Water Users.

Attachments: None
Filename: 8.4 Consider 2025 Carryover Recharge Accounting Reconciliation

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Eric McDaris, Flower Dueñas

DATE: April 3, 2026

SUBJECT: White Wolf Orchards - Request for Water Service Contract Amendments: Redistribution of Contract Amount of Water (CAW) Affecting Contract(s): 47, 55A, 72.102A, 121A, 121B, 135, 162, 162A, 165, 12109A, 12109B.

Landowner Request. Mr. Tim Allen, on behalf of White Wolf Orchards LLC, has requested an amendment to Water Service Contract(s) No. 47, 165, 121B & 135 that would remove 825.99 acre-feet of contract water entitlement (CAW) from certain lands located in the District's 2G and 3G service areas. Unlike previous amendment requests, this request would not result in any additions or exclusions from the Surface Water Surface Area (SWSA). Instead, White Wolf Orchards proposes a redistribution of the 825.99 acre-feet of CAW across its other contract lands within the District. If granted, the contract amendment would add the 825.99 acre-feet of CAW to existing contract turnouts in the SWSA located in the District's 3G, 4G, 5G and 7G service areas, affecting Water Service Contracts (WSC) 162, 12110, 12109A, 12109B, 121A, 162A, and 72.102A.

A copy of this request is attached as Exhibit A. The requested changes are depicted in map form in Exhibits B-E. Also attached is Exhibit F, detailing the proposed changes in table format.

District Policy. District policy generally requires “equal-area” transfers of contract lands. Unequal transfers have historically been limited to District-wide water marketing programs.

This request differs in that:

- No land is added to or removed from the SWSA
- The proposal strictly redistributes existing CAW among lands already under contract
- All affected lands remain within the same Farming Unit

As a result, several standard policy provisions related to land additions/exclusions are not applicable.

Rule 3.b. of the District's Rules and Regulations places conditions on exclusions from the SWSA; Rule 3.c. places conditions on additions; and Rule 3.d. places conditions on concurrent additions and exclusions. In keeping with the tenet that individual Water User actions should not harm other Water Users, in the past the Board also required a finding that water deliveries to the added lands would not compete for capacity in the District's distribution system with existing water demands and that return flows to the groundwater basin would not be reduced. The following tables outline Staff's analysis of the requirements as they apply to the requested contract amendments.

Rule 3.b Conditions on All Additions to the SWSA	Analysis
1. The Board finds that the addition is feasible, is in the best interests of the District, and in accordance with the criteria established by the Board in 1968 per Resolution 349 (which establishes a priority system for land additions)	These conditions would be satisfied by adoption of the “Recommendations” in this memorandum together with the provisions contained in the attached Resolution at Paragraph A.8.
2. The concerned landowners execute a Contract or Contract Amendment	This condition would be satisfied by the adoption of the attached Resolution and the Water User’s execution of appropriate Contract Amendment documents.
3. The concerned landowner pays a charge equal to the sum of all charges which would have been paid if the land had been included in the original SWSA unless these charges have been paid by another parcel of land	Does not apply; no contract land changes as proposed.
4. The added land becomes subject to special charges in lieu of calls on the Original Project Assessment	Does not apply; no contract land changes as proposed.
Additional Rule 3.b Conditions in the Case That the Amount of Added Land is <i>Greater Than</i> the Amount of Excluded Land	Analysis
5. The addition is “not detrimental to other District Water Users”	This proposal does not result in any added demand on the distribution systems. All contract lands receiving CAW are currently planted and irrigated with supplies derived from the White Wolf Orchards Farming Unit.
6. “the proposed (contract) change does not unduly reduce the effective return flow to the ground water basin”	Negligible. The proposed amendment would result in 14.98 acre-feet of CAW, currently assigned to turnout(s) in the Kern Subbasin, being reassigned to turnout(s) in the White Wolf Subbasin.
7. “the final amount of water will be sufficient for the type of crop involved”	Does not apply for the lands receiving CAW, as the result is an increase to the AF/Ac. to 2.79 AF/Ac. For those lands with reduced CAW, the result is 1.42 AF/Ac., however, the landowner has indicated that these lands are being developed to Solar. Appx. 254 acres of the 647 contract acres are currently planted with mature almonds.
8. “the original acreage shall be the acreage used in determining the allocation of water pursuant to Rule 8 of these Rules and Regulations.”	Does not apply for the lands receiving CAW, as the result is an increase to the AF/Ac. to 2.79 AF/Ac. For the lands with reduced CAW and AF/Ac. <2.0, Allocation Acres would be assigned. In years when the District average water supply was less than 2 acre-feet per acre, the Water User’s water supply would be allocated based on the Allocation Acres.

Rule 3.c Conditions on Exclusions From the SWSA	Analysis
9. The exclusion is in the best interests of the District as determined by the Board	This condition would be satisfied by adoption of the language in the attached Resolution at Paragraph A.6 and A.7.
10. The excluded land contract obligations are assumed by lands added to the SWSA	Does not apply; no contract land changes as proposed.
11. The obligations are assumed under terms and conditions which will result in no financial loss to the District	Does not apply; no contract land changes as proposed.
Rule 3.d Conditions on Concurrent Additions/Exclusions	Analysis
12. OM&R rates for other Water Users will not be negatively affected by the removal of the excluded lands from the SWSA and the addition of the Added Land	Does not apply; no contract land changes as proposed.

Approval of this proposed contract amendment does result in increases to the total CAW assigned to the 7G, 5G, and 4G systems. However, all lands receiving CAW are existing contract lands with contract entitlement and are assigned to the White Wolf Orchards Farming Unit. The proposal does not result in any new or added demand. All lands receiving CAW as proposed have less than the District average of 2.79 acre-feet per contract-acre; this proposal increases the CAW on these lands resulting in each turnout achieving 2.79 AF/Ac.

The CAW impacts to each service area are summarized below:

- 297 acre-feet of CAW added to the 5G distribution system.
- 153 acre-feet of CAW added to the 7G distribution system.
- 15 acre-feet of CAW added to the 850-B distribution system.
- 157 acre-feet of CAW added to the 4G distribution system.
- 43 acre-feet of CAW **removed** from the 3G distribution system.
- 580 acre-feet of CAW **removed** from the 2G distribution system.

For the contract lands on which CAW is being removed, the result is a net 1.42 AF/Ac. According to the Spring 2025 crop survey, all lands with a proposed reduction of CAW are fallow. Rule 3.b of the Rules and Regulations requires in part that “the final amount of water will be sufficient for the type of required.” The resulting 1.42 AF/Ac. on the lands with reduced CAW is not sufficient for most crops, however, White Wolf Orchards has indicated that the impetus for this contract amendment request is to convert these lands to solar. Assuming this conversion proceeds, it is reasonable to assume that these lands will need no significant irrigation or water supply for the foreseeable future.

Conclusions. While District’s Rules and Regulations do not explicitly address CAW-only transfers within the SWSA, staff find that (a) the proposal does not harm other Water Users, (b) it does not increase system demand, and (c) it maintains consistency with the principle that individual Water User actions should not adversely affect the District. Based on the analysis discussed above, staff conclude that all applicable requirements under Rules 3.b, 3.c, and 3.d are either satisfied or not applicable and the proposed redistribution is operationally neutral and consistent with District policy.

Anticipated land use conversion (agriculture to solar) supports the reduced water allocation on affected lands.

Recommendation. It is therefore recommended that the Board adopt the attached draft Resolution, which would authorize, direct, and find that:

1. the requested addition is feasible and in the best interests of the District;
2. District staff are authorized to prepare a Contract Amendment that reflects the requested addition;
3. said Amendment shall be fully consistent with the requirements of the District Rules and Regulations and District Policy noted above; and,
4. the District's officers are authorized to execute such Amendments after final approval of the Engineer-Manager and Counsel as to form.

Attachments: 1. Exhibit A – Letter request from White Wolf Orchards
 2. Exhibit B-E – Requested CAW reductions and additions
 3. Exhibit F – Transfer request table data
 4. Draft Resolution

Filename: 8.5 Consider Approval of Amendment to SWSA - Add-Exclude WW ORCH

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
12109 Highway 166
Bakersfield, CA 93313

Attention: Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
c/o Eric McDaris/Thomas Suggs

Re: Water Contract Transfers

White Wolf Orchards would like to submit a formal request to move the following water contracts within our Farming Unit, which has been reviewed with District staff. Please see Appendix A for a summary of transfers for your review. The final amount of water will be sufficient for the type of crop involved as these parcels are and will continue to be fallow. These parcels will be subject to option purchase agreements with solar developers.

Please let us know if you require any further details regarding this request.

Jim James
White Wolf Orchards
916.627.5495
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Appendix A

From parcels:

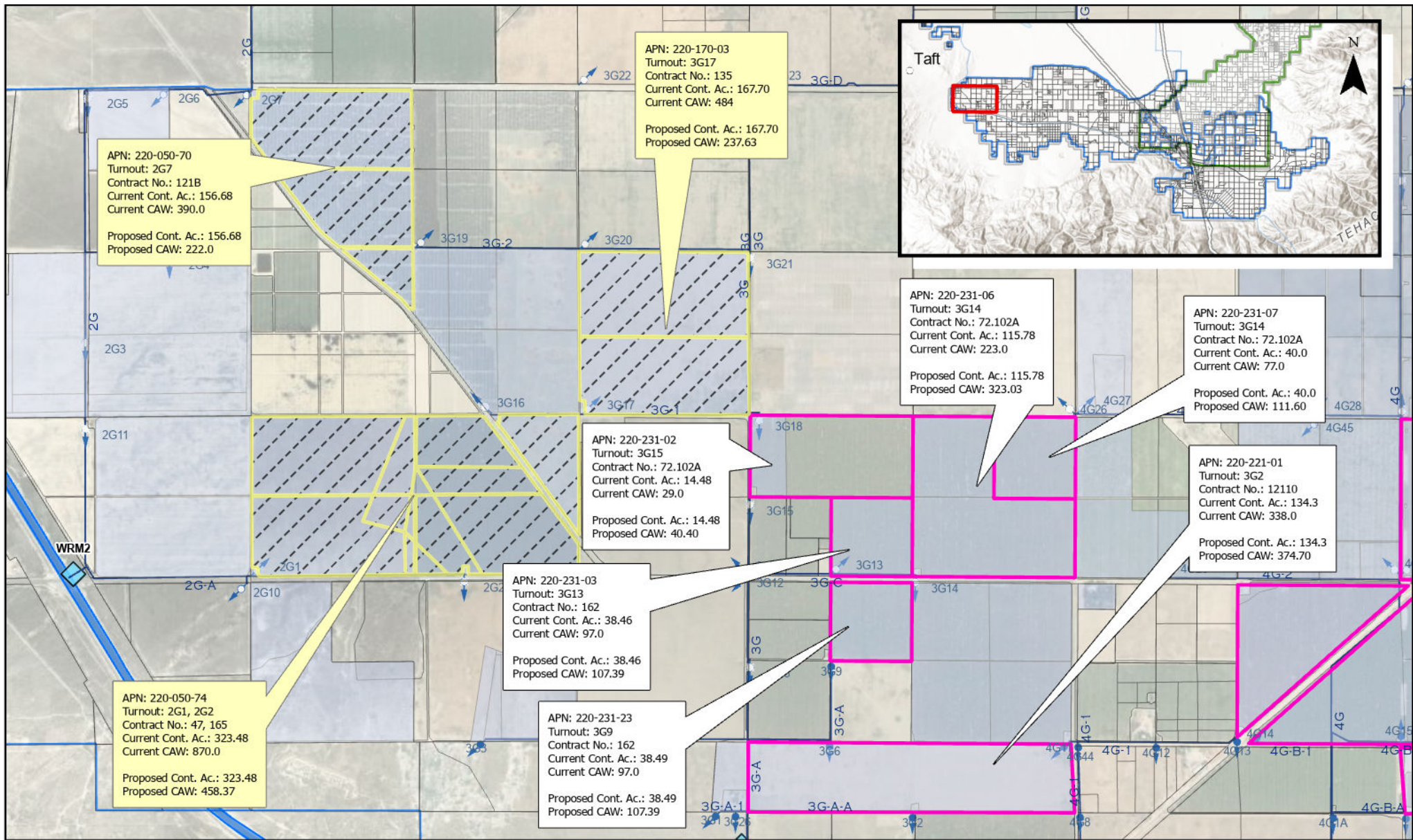
Existing - FROM Parcels					
ATN#	T.O. #	CONT #	CONT AC	CAW	AF/Ac.
22005074004	2G1	47	166.50	448.00	2.69
22005074004	2G2	165	156.98	422.00	2.69
22005070002	2G7	121B	156.68	390.00	2.49
22017003003	3G17	135	167.70	484.00	2.89
3	4	4	647.86	1,744.00	2.69

Existing - FROM Parcels					
ATN#	T.O. #	CONT #	CAW Change	New CAW	New AF/Ac.
22005074004	2G1	47	(212.07)	235.93	1.42
22005074004	2G2	165	(199.56)	222.44	1.42
22005070002	2G7	121B	(167.99)	222.01	1.42
22017003003	3G17	135	(246.37)	237.63	1.42
3	4	4	(825.99)	918.01	1.42

To parcels:

Propose - TO Parcels					
ATN#	T.O. #	CONT #	CONT AC	CAW	AF/Ac.
22021104004	4G9	12109A	113.74	294.00	2.58
22013013000	5G38	12109A	158.18	396.00	2.50
22013013000	5G56	12109A	160.00	402.00	2.51
22013013000	5G57	12109A	160.00	402.00	2.51
22013050007	5G72	121A	160.00	400.00	2.50
22013050007	5G73	121A	160.00	400.00	2.50
22017024004	4G22	162A	79.34	199.00	2.51
22017026000	4G13	162A	75.85	191.00	2.52
22017026000	4G14	12109A	64.28	161.00	2.50
22017026000	4G15	12109A	150.02	375.00	2.50
22017026000	4G23	12109A	54.18	135.00	2.49
22021101005	3G2	12110	134.30	338.00	2.52
22023102004	3G15	72.102A	14.48	29.00	2.00
22023103007	3G13	162	38.49	97.00	2.52
22023106006	3G14	72.102A	115.78	223.00	1.93
22023107009	3G14	72.102A	40.00	77.00	1.93
22023123014	3G9	162	38.49	97.00	2.52
29515002000	5G33	12109A	114.01	294.00	2.58
29515040000	5G6	12109A	160.00	400.00	2.50
29520044006	7G14	12109B	157.32	401.00	2.55
29520044006	7G18	12109B	157.32	401.00	2.55
29520044006	7G40	12109B	156.29	398.00	2.55
29520044006	7G41	12109B	157.32	400.00	2.54
23807105006	B21	55A	150.89	406.00	2.69
22013020000	4G17	12109A	79.09	200.00	2.53
16	24	8	2,845.97	7,116.00	2.46

Propose - TO Parcels					
ATN#	T.O. #	CONT #	CAW Change	New CAW	New AF/Ac.
22021104004	4G9	12109A	16.14	310.14	2.73
22013013000	5G38	12109A	45.32	441.32	2.79
22013013000	5G56	12109A	44.40	446.40	2.79
22013013000	5G57	12109A	44.40	446.40	2.79
22013050007	5G72	121A	46.40	446.40	2.79
22013050007	5G73	121A	46.40	446.40	2.79
22017024004	4G22	162A	22.36	221.36	2.79
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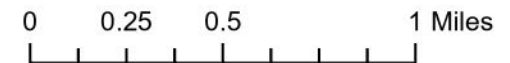


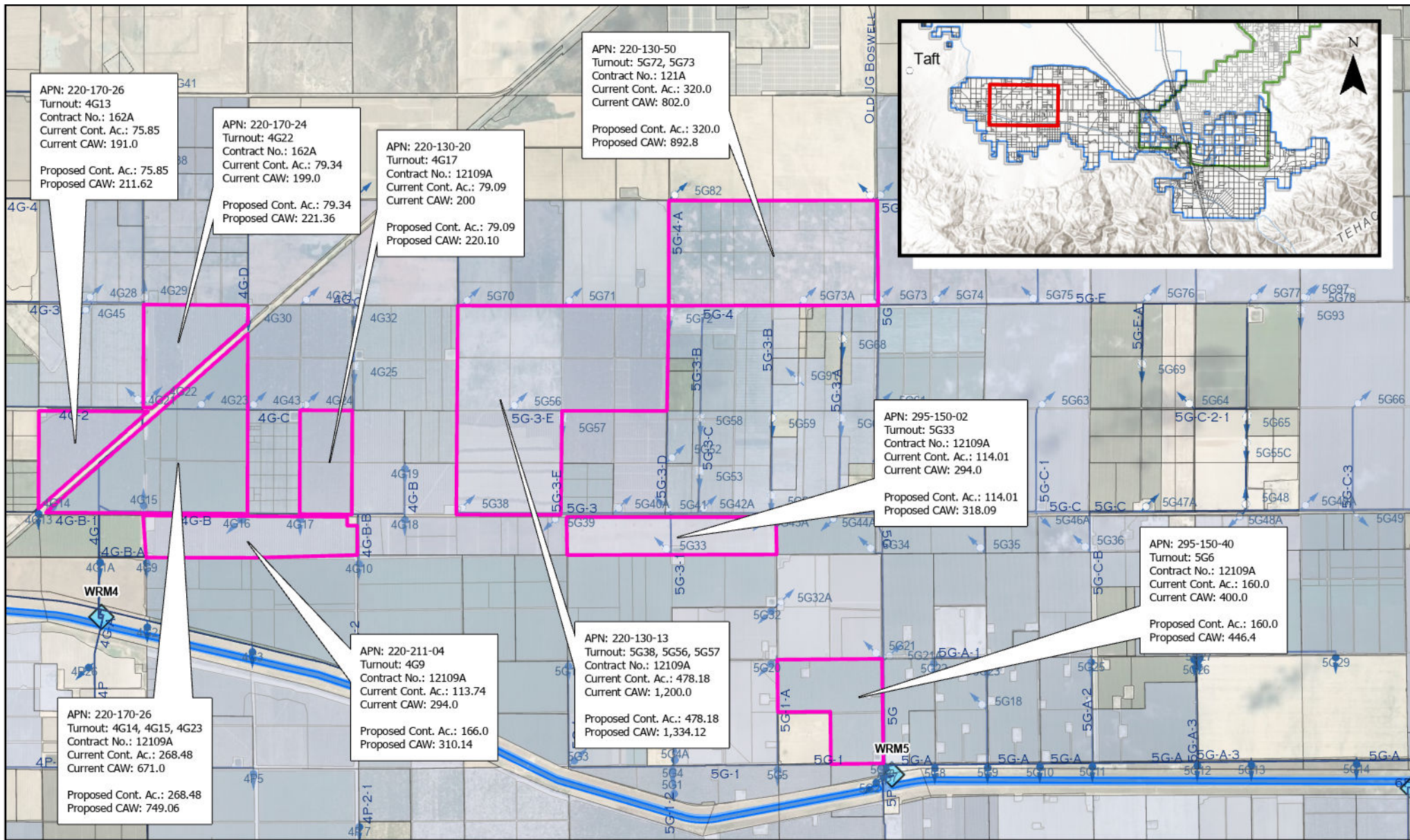
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WHEELER RIDGE- MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF WHITE WOLF ORCHARDS

EXHIBIT B



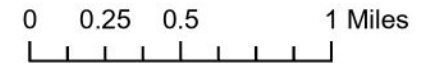


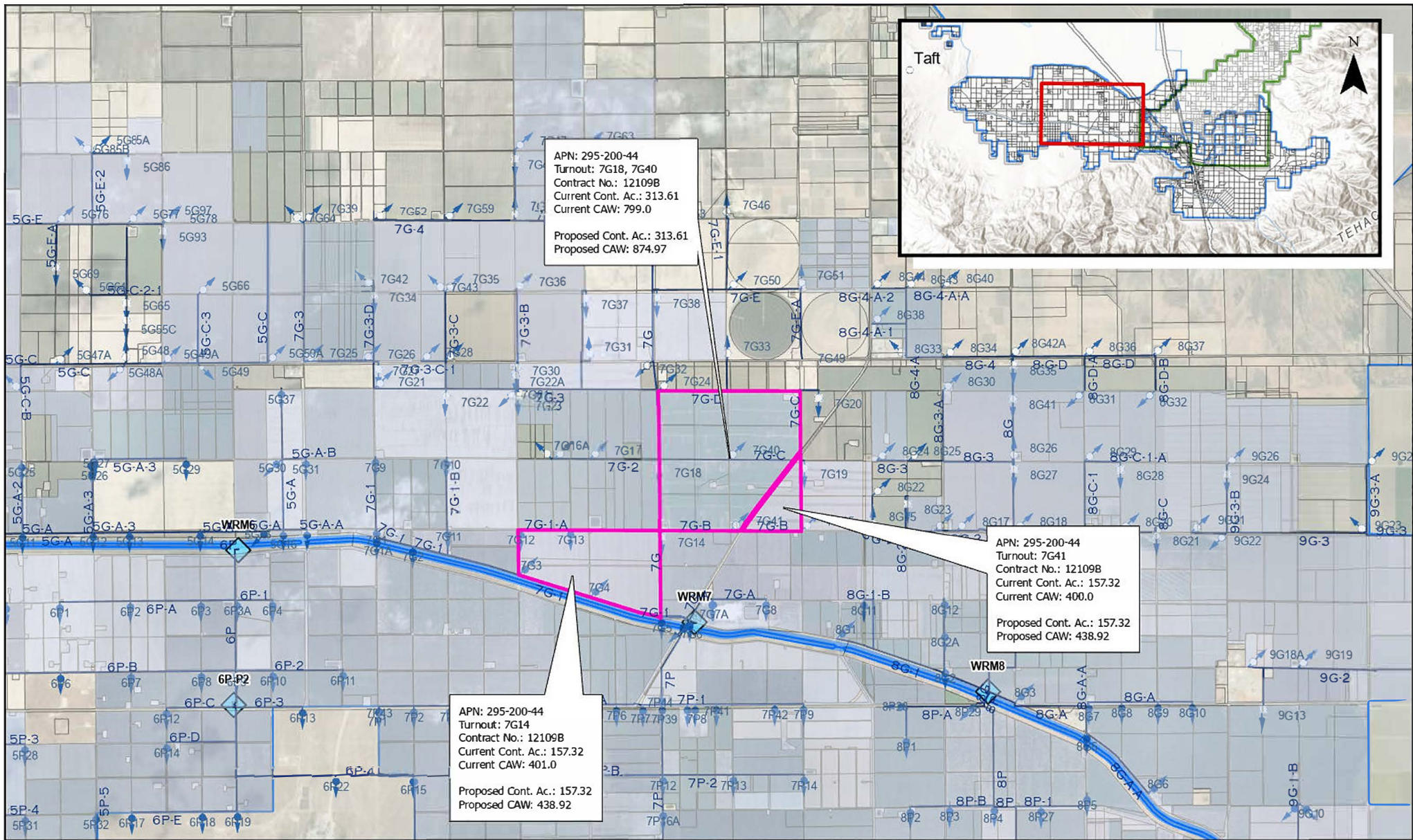
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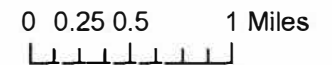
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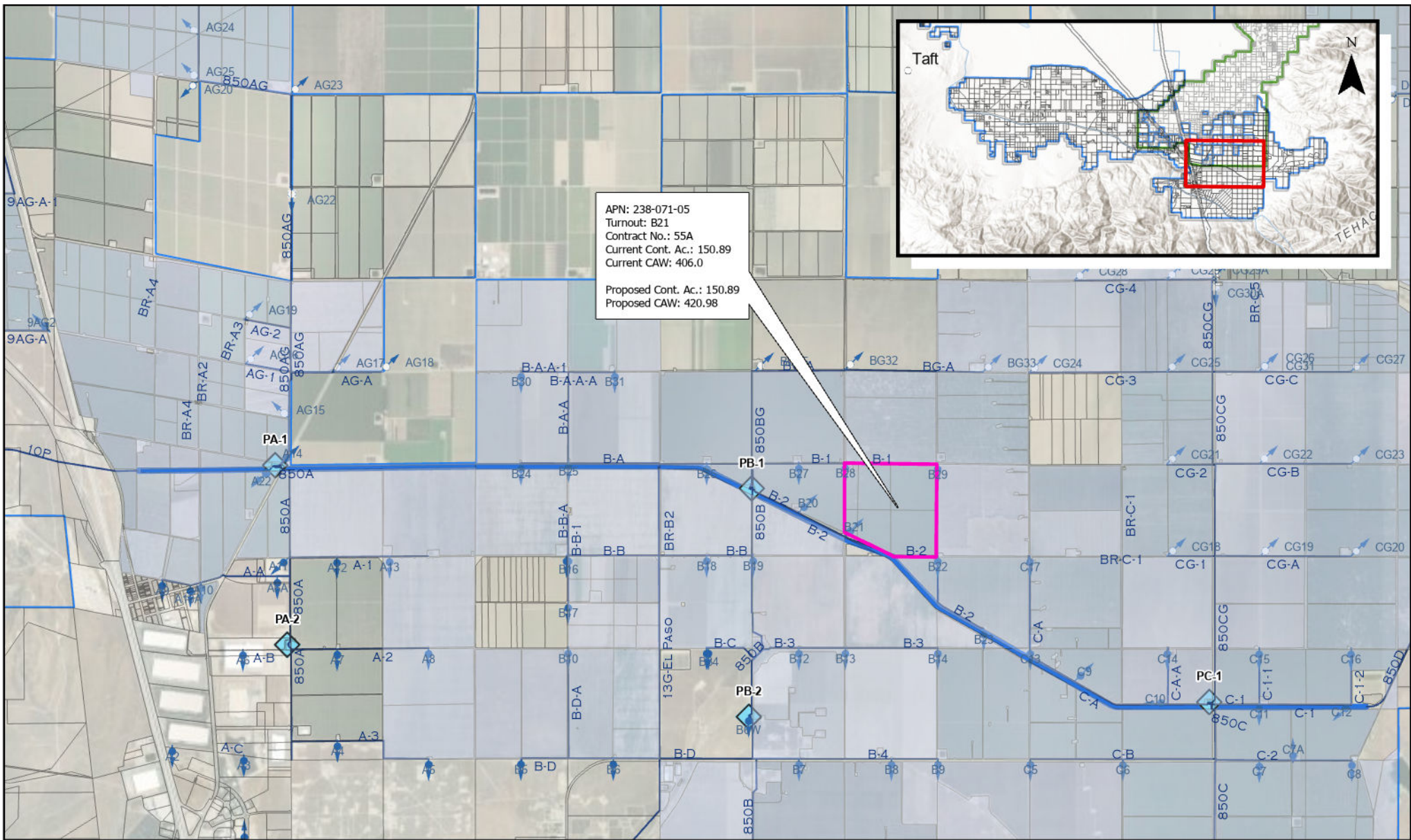
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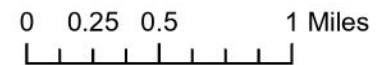
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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT
 ON BEHALF OF WHITE WOLF ORCHARDS

EXHIBIT E



Existing - FROM Parcels									CAW	NEW	NEW	NEW
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22005074004	WHITE WOLF ORCHARDS LLC	2G1	47	310.72	153.74	166.50	166.50	448.00	(212.07)	84.56	235.93	1.42
22005074004	WHITE WOLF ORCHARDS LLC	2G2	165		156.98	156.98	156.98	422.00	(199.56)	79.73	222.44	1.42
22005070002	WHITE WOLF ORCHARDS LLC	2G7	121B	439.65	147.82	156.68	156.68	390.00	(167.99)	79.57	222.01	1.42
22017003003	WHITE WOLF ORCHARDS LLC	3G17	135	167.70	167.70	167.70	167.70	484.00	(246.37)	85.17	237.63	1.42
3		4		918.07	626.24	647.86	647.86	1,744.00	(825.99)	329.04	918.01	1.42

Propose - TO Parcels											CAW	NEW	NEW
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220-130-13	22013013000	5G56	12109A	WHITE WOLF ORC	-	160.00	160.00	402.00	2.513	44.40	446.40	2.79	
220-130-13	22013013000	5G57	12109A	WHITE WOLF ORC	-	160.00	160.00	402.00	2.513	44.40	446.40	2.79	
220-130-50	22013050007	5G72	121A	WHITE WOLF ORC	320.66	160.33	160.00	400.00	2.500	46.40	446.40	2.79	
220-130-50	22013050007	5G73	121A	WHITE WOLF ORC	-	160.33	160.00	400.00	2.500	46.40	446.40	2.79	
220-170-24	22017024004	4G22	162A	WHITE WOLF ORC	97.87	97.87	79.34	199.00	2.508	22.36	221.36	2.79	
220-170-26	22017026000	4G13	162A	WHITE WOLF ORC	343.17	74.69	75.85	191.00	2.518	20.62	211.62	2.79	
220-170-26	22017026000	4G14	12109A	WHITE WOLF ORC	-	64.28	64.28	161.00	2.505	18.34	179.34	2.79	
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220-170-26	22017026000	4G23	12109A	WHITE WOLF ORC	-	54.18	54.18	135.00	2.492	16.16	151.16	2.79	
220-211-01	22021101005	3G2	12110	WHITE WOLF ORC	119.09	119.09	134.30	130.90	2.582	36.70	374.70	2.79	
220-231-02	22023102004	3G15	72.102A	WHITE WOLF ORC	80.00	14.48	14.48	29.00	2.003	11.40	40.40	2.79	
220-231-03	22023103007	3G13	162	WHITE WOLF ORC	38.50	38.49	38.49	97.00	2.520	10.39	107.39	2.79	
220-231-06	22023106006	3G14	72.102A	WHITE WOLF ORC	115.78	115.78	115.78	223.00	1.926	100.03	323.03	2.79	
220-231-07	22023107009	3G14	72.102A	WHITE WOLF ORC	40.00	40.00	40.00	77.00	1.925	34.60	111.60	2.79	
220-231-23	22023123014	3G9	162	WHITE WOLF ORC	38.49	38.49	38.49	97.00	2.520	10.39	107.39	2.79	
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER
STORAGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX

IN THE MATTER OF:

**AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO
WATER SERVICE CONTRACT(S) NO. 47, 55A, 72.102A, 121A, 121B, 135, 162A, 165,
12109A, AND 12109B
AND CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT ALLOCATION OF WATER**

SECTION A. WHEREAS this Board of Directors finds and determines as follows:

1. The District has entered into numerous Water Service Contracts with certain landowners within the District. Said contracts provide at Section 3(b) that water will be delivered through the District's distribution system in accordance with the District's Rules and Regulations for Distribution of Water ("Rules and Regulations").

2. Pursuant to Water Code Section 43003, by Resolution 70-89 adopted July 8, 1970, the District adopted Rules and Regulations for Distribution of Water, which have been amended from time to time. Said Rules and Regulations at Sections 3.b., 3.c. and 3.d. authorized the Board of Directors to make additions to and/or exclusions from the Surface Water Service Area.

3. This Board of Directors adopted a Surface Water Service Area of the District by Resolution No. 349 on July 2, 1968, which Surface Water Service Area has been amended from time to time by the Board of Directors.

4. The Rules and Regulations for Distribution of Water are silent on transfers of contract water entitlement only between lands already within the Surface Water Service Area.

5. The District has received a request from Jose Pablo Arronte, on behalf of White Wolf Orchards LLC, to remove portions of the Contract Allocation of Water from contract lands within the Surface Water Service Area totaling 825.99 acre-feet:

- (a) 212.07 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water from lands comprising portions of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 32, Range 24; the land is currently served by turnout 2G1, per Water Service Contract No. 47.
- (b) 199.56 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water from lands comprising portions of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 32, Range 24; the land is currently served by turnout 2G2, per Water Service Contract No. 165.
- (c) 167.99 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water from lands comprising that portion of the Northwest 1/4 and Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 32, Range 24, lying north and east of Gardner Field Road; the land is currently served by turnout 2G7, per Water Service Contract No. 121B.
- (d) 246.37 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water from lands comprising

portions of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 32, Range 25; the land is currently served by turnout 3G17, per Water Service Contract No. 135.

6. Said request further proposes to add Contract Allocation of Water to contract lands within the Surface Water Service Area totaling 825.99 acre-feet:

- (a) 10.39 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Township 32, Range 25; the land is currently served by contract turnout 3G13 per Water Service Contract 162.
- (b) 100.03 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, and the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 all of Section 32, Township 32, Range 25; the land is currently served by contract turnout 3G14 per Water Service Contract 72.102A.
- (c) 34.60 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 32, Range 25; the land is currently served by contract turnout 3G14 per Water Service Contract 72.102A.
- (d) 11.40 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Township 32, Range 25; the land is currently served by contract turnout 3G15 per Water Service Contract 72.102A.
- (e) 36.70 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising all of fractional Section 27, Township 12, Range 23; the land is currently served by contract turnout 3G2 per Water Service Contract 12110.
- (f) 10.39 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Township 32, Range 25; the land is currently served by contract turnout 3G9 per Water Service Contract 162.
- (g) 20.62 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising that portion of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 32, Range 25, lying north and west of the Sunset Railroad; the land is currently served by contract turnout 4G13 per Water Service Contract 162A.
- (h) 78.06 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising those portions of the Northeast 1/4 and Southwest 1/4 of Section 33 lying south and east of the Sunset Railroad together with the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 32, Range 25; the land is currently served by contract turnout 4G14, 4G15 & 4G23 per Water Service Contract 12109A.
- (i) 20.10 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising the

East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 32, Range 25; the land is currently served by contract turnout 4G17 per Water Service Contract 12109A.

- (j) 22.36 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising that portion of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Township 32, Range 25, lying North and West of the Sunset Railroad; the land is currently served by contract turnout 4G22 per Water Service Contract 162A.
- (k) 16.14 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising all of fractional Section 25, Township 12, Range 23; the land is currently served by contract turnout 4G9 per Water Service Contract 12109A.
- (l) 24.09 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising all of fractional Section 29, Township 12, Range 22; the land is currently served by contract turnout 5G33 per Water Service Contract 12109A.
- (m) 134.12 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising all of Section 29, Township 12, Range 22, excluding the Southwest 1/4; the land is currently served by contract turnout(s) 5G38, 5G56, & 5G57 per Water Service Contract 12109A.
- (n) 46.40 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, and the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 12, Range 22, excluding the Southwest 1/4; the land is currently served by contract turnout 5G6 per Water Service Contract 12109A.
- (o) 92.80 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising the South 1/2 of Section 25, Township 32, Range 25, excluding the Southwest 1/4; the land is currently served by contract turnout(s) 5G72 & 5G73 per Water Service Contract 121A.
- (p) 114.89 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising all of Section 33, Township 11, Range 21; the land is currently served by contract turnout(s) 7G14, 7G40 & 7G41 per Water Service Contract 12109B.
- (q) 37.92 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising the North 1/2 of Section 5, Township 11, Range 21, lying north of the California Aqueduct; the land is currently served by contract turnout 7G18 per Water Service Contract 12109B.
- (r) 14.98 acre-feet of Contract Allocation of Water to contract land comprising the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Township 11, Range 19; the land is currently served by contract turnout B21 per Water Service Contract 55A.

7. This Board of Directors has considered and evaluated said request as more fully described in the memoranda to the Board dated April 3rd, 2026 and entitled “White Wolf

Orchards - Request for Water Service Contract Amendments: Redistribution of Contract Amount of Water Affecting Water Service Contract(s): 47, 55A, 72.102A, 121A, 121B, 135, 162, 162A, 165, 12109A, 12109B.”. Said memorandum concludes that all conditions for approval can be met and recommends that the request by White Wolf Orchards, LLC for redistribution of Contract Allocation of Water for the affected Water Service Contracts be approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION B. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Directors as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. District staff are authorized to prepare and tender appropriate amendments to the applicable Water Service Contracts after approval of Counsel as to form. The District officers are hereafter authorized to execute such amendments.
3. The amended Water Service Contract shall be in the form approved by Resolution No. 69-60, except as provided below.
4. Where appropriate, the Exhibit A of the respective Water Service Contracts will be updated to reflect the redistribution of the Contract Allocation of Water discussed herein.

ALL OF THE FOREGOING being on motion of Director_____, seconded by Director_____, and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINING:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly adopted by said Board of Directors on the 15th day of April, 2026.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Directors this 15th day of April, 2026.

Secretary of the Board of Directors

(SEAL)

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of LandIQ Proposal for Evapotranspiration Support

At its September 2025 meeting the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA approved a one-year contract with LandIQ to provide evapotranspiration (ET) analysis for April 2025-26 (the September 8, 2025 memorandum to the Board of Directors entitled *Consider Approval of Contract with LandIQ for ET Monitoring* is attached). At the time, the Board additionally asked LandIQ to provide an ET analysis within the District before authorizing the additional two years as approved by the other GSAs within the Kern subbasin. Joel Kimmelshue, owner of LandIQ, and Tom Suggs subsequently provided that information to the Board.

LandIQ has provided the WRMGSA the attached March 24, 2026 memorandum entitled *LandIQ Data-Driven Analysis for Evapotranspiration, Precipitation, Crop Type, and Manager/Grower Support at the Field Level*. Included are the expected expenses for the upcoming two years :

	Proposed Costs		
	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026 (Current)	Apr 2026 - Mar 2027	Apr 2027 - Mar 2028
Cropped Acreage	66,881		
Escalation		3%	3%
\$/Ac/Yr	\$0.95	\$0.98	\$1.01
Monthly Cost	\$5,294.75	\$5,461.95	\$5,629
Non-Cropped/Native Acreage	20,525		
Escalation		3%	3%
\$/Ac/Yr	\$0.16	\$0.165	\$0.17
Monthly Cost	\$273.67	\$282.22	\$291
Total GSA Cost	\$66,820.95	\$68,930.01	\$71,038.03
Annual Administration Fee	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Monthly Cost	\$5,610.08	\$5,785.83	\$5,961.50

I will note that LandIQ contracts with each Kern subbasin GSA individually rather than collectively through the coordination committee even though its required that all GSAs within the subbasin have a consistent methodology for determined water use. LandIQ also provides this service to the White Wolf GSA, and the cost is covered by a grant through 2026. Absent any other funding, the WWGSA will have to fund this expense after that. In addition, the District utilizes the ET data from LandIQ to determine its Groundwater Service Charge.

Additionally LandIQ also provides grower specific services that are not included in the cost

above. These services and costs are described on page 6 of the LandIQ memorandum - *Future, Grower Specific Developments*. If the Board wishes, we can either approve said service as well or explore this service in the future.

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

LAND IQ DATA-DRIVEN ANALYSIS FOR EVAPOTRANSPIRATION, PRECIPITATION, CROP TYPE, AND MANAGER/GROWER SUPPORT AT THE FIELD LEVEL

TO: Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency

FROM: Joel Kimmelshue/Land IQ
Adriana Joosep/Land IQ
Casey Gudel/Land IQ
Kylie Applemun/Land IQ

DATE: March 24, 2026

INTRODUCTION

Land IQ has been providing field-by-field evapotranspiration (ET), precipitation, crop type, and grower support for irrigation districts, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), and other water management entities since 2016. The water use of crops can be estimated via empirical methods (e.g., Kc approaches), however these estimates are not unique to individual fields, irrigation management, fallowing, deficit irrigation, soil type, changing environmental conditions, etc. The work proposed here is to continue a proven and ongoing approach to remotely sensed ET on a field-by-field basis for a 30-day timestep unique to the aforementioned variables. Also provided is an introduction to a new, daily ET grower-level tool for consideration, however is not a part of this scope of services.

Calculation of ET can be performed accurately using weighing lysimeters and eddy correlation monitoring techniques. These methods are limited, however, because they provide values of ET for a specific crop and field location and fail to provide the ET on a regional scale. This limitation has motivated the development of using remotely sensed data from satellites to evaluate ET over large areas. Satellite data are well suited for deriving spatially continuous ET surfaces that can be sometimes pared down to the field scale because of their temporal and spatial characteristics. However, the most accurate use of RS models is a result of calibration to actual surface measurements and work from the field level originally.

The Land IQ approach to estimating field-by-field ET incorporates heavy ground truthing to calibrate and validate data-driven models. ET is the greatest outflow of water from the water balance of these systems and needs to be estimated as accurately as possible. Underestimation of the ET demand can result in over-pumping of groundwater. Overestimation reduces the opportunity for optimization of farmed and irrigated ground. Incorporation of ground truthing significantly aids in reducing the variability of field-level ET estimates. Field-by-field precipitation, and crop type are also provided. The accuracy of the three deliverables is expected to be:

- Field-by-field ET (+/- 5-12%)

Scope Confidentiality: This scope of work is considered confidential in nature, and is intended for review and consideration only by the addressees or direct representatives of the organization in the "Prepared For" line.

- Field-by-field precipitation (+/- 5-10 mm)
- Field-by-field crop mapping (97.5% prediction accuracy and +/- 6 feet spatial boundary accuracy)

All spatial results significantly enhance the ability to better understand the overall water balance and comply with any necessary regulatory requirements.

STAFFING RESOURCES AND PROJECT COOPERATORS

Staff expected to work on this project from Land IQ have been involved in various aspects of ET field measurements and modeling, agricultural remote sensing, and regulatory support for the last 4 to 29 years and are listed below. Other appropriately qualified staff may also participate to facilitate completion of any tasks as a part of this proposed scope of work.

- Principal In Charge and Principal Agricultural Scientist – Joel Kimmelshue, PhD
- Remote Sensing Analyst – Atsushi Tomita, PhD
- Remote Sensing Analyst – Zhehan Tang, PhD
- Biometeorologist – Frank Anderson, MS
- Biometeorologist – Jenae Clay, PhD (candidate-ABD)
- Agricultural and Irrigation Scientist – Adriana Joosep, BS
- Agricultural Scientist – Cody Fink, MS
- Project Manager/Client Relations – Casey Gudel, MS
- Assistant Project Manager/Client Relations – Kylie Applemun, BS
- GIS Analyst – Justin Sitton, BS
- Agricultural Field Technician – Alejandro Guapo, BS
- Support Staff – Various as needed

Land IQ also welcomes input and collaboration with client staff and intends on integrating those staff into instrumentation efforts, data collection, and monitoring programs as the on-the-ground, local component of the team, if desired and feasible. This is not a requirement of the work efforts, however.

TASKS

Comprehensive task efforts include:

- **Task 1** – Monthly Field-by-Field ET and Precipitation; Annual Crop Mapping
- **Task 2** – Monthly Reporting via a Web-Based Tool
- **Task 3** – Station Management and Maintenance
- **Task 4** – Grower Support, Outreach, and Communications

Each of these tasks is discussed in detail below and includes schedule and deliverables. A cost summary for all work is provided.

TASK 1. MONTHLY FIELD-BY-FIELD ET AND PRECIPITATION; AND ANNUAL CROP MAPPING

Scope of Work: The Land IQ ET approach is a data-driven, ground-truthed methodology developed and implemented since 2016 for approximately 42 separate water management or regulatory entities in 9 counties. The Land IQ ET approach is used to interpret image data and leverages robust and repeated ground station calibration and validation data. The approach yields more accurate results when repeated and representative ground calibration data are available as compared to remotely sensed ET estimates without ground truthing.

Because the Land IQ ET approach establishes calibration and validation data at the field level and analyzes at this same level, the result is field-level consumed water which can then be rolled up to any regional area desired. This is unique to this method as compared to other RS approaches and models which tend to take a landscape wide estimate and assign to individual fields.

This method does, however, require robust ground truthing data, which is proposed as part of this work effort. The analysis will employ Landsat 8 and 9, Sentinel 2, and sometimes purchased high resolution satellite imagery (contracted by Land IQ and included in the overall cost). Satellite data will be screened for cloud cover and terrain corrected. It is important that the images used contain a clear sky. Ground measurements from monitored eddy covariance (EC) and surface renewal (SR) stations will be used to generate hourly ET data correlated to the satellite image overpasses and then used as a dependent variable in the modeling process.

It should be noted that Land IQ employs the following individuals for independent review of monthly results:

- Blake Sanden, M.S., UCCE Irrigation & Agronomy Farm Advisor, Emeritus, Kern County
- Allan Fulton, M.S., UC Irrigation and Water Resources Advisor, Emeritus, Kings, and Tehama Counties

In addition to the individuals listed above, Land IQ has developed an independent advisory group that meets 1-2x per year for additional independent review and includes the following individuals:

- Dan Howes, PhD, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Daniele Zaccaria, PhD – UC Davis
- Rick Snyder, PhD – UC Davis, Emeritus
- Khaled Bali, PhD – UC ANR
- Pasquale Steduto, PhD – UN-FAO
- Morey Orang, PhD – DWR
- Mark Battany, M.S., UCCE Water Management and Biometeorology Advisor, Retired, San Luis Obispo County

Deliverables: Field-by-field ET, precipitation, and crop type. To be delivered via Task 2.

Schedule: Individual analyses will be completed monthly, and results delivered within approximately 30 days from the end of the previous month.

TASK 2. MONTHLY REPORTING VIA A WEB-BASED TOOL

Scope of Work: Monthly reports will be developed. The first of the monthly reports will begin on the 1st of the month following completion of recording 30 days of climatic data and will be delivered approximately 30 days from the previous month. Results will be delivered in both report and web-based format. The web tool will contain all fields, field boundaries, current crop mapping, coverages of field-by-field ET and precipitation as well as a download link for all results and reports. The web-based tool is designed to be used at the GSA or District level. The tool is not currently designed for individual grower access, however, a separate, daily ET tool has been developed for that purpose and is introduced at the end of this scope of work, but is not a part of this scope of services.

Deliverables: Monthly results can be delivered shapefile, tabular, and report formats.

In addition to ET, Land IQ will provide field-by-field crop type mapping in electronic and summary form annually. These data will be the same crop mapping detail that are provided to the State of California, Department of Water Resources as Land IQ is the contractor for that dataset, however delivered approximately 18 months sooner than the publicly available mapping. Field-by-field precipitation will also be delivered as spatially interpolated from rain gauges on Land IQ climatic stations and other publicly available and reliable gauges (e.g., CIMIS stations, airports, municipalities, etc.).

The multiple deliverables include:

- Field-by-field ET (monthly)
- Field-by-field precipitation (monthly)
- Field-by-field crop mapping (annually)

All electronic vector and raster GIS files are available.

Schedule: Individual ET and precipitation analyses and reporting will be completed monthly, and results delivered within approximately 30 days of the end of the previous month being analyzed. Crop mapping will be delivered annually.

TASK 3. STATION MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Scope of Work: This effort covers the management and continuous maintenance of ground truthing climatic stations of eddy covariance and/or surface renewal approaches to collect instantaneous ET ground data at select locations representing current crop production. At times, and depending on crop type/location shift, it should be expected that some stations may need to be moved. Some permanent crop stations will remain on an ongoing basis. Regardless, all costs are included in the overall cost. Participating grower cooperation is required for station siting. Stations will be maintained and managed by Land IQ.

The data collected by these stations will be used to calibrate the models for ET and create ET estimates across all cropped fields. The result is (1) a complete estimate of cropped field only ET and (2) ET by crop type for each field. Data stations are fully telemetered by cellular communication systems to Land IQ servers. The system incorporates data flagging protocols to identify any inconsistencies in collection or outages. Land IQ will conduct approximately monthly site visits to verify proper functionality and perform any necessary or seasonal adjustments.

Deliverables: None

Schedule: Continuous

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TASK 4. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

Scope of Work: This task accounts for up to three meetings per year to assist with or participate in outreach with growers and/or entity representatives. This task also includes the ability for any grower to contact our staff of agricultural and irrigation scientists for review of grower results and questions.

Deliverables: Presentation materials

Schedule: As needed or directed.

TIMELINE

This scope of services is intended to cover 2 years.

Beginning Date: April 1, 2026

End Date: March 31, 2028

TOTAL COST AND PAYMENT TERMS

A cost summary table based on proposed costs is provided (Table 1). Per acre per year prices are valid only for complete Subbasin participation for 3 years via a master contract with the overall Subbasin.

Table 1. Three-Year Costs for Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA

	Proposed - 3 Years		
	Current	Apr, 2026 - Mar, 2027	Apr, 2027 - Mar, 2028
Cropped Acreage	66,881		
Escalation		3%	3%
\$/Ac/Yr	\$0.95	\$0.98	\$1.01
Monthly Cost	\$5,294.75	\$5,461.95	\$5,629
Non-Cropped/Native Acreage	20,525		
Escalation		3%	3%
\$/Ac/Yr	\$0.16	\$0.165	\$0.17
Monthly Cost	\$273.67	\$282.22	\$291
Total GSA Cost	\$66,820.95	\$68,930.01	\$71,038.03
Annual Administration Fee	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Monthly Cost	\$5,610.08	\$5,785.83	\$5,961.50

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FUTURE, GROWER-SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENTS

Land IQ has developed and a grower-level, field-by-field, daily ET product portal (see visual examples below). The full operational capability of this tool will be rolled out at the beginning of the water year in November 2025.

This product is not included in the cost contained in this scope of work; however, it is a new development that is intended to be provided directly to the grower community through a GSA, irrigation or water storage district, or similar entity. The development of this tool is in response to grower demands to access daily ET and precipitation results, within 1-2 days primarily for the purpose of irrigation management and overall water management decision-making. For consistency, the results of this daily product are reconciled against and will match the proven results of the 30-day ET results that are currently provided and proposed in this scope of work. The goal is for growers to track their water use on a daily basis in relation to a district-, GSA-, or grower-defined threshold. This will allow the grower to adjust water management decisions during the year on a real time basis to achieve, and hopefully not exceed, this threshold.

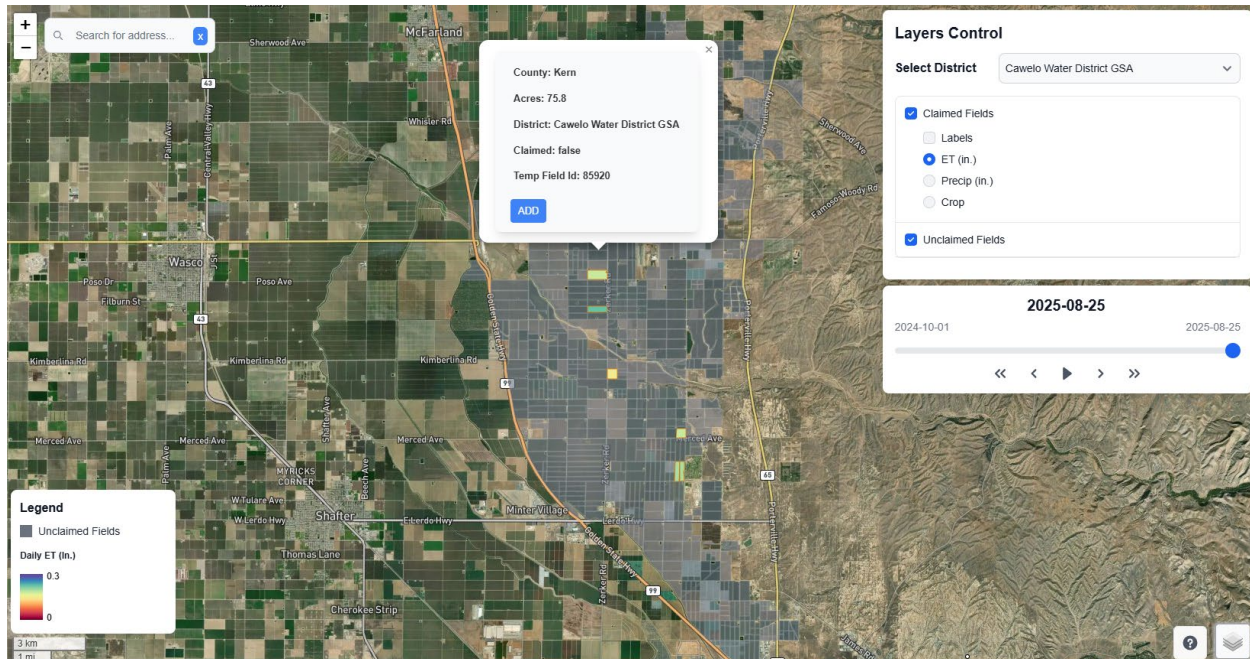
There is both a grower portal and an administrative user-level portal. Visual examples of both are provided below. The grower only sees the results of his/her fields, while the administrative user-level sees all individual grower fields and is provided with area-wide (e.g., GSA, irrigation or water storage district, or similar entity) summaries of accumulated consumption, precipitation, grower participation, crop type, field-level results, etc.

All results are downloadable into Excel format at any time for individual or manager-level review and additional use.

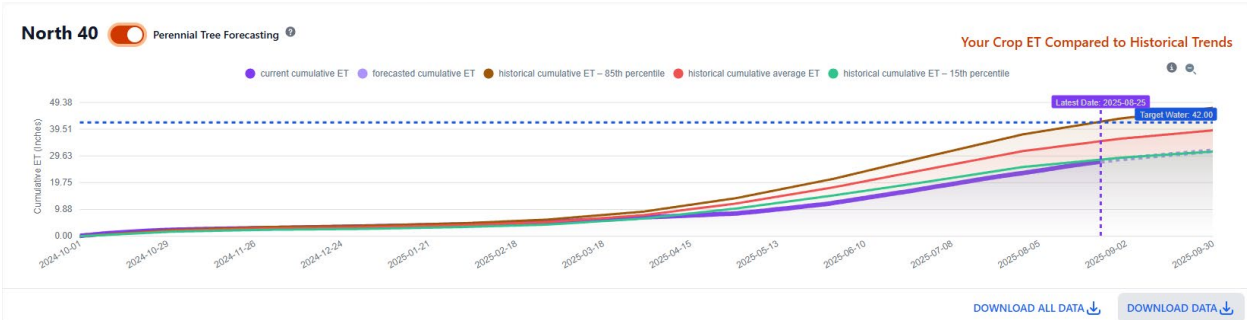
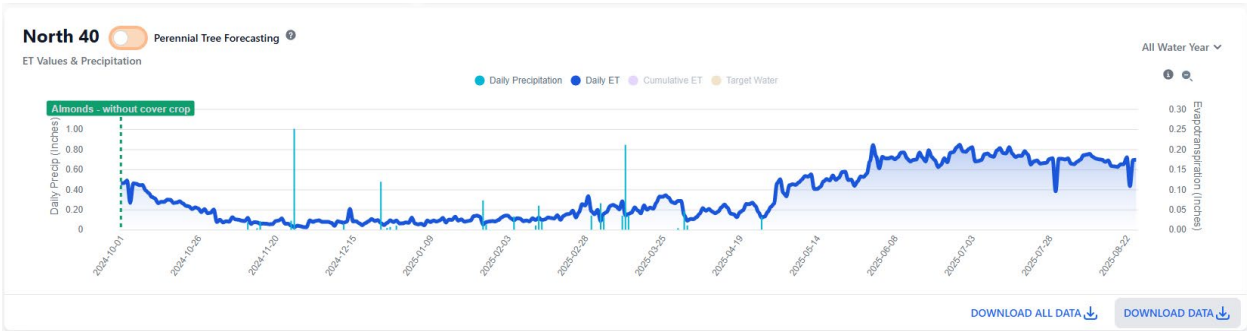
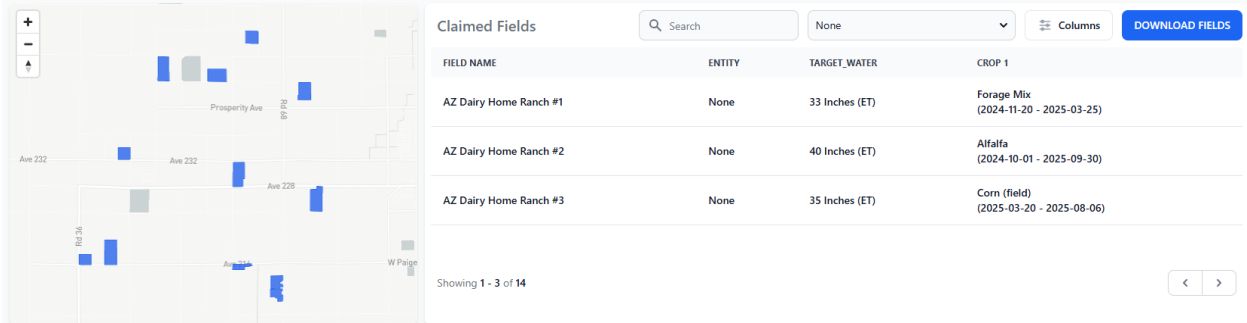
Land IQ can demonstrate this tool in more detail or conduct a user workshop as desired.

The cost for this tool will be \$0.55-\$0.65/acre/year for managed fields only, at the District, GSA, or similar entity level.

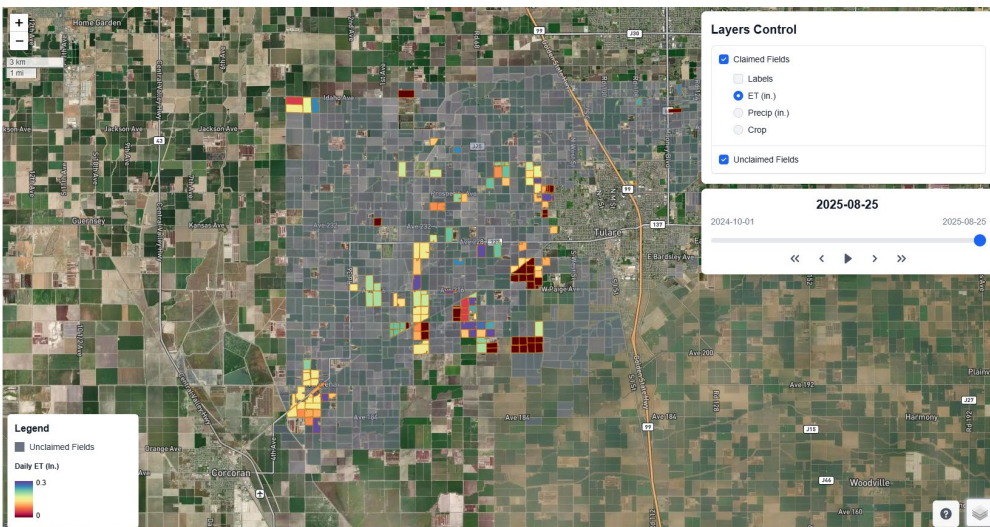
Grower Portal Examples:



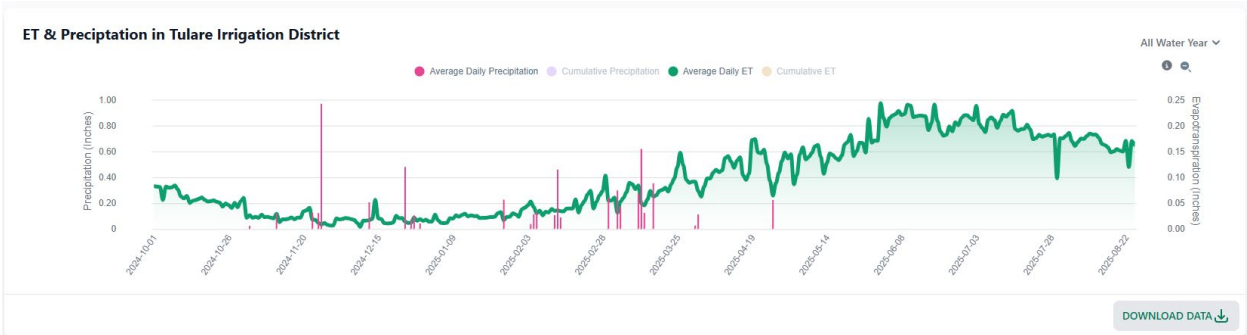
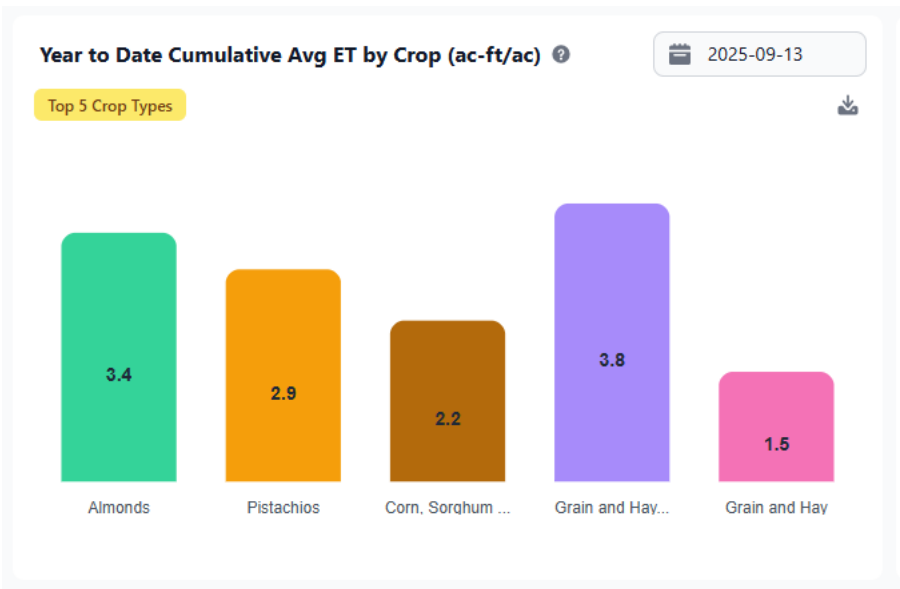
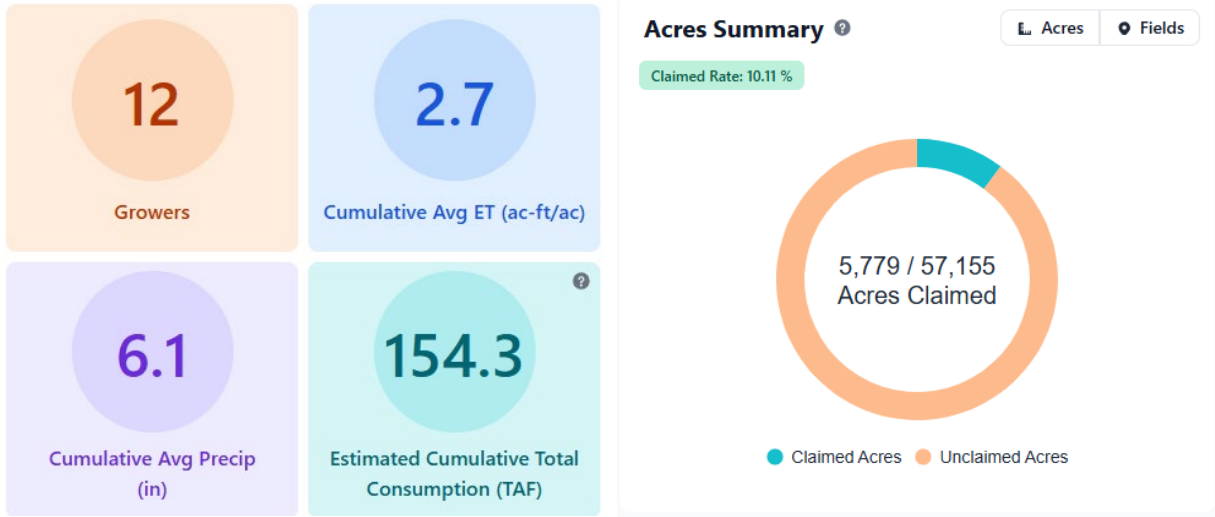
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Additional Manager Portal Summaries:



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

Agenda Item 8.8d

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: September 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Contract with LandIQ for ET Monitoring

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin Task Order for Subsidence Program Implementation

With the 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 (GSA) within the subbasin are currently coordinating task orders to assist the subbasin in implementation.

In November 2025 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 and a portion of 2026 at a total cost not to exceed \$721,925 (WRMGSA's share \$32,815).

In March 2026 the District approved Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Share Agreement 26-01 for work related to water quality monitoring, well mitigation program, groundwater model refinements, a technical coordinator, point of contact/plan manager, and data management system/website support at a total cost not to exceed \$612,000 (WRMGSA's share \$37,466 due to new cost share arrangement), bringing the total requested amount since October 2025 to \$1,344,000.

With that, the Kern subbasin has received proposals from various consultants for specific work related to subsidence program implementation at a total cost of \$223,918. The WRMGSA's share of that cost is approximately \$13,486. The individual task orders are available upon request.

The total from March 2023 through September 2025 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 necessary agreement and/or task orders for Kern Subbasin Subsidence Program Implementation at a total cost not to exceed \$225,000 (WRMGSA's share \$13,500) and subject to final approval of the Engineer-Manager and District Counsel.



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Notice of SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 26, 2026

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – 11:00 a.m.
- II. Directors’ Forum
- III. 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.
- IV. Review of the Kern County Water Agency General Fund and State Contract Payment Fund Budgets and Cash Flow Projections
- V. 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
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 - 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)
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- m. Oroville Dam Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 4974
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- 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
- 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: Assistant General Manager
Property: State Water Project Water
Parties: California Department of Water Resources and State Water Project Contractors
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms

VI. 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 March 20, 2026.



Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings

Special Board Meeting	February 26, 2026
Regular Board Meeting	February 26, 2026
- 2. Payment of the Bills
- 3. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Kern County Water Agency Agreement for Construction Management Services for the North Pioneer East Basin Turnout Structures Project
- 4. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 2 to the Kern County Water Agency Agreement for Engineering Services for the North Pioneer East Basin Turnout Structures Project

5. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Kern County Water Agency Agreement for Material Testing Services for the North Pioneer West Basin Weir Plan Project
6. Authorization to Execute an Agreement for Transfer of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Banked State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency on behalf of Semitropic Water Storage District, SWP #26005

VII. 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 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Director Johnson, Chair

1. Report of the Administrative Operations Manager
2. Financial Report

B. STATE WATER PROJECT POLICY COMMITTEE – Director Cattani, Chair

1. Update on Delta Conveyance Activities
2. Update on Legislative Activities
3. State Water Project Policy Activities
 - a. Report on the State Water Contractors Board Meeting
 - b. Report on the State Water Contractor Meetings
 - c. Report on 2026 State Water Project and Central Valley Project Allocations and Operations

C. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Director Fast, Chair

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
2. Update on Golden Mussels
 - a. Update on the Kern County Water Agency's Response to Local Golden Mussel Detections
3. Local State Water Project
 - a. Report on Kern County Water Agency California Aqueduct Deliveries
 - b. Update on Water Transfers, Exchanges and Purchases

4. Groundwater Banking
 - a. Authorization to Amend the 2026 Pioneer Project Budget
 - b. Authorization to Execute the Agreement Between the Kern County Water Agency and the Kern Water Bank Authority for Construction of the Nord Turnout
 - c. Report on 2026 Water Operations
5. Sustainable Groundwater Management
 - a. Update on the Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 - b. Report on the Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority Meeting

D. CROSS VALLEY CANAL COMMITTEE – Director Lundquist, Chair

1. Report on the Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee
2. Report on Cross Valley Canal Operations and Deliveries
3. Review of the Emergency Action Regarding the Cross Valley Canal River Turnout No. 3 Secondary Turnout
4. Review of the Emergency Action Regarding Golden Mussels in the Cross Valley Canal

E. IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 COMMITTEE – Director Wulff, Chair

1. Report on Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee
2. Report on the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting
3. Report on Kern Water Bank Activities
4. Update on the Improvement District No. 4 Water Education Program
5. Authorization to Set Groundwater Charges Within Improvement District No. 4 for Fiscal Year 2026-27
6. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2026 Water Supply and Management Plan
7. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant
 - a. Authorization to Request Bids for Chemicals Used in the Water Treatment Process

**F. ENGINEERING AND GROUNDWATER SERVICES COMMITTEE –
Director Kroeker, Chair**

1. Update on Construction/Maintenance Projects
2. Authorization to Execute the Notice of Award for the Improvement District No. 4 Sodium Hypochlorite Tanks C and F Improvements Project – Contract No. KCWA 2026-01
3. Pioneer Project Nord Siphon Replacement Turnout Project
 - a. Authorization to Execute the Notice of Award for the Pioneer Project Nord Siphon Replacement Turnout Project – Contract No. KCWA 2025-02
 - b. Authorization to Retain a Construction Management Services Consultant for the Pioneer Project Nord Siphon Replacement Turnout Project
 - c. Authorization to Retain a Material Testing Services Consultant for the Pioneer Project Nord Siphon Replacement Turnout Project

VIII. Correspondence

IX. Brief Report on Potential New Business

X. Adjournment

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Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY

**Regular Meeting of Board of Directors
of the Kern Water Bank Authority
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 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 March 10, 2026, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting minutes.
- 3. Treasurer's Report**
The Board will consider approval of the March 2026 Treasurer's Report.
- 4. Authorization to Pay Expenses of Authority**
The Board will consider approval of payment of the March 2026 accounts payable.
- 5. Nord Turnout Construction and Operation Agreement**
The Board will review and consider approval of the Nord Turnout construction and operation agreement with the KCWA.
- 6. Conservation Bank Credit Pricing**
The Board will consider increasing the sales price for Kern Water Bank conservation bank credits.
- 7. Reports/Other Action Items**
 - A) Staff Report
Review and possibly act on items discussed in previously submitted Staff Report, staff recommendations, and other items regarding:
 - (1) Water Bank Operations
 - (2) 3rd Party Facilities on Kern Water Bank
 - (3) Adjacent Properties
 - (4) KWBA HCP/NCCP and Land Management
 - (5) 2025 Fee Reconciliation
 - (6) Capital Improvements/Maintenance and Funding
 - (7) Power Update
 - (8) Data Collection and Automation
 - (9) Loan Refinancing

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B) Directors, Counsel and Committee Reports

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

- (1) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee

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: KWBA and Kern County Water Agency
Property: Nord Turnout

- 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 PG&E

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

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 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: April 14, 2026

Subject: Monthly Status Report

CALENDAR

The next KWBA 2026 Regular Board of Directors' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026 (3:15 P.M.).

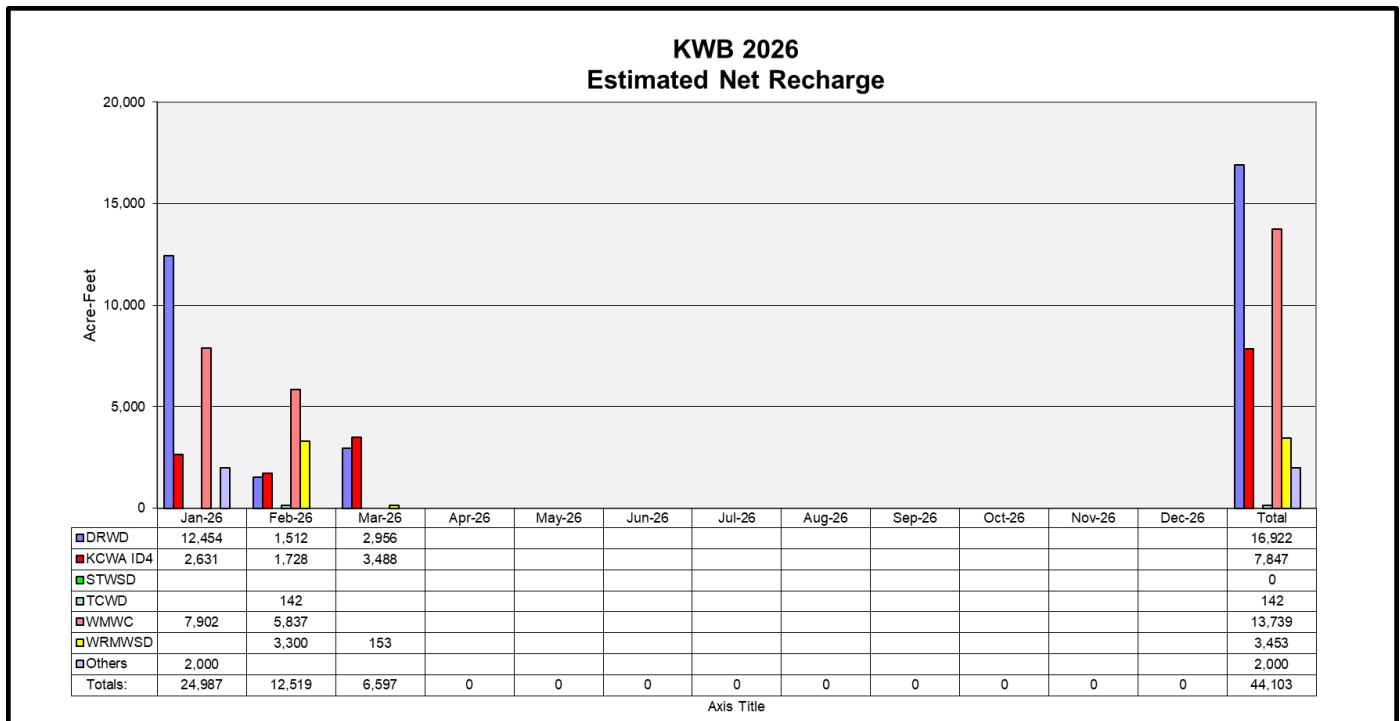
OPERATIONS

Recharge

Recharge activities for KWBA participants ceased on March 11, 2026. There are currently no recharge activities.

Recovery

No current recovery operations.



FACILITIES

Facilities Maintenance

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

Vegetation Management and Grazing

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

Golden Mussels

KWBA staff are participating in the Kern County golden mussel task force. KWB staff continue to look for signs of golden mussels at the KWB pump stations and pipelines but to date have not found any.

THIRD PARTIES

PG&E has approached KWBA staff regarding an easement along Stockdale Highway, and SoCalGas is working on emergency pipeline repairs in the Conservation Bank Area.

ENVIRONMENTAL – GENERAL AND HCP ISSUES

Conservation Bank

The CalTrans is purchasing 4 credits in March and have received approval from CDFW to utilize those credits for San Joaquin antelope squirrel. The legal agreements regarding said purchase have been executed by the General Manager and legal counsel. The Bakersfield Gateway Project is expected to purchase 10 credits in the near future, and SoCalGas pipeline repairs in the Conservation Bank Area will require mitigation.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

Capitalized Maintenance Program

Construction of replacement turnouts is currently in progress in the K Ponds.

Replacement Wells

Well 30S25E-18C01 will be replaced with Well 30S25E-18C02. Well permit process is in progress. WM Lyles will work on existing discharge pipe to accommodate new well prior to drilling and Gillex will commence well pad construction in approximately two weeks.

Well Rehabilitation and Repairs

There are no current well rehabilitation activities underway. Well 30S25E-13J01, Well 30S26E-18D01 and Well 30S25E-06K01 were vandalized and will be repaired at a later date. Staff has received estimates for the repairs.

Basin 11

Turnout construction on both sites, Basin 1 to Basin 11 & Basin 11 to North Pioneer is complete. The related easement between KWBA and Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) was recorded with the Kern County Recorder's Office.

Strand Siphon Replacement and Joint Use of Facilities Agreements

As previously reported, the joint use of facilities agreement with IRWD and RRWSD has been executed and recorded, and the encroachment permit agreement with the same parties has been fully executed. Pre-fab turnouts and discharge pipes are on site, gates will be fabricated next, and, once they are delivered to KWBA staff, KWBA will start construction.

Enos Lane Culvert

The KWBA has received approval and a permit from Caltrans for the culvert construction. Caltrans has extended our permit for another 7 months. Enos Lane culvert construction is set to start at the end of April 2026.

Nord Turnout

Included in the Board meeting packet for the Board's consideration is an agreement between KCWA and KWBA for KCWA's construction and the operation of the new Nord Turnout.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Power Update

The KWBA NEM2 application must be submitted to the PG&E CAISO cluster study by October 2026. TotalEnergies is assisting with that process.

Data Management Progress

WH Automation is continuing installation of control panels and is progressing at a rate of about two (2) wells per week. Communications Enterprises Inc. (CEI) is continuing installation of the water bank communications backbone and is installing the communication equipment at individual well sites.

Loan Refinancing

At the end of March of 2026, the KWBA completed the refinancing of the taxable and non-taxable term loans with US Bank. A new line of credit is in place to replace the line of credit that expired in August of 2025.

Financial Statement Audit

The financial statement audit with auditors BHK has started. BHK has completed outside testing and hopes to finalize the audit and issue financial statements by the end of May.

Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency



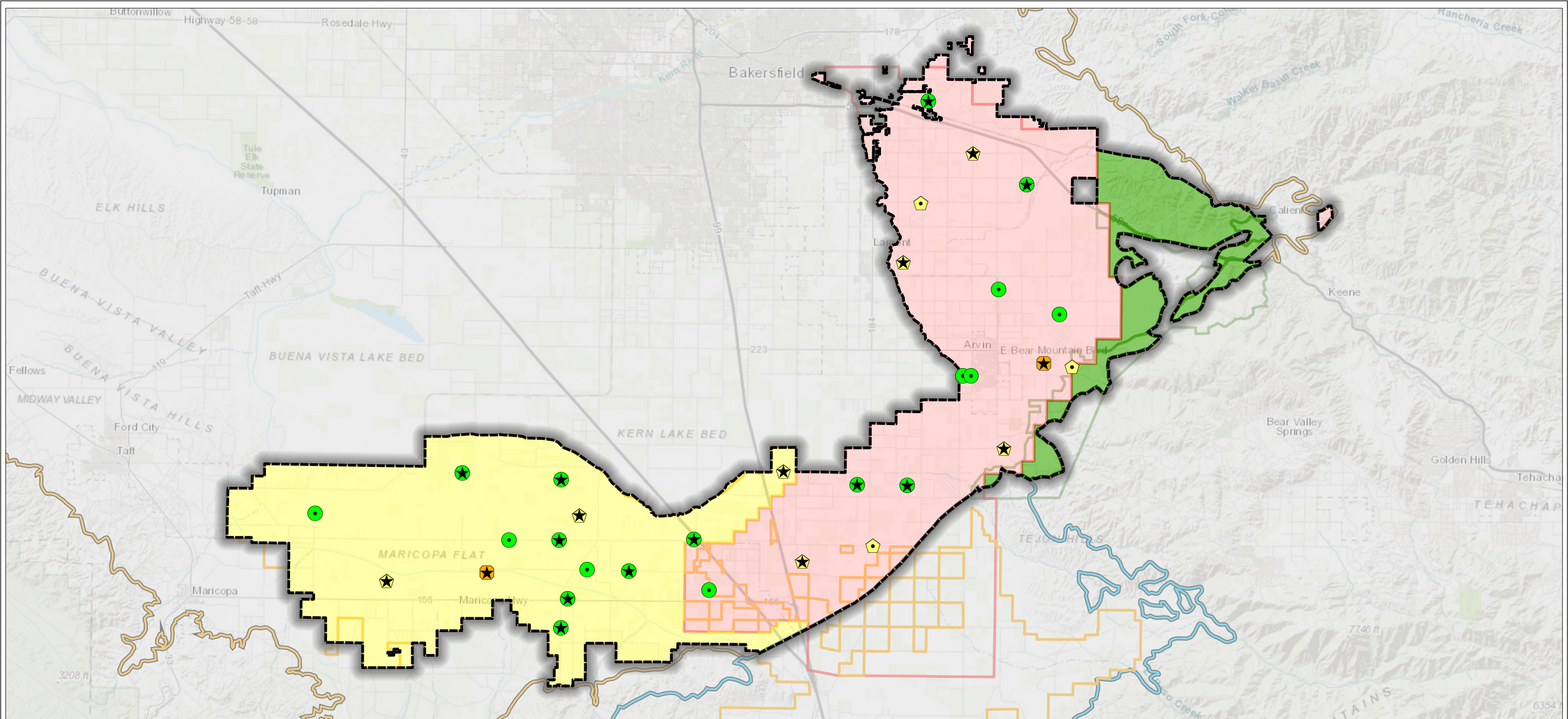
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Kern Water Bank GSA
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 3:00 P.M.
Kern Water Bank Authority Conference Room¹
1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500, Bakersfield, California**

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 March 10, 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**
3. **Consider Approval of March 2026 Treasurer's Report**
4. **Consider Authorizing Payment of March 2026 Expenses**
5. **Reports and Other Action Items**
 - a. Kern County Subbasin 2025 GSP
 - b. SGMA Compliance
 - c. Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
6. **New Business**
7. **Public Comment**
8. **Closed Session Item Descriptions (Gov. Code, § 54956.8):**
 - a. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Litigation:
 - i. Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(2) [Potential: Significant Exposure to
a. Litigation]: One Item.
 - ii. Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(4) [Potential: Initiation of
a. Litigation]: One Item.
9. **Reconvene and Report from Closed Session (Gov't. Code section 54957.1)**
10. **Adjourn**

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- ⬠ No Water Level Measurement (0)

- South of Kern River GSAs
- Arvin GSA
- Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA
- Tejon-Castac Water District GSA
- WRMWSA Service Area
- AEWSD Service Area
- TCWD Service Area

- Groundwater Subbasin**
- Kern County (DWR 5-022.14)
 - White Wolf (DWR 5-022.18)
 - ★ Transducer Installed

Abbreviations

- AEWSD = Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
- DWR = California Department of Water Resources
- GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- MO = Measurable Objective
- MT = Minimum Threshold
- RMW = Representative Monitoring Well
- SGMA = Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- SMC = Sustainable Management Criteria
- TCWD = Tejon-Castac Water District
- UR = Undesirable Result
- WRMWSA = Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

Notes

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Sources

1. Basemap is ESRI's ArcGIS Online world topographic map, obtained 9 April 2026.
2. GSA boundaries obtained from SGMA GSA Map Viewer portal, accessed 6 May 2022.
3. DWR groundwater basins are based on the boundaries defined in California's Groundwater Bulletin 118 - 2019 Update.



March 2026 Water Levels Relative to SMCs

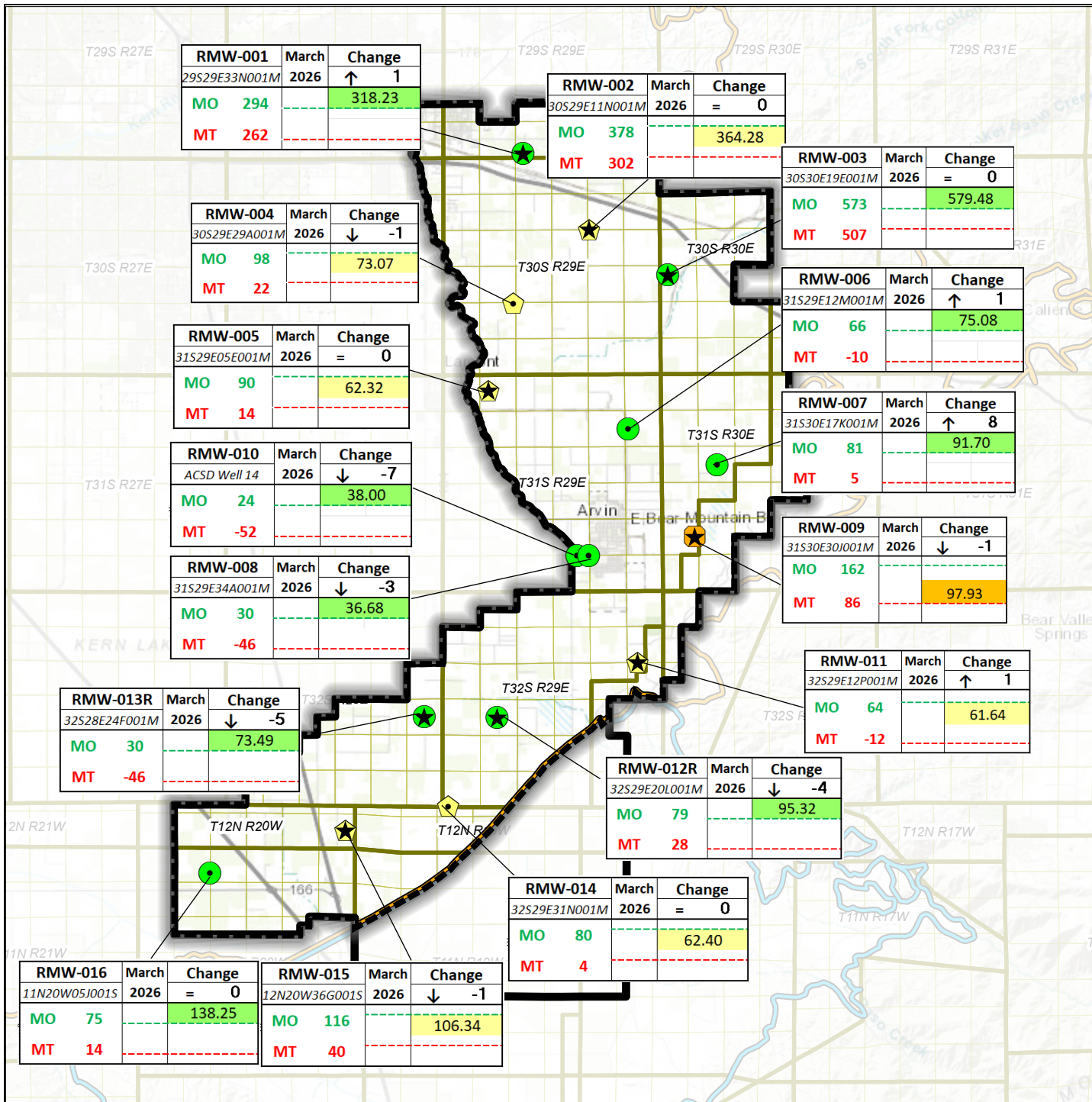
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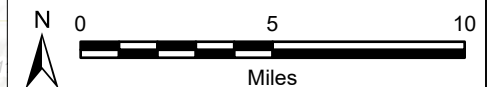
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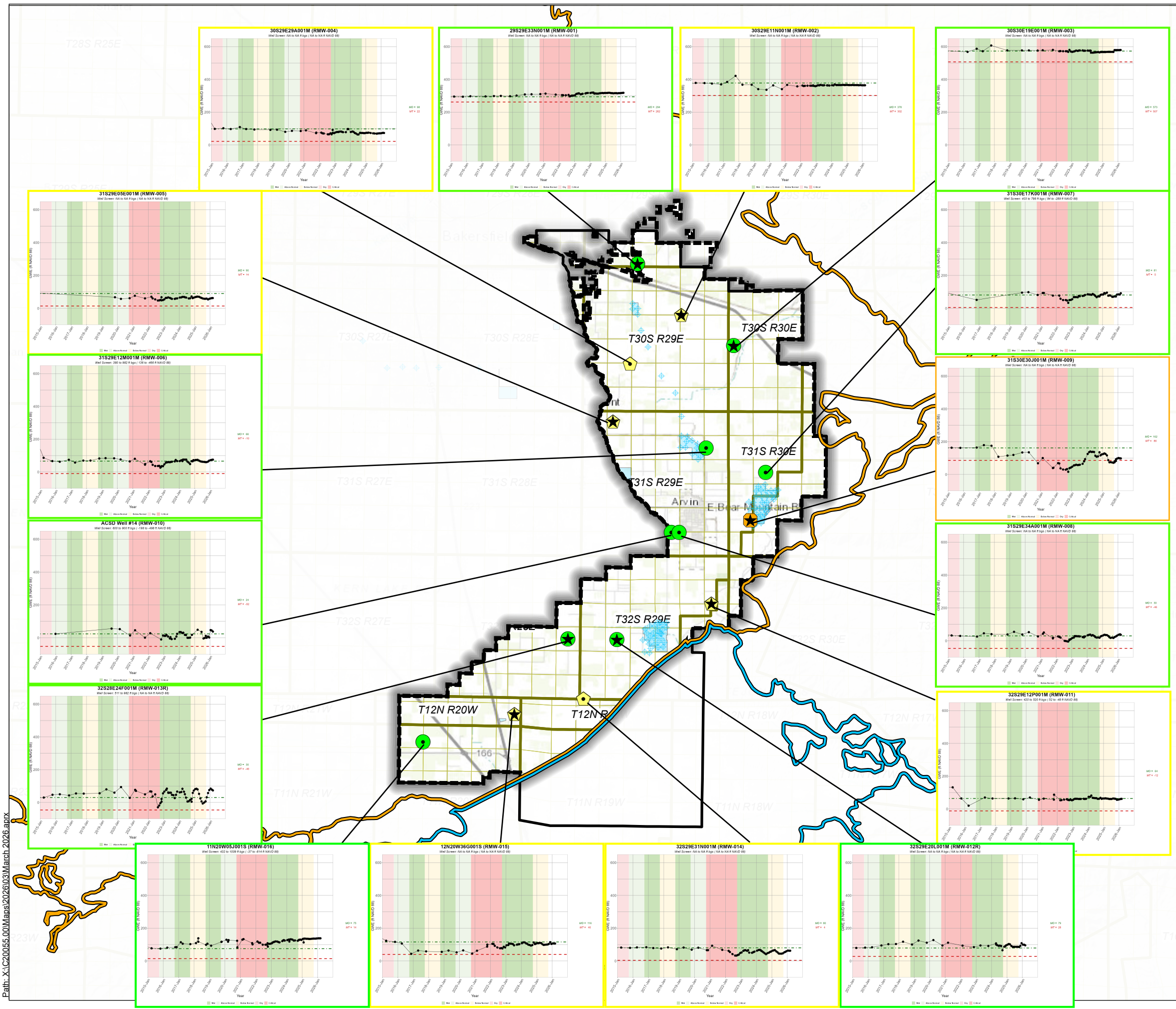


**Groundwater Levels Relative to SMCs
March 2026
Arvin GSA**

Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
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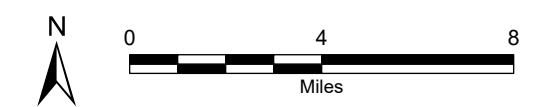
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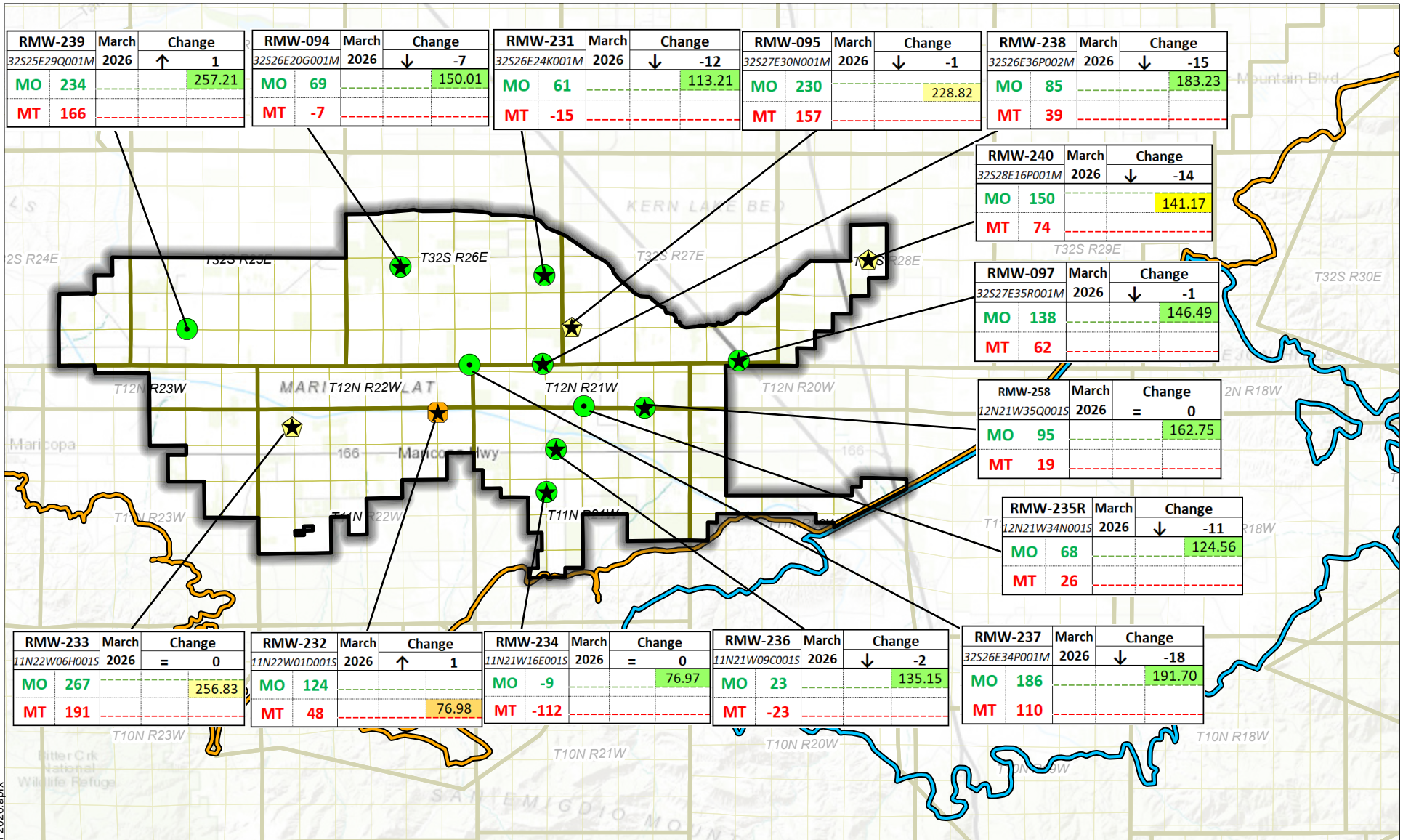


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Hydrographs in Representative Monitoring Wells (January 2015 - March 2026)

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Kern County, CA
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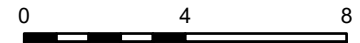
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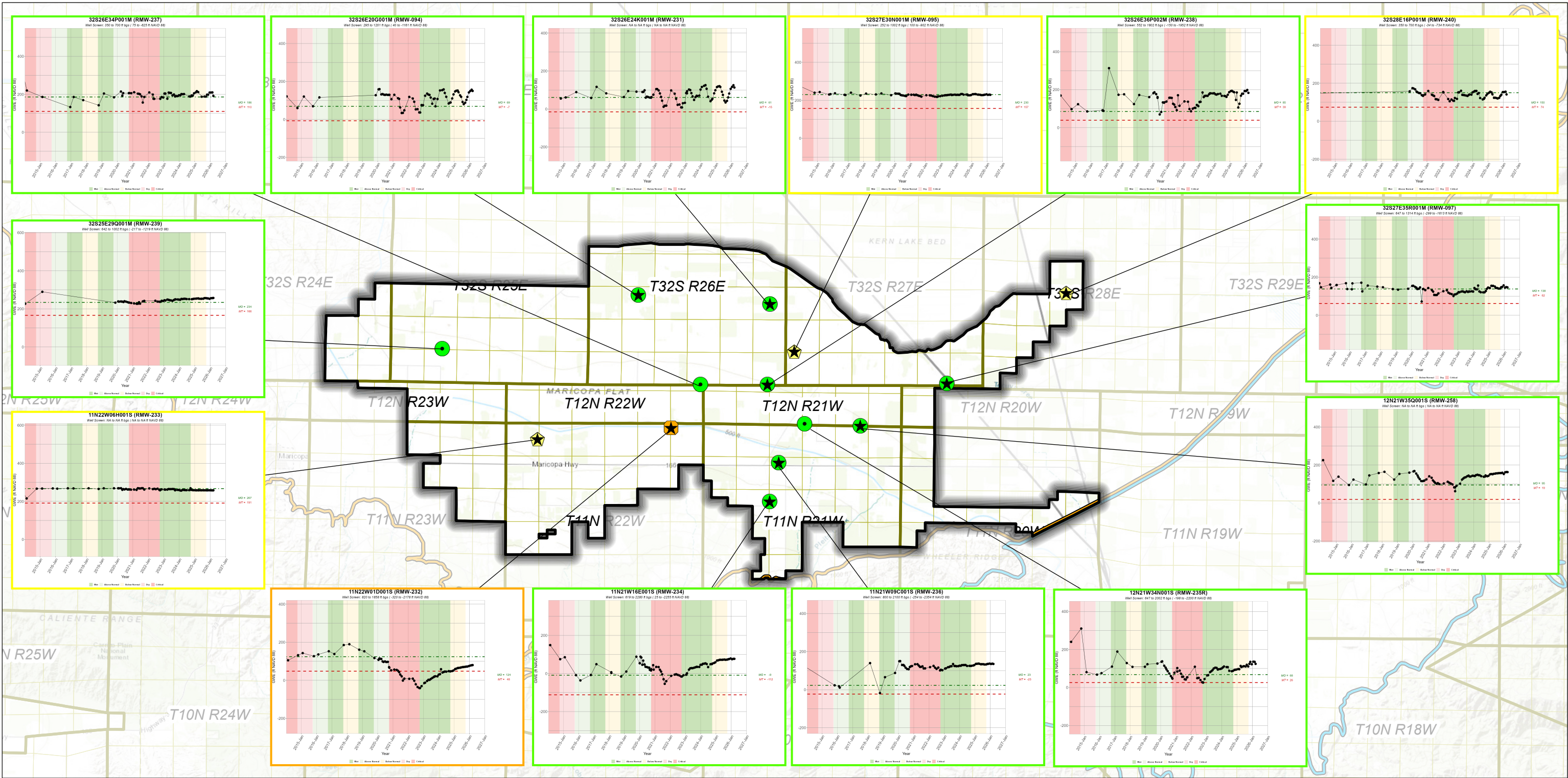
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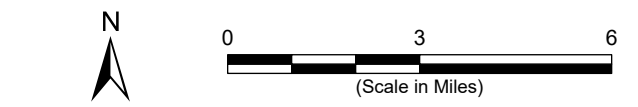
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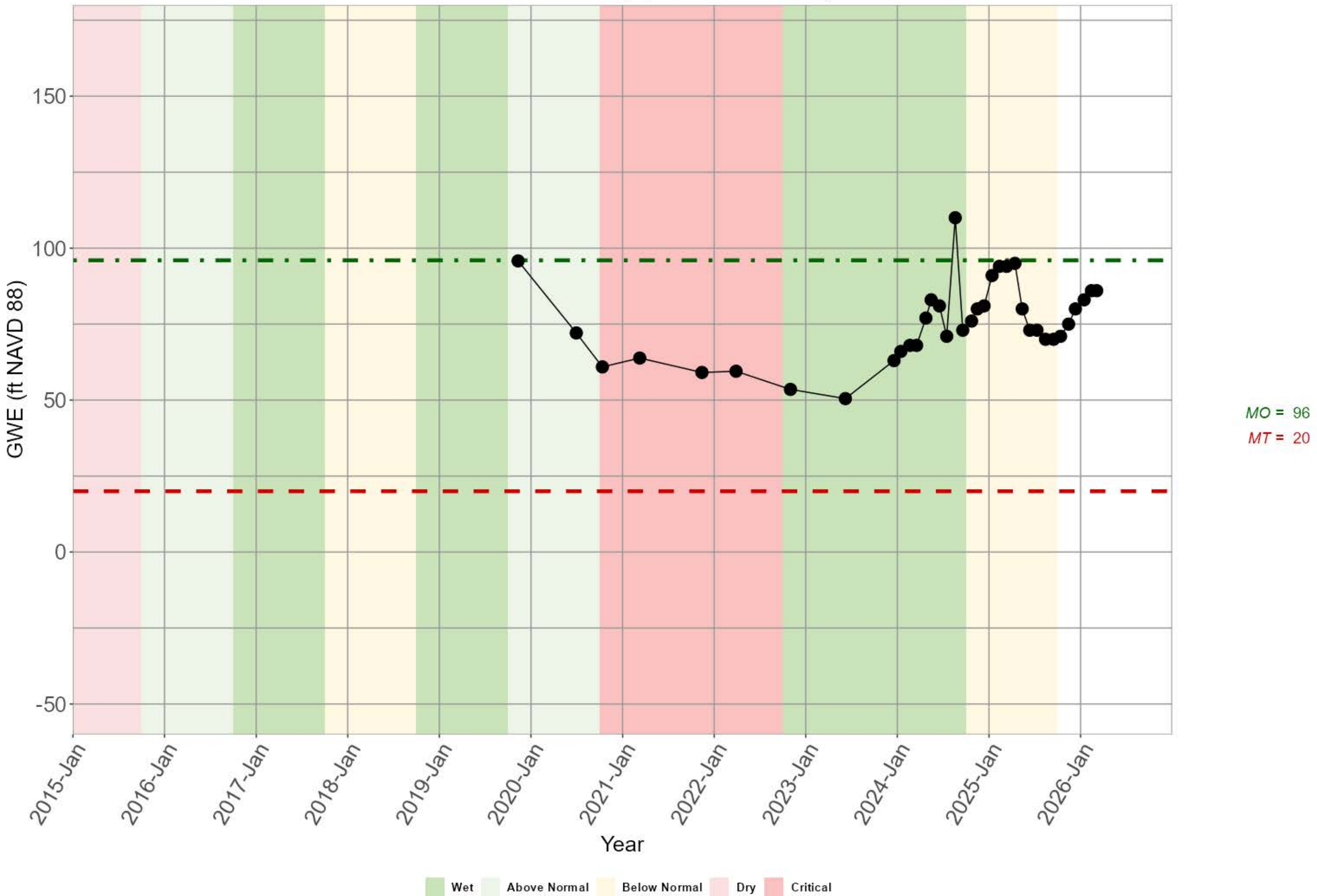
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Caratan Well (RMW-070)

Well Screen: NA to NA ft bgs (NA to NA ft NAVD 88)



KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY (FORMERLY KERN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY)

3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308
Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 23, 2026, 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

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KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

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

1. Roll Call- Quorum Determination.

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

2. Flag Salute

3. Public Input

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

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. *February 23, 2026

5. Financial Report

- a. *Accounts Payables
- b. *Subbasin Cost Share Agreement

6. Administration

- a. Executive Director Report
- b. Demand Management Update

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- 7. DWR Grant Administration**
 - a. Report on Grant Administration (Jason)
 - 8. County of Kern Participation**
 - a. Kern County Participation Ad Hoc Committee Report (Royce)
 - 9. Legal (Valerie)**
 - a. Statewide Update
 - 10. New Business**
 - 11. Correspondence**
 - 12. Closed Session**
 - 13. Adjournment**

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COMMITTEE FOR DELTA RELIABILITY

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Location: [Zoom](#)

1. Administration

- a. January 13, 2026, Meeting Notes (Brad S.)– **(Page 2)**
- b. Financial Report – WRMWSD **(Page 4)**
- c. Date of Next Meeting: July 14, 2026

2. Center for California Water Resources Policy and Management

- a. Blog Activity (Dennis M.)

3. Project Operations (Paul W.)

- a. USBR Action 5 & Lawsuit
- b. State Water Board Bay Delta Plan Update & Voluntary Agreements

4. Other Federal Efforts (Paul W.)

- a. ESA God Squad
- b. H.R. 1897 (Westerman) – ESA Amendments Act of 2025 **(Page 8)**

5. Other State Efforts (Paul W.)

- a. White Sturgeon Listing
- b. Killer Whale Listing
- c. Agency Leadership Changes