

**Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA
Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday June 10, 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

4. Minutes

1. Consider Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2026 ***Atkinson*** (2 mins)
2. Consider Approval of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026

5. Financial Reports

Mettler (10 mins)

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

- 9:45
6. **Controller's Report**
 1. Delinquent Accounts Report *Smith* (10 mins)
 2. Budget Expenditures Report for May 2026 *Whitby* (5 mins)
 3. Hearing to Fix Special Service Charge 2026 *****Resolution Required***** *Smith* (10 mins)
 4. 2025 Audit *Smith* (15 mins)
 - a. Independent Auditor's Report for Year 2025
 - b. Consider Approval of Annual Statement of District's Financial Condition
*****Resolution Required*****
 5. Consider Approval of Capital Expenditure Budget Modification *Smith* (5 mins)
 7. **President's Report** *Atkinson* (5 min)
 8. **Engineer-Manager's Report**
 1. Filing of the Monthly Report *Nicholas* (5 mins)
 2. Water Supply – **2026 SWP Allocation of 45%** *McDaris* (30 mins)
 - a. 2026 Water Supply/Demand Estimate
 - b. Other Purchases/Exchanges
 3. Golden Mussel Update *McDaris* (5 mins)
 4. Consider Authorization to Solicit Bids for PVC Pipe for 6P Lateral *Suggs* (5 mins)
 5. Consider Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Participation Agreement to Form a Monitoring Committee
 6. Financial Review of District Solar Assets *Suggs* (10 mins)
 7. State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) *Nicholas* (10 mins)
 8. Sites Reservoir *Kunde* (10 mins)
 9. Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA *Nicholas* (10 mins)
 - a. 2025 Kern Subbasin Annual Report
 - b. Consider Adoption of the Exceedance Policy and associated Action Plan for Land Subsidence - Version 2.0 (June 2026)
 - c. Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Sharing Agreement (26-03)
 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. Kern Non-District Lands Authority *Fry* (5 mins)
 5. White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency *Nicholas* (5 mins)
 6. Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority *Blaine* (5 mins)
 7. Committee for Delta Reliability *Nicholas* (5 mins)
 8. 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 – June 17, 2026
 11. **Public Comments**
 12. **Adjournment**

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

By: Danyel Ruth

June 5, 2026

Per Govt. Code § 54953.2 and § 54961, requests for a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in this meeting should be made to the Administrative Assistant (phone 661-527-6068) in advance of the meeting to ensure availability of the requested service or accommodation.

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



MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



JUNE 2026

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Region 8 / June 26 at 10:00 am / Register [here](#) to attend.

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

Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program

- On April 27, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced a 45-day comment period for the [Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation](#) with funding through Proposition 4. Up to \$228 million is available under the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience program during this solicitation.
 - [Workshop #2](#): June 2 at 2:00 pm
 - [Public comment due](#): June 11 at 5:00 pm

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Delta Conveyance Project

- On February 9, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced a [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.
 - Public hearings: June 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 18, 23, 24, and 26 at 9:00 am

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Fees: 2026 Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Rights

- The State Water Board will hold a series of [stakeholder meetings](#) to discuss drinking water, water quality, and water rights fees.
 - Drinking Water & ELAP: June 11 at 1:00 pm
 - Water Quality: June 12 at 9:00 am
 - Water Rights: June 12 at 1:00 pm

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Urban Water Management Plans

- Urban Water Management Plans for the 2025 cycle must be adopted and submitted by July 1, 2026. UWMPs must be submitted into DWR within 30 days of adoption.
 - Guidance documents: [2025 UWMP Guidebook](#)

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AGRICULTURE

<p>Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability is screening concept proposal applications for eligible organizations to serve as Healthy Soils Program and State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program Block Grant Recipients. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full proposal close: August 2026 Award notification: September 2026 	<p>Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com</p>
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<p>Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 18, the State Water Board released the Notice of Public Meeting for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel (Panel). The State Water Board will hold a final plenary meeting to discuss and review recommendations in response to the Panel charge questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public meeting: June 5 at 10:00 am 	<p>Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com</p>
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GROUNDWATER

<p>2026 Semi-Annual Groundwater Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 19, DWR released the Spring 2026 Semi-Annual Groundwater Update (Update). The Update reviews California’s groundwater conditions for Water Years 2025 and early 2026, and includes data and discussion on statewide groundwater levels, storage, recharge, and land subsidence. 	<p>Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com</p>
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WATER QUALITY

<p>2030 California Integrated Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On April 10, the State Water Board released the Notice of Solicitation of Water Quality Data and Information for the 2030 California Integrated Report for Clean Water Act Sections 303(d) and 305(b) (2030 California Integrated Report). Data and information received will be used in the 2030 California Integrated Report, which assesses overall surface water quality conditions and identifies waters of the United States that do not or are not expected to meet water quality standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data submissions due: August 10 at 12:00 pm 	<p>Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com</p>
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<p>Lead and Copper Rule Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 18, the State Water Board released the Notice of Staff Workshop Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvement (LCRI) Regulation Adoption and Assembly Bill (AB) - 1096 Policy Handbook. The State Water Board will hold a workshop and accept public comments regarding incorporating the federal LCRI into California regulations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public meeting: June 11 at 9:00 am Public comment due: June 22 at 12:00 pm 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p> 
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ENERGY

<p>2026 Transmission Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 19, the California Independent System Operator (ISO) approved the 2025-2026 Transmission Plan (Plan). The Plan provides an evaluation of the ISO grid and recommendations for infrastructure projects to accommodate California’s rising energy demand. The Plan is based on the state’s 2025 projections that California’s load will grow by 15 gigawatts (GW) by 2035 and 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>
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<p>20 GW by 2040 while the installed resource capacity will need to increase by more than 74 GW and 107 GW, respectively.</p>	
<p>Bioenergy Feed-in Tariff Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 12, the California Public Utilities Commission released the Proposed Decision Denying Petition to Modify Decision 20-08-23. The Proposed Decision denies an extension of the Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT), a feed-in tariff program for small bioenergy renewable generators, which ended on December 31, 2025. While BioMAT has been closed to participation since December 31, 2025, this Proposed Decision now administratively closes BioMAT. 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>
<p>California Clean Fuel Reward Rebate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 13, applications for the California Clean Fuel Reward (CCFR) rebate program for medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) opened. Rebate funding can be used for compliance with the Advanced Clean Fleet regulation. In total, \$250 million will be available in 2026, and \$1 billion in total rebate funding is expected through 2030. Beginning June 26, rebates will be available at retailers for public and private fleets across the state. 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>
<p>Carbon Capture, Removals, Utilization, and Storage Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 7, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) released the Concepts for Potential Regulations for Establishing the Carbon Capture, Removals, Utilization, and Storage (CCRUS) Program. SB 905 (2022) directs CARB to create the CCRUS program to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and viability of CCRUS projects, and requires public input as part of the pre-rulemaking activity for the development of the CCRUS program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public comment due: June 5 at 11:59 pm 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p> 
<p>Zero Emission Vehicle and Infrastructure Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) released the annual Zero Emission Vehicle and Infrastructure Report (report). This report outlines Caltrans' progress in transitioning the Caltrans fleet to ZEVs, as the State's largest government fleet. The report includes comparisons between ZEVs and internal combustion vehicle options for purchase costs and duty cycles, and charging infrastructure costs. 	<p>Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com</p>

ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [Comments on Petition that seeks to add dams and reservoirs as MRR Reporting Entities](#), California Air Resources Board, May 8, 2026
- [Comments on Draft Division of Drinking Water Post-Wildfire Resources, State Water Resources Control Board](#), May 29, 2026

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: 05/06/2026 - Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Calendar: 06/09/26 S-NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2100 BECKER, JOSH, Chair

Location: 05/06/2026 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

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

Attachments:

[CLIENTS AB 35 SUPPORT SNRW 052926.docx](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Favor

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

Current Text: 04/27/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/09/2026

Last Amended: 04/27/2026

Status: 05/28/2026 - In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 05/28/2026 - Senate Rules

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, and authorizes the Director of Fish and Wildlife or the director's designee to engage in various enforcement activities, including ordering the areas in conveyance that contain water be drained, dried, or decontaminated, as provided. 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 prohibit a conveyance from being launched until a specified drying period has completed, as provided. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The 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 04/27/2026 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: 05/19/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/12/2026

Last Amended: 05/19/2026

Status: 05/28/2026 - In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 05/28/2026 - Senate Rules

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. 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 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 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 on state lands 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 05/19/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose Unless Amended

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

Current Text: 05/28/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/12/2026

Last Amended: 05/28/2026

Status: 05/28/2026 - From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Calendar: 06/09/26 S-NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2100 BECKER, JOSH, Chair

Location: 05/13/2026 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

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 of Fish and Wildlife 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. This bill would prohibit a public agency from prohibiting imported water deliveries for groundwater replenishment, as defined, due to invasive mussels if the importation complies with a specified invasive mussel control plan and unless there is substantial, documented evidence of a proven health and safety risk as a result of the invasive mussels. 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 05/28/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

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

[VAWC AB 1894 OUA SNRW 05292026.docx](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose Unless Amended

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

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

Introduced: 02/13/2026

Last Amended: 06/04/2026

Status: 06/04/2026 - From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Location: 06/03/2026 - Senate Public Safety

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 06/04/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

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

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[CCVFCA VAWC AB 1941 SUPPORT SPS 060526.docx](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Support

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

Current Text: 05/22/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/17/2026

Last Amended: 05/22/2026

Status: 05/28/2026 - In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 05/28/2026 - Senate Rules

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 before January 1, 2034, and would further exempt those diversions from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (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. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 05/22/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Organization	Position
VAWC	Watch

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

Current Text: 05/18/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/17/2026

Last Amended: 05/18/2026

Status: 06/03/2026 - Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and E.Q.

Calendar: [06/23/26 S-NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 113 BECKER, JOSH, Chair](#)

Location: 06/03/2026 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

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 (control plan). 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 for golden mussels a public or private agency that operates a water supply system and has submitted a control plan to the department for maintenance and operational activities to control the spread of golden mussels in the water supply system, as specified. The bill would provide that this exemption remains in effect for a particular public or private agency until the department determines the agency's control plan does not meet the statutory requirements for control plans or approves the control plan. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 05/18/2026 text)

Is Urgency: Y

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

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

Organization	Position
VAWC	

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

Current Text: 04/16/2026 - Amended [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/19/2026

Last Amended: 04/16/2026

Status: 05/28/2026 - In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 05/28/2026 - Senate Rules

Summary: Existing law establishes the sovereignty of the state. This bill would require the state government to support California Native Americans to maintain cultural and linguistic traditions, practice ecosystem stewardship, and engage in good faith government-to-government consultations with all California Native American tribes regarding policies that may affect tribal communities. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 04/16/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Attachments:

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

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

[AB 2218 Assembly Floor Alert - Oppose Unless Amended 04-16-26.pdf](#)

[Final AB 2218 Assm. Appr. OUA Coalition Letter 04-16-26.pdf](#)

Organization	Position
VAWC	Oppose

[AB 2521](#) **(Papan, D) California Council on Science and Technology: water availability study: Central Valley.**

Current Text: 04/15/2026 - Amended [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2026

Last Amended: 04/15/2026

Status: 05/28/2026 - In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 05/28/2026 - Senate Rules

Summary: Existing law establishes the Department of Water Resources within the Natural Resources Agency and vests it with various powers and duties related to water. Existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer a water rights program pursuant to which the board grants and revokes permits and licenses to appropriate water. Existing law authorizes any person who has an urgent need to divert and use water to apply for, and authorizes the board to issue, a conditional, temporary permit, as prescribed. Existing law finds and declares that the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) was organized as a nonprofit corporation at the request of the Legislature for the specific purpose of offering expert advice to the state government on public policy issues significantly related to science and technology. This bill would, on or before January 1, 2028, require the Department of Water Resources, in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to select 2 watersheds that are within, or drain into, the Central Valley to conduct a watershedwide water availability study. The bill would, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, request CCST to, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources and the board, undertake and complete a comprehensive study of water availability in the selected watersheds. The bill would require the study to, among other things, determine daily flow rates in rivers, streams, and creeks in the watersheds over the past 30 years to the extent data is available. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature for the water availability study to serve as the water availability analysis for future applications to the board for standard or temporary permits for diversion of water to underground storage in the selected watersheds. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Central Valley. (Based on 04/15/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

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: 05/14/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/06/2026

Last Amended: 05/14/2026

Status: 05/26/2026 - Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 05/26/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

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. Existing law provides for the preservation of specified management areas of the Suisun Marsh, pursuant to a protection plan prepared and adopted by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as provided. Existing law establishes the Delta Stewardship Council, and requires the council to develop, adopt, and implement a comprehensive long-term management plan for the Delta, known as the Delta Plan, as provided. 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, as specified, subject to funding availability, as follows: (1) 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, as defined, impacted operationally by land subsidence, and (2) to the conservancy for projects in the Delta or Suisun Marsh 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 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. This bill contains other related provisions. (Based on 05/14/2026 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: 04/30/2026 - Amended [HTML PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/09/2026

Status: 05/26/2026 - Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and JUD.

Calendar: *06/16/26 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair*

Location: 05/26/2026 - 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. 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 imposed by the agency pursuant to its authority remain unpaid, the bill would authorize the amount of unpaid charges, 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 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. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 04/30/2026 text)

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: N

Attachments:

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

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Organization	Position
VAWC	Support

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: 06/01/2026 - Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and W., P., & W.

Location: 06/01/2026 - Assembly Natural Resources

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

**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., May 13, 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, May 13, 2026, at the hour of 8:00 A.M. Vice-President Valpredo declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

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

Directors Present via Teleconference. Marin.

Directors Absent. Atkinson, Martin.

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

Others Present at 9:30 A.M. Engineer-Manager Sheridan Nicholas, Attorney for the District Steve Torigiani, Director of Water Resources Eric McDaris, Staff Engineer Tom Suggs, Contract Administrator Flower Duenas, Assistant Controller Jennifer Whitby, Executive Assistant Danyel Ruth, Trey Irwin with Tejon Ranch, Marc Capetillo with Materra, and Paramjit Dosanjh with Dosanjh Bros.

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 noted there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

Legislative, Executive, Regulatory and Legal Matters. Mr. Torigiani noted the amicus brief the District

filed regarding the Kern River case (Bring Back the Kern vs. City of Bakersfield) was included in the Board Packet. He further reviewed the ACWA sponsored legislation, AB 2180, regarding Prop 218 requirements for tiered water rates. He mentioned the May 22nd public comment deadline for the State Water Resources Control Board Administrative Hearings Office's draft order and permit terms for the Site Reservoir Project. He further noted the May 2026 ACWA Regulatory Roundup, the May 7, 2026 Valley Ag Water Coalition legislative bill review and the April 2026 Valley Ag Water Coalition Sacramento Report are included in the Board packet.

Consider Opposing AB 2447. Mr. Torigiani discussed the concerns related to AB 2447 and its proposed fundamental changes to the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and associated General Orders. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his May 11, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Opposing AB 2447*. Upon motion by Director Blaine, seconded by Director Richardson and unanimously carried upon roll call vote with no abstentions, and Directors Atkinson and Martin absent, the Board approved the District opposing AB 2447.

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Marin, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Martin.

Minutes. Upon motion from Director Richardson, seconded by Director Mettler and unanimously carried upon roll call vote with no abstentions, with Directors Atkinson and Martin absent, *The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Directors ... Convened April 15 2026*, were approved and filed.

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Marin, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Martin.

Filing of the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Mettler presented and reviewed the *Treasurer's Report for the Month of April 2026*. Upon motion from Director Mettler, seconded by Director Richardson and unanimously carried upon roll call vote with no abstentions, and Directors Atkinson and Martin absent, the *Treasurer's Report for the Month of April 2026* was approved and filed.

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Marin, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Martin.

Approve Payment of Accounts Payable. Treasurer Mettler presented and reviewed the *Accounts Payable for the month of April 2026*, and the *Reimbursements and Transfers for the month of April 2026*. Upon motion from Director Mettler, seconded by Director Fry and unanimously carried upon roll call vote with no abstentions, and Directors Atkinson and Martin absent, the *Accounts Payable for the Month of April 2026*, and the *Reimbursements and Transfers for the Month of April 2026* were approved and filed.

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Marin, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Martin.

Controller's Report. Mr. Smith reviewed the 2025 audit schedule noting the audit will be presented at regular June meeting of the Board of Directors. He stated the Ad Hoc Investment Committee was expecting proposals from CAMP and California CLASS and would be meeting again soon to review.

Delinquent Accounts Report. Mr. Smith reported that as of yesterday we had two new contract water delinquent accounts. Smith also mentioned there were still several outstanding GWSC delinquencies as detailed in his portion of the Engineer-Manager's Report.

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

Consider Intent to Fix Special Service Charges for 2026. Mr. Smith reviewed the attached Resolution

with the Board. Upon motion by Director Fry, seconded by Director Blaine and unanimously carried upon roll call vote with no abstentions, and Directors Atkinson and Martin absent, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-06 in the matter of:

DECLARING INTENTION TO FIX CHARGES AUTHORIZED BY WATER CODE SECTIONS 43006 AND 47180 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, GENERAL SERVICE, AND PROJECT SERVICE RENDERED BY THE WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT AND TO ORDER THAT THE SAME BE COLLECTED FROM ALL PERSONS RECEIVING THE BENEFIT OF SUCH SERVICES (CALENDAR YEAR 2026-2027)

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Marin, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Martin.

President's Report. Nothing to report.

Engineer-Manager's Report. Mr. Nicholas announced that the ACWA Board had selected Karla Nemeth as its new Executive Director and he would touch base on it later in the meeting. Mr. Nicholas also welcomed new employees Britton Armstrong and Jason Buege to the District. Mr. Nicholas also announced that former KCWA General Manager Tom Clark was honored on the Oildale Wall of Fame.

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

Other Purchases and Exchanges. Nothing to report.

Consider Revising 2026 Budget Water Rates and Set District Allocation. Mr. McDaris reviewed his May 11, 2026 memorandum entitled *Allocation of Water Supplies 2026 SWP and Supplemental Water Program - F.O. Equivalent SWP and Supplemental Water Rates - Supplemental Water Agreements* to the Board. Upon motion by Director Fry, seconded by Director Blaine and unanimously carried upon roll call vote, with no abstentions, and Directors Atkinson, Marin, and Martin absent the Board authorized the following water rates supported by the attached *Table 1 - Melded Cost of 2026 SWP and Supplemental Water*:

- a) Amend the 2026 budget SWP Fixed Obligation, recognizing a 30% SWP Allocation resulting in a SWP F.O. rate of \$694.14 per acre foot, together with estimated GWSC collections of \$4,000,000 set the 2026 SWP F.O. rate at \$626.49, and
- b) Establish the 2026 Supplemental Fixed Obligation Equivalent at \$446.66 per acre-foot per *Table 1*, and
- c) Establish the 2026 melded SWP F.O. and the Supplemental F.O. Equivalent at \$533.86 per acre-foot per *Table 6*,
- d) Finalize 2026 Supplemental Water Service Agreements accommodating multiple supplemental water types and rates as applicable, and upon approval as to form and content by Counsel, and direct that they be provided to Water Users for completion and return to enable participation in the 2026 Supplemental Water Service Program, and
- e) Approve the revised 2026 Budget Table 17 water rates as described in the attached memorandum, increasing the Industrial water rates to the higher of: (a) \$175 for the first day of service and \$87.50/day thereafter, or (b) \$700 per acre-foot.

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Marin, Martin.

Consider Revising 2026 OM&R Rates Due to Golden Mussel Treatment. Mr. McDaris reviewed his May 11, 2026 memorandum entitled *Consider Revising 2026 OM&R Rates Due to Golden Mussel Treatment* to the Board. Upon motion by Fry, seconded by Director Reiter and unanimously carried upon roll call vote, with Directors Atkinson, Marin, and Martin absent, the Board authorized the previously authorized expenses of \$2.5 million for 2026 golden mussel treatment and mitigation be partially

recovered through the District's revised OM&R rates, resulting in an increase of \$15.00/acre for all charge code zones and corresponding adjustments to the non-contract OM&R categories as appropriate.

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Marin, Martin.

Consider Agricultural Energy Consumers Association Contribution Increase. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his May 11, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Agricultural Energy Consumers Association Contribution Increase*. Upon motion by Director Mettler, seconded by Director Richardson and unanimously carried upon roll call vote with no abstentions, and Directors Atkinson, Marin, and Martin absent, the Board approved the District increase its annual contribution to AECA to \$25,000.

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Marin, Martin.

Consider Approval of Commendation and Expression of Appreciation for Jon Kelley. Upon motion by Director Fry, seconded by Director Richardson and unanimously carried upon roll call vote with no abstentions and Directors Atkinson, Marin, and Martin absent the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-07 in the matter of:

COMMENDATION AND EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO JON ELDON KELLEY

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Marin, Martin.

Consider Approval of Amendment #4 for Long Term Yuba Purchase Program. Mr. McDaris reviewed his April 30, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Amendment No. 4 to the L-T Yuba Water Purchase Program*. Upon motion by Director Blaine, seconded by Director Fry and unanimously carried upon roll call vote with no abstentions, and Directors Atkinson, Marin, and Martin absent, the Board authorized the Engineer-Manager or his designee to execute the long-term agreement with KCWA for the Yuba Water Purchase Program, subject to review by counsel as to form and final approval of the Engineer-Manager.

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Marin, Martin.

Consider Support for ACWA's Vision for our Water Future. Mr. Nicholas reviewed the ACWA handout to the Board entitled *Vision For Our Water Future*. Upon motion by Director Richardson, seconded by Director Fry and unanimously carried with no abstentions, and Directors Atkinson, Marin, and Martin absent, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-08 in the matter of:

SUPPORT FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES VISION FOR OUR WATER FUTURE

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Marin, Martin.

State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project. Mr. Nicholas reviewed the *ACWA Advisory Announcement* to the Board announcing Karla Nemeth as a the New ACWA Executive Director.

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

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA. Mr. Nicholas reviewed current groundwater levels within the SOKR area. He further noted that the DWR public comment period ended for the Kern County Subbasin GSP,

and nine comment letters were received. There were three regarding subsidence, four on interconnected surface water/groundwater dependent ecosystems, one supporting banking projects, and one targeting Eastside Water Management Area. He also noted that the spring water quality samples and water level measurements were taken, with results forthcoming.

Consider Establishing 2026 WRMGSA Administration Charge. Mr. McDaris reviewed his May 11, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Establishing 2026 WRMGSA Administration Charge*. Upon motion by Director Mettler, seconded by Director Blaine and unanimously carried upon roll call vote, with Directors Atkinson, Marin, and Martin absent, the Board adopted resolution No. 2026-09 in the matter of:

SETTING 2026 RATE FOR THE WRMGSA ADMINISTRATION CHARGE

Roll Call - AYES: Blaine, Fry, Mettler, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkinson, Marin, Martin.

Directors Meeting Attended. Nothing to report.

Kern County Water Agency. Mr. McDaris reported that three landowner transfers and the golden mussel control plan had been approved.

Kern Water Bank Authority/KWBGSA. Mr. Nicholas reported the KWBA board approved a resolution recognizing Dennis Atkinson as he had retired from the KWBA and KWBGSA boards. Angelica Martin will take his place as Tejon-Castac WD's Representative director on the KWBA and KWBGSA boards and Trey Irwin will be Tejon-Castac WD's alternate director. Mr. Nicholas also noted that the Authority approved: an investment account with CAMP; construction of a replacement well; and the 2025 reconciliation. Mr. Nicholas had nothing to report on the KWBGSA.

Kern Non-District Lands Authority. Director Fry reported that KNDLA approved an agreement with Provost and Pritchard to study possible demand management actions for un-districted lands.

White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Mr. Nicholas reported the WWGSA held a stakeholder workshop on April 30th to review its five-year periodic evaluation.

Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority. Director Fry noted that the main item of discussion was the Kern-Tulare GSA letter to DWR regarding the Eastside Water Management Area.

Committee for Delta Reliability. Mr. Nicholas stated there was no meeting held, but there was blog post included in the packet for self-review regarding impacts of water year classifications.

South Valley Water Resource Authority. Mr. Nicholas reported the Authority reviewed the Unified Water Plan and received an update on the Fish Friendly Demonstration Project status.

Unfinished and New Business. Ms. Ruth noted that Board Ethics Training will be required in 2026, and 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 11:12 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
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**Minutes of the Special 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., May 19, 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 Tuesday, May 19, 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, Richardson, Valpredo.

Directors Present via Teleconference. Reiter.

Directors Absent. Mettler.

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.

Allocation of Water Supplies 2026 SWP and Supplemental Water Program - F.O. Equivalent SWP and Supplemental Water Rates - Supplemental Water Agreements. Mr. McDaris reviewed his May 18, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Allocation of Water Supplies 2026 SWP and Supplemental Water Program - F.O. Equivalent SWP and Supplemental Water Rates - Supplemental Water Agreements*. Upon motion by Director Marin, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried upon roll call vote with no abstentions, and Director Mettler absent, the Board authorized the following water rates supported by the Table 1 - Melded Cost of 2026 SWP and Supplemental Water:

- a. Amend the 2026 budget SWP Fixed Obligation, recognizing a 45% SWP Allocation resulting in a SWP F.O. rate of \$420.23 per acre-foot, and together with estimated GWSC collections of \$3,000,000 set the 2026 SWP F.O. rate at \$386.40, and
- b. Establish the 2026 Supplemental Fixed Obligation Equivalent at \$437.42 per acre-foot per Table 1, and
- c. Establish the revised total District allocation at 75.00% CAW, recognizing a SWP Allocation 44.16% of CAW and maximum Supplemental 1 Allocation 30.84% of CAW, and
- d. Finalize 2026 Supplemental Water Service Agreement with the following reimbursement schedule for returned Supplemental water:
 - a. Before June 16 - 100% F.O. reimbursement
 - b. June 16 through July 1 - 75% F.O. reimbursement
 - c. July 2 through August 15 - 50% F.O. reimbursement
 - d. August 15 through September 15 - 25% F.O. reimbursement
 - e. After September 15 - No F.O. reimbursement.

Roll Call - AYES: Atkinson, Blaine, Fry, Marin, Martin, Reiter, Richardson, Valpredo. Nays: None. Absent: Mettler.

Unfinished and New Business. None.

Public Comments. None.

Adjournment. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:
[Seal]

Secretary of the Board

List of Abbreviations:

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Agency	Kern County Water Agency
AWMP	Agricultural Water Management Plan
BDCP	Bay Delta Conservation Plan
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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
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District	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
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DWR	California Department of Water Resources
DYTP	Dry Year Transfer Program
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
FAA	Final Accounting Adjustment
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WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2026

6/10/2026 Board Packet
GENERAL FUND

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT:

BALANCE AS OF:	4/30/2026	69,584,909.90
PLUS CASH RECEIVED FOR: (cash receipts/interest)	5/2026	10,917,656.21
LESS CASH EXPENDED DURING MONTH FOR:	5/2026	(1,854,117.92)
(KCWA, pr, ap, cdr, ach, mnl, fees, pr burdens, ee net, taxes, inv)		

FUNDS ON RECONCILED DEPOSIT AT END OF MONTH: **78,648,448.19**

THE ABOVE FUNDS ARE ON DEPOSIT AS FOLLOWS:

CAMP-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE	72,878,270.22
KCT-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (G/L) CASH BALANCE	553,723.70
TRI COUNTIES BANK - (GL) CASH BALANCE	5,214,058.63
LAIF-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE	2,195.64
PETTY CASH	200.00
	78,648,448.19

CAMP BALANCE AS OF:	4/30/2026	66,034,619.90
TRANSFERS (TO) TRI COUNTIES BANK	5/2026	(1,696,163.30)
TRANSFERS FROM TRI COUNTIES BANK	5/2026	8,320,252.30
INTEREST INCOME	5/2026	219,561.32
ENDING CAMP BALANCE:		72,878,270.22

INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED)		CAMP
MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2026	-----	3.76%
MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2026	-----	3.78%
MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2026	-----	3.80%
MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026	-----	3.83%

INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED)		TCBK Sweep
MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2026	-----	3.57%
MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2026	-----	3.57%
MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2026	-----	3.61%
MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026	-----	2.96%

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	9,632,982.73
MANUAL INVOICES / MISC RECEIPTS	973,290.96
CAMP INTEREST	219,561.32
NONCONTRACT OM&R CHARGES	79,234.60
TRI COUNTIES SWEEP INTEREST	12,586.60
GROUND WATER SERVICE CHARGES	-
INTEREST APPORTIONMENT - kern county auditor controller	-
LAIF INTEREST	-
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES - kern county auditor/controller	-
WRM GSA	-

Cash Receipts Summary **10,917,656.21**

OPERATING RESERVE FUND BALANCE: audited 12/31/2025 **25,000,000**

**WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
DRAFT AUDIT RESERVE FUND BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 PLUS ESTIMATED ADJUSTMENTS**

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<u>INTERNALLY CONSTRAINED RESERVES</u>	<u>AUDIT 12/31/2025</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>5/31/2026</u>
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	25,000,000		25,000,000
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	3,527,881		3,527,881
GROUND WATER REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FUND	4,682,667		4,682,667
CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND	11,449,745		11,449,745
WATER BANKING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	6,100,000		6,100,000
KWBA EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE	0	306,213 (1)	306,213
WELL REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	11,876		11,876
DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION RESERVE FUND	102,800		102,800
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS INTERNALLY CONSTRAINED	50,874,969	306,213	51,181,182
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 \$125.2 MILLION OF TOTAL RESERVES TO THE \$51.8 MILLION OF CASH EQUIVALENTS ON PAGE 10 OF THE 2025 AUDIT).	74,353,667	(306,213)	74,047,454
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	125,228,636	0	125,228,636

(1) 2023 and 2024 KWBA adjustments

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
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NAME	DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
AFTW HOLDINGS LLC	05/19/2026	AFTW04-2026	79,379.67	WHEELER #1 SOLAR CHARGES	79,379.67
AGRICULTURAL ENERGY CONSUMERS	05/14/2026	2026-2	10,000.00	2026 ADDITIONAL DUES	10,000.00
AMERICAN TRAFFIC SAFETY SERVICES ASSOC	01/01/2026	INV-131531-N3N0N6	92.00	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - STEPHEN CHASE	
ARVIN EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT	05/21/2026	26-11	127.83	SOKR CONSULTING MAR/APR 2026	
ASG SUPPLY	05/12/2026	007791	784.69	CLEANING WIPES, BATTERY PACK, FLAP DISCS	
ASG SUPPLY	05/20/2026	007822	328.87	RESPIRATOR, VAPOR CARTRIDGES	
ASG SUPPLY	05/27/2026	007839	530.19	IMPACT WRENCH, EARPLUGS, SUNSCREEN	
ASG SUPPLY	06/03/2026	007869	648.62	EXHAUST FLUID, GLOVES, PAPER TOWELS, ETC	
AT&T	06/07/2026	N/A	317.07	FIRE ALARM LINES	
AVADINE	05/11/2026	116522	625.00	SCADA EQUIPMENT - PB-2	
AVADINE	05/15/2026	116547	875.00	SCADA SUPPORT	
AVADINE	05/31/2026	116569	1,000.00	LATIS MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT	
B & B SURPLUS INC	05/08/2026	1305263	1,225.17	PLATES & TUBING	
BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN	05/31/2026	052692511	1,502.94	INTENT TO FIX SSC AD	
BAKERSFIELD ICE	05/31/2026	53126721	686.51	ICE / BOX RENTAL	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	05/27/2026	NPCDW	100.78	PAINT, ROLLER COVERS	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	06/02/2026	29N96	402.45	PAINT, ACETONE	
BARBICH HOOPER KING DILL HOFFMAN	04/30/2026	163356	9,250.00	2025 AUDIT SERVICES	9,250.00
BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT	05/26/2026	11278	780,900.00	2,603AF @ \$300	780,900.00
BLACKHOLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	02/28/2026	6006554	1,004.50	GPS MONITORING	
BLACKHOLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	03/31/2026	6006559	1,004.50	GPS MONITORING	
BLACKHOLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	04/30/2026	6006475	1,004.50	GPS MONITORING	
BLACKHOLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	05/31/2026	6006710	1,004.50	GPS MONITORING	
BLUE BEACON INC	05/31/2026	5205059	100.70	TRACTOR WASH	
BOOT BARN INC	05/28/2026	INV00610623	160.74	BOOTS - RAMOS	
BROS AUTOMOTIVE	05/08/2026	1560	384.27	ENGINE RESTORATION TRUCK #162	
BSK ASSOCIATES	05/18/2026	BJ02423	35.00	WATER QUALITY TESTING	
BSK ASSOCIATES	05/26/2026	BJ02584	35.00	WATER TESTING	
BUD'S BRAKE & WHEEL PARTS	05/21/2026	28009	326.29	PARTS FOR TRAILER	
BUILDERS CONCRETE SALES	05/20/2026	372234	599.58	CONCRETE FOR 7G-3 REPAIR	
BUTTE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	05/15/2026	2026-1	379,369.14	4,255.64AF @ \$178.29 - FIRST HALF	379,369.14
CANON	06/11/2026	N/A	906.20	LEASE 2 CANON COPIERS	
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	05/20/2026	1351199	172.08	FILTERS	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	05/18/2026	240210991	259.80	BRADED VALEVE DAUALLY KIT SET (2)	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	05/27/2026	240211459	1,012.87	TIRES (6)	
DAVID JANES COMPANY	05/26/2026	0470607-IN	240.72	INLINE CHECK VALVES (2)	
EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER INC	06/04/2026	C20055.13-08	711.36	SOKR GSP DEFICIENCY RESPONSE	
EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER INC	06/04/2026	C20055.14-06	8,819.98	SOKR GSP	9,531.34
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS INC.	05/31/2026	101274	66.08	NEW HIRE BACKGROUND CHECK	
FAST UNDERCAR	05/26/2026	08VP2737	-38.97	CORE RETURNS (2)	
FAST UNDERCAR	05/26/2026	08VP1814	352.40	BATTERIES (2), OIL FILTERS	
FERGUSON WATERWORKS 2777	05/15/2026	0060099-1	2,371.95	COUPLER	
FERGUSON WATERWORKS 2777	05/22/2026	0060906	6,267.37	COUPLERS (2)	
FERGUSON WATERWORKS 2777	05/27/2026	0061039	6,549.09	COUPLERS (2), HARDWARE	15,188.41
GRAINGER	06/02/2026	9936465278	82.04	UTILITY KIT	
GRAPEVINE MSP	05/15/2026	53268	5,757.50	IT SERVICES	5,757.50
GREEN RUBBER-KENNEDY AG	04/20/2026	BF-108389	418.47	SPOT SPRAYER & PUMP	
GREEN RUBBER-KENNEDY AG	04/29/2026	BF-108495	160.80	CAMLOCKS, COUPLINGS, SUCTION HOSE	
GREEN RUBBER-KENNEDY AG	05/06/2026	BF-108557	140.73	SUCTION HOSE	
GREGS PETROLEUM SERVICE INC	05/29/2026	638738	3,821.59	800 GALLONS RED DIESEL	
GREGS PETROLEUM SERVICE INC	05/31/2026	638489	859.32	DIESEL FUEL - HIGHT	
JIMS STEEL SUPPLY	05/12/2026	274761	53.69	D-RINGS, PLASTIC CAPS	
JIMS STEEL SUPPLY	05/20/2026	275056	150.20	REBAR	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	05/21/2026	43847	6,834.00	FEB 2026 RECHARGE	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	05/29/2026	43884	72,240.00	FEB 2026 CVC POWER	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	05/29/2026	43897	1,152.00	MAR 2026 CVC POWER	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	06/01/2026	SWP 2026-2	15,759,742.00	SWP 2026-2	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	06/01/2026	73868	32,525.45	Q3 2026 CVC O&M	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	06/01/2026	44005	39.00	MAR 2026 RECHARGE	15,872,532.45
KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY	05/31/2026	RCVR 2026-05	764,640.00	MAY 2026 RECOVERY	764,640.00
KIMBALL MIDWEST	05/06/2026	104442781	531.62	NUTS, BOLTS, AND SCREWS	
LAND IQ	04/01/2026	8008-1	5,785.83	EVAPOTRANSPIRATION APR 2026	
LAND IQ	05/01/2026	8008-2	5,785.83	EVAPOTRANSPIRATION MAY 2026	
LAND IQ	06/01/2026	8008-3	5,785.83	EVAPOTRANSPIRATION JUN 2026	17,357.49
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	05/21/2026	56816575	1,129.24	CYLINDER RENTALS	
LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	06/02/2026	MAY 2026	1,118.10	STATEMENT	
MADISON ENERGY INVESTMENTS IX LLC	05/31/2026	SP-337-000019	95,212.57	WHEELER #2 SOLAR CHARGES	95,212.57
MEH OBSP LLC	05/31/2026	SP-395-000026	21,929.19	850 CANAL SOLAR CHARGES	21,929.19
MONTGOMERY HARDWARE CO	05/15/2026	784154	71.45	BUILDING ACCESS	
MURPHYS & EVERTZ	03/31/2026	12188	4,055.00	LEGAL SERVICES - SGMA	
P G & E #1	05/31/2026	MAY 2026	183,262.07	MAY POWER	
P G & E #2	05/31/2026	MAY 2026	230,175.74	MAY POWER	
P G & E #3	05/31/2026	MAY 2026	6,129.56	MAY POWER	
P G & E #4	05/31/2026	MAY 2026	406.12	MAY POWER	
P G & E #5	05/31/2026	MAY 2026	2,905.12	MAY POWER	422,878.61
POLLARDWATER	05/14/2026	0311280	102.53	5 LB LEAD WOOL	
POLLARDWATER	05/14/2026	0311279	85.52	DARK OILED OAKUM	
POWERSTRIDE BATTERY	05/15/2026	B396961	649.28	JUMP STARTERS (2), UNITS 388 & 392	
PRICE DISPOSAL INC	05/31/2026	N4855446148	566.92	2 40-YARD ROLL OFFS	

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PROVOST & PRITCHARD	05/15/2026	130639	380.50	WELL FLOWMETER REVIEW PROGRAM	
RINCON CONSULTANTS INC.	05/07/2026	74092	2,656.50	WESTSIDE DISTRICTS-SCV WATER TRANSFER	
RINGCENTRAL INC	06/01/2026	CD_001453972	789.38	TELEPHONES	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS	05/14/2026	0332-1161257	64.15	HUBS, GANG BOXES	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS	05/14/2026	0332-1161269	11.60	BLANK COVERS	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS	06/04/2026	0332-1163126	6,806.60	WIRE (650'), CONNECTORS (4)	6,882.35
SAFELITE AUTOGLASS	05/19/2026	03397-015293	964.57	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT #389	
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLL CONTROL DIST	06/01/2026	S188575	92.00	ANNUAL PERMIT - GASOLINE	
SMART & FINAL	05/14/2026	5.14.26	294.97	FOOD - JON KELLEY'S RETIREMENT PARTY	
SMART & FINAL	05/14/2026	5.14.26-2	90.88	DRINKS - JON KELLEY'S RETIREMENT PARTY	
SMART & FINAL	05/15/2026	5.15.26	41.66	FOOD - JON KELLEY'S RETIREMENT PARTY	
SMART & FINAL	05/20/2026	5.20.26	32.43	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	05/27/2026	5.27.26	91.54	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	06/03/2026	6.3.26	19.36	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY	05/27/2026	MAY 2026	30.57	NATURAL GAS	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	05/13/2026	1079835	740.99	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	05/20/2026	1080828	713.26	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	05/27/2026	S1081504	23.00	UNRETURNED INVENTORY	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	05/27/2026	1081946	703.73	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	06/03/2026	1082866	982.26	UNIFORM CLEANING	
TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS INC	05/05/2026	INVP502145799	2,398.29	HERBICIDE, ROUND UP	
TECHNICAL SMOKE TESTING	05/20/2026	821225	180.00	TESTING #366A	
THE MARCOM GROUP	05/15/2026	69197	95.00	WEBSITE HOSTING	
TRI COUNTIES BANK CREDIT CARDS**	05/31/2026	MAY 2026	37,803.11	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES	37,803.11
UNIVERSAL URGENT CARE AND OCCUP MEDICINE	05/19/2026	EM019760	298.00	NEW HIRE TESTIING, DOT PHYSICAL	
VALLEY AG WATER COALITION	05/27/2026	1319	3,000.00	2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2 OF 2	
VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS	06/01/2026	N/A	1,565.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES	
VAST NETWORKS	06/01/2026	75379	1,450.00	INTERNET	
VERIZON WIRELESS	05/31/2026	6144970767	298.00	IPAD DATA	
VERIZON WIRELESS	05/31/2026	6144970768	544.53	CELL PHONES / SIM CARDS	
VULCAN MATERIALS	05/08/2026	6400634	335.97	ROCK DUST FOR A-1 WELL	
VULCAN MATERIALS	05/13/2026	6439928	2,380.71	ROCK DUST FOR A-1 WELL	
WALL STREET IMPRINTABLES	04/16/2026	111710	1,965.82	DISTRICT SHIRTS	
WESTERN EXTERMINATOR COMPANY	05/20/2026	96256815	283.74	PEST CONTROL SERVICES	
WESTSIDE WATER AUTHORITY	06/05/2026	N/A	424,575.00	1,887AF @ \$225	424,575.00
WHITE CAP	05/20/2026	50037101891	541.24	CONCRETE PENCIL VIBRATOR	
YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE	05/31/2026	MAY 2026	23,761.80	LEGAL SERVICES	23,761.80
		SUBTOTAL	19,033,818.22		
		MANUAL CHECKS	(0.96)		
		BILLS PAID BY CREDIT CARD	(26,295.19)		
		VOUCHER TOTAL	19,007,522.07		

****Tri Counties Bank Credit Cards**

Bill payments	26,468.81
O&M materials and supplies	4,374.76
Training and travel	3,510.64
Miscellaneous office supplies	1,536.35
Recurring monthly charges (internet, software, etc.)	854.13
Jon Kelley retirement lunch	661.50
Board food, meals	396.92
Total payment	<u>37,803.11</u>

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

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MAY	NAME	TYPE	DATE	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
	AT&T	Credit Card	5/7/26	5519635116	(0.96)	invoicing correction	
				Total	(0.96)		

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WSD
FISCAL AGENT FOR COMMITTEE FOR DELTA RELIABILITY
CUSTODIAL FUNDS-REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS
MAY 2026 FOR THE JUNE 10, 2026 BOARD MEETING

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NAME	INVOICE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED BY WRMWSO BOARD			
MAY 13, 2026 BOARD AUTHORIZATION	MAY	VOUCHER	18,475.31
VOUCHER TOTAL REQUESTED			18,475.31
EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY COMMITTEE AND PAID BY WRMWSO MANUAL CHECK			
Nossaman	591817	ESA / Water Quality - Mar 2026	15,246.00
Water & Land Solutions, LLC	5192	Representation - April 2026	3,229.31
TOTAL PAID			18,475.31
INVOICES AWAITING COMMITTEE APPROVAL			
INVOICES APPROVED BY WRMWSO BOARD @ JUNE 10, 2026 BOARD MEETING (VOUCHER)			
Center for California Water Resources	320	Assn Mgmt - Apr 2026	140.00
Nossaman	593602	ESA / Water Quality - Apr 2026	19,915.50
Water & Land Solutions, LLC	5249	Representation - May 2026	3,897.32
VOUCHER TOTAL REQUEST			23,952.82

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Revolving Account Check Listing

MAY 2026

Check	Date	Payee	Amount	Description
			BALANCE AS OF 4/30/26	7,000.00
			Deposit	
			7,000.00	
1001	5/13/26	Montgomery Hardware	71.45	
1002	5/13/26	Universal Urgent Care	53.00	
Total Checks Issued			124.45	
Ending Balance			<u>6,875.55</u>	
Balance Limit			7,000.00	
Replenish Amount			124.45	

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

May 2026 for the June 10, 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	***
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	34,682.20	258.15	331.17	1,520.52	272.25	431.58	
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TOTAL BENEFITS						\$37,495.87	

*** 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
MAY 2026 for the JUNE 10, 2026 BOARD**

NAME	DATE	TOTAL	PAYEE	MEMO
Atkinson	05/13/2026	129.00	Atkinson	WRMWSD Board
Atkinson	05/19/2026	129.00	Atkinson	WRMWSD Special Board
Blaine	05/04/2026	125.00	Blaine	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee
Blaine	05/07/2026	125.00	Blaine	Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority
Blaine	05/13/2026	128.00	Blaine	WRMWSD Board
Blaine	05/19/2026	128.00	Blaine	WRMWSD Special Board
Blaine	05/22/2026	125.00	Blaine	SOKR Executive Committee
Fry	05/13/2026	125.00	Fry	WRMWSD Board
Fry	05/19/2026	125.00	Fry	WRMWSD Special Board
Marin	05/13/2026	125.00	Marin	WRMWSD Board (Remote)
Marin	05/19/2026	125.00	Marin	WRMWSD Special Board
Martin	05/19/2026	127.00	Martin	WRMWSD Special Board
Metter	05/13/2026	128.00	Mettler	WRMWSD Board
Reiter	05/13/2026	139.00	Reiter	WRMWSD Board
Reiter	05/14/2026	125.00	Reiter	KCWA Member Unit Call
Reiter	05/19/2026	125.00	Reiter	WRMWSD Special Board (Remote)
Richardson	05/13/2026	128.00	Richardson	WRMWSD Board
Richardson	05/19/2026	128.00	Richardson	WRMWSD Special Board
Valpredo	05/13/2026	129.00	Valpredo	WRMWSD Board
Valpredo	05/19/2026	129.00	Valpredo	WRMWSD Special Board
DIRECTORS		2,547.00		

Loveless	05/29/2026	28.22	Tri Counties	Meal - Supervisors Lunch
McDaris	5/4/2026-5/7/2026	1,929.31	Tri Counties	Lodging/Parking/Fuel - ACWA Spring Conference
Nicholas	05/07/2026	293.38	Tri Counties	Lodging/Meal/Fuel - ACWA Spring Conference
Nicholas	5/21/2026-5/22/2026	164.10	Tri Counties	Lodging/Meal/Parking - ACWA Committee
Nicholas	05/22/2026	105.95	Nicholas	Meal/Fuel - ACWA Committee
Smith				
Suggs				
MANAGEMENT		2,520.96		

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

Board	05/13/2026	120.09	Tri Counties	5/13/2026 Board Meeting - burritos
	05/12/2026	57.14	Tri Counties	5/13/2026 Board Meeting - food
	5/19/2026	9.28	Tri Counties	5/19/2026 Special Board Meeting - food
BOARD		186.51		

TOTAL EXPENSE 5,254.47

**WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WSD
PAYROLL FUND
MAY 2026
JUNE 10, 2026 BOARD MEETING**

	EMPLOYEES	DIRECTORS	RETIREES	TOTALS
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (May 09, 2026/ee)-(April 30, 2026/dir)	168,945.01	2,036.00		170,981.01
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (May 23, 2026)	180,593.77			180,593.77
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended:				-
PAYCHEX Employer taxes: SSI, Medicare, UI	27,088.61	188.37		27,276.98
PERS (EMPLOYER PORTION) RETIREMENT	61,309.35			61,309.35
ACWA-HEALTH BENEFITS Medical/Vision Insurance Premium	100,804.55	20,359.43	26,484.45	147,648.43
HEALTH EDGE ADMINISTRATORS INC Dental Insurance Administrative Fees	798.60	163.35	490.05	1,452.00
HEALTH EDGE ADMINISTRATORS INC Dental Insurance Claims	5,669.50	1,074.12	1,680.39	8,424.01
THE HARTFORD GROUP Long Term Disability Insurance	3,092.85			3,092.85
PAYCHEX P/R Processing Fees, monthly and W-2 fees	1,382.50	161.00		1,543.50
TOTAL PAYROLL FUND:	549,684.74	23,982.27	28,654.89	602,321.90

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS
JUNE 10, 2026 BOARD MEETING
MAY / JUNE 2026**

OPERATING / REVOLVING ACCOUNT:

WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK OPERATING ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR: May 2026 Accounts Payable	1	\$ 19,007,522.07
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK OPERATING ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR: Committee for Delta Reliability	2	\$ 23,952.82
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK REVOLVING ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR: May 2026 Revolving Account	3	\$ 124.45
TOTAL OPERATING / REVOLVING ACCOUNT:		\$ <u>19,031,599.34</u>

PAYROLL ACCOUNT:

WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR PPE: June 20, 2026	4	352,000.00	
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR PPE: July 4, 2026	5	216,000.00	
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR PPE: , 2026	6		
TOTAL PAYROLL ACCOUNT:		\$ <u>568,000.00</u>	<u>568,000.00</u>

COUNTY TRANSFERS: Transfer SSC / Property Taxes / ACH Deposits to CAMP

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS: \$ **19,599,599.34**

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
 BUDGET EXPENDITURES REPORT
 PERIOD ENDING MAY 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	1,868,222	1,894,459	(26,237)	101.40%
PAYROLL TAX	332,953	140,865	151,400	(10,535)	107.48%
PAYROLL PERS	547,589	231,672	224,219	7,453	96.78%
PAYROLL HEALTH	1,287,640	536,517	541,656 (a)	(5,139)	100.96%
TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	6,583,980	2,777,276	2,811,734	(34,458)	101.24%
FUEL & OIL	494,800	206,167	136,206	69,961	66.07%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1,867,900	778,292	335,478	442,814	43.10%
SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS	52,600	21,917	3,790	18,127	17.29%
WELL MAINTENANCE STANDBY POWER	6,000	2,500	2,370	130	94.80%
COMMUNICATIONS	66,700	27,792	21,569	6,223	77.61%
DIRECTORS PAYROLL & EXPENSES	36,000	15,000	10,705	4,295	71.37%
DIRECTORS HEALTH	255,000	106,250	104,588 (a)	1,662	98.44%
RETIREEES-OPEB	336,000	140,000	153,995 (a)	(13,995)	110.00%
INSURANCE & BONDS	364,800	152,000	115,813	36,187	76.19%
MEMBERSHIPS	102,210	91,032	91,032	-	100.00%
MISC SERVICES & SUPPLIES	72,400	30,167	25,797	4,370	85.51%
OFFICE SERVICES & SUPPLIES	34,700	14,458	9,543	4,915	66.00%
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	160,590	66,913	69,071	(2,159)	103.23%
MAINT. & REPAIR BY OTHERS	329,500	137,292	86,639	50,653	63.11%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-LEGAL	125,000	52,083	80,589	(28,506)	154.73%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-AUDIT	54,000	37,640	37,640	-	100.00%
PROF & SPECIALIZED-GOLDEN MUSSEL	1,081,221	129,494	129,494	-	100.00%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-OTHER	203,300	84,708	68,848	15,860	81.28%
SGMA - SOKR EXPENSES	100,000	41,667	54,628	(12,961)	131.11%
SGMA - WHITE WOLF GSA EXPENSES	100,000	41,667	50,000	(8,333)	120.00%
SGMA - WRM GSA EXPENSES	293,000	122,083	65,593	56,490	53.73%
LEGAL NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS	17,200	7,167	3,402	3,765	47.47%
RENTED EQUIPMENT	66,400	27,667	13,501	14,166	48.80%
SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSE	20,400	8,500	8,610	(110)	101.29%
TRAINING & TRAVEL EXPENSE	80,900	33,708	17,291	16,417	51.30%
UTILITIES	130,200	54,250	50,031	4,219	92.22%
JUDGEMENTS & CLAIMS EXPENSE	6,600	-	-	-	0.00%
CALPERS UNFUNDED LIABILITY	2,000,000	-	-	-	0.00%
CURRENTLY FUNDED ASSETS	890,000	66,000	65,948	52	99.92%
RESERVE FUNDED ASSETS	3,444,000	-	-	-	0.00%
TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	12,791,421	2,496,412	1,812,171	684,241	72.59%
SUBTOTAL OPERATING COSTS	19,375,401	5,273,688	4,623,905	649,783	87.68%
KCWA F.O.	33,646,314	33,646,314	33,646,314	-	100.00%
SUPPLEMENTAL F.O.	17,041,382	17,041,382	17,041,382	-	100.00%
KCWA VARIABLE	6,643,337	6,643,337	6,643,337	-	100.00%
DISTRICT POWER-PUMPS	12,797,959	12,797,959	12,797,959	-	100.00%
TOTAL WATER BUDGET	70,128,992	70,128,992	70,128,992	-	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	89,504,393	75,402,680	74,752,897	649,783	99.14%
(a) Health Insurance combined	1,878,640	782,767	800,239	(17,472)	102.23%

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET - PERIOD ENDING MAY 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	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	0%
1	Mid-Sized Crew Cab 4X4	32,300	32,300	32,300	-	-	-	-	0%
1	1/2 Ton Reg Cab Pickup #175	29,300	29,300	29,300	-	29,252	29,252	-	100%
1	1/2 Ton Ext Cab Pickup #176	36,700	36,700	36,700	-	36,696	36,696	-	100%
1	3/4 Ton Pickup**	20,100	20,100	20,100	-	-	-	-	0%
1	1 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility	53,700	53,700	53,700	-	-	-	-	0%
1	1-1/2 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility	56,900	56,900	56,900	-	-	-	-	0%
SUBTOTAL			254,000	254,000	-	65,948	65,948	-	26%
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			4,334,000	890,000	3,444,000	65,948	65,948	-	
**Expected to be purchased in 2027									

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jim Smith, Controller

DATE: June 9, 2026

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING OF SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES – 2026-2027
- INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CHARGE
- UNCHANGED GENERAL SERVICE CHARGE
- ZERO PROJECT SERVICE CHARGE

Each year, usually in June, the Board establishes the Administrative, General, and Project Service Charges for the following year, as provided in the Rules and Regulations and the Water Service Contracts.

The annual Special Service Charges, as provided for in the Water Service Contracts and Rules and Regulations, consists of the Administrative Service Charges (ASC), which apply to 121,590 acres, General Service Charges (GSC), which apply to 114,310 acres, and the Project Service Charges (PSC) which apply only to the 72,386 acres in the Surface Water Service Area.

Resolution No. 73-2 provides that any lands in the Arvin-Edison/Wheeler Ridge overlap area which is provided surface water service by Arvin-Edison will not be subject to the Special Service Charges of this District. Accordingly, 1,519 acres in the overlap area currently served by the Arvin-Edison District, will not be subject to these charges in 2027.

Staff have transferred \$1,384,444 in WRM GSA accumulated 2017-2023 costs to the established WRM GSA collections. This created a surplus in WRM SSC fund of \$1,460,909 at the end of 2024, the last year of a completed FAA. The SSC fund also contains approximately \$600,000 in White Wolf GSA costs which were not anticipated during the 2013 Prop 218 election. Beginning in 2024, the maximum Prop 218 rate for SSC collections has been insufficient to cover the annual SSC costs. Staff anticipate that by 2029 the current surplus will be depleted. A future Prop 218 election may be required at that time.

Purposes. The following is a brief review of the purpose and components of the three Special Service Charges.

1. The Administrative Service Charge is levied to recover the District's annual costs of basic administrative functions which are non-project in nature and which are for the benefit of ground water lands as well as the Surface Water Service Area.

Typical expenses allocated to the Administrative Service Charge are a portion of staff salaries and benefits related to general administration, a portion of Director's fees and expenses, a portion of attorney's professional fees and expenses for work on non-project matters, and an allocated portion of the costs of communications, insurance, memberships, office services and supplies, special studies, and other minor expenses.

For 2027, the estimated costs for the White Wolf Basin GSA in the ASC budgeted costs are \$340,000. The proposed WRMGSA SSC revenue of \$617,411 have been subtracted from the total ASC annual costs. The White Wolf Basin GSA costs of \$110,000 are included in the ASC Annual Costs. These costs were not factored into the Proposition 218 election, which was

approved in May 2013. The estimated ASC costs for 2026/2027 are **\$1,940,187**. If the White Wolf Basin GSA of **\$110,000** were not included, the revenue requirements would be **\$1,830,187**.

With the passage of Proposition 218 in 1997, the District ran accumulated deficits in the Administrative Service Charge since 1999. At the end of 2013 the Administrative Service Charge deficit reached \$4.7 million (estimated at the time of the Proposition 218 Election to be \$5 million). To avoid future deficits and restore the general fund for past deficits, the Board of Directors authorized a Proposition 218 Election for the Administrative Service Charge which was held on May 6, 2013. The affected landowners voted in favor of raising the Administrative Service Charge rate from the previous limit of \$3.51 per acre to \$18.78 per acre (\$8.36 Temporary 5-year recapture rate plus \$10.42 base rate with a potential Board authorized annual inflation adjustment of up to 5% for the base rate only).

2. The General Service Charge is designed to provide for the recovery of bond debt service costs on those portions of the District's bond proceeds which were allocated for general project purposes, such as:
 - a) Payment of the 1968 Interim Project Assessment Warrants (\$500,000).
 - b) Extra conveyance capacity in the 850 Canal and in certain transmission pipeline laterals.
 - c) The District's permanent operating facilities consisting of the headquarters office building, shop and warehouse.

The Administrative and General Service Charges are charged on an equal-per-acre basis to those lands that receive a project benefit. This initially applied to those lands which received an Original Project Assessment, including the Ground Water Service Area as well as the Surface Water Service Area, but has been changed by (a) deleting certain non-contract lands which were included only because water service had been requested but which were otherwise "undeveloped", (b) adding lands from time to time which were developed and farmed but which had initially been assumed to remain undeveloped, and (c) deleting lands from the General Service Charge which had water service contracts canceled in 1999 and which prepaid the remaining Bond Debt Service associated with the General Service Charge. The ASC and GSC are administered jointly and for those lands not within the Surface Water Service Area have historically been billed as a single line item on the applicable tax bill.

3. The Project Service Charge is for providing funds to recover the cost of bond debt service on project items of a general nature which cannot be allocated exclusively to any separate portion of the Surface Water Service Area.

The costs of this service were fully repaid in 2015, and no Project Service Charge is necessary for 2016 and forward (see below for further explanation).

To comply with the District's Rules and Regulations the Board must adopt a Notice of Intent, publish the notice once a week for two weeks, and hold a public hearing on the establishing of the above charges on the date set forth in the published Notice of Intent. The Special Service Charges are then fixed by the Board at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Development of Budget Requirements and Rates. The attached computation entitled "Summary of Budget Requirements, Fund Balances, Billing Amounts and Comparison of Annual Charges-2027" develops the total amount of money which must be collected on each of the Special Service Charges and gives the rate per acre for each charge. This sheet also presents a comparison of the annual rate per acre for each of the three Special Service Charges each year from 2002 through 2027. These three charges as proposed for **2027** are discussed as follows.

Administrative and General Service Charge. It is estimated that these costs for **2027** will total

\$1,940,187. There is a projected fund balance surplus of **\$971,335** from prior years, and a 15% delinquency factor of **\$291,028** (based on the 2027 charges only). The total amount to be collected of **\$1,940,187** via the Administrative (\$12.66 for 2027) and General Service Charge (\$0.70 for 2027) is for annual costs of basic administrative functions which are non-project in nature as described above.

The computation of the General Service Charges in prior years was based upon a portion of the District's Bond Debt Service. The Bond Debt Service was fully repaid in 2015. The combined Administrative and General Service Charge rate limit still applies, and the General Service Charge may be used to recover a portion of the District's annual cost of basic administrative functions as described above.

The proposed combined Administrative and General Service Charge is \$13.36 per acre, which is the maximum allowable under the Proposition 218 election.

ASC Rate	\$ 12.66 per acre
GSC Rate	<u>\$ 0.70 per acre (fixed)</u>
2027 Combined ASC/GSC Rate	<u>\$ 13.36</u> per acre

The total amount estimated to be collected from the combined Administrative and General Service Charges is **\$1,619,611** as compared to the **\$1,940,187** estimated total costs (including a 15% delinquency factor).

Project Service Charge. This charge has been historically levied to recover District's costs for providing the following services:

- a. completion of District's State Aqueduct Turnouts, and
- b. general project activities including but not limited to control surveying, preparation of District-Landowner Water Service Contracts and negotiation of the Agency contract being the debt service on bonds issued to fund District's costs thereof.

The District's Bond Debt Service for the noted purposes under the 2004 Water Refunding Bonds was fully repaid in 2015, and recovery of District costs for such purposes has been completed and no further amounts of money need to be raised.

This Board finds that the owners of the 72,386 acres which comprise the Surface Water Service Area are the persons receiving the benefits from said District services, and, since the costs of such services were fully repaid in 2015, no Project Service Charges in **2027** are necessary.

The proposed Project Service Charge is \$0.00 per acre.

Recommendation. It is recommended the Board adopt a Resolution in the form attached fixing the rates for the Administrative, General and Project Service charges as described herein and ordering the collection of same.

- Attachments:
- "Summary of Budget Requirements, Fund Balances, Billing Amounts and Comparison of Annual Charges-2024"
 - "Summary of Annual Revenues, Costs, Changes in Fund Balance and Year End Cumulative Balance - 1971 through 2024"
 - Draft Resolution

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUIREMENTS, FUND BALANCES
BILLING AMOUNTS AND COMPARISON OF ANNUAL CHARGES
2027

	ADMIN SERVICE COMPONENT	GENERAL SERVICE COMPONENT	COMBINED ADM & GEN CHARGE	PROJECT SERVICE CHARGE	TOTAL
FUND BALANCE PROJECTED TO DECEMBER 31, 2027 (deficit)/surplus	\$ 291,028				
ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR 2027	\$ 1,940,187				
NET REQUIRED FOR 2027	\$ 1,649,159				
ADD 15% DELINQUENCY FACTOR	\$ 291,028				
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE BILLED	\$ 1,940,187	\$ 1,860,170	\$ 80,017	\$ 1,940,187	\$ - \$ 1,940,187

ACRES SUBJECT TO CHARGE	121,589	114,310		72,386	
COMPUTED 2027 RATES PER ACRE	15.30	0.70	16.00	0.00	16.00
PROP 218 ELECTION APPROVED RATE: Base maximum	12.66	0.70	13.36	0.00	13.36
CHARGE TO LEVY	12.66	0.70	13.36	0.00	13.36

25 YEAR COMPARISON OF ANNUAL RATES PER ACRE:

2002 COMPUTED	4.23	0.55	4.78	0.55	5.33
2002 LEVIED	4.23	-0.72	3.51	0.55	4.06
2003 COMPUTED	7.94	-0.18	7.76	0.40	8.16
2003 LEVIED	3.69	-0.18	3.51	0.40	3.91
2004 COMPUTED	6.14	1.63	7.77	0.43	8.20
2004 LEVIED	2.81	0.70	3.51	0.43	3.94
2005 COMPUTED	7.67	1.66	9.33	0.77	10.10
2005 LEVIED	2.81	0.70	3.51	0.77	4.28
2006 COMPUTED	10.59	1.39	11.98	0.38	12.36
2006 LEVIED	2.81	0.70	3.51	0.38	3.89
2007 COMPUTED	13.42	1.11	14.53	0.41	14.94
2007 LEVIED	2.81	0.70	3.51	0.41	3.92
2008 COMPUTED	17.89	0.67	18.56	0.42	18.98
2008 LEVIED	2.81	0.67	3.48	0.42	3.90
2009 COMPUTED	22.37	0.16	22.53	0.58	23.11
2009 LEVIED	3.35	0.16	3.51	0.58	4.09
2010 COMPUTED	26.89	0.51	27.40	0.51	27.91
2010 LEVIED	3.00	0.51	3.51	0.51	4.02
2011 COMPUTED	29.65	0.44	30.09	0.40	30.49
2011 LEVIED	3.07	0.44	3.51	0.40	3.91
2012 COMPUTED	33.18	0.77	33.95	0.64	34.59
2012 LEVIED	2.81	0.70	3.51	0.64	4.15
2013 COMPUTED	37.91	-0.06	37.85	0.80	38.65
2013 LEVIED	3.51	0.00	3.51	0.80	4.31
2014 COMPUTED	54.28	0.56	54.84	0.63	55.47
2014 LEVIED	18.78	0.56	19.34	0.63	19.97
2015 COMPUTED	34.46	0.56	35.02	0.54	35.56
2015 LEVIED	18.78	0.56	19.34	0.57	19.91
2016 COMPUTED	36.73	0.70	37.43	0.00	37.43
2016 LEVIED	19.85	0.70	20.55	0.00	20.55
2017 COMPUTED	30.74	0.70	31.44	0.00	31.44
2017 LEVIED	20.42	0.70	21.12	0.00	21.12
2018 COMPUTED	23.50	0.70	24.20	0.00	24.20
2018 LEVIED	21.02	0.70	21.72	0.00	21.72
2019 COMPUTED	13.52	0.70	14.22	0.00	14.22
2019 LEVIED	12.66	0.70	13.36	0.00	13.36
2020 COMPUTED	9.70	0.70	10.40	0.00	10.40
2020 LEVIED	9.70	0.70	10.40	0.00	10.40
2021 COMPUTED	15.67	0.70	16.37	0.00	16.37
2021 LEVIED	12.66	0.70	13.36	0.00	13.36
2022 COMPUTED	14.77	0.70	15.47	0.00	15.47
2022 LEVIED	12.66	0.70	13.36	0.00	13.36
2023 COMPUTED	15.84	0.70	16.54	0.00	16.54
2023 LEVIED	12.66	0.70	13.36	0.00	13.36
2024 COMPUTED	21.16	0.70	21.86	0.00	21.86
2024 LEVIED	12.66	0.70	13.36	0.00	13.36
2025 COMPUTED	11.49	0.70	12.19	0.00	12.19
2025 LEVIED	11.49	0.70	12.19	0.00	12.19
2026 COMPUTED	9.98	0.70	10.68	0.00	10.68
2026 LEVIED	9.98	0.70	10.68	0.00	10.68
2027 COMPUTED	15.30	0.70	16.00	0.00	16.00
2027 LEVIED	12.66	0.70	13.36	0.00	13.36
COMPUTED 25 YR AVG	20.39	0.70	21.09	0.30	21.39
LEVIED 25 YR AVG	9.24	0.53	9.77	0.30	10.07

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
 SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REVENUES, COSTS, CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 AND YEAR-END CUMULATIVE FUND BALANCE - 1971 THROUGH 2027

		ANNUAL	ANNUAL	FUND BAL	FUND
		REVENUE	COSTS	INCR	BAL AT
				(DECR)	YEAR END
ADMIN.	1971 \$	89,176	\$ 119,341	\$ -30,165	\$ -30,165
SERVICE	1972	90,374	67,763	22,611	-7,554
CHARGE	1973	121,192	68,668	52,524	44,970
(ASC)	1974	79,766	91,464	-11,698	33,272
	1975	45,516	124,017	-78,501	-45,229
	1976	134,209	160,180	-25,971	-71,200
	1977	160,791	183,474	-22,683	-93,883
	1978	265,404	181,061	84,343	-9,540
	1979	237,297	195,966	41,331	31,791
	1980	195,250	205,643	-10,393	21,398
	1981	223,347	218,249	5,098	26,496
	1982	293,731	198,020	95,711	122,207
	1983	216,003	194,440	21,563	143,770
	1984	137,686	202,622	-64,936	78,834
	1985	194,265	242,175	-47,910	30,924
	1986	225,151	252,757	-27,606	3,318
	1987	189,342	256,762	-67,420	-64,102
	1988	223,936	302,555	-78,619	-142,721
	1989	270,267	268,667	1,600	-141,121
	1990	361,331	317,134	44,197	-96,924
	1991	413,035	329,833	83,202	-13,722
	1992	297,519	375,839	-78,320	-92,042
	1993	408,120	376,965	31,155	-60,887
	1994	473,328	345,411	127,917	67,030
	1995	440,777	352,966	87,811	154,841
	1996	354,649	435,267	-80,618	74,223
	1997	343,704	378,230	-34,526	39,697
	1998	338,139	377,783	-39,644	53
	1999	320,769	345,211	-24,442	-24,389
	2000	322,313	425,794	-103,481	-127,870
	2001	345,347	463,198	-117,851	-245,721
	2002	507,275	495,969	11,306	-234,415
	2003	434,245	524,493	-90,248	-324,663
	2004	337,921	545,231	-207,310	-531,974
	2005	393,832	686,006	-292,174	-824,147
	2006	397,473	758,223	-360,750	-1,184,897
	2007	391,978	717,994	-326,016	-1,510,913
	2008	411,622	700,638	-289,016	-1,799,929
	2009 #	459,241	799,674	-340,433	-2,140,362
	2010 #	425,803	1,022,154	-596,351	-2,736,713
	2011 #	430,519	1,093,244	-662,725	-3,399,438
	2012 #	449,049	1,117,722	-668,673	-4,068,111
	2013	434,936	1,078,350	-643,414	-4,711,525
	2014	2,219,177	1,207,903	1,011,274	-3,700,251
	2015	2,218,212	1,288,070	930,142	-2,770,109
	2016	2,444,235	1,176,488	1,267,747	-1,502,362
	2017	2,510,540	1,212,371	1,298,169	-204,193
	2018	2,642,649	2,013,312	629,337	425,144
	2019	1,606,013	1,777,702	-171,689	253,455
	2020	1,251,330	1,341,518	-90,188	163,267
	2021	1,612,136	1,453,276	158,860	322,127
	2022	1,623,868	1,498,912	124,956	447,083
	2023	1,612,545	1,483,241	129,304	576,387
	2024	1,624,607	1,951,579	-326,972	249,415
WRMGSA	2024				1,384,444
	2025 *	1,586,857	1,759,807	-172,950	1,460,909
	2026 *	1,358,223	1,847,797	-489,574	971,335
	2027 *	1,619,611 (a)	1,940,187	-320,576	650,758

(a) Allocation of Revenue for 2026
 acres 121,590
 Rate **12.66**
 ASC Revenue 1,539,594
 GSC Revenue 80,017 (from next page "General Service Charge")
 1,619,611

*NOTE: * ALL AMOUNTS ARE FINAL EXCEPT FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS SHOWN WHICH ARE DEVELOPED FROM ESTIMATES.
 # ADJUSTED REPORTED FAA'S FOR 2009 THRU 2012 FOR CalPERS ERRORS.

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		ANNUAL	ANNUAL	FUND BAL	FUND
		REVENUE	COSTS	INCR	BAL AT
				(DECR)	YEAR END
GENERAL	1971	\$ 110,931	\$ 75,286	\$ 35,645	\$ 35,645
SERVICE	1972	129,748	130,597	-849	34,796
CHARGE	1973	39,002	135,026	-96,024	-61,228
(GSC)	1974	189,131	133,286	55,845	-5,383
	1975	181,401	123,744	57,657	52,274
	1976	116,879	144,939	-28,060	24,214
	1977	123,686	137,474	-13,788	10,426
	1978	154,819	140,205	14,614	25,040
	1979	130,329	141,469	-11,140	13,900
	1980	143,017	136,651	6,366	20,266
	1981	139,278	132,209	7,069	27,335
	1982	134,420	134,404	16	27,351
	1983	129,105	138,478	-9,373	17,978
	1984	131,567	138,973	-7,406	10,572
	1985	135,578	137,771	-2,193	8,379
	1986	145,982	140,887	5,095	13,474
	1987	141,078	142,325	-1,247	12,227
	1988	131,221	136,742	-5,521	6,706
	1989	141,859	131,189	10,670	17,376
	1990	129,956	127,442	2,514	19,890
	1991	83,765	104,086	-20,321	-431
	1992	111,436	105,947	5,489	5,058
	1993	102,496	105,897	-3,401	1,657
	1994	107,589	102,746	4,843	6,500
	1995	103,874	99,279	4,595	11,095
	1996	103,274	77,330	25,944	37,039
	1997	84,695	64,532	20,163	57,202
	1998	83,308	63,887	19,421	76,623
	1999	78,835	64,151	14,684	91,306
	2000	90,213	63,859	26,354	117,660
	2001	4,501	54,801	-50,300	67,360
	2002	-80,744	54,945	-135,689	-68,329
	2003	-21,617	55,024	-76,641	-144,970
	2004	80,816	54,145	26,671	-118,298
	2005	97,036	55,338	41,698	-76,601
	2006	97,943	54,885	43,058	-33,543
	2007	95,961	57,030	38,931	5,388
	2008	82,090	56,811	25,279	30,667
	2009	29,910	56,842	-26,932	3,735
	2010	69,243	57,185	12,058	15,793
	2011	71,087	57,198	13,889	29,682
	2012	85,198	57,026	28,172	57,854
	2013	0	57,052	-57,052	802
	2014	65,316	59,539	5,777	6,579
	2015	65,287	52,663	12,624	19,203
	2016	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2017	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2018	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2019	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2020	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2021	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2022	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2023	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2024	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2025	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2026	0 (b)	0	0	0
	2027	0 (b)	0	0	0

(b) Acres	114,311
Rate	0.70
GSC	80,018
XFR To ASC	-80,018
Net	0

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		ANNUAL	ANNUAL	FUND BAL	FUND
		REVENUE	COSTS	INCR	BAL AT
				(DECR)	YEAR END
PROJECT	1971	\$ 50,804	\$ 28,034	\$ 22,770	\$ 22,770
SERVICE	1972	63,876	84,588	-20,712	2,058
CHARGE	1973	24,554	106,535	-81,981	-79,923
(PSC)	1974	144,672	113,221	31,451	-48,472
	1975	203,173	133,176	69,997	21,525
	1976	130,851	145,542	-14,691	6,834
	1977	152,999	150,609	2,390	9,224
	1978	150,172	140,564	9,608	18,832
	1979	157,586	142,739	14,847	33,679
	1980	134,549	137,573	-3,024	30,655
	1981	124,411	132,761	-8,350	22,305
	1982	136,619	135,705	914	23,219
	1983	131,079	136,787	-5,708	17,511
	1984	133,848	137,855	-4,007	13,504
	1985	138,464	136,146	2,318	15,822
	1986	139,868	139,609	259	16,081
	1987	140,437	141,662	-1,225	14,856
	1988	129,425	137,095	-7,670	7,186
	1989	129,607	132,231	-2,624	4,562
	1990	125,909	124,855	1,054	5,616
	1991	71,685	88,438	-16,753	-11,137
	1992	107,522	89,981	17,541	6,404
	1993	86,385	91,171	-4,786	1,618
	1994	96,494	88,364	8,130	9,748
	1995	95,575	85,090	10,485	20,233
	1996	72,600	64,161	8,439	28,672
	1997	74,691	46,326	28,365	57,037
	1998	74,692	45,862	28,830	85,867
	1999	18,200	46,054	-27,854	58,013
	2000	3	45,843	-45,840	12,173
	2001	26,345	37,228	-10,883	1,290
	2002	39,634	37,325	2,309	3,599
	2003	28,846	37,380	-8,534	-4,935
	2004	31,010	36,782	-5,772	-10,707
	2005	55,529	37,593	17,936	7,229
	2006	27,404	37,287	-9,883	-2,654
	2007	29,570	38,742	-9,172	-11,825
	2008	30,292	38,594	-8,302	-20,127
	2009	41,831	38,615	3,216	-16,911
	2010	36,783	38,850	-2,067	-18,978
	2011	28,849	38,858	-10,009	-28,987
	2012	46,159	38,741	7,418	-21,569
	2013	57,698	38,759	18,939	-2,630
	2014	45,438	40,449	4,989	2,358
	2015	39,508	35,778	3,730	6,088
	2016	0	0	0	0
	2017	0	0	0	0
	2018	0	0	0	0
	2019	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2025	0	0	0	0
	2026	0	0	0	0
	2027	0	0	0	0

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION PREPARED AND PUBLISHED
PURSUANT TO SECTION 44428 OF THE CALIFORNIA WATER CODE
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	51,826,380
Accounts Receivable, Trade	2,047,850
Accrued Interest Receivable	843,110
Inventories	346,272
Banked Water Inventory	4,124,255
Prepays and Other Assets	16,741,051
	<u>75,928,918</u>
Capital Assets	69,112,941
Less accumulated depreciation	(47,615,642)
	<u>21,497,299</u>
Noncurrent Assets	
Net Pension Asset	3,877,094
Banked Water Inventory	48,225,828
Investment in Kern Water Bank Authority	17,560,403
	<u>69,663,325</u>
Total Assets	<u>167,089,542</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
CalPERS Pension Plan	2,251,739
Other post employment benefits	272,003
	<u>2,523,742</u>
	<u>169,613,284</u>
 LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable, Trade	3,256,570
Accounts Payable, Water Users	2,531,117
Salaries and Compensated Absences Payable	1,139,317
Deferred Water Sales and Service Revenue	800,620
Funds Held For Others	440,273
	<u>8,167,897</u>
Long-Term Liabilities	
Other Postemployment Benefit Liability	10,690,768
	<u>18,858,665</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>18,858,665</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred Inflows - CalPERS Pension Plan	2,224,480
Deferred Inflows - Other Postemployment Benefit	1,804,204
	<u>4,028,684</u>
Net Position	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	21,497,299
Unrestricted	125,228,636
	<u>146,725,935</u>
	<u>169,613,284</u>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX

IN THE MATTER OF:

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL CONDITION (2025)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code §44428, this Board of Directors, following each fiscal year, is to render and promptly thereafter cause to be published a verified statement of the financial condition of this District;

WHEREAS, the last preceding fiscal year ended on December 31, 2025, and the Independent Auditors' Report for the 2024 fiscal year prepared by Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman and describing the District's financial condition was submitted to this Board on June 10, 2026;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code §53891, the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Directors is to electronically file a "report of all the financial transactions" of the District with the State Controller within 7 months after the close of the State of California's June, 30 fiscal year and conforming to the "uniform accounting and reporting procedures" prescribed by the Controller;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code §26909(a)(2), the District is to file a copy of the annual Audit with the State Controller and the Kern County Auditor within 12 months of the end of the fiscal year.

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

1. The Board accepts the Independent Auditors' Report for the 2025 fiscal year as prepared by Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman as submitted to this Board on June 10, 2026;
2. Staff shall prepare the Statement of Financial Condition per Water Code §44428.
3. The District Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer shall cause the original of said Statement to be verified by his signature.
4. Staff shall promptly cause a copy of said verified Statement of Financial Condition to be published in the Bakersfield Californian at least once a week for two successive weeks per Water Code §44428.
5. To the extent not already completed, staff shall promptly prepare and file the Government Code §53891 report and the Government Code §26909 Audit with the State Controller, and the Government Code §26909 Audit with the Kern County Auditor.

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

AYES: .

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 10th day of June 2026.

(Seal)

Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Directors

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Operating Revenues	
Water Sales	85,092,710
Service Revenue	1,716,436
Total Operating Revenue	<u>86,809,146</u>
Operating Expenses	
Source of Supply	58,388,747
Pumping	11,725,952
Transmission and Distribution	3,620,170
Other Operating Expenses	820,843
Depreciation	1,812,438
General and Administrative	2,424,047
CalPERS pension expense adjustments	(173,172)
Water Contract and Water Cost Adjustments	5,377,008
Total Operating Expenses	<u>83,996,033</u>
Operating Income	2,813,113
Nonoperating Revenues	3,432,691
Nonoperating Expenses	
Change in Net Position	<u>6,245,804</u>
Net Position, Beginning of Year	140,480,131
Net Position, End of Year	<u>146,725,935</u>

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN

JAMES D. SMITH, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS:

That he is the Assistant Treasurer and Controller of the Wheeler-Ridge Maricopa Water Storage District; that it is his duty to have supervision over the books of account of the District; that he has read the foregoing and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge and is a true and correct copy of the statement rendered by the Board of Directors pursuant to section 44428 of the Water Code of the State of California at its regular meeting, June 10, 2026, that the same was prepared from records on file with the District which reflect the financial condition of the District as of that date.

JAMES D. SMITH
ASSISTANT TREASURER AND CONTROLLER

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of Kern

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 10th day of June, 2026, by James D. Smith, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who appeared before me.

DANYEL D. RUTH
NOTARY PUBLIC - CALIFORNIA
BOND FILED IN KERN COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 10, 2029

Notary Public in and for said State

◀ WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ▶

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: James Smith, Controller

DATE: June 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Capital Expenditure Budget Modification

Background. The Board adopted the 2026 Capital Expenditure budget at its November 12, 2025 meeting. Staff underestimated the impact of tariffs on new trucks in 2026. As reported last month, a purchased 1/2-ton pickup was 108% of budget and another was at 122% of budget. The District has ordered a 1-ton cab/chassis and a 1-1/2-ton cab/chassis each will be over the November budget.

Staff has prepared a revised O&M budget to reflect the reality of what has come to light during the year. The total capital expenditure budget remains the same, but the allocations per vehicle have changed. To stay within the total capital expenditure budget and not impact billing rates, the 3/4-ton pickup budget was reduced to \$20,100. Even with a trade-in this may be insufficient to purchase the vehicle this year.

Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Board approve and adopt the revised 2026 Capital Expenditures Budget.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
REVISED
 TABLE 12
 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
 2026 BUDGET
 (in dollars)

QTY	DESCRIPTION	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	2026 ESTIMATE	CURRENTLY FUNDED	RESERVE FUNDED
ENGINEERING						
2	Drill Two Replacement Supply Wells	2,100,000	4,200,000	2,100,000		2,100,000
8	WRM10 Large Pump Units, 17 & 44 CFS	210,000	1,680,000	1,680,000	336,000	1,344,000
1	Portion of 6P Lateral Pipeline Replacement	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	
	SUBTOTAL		6,180,000	4,080,000	636,000	3,444,000
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE						
1	Compact SUV	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
1	Mid-Sized Crew Cab 4X4	32,300	32,300	32,300	32,300	
1	1/2 Ton Reg Cab Pickup	29,300	29,300	29,300	29,300	
1	1/2 Ton Ext Cab Pickup	36,700	36,700	36,700	36,700	
1	3/4 Ton Pickup	20,100	20,100	20,100	20,100	
1	1 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility	53,700	53,700	53,700	53,700	
1	1-1/2 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility	56,900	56,900	56,900	56,900	
	SUBTOTAL		254,000	254,000	254,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			6,434,000	4,334,000	890,000	3,444,000



ENGINEER-MANAGER'S REPORT

MAY
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: JUNE 1, 2026

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

During the month of May, the District delivered 16,840 acre-feet consisting of the water types described below. Of the total quantity delivered, 82 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 18,000 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>			
<u>Source of Supply- 2026</u>	<u>Jan-Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
2026 SWP Entitlement (a)	13,115	12,044	25,159
2025 Carryover (estimate) (b)	8,832	-	8,832
Mettler Water Bank (c)	523	-	523
Pastoria/TRC	432	22	454
Granite/TRC	188	11	199
Supplemental Supplies	-	350	350
Landowner Water Transfer	1,000	-	1,000
Kern Water Bank - 2nd Priority Recovery	-	-	-
Kern Water Bank Recovery	-	3,811	3,811
Pioneer Project Recovery	-	603	603
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<u>Type of Delivery</u>			
Irrigation	23,442	16,759	40,200
Industrial Contract	621	32	653
Other Industrial	30	50	80
Subtotal: In-District Deliveries	24,093	16,841	40,933
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<u>Kern Fan Recharge Deliveries estimates</u>			
Kern Water Bank (c)	3,651	-	3,651
Pioneer Project + 2800 Acres (c)	2,881	-	2,881
Total Deliveries	30,625	16,841	47,465

- (a) Assumes a 2026 SWP allocation of 88,690 acre-feet (45%)
- (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

New District Employees. Johnathan Nevarez has recently joined the District family. We welcome him to District and look forward to working with him.

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 met on June 2.
 - Financial Accounting Report
 - Update on grant funding
 - Summary of DWR meeting
 - Approved Sustainable Management Criteria for Periodic Evaluation
 - Approved EKI Task Order for WY 2026 GSP Implementation
- Next scheduled White Wolf GSA Board Meeting is July 7.

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA

Coordination between SOKR GSA’s

- Executive Committee meeting is May 22

Kern Subbasin Coordination

- Biweekly Managers Meetings
- Monthly Subbasin Meetings
- Meetings with 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):

May 01	Tom Clark Honor	May 08	Kern Subbasin Managers	May 19	Landowner Meeting
May 04	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee	May 09	Kern Water Collaborative	May 20	Local Legislative Committee
May 05	ACWA - Groundwater Committee	May 12	Kern Water Bank / KWBGSA	May 21	ACWA Region 7 Meeting
May 05	ACWA - Agricultural Committee	May 13	WRMWS Board	May 21	White Wolf Ad Hoc SMC Committee
May 05	ACWA - Finance Committee	May 13	CVC Negotiations	May 22	Kern Subbasin Managers Meeting
May 06	White Wolf Ad Hoc SMC Committee	May 14	Pioneer Participants	May 22	ACWA State Legislative Committee
May 06	ACWA	May 14	Member Unit Managers	May 22	ACWA Task Force - Projects of Statewide Significance
May 06	ACWA Region 6 & 7 Committee	May 15	Kern Subbasin Managers		
May 07	ACWA	May 18	Kern Subbasin Subsidence Subcommittee		

RETIRED ANNUITANT REPORT – R. KUNDE

Delta Conveyance Project – Validation Action for Bonds. (*NEW information is below.*) In order to finance the DCP, DWR has to issue bonds. Prior to issuance, DWR chose to seek a court’s finding that such issuance could be repaid through State Water Project contract charges to Contractors through a “First” Validation Action. On April 23, 2026, the California Supreme Court refused to review a Trial Court and subsequent Appellate Court ruling that found that issuance of such bonds under the terms and conditions proposed in the First Action would not be consistent with the existing State Water Project contracts for billing purposes.

After the Trial Court ruling, DWR filed a “Second” Validation Action intended to cure the deficiencies identified by the Trial Court. The Second Action is proceeding toward a decision.

(*NEW*) But on May 19, 2026, DWR dismissed its Second Validation Action without public explanation of any reasoning. Plaintiff’s attorneys were happy to speculate: “*Dismissal of the second Validation Action reflects a recognition that the Court of Appeal’s Decision in the first Validation Action is most likely fatal to the second action.*”

Delta Conveyance Project - Water Right Hearing and Schedule. (*NEW information is below*) *The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Administrative Hearing Officer (AHO) conducted 6 days of Hearings in March and no Hearings in April or May 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.*

(*NEW*) *By letter of May 26, the AHO requested the Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide input on the possible DCP impact on Sandhill Cranes - a “fully protected species” under state law.*

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.

Some terms of the DRAFTs were more burdensome and restrictive than the terms included in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for the Sites Project. The Sites Project estimated that if all DRAFT terms were formally adopted, the Project Yield would be 48% to 55% lower than the ITP terms thereby more than doubling the unit cost of Sites water.

Numerous public comments on the DRAFTs were submitted to the Administrative Hearing Office by the May 22, 2026 deadline. The District prepared and submitted a 4 page comment letter decrying the impact of the DRAFT terms on affordability, and urging the AHO to use the ITP terms for the Sites water right. The District was also a signatory to the 431 page comment letter from the South of Delta Sites Reservoir Participants which included a 429 page technical appendix.

The Sites Project submitted an 8 page high level comment letter, and, through its water right attorneys, submitted a 138 page “*Sites Project Authority’s Detailed Comments on Administrative Hearings Office Draft Decision and Draft Water Right Permit*”.

Most Sites Participants submitted comment letters, and numerous industry groups (e.g. California Farm Water Coalition) submitted comment letters.

Per the Sites Project: *There are ~40 letters submitted in support of the State Board making the Authority's requested revisions to the draft permit This is a very strong showing including supportive letters from the following state agencies and electeds as follows:*

- California Natural Resources Agency*
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife*
- California Department of Water Resources*
- California Environmental Protection Agency*
- California Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 5*
- Governor Newsom*
- Senator Padilla*
- Bi-partisan Congressional Letter (10 signatures)*

A smaller number of comment letters were received from Project opponents.

The anticipated schedule for further water right consideration is:

- ~ July 15 Revised Draft Decision and Permit submitted to SWRCB by AHO
- August Public Hearing and Comments Due on Revised Draft to SWRCB
- September SWRCB Decision

Caution: Anticipated schedules during this proceeding have often been delayed.

Sites Reservoir - 2026 Decision Schedule. The key dates for Participant decisions are:

- July Presentation of the Sites Project Baseline Report incorporating costs, yield, financing, and cash flows.
- July Resolution to Offer Capacity to Sites Participants
- July - October Investor Commitment period - Participant decisions on participation level for Phase 3 including commitment to repay future bonds.
- Jan 2027 Start Phase 3 (final design, land acquisitions, construction planning and initiation)
- Feb 2027 Initiate and draw on interim financing for Phase 3

Sites Reservoir – May 8 Joint Meeting of Sites Project Authority (SPA) and Reservoir Project Committee (RPC).

At its Special May 8, 2026 meeting, the SPA and RPC engaged in a Workshop to review and resolve key issues in the draft Benefits and Obligations Contract. The key issues were as follows.

1. Governance - The manner and durability of delegation of certain future matters to the Reservoir Committee has been extensively discussed over the past two years. It appears these matters are very close to resolution.
2. Downstream Capacity Interest - Clarify that such Capacity may be leased or transferred to others independent of Reservoir Storage Capacity Interest.
3. Additional Terms for Acquirer and SWP Participants - Clarify the roles and responsibilities between the Authority, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Contractor (SWC). Sites Participants may elect to contract with DWR to acquire their Sites Water (this does not include WRMWSD) while ensuring that SWC Sites Participants not electing to contract with DWR (such as WRMWSD) are not subject to those modified provisions.
4. Local Partner Facility Use Agreements - Several changes to staff language were proposed to clarify the Sites obligations to both local facility partners and Sites Participants regarding use of such facilities.
5. Release of Water/Point of Delivery - The proposed language ending the Sites delivery obligation at Funks Reservoir was not acceptable to downstream Sites Participants. Substantive discussion was held and progress made but further work is needed. Downstream Participants will propose revised language.

Sites Reservoir - May 22 Joint Meeting of Sites Project Authority (SPA) and Reservoir Project Committee (RPC).

At its May 22, 2026 meeting, the SPA and/or RPC approved the usual consent agenda (minutes, treasurer's report,

accounts payable), accepted the First Quarter 2026 Financial Report, and increased the authorized task order amount for contractor ICF to conduct environmental surveys and permitting in support of 2027 construction.

Action items were as follows.

1. Accepted the tentatively agreed terms contained in the separate Contracts for Administration of Public Benefit (CAPB) with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the California Department of Water Resources while withholding final determination on delivery quantities until after the issuance of the final water right and conditioned upon no substantial changes from the terms in the CAPB as a result of public comments. These Contracts enable the future delivery of environmental, flood control and recreation benefits to be funded with Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) Proposition 1 funds.
2. Adopted the executed Reservoir and Roads Project Labor Agreement (PLA), in substantially the same form, as the template for all alternative delivery contracts on the Project and adopt revisions to the Sites Project Authority Construction Workforce Policy to incorporate the template PLA, the inclusion of Solano County in the Local Area, and clarifying the non-covered provisions of the PLA.
3. Authorized the initiation of the Conveyance Package Construction Manager at Risk procurement, including issuance of the Request for Qualifications. The goal is to get a contractor on-board in the first quarter of 2027.
4. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into an Agreement to Coordinate in the Operations of the Sites Project with the California Department of Water Resources and the US Bureau of Reclamation. This is a major milestone and the result of several years of negotiations. The Retired Annuitant was a member of the negotiating team.
5. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Conveyance Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to convey Proposition 1 Sites Water in the State Water Project facilities to south of Delta wildlife refuges.
6. Approved a consulting agreement/contract with Hodge Executive Services (Sarah Hodge) to provide Executive Coordination Services for the period of June 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

The discussion item was as follows:

7. Discuss the Lower Colusa Basin Drain System project cost updates for the Project Baseline Report. The matter was referred for further discussion to the Operations and Engineering Work Group.

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 June 26, 2026.

Sites Reservoir - Budget and Finance Committee. At its May 15, 2026 meeting, the Committee reviewed the First Quarter 2026 Budget Financial Report. In summary:

1. The 2026 Budget of \$30,000,000 included \$1,436,000 of unrestricted contingency;
2. Projected expenses through December total \$27,263,000;
3. The projected end of year carryover of ~\$2,737,000 plus some unused carryover from 2026 would result in a total carryover of ~\$5,000,000 which could cover 3-5 months of 2027 expenses; and
4. Project cash flow is positive throughout 2026.

The Financial Report was provided to the Board at its May 22, 2026 meeting.

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. The effective date of the transfer was April 2, 2026.

(NEW) The District received the \$30,000 initial deposit on March 23, *and the remainder payment of \$578,500 on May 12.* Up to \$10,000 in District costs to develop and execute the *Assignment* remain to be billed to Santa Clara.

Distribution of the proceeds between the District and Booth Ranches remains to be done upon completion of a waiting period.

Sites Reservoir - Grower Communications. On May 4, an email invitation was sent to Participating Growers to attend the Sites Reservoir open house at ACWA Conference.

Meetings. The Retired Annuitant attended the following meetings:

May 14 Delta Conveyance Project - Policy Briefing

May 26 Kern County Water Agency - State Water Contractors Update

May 01 Sites Reservoir - Ad Hoc Conveyance Subcommittee

May 15 Sites Reservoir - Budget and Finance Committee

May 13 Sites Reservoir - Coordination Committee

May 29 Sites Reservoir - Governance Committee

May 08 Sites Reservoir - Joint Sites Authority/Reservoir Committee Board Meeting - Benefits and Obligations Contract
Workshop

May 22 Sites Reservoir - Joint Sites Authority/Reservoir Committee Board Meeting

May 13 Sites Reservoir - Operations and Engineering Work Group

May 13 WRMWSD - Board of Directors

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% of contracted supplies. On May 15th DWR announced an additional increase to 45% 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 45% allocation exceeds 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) but is consistent with the 75% P.O.E. study. 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 May 28th DWR analysis results for 2026 are as follows (values in acre-feet).

Source/SVI	Below Normal	Below Normal	Above Normal	Above Normal
SWP Allocation	43%	45%	52%	53%
OMR Restriction [a]	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Prob. Of Exceedance [b]	90%	75%	50%	25%
District Supply	84,748	88,690	102,486	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.

2026 District Allocation.

At the special meeting of the Board of Directors held May 19th, 2026, the Board elected to set the District allocation at a combined 75% of CAW, recognizing a 45% SWP allocation and a Supplemental allocation of 30%. Included in this allocation was 32,500 acre-feet of supplies to be recovered from the District’s banking projects. Water Users subsequently returned a total of 929 acre-feet of SWP supplies and declined an additional 22,111 acre-feet of optional Supplemental 1 supplies; an additional 859 acre-feet of Supplemental 1 was declined by way of no response to staff’s Supplemental Agreement and Exhibits correspondence. Of those Water Users who subscribed to their full Supplemental 1 allocation, there were additional demands of 7,500 acre-feet.

As noted in the *Other Purchases and Exchanges* memorandum, staff are working to secure an additional 19,000 acre-feet of supplemental water through various water purchases via the Westside 5; the District share is anticipated to be approximately 5,128 acre-feet. Assuming those supplies fully materialize, the District’s amended remaining recovery from the banking projects would be approximately 11,348 acre-feet to fully satisfy Water Users demands of 135,010 acre-feet. This would bring the total 2026 recovery required from the banking projects to 15,943 acre-feet, 4,595 acre-feet of which has already been recovered from the Pioneer and Kern Water Bank projects.

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 May was 1.4 inches, or 50% of the monthly average of 2.8 inches. *Accumulation* for the season is as follows:

Current Amount – October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026,	50.5”
Seasonal Average to Date	51.3”
Seasonal Percent of Average to Date	98%
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 May was 0.6 inches, which is 28% of historical average (2.1 inches). *Accumulation* for the season is 34.7 inches, which is 89% of the seasonal average of 38.7 inches.

Carryover and Spill Conditions.

The District continually reviews current San Luis Reservoir (SLR) storage levels (June 1, 2026: 74% capacity, 107% of average) to determine optimum carryover amounts. End of month San Luis Reservoir conditions were as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Million Acre-feet (MAF)</u>
SLR Capacity	
SWP Share	1.062
CVP Share	<u>0.966</u>
SWP + CVP subtotal	2.028
Actual December 31, 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
June 01, 2026, storage	
SWP Share	0.776
CVP Share	<u>0.727</u>
SWP + CVP subtotal	1.503

The amount of State Water Project water stored during the month of May decreased approximately 175,510 acre-feet, going from 951,510 acre-feet at the end of April to 776,000 acre-feet at the end of May. On May 7, 2026, SLR overall storage was approximately 338,198 acre-feet from full.

The below graphic shows the various permit actions which have controlled Delta exports for both the State and Federal projects as of May 11, 2026.

- 5/18 — KCWA Golden Mussel Task Force
- 5/19 — Special BOD Mtg., Landowner Mtg.,
- 5/20 — Target Specialty Golden Mussel Workshop
- 5/21 — Landowner Mtg.

The Contract Administrator’s Work Included:

Contract/Water Allocation Work.

Contract Processing

- Contract(s): 124A06
 - Received/Review Grant Deed
 - Drafted Assumption Agreement
- Contract(s): 51, 69.11, 69L, 70, 124A18
 - Received agreements back from Landowner
 - Received Board signatures
 - Pending District Legal signatures
- Contract(s): 25A, 44, 103
 - Pending recording at the Kern County Recorder’s Office
 - Received agreements back from Kern County Recorder’s Office
 - Pending Post Recording Procedures
- Eligibility Agreement for Delivery of District Water to Non-Contract Lands(s): 26-01
 - Received notarized signature back from Landowner
 - Pending District signature

Supplemental Supplies

- 2026 Supplemental 1 Water Supply Campaign
 - 5/20/26 Sent out 2026 Supplemental Water Supply notice with Service Agreements, Exhibit A Forms and Offer to Return Water forms to Water Users.
 - 5/27/26 Completed 2026 Supplemental 1 Water Supply Campaign
 - Received back and tracked the various order forms/returns

Landowner/Water User Assistance.

Provided assistance to Landowners and Water Users regarding water allocations, ledger balances, account status, program participation, water transaction processing, etc.

<u>Type of Assistance</u>	<u>Number Assisted:</u>
• 2026 SWP Allocation/Supp/Returns	56
• 2025 Carryover/Water Usage	31
• Water Costs/Allocation/General Questions	44
• APN Verification (Appraiser Requests)	05
• Non-contract User District Information	02
• Farming Unit Operation changes/questions.	04
• Second Priority Sub-Account Program/Requests	05
• GWSC Information Requests	04
• Water for Sale Announcement via email	02
• Provide Water User(s) with Seller’s contact information	14
• Title Demand Request	01
• Water Transfers	02
• SWP-Water Returns	06
• SUPP Water Returns	19
• Farming Unit Operation Agreements/Changes	02

Other Tasks.

- Important Notices via email to Landowners/Water Users
 - 5/05/2026 DWR Flow Testing 5/6/26- Reminder
 - 5/14/26 State Local Emergency – Golden Mussel Mitigation Costs

- 5/15/26 Increase of SWP 2026 Allocation to 45%
- 5/21/26 DWR Outage
- 5/26/26 Supplemental 1 Water Supply- Reminder
- 2026 SSC Review
 - 5/8/26 Picked up SSC Roll from the Kern County Assessor's Office
 - 5/11/26 Reviewed SSC Roll and discovered errors/missing parcels, worked with County Staff for a resolution
 - 5/12/26 Received a revised/corrected Assessor Roll from the County
- Completed weekly water schedule updates, reconciling variances with Dispatch and Controller
 - Low Water Balance Notices
 - Worked with Controller & Operations on End of Month Water Reports & Non-Contract Accounts.
 - Worked with Dispatch/Accounting to resolve low/negative Water User Accounts
- 2025 GWSC Delinquency:
 - Work with Accounting on final delinquent balances as of the close of 2025 billing
 - Prepare recording documents to file remaining delinquent balances for all delinquent accounts
- 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
- Reviewed the monthly Accounts Payable and distributed Board and Annuitant payables.
- Managed Petty Cash Fund and EC stamp cash fund
- Prepared monthly report for Board Meeting packet

Meetings/Trainings:

|Date| |Meeting / Training|

May 01 - EM Meeting -Sheridan

May 06 - Freedom PWA Meeting

May 13 - Board Meeting

May 19 - Special Board Meeting

May 21&27 - Bi-Weekly Sync Meeting

Landowner Communications via phone, virtual, or in-person on:

May 20-22, 26-28 (multiple in one day)

ACCOUNTING ACTIVITIES – J. SMITH

Controller’s Report:

2026 Water Allocations, Deliveries, and Billings The May water reports were mailed on June 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. DWR announced a 45% allocation on April 27. The Board at its May meeting revised the District water allocations to 45% of SWP and 30% Supplemental 1. Current allocations and usage are:

<u>As of 5/31/2026</u>	<u>Acre-Feet</u>
SWP	200,818.00
Entitlement cut	(112,127.65)
Net SWP entitlement	88,690.35
Supplemental	61,930.02
Carry Over	4,343.48
User Input	127.11
Transfers In	1,000.00
Transfers to KWB	(3,230.40)
Returns	(12,628.64)
Total Supply	140,231.92
Deliveries (Jan-May)	(40,200.11)
Unused	100,031.81

2026 Contract and Non-Contract Water Billings and Delinquencies.

- The 5 of 8 contract water billings were mailed on May 26
- The 4 of 6 noncontract billings were mailed on May 26

Contract Water Delinquencies as of May 31, 2026.

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Billing</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Contract Acres</u>	<u>Delinq. \$/Acre</u>
0038	Almond Blossom Ranch, LLC	17,603.37	1,760.34	194.29	19,558.00	322.59	60.63
0300	Assemi Brothers, LLC.	5,661.65	586.78		6,248.43	331.72	18.84
	Total	23,265.02	2,347.12	194.29	25,806.43	654.31	79.46

NonContract Water Delinquencies as of April 30, 2026.

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

<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	12,470.37	153,698.54	279.92	549.08
1010	Biane JP Living Trust	13,762.45	1,376.26	858.89	15,997.60	90.00	177.75
1060	K & B Inv Fund	3,419.50	341.96	244.98	4,006.44	99.11	40.42
1080	LNZ Prosperity, LLC	26,914.61	503.13	1,615.30	29,033.04	322.32	90.08
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	829.12	2,076.51	61.69	33.66
2150	Old River Farm, Inc. et. al.	80,462.75	8,046.28	5,315.67	93,824.70	365.69	256.57
	Total	260,150.65	21,061.09	21,372.85	302,584.59	1,280.42	236.32
	Grand Totals	283,415.67	23,408.21	21,567.14	328,391.02		

Controller Report-Smith:

- Continued work with Break9 development of water accounting database.
- Continued training Assistant Controller Whitby implementing the revised water allocation and revised budget.

Meetings:

June 4 Finance committee meeting. Review 2025 audit draft and investment advisor status update.

The Assistant Controller's activities included:

- Processed accounts payable
- Completed reports for Board
- Reconciled bank accounts
- 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
- Completed revised water allocation
- Processed water returns and transfers
- Distributed installments to landowners
- Distributed GWSC statements to landowners
- Received training on Paychex payroll reports
- Reviewed final draft of 2025 audited financial statements
- Attended Audit Finance Committee meeting
- Processed employee orders for District shirts

The Junior Accountant's activities included:

- Faxed CAMP voucher
- 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 May 50k life worksheet
- Updated the May cell audit sheet
- Prepared burden checks
- Made online burden payments
- Entered the 4/25, 5/9 and 5/23 CalPERS data and submitted the payments
- Generated the CalPERS report breakdown for each pay period
- May meetings requested from the directors
- Prepared and submitted the monthly payroll
- Updated the ACWA, HealthEdge Administration and HealthEdge Claims spreadsheets and vouchers for June invoices
- Completed the May burden journal entries
- Reconciled payroll account for May
- Completed the monthly monthly CES report
- Completed the Expense and Compensation sheet
- Completed the payroll voucher estimates
- Completed the payroll fund sheet
- Completed daily deposits
- Requested safety incentives
- Filed AP invoices
- Completed the monthly security training course

Employee Committee

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

Meetings/Training

- Attended accounting department meetings
- Attended the Employee Committee meeting

ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES – T. SUGGS

South of Kern River (SOKR) GSP:

- During May, water levels were recorded in 13 out of 14 monitoring wells; one well was not sounded, because it was running.
- A project to document locations of Aqueduct preconsolidation ponds from old aerial photographs was completed, resulting in a new GIS shapefile.

White Wolf Basin GSA:

- Water levels were observed in nine out of 12 SGMA monitoring wells and uploaded to a common SharePoint site as a routine matter; one well was not sounded because it was running, and the remaining two wells were known to be collapsed.
- Related to the GSA's Proposition-68-grant-funded in-lieu banking project, the Staff Engineer commented on draft designs for an 18-inch-diameter intertie between AEWS and the District.
- Pursuant to a landowner's request, Engineering Department staff evaluated the hydraulic impacts and cost to construct several new District turnouts to serve about 1,000 acres of noncontract lands that have traditionally relied on groundwater and then requested that the GSA attempt to include the turnouts within the in-lieu banking project.

Groundwater Service Charges (GWSCs):

- Significant time and effort were devoted to updating land ownership records.
- A number of input files for 2025 GWSCs were prepared including tabulations of evapotranspiration, rainfall, surface deliveries, and metered well pumping.
- The Staff Engineer and Assistant Engineer met with landowner representatives in the field on May 5th to review recommended modifications to well discharge manifolds.
- Engineering Department staff met with a Water User's plant engineers on May 5th to discuss potential uses for excess fruit press water.
- Several well meters belonging to one Water User were approved for the well meter program.
- The Staff Engineer drafted a brief note for the benefit of the District's auditors outlining how GWSCs are assessed.

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

- Engineering Department staff responded to 270 underground services alerts (USAs) during this period, eventually marking a total of 5.0 miles of District pipelines.
- The Engineering Technician began a small, but probably long-term, project to place "CAUTION BURIED PIPELINE" markers at locations known to be especially vulnerable to deep ripping or excavation.
- A deep ripping contractor was advised about its obligation to notify the District before making any changes to ripping plans at two sites in the 850C and 850D service areas. Agreements to that effect were signed and returned by the contractor.
- The Engineering Technician advised CalTrans's geotechnical drilling contractor about potential conflicts with District pipelines in the vicinity of Highway 166 bridge repairs.
- District staff met with CalCom Energy personnel to review a planned crossing of the District's 5P-1, 7P-D, and 8P-D laterals with a 3-inch-diameter electrical conduit, and it was soon found that there was a significant conflict between a planned transformer panel and District facilities. CalCom eventually requested that the District attempt to resolve the matter by moving a Water User's turnout at CalCom's expense.

Crop Surveys: Maps and field forms were prepared for the fall crop survey, which will begin on July 1st.

Supplemental Water Rates: The Staff Engineer computed pieces of the 2025 Supplemental Water rates, including components for District wells pumping, District wells O&M, and User Input Administration.

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

- A Water User’s engineer was provided with some publicly available shapefiles showing District boundaries and pipelines together with a custom shapefile showing the Water User’s own turnouts.

Maps and Records: Various improvements were made to the District’s databases of pipelines, turnouts, air valves, and land use.

Capital Purchases:

- Pursuant to direction of the Board in its May meeting, a contract in the amount of \$129,754.32 was executed with Ferguson Waterworks on May 12th to furnish seven large, rubber flapper check valves.
- Also pursuant to direction of the Board in its May meeting, a contract in amount of \$160,716 was executed with Superior Ag Construction on May 12th to furnish 1,200 linear feet of 36-inch-diameter PVC pipe, which was intended to replace a portion of the last remaining Techite pipe in the 6P Lateral. The District was subsequently notified that products would start arriving in early June.
- Work continued on developing specifications for the replacement of all eight WRM 10 pump units.
- The Staff Engineer began working with the O&M Superintendent and other O&M Department staff to develop a strategy for upgrading or purchasing new motor control centers (MCC buildings).

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

Hydrology and Hydraulics:

- On May 12th, Myers Pump Testing conducted field pump tests at the PA-1 and PA-2 pumping plants with support from the Engineering and O&M departments. Overall plant efficiencies for seven pump units were found to range from 65-69 percent, which is acceptable and consistent with past performance.
- All District wells were observed for static water levels as part of an ongoing program.

Kern Fan Monitoring Committee: The Committee met on May 21st. The meeting was largely routine, but Markus Nygren of Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District volunteered to serve as the committee’s bookkeeper beginning in 2026.


Staff Continuing Education: The Corrosion Technician attended the Western States Corrosion Seminar in Claremont, California, May 5-7.

Meetings Attended:

May 6	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
May 13	ACWA Groundwater Committee
May 13	ACWA Agricultural Committee
May 13	ACWA Energy Committee
May 20	KCWA Operations Conf. Call
May 21	Kern Fan Monitoring Committee
May 21	White Wolf Technical Committee
May 27	KCWA Operations Conf. Call










District Well Status Summary

As of May 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 633' on 5/18/2026.	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. A 1/19/2026 video log showed what could be holes in the casing at approximately the same depth as the old pump setting (744-747'). It is not known whether it would be feasible to patch 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 569' on 5/18/2026.	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 579' on 5/18/2026	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 456' on 5/19/2026.	Tested 5/19/2026 and found to produce 1040 gpm with 311' 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 709' on 5/18/2026.	Tested 5/19/2026; found to produce 862 gpm with 26' of drawdown at low (59%) efficiency. New pump assembly rated 1007 gpm at 887' TDH was installed 6/28/2021.	
	Currently off. SWL was 676' on 5/18/2026.	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 593' on 5/18/2026.	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 5/19/2026.	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 772' on 5/18/2026.	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 May 31, 2026

Well Name	Status / Description of the Problem	Most Recent Activity	Next Planned Activity
Currently in Running Condition			
 #C1	Currently off. SWL was 613' on 5/18/2026.	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 559' on 5/18/2026.	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 720' on 5/18/2026.	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	May 2026	Since 10/01/2025	Days Occurred in May
Maximum Temperature	101°	101°	12th
Minimum Temperature	50°	40°	6th, 19th, 27th
No. Days at or over 100° F	1	1	12th
No. Days at or under 32° F	0	7	N/A
Precipitation (inches)	0.03	8.48	29th
Evaporation (inches)	8.34	34.8	----
Wind Run	OOS	OOS	----

STORAGE IN MAJOR RESERVOIRS (Acre-Feet)

Reservoir	Capacity	Storage at End of May	
		2025	2026
Shasta	4,552,000	4,151,026	3,950,011
Oroville	3,538,000	3,415,454	3,331,617
San Luis (Total)	2,028,000	1,302,209	1,502,980
San Luis (State Share)	1,062,000 (a)	670,612	776,000
Folsom	977,000	915,271	949,083
Isabella	568,075 (b)	357,852	365,216
Millerton	520,000	470,805	495,383
TOTALS	12,183,075	10,612,617	10,594,290

(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

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – G. LOVELESS

Safety/Administrative Training

Safety meeting on Code of Safe Practices *Code of safe Practices Heat Illness Prevention.*

Field/System Maintenance

- Spot sprayed nonaquatic herbicide around turnouts, wells and 850 Canal banks.
- Repaired isolation valve for turnout B2.
- Graded 850 Canal banks, disced and box scraped spill basin.
- Graded and spread gravel at A-1 well site.
- Fabricated bracing and re-welded structural points on dump trailer.
- Potholed for well line location at A-1 well.



850 Canal



Pipeline Repair

- 5/8/26, 0715 hours –Leak reported on 7G-3 lateral. Repair was completed and service resumed 5/22/26, 0805 hours.
- 5/16/26, 0714 hours – Power outage PD-1. Service restored 2345 hours.
- 5/17/26, 1530 hours – Power outage 3P-P2. Service restored 1630 hours.



PD-1 Outage



Power Outage

- 5/2/26, 1635 hours – Power outage 8P-P2. Service restored 1655 hours.
- 5/5/26, 0958 hours – Power Outage PA-1, PB-1, PB-2, 15G-P1, 15G-P2. Service restored 1145 hours.
- 5/19/26, 0914 hours – Power outage WRM-6, 6P-P2. Service restored 1200 hours.

Pump/Electrical

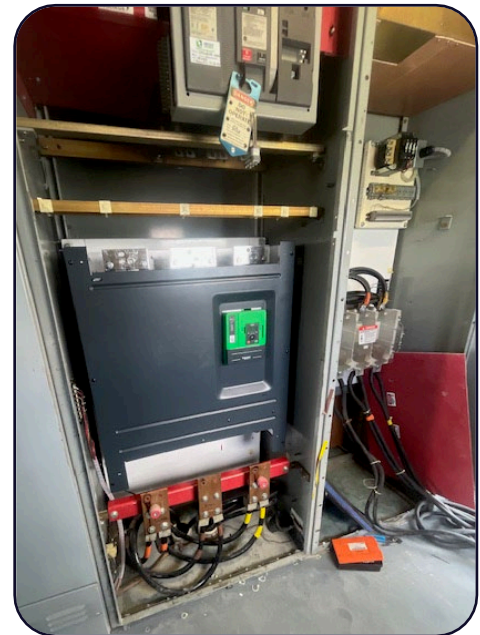
- 5/15/26 – PB2 Unit #2 pump fail and put out of service.
- Replaced Power Line Monitor (PLM) at 3P-P2 with an adjustable style unit.
- Removed old starter equipment and installed soft start unit on unit #5 At 5P-P3.
- 5P-P4 high air alarm, emergency shut down (ESD). Detected bad channel on PLC card. Reprogrammed channels and return to service.
- Replaced yard light with a new lighting fixture at 6P-P2.
- Replaced seal on sight glass and upper float canister, and repaired broken flex conduit on HP tank at WRM-8.
- Replaced breaker on unit #4 at WRM-8.
- Repaired supply hose for spray bar End of Canal travelling water screen.
- Repaired leak on grease fitting on unit #3 at 15G-P1.
- Replaced hose and check valve for spray bar at WRM-15 travelling water screen.

Equipment Maintenance

7 regular vehicle services.

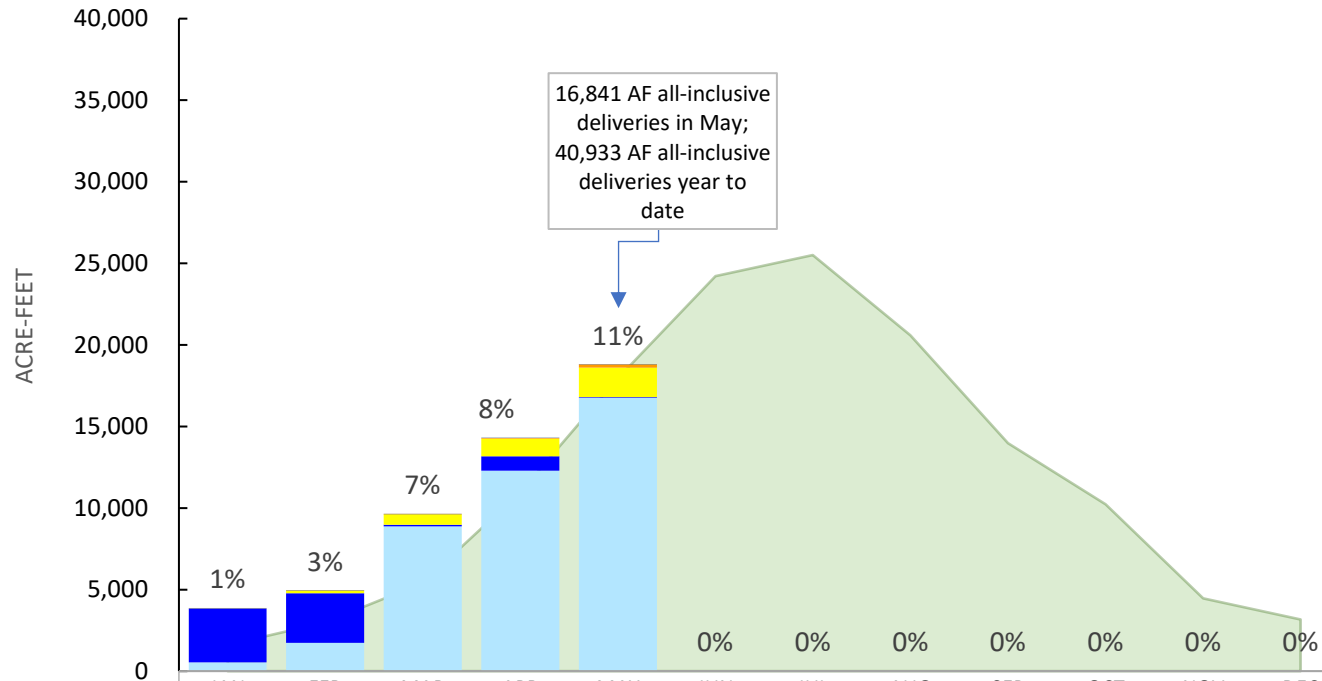
- Unit #389 had windshield replaced.
- Unit #162 had an engine restoration service.
- Unit #391 had a transmission service.
- Unit #175 had the battery replaced.
- The box scraper had 4 new tires and bushings installed.

WRM-8 Soft Start



**Current gasoline bulk purchase prices for the District are:
\$5.32 per gallon for gasoline and \$5.37 per gallon for diesel.**

IN-DISTRICT WATER DEMANDS AND SURFACE WATER DELIVERIES THROUGH May 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	1%	3%	7%	8%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--
Est. White Wolf GW Pumping (AF)	0	0	2	36	200								238
Estimated Kern Subbasin GW Pumping (AF)	26	156	653	1,079	1,800								3,714
User Input GW Applied (AF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calc'd Effective Precip. (AF)	3,311	3,042	95	885	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,373
SW Deliveries (AF)	538	1,727	8,880	12,296	16,759	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,200

Notes and Assumptions:

- a. May crop water use and GW pumping were estimated, because the 2026 GWSC calculator was not set up 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

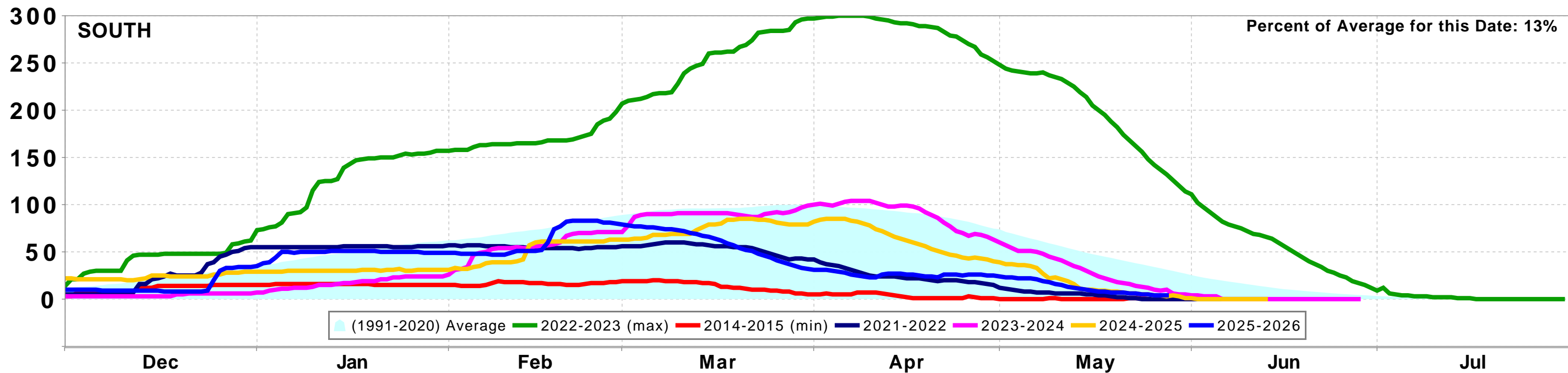
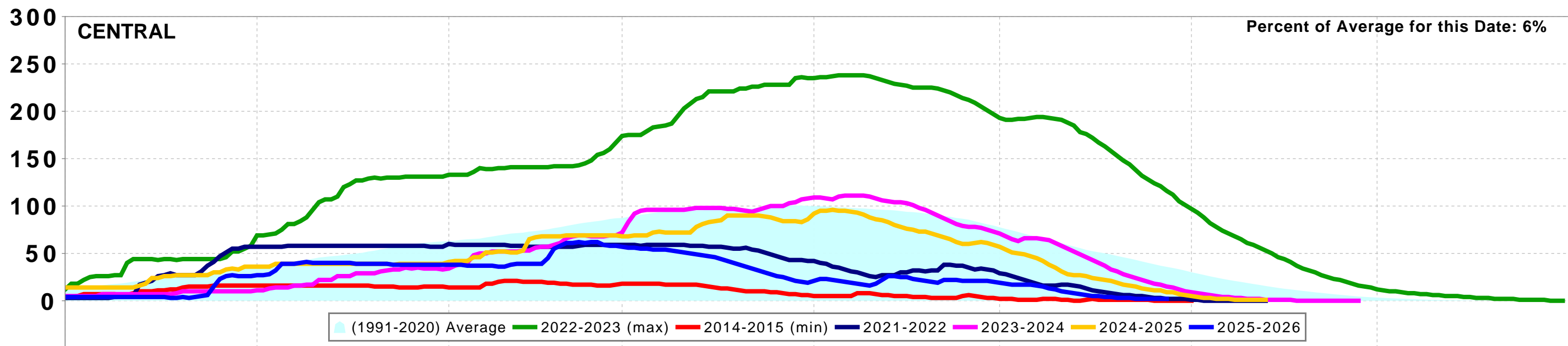
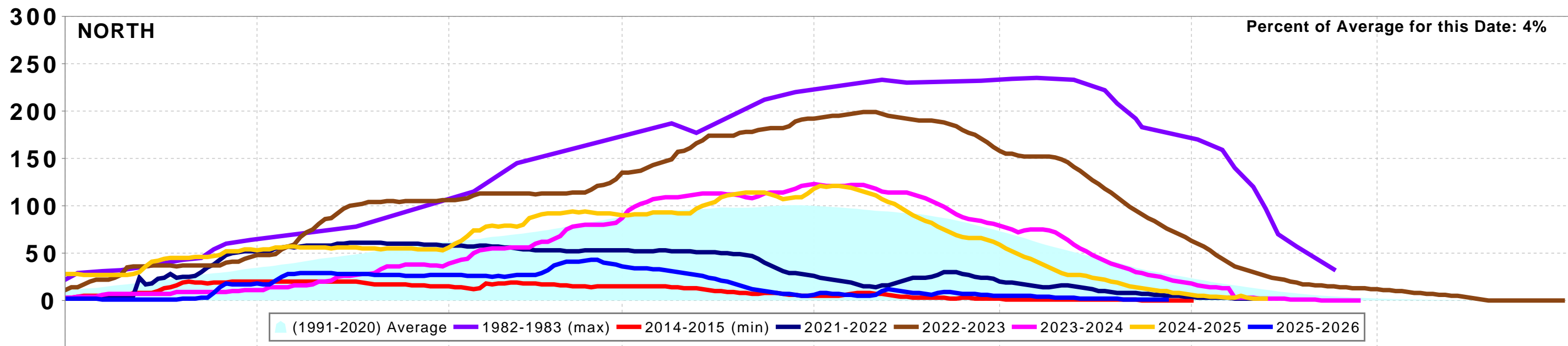
(Includes water from the State Water Project, banking projects, District wells, and User input.)

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	12,403
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	16,841
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	

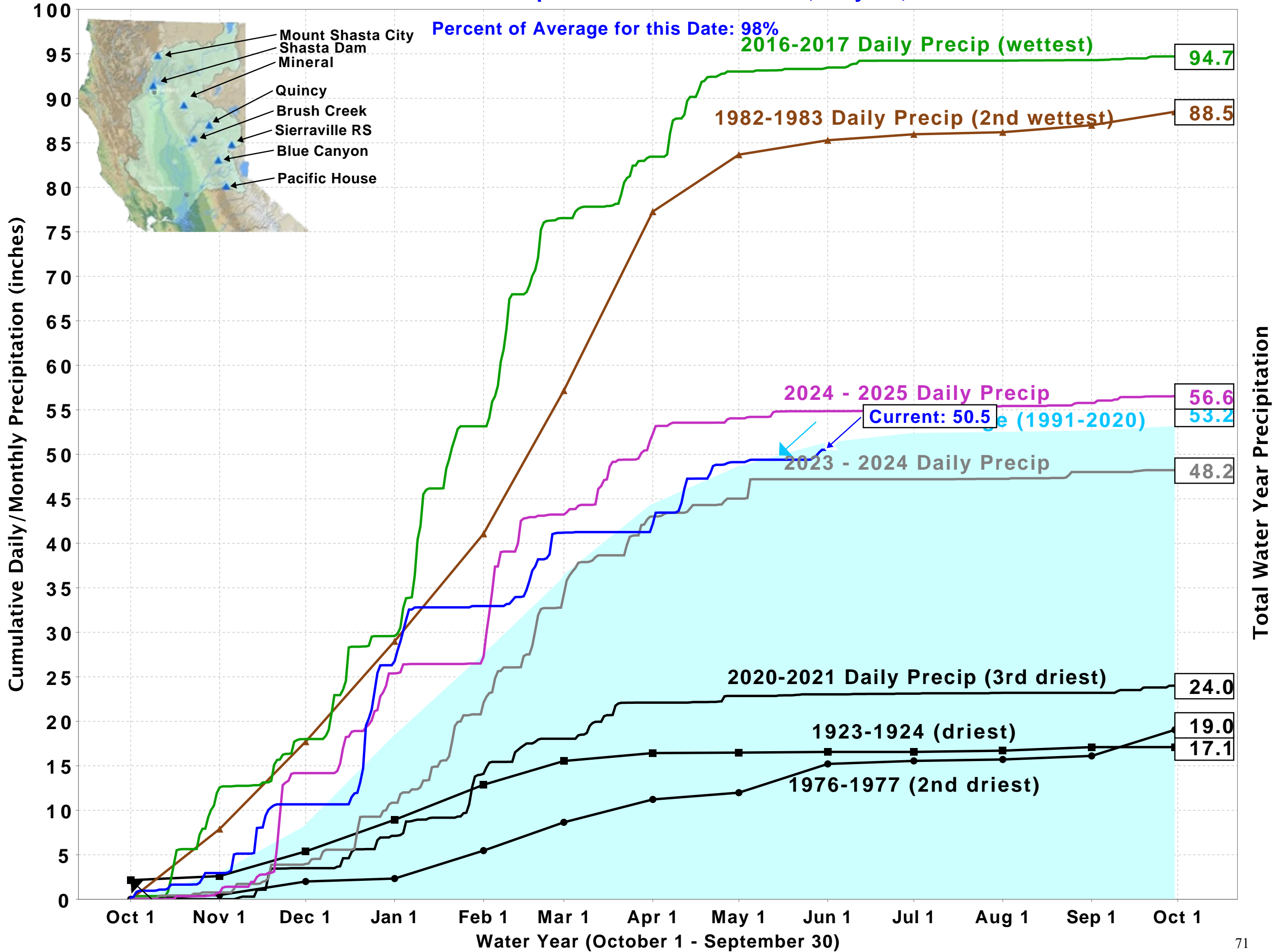
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February	9,550	12,527	8,548	4,217	4,334	6,946	14,236	8,600	9,747	6,876	4,300	3,879	9,489	4,722	6,027	5,973	5,225	3,561	2,520	4,901	9,140
March	18,865	25,084	20,940	14,368	12,774	14,884	24,932	19,295	19,373	18,191	14,518	12,063	12,663	10,216	11,197	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	30,625
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	47,466
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

California Snow Water Content, May 28, 2026, Percent of April 1 Average



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





CFWC Activity Report

TO: Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Board of Directors

FROM: Michelle Paul, Executive Director

DATE: June 5, 2026

SUBJECT: CFWC Activity Report, May 2026

Summary

May kicked off with a bang, as the full CFWC team spent the first week of the month hosting our booth at the ACWA Spring conference, making connections, and participating in break-out session. The event was a great opportunity for me to build relationships and continue to build my understanding of California water policy. The rest of the month was equally active we traveled around the state for meetings on SB72 and the California Water Plan, a member agency district tour, the California Water Institute and a Cultivate California social media influencer tour.



Media Landscape and Response

During the month of May, we saw just over 300 California agriculture-related articles published, with messaging mostly negative and focusing on crisis. The Colorado River once again dominated the news, closely followed by drought and water supply, water quality and contamination, ecosystems and the environment, water infrastructure, fisheries and salmon, and water law and policy. SGMA and groundwater was also regularly mentioned in regional and statewide media, while drought and supply coverage centered on Western states and the Colorado River. Fisheries' coverage noted the opening of several salmon runs, and heavy water quality coverage stemmed from continued attention to a widely distributed PFAS study.

Editorial Outreach and Placement

Overall, the elections crowded out Opinions, Letters, and Editorials, which limited opportunity for messages on ag water. We were successful, however, in placing an editorial in [Sacramento Bee](#) urging the state to pay for the cost to mitigate damages from the golden mussel invasions. This piece was picked up by all McClatchey media group markets in California including Fresno, Modesto, Merced, and San Luis Obispo.

We continue to develop and seek placement for a number of editorial pieces focused on increasing the State's water supply, the success of Imperial County farmers to meet conservation goals, and letters to the editor highlighting how a major Los Angeles articles piece that negatively reflected agriculture was not balanced and lacked an ag perspective.

I continue to create opportunities to build relationships with reporters focused on writing about water and agriculture in the state. Over the summer, we will put additional focus on this as we look to increase our impact and fulfill our mission of being the spokesperson for irrigated agriculture in the state.

SJV Blueprint and CAP Support

We also continued our support for the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley and its Unified Water Plan (UWP). Brandon Souza authored a [blog](#) and continued production of its weekly e-blasts. We developed a LinkedIn outreach program and developed an Introduction reader guide, a supply step-down ledger, an evaluation of DWR's groundwater report compared to UWP findings, a crop acreage impact summary with supporting water volume workbook, refreshed Blueprint graphics, and updated fact sheet two-pagers. We continue to participate with the Ag Caucus on the CAP, supporting where we can be helpful.

Outreach

When we weren't in our Sacramento office building out our media outreach strategy, digital presence, and approach to engage with members, we were out and about in the state, participating in several high-profile meetings with agency staff as work kicked-off on the California Water Plan and the state's compliance with SB 72. We also participated in the SJV Water Resilience Seminar hosted by the Water Institute in Fresno last month and the Groundwater Resources Association of California's SGMA seminar focusing on the impacts of implementation. We left this series of meetings fully aware that our role going forward will be to highlight stories from boots on the ground, connecting regulators with the impacts of these policies as they develop California's future water policy.

Food Grows where Water Flows Signage

We are looking for partners to display our iconic Food Grows Where Water Flows Sign. A letter with additional information on how to partner with us was recently sent out, please contact us for more information.



Digital Engagement and Storytelling

In May, we traveled to the Friant area to interview local farmers about their experiences growing in the Central Valley, focusing on the importance of water, the community aspect of agriculture, and the impressive scope of agriculture in the area. These interviews will form the basis of a new video series releasing over the coming months on Cultivate California channels going behind the scenes with the people behind California agriculture. On our CFWC channels, we highlighted our [Op Ed on the California golden mussel infestation](#).

At the end of the month, we hosted a three-day Spring Farm Tour in the Salinas Valley with two food and recipe creators, where they toured farms, learned about regional water challenges, and gained a deeper appreciation for the innovation and water stewardship behind California's produce system. This tour will generate content to be shared with their audiences to widen our reach and create empathy for the hard work and challenges being faced in California agriculture.

Cultivate California Performance

Totals for Cultivate California	Activity year-to-date
Posts	54
Views	4,812,873
Reach	1,725,704
Interactions	113,711
Follows	33,398
Profile Visits	68,500
Click through rate (CTR)*	2.37%



Top-performing posts in May:



Importance of Exports

Interactions: 2.5k

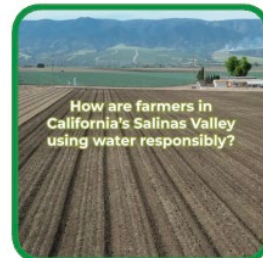
Views: 82.5k



Peach Tarte Tatin Recipe

Interactions: 3.5k

Views: 43.5k



Salinas Valley Water Sustainability

Interactions: 2.1k

Views: 98.3k

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
2026 WATER SUPPLY/DEMAND ESTIMATE
 As of June 01 2026

		As Allocated		Current Supplies	
		45% SWP ALLOCATION		45% SWP ALLOCATION	
		Supply	Shortage or (Excess)	Supply	Shortage or (Excess)
Capacity Values in acre-feet					
[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	88,690 41,910	88,690 41,910	
[7]	Article 21 In-district deliveries	-	- 41,910	- 41,910	
[8]	KR Lower River Water	-	- 41,910	- 41,910	
[11]	SWP Supply		88,690 44.16%	88,690 44.16%	
[12]	Lyndal Water	-	- 41,910	- 41,910	
[13]	Transfers out of WRMWS D	-	- 41,910	- 41,910	
[14]	District Recharge Deliveries	(3,813)	(3,813) 45,723	(3,813) 45,723	
[15]	Lower River Water Banking deliveries	-	- 45,723	- 45,723	
[16]	Article 21 Banking deliveries	-	- 45,723	- 45,723	
[17]	Supplemental 1 Supplies				
[18]	District Carryover (estimate)	7,719	7,719 38,004	7,719 38,004	
[19]	Long Term- Butte County **	6,956	1,876 36,128	1,876 36,128	
[21]	Long Term- Palmdale Water District **	8,000	- 36,128	- 36,128	
[22]	Long Term - Exchange Contractors**	5,000	1,349 34,779	1,349 34,779	
[23]	Metropolitan Water District **	85,000	16,182 18,597	22,925 11,855	
[24]	Solano County Water Agency **	9,585	2,279 16,318	2,585 9,270	
[25]	Yuba (North of Delta)	709	- 16,318	709 8,561	
[26]	Kern Water Bank - estimate to date (c)	-	- 16,318	5,394 3,167	
[27]	Kern Water Bank - estimated through end of year	27,525	27,525 (11,207)	22,131 (18,964)	
[28]	Pioneer Project - estimate to date (c)	-	- (11,207)	603 (19,567)	
[29]	Pioneer Project - estimated through end of year	5,000	5,000 (16,207)	4,397 (23,964)	
[34]	Supplemental 1 Water Capacity	155,494	61,930	69,687	
[35]	DISTRICT ALLOCATION		150,619 75.00% AF/Ac	158,377 78.87% AF/Ac	
[43]	Additional Supplemental Water Capacity	-	- -	- 0.00%	
[44]	Supplemental Supplies - Water User				
[45]	Water User - Carryover from 2025 (estimate)	1,113	1,113 (17,320)	1,113 (25,077)	
[46]	KWB 2nd Priority - estimate to date (Recharge)/Recovery	(3,230)	- (17,320)	(3,230) (21,847)	
[47]	KWB 2nd Priority - estimated through EOY	-	- (17,320)	- (25,077)	
[48]	User Input - actual	-	- (17,320)	- (25,077)	
[49]	User Input - estimated through EOY	-	- (17,320)	- (25,077)	
[50]	Landowner Transfer	1,000	1,000 (18,320)	1,000 (26,077)	
[51]	Available Supply		152,732	157,259	
[52]	Estimated Demand (b)		130,600	130,600	
[53]	Shortage (Excess)		(22,132)	(26,659)	

** WS5 Deal
 (b) Based upon average deliveries 2020-2025.
 (c) Based on KCWA daily Summary of Water Supply Rights

WATER IN STORAGE @	8-Jun-26
LOCATION	AF
Kern Water Bank	
District	183,154
Water User 2nd Priority	54,327
KWB Tot	237,481
KCWA	45,645
In Dist.	23,568
Semitropic	7,500
TOTAL KERN FAN	314,194
PRELIMINARY- SUBJECT TO REVISION	

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Eric McDaris

DATE: June 8, 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:

Metropolitan Water District- Update

➤ Status- agreement executed. Documents pending submission to DWR.

- MET has made the WS5 aware that they can offer an additional 25,000 acre-feet above the agreement minimum of 60TAF. This would bring the total supply to 85,000 acre-feet, the District share of which is 22,924 acre-feet.

Solano County Water Agency-Update

➤ Status- term sheet in executed by WS5; pending full execution and submission to DWR. Minimum 9,585 acre-feet available at \$400/AF. The District share of this supply will be approximately 2,585 acre-feet.

Yuba- North Of Delta

➤ KCWA made Member Units aware that Yuba water will be available this year. This water is likely to be available for delivery from August through October. With the change in water year type, 2026 Yuba water is now \$150/AF North of Delta. The District submitted demand request for up to 40,000 acre-feet, however, given the limited supply of around 27,000 acre-feet which must be split between the CVP and SWP, the KCWA share is only approximately 3,591 acre-feet. The District share is currently estimated at 709 acre-feet South of Delta, assuming 30% losses.

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

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

Attachments: None
Filename: 8.2.b Other Purchases and Exchanges

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
 FROM: Eric McDaris
 DATE: June 8th, 2026
 SUBJECT: **Golden Mussel Update**

Treatment Update.

Golden mussel treatment operations along the 850-Canal are continuing. Residual dosing reports indicate that the EarthTecQZ product is moving throughout the 850-distribution system very effectively. End of line turnouts were tested, and results showed sufficient dosing at all sites with a residual average of 84.1%. There was one site, the end of the 850-D lateral, which was an exception showing only 26% residual copper. Previous tests at this site showed adequate residuals, and the drop may be related to instantaneous demand on the lateral at the time the test was taken. If residual testing continues to remain low, a bump site to increase the dosage in the 850-D lateral may be needed.

Meeting Update.

- KCWA Golden Mussel Task Force 5/18/2026
 - Presentation by Invasive Species Corporation on their Zequanox treatment product. This product is different from traditional chemical applications in that it utilizes a naturally occurring microbe to target and eliminate mollusks. Treatment delivers the ‘FitD’ protein which causes hemorrhaging and kills the mussel. Does not harm fish or native species. Approved in 49/50 states, with California being the only location it is not widely approved. Safe for all crops including organics; no leaching or bio loading and no legacy chemicals involved. DWR is testing Zequanox at the Skinner Fish Facility.
 - Oroville is no longer requiring watercraft inspection at their boat launch facilities. Risk analysis determined that Oroville is at lower risk to experience golden mussel infestation due to the lower water temperatures.
 - North Kern Water District discovered golden mussels within their distribution system. The location of the mussel detection was not tied to the CVC.
- Kern County Golden Mussel Incident – Coordination Call 5/27/2026 and Ad-Hoc 6/8/2026
 - District staff attended meetings with Kern County staff and staff from CalOES as well as a County ad-hoc meeting, both regarding the possibility of funding and reimbursement for the golden mussel emergency. To trigger the funding reimbursement process, the County must first reach a total expenditure threshold of \$5 million (which is calculated at \$5/capita for Kern County). Current county-wide estimated expenditures are \$4.6 million. CalOES will then assign a team to the Kern emergency and eligible jurisdictions such as the District would then work with that team to submit a request and necessary documentation required for reimbursement. The District will not be able to include private landowner costs in any reimbursement request.

Recommendation. None. This item is for informational purposes only.

Attachments: *EarthTecQZ Residual Report 6/4/2026*

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Thomas Suggs

DATE: June 8, 2026

SUBJECT: 8.4 Consider Authorization to Solicit Bids for PVC Pipe for 6P Lateral

Background: Previously in 2021, the Board encouraged District staff to replace legacy Techite pipe materials to mitigate future failure risks. Feasibility studies pointed to many logistical problems and high contractor costs, but eventually a plan took shape to replace approximately one quarter mile of Techite pipe per year using District forces, replacing old pipe with new PVC pipe in the same alignment, and using repair kits to make the transitions.

In 2025, the District purchased 1,200 feet (60 joints) of 36-inch diameter, C900 PVC pipe for this project at a bare cost of \$160,716. Sand, gravel, fuel, and equipment rentals added another \$41,000. The O&M Department replaced 1,084 feet of Techite with within a timeframe of about two weeks in December 2025. As of this writing, a little over one mile of Techite pipe remains in the ground within the 6P distribution system.

Work to be Done in 2026: It is recommended that the District attempt to replace up to 1,400 feet of Techite pipe in 2026, beginning where the O&M Department left off in 2025 and proceeding southward along the 6P main lateral as far as time allows while leaving in place the existing tees for the 6P-1 and 6P-A laterals.

Engineer's Estimate: The 2026 Budget included a \$300,000 current funded line item for the needed materials (Table 12, Capital Expenditures). The Engineer's estimate to furnish and deliver 1,400 feet (70 joints) of PVC pipe materials this year is \$245,000, leaving the balance of the budget to cover District burdens and contingencies.

Recent Price Trends in PVC Pipe: According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there was a small uptick in the price of plastic pipe beginning in early 2026 that tended to reverse a general long-term downward trend since 2022. At this time, the price of PVC pipe seems to be at about the same level as last year at this time. It is not known whether the recent uptick will correct itself later in the summer, but staff would like to have flexibility to try to take advantage if one should occur.

Recovery of Expenses: The cost of PVC pipe ultimately will be recovered through the O&M component of the Water Availability Charge in 2026.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the Board authorize District staff to advertise for bids to furnish approximately 1,400 linear feet of PVC pipe materials for Techite replacement in the 6P Service Area as detailed above, with the exact advertisement date to be determined by the Engineer Manager.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
 FROM: Thomas Suggs
 DATE: June 8, 2026
SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Participation Agreement to Form a Monitoring Committee

Last year, West Kern Water District notified the Kern Fan Monitoring Committee (KFMC) that, after serving for more than 20 years, it plans to step down as the Committee’s financial agent. The KCWA is the only agency that has offered to assume those responsibilities, and on May 20th the KFMC decided to begin the process of appointing KCWA as fiscal administrator. If appointed, the Agency would not gain any additional authority over budget decisions or other Committee actions. However, the change would offer the following benefits:

- The Agency would forgo its customary markup on all labor provided by Agency staff on behalf of the KFMC.
- The KFMC’s account would be audited each year as part of the normal Agency audit process.

Appropriate amendments to the 2010 *Participation Agreement to Form a Monitoring Committee* are needed to enable this change together with a few minor updates to the administrative procedures. Accordingly, Amendment No. 1 (attached) has been drafted and circulated among KFMC member agencies for their respective approvals. In brief, the provisions of Amendment No. 1 will:

- eliminate the Treasurer position and instead designate the Agency as fiscal administrator,
- revise the budget schedule to adopt the annual operating budget by January 31 of each year,
- clarify that an independent groundwater specialist may be retained as needed in the KFMC’s discretion rather than on a continuing basis, and
- remove McAllister Ranch Irrigation District as a Participant in the KFMC.

The Kern Fan Monitoring Committee has responsibility for monitoring, reporting, and identifying mitigation for banking project impacts. The KFMC is not a forum for legal or policy disputes.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the Board authorize the Engineer-Manager to execute *Amendment No. 1 to the Participation Agreement to Form a Monitoring Committee*, subject to approval of Counsel as to form, and provided final form is substantially similar to the attachment.

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1 to
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT TO FORM
A MONITORING COMMITTEE**

This Amendment No. 1 to the Participation Agreement to Form a Monitoring Committee (“Amendment”) is entered into as of ___ day of _____, 2026, by and between the undersigned Participants in the Kern Fan Monitoring Committee (“KFMC”), and amends that certain Participation Agreement to Form a Monitoring Committee dated November 29, 2010 (“Agreement”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Participants entered into the Agreement to consolidate their respective monitoring committee obligations within a single Kern Fan Monitoring Committee and to establish administrative procedures for the associated memoranda of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Kern County Water Agency (“Agency”) presently performs substantial administrative, coordination and fiscal support functions for the KFMC, is willing to continue performing such functions and shall serve as the KFMC’s sole fiscal administrator while waiving its overhead costs associated with such services; and

WHEREAS, the Participants desire to eliminate the Treasurer position established under the Agreement, designate the Agency as fiscal administrator, revise the annual budget approval schedule, clarify that an independent groundwater specialist may be retained as needed in the KFMC’s discretion rather than on a continuing basis and remove McAllister Ranch Irrigation District as a Participant; and

WHEREAS, Article 8 of the Agreement provides that the Agreement may be amended by unanimous approval of the Participants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions herein contained, the Participants hereto agree as follows:

I. Removal of McAllister Ranch Irrigation District

McAllister Ranch Irrigation District is removed as a Participant in the KFMC. All references to McAllister Ranch Irrigation District in the Agreement and its exhibits are hereby deleted.

Revised participation percentages are set forth on Amended Exhibit C attached hereto, subject to the voting requirements set forth in Article 2 of the Agreement.

II. Elimination of Treasurer; Agency as Fiscal Administrator

The Treasurer position established under the Agreement is eliminated and the Agency shall serve as the sole fiscal administrator of the KFMC. Effective July 1, 2025, the Agency shall waive its overhead costs associated with providing fiscal administration services to the KFMC and invoices issued to the KFMC shall reflect only direct program and monitoring costs. In performing such services, the Agency shall act solely in an administrative and fiduciary support capacity and shall have no independent decision-making authority on behalf of the KFMC.

Article 2(b) of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

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(b) The Agency, in its capacity as fiscal administrator, shall prepare an annual operating budget for the forthcoming year and submit the proposed budget to the KFMC on or before January 1 of each year. The KFMC shall review the proposed budget, make such revisions as it deems appropriate and adopt the annual operating budget on or before January 31 of each year.

Article 2(c) of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(c) Following adoption of the annual operating budget, the Agency shall invoice each Participant for its respective share thereof in accordance with the invoicing schedule then in effect. At the end of each year, budgeted costs shall be reconciled against the actual costs incurred by the KFMC and any resulting adjustment to a Participant's payment obligation shall be reflected on the next invoice issued following such reconciliation.

III. Independent Groundwater Specialist

The reference in Article 2(a) of the Agreement to “the services of an independent groundwater specialist” is hereby revised to read “the services of an independent groundwater specialist, as needed in the KFMC’s discretion.” Item 3 of Article 7 of the Agreement is hereby revised to read: “Selection and retention of an independent groundwater specialist, as needed in the KFMC’s discretion.” For the avoidance of doubt, retention of an independent groundwater specialist shall be discretionary and shall not be required on an ongoing basis.

IV. Budget Approval Timing

Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, the KFMC shall adopt the annual operating budget for each year on or before January 31 of such year, consistent with revised Article 2(b) above.

V. Conforming Changes to Article 7

Item 4 of Article 7 of the Agreement (Officers/Terms and Responsibilities) is hereby revised to eliminate the Treasurer position. All other references to the “Treasurer” in the Agreement, including those previously appearing in Article 2(b) and Article 2(c), shall be deemed deleted as a result of this Amendment.

VI. No Other Changes

All other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

VII. Counterparts

This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signatures transmitted electronically shall be deemed originals for all purposes.

VIII. Effective Date

This Amendment shall become effective upon execution by all Participants in accordance with Article 8 of the Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Participants have executed this Amendment by their duly authorized representatives as of the dates set forth below.

Belridge Water Storage District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Berrenda Mesa Water District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Buena Vista Water Storage District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Dudley Ridge Water District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Henry Miller Water District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Kern County Water Agency, on behalf of Improvement District No. 4

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Kern County Water Agency

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

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Kern Delta Water District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Lost Hills Water District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

North Kern Water Storage District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Semitropic Water Storage District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Tejon-Castac Water District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

West Kern Water District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

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Westside Mutual Water Company, LLC

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____



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May 26, 2026

Mr. John Yarbrough
Deputy Director, State Water Project
California Department of Water Resources
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Yarbrough,

Thank you again for taking the time to visit Bakersfield and meet with me and representatives from Dudley Ridge Water District. It was a constructive conversation, and I appreciate your openness to my suggestion that several outstanding issues between the Kern County Water Agency (“Agency”), other State Water Contractors, and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) would benefit from focused, dedicated engagement. This letter follows up on that conversation.

Specifically, I would suggest a small, focused working group, drawn from the executive ranks of key organizations, to bring these items to closure. Each is well understood on both sides, and a structured, time-bound forum is, in my view, the most direct path to resolution. The Agency is ready to commit the staff time and decision-making authority required to make that group productive, and if DWR is supportive of this approach, we will work closely with your team to shape its format, cadence, and membership.

I would suggest the following initial agenda, in priority order:

- State Water Project (SWP) operations regarding San Luis Reservoir storage and allocation risk
- Resolution of the Debt Service Billing Project
- Subsidence plan, costs and funding strategy
- Non-reimbursable costs related to recreation

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Mr. John Yarbrough
May 26, 2026
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The Agency deeply values its long-standing partnership with DWR and the SWP team, and I am confident that a focused working group can deliver meaningful progress on each of these items within a defined timeframe. Your recent visit to Bakersfield was a productive start, and a working group would be a natural next step to build on that momentum.

Thank you again for your continued leadership of the SWP, and for considering this suggestion in the constructive spirit in which it is offered. If you are supportive of this approach, please let me know and we will work closely with your office to quickly identify participants, agree on a meeting cadence, and convene the first session. I am happy to discuss further at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Eric L. Averett
General Manager

◀ WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ▶

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Robert Kunde

DATE: June 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Delta Conveyance Project - Federal Biological Opinions for Construction

Below find the new press release on DCP Construction. Note these Opinions are for construction, not for operation. These were obtained through DWR consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers (not the Bureau of Reclamation). Find also attached a new DCP fact sheet.

June 5, 2026 Press Release

Delta Conveyance Project Receives Critical Federal Clearance to Advance Construction

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has received Biological Opinions from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for Delta Conveyance Project construction and construction-related maintenance activities. This important milestone marks the completion of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) process for construction.

Compliance with ESA is required to ensure a project will not jeopardize the continued existence of any federally listed species or adversely modify or destroy listed critical habitat.

California is now one critical step closer to completing the complex state and federal planning and permitting processes needed to begin project implementation.

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Modernizing Water Infrastructure - Protecting Supplies

The Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) will recover water supply losses caused by climate-driven weather extremes, sea level rise, and earthquakes.

Adding new infrastructure will optimize the safe capture and movement of water from big, but infrequent storm events that have become California's new normal.

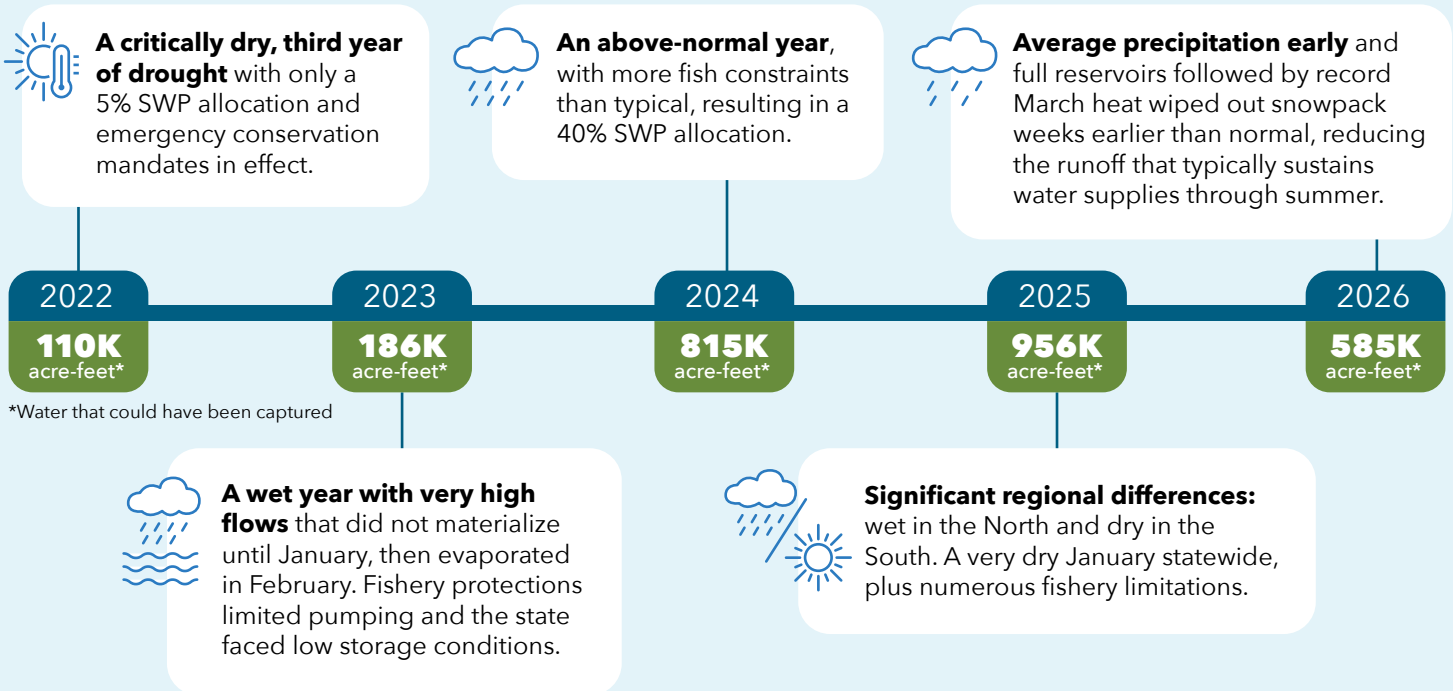
Water quality and fisheries remain protected. Water supplies that would otherwise be lost without modernized infrastructure will be restored.

California's Climate Reality

- Over the last few decades, California's climate has changed with an increase in the variability of precipitation and wild swings from drought to flood.
- Over the next 20 years, California could lose 10% of its overall water supplies and delivery capability.
- By 2045, the reliability of the State Water Project (SWP) could be reduced as much as 23%, while the need for water continues to grow.

The Past 5 Water Years Prove the Value of the DCP

If the DCP had been in place over the past five very different water years, California would have captured more than **2.6 million** acre-feet of water.



2026 underscored California's growing climate volatility, with warmer storms, less snow, and operational restrictions limiting water movement during key periods.

Reliable supplies provided by the DCP will help water managers stabilize rates, fill storage, protect reserves during drought, minimize mandatory rationing, and reduce the severity and frequency of shortages.



SWP in California

Homes, families, businesses and farmland in communities across the state depend on SWP water—from the Bay Area, Central Coast, Central Valley, and Southern California. The SWP is and will remain one of the most affordable sources of water in California and must be maintained for future generations.



27M PEOPLE receive clean, safe and affordable water from the SWP, including 8.2 million disadvantaged community members



750k ACRES of farmland are irrigated with SWP water





Water supplied by the SWP sustains the world's **4th** LARGEST ECONOMY

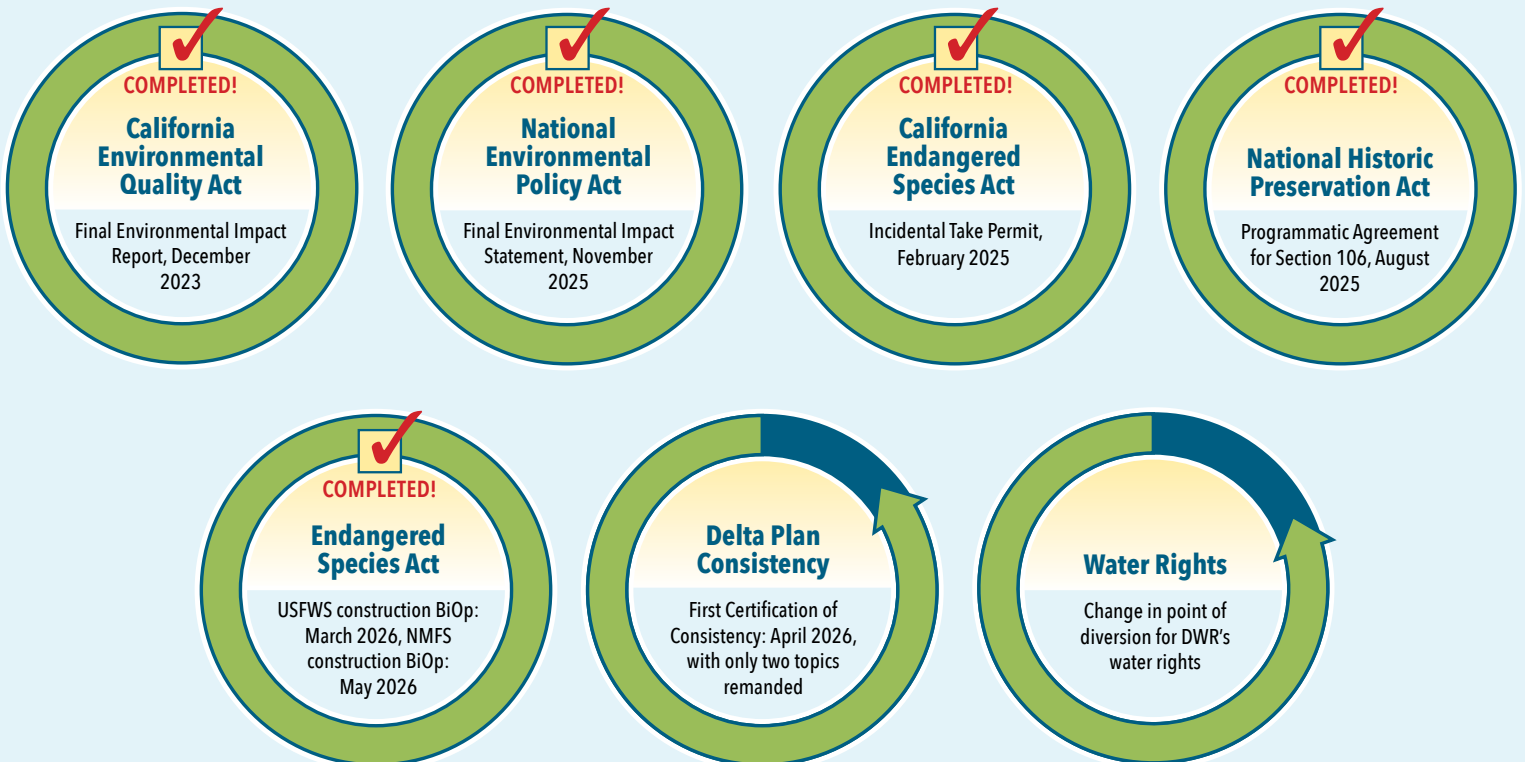


IMPORTANT FOUNDATION for local water supply projects, including groundwater recharge, recycling, storage and others

Making Progress to Secure California's Water Supplies

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has made considerable progress in completing complex state and federal planning and permitting processes, in addition to movement on the community engagement, design and engineering, and planning funding aspects of project development.

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◀ WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ▶

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Robert Kunde

DATE: June 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Sites Reservoir Project - Public Comments on Draft Water Right Order and Permit

This memorandum is for information only. No action is proposed.

The Administrative Hearing Office (AHO) of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) issued the Draft Water Right Order and Permit (Draft Order) for Sites Reservoir on March 20. The public comment period closed on May 22.

The Draft Order threatens the viability of the Project. Some terms of the Draft Order were more burdensome and restrictive than the terms included in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for the Sites Project. The Sites Project estimated that if all the Draft Order terms were formally adopted, the Project Yield would be 48% to 55% lower than the ITP terms thereby more than doubling the unit cost of Sites water. In 2023\$, the Fixed Obligation Equivalent for the District would increase from \$1140 per acre-foot to about \$2530 per acre-foot.

Numerous public comments on the Draft Order were submitted to the Administrative Hearing Office by the May 22, 2026 deadline. The District prepared and submitted a 4 page comment letter decrying the impact of the Draft Order terms on affordability, and urging the AHO to use the ITP terms for the Sites water right. The District was also a signatory to the 431 page comment letter from the South of Delta Sites Reservoir Participants which included a 429 page technical appendix.

The Sites Project submitted an 8 page high level comment letter, and, through its water right attorneys, submitted a 138 page *"Sites Project Authority's Detailed Comments on Administrative Hearings Office Draft Decision and Draft Water Right Permit"*.

Most Sites Participants submitted supportive comment letters, and numerous industry groups (e.g. California Farm Water Coalition, State Water Contractors, etc.) submitted supportive comment letters.

I find the most compelling comments on the Draft Order are (a) many of the terms are inadequately or not supported in the administrative record thereby ignoring best available science, and (b) statutory authority requires the balancing of the various beneficial uses of

Sacramento River water including water supply and public trust protection, but the Order fails to do so. For example, there is virtually no analysis in the Draft Order or administrative record of the water supply impact of the Draft Order revised terms on the Sites yield.

Per the Sites Project: *There are ~40 letters submitted in support of the State Board making the Authority's requested revisions to the draft permit. This is a very strong showing including supportive letters from the following state agencies and electeds as follows:*

*California Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
California Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 5
Governor Newsom
Senator Padilla
Bi-partisan Congressional Letter (10 signatures)*

A smaller number of comment letters were received from Project opponents.

The anticipated schedule for further water right consideration is:

~ July 15 Revised Draft Decision and Permit submitted to SWRCB by AHO
August Public Hearing and Comments Due on Revised Draft to SWRCB
September SWRCB Decision

Caution: Anticipated schedules during this proceeding have often been delayed.

Attachments:

1. Sites Project May 25, 2026 Press Release
2. District Comment Letter
3. South of Delta Sites Participant Comment Letter (excluding appendices)
4. Sites Project Comment Letter (excluding appendices)
5. Governor Newsom Comment Letter

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For Immediate Release:
May 25, 2026

Contact: Quin La Capra
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Sites Project Authority Statement on Submitted Water Right Comments

Maxwell, CA – Today, the Sites Project Authority released the following statement related to its comments on the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Administrative Hearings Office’s (AHO) Draft Decision and Permit for the Sites Reservoir Project (Project):

“The Authority appreciates that the AHO has tentatively determined in the draft permit that almost 1 million acre-feet of water is available to be appropriated from the Sacramento River for the Sites Reservoir Project. This is a major finding that paves the way for a successful Project. However, some of the proposed conditions for diversion and release of this water reflected in the draft permit greatly risk undermining the viability of the Project and need to be addressed before the AHO submits the proposed order to the State Board, currently scheduled for July 15, 2026.

Our comments, submitted on May 22, 2026, identify several Draft Permit conditions that, as currently written, would significantly constrain Project operations and materially reduce Project yield—without corresponding public or environmental benefit. The highest priority revisions we are requesting include:

- Clarifying the manner in which the yet to be adopted Bay-Delta Plan Update would be applied to the new Sites water right;
- Addressing technical and legal flaws in the AHO’s analysis related to conditions layered on top of the stringent regulatory determinations in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Incidental Take Permit for bypass flows that already limit diversions into Sites to protect migrating salmon;
- Clarifying the protections necessary to ensure the movement of Sites water through the Delta during the transfer window as non-Project water is consistent with the existing regulatory framework and recently issued State Board orders for other similar actions; and
- Ensuring available local runoff from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks into Sites is secured for uses solely within the Colusa County and Glenn County areas.

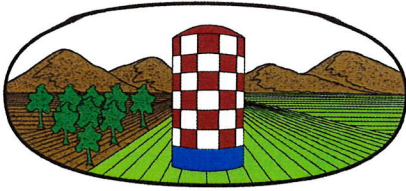
At this stage in the process, we are confident there is a clear pathway to a successful Project and a workable final adopted permit. However, to achieve this important outcome, the AHO and State Board need to make necessary revisions to the Draft Permit to ensure the Project remains feasible, affordable, and capable of delivering the benefits it is designed to provide.

An important part of this Project is the statewide public benefits. Californians overwhelmingly approved Proposition 1 in 2014 because they understood the need for new water storage, environmental stewardship, and long-term drought resilience. Since that time, the need has only intensified. Climate volatility, prolonged droughts, increasingly intense storm events, and growing uncertainty surrounding future Colorado River allocations are placing unprecedented pressure on California’s water system.

We respectfully urge the AHO and State Board to consider our and others’ comments to revise the Draft Decision and Permit to better reflect the extensive record developed through this proceeding, the Project’s demonstrated public benefits, and the state’s responsibility to balance all beneficial uses of water in the public interest.

With these necessary revisions, we remain committed to ensuring that Sites Reservoir fulfills its promise as a 21st century storage solution providing a generational investment in California’s water future.”

Sites Reservoir is a 1.5 million acre-foot, off-stream reservoir proposed north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that would improve California’s water reliability and resiliency in drier years for farms, families, fish, and fowl. The Project is backed by a broad coalition of cities, counties, water agencies, and irrigation districts across California, as well as the State of California through the Water Storage Investment Program and the federal government under the 2016 Water Infrastructure and Investment for the Nation Act. Additional information can be found at www.sitesproject.org or on Facebook, Instagram, and X at @SitesProject.



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Nicole L. Kuenzi, Presiding Hearing Officer
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Support for the Sites Reservoir Project
and Comments on the Draft Water Right Decision and Order**

Dear Hearing Officer Kuenzi:

On behalf of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (District), I express the District's strong support for the Sites Reservoir Project's (Sites Project) water right application currently before the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) of the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Board).

The District, a California water storage district formed in 1959 under Division 14 of the California Water Code, encompasses about 149,000 acres (233 square miles) of rural farm lands at the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley in Kern County. The District provides irrigation surface water service to growers farming about 90,000 acres and provides groundwater management within its boundaries including to about 20,000 acres of farmed lands reliant exclusively on groundwater. The District holds a contract for 197,088 acre-feet annually of State Water Project (SWP) supplies through the Kern County Water Agency. If the District had its own contract directly with the California Department of Water Resources, it would be the third largest State Water Contractor.

The Sites Project Authority is submitting comments to you recommending critically important revisions to the draft water right permit for the Sites Project. The District fully supports those comments and recommendations which are necessary to realize the full scope of public benefits to be provided by the Sites Project. Such benefits include providing water supplies for (a) growing food, (b) providing municipal and industrial water service to millions of Californians including for new affordable housing and other economic benefits, and (c) Proposition 1 public benefits (environmental water supplies for fisheries and birds and their habitats, flood control, and recreation), and providing these water supplies primarily in drought years to respond to increasingly variable watershed runoff due to climate change.

The District has directly participated in the Sites Project because of its ability to provide long-term drought year water supplies to farmers to grow food. There are important ancillary benefits on groundwater sustainability and groundwater recharge and banking. Affordability is an important criterion in order to realize these benefits.

Importance. The District's primary water supply is provided by contract from the SWP. From all sources, the District has delivered 8,804,657 acre-feet of irrigation water from 1971 through April 30, 2026 to its growers via its 16 California Aqueduct turnouts, 137 booster pumps, 297 miles of pipelines, 7 miles of canal, 18

groundwater wells and over 700 water meters that serve about 90,000 acres of farm land. This supply was used to (a) provide irrigation water to farms to grow food and fiber, and (b) correct groundwater overdraft within the District boundaries¹.

This SWP supply allowed the District to correct groundwater overdraft beginning in 1970 as SWP allocations were 100% in most years. Since 2008, the SWP water supply reliability has steadily decreased due to regulatory constraints, with an average SWP allocation of 45% since then. Although the District has invested heavily in groundwater banking projects and alternate surface water supplies to mitigate these reductions, this decreased SWP reliability resulted in reduced supplies for farming, and increased groundwater pumping to maintain production.

In 2016, the District executed a funding agreement with the Sites Project Authority and joined its Reservoir Project Committee. It has been actively involved in the development of the Sites Project since that time. The primary reasons for its participation was and is to enhance drought year water supplies, partially restore SWP yield lost to regulatory constraints, and more recently, assist with meeting the Sustainability Goals of its Groundwater Management Plans pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

In years when SWP supplies are insufficient to meet District grower water needs, the Sites Project was anticipated to provide additional water delivered through the SWP conveyance system to further reduce groundwater pumping. Such reduced pumping in drought conditions is particularly important to meeting the District's groundwater sustainability goals under its Groundwater Management Plans* and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Furthermore, because some Sites water would be available for delivery in October and November of wetter years when crop demand for such water is low, such water could be delivered to District groundwater banking projects. This could provide additional water supplies in drought years. Nonetheless, the flexibility provided by such opportunity could become increasingly important in the future as climate change affects precipitation, runoff patterns and management of reservoir storage.

Affordability. In 2025, on behalf of the District and the Sites Project, I provided testimony in the Sites Project Water Right Hearings that Sites water developed per its Water Right Application was affordable for growers in the District (SITES-419 et seq.). This was proven by comparison of the estimated Sites unit water cost to actual District drought year water purchases in 2021 to 2022 (drought years with 5% allocations of SWP water supplies). The unit costs were based on the Sites Project's estimated costs divided by the modeled water supply per its Water Right Application and the Incidental Take Permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. From page 5 of SITES-419:

"13. The following two tables show true-up acquisition costs for all water supplies to Wheeler Ridge in 2021 and 2022—both severe drought years with 5% SWP allocations. The tables are excerpts from Wheeler Ridge's "Final Accounting Adjustment for the Year 2021" (SITES-422) and "Final Accounting Adjustment for the Year 2022" (SITES-423). All said, costs were adjusted to be on an apples-to-apples basis with the SWP Banks Pumping Plant as the delivery point; those costs are referred to as the "Fixed Obligation." The unit costs (\$/AF) are shown highlighted in yellow in the exhibits. Note that, in 2021, three of these sources exceed the \$1,140/AF rate for Sites water, but several sources at lower cost would be melded with Sites water to lower the overall water cost. Note that, in 2022, 10 sources exceed the \$1,140/AF rate for Sites water, but several sources at lower cost would be melded with Sites water to lower the overall water cost." (Emphasis added).

And from page 6 of SITES-419:

"Sites water costs are within the cost range for actual drought year agricultural water purchases by

* The District overlies portions of two subbasins: Department of Water Resources Basin No. 5-022.14 aka the "Kern County Subbasin" which is critically overdrafted; and Department of Water Resources Basin No. 5-022.18 aka the "White Wolf Subbasin" which has been designated as Medium Priority.

Wheeler Ridge, and are therefore affordable for San Joaquin Valley agriculture in drought years.”

However, the draft Water Right Permit and Order would impose additional conditions on diversions and releases from the Sites Project which would dramatically reduce the Sites water supply from that identified in its Water Rights Application and the Sites Project’s Incidental Take Permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Sites Project Authority estimates the impact of such conditions as follows.

1. Under Draft Permit Term 23, Sites Project diversions, releases, and deliveries would be reduced by approximately 12 to 15 percent.
2. Under Draft Permit Terms 29 and 30, the estimated yield reduction from these terms would be 29 to 33 percent.
3. Draft Permit Term 31 appears to protect Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) flows in a way that assumes every increment of flow in the Sacramento River watershed in addition to HRL flows must be categorically insulated from the Sites Project’s diversions and releases, and regardless of whether such protection produces measurable ecosystem benefits or whether the water is otherwise available for appropriation. The estimated yield reduction would be approximately 13 to 16 percent.
4. The ranges shown above represent the results from two different hydrologic models. While these estimated yield reductions are not directly additive, there is a cumulative effect. If all four terms were adopted per the Draft Order, the estimated yield reduction would be approximately 48 to 55 percent.

These Terms would result in a substantial reduction in Sites Project yield. Such reductions would result in a corresponding significant and potentially unaffordable increase in the unit costs for Sites water because reducing deliveries for any given project cost makes Sites water less affordable. The cost estimate available at the time of the SITES-419 testimony resulted in a unit rate for the District of \$1140 per acre-foot. The effect on the unit rates (as rounded) would be:

Term 23 only (lowest impact):	$\$1140 / (1-0.16) = \1360 per acre-foot (19% increase)
Terms 23, 29, 30 and 31 (largest impact):	$\$1140 / (1-0.55) = \2530 per acre-foot (119% increase).

Agricultural viability is volatile due to variations in costs of labor, regulatory compliance, chemicals, and water (among other factors) and due to variations in revenue as market conditions for crop sales change. These increases in the prior paragraph are significant. And because the Sites Project capital cost estimate has since been updated and increased to reflect construction cost inflation, supply chain issues, and tariff effects, the unit costs in current dollars are even higher.

Consultation with District growers confirms that such increased unit costs are not affordable. Therefore, revisions to the draft terms to conform to the conditions in the Sites Project’s Incidental Take Permit are essential to the affordability of Sites water for farmers.

Furthermore, while the draft Permit Terms would not increase the overall investment in the Sites Project by the State of California under Proposition 1, it would substantially reduce the quantity of water releases for environmental purposes particularly in drought years when such water would provide the most environmental benefit.

Conclusion and Request. For the reasons described above, the AHO is respectfully encouraged to (a) strongly consider the matters described above, (b) incorporate the Sites Project’s recommended revisions into the final permit recommendation in order to restore yield and improve Sites Project affordability so that it can deliver all the benefits it was designed to provide, and (c) recommend approval of the Sites Project Authority’s water right to the State Board in a timely manner so that California’s communities, farms, and environment can benefit

from this critically important project as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Kunde, P.E.

District Engineer-Manager (retired) and Retired Annuitant

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Registered Agricultural Engineer in California (AG476)



May 22, 2026

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State Water Resources Control Board
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Re: Sites Reservoir Project, Petition for Assignment of State-filed Application 25517, Water Right Application 25517X01, and Petitions for Release from Priority of State-Filed Applications 25513, 25514, 25517, 22235, 23780, 23781, of Sites Project Authority

Dear Officer Kuenzi:

This letter is written on behalf of the Sites Reservoir Participants who are public water agencies located south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Bay-Delta) and include The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Irvine Ranch Water District, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Coachella Valley Water District, Desert Water Agency, Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, and San Geronimo Pass Water Agency. Collectively, our agencies serve over 19 million people in southern California and over 2 million people in northern California as well as agricultural land.

The Sites Reservoir Project unites urban, agricultural, and regional interests across California to secure a new, sustainable water supply in the face of climate change and worsening droughts. Although we continue to invest heavily in conservation and local infrastructure, the Bay-Delta watershed remains a foundational component of our overall supply. Its favorable water quality is critical for supporting both local groundwater recharge and recycling initiatives

Due to the importance of the Sites Reservoir Project, we appreciate the Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Administrative Hearings Office's (AHO) administration of the water rights proceeding and the issuance of the State Water Board Draft Decision and Order WR 2026-0001 (Draft Decision and Order). We support the preliminary determination that at least 986,000 acre-feet of water is available for appropriation. We also support the Water Board applying appropriate conditions on the exercise of Sites' water right, including to prevent injury to the State Water Project (SWP) and to protect the environment. At the same time, we have concerns about the Draft Decision and Order, the specifics of which are detailed in the attached Technical and Legal Memorandum (Attachment A). Specifically, we are concerned about the following:

- 1.) Draft permit terms that apply to the SWP, which are outside of the proper scope of this Sites Reservoir Project water rights proceeding;
- 2.) Draft permit terms that impact the water supply benefits of the Sites Reservoir Project that are inconsistent with legal and evidentiary principles;
- 3.) Draft permit terms that foreclose the scope of future decision-making by the Water Board as well as other state agencies in pending and future processes, and that make the administration of the Sites Reservoir Project water rights unwieldy and redundant with existing parallel regulatory processes; and,
- 4.) Draft permit terms that are too vague and unclear to be implementable.

Anticipating revisions to the Draft Decision and Order, we are offering recommendations to correct, streamline, and clarify specific language and permit terms. Furthermore, having participated in the Sites water rights proceedings through the State Water Contractors (SWC), we are incorporating the SWC comment letter by reference, and we also express our support for the comments submitted by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Sites Reservoir Authority.

We remain committed to working in partnership with the State Water Board to address these issues and secure the Sites Reservoir Project's water rights. Given the State Water Board's understanding of the project's strategic value to California's water future, we are confident in your commitment to advancing its approval as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,



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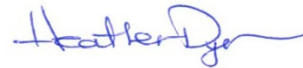
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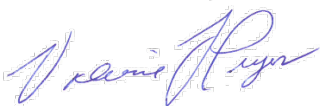
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Subject: Summary Comments on Draft Decision and Draft Permit for Sites Reservoir Project Water Right Application and Related Petitions

Dear Board Chair, Members, and Presiding Hearing Officer:

On behalf of the Sites Project Authority (Authority), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Administrative Hearings Office's (AHO) Draft Decision and Draft Permit for the Sites Reservoir Project (Sites Project).¹ The Authority appreciates the extensive record developed through this proceeding and the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) responsibility to carefully evaluate new water storage in the Sacramento River and the Bay-Delta watershed.

The Sites Project is an important part of California's long-term water supply strategy and the State Water Board's goals of ensuring reasonable water resource allocation, protecting all beneficial uses, improving climate resilience, and balancing Sacramento-San Joaquin rivers and Bay-Delta ecosystem needs with water supply reliability for present and future generations. The entire construct of the Sites Project has been designed with these values and goals at its forefront and would ensure water is made available when California needs it most—for people, farms, communities, wildlife refuges, and the environment. The Sites Project is also important to helping California meet its goals of adding 4 million acre-feet of water storage and achieving 9 million acre-feet of new water supply, conservation, or storage capacity by 2040.

¹ The Authority, through its special legal counsel in the AHO proceeding, is also separately submitting to the AHO and the State Water Board detailed comments, with supporting technical memoranda, on the Draft Decision and Draft Permit. The Authority's specific proposed revisions to certain Draft Permit Terms are set forth in redline format in those detailed comments.



After decades of planning, outreach, and project revisions, the Sites Project is poised to become a reality. The Project has completed environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act, received Incidental Take Permits (ITPs) from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), entered into a Master Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement with CDFW, and been conditionally awarded \$1.094 billion by the California Water Commission. If the State Water Board issues a water right permit consistent with the evidence and balanced beneficial uses, the Project will play a major role in improving California's water supply resilience in response to climate change.

Unfortunately, the Draft Permit imposes several new conditions that further erode the Project's benefits and puts the Project's feasibility at significant risk. The proposed diversion restrictions and Bay-Delta Plan compliance terms unnecessarily constrain the Project and collectively would reduce the water yield by approximately 50 percent. In addition, the inability to store local runoff reduces water supply reliability for local communities and weakens local support for the Project.

These conditions prevent the Project's ability to help meet California's long-term water supply and resiliency needs and undermine the public benefits of the Project. It also conflicts with the State Water Board's responsibility to ensure water is used and managed in the best interests of the public. For these reasons, the Draft Permit should be revised so the Sites Project can operate effectively, serve the public interest, and help achieve the State's water supply and climate resilience goals.

Terms 29 and 30 Inappropriately Apply Broad Bay-Delta Restrictions Only to the Sites Project

Draft Permit Terms 29 and 30, which relate to the Bay-Delta Plan, should either be removed or revised so the Project is only responsible for its proportionate share should the proposed Bay-Delta Plan Update requirements be adopted and implemented. As currently written, the Draft Permit terms rigidly condition Sites Project operations in a manner that effectively imposes systemwide regulatory constraints of the Bay-Delta Plan on a single water-right holder. The Authority estimates these terms in isolation would reduce water yield by 41 to 48 percent.

As currently written, these terms place broad Bay-Delta regulatory restrictions almost entirely on the Sites Project, even though the Bay-Delta Plan is intended to apply across the entire watershed. This is inconsistent with the proposed Bay Delta Plan Update because the plan applies watershed-wide, not to just the Sites Project. Importantly, the Draft Decision includes no analysis of the effects of these permit terms on the Project's diversions indicating that these terms did not receive the kind of thorough scrutiny necessary before being included in the Draft Permit.

The Authority supports the proposed objectives in the Bay-Delta Plan and designed the Sites Project to help protect fish, water quality, and the environment. The Project would only divert



water during wetter conditions through state-of-the-art fish screens, storing water off-stream for later use, maximizing use of existing infrastructure where possible, and providing multiple benefits for both people and the environment. The Sites Authority looks forward to engaging with the State Water Board and Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Parties on assets and resources it can bring to the Bay-Delta Plan Voluntary Agreement/Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program (VA/HRLP) implementation. However, the Draft Permit treats the Sites Project as if it creates greater risks than other water users in the watershed, which is inconsistent with the Project's design and purpose. The permit conditions are also overly rigid and limit the ability to use adaptive, real-time management based on actual conditions.

Bay-Delta Plan related permit conditions should be directly tied to the actual operations impacts of the Sites Project. The Draft Permit's approach to Bay-Delta Plan compliance is an inflexible overlay of requirements that may be duplicative, outdated, or disconnected from hydrologic conditions at the time the Sites Project would begin diverting to storage (approximately 7-8 years from now). That outcome creates an imbalance; reducing the Sites Project's ability to store water during the high-flow periods when additional capture is needed most. California cannot meet its climate, water supply, and ecosystem objectives if new storage is permitted in theory but functionally restricted from operating even when water is physically and legally available.

Term 31 Would Make it Nearly Impossible for the Project to Store Water

Draft Permit Term 31 should be revised to protect VA/HRLP flows without unnecessarily blocking the Sites Project from diverting water during high-flow periods when water is available and other beneficial uses would not be harmed. The Authority estimates this term in isolation would reduce water yield by approximately 30 percent.

The Authority supports the goals of the VA/HRLP and California's broader efforts to improve river flows and habitat through science-based, cooperative approaches. However, as currently written, Term 31 appears to assume that every increment of flow in the Sacramento River beyond the VA/HRLP requirements must be fully protected from use by the Sites Project's diversions and releases, even when there is no demonstrated benefit nor impact to other legal water users. The record for this proceeding and the Bay-Delta Plan Update does not support that assumption, and the Authority does not believe that was the Board's intent.

The VA/HRLP is intended to advance functional ecosystem outcomes through specified flow and habitat commitments, not create a rigid, untouchable additional block of water that prevents new appropriations from providing public benefits. The Sites Project is exactly the kind of project California needs to complement these efforts. It would capture water during higher-flow conditions, in a manner protective of species and habitat, provide flood control benefits,



and store water for use during dry periods to support wildlife refuges, instream purposes, operational flexibility, recreation, and drought resilience.

The permit conditions should recognize that river flow, habitat protection, water storage, and real-time operations can work together when properly integrated. Treating base flows (including all otherwise unregulated and uncaptured flows in the system) as unavailable to the Sites Project would undermine California's broader goals of integrated and flexible water management.

Term 23 Significantly Reduces Project Water Supply Without Clear Scientific Support

Draft Permit Term 23 should be removed because it is not supported by the best available science, and any actual benefit for species is speculative at best. This term in isolation would reduce the water yield by 12 to 15 percent.

The Board should rely upon the best available science. Stricter flow restrictions do not automatically provide improved environmental protection. In this case, the scientific studies and operational analyses presented by the Authority more credibly show otherwise. The bypass flow requirements already approved in the Project's Operations ITP provide for the Project to divert consistent with the fully-mitigated standard under the California Endangered Species Act during wetter periods and reduce pressure to seek water during drier hydrologic conditions. The Operations ITP also supports California's needs to address climate volatility. California is seeing larger storm runoff in shorter periods of time, along with longer dry periods. The Operations ITP bypass requirements allow the Project to capture water during those short high-flow windows, when diversions can provide the greatest public benefit during drier periods with the least environmental impact.

Restricting Project diversions further without a scientifically supported ecological benefit would reduce real and tangible public benefits in exchange for speculative or marginal ecosystem gain. In addition, the Draft Decision does not include an analysis of the water supply impact of these added restrictions under Term 23, making it impossible for the State Board to determine whether the conditions are in the public interest or to properly balance competing needs as required under Article X section 2 of the California Constitution and the public trust doctrine.

Excluding Funks and Stone Corral Creeks Harms Local Water Supply Benefits and the Project's Local Support

The Draft Permit needs to be revised to allow the Project to divert water from Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek. The evidence in the record shows that water is available from these creeks after protecting existing water users and downstream needs in the Colusa Basin Drain. Excluding these creeks unnecessarily constrains the Project's operational flexibility and reduces



local and statewide public benefits without providing a corresponding environmental benefit or protections for other water right holders.

The creeks provide important local water supply opportunities, especially during wetter months, and could help meet county-of-origin water needs. Instead of completely prohibiting their use, the Final Permit should allow diversions from January through April under the same protective conditions that apply to the rest of the Project. Doing so would preserve the Board's ability to protect downstream users and environmental resources while allowing the Project to capture available water when it can be diverted without injury and placed to beneficial use.

Conclusion

The Authority respectfully urges the State Water Board to revise the Draft Decision and Draft Permit as described in more detail in its separately submitted detailed comments. The State Water Board's role is not to eliminate every theoretical risk from a new appropriation, especially where the record supports permit terms that can protect senior water rights, water quality, fish and wildlife, and the public interest. Instead, the Board's responsibility is to ensure water is used in a manner that is reasonable, protective, and beneficial.

As currently written, the Draft Permit goes beyond reasonable protection and imposes restrictions that would prevent the Project from achieving its main purposes. California urgently needs modern water infrastructure that can address today's climate and water supply challenges. The State Water Board's Final Permit in this proceeding needs to align with the Sites Project succeeding. Burdening the Project with significant restrictions that reduce benefits without improving outcomes for fish, wildlife, water quality, or the public makes the Sites Project infeasible.

The Authority appreciates your thoughtful consideration of its comments.

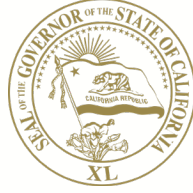
Sincerely,



Jerry Brown
Executive Director

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 22, 2026

State Water Resources Control Board and
Administrative Hearings Office
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95814-0100

RE: Sites Reservoir Project

Dear Chair Esquivel; Board members D'Adamo, Firestone, Maguire, and Morgan,

As you consider revisions to the draft permit for the Sites Reservoir Project, I must elaborate on the importance of Sites Reservoir to California's water future.

Now more than ever, California needs durable solutions to respond to our new reality of climate whiplash. In my tenure as Governor, we have experienced the driest three-year period in our state's history, followed immediately by one of the wettest three-week periods on record. We can expect more of these extremes: our precipitation coming in more intense bursts, separated by long dry periods. Scientists indicate we will lose upwards of 10% of our water supply on average each year by 2040. New infrastructure is needed to mitigate this decline in supplies by capturing and storing water from major storms to make water available to California communities, farms, and the environment during dry periods.

The proposed Sites Reservoir Project is the 21st century infrastructure California needs for our new hydrology. Sites will be an "off-stream" reservoir that does not block fish migration or spawning. Instead, water will be diverted from the

Sacramento River at times of high flows and stored in the reservoir, then released back into the Sacramento River for use in drier times.

State and federal agencies, along with approximately two dozen urban and agricultural water agencies across the state, are positioned to fund this \$6.2 billion to \$6.8 billion project. The state, through the California Water Commission, is poised to invest \$1.1 billion from the 2014 Proposition 1 water bond. This state investment will fund the broad public benefits of the project, including ecosystem improvements and water to wildlife refuges, emergency water supplies that are dispatchable in times of need, recreation benefits for residents, and flood protection for downriver communities. The federal government, through the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, has also invested a total of \$780 million to date.

Recognizing the critical need for new, modernized water infrastructure in California, our Administration has worked to support the planning and efficient permitting of Sites Reservoir. In 2023, I partnered with our Legislature to enact legislation to streamline judicial review of legal challenges to environmental review of certain water projects. Sites reservoir was the first project to qualify under the new law, and CEQA challenges to the project were resolved within 256 days, ahead of the required 270 days. In October 2024, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife issued an incidental take permit for the construction and operation of Sites Reservoir. The California Water Commission has invested \$54 million in early funding for planning and permitting. This March, the State Water Resources Control Board issued a draft water right permit for the project.

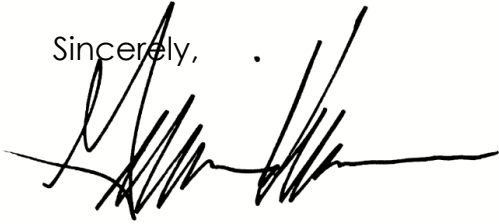
The Sites Reservoir Project is a bipartisan, multi-benefit project that is essential for the future of California. It will provide a lifeline during dry periods — supporting irrigation, domestic consumption, and fish and wildlife.

As the Board considers revisions to the draft permit, I urge you to balance the many public interests to ensure Sites Reservoir can be built. As I understand it, modifications to the draft permit are necessary and appropriate to continue to protect flows on the Sacramento River while allowing for adequate storage in the reservoir.

Together, we share a responsibility to balance public trust resources, and the many beneficial uses of water. I urge you to weigh the submissions of your fellow state agencies that provide valuable technical expertise to help appropriately balance the beneficial uses of the environment, fisheries, ecosystems, water quality and water supply. California voters, who supported Proposition 1 by a 67% vote, are eager to see the state fulfill its commitment.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom
Governor of California

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◀ WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA GSA ▶

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: June 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of the Exceedance Policy and associated Action Plan for Land Subsidence - Version 2.0 (June 2026)

The 2025 Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan includes an Exceedance Policy and associated Action Plans for each Sustainability Indicator (Appendix K). The Action Plans were intended to function as iterative, adaptive management documents that may be reviewed and revised as needed based on new information, data, tools, or technical analyses, without requiring an amendment to the overarching 2025 Plan (see Appendix K, pp. 1-2). The Action Plan for Land Subsidence committed to two review and revision cycles:

- Within six (6) months of receipt of the final Department of Water Resources (DWR) land subsidence Best Management Practices (BMPs), and
- Once the California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP) publishes the framework for California Aqueduct long-term rehabilitation (expected to be completed in the next few years).

The final DWR land subsidence BMPs were released on January 21, 2026. The Action Plan for Land Subsidence has been revised and is attached. Version 2.0 (June 2026) reflects the following key revisions:

- Clarifies that exceedances will be screened against Interim Milestone extent and Minimum Threshold rate and extent.
- Recognizes that multiple measurement methods can be evaluated to confirm subsidence.
- Reiterates that some subsidence is allowable where mitigation has already been agreed upon (i.e., along the Friant-Kern Canal).
- Identifies evaluation of groundwater levels relative to estimated critical head conditions is a technical framework that can be used in the Exceedance Investigation to help determine if subsidence is residual, inelastic, or elastic.
- Incorporates an explicit timeline for the technical exceedance investigation, with 180 days to complete the initial exceedance investigation and 100 days to finalize the exceedance investigation report, for a total of 280 days following the exceedance notification.

- Identifies that while individual InSAR measurements are subject to reported uncertainty, consistent trends observed over longer time series provide increased confidence in the interpretation of subsidence patterns.
- Identifies that groundwater levels should be compared to critical head estimates where possible.

If an exceedance occurs within a Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (GSA's) boundary, that GSA will need to contract with a technical professional and initiate the exceedance investigation on a defined timeline.

The exceedance investigation will likely require an additional level of effort pertaining to the technical analysis, and therefore additional cost associated with the exceedance investigation. Costs have yet to be determined, and will be dependent upon the specific GSA, exceedance location, and technical professional selected.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board adopt the Exceedance Policy and associated Action Plan for Land Subsidence – Version 2.0 (June 2026) subject to final approval of

KERN SUBBASIN EXCEEDANCE POLICY

Version 2.0 (June 2026)

1. Introduction

The 2025 Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan (2025 Plan) establishes Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs) for four applicable Sustainability Indicators in the Kern County Subbasin (Kern Subbasin):

- Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels,
- Reduction of Groundwater Storage (using groundwater levels as proxy),
- Degraded Water Quality, and
- Land Subsidence.

This Kern Subbasin Exceedance Policy (Exceedance Policy) sets forth a common set of protocols and guidelines for the Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to follow after a reported exceedance at a single Representative Monitoring Site (RMS). The Exceedance Policy plays a fundamental role in implementation of the 2025 Plan as it:

1. Provides a consistent methodology for evaluating exceedance(s), including investigation into the cause and contributing factor(s);
2. Establishes notification protocols; and
3. Gathers critical information for implementation of the Kern Subbasin Well Mitigation Program (Appendix G to the 2025 Plan).

The Exceedance Policy is applicable to Minimum Threshold (MT) exceedances for groundwater levels, Water Quality Objectives (WQO) and/or MT exceedances for degraded water quality, and Interim Milestone (IM) exceedances for subsidence.

By adopting this Exceedance Policy, the Kern Subbasin GSAs agree to continued collaboration and coordination across the Kern Subbasin, transparent communications to stakeholders of groundwater and subsidence conditions in the Kern Subbasin, and to address specific exceedances through proactive identification and implementation of as needed targeted projects and/or management actions (P/MAs) designed to avoid future exceedances, and therefore undesirable results (URs).

Sustainability Indicator Action Plans

This Exceedance Policy is paired with a companion Action Plan for each applicable Sustainability Indicator. The Action Plans will be reviewed and revised as necessary based on lessons learned, resolution of data gaps, new monitoring data and/or tools become available, and as technical analyses evolve. The Action Plans are designed to be iterative documents with adaptive management anticipated, as needed.

2. Purpose

As established in the Coordination Agreement, each GSA is responsible for monitoring groundwater levels, groundwater quality, and land subsidence conditions at identified RMS within its respective boundaries to evaluate ongoing compliance with the 2025 Plan. In addition to collecting data within each GSA's boundaries, it is essential that the GSAs share results with each other and with Kern Subbasin stakeholders, including beneficial users of groundwater (e.g., cities, community water systems, domestic well users, etc.).

Accordingly, the Kern Subbasin GSAs agree to follow common monitoring protocols as outlined in the Standard Operating Procedures (Appendix M to the 2025 Plan) and to use a shared Data Management System (DMS) for storing and sharing monitoring results, as detailed in the Coordination Agreement (Appendix C-1).¹

Per the 2025 Plan, the Kern Subbasin GSAs will utilize data collected at the RMS to evaluate groundwater and subsidence conditions and work cooperatively to avoid Subbasin-wide URs. Kern Subbasin conditions are assessed and documented in the Kern Subbasin's Annual Report, which is submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) annually by April 1. Each Annual Report will include information regarding compliance with, or exceedance of, SMCs.

3. Policy

The Exceedance Policy below supplements the Kern Subbasin's annual reporting by further documenting actions that will be taken to understand and address MT (or IM, for subsidence) exceedances and avoid future MT exceedances that may lead to undesirable results. The Exceedance Policy incorporates the following five general elements:

- 1) The GSA agrees to conduct monitoring at each applicable RMS or will compile publicly available data at each applicable RMS, per the Kern Subbasin's monitoring protocols.
- 2) The GSA agrees to upload monitoring results to the Kern Subbasin DMS per the Coordination Agreement. If there is an MT exceedance at an RMS, a notification will be sent to all Kern Subbasin GSAs identifying the location and date of the MT exceedance.
- 3) Within 60 days of an MT (or IM, for subsidence) exceedance notification, the GSA responsible for the RMS agrees to initiate an exceedance investigation. The exceedance investigation will evaluate conditions surrounding the RMS that may be contributing to the exceedance and follow the protocols outlined in the

¹ Use of a single DMS across the Kern Subbasin ensures that all data and information regarding groundwater conditions is available for preparation of a single Annual Report for the Kern Subbasin.

applicable Action Plan. Findings will be documented in an Exceedance Investigation Report prepared by the GSA.

- 4) The GSA agrees to provide a copy of the Exceedance Investigation Report to the Coordination Committee and other appropriate agencies (e.g., DWR California Aqueduct Subsidence Program or Friant Water Authority). The Coordination Committee will review the Exceedance Investigation Report within 60 days of receipt. If the exceedance is caused by groundwater management activities, it will count towards the criteria for assessing URs. The Coordination Committee may also recommend the GSA consider implementation of P/MAs to prevent a continued exceedance. Note; the duration of the Exceedance Investigation Report for the various SMCs may vary, details of which are discussed in those particular sections of the respective Action Plan.
- 5) The Exceedance Investigation Report(s) will be included in the Annual Report submitted to DWR for the applicable water year.

ACTION PLAN FOR CHRONIC LOWERING OF GROUNDWATER LEVELS

1. Introduction

This Action Plan for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels is a companion document to the Kern Subbasin Exceedance Policy. This Action Plan describes the protocols for Key Elements 1 (monitoring) and Step 3 (exceedance investigation) of the Exceedance Policy as they apply to the Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels Sustainability Indicator.

2. Monitoring for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels

As described in the Kern Subbasin Monitoring Network & Protocols (Appendices L1 and M1 of the 2025 Plan), groundwater levels must be measured at each approved Representative Monitoring Well for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels (RMW-WL) twice annually, during the following time frames:

- Spring (seasonal high): January 15 to March 30, and
- Fall (seasonal low): August 15 to November 15.

The Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are required to upload seasonal (Spring and Fall) groundwater elevation data to the Kern Subbasin Data Management System (DMS). While some GSAs may take more frequent readings, only Spring and Fall measurements are currently utilized to identify Minimum Threshold (MT) exceedances. If an MT at an RMW-WL is exceeded, the DMS will notify all Kern Subbasin GSAs of the exceedance, including the location and date.

3. Exceedance Investigation

An exceedance investigation is required when a Spring or Fall groundwater elevation measurement at a RMW-WL exceeds its Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels MT. Figure 1 below shows the general steps for an MT exceedance related to Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels:

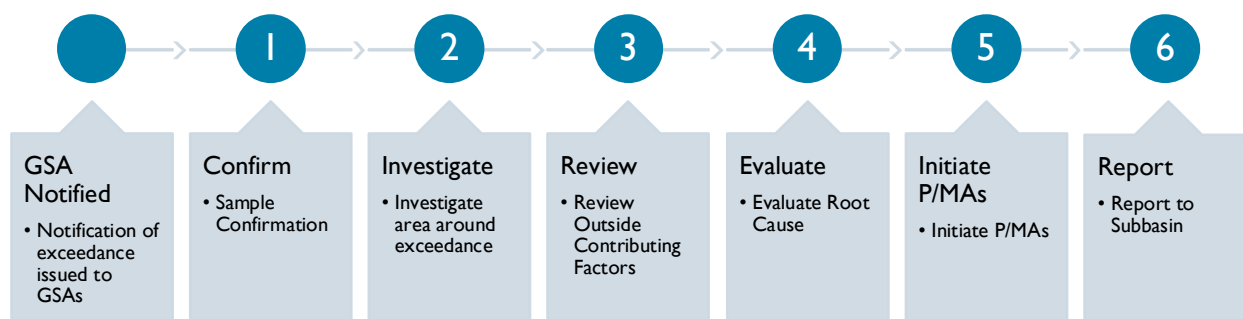


Figure 1. MT Exceedance Investigation Steps for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels

Once an initial MT exceedance notification has been issued to the GSA through the DMS, the following steps shall be taken by the relevant GSA, or multiple GSAs, depending on groundwater conditions observed and result of seasonal measurements.

Step 1: Confirm Result

The GSA will confirm the reported result, as follows:

- Review field notes and confirm measurement;
- If measurement cannot be confirmed on field notes, re-measure depth to groundwater at RMW-WL; and
- Document location, well construction, lithology, condition of well.

If the confirmation measurement confirms there was not an MT exceedance, no additional action is required.

Step 2: Investigate Area Around Exceedance

The GSA will designate an independent, qualified, credentialed professional (professional) to perform an Exceedance Investigation. The professional will investigate the area around the RMW-WL with the MT exceedance, identifying any changes in land or water use, and comparing nearby groundwater level trends, as follows.

- Locate nearby production wells, document any new wells or groundwater users;
- Map current land use and compare to any recent changes in local land use;
- Describe local geology;
- Document water district/GSA operating conditions (i.e. surface water availability, water demand patterns, or changes in system); and
- Plot hydrographs of nearby wells that represent the similar groundwater conditions as the RMW that exceeded its MT, giving consideration to hydrogeologic features that affect groundwater conditions, as appropriate.

Step 3: Review Outside Contributing Factors

The professional will review outside contributing factors to the MT exceedance, including conditions and climactic conditions in adjacent areas managed by other GSA(s) and/or subbasin(s), as follows:

- Communicate, coordinate, and share data with neighboring GSAs and/or subbasins;
- Review regional groundwater elevation contour maps and/or the DMS for the RMW-WL network groundwater levels; and
- Document water year type, precipitation, and evapotranspiration (ET).

Step 4: Evaluate Root Cause

The professional will evaluate root cause for the MT exceedance to support a determination of whether the MT exceedance is due to groundwater management activities (e.g., groundwater extractions, recharge, or groundwater level changes), as follows:

- Provide assessment of well construction and/or well condition;
- Analyze groundwater level trends since (at least) 2015 using observed hydrograph data, Mann-Kendall test, or equivalent;
- Assess seasonal variation and range of groundwater levels measurements;
- Document changes in local demand;
- Identify whether current water levels have exceeded the recent historical low groundwater level; and
- Identify whether groundwater extraction volumes within a representative area around the relevant RMW-WL have changed in the last 1-3 years relative to the period preceding the exceedance.

Step 5: Evaluate and Initiate Projects or Management Actions

The GSA will consider the need for increasing the monitoring frequency in the relevant RMW-WL to monthly. The monitoring frequency for nearby RMW-WLs that may be in the radius of influence (as determined through Action Plan Steps 2 through 4) will also be evaluated.

The GSA will also consider whether targeted P/MAs are necessary or appropriate to improve groundwater levels to prevent future MT exceedances. This assessment will include reviewing the timelines and anticipated benefits of P/MAs and identifying whether accelerating planned P/MA schedules or creating new adaptive P/MAs is warranted. The GSA will develop a timeline for implementing any additional P/MA(s).

Step 6: Report to Coordination Committee

The GSA will submit an Exceedance Report to the Coordination Committee within 60 days of the exceedance notification. The Exceedance Report will document the findings from Action Plan Steps 1 through 5.

The Exceedance Report will:

- Document the technical professional’s finding as to whether the MT exceedance is related to groundwater management activities;
 - If yes, the Exceedance Report will describe any additional P/MA(s) to be implemented, including timeline(s) for initiation;
 - If no, the GSA will continue to monitor the RMW-WL per the Kern Subbasin monitoring protocols;
- Present any recommendations for additional monitoring; and
- Describe the notification procedures (e.g., distribution list, form and method(s) of notice, timeline, documentation, etc.)

ACTION PLAN FOR DEGRADED WATER QUALITY

1. Introduction

This Action Plan for Degraded Water Quality is a companion document to the Kern Subbasin Exceedance Policy (Exceedance Policy). This Action Plan describes the protocols for Key Elements 1 (monitoring) and 3 (exceedance investigation) of the Exceedance Policy as they apply to the Degraded Water Quality Sustainability Indicator.

The Action Plan for Degraded Water Quality will be triggered by an exceedance of a water quality objective (WQO) or an MT exceedance as related to an identified constituent of concern (COC) at a Representative Monitoring Well for Degraded Water Quality (RMW-WQ). This ensures that notification protocols are followed to alert the public to potential health risks, as appropriate.

The 2025 Plan identifies six COCs: arsenic, nitrate, nitrite, total dissolved solids, 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP), and uranium. Of these COCs, arsenic, nitrate, nitrite, 1,2,3-TCP, and uranium have established WQOs based on primary drinking water standards for the protection of public health.

2. Monitoring for Degraded Water Quality

As described in the Kern Subbasin Monitoring Network & Protocols (Appendix L-1 and M-2 of the 2025 Plan), groundwater quality samples for the identified COCs must be measured at each RMW-WQ twice annually, within two weeks of groundwater level measurements, to the extent feasible.

The Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are required to upload seasonal (Spring and Fall) groundwater quality sample results to the Kern Subbasin Data Management System (DMS). While some GSAs may take more frequent readings, only the Spring and Fall samples are currently utilized to identify exceedances. If a sample at a RMW-WQ exceeds the WQO (based on a drinking water standard)² and/or MT, the DMS will notify all GSAs of the exceedance, including the location and date.

3. Exceedance Notification and Investigation

An exceedance notification is triggered when a Spring or Fall groundwater quality sample from a RMW-WQ has a concentration that exceeds the WQO. Additionally, an exceedance investigation is triggered when the corresponding groundwater quality sample also exceeds the Degraded Water Quality MT for the identified COC(s). When there is an exceedance of a WQO based on a primary drinking water standard for a

² For purposes of the 2025 Plan, water quality objectives include primary Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), and Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (SMCLs), as established in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plan) based on a maximum contaminant level (MCL).

COC, the timing for notification to domestic and non-public well owners³ within the specified radius of an RMW-WQ varies depending on the COC. For nitrate exceedances, public notification to nearby domestic and non-public well owners will occur within 30-days from sample confirmation. For arsenic, nitrite, 1,2,3-TCP, and uranium, notification to domestic and non-public well owners will be provided within 10-days after completion of the exceedance investigation. In all cases, the exceedance investigation (triggered upon exceedance of the Degraded Water Quality MT) will be completed within 60-days of the GSA being notified of the exceedance. Figure 2 below shows the general steps for an exceedance related to Degraded Water Quality.

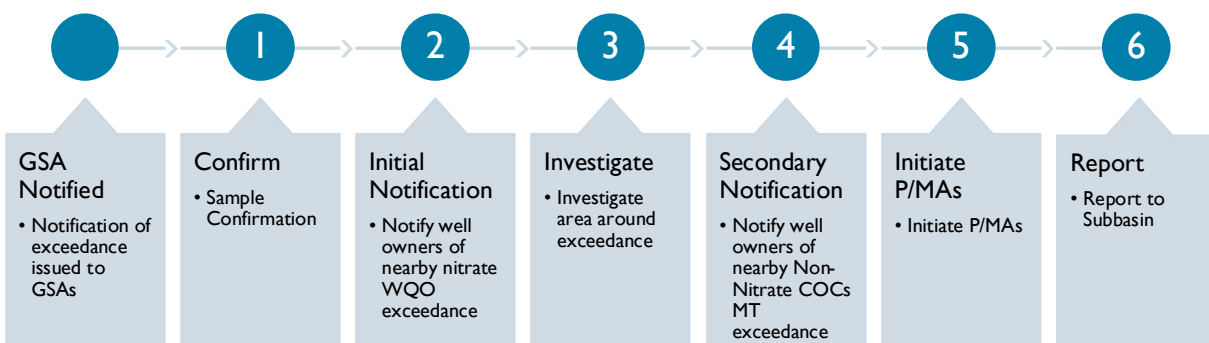


Figure 2. Exceedance Investigation Steps for Degraded Water Quality

Figure 3 below outlines the general notification and investigation procedures under Steps 1 through 4 and is followed by detailed descriptions of each step.

³ The terms domestic well owner and non-public well as used in this appendix mean domestic wells that serve up to four service connections.

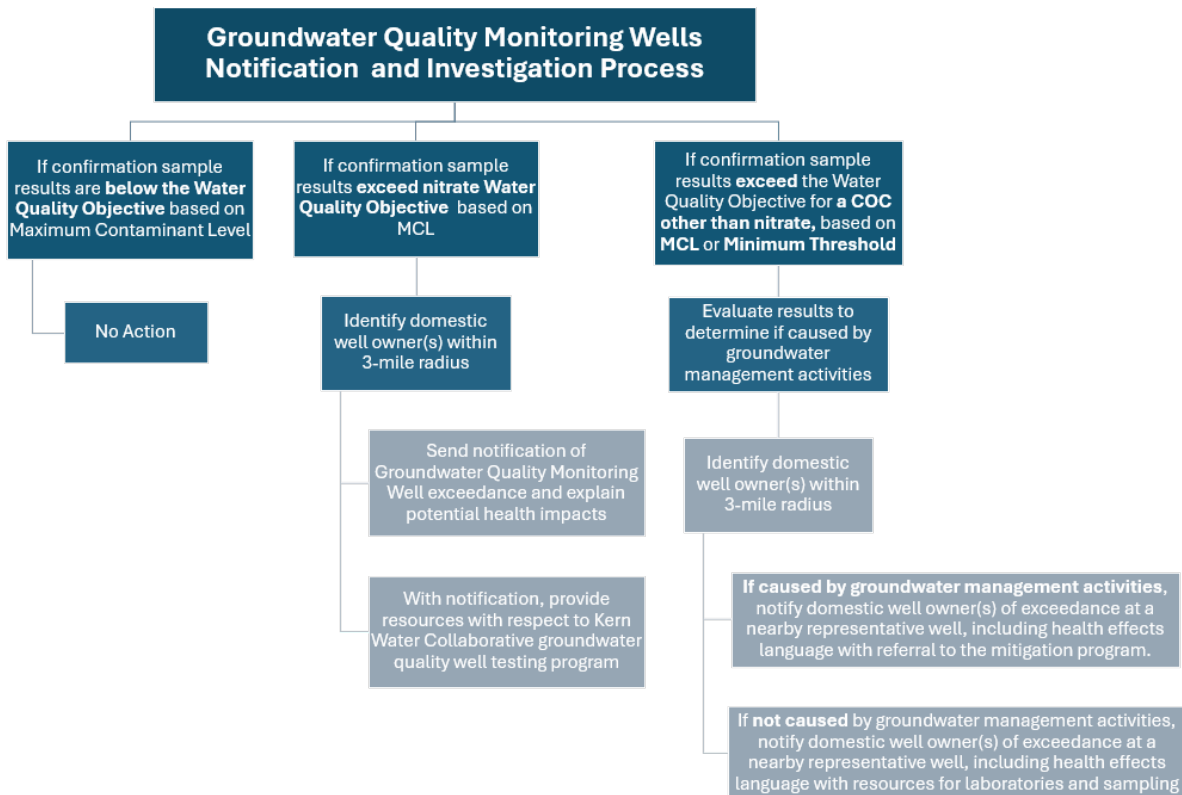


Figure 3. Notification and Investigation Procedures for Groundwater Quality Monitoring Wells

Once a GSA is notified that a WQO or MT has been exceeded (by the DMS or laboratory), the relevant GSA or GSAs will take the following steps.

Step 1: Confirm Result

The GSA will confirm the reported result exceeds the WQO, based on either a primary MCL and/or MT exceedance, as follows:

- Review lab sheets or field notes;
- Collect a confirmation sample by re-sampling the RMW-WQ; and
- Document location, condition of well, well construction (as available), and lithology (as available).

If the confirmation sample confirms the sample exceeds the WQO based on either the MCL and/or MT, proceed to Step 2.

Conversely, if the confirmation sample does not confirm a WQO and/or MT exceedance, no additional action is required.

Step 2: Domestic and Non-Public Well Owner Notification for Nitrate

If a GSA confirms that a sample result for nitrate exceeds the WQO under Step 1, the GSA will identify potential beneficial users at risk within the zone of influence of the RMW-WQ, as follows:

- Identify domestic and non-public (i.e., those wells that serve two to four connections for domestic uses) well owners of record within a 3-mile radius;
- Make reasonable efforts to identify additional notifications to domestic and non-public well owners that may be clustered around or associated with those at the periphery of the 3-mile radius; and

If the confirmation sample concentration(s) are above the WQO for nitrate, the GSA(s) will send direct mail notice to identified potential beneficial users at risk within the zone of influence of the RMW-WQ within 30-days of sample confirmation. The notification shall include details on the RMW-WQ exceedance, including an explanation of potential health impacts. The notice shall also provide information with respect to the Kern Water Collaborative's program for well-testing specific to nitrate, *at no cost* to the well owner.⁴ Under the Kern Water Collaborative's program, alternative drinking water supplies are offered to residents reliant on a domestic well that exceeds the WQO for nitrate.

In some cases, the identified potential beneficial users at risk within the 3-mile radius may be outside of the GSA with the RMW-WQ exceedance. In this case, the GSA will provide notice in coordination with adjacent GSA(s).

If the confirmation sample confirms that there is also an MT exceedance, proceed to Step 3.

Step 3: Exceedance Investigation

The GSA will designate an independent, qualified, credentialed professional (professional) to perform an Exceedance Investigation when there is an exceedance of a MT based on relevant, existing data and information. The Exceedance Investigation will involve investigating the pertinent area around the RMW-WQ with the MT exceedance, identifying pre-existing conditions, and identifying potential driving mechanisms, to determine a potential cause of the MT exceedance. This investigation shall include the following tasks and/or considerations:

Locate nearby production wells, document any new wells or groundwater users;

- Map current land use and compare to any recent changes in local land use;

⁴ On June 13, 2025, the Kern Water Collaborative took action to extend its nitrate well testing and alternative sources of drinking water program to domestic well owners throughout the entirety of the Kern Subbasin. A letter from the Kern Water Collaborative to State Water Resources Control Board staff documenting this decision was sent to State Water Resources Control Board staff on or about June 17, 2025.

- Describe local geology;
- Document water district/GSA operating conditions (i.e. surface water availability, water demand patterns, or changes in distribution system);
- Provide assessment of well construction and/or well condition;
- Plot hydrographs of nearby wells (3-mile radius) that represent the same groundwater conditions as the relevant RMW-WQ, and for the RMW-WQ, as available. Depending on location of RMW-WQ, consideration should be given to geologic features that affect groundwater conditions;
- Plot time concentration charts (“chemographs”) for identified COCs for nearby wells (3-mile radius) and for the relevant RMW-WQ;
- Determine constituent source and if its presence in the aquifer is due to the actions of others that are a likely responsible party(ies);
- Plot historical water quality data to determine if water quality was degraded prior to January 1, 2015;
 - Historical water quality data may be supplemented from other monitoring programs, as needed (see Section 5.7.5 of the 2025 Plan for a full list of potential programs);
 - Since water quality data are not available for domestic and non-public wells, the professional shall rely on the baseline characterization provided in Section 8.4.2 of the 2025 Plan; see also Attachment 1 to this Action Plan (providing baseline data for small community wells that may be used as suitable proxy for domestic wells); see also Appendix I-4 to the 2025 Plan (providing RMW-WQs chemographs that include data representing baseline conditions and data from nearby proxy wells);
- Examine the local GSA’s and neighboring GSAs’ operations to determine if the MT exceedance is related to ongoing, standard operations consistent with operations prior to January 1, 2015, or after January 1, 2015.
- Determine if there is a statistically significant correlation between groundwater level trends and groundwater quality concentrations;
 - Conduct statistical and/or spatial analyses between groundwater levels and groundwater quality concentrations to determine causation, depending on the availability of data (e.g., an analysis could be performed if an RMW-WQ has at least five (5) sampling points with water level data that temporally overlaps with water quality data, a granger causality test, or equivalent, between water levels and water quality could be conducted;
- Identify nearby recharge operations and source water. Conduct statistical and/or spatial analyses between nearby recharge operations and water quality concentrations, or using other appropriate method(s); and

- Identify other potential driving mechanisms based on relevant local conditions, including (but not limited to) hydrogeology, geochemistry, redox conditions, land use, nearby point- and non-point sources, and well operations, relying on best available data and professional judgment (see, e.g., Section 8.4.2 of the 2025 Plan, referencing potential driving mechanism(s) for each identified COC);
- Review outside contributing factors to the MT exceedance, including operating and climate conditions in adjacent areas managed by other GSA(s) and/or subbasin(s);
 - Communicate, coordinate, and share data with neighboring GSAs and/or subbasins;
 - Review regional groundwater elevation contour maps and/or the DMS for the RMW-WL network groundwater levels and water quality; and
 - Document water-year type, precipitation, and evapotranspiration (ET).

Using the above information, the professional shall document the investigation and conclusions in an Exceedance Investigation Report. Conclusions shall include whether the MT exceedance is due to groundwater management activities (i.e., groundwater recharge and extractions). The exceedance investigation will be completed within 60-days of the GSAs being notified of the MT exceedance.

Step 4: Domestic and Non-Public Well Owner Notification for Non-Nitrate COCs

The GSA will use the findings from the Exceedance Investigation Report to evaluate whether domestic and non-public wells within the zone of influence are *assumed*⁵ to be impacted due to groundwater management activities for non-nitrate COCs. It will:

- Document number of *assumed* wells to be at risk due to groundwater management activities; and
- Identify domestic and non-public well owners of record for wells *assumed* to be at risk versus others within the zone of influence that are not assumed to be at risk.

The GSA will send direct mail notice to nearby domestic and non-public well owners of record generally located within a 3-mile radius. After completion of the Exceedance Investigation, notice of the RMW-WQ exceedance will be provided to domestic and non-public well owners of record generally within a 3-mile radius if the exceedance is also an exceedance of a WQO based a primary drinking water quality standard. The content of the notice will vary depending on whether the Exceedance Investigation finds that domestic and non-public wells are *assumed* to be impacted due to groundwater management activities. The notice will be sent within 60 days of sample confirmation.

⁵ Wells in the radius of influence are assumed to be impacted until they can be sampled and constituent concentration validated.

- **Notice 1:** If the professional has determined that the MT exceedance is due to groundwater management activities, then the domestic and non-public well owners of record for the *assumed* impacted wells will be provided notice that includes the following information:
 - Notice of the exceedance;
 - Notice that their well is *assumed* to be impacted;
 - Notice of the public health impacts associated with such exceedances; and
 - Specific information regarding the process available for submittal of an Application for Mitigation, which would include the opportunity for the *assumed* impacted well to be sampled and tested.

- **Notice 2:** If the independent professional has determined that the MT exceedance is NOT due to groundwater management activities, or the well is NOT one of the assumed impacted wells, then the domestic and non-public well owners of record will be provided notice that includes the following information:
 - Notice of the exceedance;
 - Notice that their well is NOT *assumed* to be impacted by groundwater management activities but that does not mean their well water is safe to drink as other factors may contribute to exceedances of drinking water standards;
 - Notice of the public health risks associated with exceedances of non-nitrate drinking water standards; and
 - General information regarding available resources should the domestic and non-public well owner desire to have their well sampled and tested at their own cost.

Step 5: Evaluate and Initiate Projects or Management Actions

The GSA will then consider initiating Projects and Management Actions (P/MAs), as appropriate.

The GSA will consider the need for increasing the monitoring frequency to monthly for the specific constituent that was exceeded in the RMW-WQ. The GSA will also evaluate the monitoring frequency for nearby RMW-WQs that may be in the radius of influence of the RMW-WQ where the exceedance was recorded.

The GSA will also consider whether targeted P/MAs should be implemented to improve groundwater conditions and prevent future exceedances. This assessment will include reviewing the timelines and anticipated benefits of P/MAs and identifying whether existing P/MA schedules should be accelerated or new, adaptive P/MAs implemented. The GSA will develop a timeline for implementation of the P/MA(s).

Step 6: Report to Coordination Committee

The responsible GSA or GSAs will provide an Exceedance Report to the Coordination Committee. The Exceedance Report will document the findings from Action Plan Steps 1 through 5, as detailed below. The Exceedance Report will be submitted to the Coordination Committee within 60 days of sample confirmation.

The contents of the Exceedance Report will include the following:

- Document how many initial notifications were mailed;
- Document the findings of the Exceedance Investigation Report conducted by the professional, including whether the MT exceedance was determined to be related to groundwater management activities;
 - If yes, the Exceedance Report will document how many wells were *assumed* to be impacted, how many secondary notifications were mailed, and the P/MA(s) identified and applicable timeline(s) for implementation;
 - If no, the Exceedance Report will document how many secondary notifications were mailed, and the GSA shall continue to monitor the RMW-WQ per the Kern Subbasin monitoring protocols;
 - If the Exceedance Report pertains specifically to nitrate, document how many wells are *assumed* to be impacted, how many nitrate-specific notifications were mailed under Step 2.
- Present recommendations for additional monitoring, as applicable.

ACTION PLAN FOR LAND SUBSIDENCE

Version 2.0 (June 2026)

1. Introduction

This Action Plan for Land Subsidence is a companion document to the Kern Subbasin Exceedance Policy. This Action Plan describes the protocols for Key Elements 1 (monitoring) and 3 (exceedance investigation) of the Exceedance Policy as they apply to the Land Subsidence Sustainability Indicator.

The Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) recognize the nexus between groundwater levels and land subsidence and are exploring comparing land subsidence measured via the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) to groundwater elevation changes in RMW-WLs in all Hydrogeological Conceptual Model (HCM) Areas consistent with methods described in the DWRBMPs (DWR 2026). However, as discussed in the 2025 Plan, not all subsidence can be attributed to activities that are within the authority of the GSA to manage (i.e., GSA-related). Some non-GSA causes of subsidence include age of critical infrastructure, expansive/soluble soils, oil field extraction activities, lack of adequate pre-construction hydro-compaction, and geologic faulting and compaction.

Land subsidence driving mechanisms are complex, and residual subsidence can continue to occur for years. Therefore, the Kern Subbasin GSAs have conservatively extended Steps 1 through 3 of this Action Plan for Land Subsidence to be implemented when a single Land Subsidence Interim Milestone (IM) exceedance occurs. This ensures proactive investigation responses before a Minimum Threshold (MT) exceedance and accounts for the complex (GSA and non-GSA related) driving mechanisms for subsidence and residual subsidence, which can continue for years after groundwater levels are stabilized and clays continue to equilibrate as explained in the Land Subsidence BMP.

As discussed in the Exceedance Policy, this Action Plan will be reviewed and revised based on lessons learned, resolution of data gaps, new monitoring data and/or information, and new analytical methodologies. Consistent with the commitment in the 2025 Plan, this Action Plan has now been updated to reflect the final DWR land subsidence Best Management Practices (BMPs) (DWR 2026).⁶ An additional anticipated review and revision cycle for this Action Plan will occur once the California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP) publishes the framework for California Aqueduct long-term rehabilitation (expected to be completed in the next few years), Step 4 of this Action Plan will be reviewed and may be revised, as appropriate, to include mitigation alternative(s) as a P/MA.

⁶ The final DWR land subsidence BMPs were released January 2026. This Action Plan reflects updates based on guidance provided by the BMPs.

Any updates to this Action Plan will be documented in the Annual Reports submitted to DWR.

2. Monitoring for Land Subsidence

The GSA(s) will collect and evaluate land subsidence data quarterly and report them annually. The GSA(s) will compile and review available land subsidence data at the Representative Monitoring Sites for Land Subsidence (RMS-LS) and across the Kern Subbasin. Such data may include:

- Monthly DWR InSAR subsidence data (which is released quarterly);
- Continuous Global Positioning System (CGPS) vertical displacement data;
- Extensometer compaction data;
- Benchmark and mile post precise survey results along Regional Critical Infrastructure (typically collected annually), such as:
 - Data collected by the DWR CASP for those RMW-LS along the California Aqueduct; and
 - Data collected by the Friant Water Authority (FWA) for those RMW-LS along the Friant-Kern Canal; and,
- Precise survey results at benchmarks collected by GSA(s) along GSA Area Critical Infrastructure.

Assessment of subsidence data will be conducted in close consultation with the relevant and appropriate agencies (e.g., CASP/DWR, FWA, CalGEM, etc.). Quarterly check-in teleconferences will be conducted between the Kern Subbasin GSAs and DWR CASP to discuss current data trends and the potential for IM and/or MT exceedances pertaining to critical infrastructure, if any.

The various subsidence monitoring datasets differ in their spatial coverage, temporal frequency, vertical accuracy, and ability to characterize subsurface processes as described in the Subsidence BMP. In some cases, different measurement types such as InSAR and GPS land-based measurements at benchmarks may produce differing subsidence estimates. In these situations, the subsidence from each measurement type will be carefully evaluated.

The GSAs are required to upload annual land subsidence data to the Kern Subbasin Data Management System (DMS). While some data may have more frequent readings, only the quarterly InSAR measurements or annual precise survey results are currently utilized for identifying IM and/or MT exceedances. If an IM and/or MT is exceeded, the DMS will notify all GSAs of the exceedance, including the location and date.

The Subsidence SMCs established in the GSP recognize that limited or residual subsidence may continue to occur in certain areas during transitional groundwater-

management periods. Additionally, some subsidence would be allowable based on already-agreed upon mitigation such as along the Friant-Kern Canal. Where appropriate, the GSAs will continue coordinating with relevant agencies and infrastructure operators to further quantify and evaluate the potential effects of residual subsidence on critical infrastructure and groundwater sustainability objectives.

Where adequate historical data is available, evaluation of groundwater levels relative to estimated critical head conditions provides an important technical framework for linking SGMA groundwater-level and land-subsidence sustainability indicators, interpreting observed deformation trends, and assessing the potential for future impacts to critical infrastructure and aquifer-system storage. Importantly, extensive historical data may also indicate areas where elastic subsidence and rebound occurs without contributing to an undesirable result. This information will be considered in any exceedance investigation.

3. Exceedance Investigation

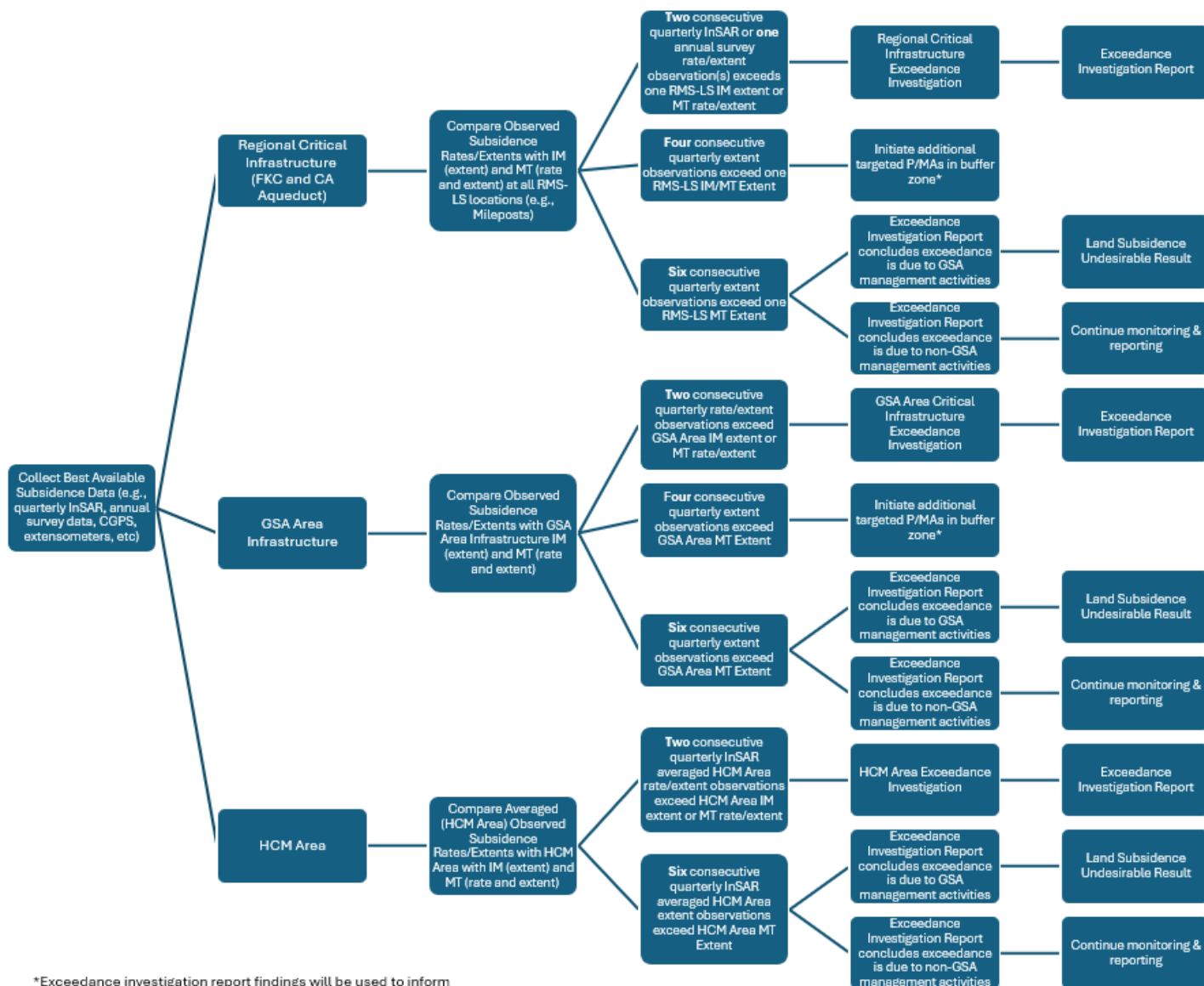
The 2025 Plan defines Land Subsidence SMCs on three scales: mileposts along Regional Critical Infrastructure (i.e., California Aqueduct and Friant-Kern Canal), average adjacent to GSA Area Critical Infrastructure, and average across each HCM Area. An exceedance investigation is required when at least one of the following occurs:

- The land subsidence rate and/or extent monitored at a single RMS-LS (i.e., milepost) along the California Aqueduct or Friant-Kern Canal exceeds its Land Subsidence IM extent or MT rate and/or extent based on two consecutive quarterly InSAR sampling events or one annual survey measurement.
- The DWR InSAR land subsidence rate and/or extent along GSA Area Critical Infrastructure based on two consecutive quarterly sampling events exceeds the GSA Area Critical Infrastructure IM (extent) or MT (rate or extent), based on best available subsidence data (e.g., InSAR, annual survey data, CGPS, extensometers, etc).
- The DWR InSAR land subsidence rate and/or extent averaged across the HCM Area based on two consecutive quarterly sampling events exceeds the HCM Area IM (extent) or MT (rate or extent), based on best available subsidence data (e.g., InSAR, annual survey data, CGPS, extensometers, etc).

InSAR measures vertical deformation in millimeters; as such, various factors can cause a fluctuation in data (recovery or subsidence) over a short temporal period. A minimum of two consecutive quarterly sampling events are necessary to confirm the exceedance. For the Regional Critical Infrastructure, annual survey data, where available, will also be assessed to ground-truth InSAR measurements. As discussed above, quarterly check-in teleconferences will be conducted between the Kern Subbasin GSAs and DWR

CASP to discuss current land subsidence trends and the potential for IM and/or MT exceedances pertaining to Regional Critical Infrastructure, if any.

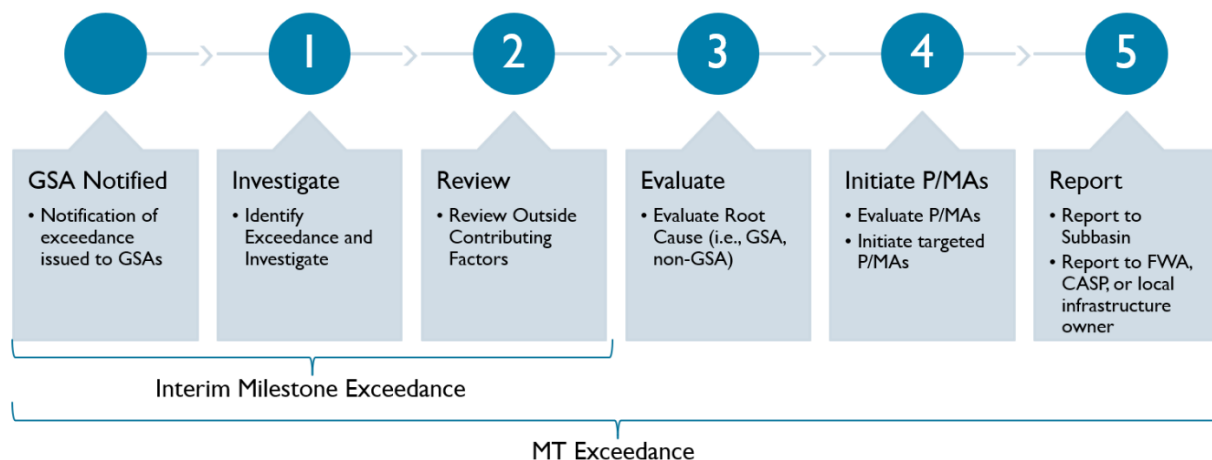
Figure 4 below outlines the general process and timeline triggers for each of the three exceedance investigation pathways.



*Exceedance investigation report findings will be used to inform development of appropriate targeted P/MAs

Figure 4. General Process and Timeline Triggers for Land Subsidence

Figure 5 below shows the general steps for an IM and/or MT exceedance related to Land Subsidence.



If the rate after 4 consecutive quarterly sampling events continues to exceed the MT extent, additional GSA management actions (such as pumping restrictions, etc.) must be initiated in a focused area identified under steps 2-4

Figure 5. IM and/or MT Exceedance Steps for Land Subsidence

Once an initial IM and/or MT exceedance notification has been issued through the DMS, the following steps shall be taken by the GSA, or multiple GSAs, depending on prior exceedances and GSA actions.

Pending future Action Plan revisions, the GSA will determine if the exceedance has been previously identified, and, if so, will examine previous GSA management actions taken to address the exceedance.

- If GSA-related exceedance persists such that the inelastic subsidence rate after four consecutive quarterly sampling events exceeds the IM and/or MT extent, additional focused GSA management actions (such as localized metering, new well moratoriums, pumping restrictions, etc.) will be timely scheduled and implemented (i.e., within 60 days, unless otherwise specified), and will be informed by the Exceedance Investigation as described in the Action Plan Steps 1 through 4.
- If no prior exceedance has been identified and no GSA management actions have been taken to address the exceedance, the Action Plan Steps 1 through 5 will be implemented. The GSA will also identify potential beneficial users at risk due to the exceedance.

The detailed technical evaluation and reporting of IM and/or MT exceedances will occur over an approximate 180-day period following initial identification of a exceedance. An additional 100 days can be used to finalize the exceedance evaluation report, associated technical documentation, and any recommended Projects and Management Actions (P/MAs), for a total of 280 days.

Step 1: Investigate Area Around Exceedance

Within 60 days of notification, the GSA will designate a qualified, credentialed professional to perform an Exceedance Investigation based on relevant, existing data and information.

The professional will investigate the area around the IM and/or MT exceedance, identifying any pertinent changes in land or water use, and comparing nearby land subsidence trends, as follows:

- Locate nearby wells and identify status and use, document any new wells or groundwater users;
- Map current land use and compare to recent changes in local land use;
- Describe local hydrogeology;
- Plot hydrographs of nearby Kern Subbasin wells (within a radius of 2.5 miles of an IM and/or MT subsidence exceedance point);
- Plot cumulative displacement since July 2015 based on InSAR, since 2016 based on DWR CASP precise survey data, and/or since 2015 based on FWA precise survey data;
- Document GSA operating conditions (i.e., beneficial users at risk, water demand patterns, surface water availability, etc.);
- Document GSA-related groundwater extractions using either direct methods (metered data) or indirect methods (Land IQ evapotranspiration data, or best available data); and
- Where possible, estimate critical head⁷ using 1-D modeling⁸ and/or empirical approaches and compare to groundwater levels.

The GSA may develop a coordinated field investigation protocol in consultation with relevant and appropriate agencies (e.g., DWR, CASP, FWA etc.) as part of this Action Plan.

Step 2: Review Outside Contributing Factors

The professional will review outside contributing factors to the IM and/or MT exceedance, including conditions in adjacent GSA(s) and/or subbasin(s), climactic conditions, and non-GSA factors, as follows:

- Communicate, coordinate, and share data with neighboring GSAs and subbasins;

⁸ Ten 1D models are documented in Bulletin 118 Appendix I and are available for download on the California Natural Resources Agency website.

- Review regional contour maps and/or DMS for the RMW-WL network groundwater levels;
- Review regional land subsidence trends; and
- Review for potential non-GSA factors: map local soil types, identify nearby faults, identify nearby oil and gas operations and quantify extractions and reinjections using data provided on CalGEM dashboard.

Step 3: Evaluate Root Cause

The professional will evaluate potential root causes for the exceedance to support a determination of whether the exceedance is due to groundwater management activities within the GSA’s authority to manage.⁹ Assessments will include the elements described below.

For direct measurements of land subsidence (land-based survey or InSAR):

- Analyze trends;
- Assess for seasonal variations;
- Assess data sources accuracies and data agreement between subsidence measurements, noting consistent trends observed over longer periods;
- Using empirical and/or modeling methods, evaluate, where possible, groundwater elevations compared to the critical head; and evaluate the potential root cause to determine if subsidence is inelastic or elastic, and if it is ongoing or residual.
- Identify exceedance cause:
 - Compare DWR TRE-Altamira quarterly Kern Subbasin InSAR data for previous four consecutive quarters at the reported IM/MT Exceedance location (i.e., including surrounding 2.5-mile radius) with previously available data at the mile post or within the HCM Area with the IM/MT Exceedance;
 - Identify all wells and uses in the assessment area and, if non-GSA activities are identified, collect and review supplemental evidence (e.g., CalGEM production information, Underground Injection Control (UIC) Application data, etc.) and published hydrogeologic information for submittal to the relevant and appropriate agencies; and
 - Determine if a more refined InSAR analysis is needed (e.g., InSAR Time Series utilizing DWR TRE-Altamira data or other appropriate method such as the summarized 12-step data processing utilized for refined assessment provided in the 2025 Plan Section 8.5.

⁹ As discussed in the 2025 Plan, similar investigations have been conducted along the Aqueduct by the Subbasin GSAs and the Westside District Water Authority (WDWA) GSA in consultation with CASP and DWR to identify the disparate causes of subsidence, not all of which are GSA-related.

- Determine if land surface changes are related to, and within the range of, historic elastic subsidence and rebound.

Step 4: Evaluate and Initiate GSA Projects or Management Actions

If the cause of the exceedance is determined to be GSA-related, the GSA will evaluate the need for targeted GSA P/MAs, as follows:

- Identify area of influence for GSA P/MAs;
- Identify whether a single GSA P/MA or suite of targeted GSA P/MAs are needed to address the exceedance. Potential targeted P/MAs may include:
 - Well registration,
 - New well moratorium,
 - Metered production,
 - Groundwater pumping charges, and/or
 - Pumping restrictions.
- Finalize corrective P/MAs and next steps in consultation with the Coordination Committee and relevant and appropriate agencies; and
- Implement GSA P/MAs in consultation with relevant and appropriate agencies, as necessary.

If the cause of an exceedance is determined to be non-GSA, the GSA will document and report such findings to all relevant and appropriate agencies.

Friant-Kern Canal: Appendix G-2 of the 2025 Plan provides information on additional data collection and modeling being conducted by a consortium of GSAs to evaluate future impacts on water levels and subsidence adjacent to areas of interest along the Friant-Kern Canal.

California Aqueduct: DWR CASP is currently studying the options for long-term rehabilitation projects. Once CASP publishes the framework for rehabilitation (expected to be completed in the next few years), mitigation alternative(s) may be included in this Step as a P/MA, as needed.

While the current Action Plan for Land Subsidence is not a mitigation plan, it is important to note that the GSAs located near the primary subsidence Aqueduct “choke points” are also member units of the Kern County Water Agency and, through their Statements of Charges, are financially contributing to broader repair and mitigation efforts undertaken by DWR. This ongoing financial participation provides a strong incentive for these GSAs to meet subsidence management targets and reinforces alignment with CASP's goals without requiring duplicative or premature commitments. The Kern Subbasin GSAs will continue to engage with CASP on this issue especially once DWR SGMO releases their subsidence BMPs and as CASP releases additional

information (including scope, timeline, and cost structure) for the California Aqueduct Subsidence Planning Study Alternatives and Formulation and Evaluation Phase.

Step 5: Report to Coordination Committee, CASP/FWA, or Local Infrastructure Owner, as appropriate

The GSA(s) will prepare and provide an Exceedance Report documenting the findings from Action Plan Steps 1 through 4.

If the exceedance is found to be due to GSA-related activities, the Exceedance Report will be submitted to the Coordination Committee and relevant and appropriate agencies within 60 days of completing the investigative process timeline previously defined. The Exceedance Report will include findings and recommendations of GSA P/MAs that are proposed or implemented. The IM and/or MT exceedances will be identified and discussed in the next Annual Report that follows the exceedance event.

If the exceedance is found to be non-GSA-related, or related to well-documented elastic changes in land surface elevations, the GSA(s) will continue to monitor, document, and report to relevant and appropriate agencies (e.g., DWR, CASP, CalGEM, FWA, etc.).

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: June 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Sharing Agreement (26-03)

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. 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).

In April 2026 the District approved costs associated with Kern Subbasin subsidence program implementation at a cost of \$225,000 (WRMGSA share \$13,500). Because of the inclusion of a change order from previous work, Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Share Agreement 26-02 was \$232,743 (WRMGSA share \$14,018), bringing the total requested amount since October 2025 to \$1,568,000.

With that, the Kern Subbasin is proposing Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Share Agreement 26-03 to collect a 10% contingency on Agreements 26-01 and 26-02, or \$85,480, to cover minor additional expenses that may occur. The WRMGSA's share of that cost is approximately \$3,206.

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 Kern Subbasin GSP Cost Share Agreement 26-03 subject to final approval of the Engineer-Manager and District Counsel.

**KERN SUBBASIN GSP
COST SHARING AGREEMENT (26-03)**

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

1. Arvin GSA
2. Wheeler-Ridge Maricopa GSA
3. Tejon-Castac Water District GSA
4. Kern River GSA
5. Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District GSA
6. Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District GSA
7. KNDLA
8. North Kern Water Storage District GSA
9. Cawelo Water District GSA
10. Semitropic Water Storage District GSA
11. West Kern Water District GSA
12. KCWA - Pioneer GSA
13. Kern Water Bank GSA
14. Kern-Tulare Water District GSA
15. Eastside Water Management Area
16. Westside District Water Authority GSA
17. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District GSA
18. Henry Miller Water District GSA
19. Olcese Water District GSA
20. Buena Vista GSA

RECITALS:

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2026, the Parties entered into Cost Sharing Agreement 26-01 for Six Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Sixty-Four Dollars (\$622,064), and on May 7, 2026, the Parties entered into Cost Sharing Agreement 26-02 for Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Seven

Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$232,743) making the total 2026 Cost Share amount Eight Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Dollars (\$854,807);

WHEREAS, as a result of certain changes to MLJ Environmental's original scope of work, such as the increased number of wells included in the mitigation program, more workflow coordination, and attendance at meetings, an additional amount of Twelve Thousand Seventy Dollars (\$12,070) is necessary as set forth in the scope of work attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A** for a total amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$23,290);

WHEREAS, to cover MLJ Environmental's additional scope of work and any other additional scopes of work necessary in 2026, the Parties wish to add 10% contingency to the total 2026 Cost Share Amount, which equals Eighty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$85,480);

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

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

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

AGREEMENT TERMS:

1. Cost Sharing: The Parties agree to collectively share the total cost of \$85,480 for necessary additions to the Scopes of Work for 2026, with each Party contributing their share of the total cost as shown in Table 1, which is attached and incorporated into this agreement. Upon execution Buena Vista Water Storage District will issue an initial cash call of \$40,000 and may issue an additional cash call for the remaining \$45,480 when necessary to cover further 2026 cost increases. A Party will not be entitled to joint ownership of any work product unless and until it pays its full cost-share contribution.

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

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

of the Parties. Buena Vista Water Storage District shall, at any time during regular business hours, make available to any requesting Party the accounting records pertaining to that requesting Party.

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

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

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

7. Electronic Signatures: Electronic signatures shall be binding.

EXECUTION:

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

[Signature Block for Each Entity]

Arvin GSA

Derek Yurosek, Director

Wheeler-Ridge Maricopa GSA

Dennis Atkinson, President

Tejon-Castac Water District GSA

Angelica Martin, Board Secretary

Kern River GSA

Rodney Palla, Board Chair

Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District

Roland Gross, General Manager

Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District GSA

Randy Bloemhof, Board Member

KNDLA

Barry Watts, Board Chairman

North Kern Water Storage District GSA

Kevin Andrew, Board President

Cawelo Water District GSA

David Halopoff, Assistant General Manager

Semitropic Water Storage District GSA

Dan Waterhouse, Board President

West Kern Water District GSA

Greg A. Hammett, General Manager

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Kern Water Bank GSA

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Kern Subbasin Cost Share Agreement (26-03)

	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Base Agreement (26-03):	6/6/2026	\$85,480.00
 Exhibit A - Water Quality Monitoring Program:		
MLJ Environmental: (RRB GSA)	1/1/26 - 12/31/26 Change Order No. 1	\$12,070.00
Contingency Remainder:	1/1/26 - 12/31/26	\$73,410.00
		\$85,480.00
	Total:	\$85,480.00

Cost Split of Total Amount

AGMT No. 26-03		\$ 85,480.00	
GSA Name	Developed Acreage	75.00%	120.45%
TCWDGSA	317	\$ 3,205.50	
OWDGSA	1,142	\$ 3,205.50	
PioneerGSA	1,462	\$ 3,205.50	
WKWDGSA	5,881	\$ 3,205.50	
EWMA	6,895	\$ 3,205.50	
KWBGSA	8,336	\$ 3,205.50	
KTWDGSA	10,041	\$ 3,205.50	
KNDLA	10,634	\$ 3,205.50	
HMWDGSA	18,565	\$ 3,205.50	
CWDGSA	38,975		\$ 5,148.23
BVGSA	39,902		\$ 5,148.23
RRBWSDGSA	41,449		\$ 5,148.23
SWIDGSA	44,270		\$ 5,148.23
SSJMUDGSA	56,973		\$ 5,148.23
NKWSDGSA	60,531		\$ 5,148.23
WRMGSA	62,186		\$ 5,148.23
Arvin GSA	88,891		\$ 5,148.23
WDWAGSA	113,856		\$ 5,148.23
SWSDGSA	139,857		\$ 5,148.23
KRGSA	190,253		\$ 5,148.23

\$ 28,849.50 \$ 56,630.50

\$ 85,480.00

Cost Split of Cash Call #1

AGMT No. 26-03		\$ 40,000.00	
GSA Name	Developed Acreage		
		75.00%	120.45%
TCWDGSA	317	\$ 1,500.00	
OWDGSA	1,142	\$ 1,500.00	
PioneerGSA	1,462	\$ 1,500.00	
WKWDGSA	5,881	\$ 1,500.00	
EWMA	6,895	\$ 1,500.00	
KWBGSA	8,336	\$ 1,500.00	
KTWDGSA	10,041	\$ 1,500.00	
KNDLA	10,634	\$ 1,500.00	
HMWDGSA	18,565	\$ 1,500.00	
CWDGSA	38,975		\$ 2,409.09
BVGSA	39,902		\$ 2,409.09
RRBWSDGSA	41,449		\$ 2,409.09
SWIDGSA	44,270		\$ 2,409.09
SSJMUDGSA	56,973		\$ 2,409.09
NKWSDGSA	60,531		\$ 2,409.09
WRMGSA	62,186		\$ 2,409.09
Arvin GSA	88,891		\$ 2,409.09
WDWAGSA	113,856		\$ 2,409.09
SWSDGSA	139,857		\$ 2,409.09
KRGSA	190,253		\$ 2,409.09

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\$ 40,000.00

Cost Split of Cash Call #2 (If Needed)

AGMT No. 26-03		\$ 45,480.00	
GSA Name	Developed Acreage		
		75.00%	120.45%
TCWDGSA	317	\$ 1,705.50	
OWDGSA	1,142	\$ 1,705.50	
PioneerGSA	1,462	\$ 1,705.50	
WKWDGSA	5,881	\$ 1,705.50	
EWMA	6,895	\$ 1,705.50	
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Notice of SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – 10:30 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, and Review of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Preliminary Budget for All Funds
- 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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- j. California Water Impact Network v. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-80003492; North Coast Rivers Alliance v. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-80003491 (Water Management Tools)
- k. Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, *et al.* v. Ross,, E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00431 & California Natural Resources Agency, *et al.* v. Ross, *et al.*, E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00426 (Long-term Operations)
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- m. Oroville Dam Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 4974
- n. Temporary Applications Filed for Kern River Water
- o. Bring Back the Kern, *et al.* v. City of Bakersfield, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-22-103220
- p. Delta Conveyance Project Litigation, Court Case No. 24WM000017

- q. California Sportsfishing Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000181; Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000183; San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000185; and Central Delta Water Agency and South Delta Water Agency v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000186 (2024 Incidental Take Permit Litigation)
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 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
 4. Public Employee Appointment (Government Code Section 54957)
Title: Various positions

VI. Closed Session Report

VII. Adjournment

DECLARATION OF POSTING: I declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the Kern County Water Agency and that I posted the foregoing Agenda at the Agency Office on May 22, 2026.


Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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III. Closed Session Report

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V. Public Hearing – 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

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VIII. Consent Agenda Items

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings –

Special Board Meeting	April 23, 2026
Regular Board Meeting	April 23, 2026
- 2. Payment of the Bills
- 3. Authorization to Renew a Contract for Crane and Trucking Services

4. Authorization to Execute a Multi-Year Agreement Among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Dudley Ridge Water District, and Kern County Water Agency for a Non-Permanent Transfer of a Portion of Dudley Ridge Water District's State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency, on behalf of Various Common Landowners, SWP #26011
5. Authorization to Issue Notice of Completion for the North Pioneer East Basin Turnout Structures Project – Contract No. KCWA 2025-01
6. Consideration of the Unmanned Aerial Systems Policy

IX. Board Committee Reports

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

A. **ADMINISTRATIVE 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. Report of the Assistant General Manager
2. Update on Delta Conveyance Activities
3. Update on Legislative Activities
4. 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
5. Report on the State and Federal Contractors Water Agency Board Meeting

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

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
2. Update on Golden Mussels

- a. Emergency Action Regarding Golden Mussels
- b. Update on the Kern County Water Agency's Response to Local Golden Mussel Detections
- 3. Local State Water Project
 - a. Report on 2026 Local State Water Project Operations and Water Transfers, Exchanges and Purchases
- 4. Groundwater Banking
 - a. Report on 2026 Water Banking 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 of the Water Resources Manager
- 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

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. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2026 Water Supply and Management Plan
- 5. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant
- 6. Update on the South Valley Water Resources Authority Joint Powers Agreement
- 7. Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement and Site Lease for Repowering of the Improvement District No. 4 Solar Photovoltaic System

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

1. Update on Construction/Maintenance Projects

X. Correspondence

XI. Brief Report on Potential New Business

XII. 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, June 09, 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 May 12, 2026, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Board will consider approval of the May 2026 Treasurer's Report.

4. Authorization to Pay Expenses of Authority

The Board will consider approval of payment of the May 2026 accounts payable.

5. Replacement Well

The Board will consider approval of the replacement of a recovery well.

6. 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) Capital Improvements/Maintenance and Funding
- (6) Data Collection and Automation

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.

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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, § 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, § 54956.9(d)(4). Two potential litigations.

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

D) Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Gov. Code, § 54956.8.

KWBA Representative: General Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
Negotiating Parties: KWBA and Kern County Water Agency
Property: CVC N2 Siphon Repair and Replacement

E) Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Gov. Code, § 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. Code, § 54957.1)

12. Adjourn

KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

To: KWBA Board of Directors; Steve Torigiani

From: KWBA Staff

Date: June 09, 2026

Subject: Monthly Status Report

CALENDAR

The next KWBA 2026 Regular Board of Directors' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2026 (3:15 P.M.).

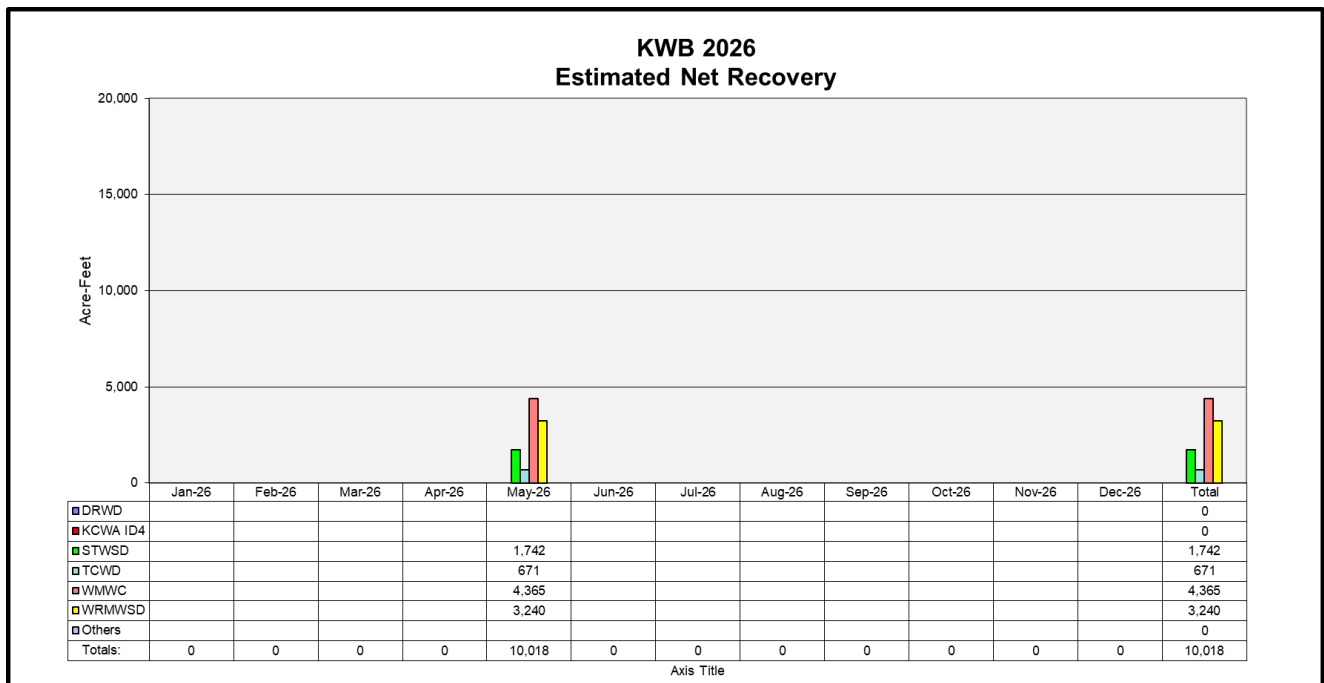
OPERATIONS

Recharge

There are currently no recharge activities.

Recovery

Recovery operations started on May 11, 2026. WRMWSD, TCWD and STWSD are recovering at this time. Recovery operations should continue into July 2026 with current recovery demands.



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. KWBA staff continue to look for signs of golden mussels at the KWB pump stations and pipelines but have not found any.

THIRD PARTIES

PG&E is no longer requesting an easement along Stockdale Highway. SoCalGas is expected to work on emergency pipeline repairs in the Conservation Bank Area.

ENVIRONMENTAL – GENERAL AND HCP ISSUES

Conservation Bank

CalTrans is finalizing its purchase of 4 credits. The Bakersfield Gateway Project is expected to purchase 10 credits in the near future. SoCalGas pipeline repairs in the Conservation Bank Area will require mitigation and PG&E has inquired about the purchase of mitigation credits.

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. A well permit has been issued along with the old well abandonment permit. BWP started pilot hole drilling on May 19 and completed drilling the well to a depth of 1,040 feet on May 29. Well casing installation and gravel packing has been completed. The well is currently being swabbed. Once complete, the rig will be moved off and development will begin.

Well 30S25E-16P01 was turned on for recovery operations and water shot up through the shaft and the well was quickly turned off. An inspection indicates the bowls need to be replaced, and the casing has many holes, enlarged perforations, and is collapsed in places. This well was drilled in 1976 and has been in use for 50 years. The Board will consider replacing with well 30S25E-16P02.

Well Rehabilitation and Repairs

There are no current well rehabilitation activities.

Basin 11

The Basin 11 Project upgrades are complete and KWBA staff is waiting on some final invoices so that they can bill the Pioneer Project participants for their 15% of the direct costs.

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 in progress. Richard Meyer, NCI, and KWBA staff had a meeting on May 6, 2026 to discuss a solution to an existing 6” gas line that is on Caltrans’ right of way that impacts the new culvert pipe location. After further investigation, the culvert pipe can be moved to the south side of the structure. Meyer’s is working on plans to relocate the culvert pipe and to extend the P11 Canal a short distance.

Nord Turnout

The agreement between KCWA and KWBA for KCWA’s construction and the operation of the new Nord Turnout has been executed. The KCWA has finalized the bid process and selected Nicolas Construction as the contractor. Nicolas has removed the four old siphons and will begin construction of the new 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 wells per week. Communications Enterprises Inc. (CEI) has completed installation of the Water Bank communications backbone and is installing the communication equipment at individual well sites. To date, the installation at fifty-five of

the well sites has been completed and those wells are currently communicating with the SCADA system. During the current recovery operations and we are currently doing quality assurance and control on the data received from the connected well sites.

Financial Statement Audit

The financial statement audit with auditors BHK is complete and the draft financial statements will be presented to the KWBA Board for approval at the July 14th Board meeting.

Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency



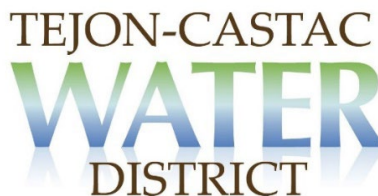
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Kern Water Bank GSA
Tuesday, June 09, 2026, 3:00 P.M.
Kern Water Bank Authority Conference Room¹
1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500, Bakersfield, California**

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 May 12, 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**
3. **Consider Approval of May 2026 Treasurer's Report**
4. **Consider Authorizing Payment of May 2026 Expenses**
5. **Consider Adoption of the Exceedance Policy and associated Action Plan for Land Subsidence – Version 2.0 (June 2026)**
6. **Reports and Other Action Items**
 - a. Kern County Subbasin GSP
 - b. SGMA Compliance
 - i. P/MAs
 - c. Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
7. **New Business**
8. **Public Comment**
9. **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.
10. **Reconvene and Report from Closed Session** (Gov. Code, § 54957.1)
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**South of Kern River Executive Committee
Special Meeting**

Friday, May 22, 2026

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Information Posted:

www.sokrgsp.com

<http://www.aewsd.org> * <http://www.wrmwsd.com>

<http://www.tejoncastacwd.com> * <https://www.arvincsd.com>

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

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

Click here to join the meeting

Meeting Number: **244 668 249 653 95**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 12, 2026 MEETING MINUTES
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORT ITEMS
 - a. GSP Manager Report (*Muhar*)
 - i. Basin Coordination
 - ii. Outreach and Engagement
 - b. Technical Consultant Report (*EKI*)
 - i. Summary of Kern County Subbasin Water Year 2025 Annual Report
 - ii. SGMA Monitoring Network performance and sustainable management criteria (SMC) compliance

- iii. Subsidence subcommittee recommended changes to Exceedance Policy
- iv. Updates on coordinated Water Quality Program Administration
- c. Finance Report (*Nicholas*)
- d. California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP) update (*Nicholas*)
- e. Management Area updates (*Muhar, Nicholas, Martin, Barraza*)

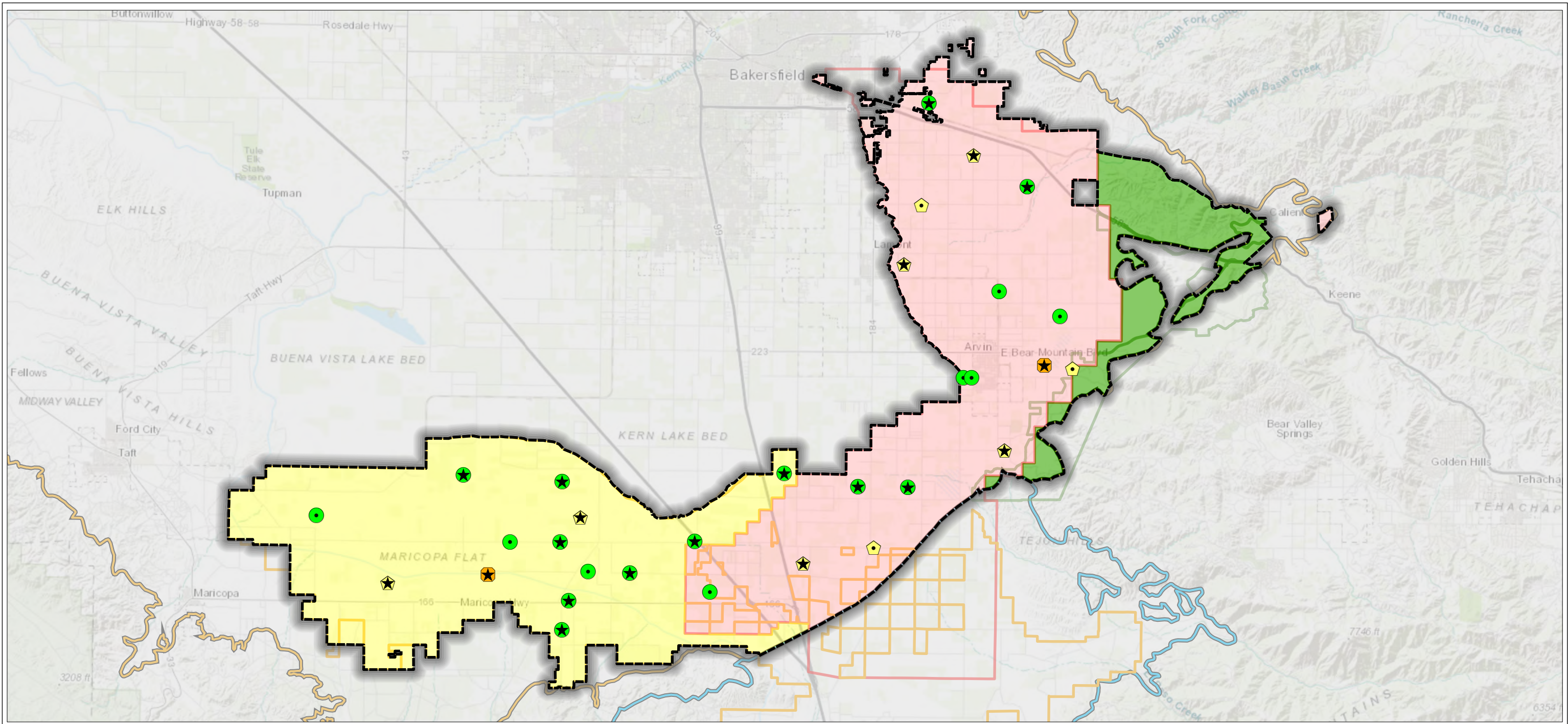
8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discuss and consider endorsement of and ratification to GSA home boards for funding of up to \$14,018 per GSA for cost share agreement 26-02 to cover subbasin-wide expenses for land subsidence subcommittee and Projects/Management Actions work efforts through 2026.

9. CLOSED SESSION

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

10. ADJOURNMENT



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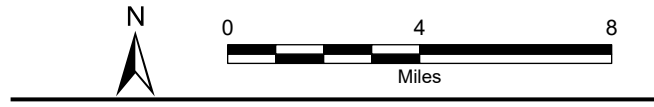
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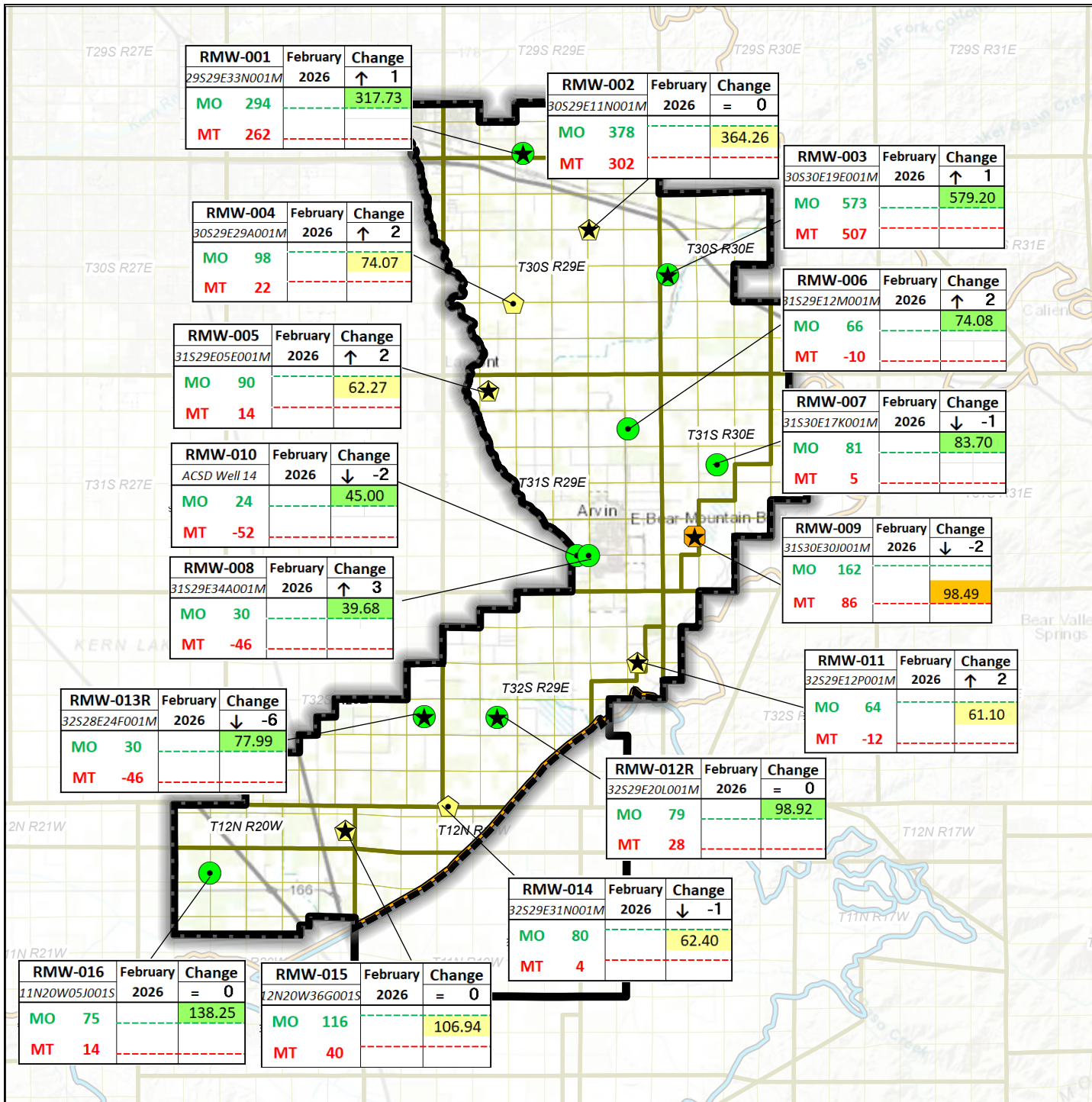


February 2026 Water Levels Relative to SMCs

South of Kern River GSAs
Kern County, CA
February 2026
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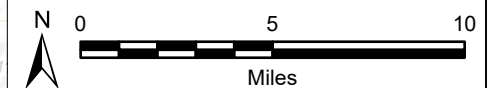
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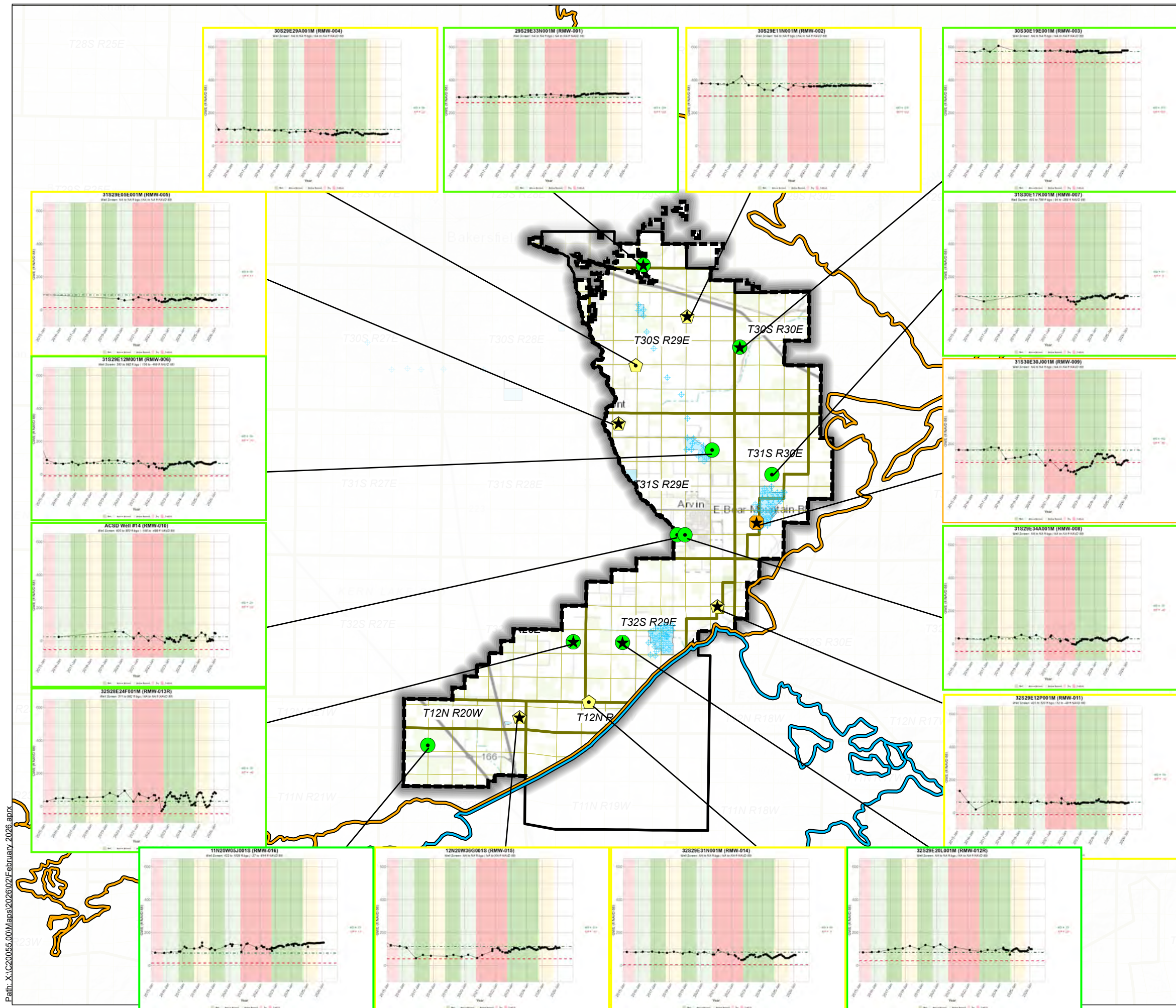


Groundwater Levels Relative to SMCs February 2026 Arvin GSA

Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
Kern County, California
February 2026
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Figure 2



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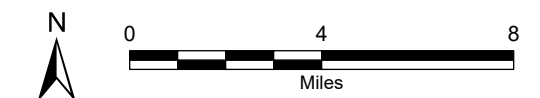
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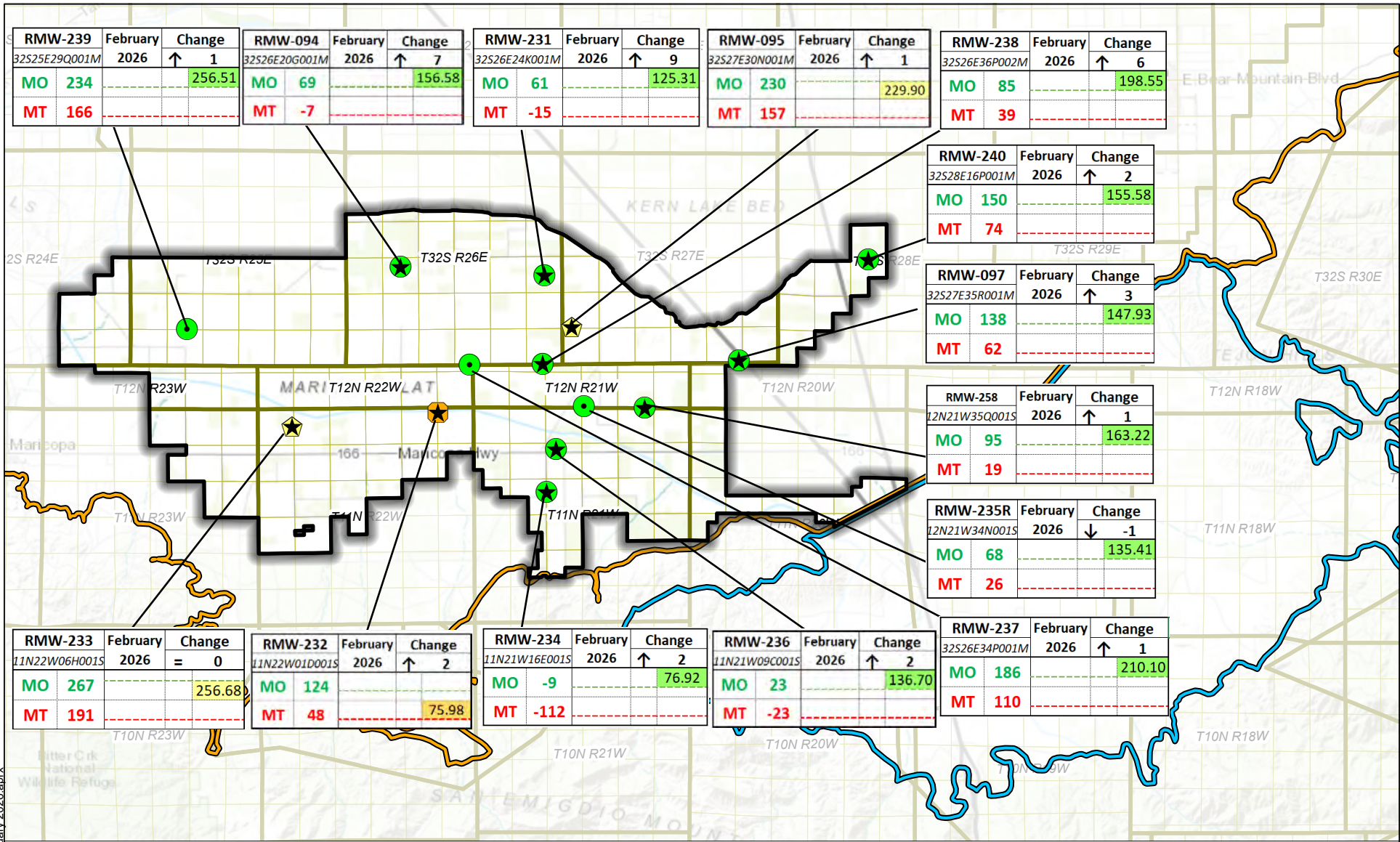
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Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
Kern County, CA
February 2026



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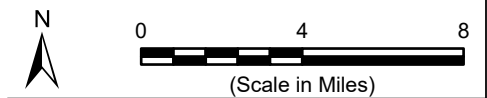
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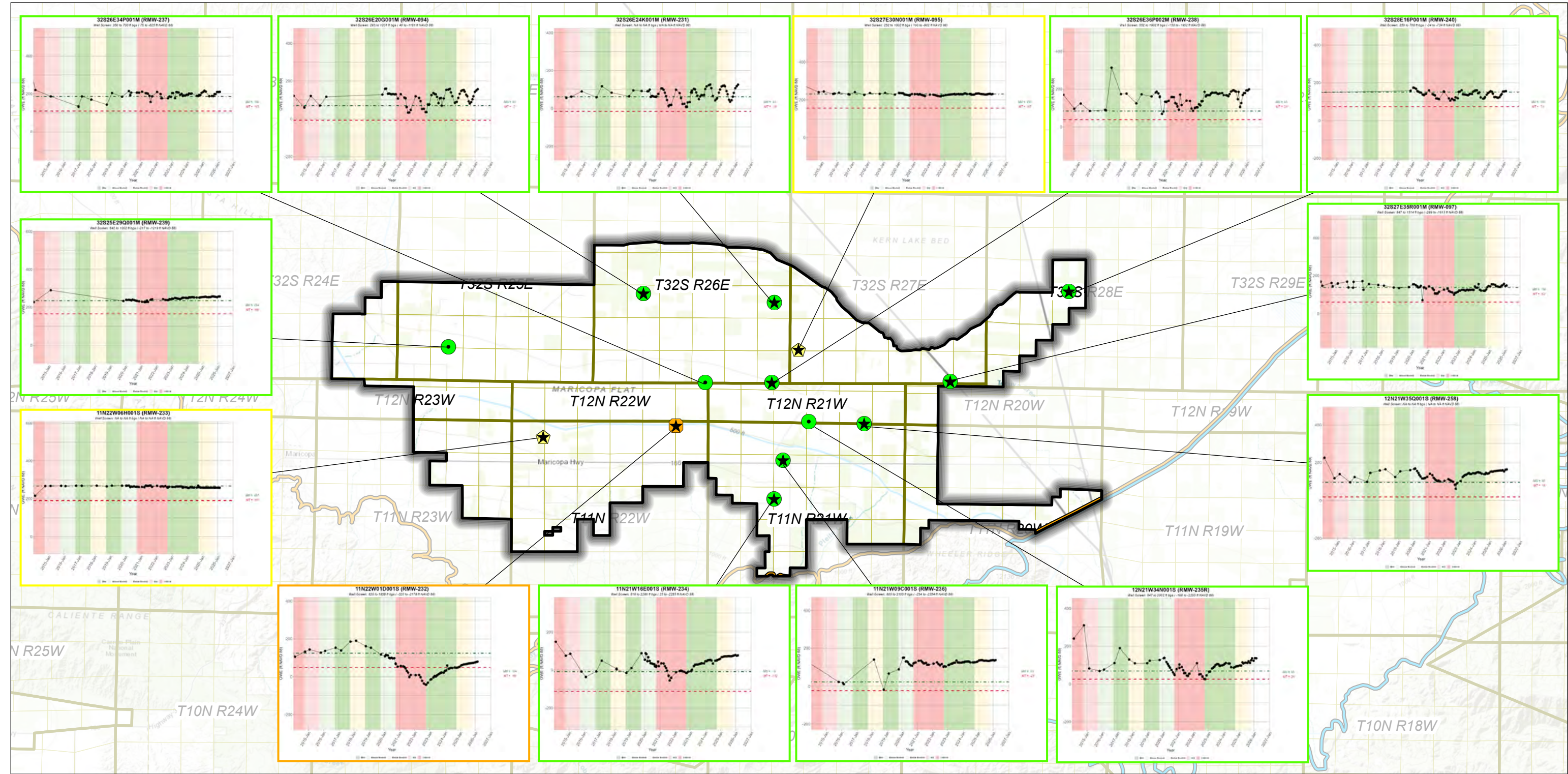
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Groundwater Levels Relative to SMCs February 2026

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA
 South of Kern River
 Kern County, California
 February 2026
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Figure 4



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Representative Monitoring Well and Status as of February 2026

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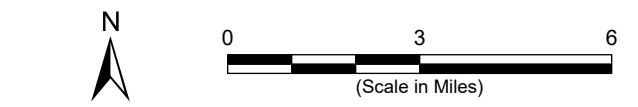
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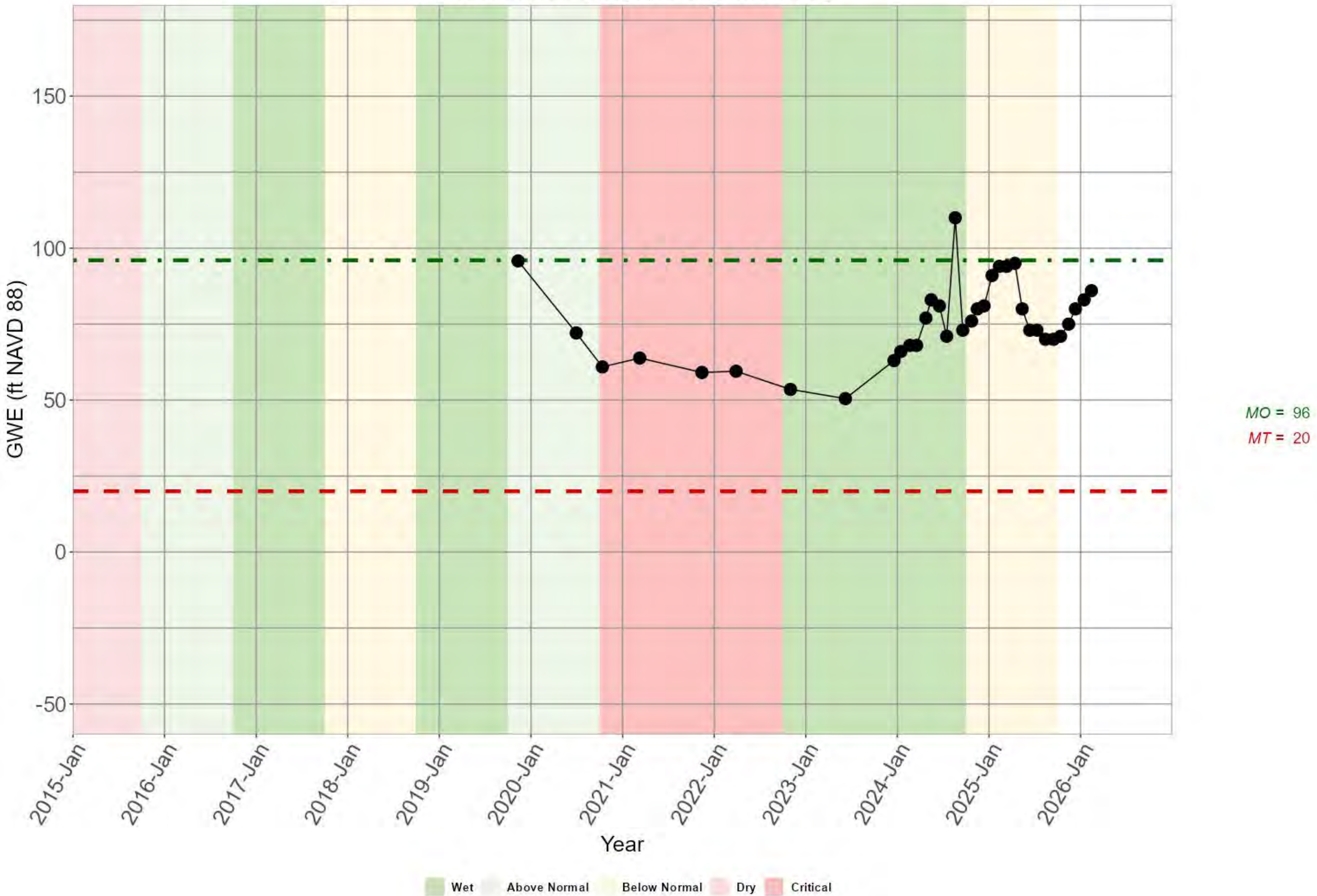
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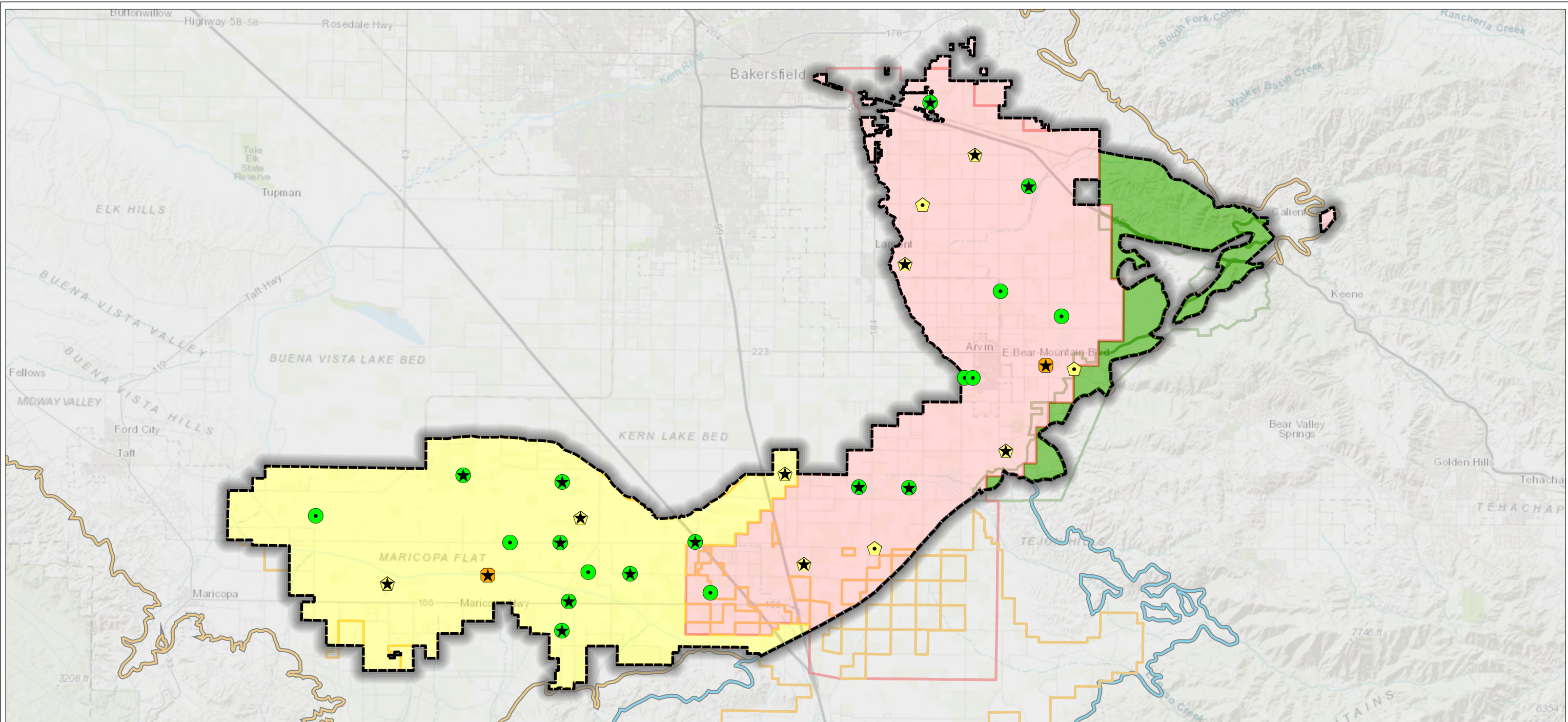


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Caratan Well (RMW-070)

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





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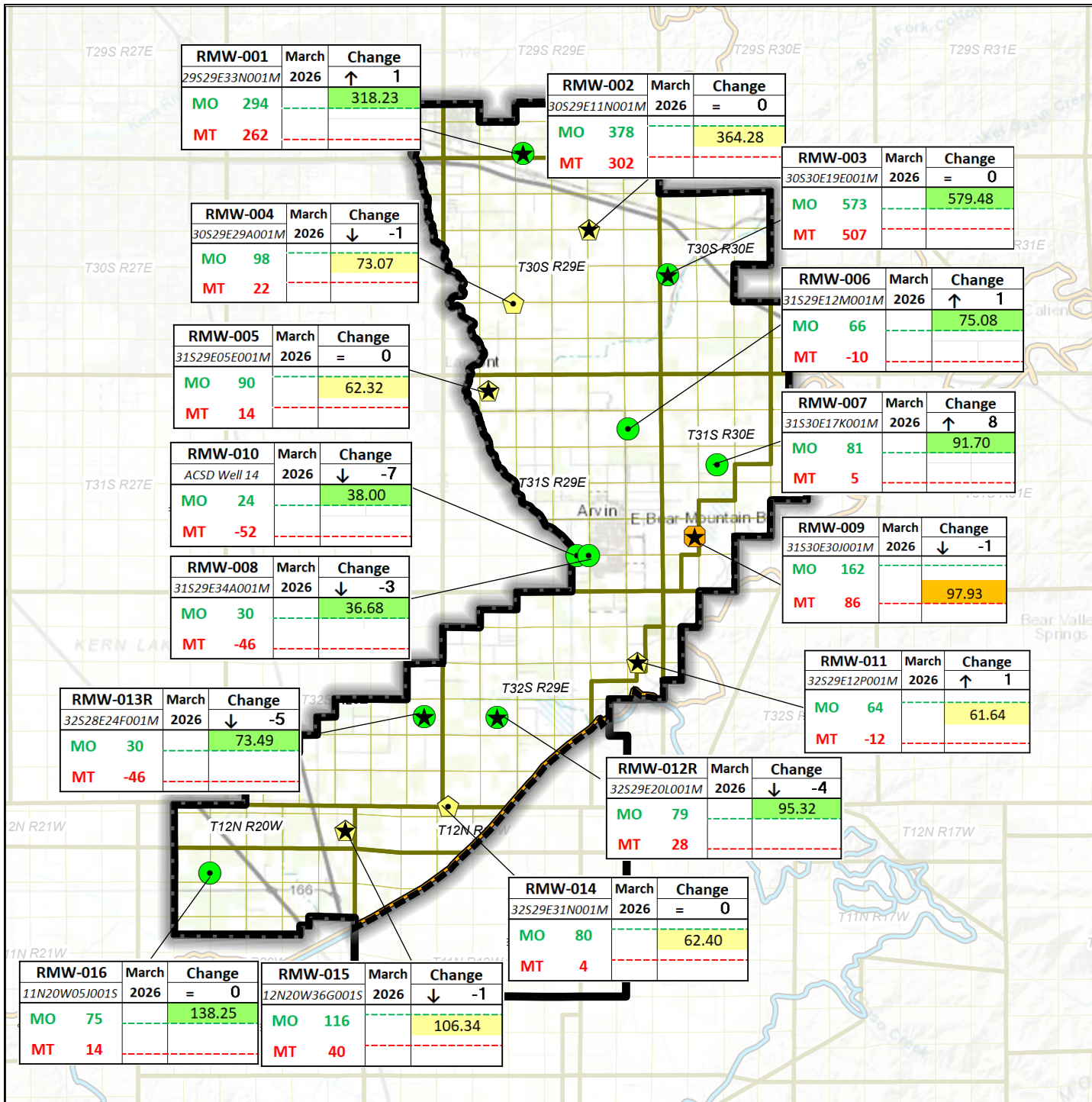


March 2026 Water Levels Relative to SMCs

South of Kern River GSAs
 Kern County, CA
 March 2026
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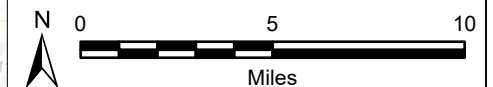
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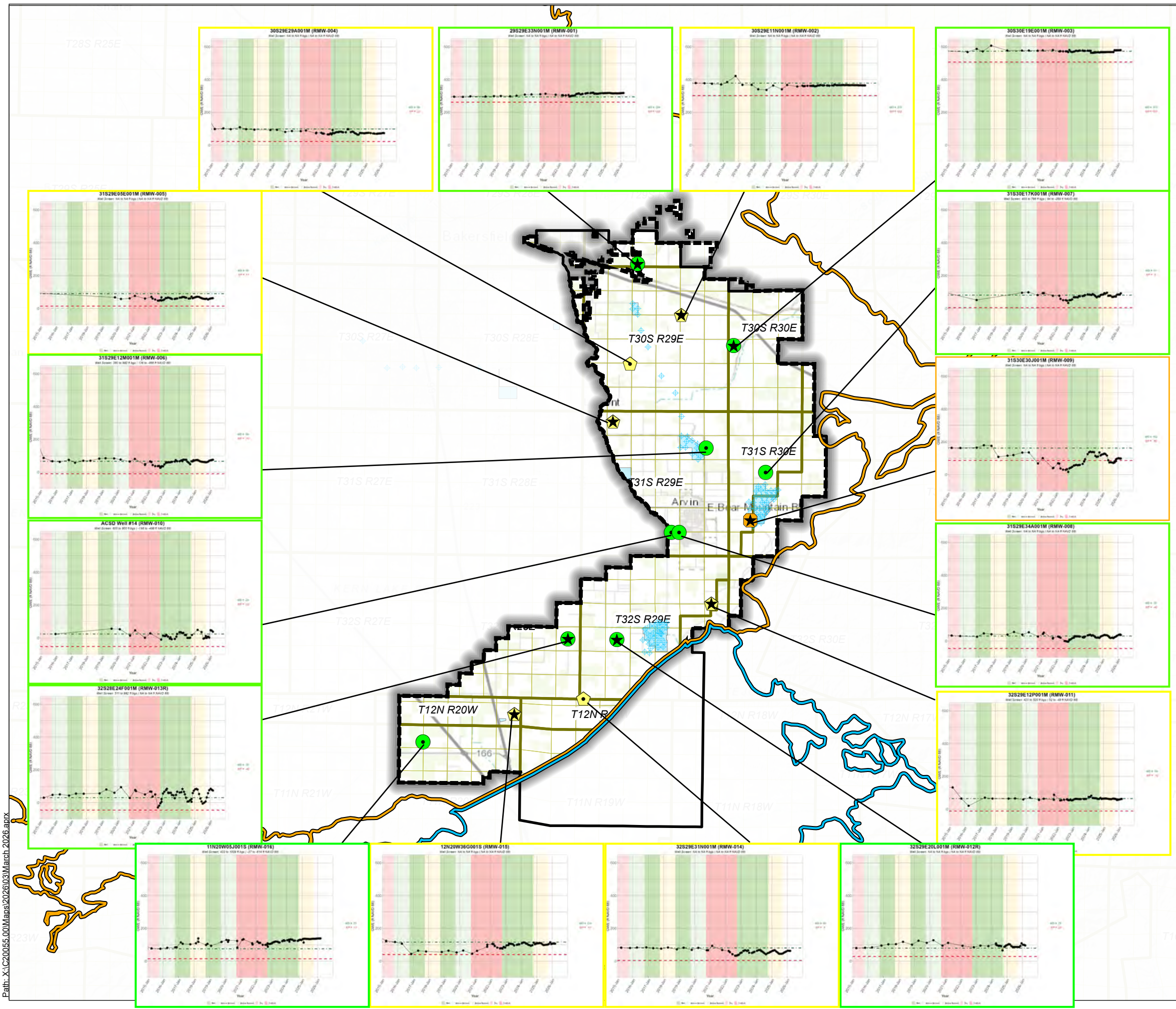


**Groundwater Levels Relative to SMCs
March 2026
Arvin GSA**

Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
Kern County, California
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Figure 2



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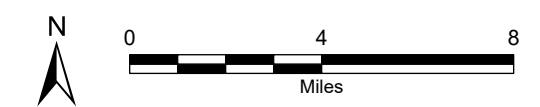
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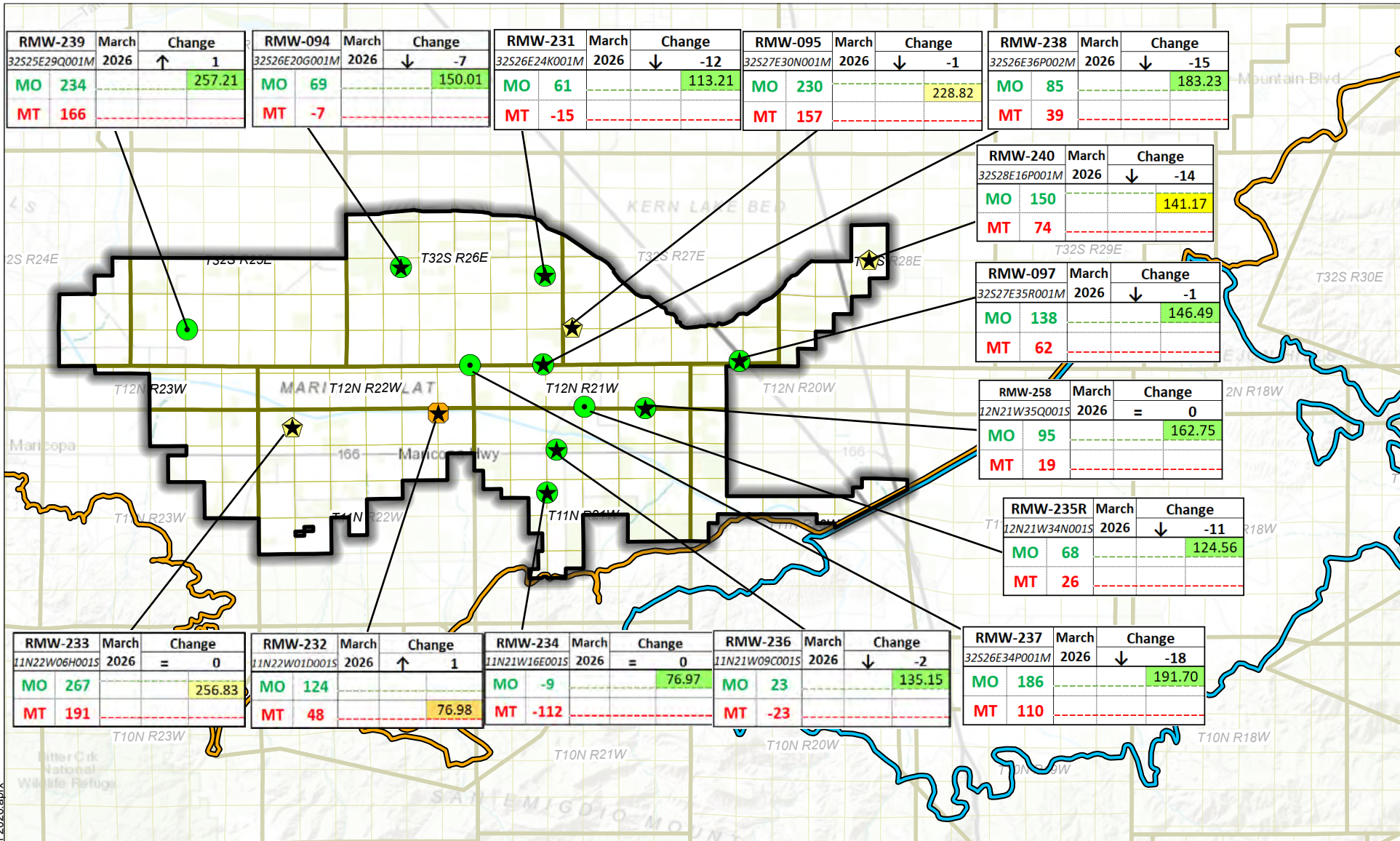
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Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
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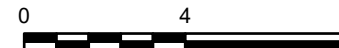
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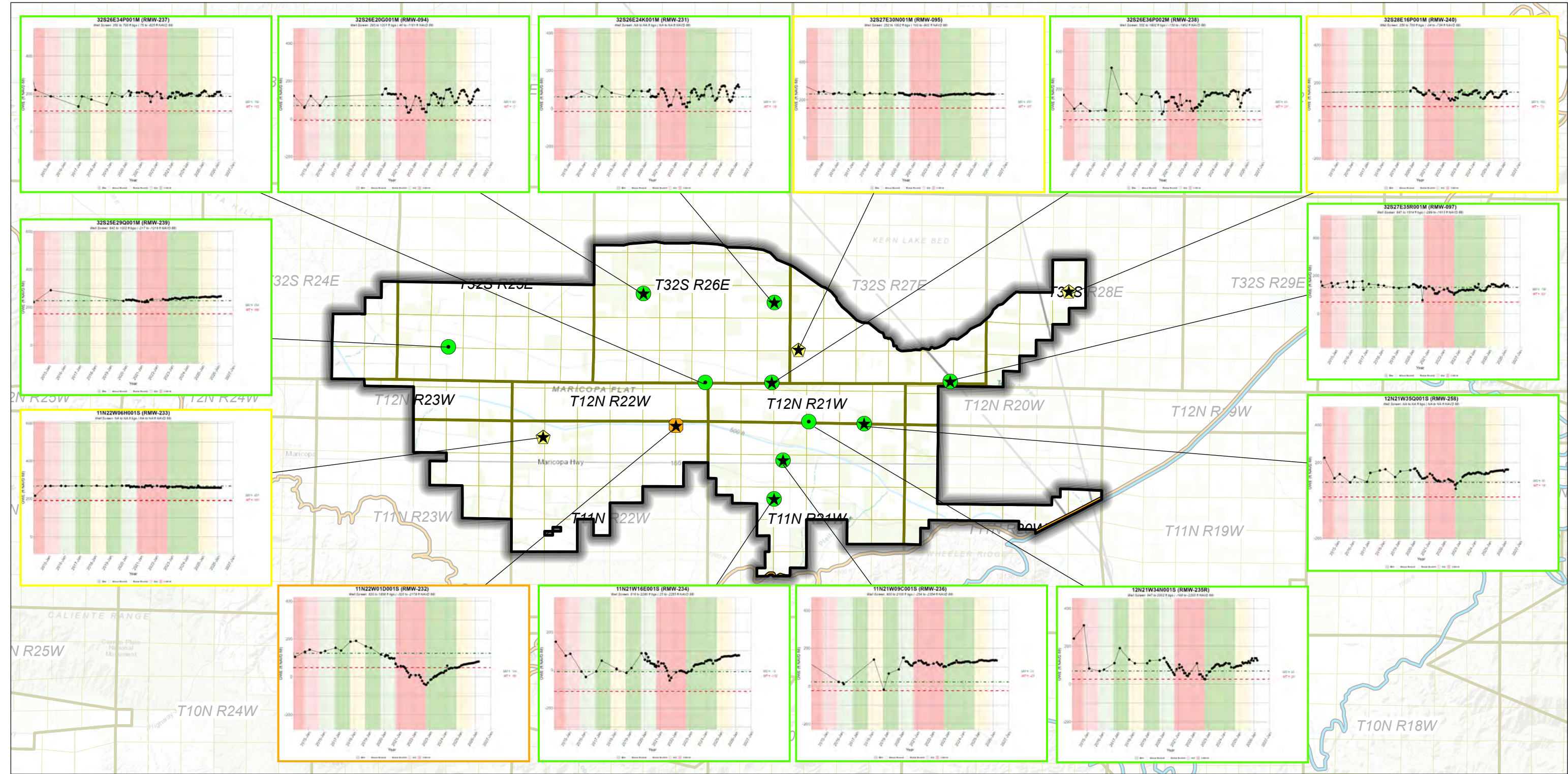
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March 2026**

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA

South of Kern River
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March 2026
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Figure 4



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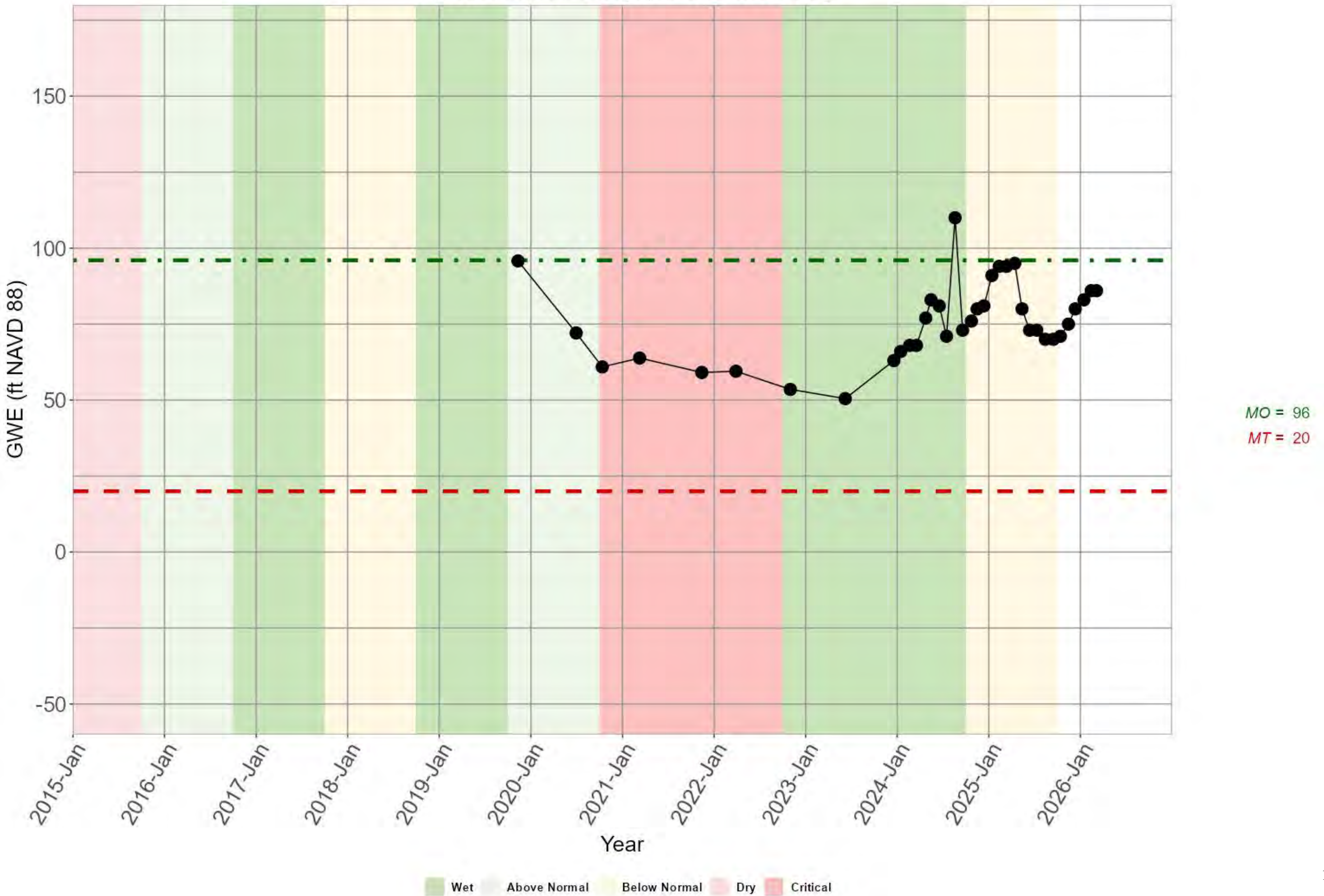


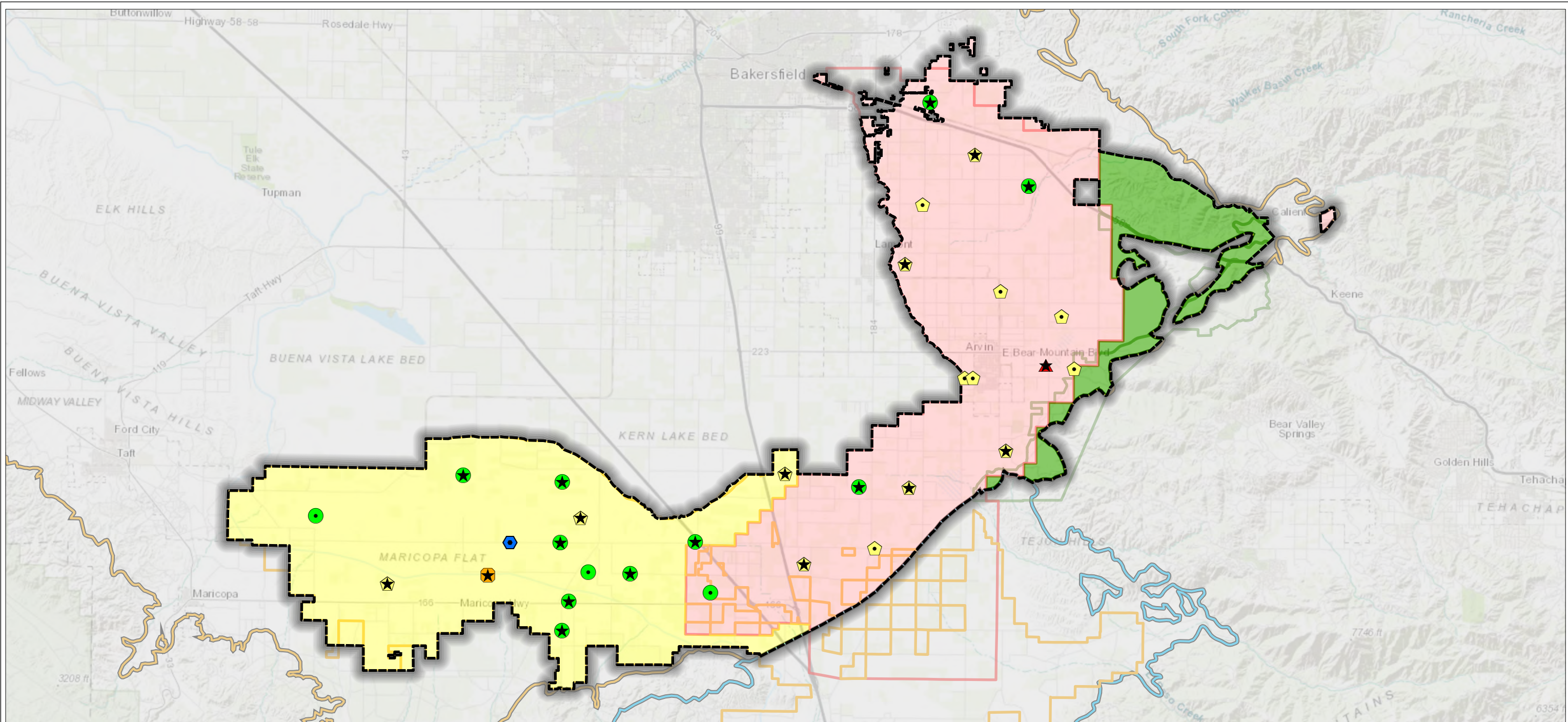
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Caratan Well (RMW-070)

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





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Representative Monitoring Well and Status as of April 2026

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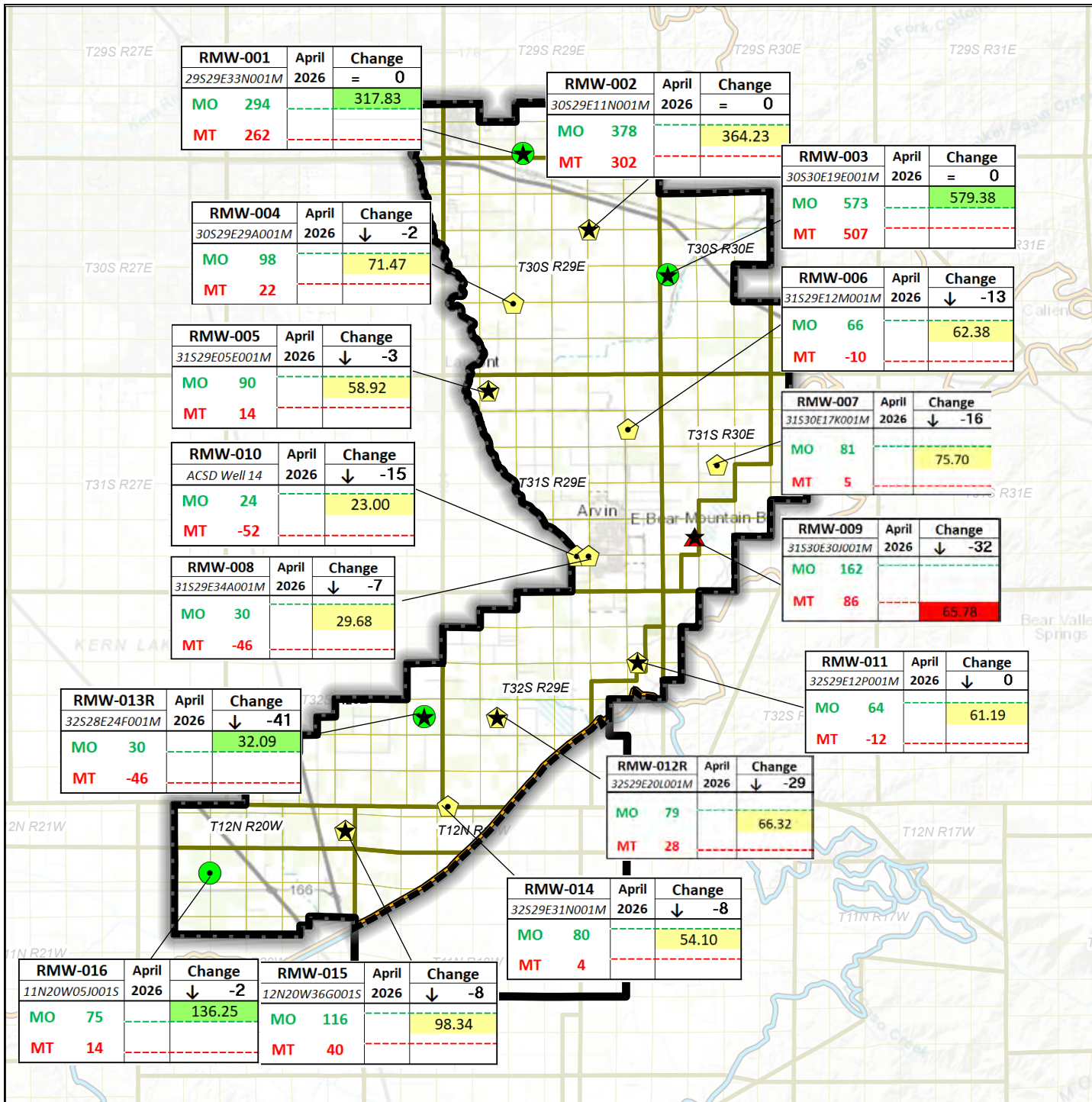


April 2026 Water Levels Relative to SMCs

South of Kern River GSAs
Kern County, CA
April 2026
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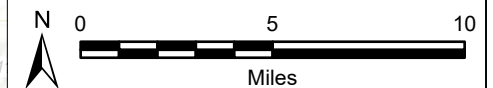
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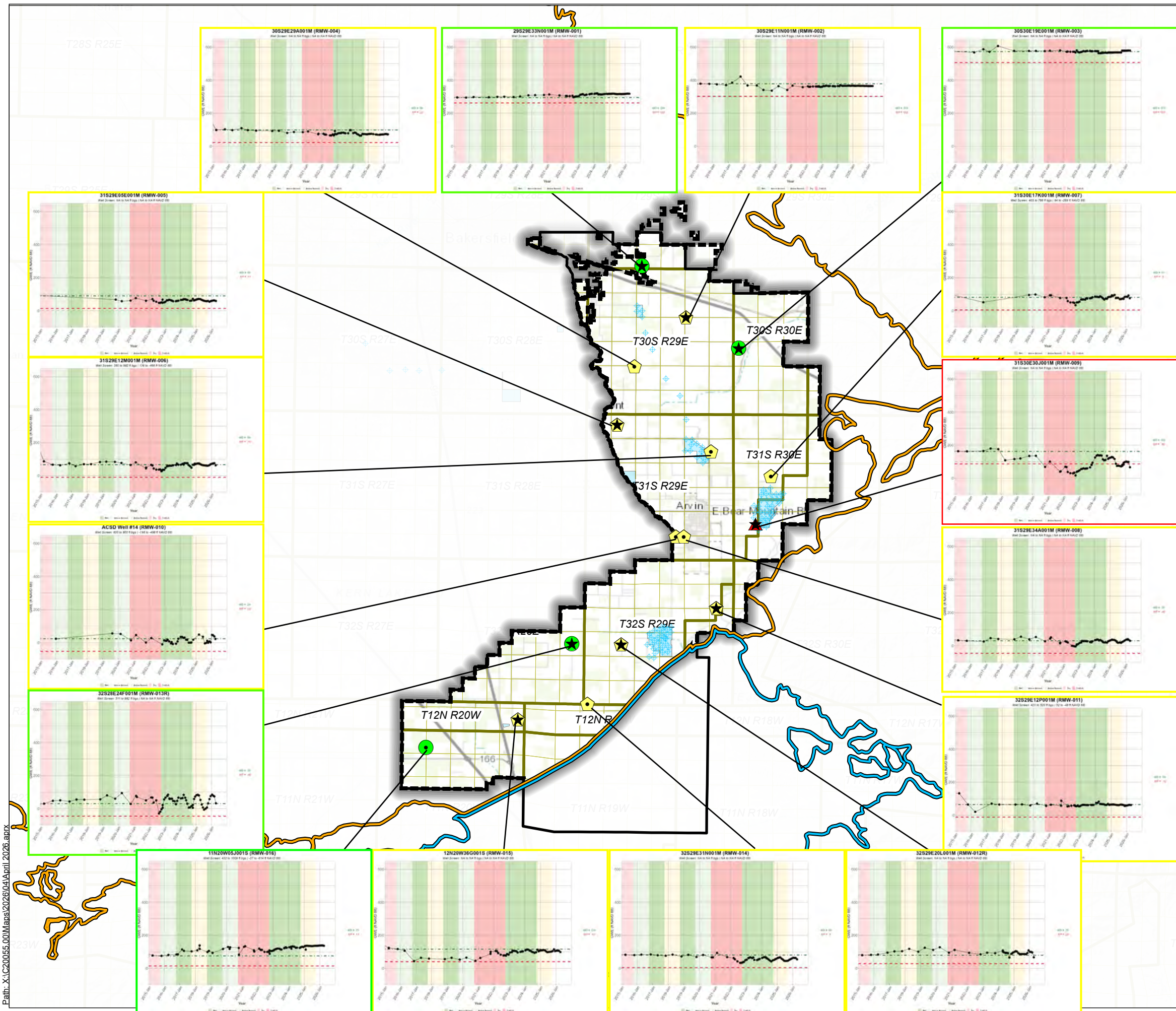


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Kern County, California
April 2026
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Figure 2



Legend

Representative Monitoring Well and Status as of April 2026

- Water Level Above MO (4 or 25%)
- ◊ Water Level Between MO and MT but closer to MO (11 or 69%)
- ◐ Water Level Between MO and MT but closer to MT (0)
- ▲ Water Level Below MT (1 or 6%)
- ◆ No Water Level Measurement (0)
- ▭ Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
- ▧ Arvin GSA

Groundwater Subbasin

- ▭ Kern County (DWR 5-022.14)
- ▭ White Wolf (DWR 5-022.18)
- ★ Transducer Installed

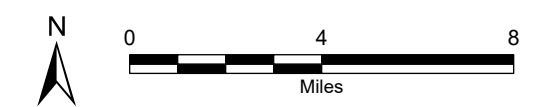
Abbreviations

AEWSD = Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
 DWR = California Department of Water Resources
 ft msl = feet above mean sea level
 GWE = groundwater elevation
 MO = measurable objective
 MT = minimum threshold
 RMW = Representative Monitoring Well

- Notes**
- All locations are approximate.
 - Groundwater elevations are in feet mean sea level.
 - Status is based on the SMCs in the 2025 Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
 - Undesirable Results are deemed to occur if (1) more than 15 drinking water wells within the Subbasin are reported as dry in any given year, or (2) groundwater levels in 25% or more RMWs are below their respective MT over a single year (two consecutive seasonal measurements).
 - All RMW status based on April 2026 measurements.

Sources

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- Water level information obtained from AEWSD.



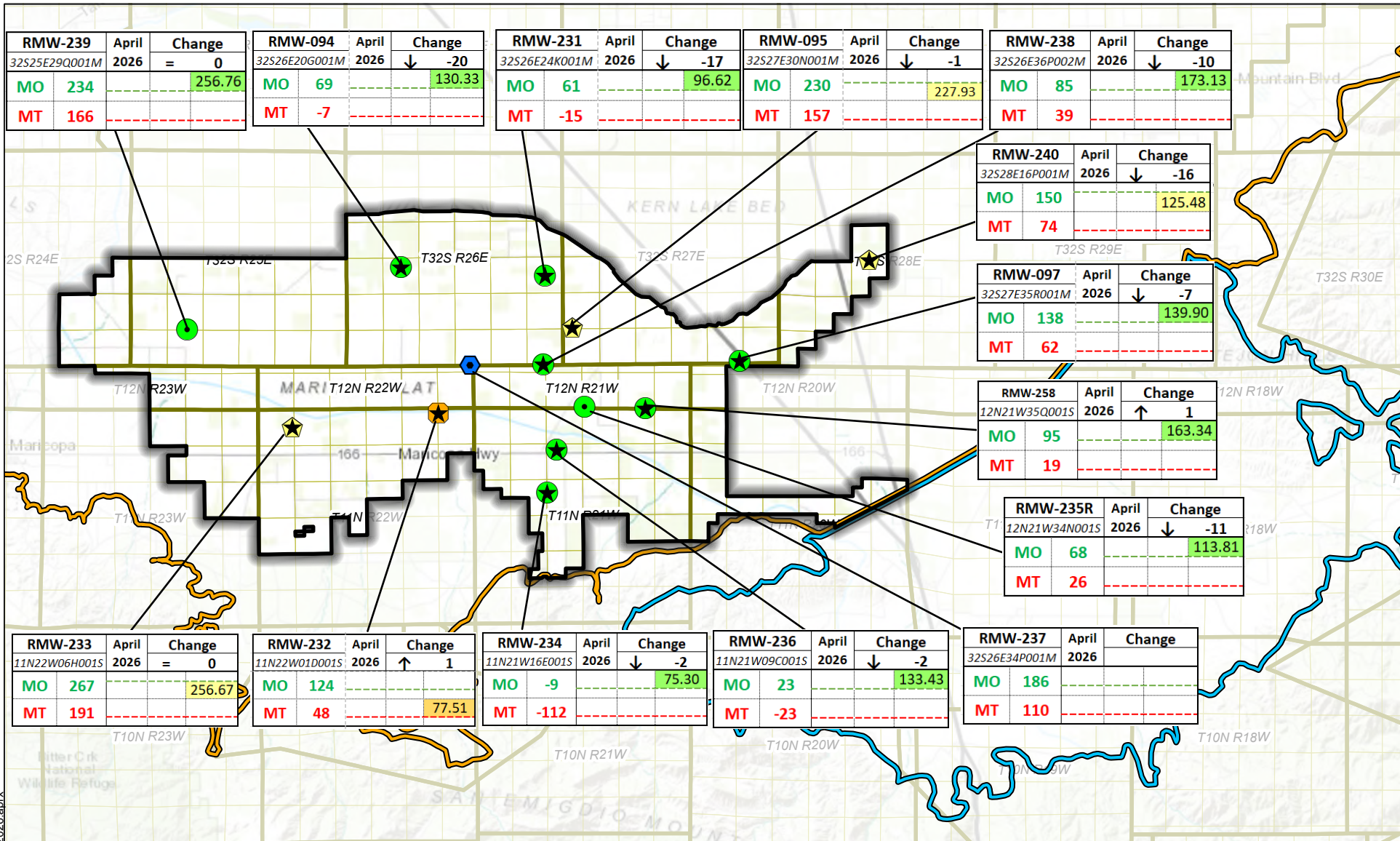
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Hydrographs in Representative Monitoring Wells (January 2015 - April 2026)

Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
 Kern County, CA
 April 2026
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Figure 3

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Representative Monitoring Well and Status as of April 2026

- Water Level Above MO (9 or 65%)
- Water Level Between MO and MT but closer to MO (3 or 21%)
- Water Level Between MO and MT but closer to MT (1 or 7%)
- ▲ Water Level Below MT (0)
- No Water Level Measurement (1 or 7%)

Groundwater Subbasin

- Kern County (DWR 5-022.14)
- White Wolf (DWR 5-022.18)
- Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA

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Notes

1. All locations are approximate.
2. Groundwater elevations reported in units of ft msl.
3. All water levels collected during April 2026.
4. Arrow direction indicates water level change from previous month.
5. Status is based on the SMCs in the 2025 Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
6. Undesirable Results are deemed to occur if (1) more than 15 drinking water wells within the Subbasin are reported as dry in any given year, or (2) groundwater levels in 25% or more RMWs are below their respective MT over a single year (two consecutive seasonal measurements).

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- GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- MO = Measurable Objective
- MT = Minimum Threshold
- SMC = Sustainable Management Criteria



(Scale in Miles)

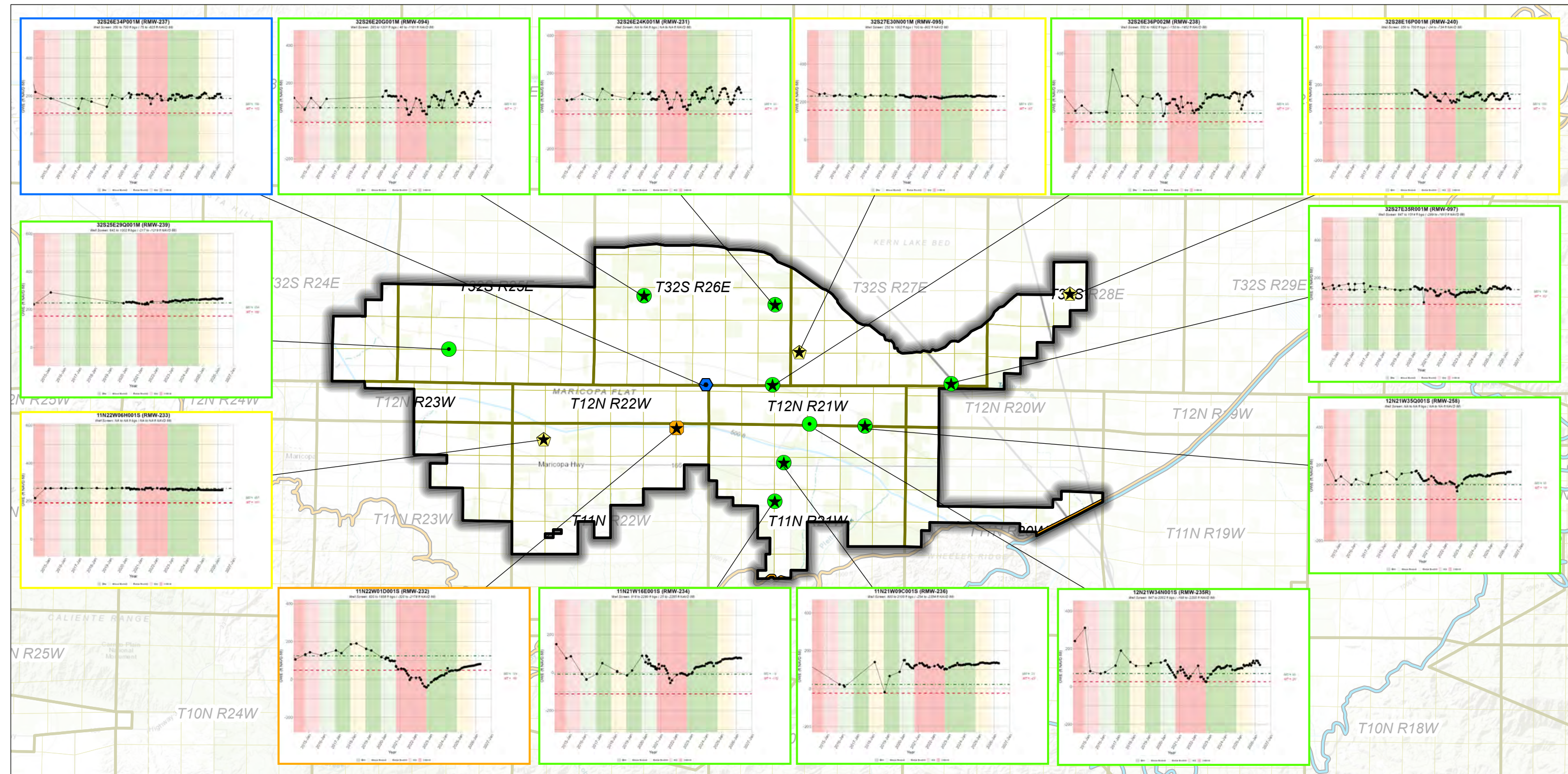
**Groundwater Levels Relative to SMCs
April 2026**

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA

South of Kern River
Kern County, California
April 2026
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Figure 4



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Representative Monitoring Well and Status as of April 2026

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- Water Level Between MO and MT but closer to MO (3 or 21%)
- Water Level Between MO and MT but closer to MT (1 or 7%)
- Water Level Below MT (0)
- No Water Level Measurement (1 or 7%)

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA

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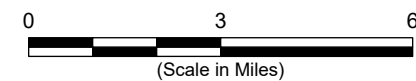
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Hydrographs in Representative Monitoring Wells (January 2015 - April 2026)

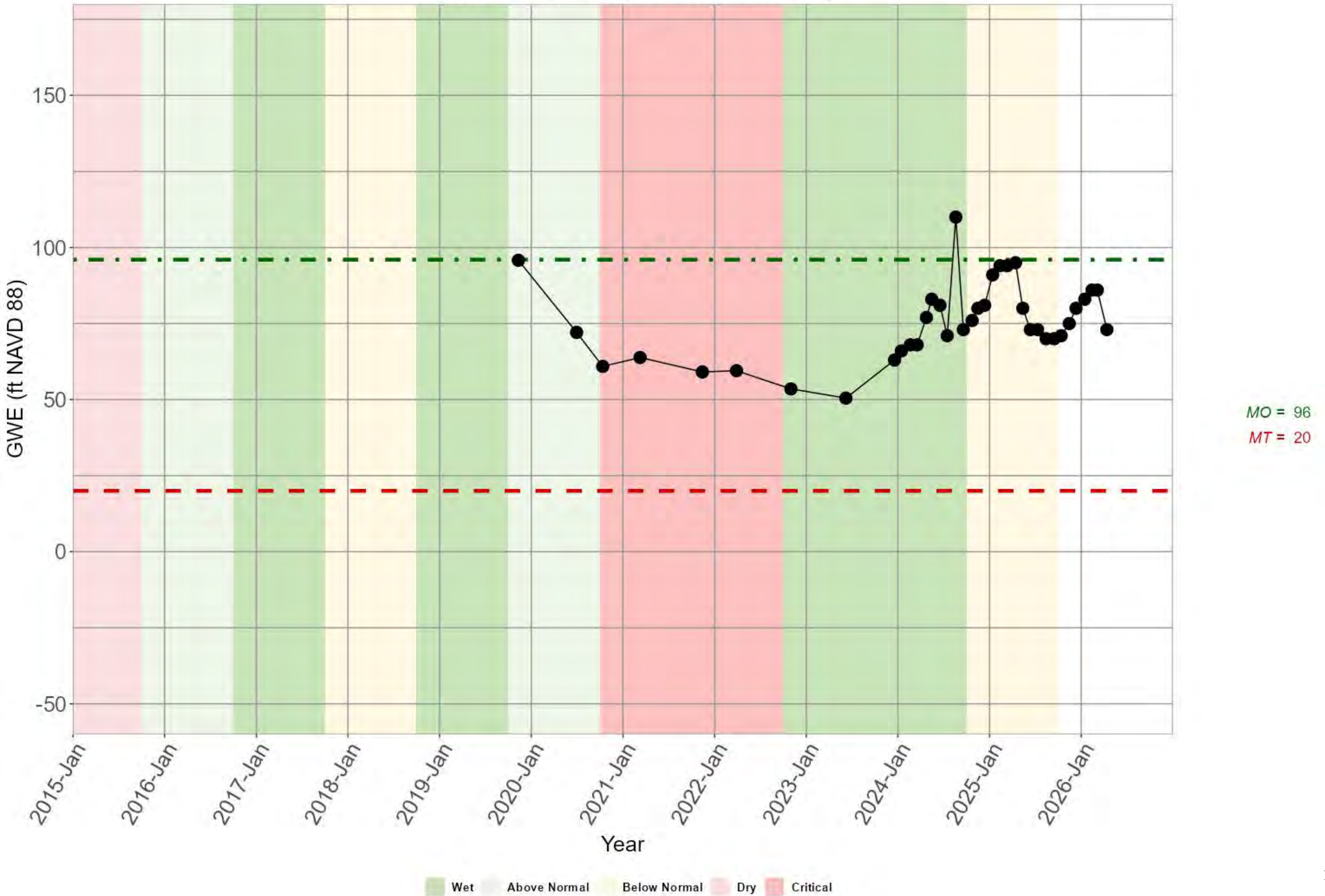
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Caratan Well (RMW-070)

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



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

Agenda
June 3, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.

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

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

Or Virtual Option:

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

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Recognition of Guests**
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 3, 2026**
- 5. Financial Accounting Report (Robert Velasquez)**
- 6. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Implementation Round 2 grant update (Angelica Martin)**
- 7. Updates on actions discussed or authorized on March 3, 2026 (EKI)**
 - a. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities
 - i. Spring 2026 groundwater levels
 - b. Periodic Evaluation
 - i. Summary of meeting with DWR
 - ii. Proposed approach to Interconnected Surface Waters
 - iii. Proposed Land Subsidence Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs)
 - c. Forthcoming Water Year (WY) 2026 GSP implementation activities
 - i. Upcoming Proposition 4 grant opportunities
 - ii. WY 2026 GSP implementation activities

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

**Agenda
June 3, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.**

8. Board Action Items

- a. Consider EKI Task Order for WY 2026 GSP Implementation Support
- b. Consider Tut Bros request for compensation of costs associated with water quality sampling

9. Correspondence

10. Public Comment

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

11. Consider and provide direction on future agenda items

12. Adjourn

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EKI TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

WHITE WOLF GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
2 JUNE 2026



AGENDA

- Spring 2026 groundwater levels
- Periodic Evaluation
 - Summary of meeting with DWR- Sustainable Groundwater Management Office
 - Proposed approach to Interconnected Surface Waters
 - Proposed Land Subsidence Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs)
- Forthcoming Water Year 2026 GSP implementation activities
 - Upcoming Proposition 4 grant opportunities
 - Anticipated GSP Implementation activities

MARCH 2026 MEASUREMENTS COMPARED TO SMCs

Legend

Representative Monitoring Wells and Status as of March 2026

- Water Level Above MO (2 or 14%)
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- Water Level Between MO and MT but below IM (6 or 43%)
- ▲ Water Level Below MT (0)
- No Water Level Measurement (1 or 7%)

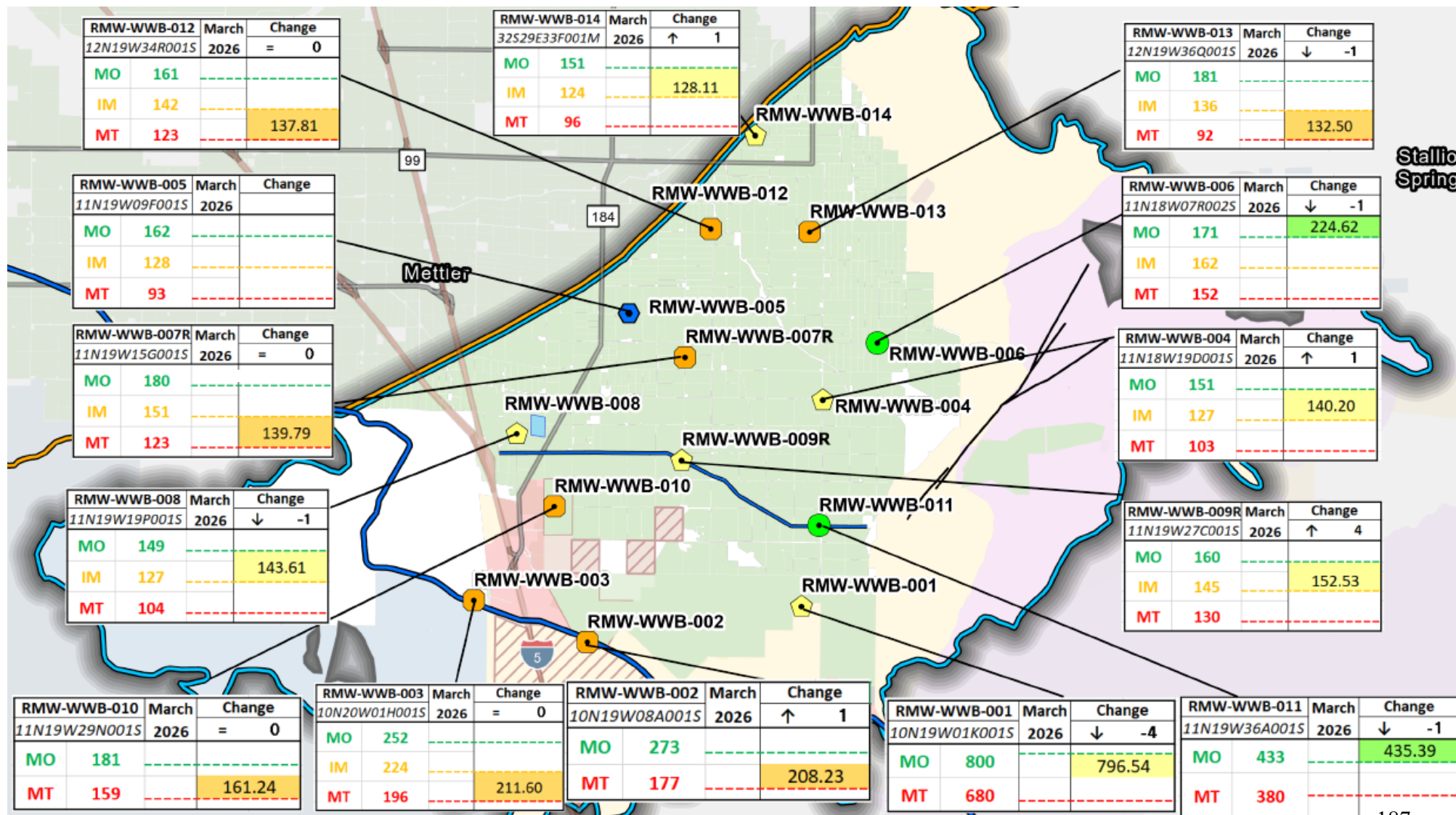
 Mettler Recharge Project

Groundwater Subbasin

- White Wolf (DWR 5-022.18)
- Kern County (DWR 5-022.14)

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- UR = MT exceedance in 40% of RMW-WVL for 2 consecutive Falls
- **URs not occurring**
- Where IM not shown, IM = MO
- RMW-WWB-005: Continue to explore data gap and pursue future grant funds to fill



APRIL 2026 MEASUREMENTS COMPARED TO SMCs

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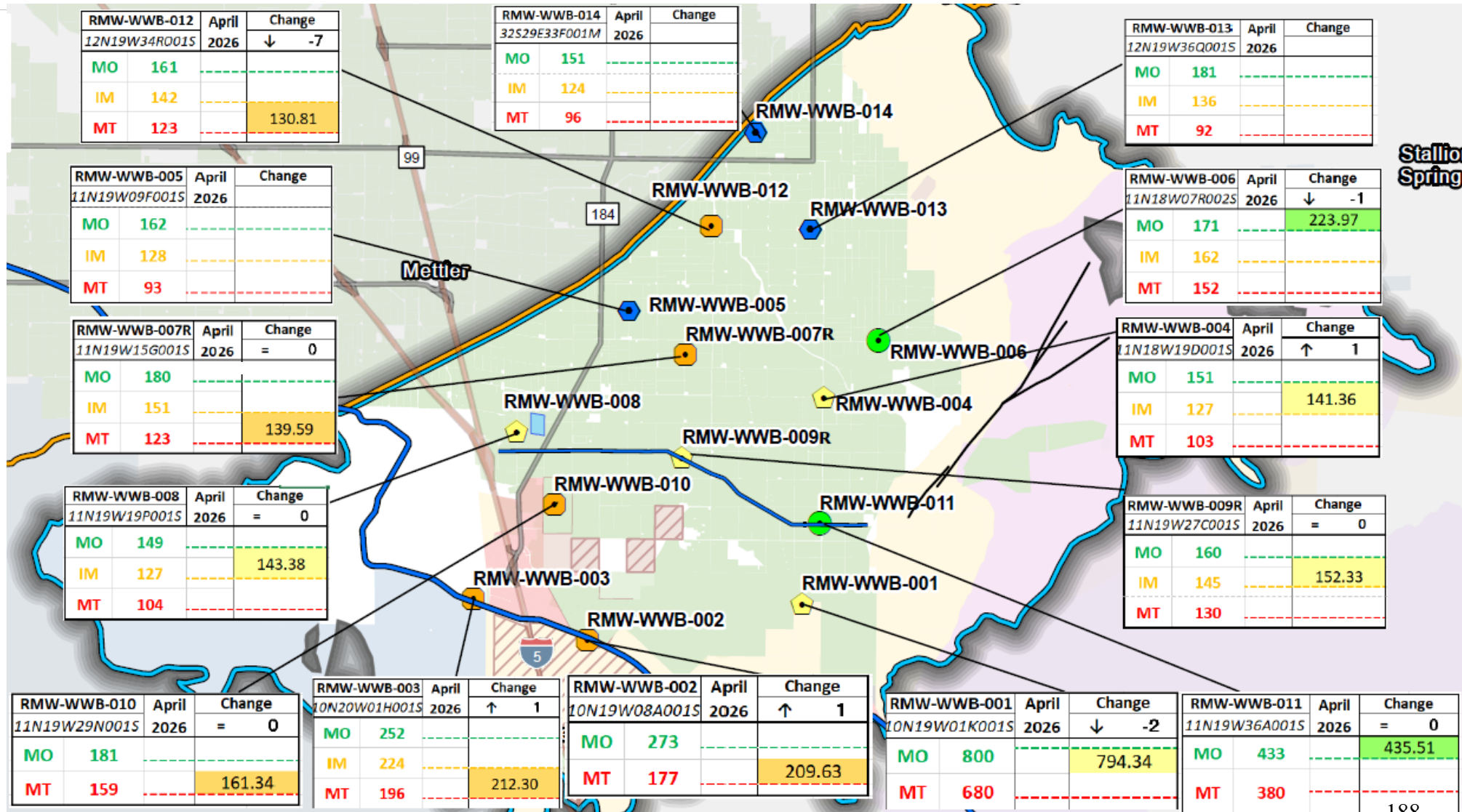
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RMW-WL HYDROGRAPHS

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Mettler Recharge Project

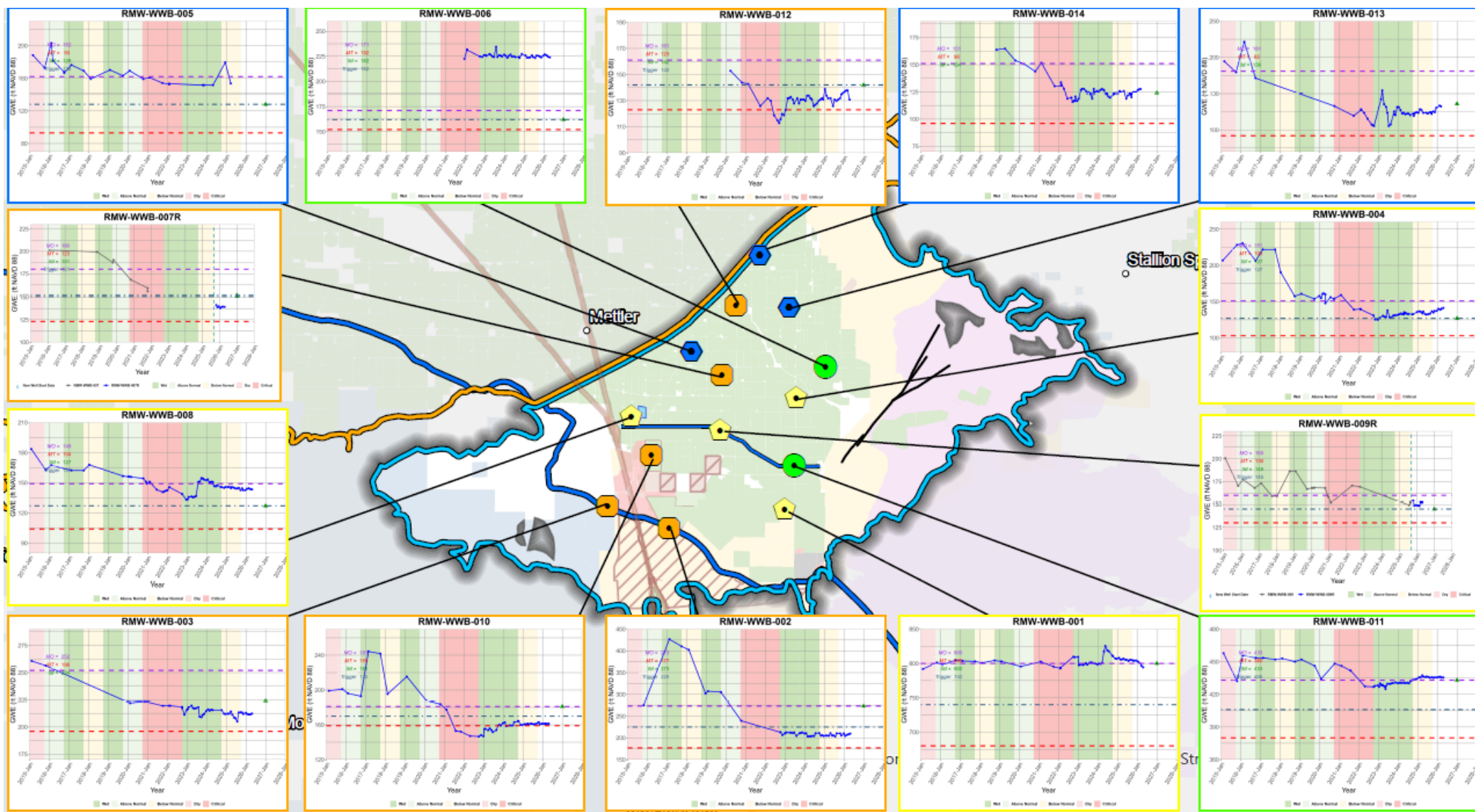
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White Wolf (DWR 5-022.18)










Kern County (DWR 5-022.14)

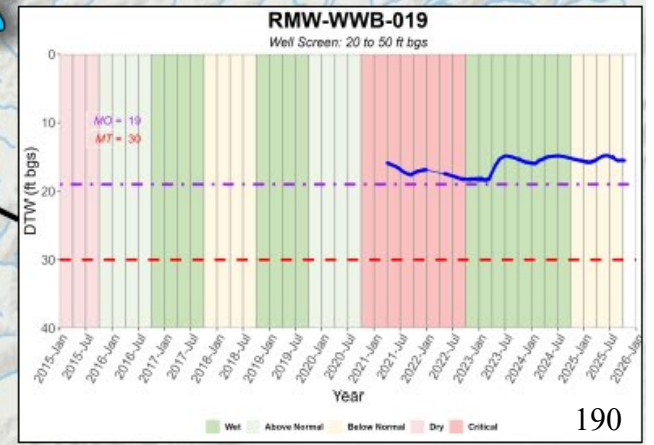
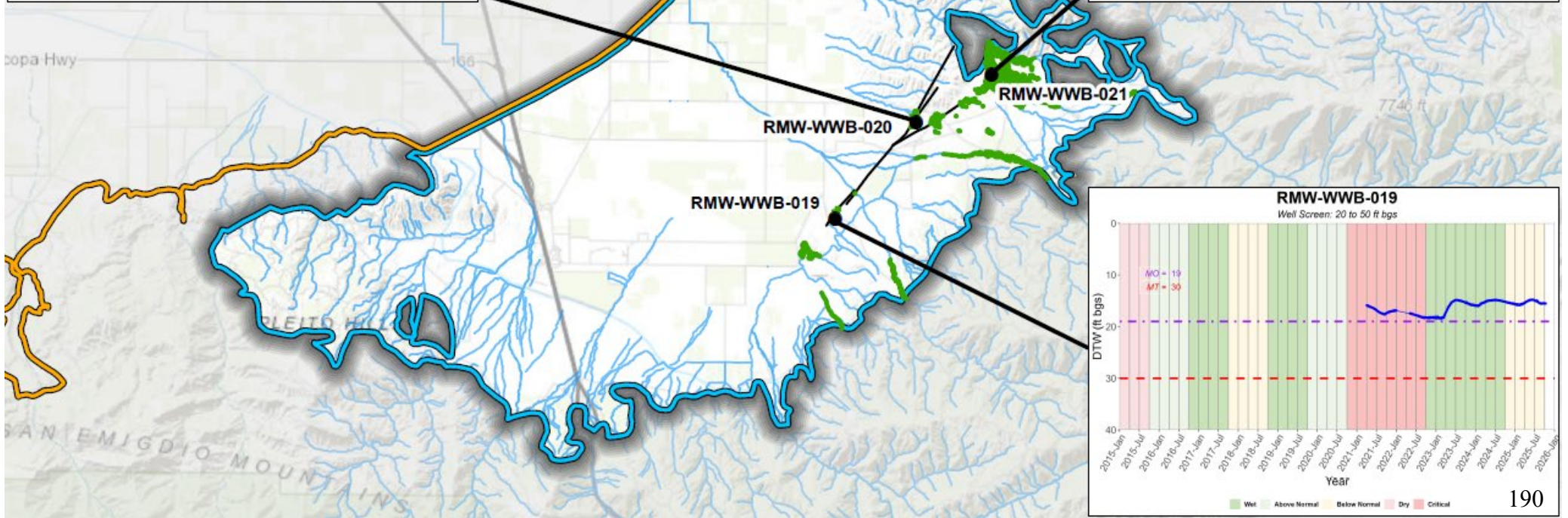
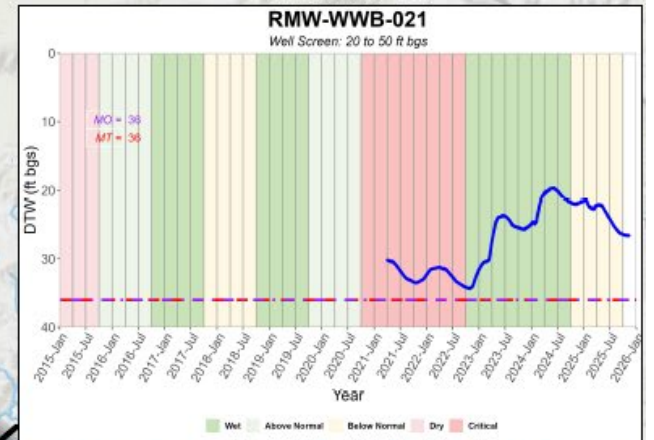
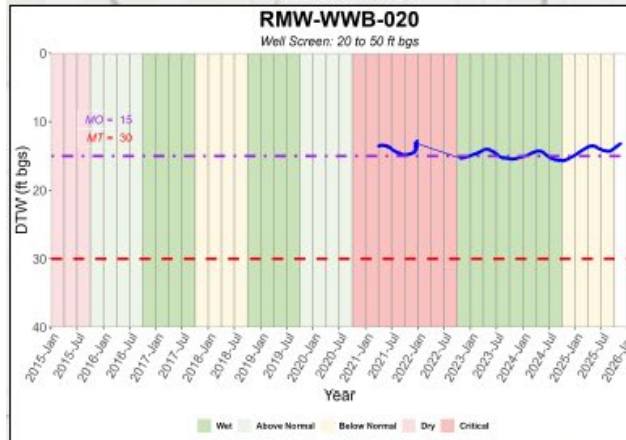
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RMW-ISW HYDROGRAPHS

- Legend**
- Groundwater Subbasin**
-  White Wolf (DWR 5-022.18)
 -  Kem County (DWR 5-022.14)
 -  GDEs of Interest
- Representative Monitoring Well**
-  Representative Monitoring Well
- Stream**
-  Stream
- Springs Fault**
-  Springs Fault
- Measurable Objective**
-  Measurable Objective
- Minimum Threshold**
-  Minimum Threshold
- Depth to Water (ft bgs)**
-  Depth to Water (ft bgs)



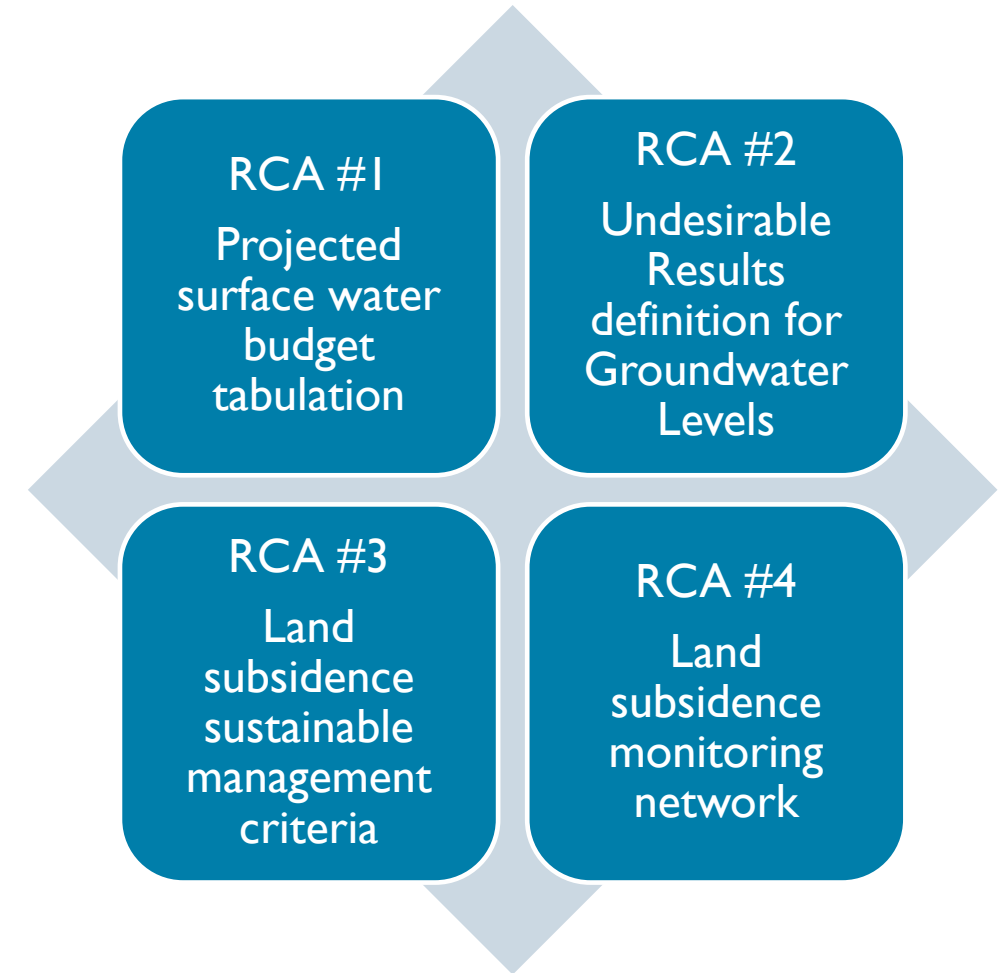
REPORTING REMINDERS

- March groundwater levels representing the “spring” monitoring period will be upload to DWR online portal in June
- No MT exceedances

PERIODIC EVALUATION

SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH DWR

- Meeting held on 4/20/2026
- Reviewed proposed approach to addressing the four DWR Recommended Corrective Actions (RCAs)
- DWR provided positive feedback on water budget and groundwater levels
- DWR provided additional suggestions related to land interconnected surface waters and subsidence – details provided in following slides



REVIEW OF SMC DECISIONS

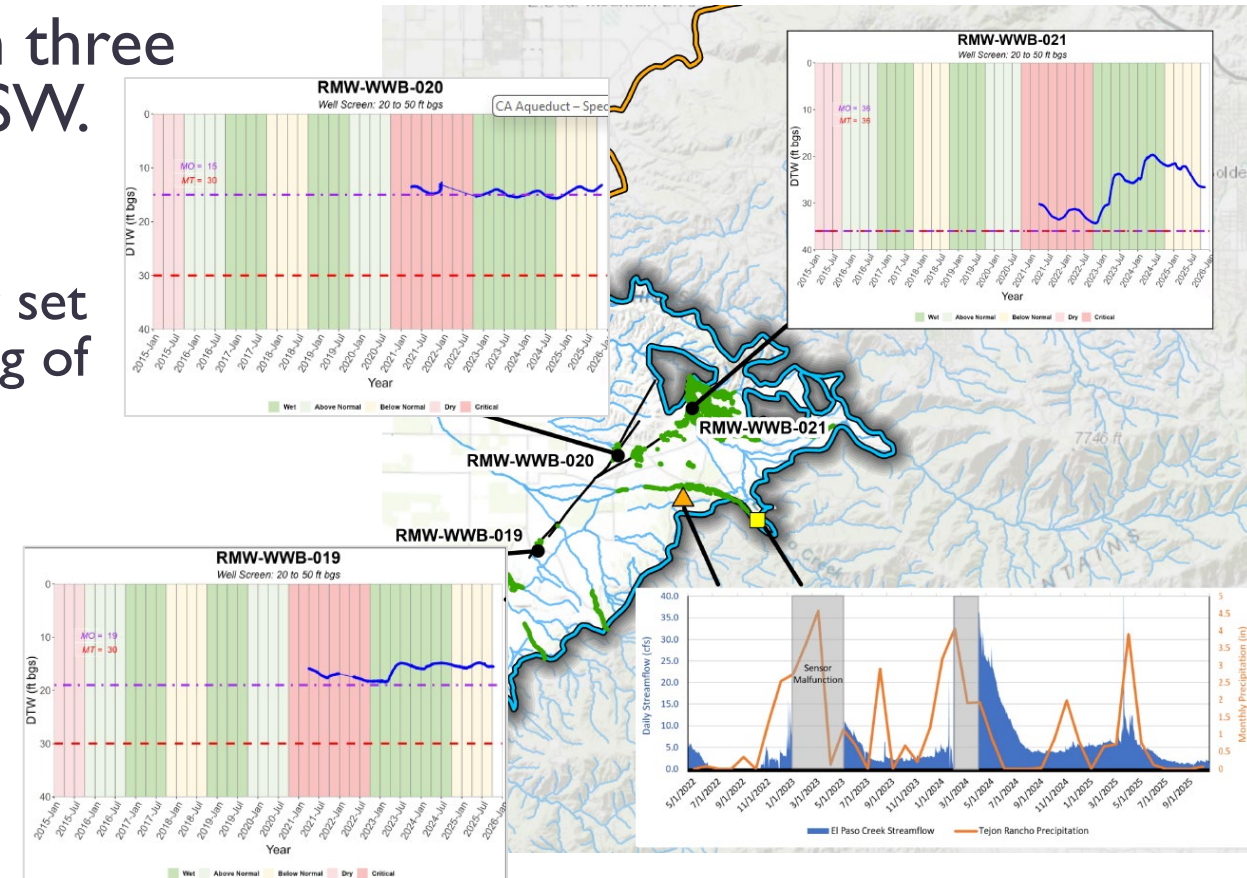
- Water levels
 - Adjust SMCs for RMW-WWVB-006 and RMW-WWVB-010 using surrogates to better match existing conditions
 - Revise IM calculations for a more reasonable glide path
 - Replace trigger thresholds with $IM = MO$
 - UR based only on seasonal lows in response to DWR RCA #1
- Groundwater storage
 - No change
- Water Quality
 - Selenium removed as COC
 - Replace trigger thresholds with $IM = MO$

INTERCONNECTED SURFACE WATER SMCs

- 2022 GSP set water level thresholds in three RMW-ISWs as preliminary SMCs for ISW.
- DWR feedback:
 - Either establish that ISW is not present, or set SMCs based on location, volume, and timing of surface water depletions.
 - In favor of ongoing/ periodic monitoring.
- Proposal: There are no ISW or GDEs connected to Principal Aquifer.

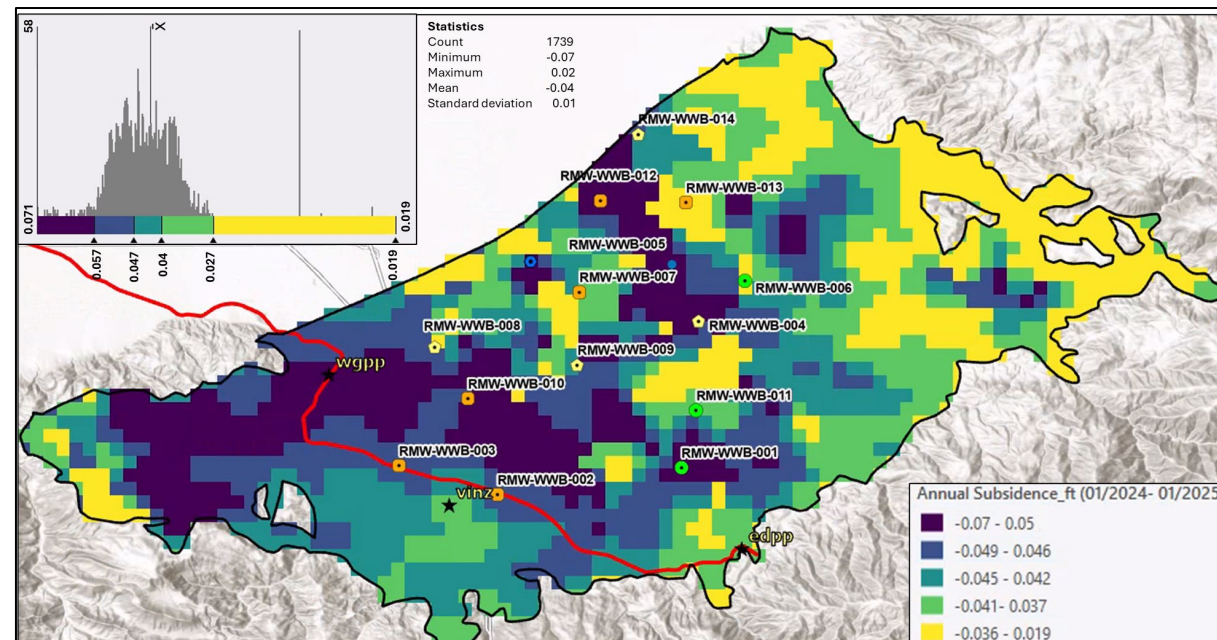
Therefore:

- Preliminary SMCs eliminated.
- RMW-ISWs become supplemental monitoring wells for groundwater levels.



SUBSIDENCE SMC PROPOSAL PRESENTED TO DWR

- Rate/extent to be assessed against a baseline start date of **1/1/2022**
- **MT Rate:** maximum annual subsidence rate based on historical InSAR, including local measurement uncertainty
 - Top percentile from 2024 (0.064 ft/yr) + 9 mm accuracy (0.0295 ft/yr) = **0.09 ft/yr**
- **MT Extent:** MT rate projected forward over the 20-yr planning horizon.
 - $0.09 \text{ ft/yr} \times 20 \text{ years} = \mathbf{1.8 \text{ ft}}$
- **Aqueduct – specific MTs:** under consideration



Start_Date	End_Date	Maximum Annual Subsidence_ft	Maximum Annual Subsidence Rate_ft (1st Percentile)	Maximum Annual Subsidence Rate_ft (5th Percentile)	n_pixels
1/1/2015	1/1/2016	-0.011	0.000	0.000	1882
1/1/2016	1/1/2017	-0.045	-0.035	-0.029	1882
1/1/2017	1/1/2018	-0.039	-0.035	-0.026	1882
1/1/2018	1/1/2019	-0.052	-0.024	-0.016	1882
1/1/2019	1/1/2020	-0.051	-0.045	-0.038	1882
1/1/2020	1/1/2021	-0.052	-0.024	-0.014	1835
1/1/2021	1/1/2022	-0.020	-0.008	0.001	1739
1/1/2022	1/1/2023	-0.019	-0.011	-0.006	1739
1/1/2023	1/1/2024	-0.028	-0.022	-0.010	1739
1/1/2024	1/1/2025	-0.071	-0.064	-0.054	1739

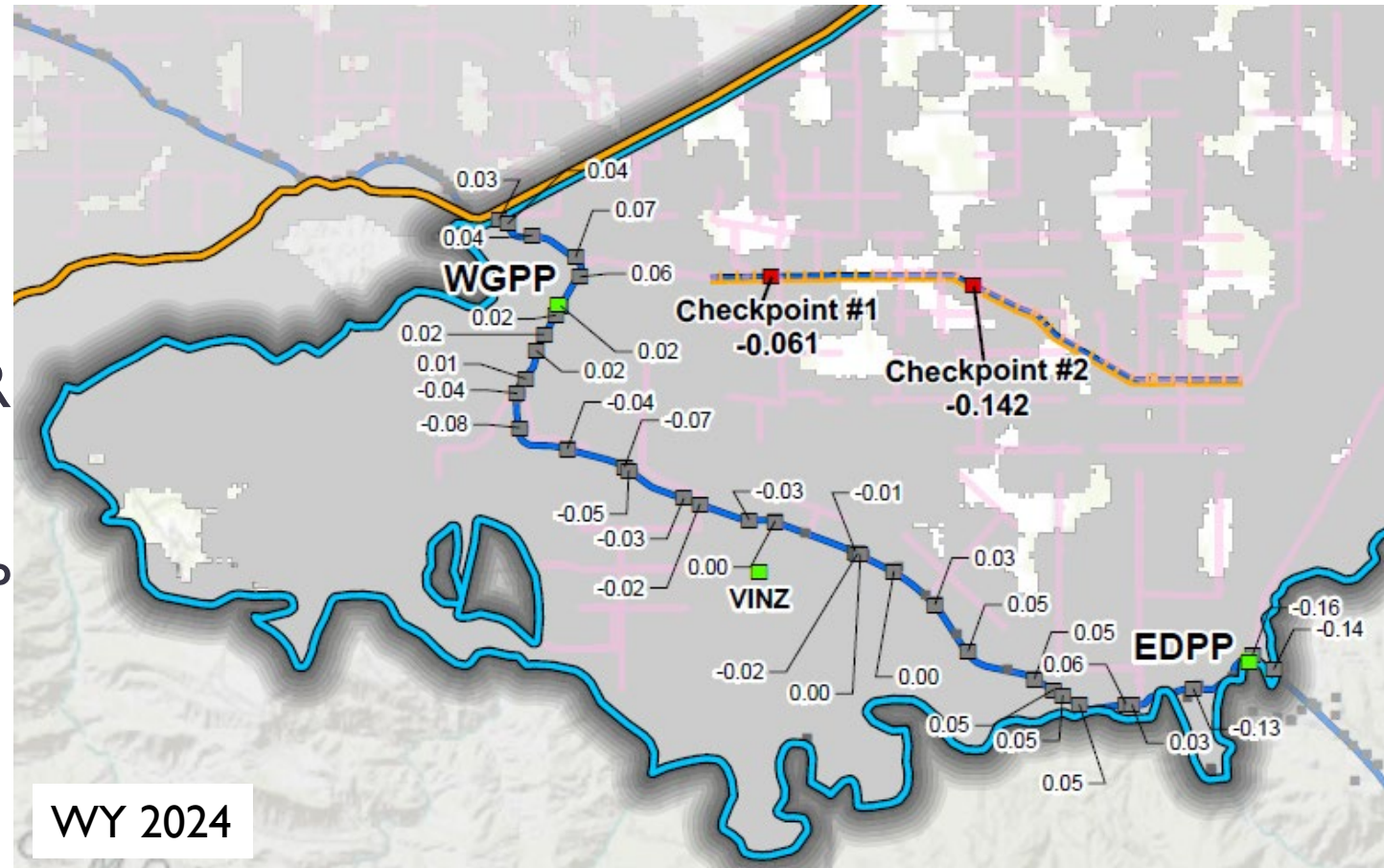
LAND SUBSIDENCE RMN PRESENTED TO DWR

- New Representative Monitoring Network

- 15 survey marks on California Aqueduct (at nearest whole milepost)
- Basin-wide InSAR

- Supplemental to validate InSAR

- 2 checkpoints on 850 Canal
- 2 UNAVCO GPS stations (WGPP and EDPP)
- SOPAC GPS station VINZ (if available)



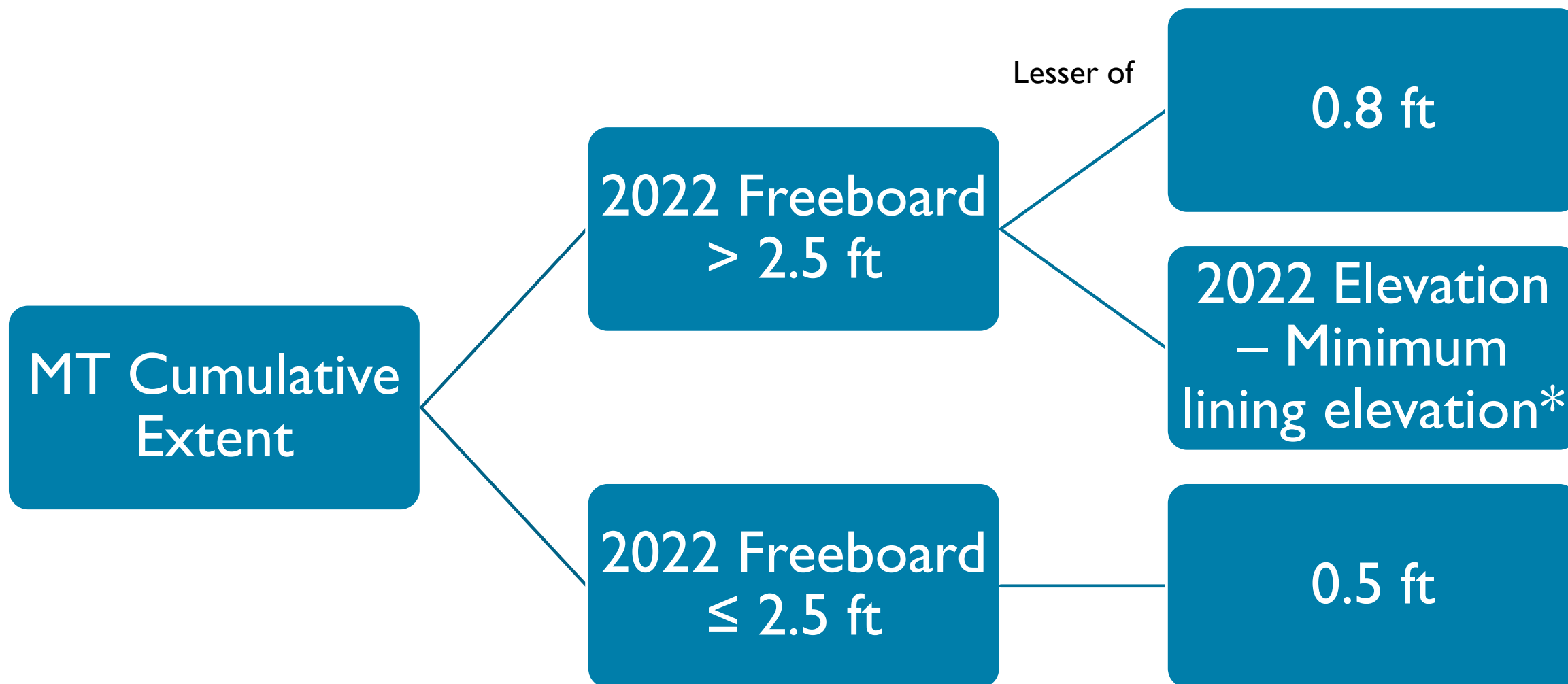
DWR FEEDBACK

- Positive response to monitoring network including InSAR and ground-based measurements
- Understand that local subsidence rate is low, but uncomfortable with projecting measurement uncertainty indefinitely
- Desire for an MT extent that is applied earlier than 2042 – 20 years is too long, and identified preference for approximately 5-year checks

RECOMMENDED SUBSIDENCE MTS

- Rate/extent to be assessed against a baseline start date of **1/1/2022**
- **MT Rate:** 5 years at the top percentile annual rate (0.064 ft/yr) + 3 years uncertainty = **0.08 ft/yr**
- **MT Extent:** MT rate projected forward 10 years
 - 0.08 ft/yr x 10 years = **0.8 ft**
- **Aqueduct – specific MTs:**
 - MT rate: half the Basin-wide MT rate (**0.04 ft/yr**)
 - MT extent: Up to 0.8 ft, reduced at some MPs to constrain subsidence to only 0.5 ft of infringement into the 2.5 ft operating freeboard

CA AQUEDUCT – SPECIFIC MT PROPOSAL



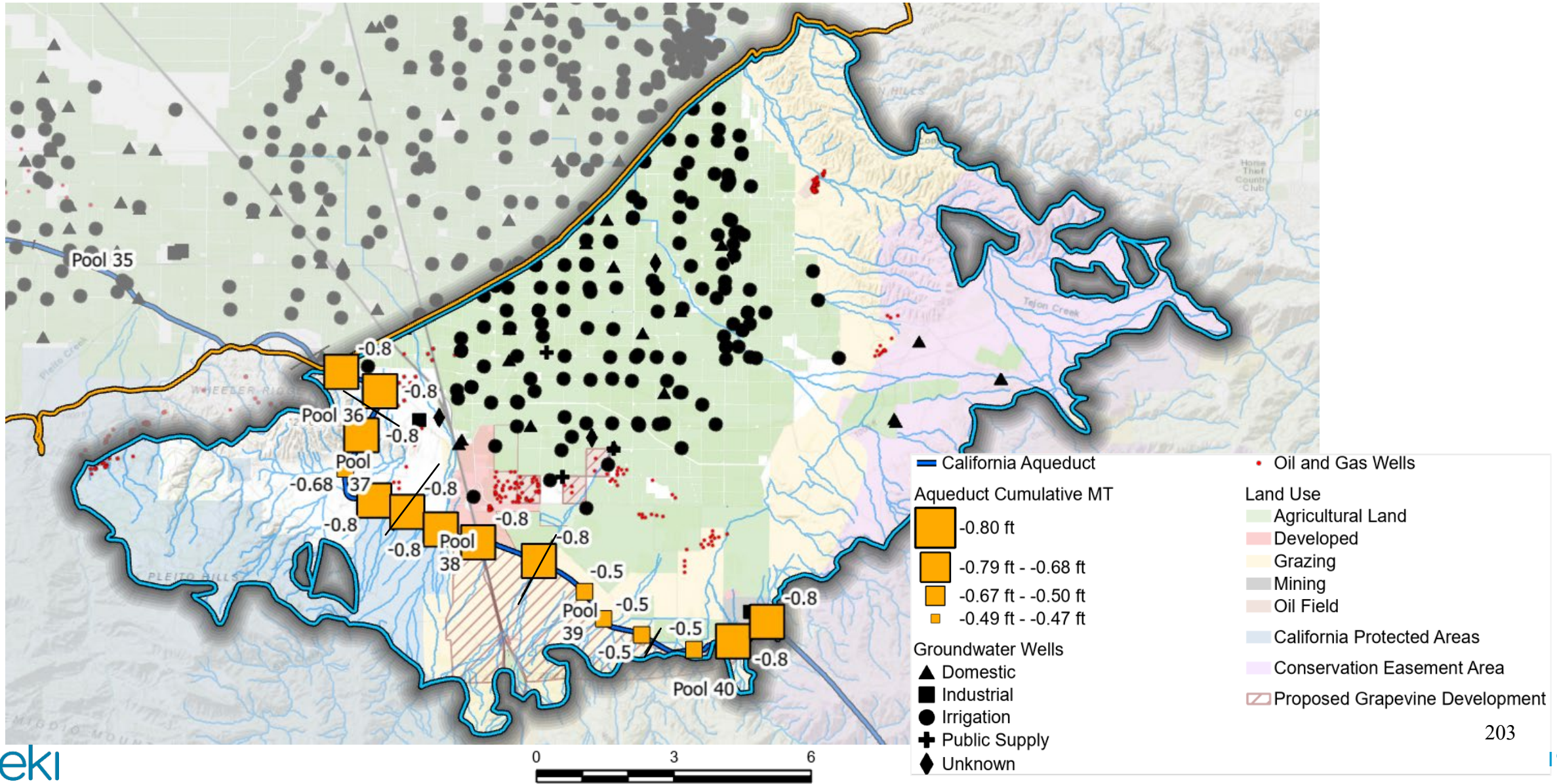
*Minimum elevation is design water surface elevation + 2.5 ft.

CA AQUEDUCT MT COMPARISON

Surveyed							Revised Proposal		
Pool	Mile Post	Surveyed Rate of Subsidence 2013-2025 (ft/yr)	2016-2025 (9-year) surveyed subsidence rate (ft/yr)	Surveyed Extra Freeboard 2016 (ft)	Surveyed Extra Freeboard 2025 (ft)	Surveyed Extra Freeboard with 0.1 ft Margin 2022 (ft)	MT rate (ft/yr) (to be assessed as 5-year rolling average)	MT Maximum Cumulative Extent (ft)	Projected Extra Freeboard at 2042 with MT Rate(ft)
36	279.05	-0.04	-0.02	4.32	4.19	4.11	-0.04	-0.80	3.31
36	280.06	-0.04	-0.02	5.31	5.14	5.06	-0.04	-0.80	4.26
37	281.16	-0.03	-0.01	4.69	4.57	4.52	-0.04	-0.80	3.72
37	282	-0.04	-0.02	0.94	0.72	0.68	-0.04	-0.68	0.00
37	283.19	-0.04	-0.02	1.81	1.66	1.58	-0.04	-0.80	0.78
37	283.95	-0.04	-0.02	1.73	1.55	1.46	-0.04	-0.80	0.66
38	284.8	-0.04	-0.01	1.57	1.47	1.38	-0.04	-0.80	0.58
38	285.7	-0.04	-0.01	1.60	1.49	1.41	-0.04	-0.80	0.61
38	287.06	-0.03	-0.01	2.35	2.25	2.18	-0.04	-0.80	1.38
39	288.27	-0.03	-0.01	0.03	0	0	-0.04	-0.50	-0.50
39	288.99	-0.03	-0.01	0	0	0	-0.04	-0.50	-0.50
39	289.94	-0.03	-0.01	0.12	0.01	0	-0.04	-0.50	-0.50
40	291.19	-0.03	-0.01	0.74	0.62	0.47	-0.04	-0.50	-0.03
40	292.11	-0.03	-0.01	1.29	1.17	1.06	-0.04	-0.80	0.26
40	293.07	-0.04	-0.02	1.64	1.43	1.38	-0.04	-0.80	0.58
Average		-0.04	-0.01	1.77	1.77	1.39	-0.04	-0.69	0.90



CA AQUEDUCT MT CONTEXT – LAND USE



CA AQUEDUCT MT CONTEXT – AERIAL IMAGE



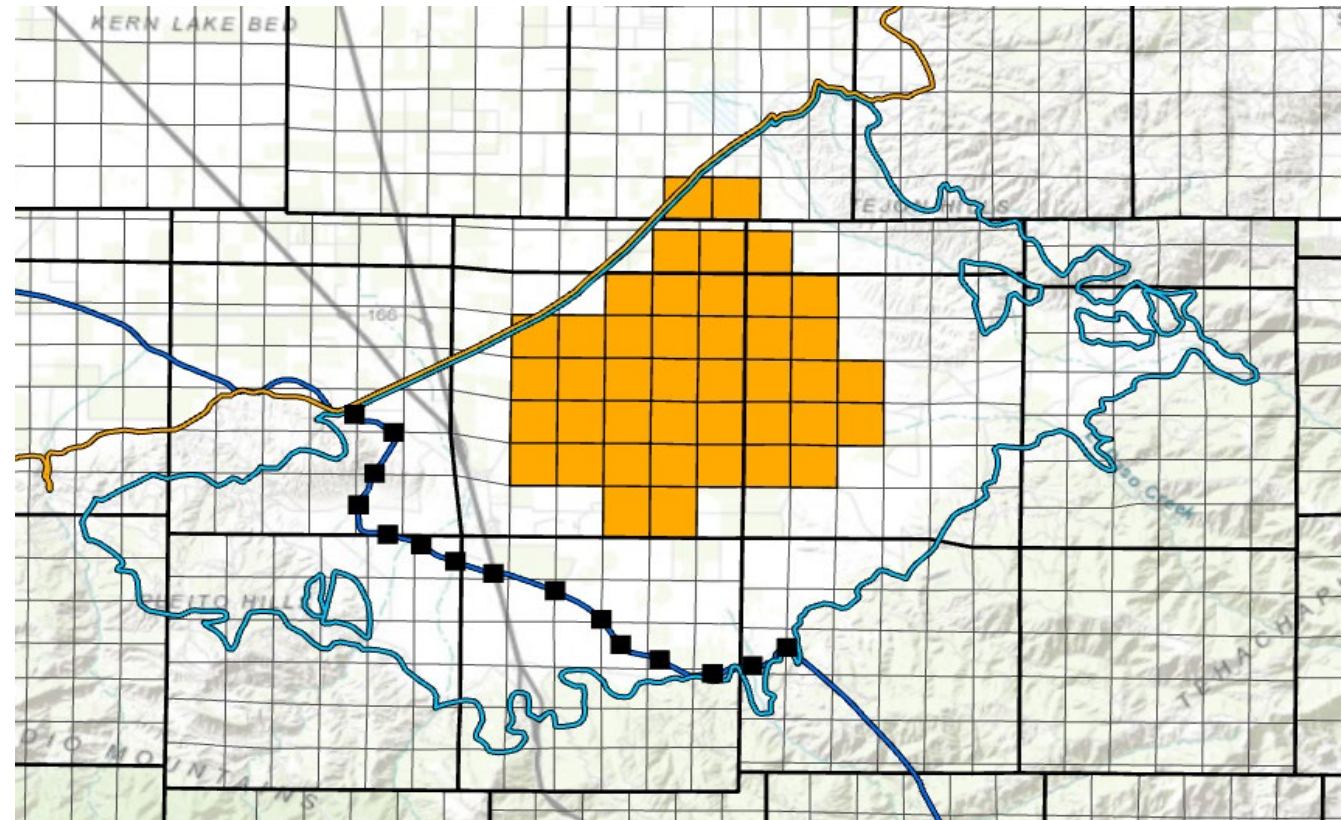
CA AQUEDUCT SMC ASSESSMENT

- CA Aqueduct mileposts to be assessed using both CASP precise survey and InSAR
- Where MT exceedance is identified under one measurement type but not the other, that milepost would be placed on a “watch list”, but not trigger GSA action
- Where MT exceedance is identified under both measurement types, that milepost would trigger an MT exceedance investigation to determine driving mechanisms

UNDESIRABLE RESULTS CRITERIA

- As a result of groundwater management in the Basin
- Exceedance of the MT rate – assessed using a 5-year moving average, and/or exceedance of the MT extent:
 - Over 25% of the Basin, or 42 PLSS sections
 - Single CA Aqueduct milepost
- Paired with an MT exceedance investigation

Representative Example of 25% of Basin area (orange shaded sections):

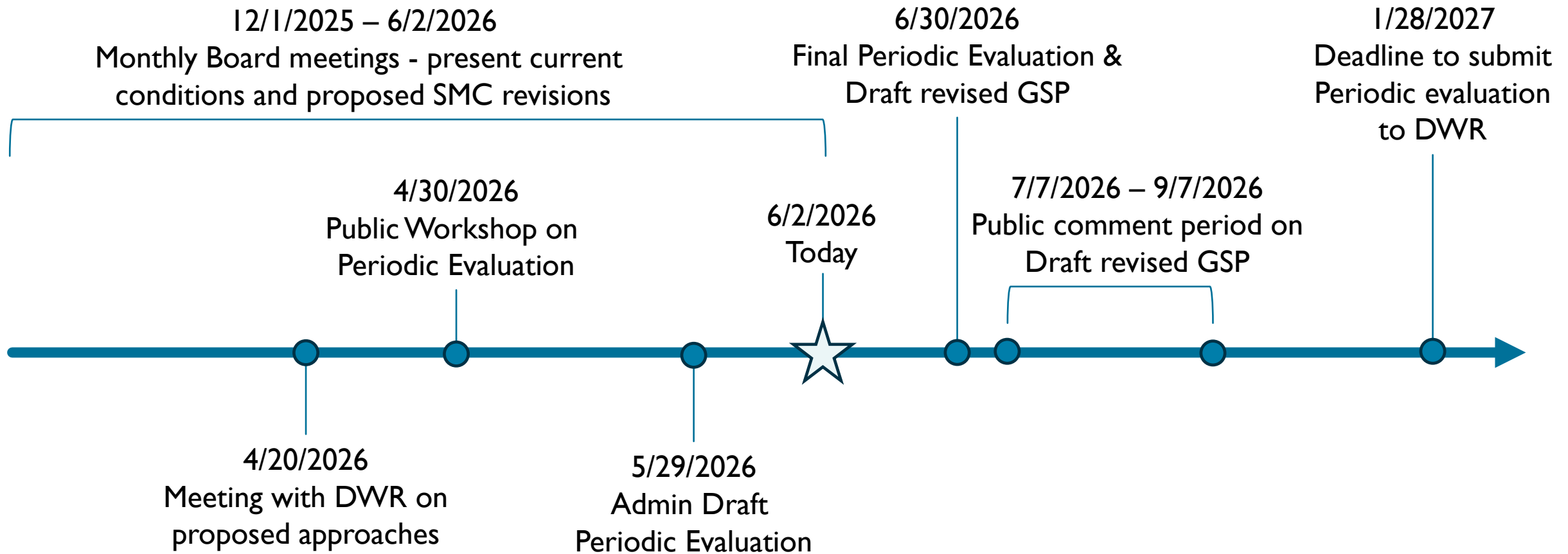


Basin is 168 square miles

RECOMMENDED SUBSIDENCE MOS AND IMS

- MOs = 2/3 the MTs
- IMs (extent only)
 - 2027 = 50% of MO = 0.26 ft
 - 2032 = 30% of MO = 0.42 ft
 - 2037 = 15% of MO = 0.50 ft
 - 2042 = 5% of MO = 0.53 ft

PERIODIC EVALUATION TIMELINE



FORTHCOMING WATER YEAR 2026 GSP IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

PROP 4 UPDATE

DWR Prop 4 Funding Programs: SGM PROGRAM & WSG PROGRAM

Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program

\$386M

- Supports Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in implementing their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs).
- Funding categories
 - **\$193M** for projects supporting **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation**
 - **\$193M** for **conjunctive use and groundwater recharge projects**

Watershed Resilience Grant (WSG) Program

\$152M

- Program supports projects that improve water resilience and climate adaptation across California through two future funding solicitations.
- **Early Action Implementation Solicitation:** funds conservation and watershed resilience projects that improve regional climate resilience and integrated water management.
- **Planning Solicitation:** funds development or expansion of Watershed Resilience Plans and implementation of high-priority projects.



SGM GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- Recharge/Conjunctive Use Projects
 - Subsidence BMP Implementation Actions
 - Addressing DWR Recommended Corrective Actions
 - Ag Land Adaptation Projects
 - Conveyance Projects
 - Other Implementation Projects
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- Preference for “shovel ready” projects

Bond Requirements for Sustainable Groundwater

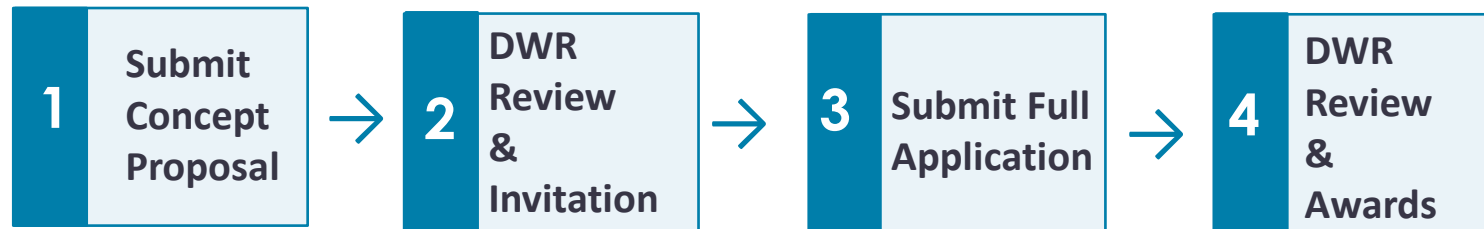
- Minimum of \$25 million for Tribes
- Minimum of 40% of bond funds must go to projects directly benefitting disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations
- \$386.25 million* Available, split into two components:
- \$193.125 million - Projects that support SGMA implementation, and:
 - Increase groundwater storage
 - Improve the management and operation of groundwater storage
 - Improve groundwater banking
- \$193.125 million - Projects that support conjunctive use and groundwater recharge and:
 - Provide improved regional watershed management
 - Address current and projected drought conditions and demonstrate adaptation to climate change for a region
 - Provide ecosystem benefits to fish and wildlife and improve stream flow for anadromous fish

*Bond Section Totals include state operation and bond costs and do not reflect local assistance totals



APPLICATION PROCESS & SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

Both programs are anticipated to follow a competitive two-phase application process. No cost share is required, and up to 25% advance funding may be available for awarded projects. Additional DWR guidance is anticipated in late 2026.



Anticipated Solicitation Schedule

Draft Guidelines	Final Guidelines	Concept Proposals & Applications	Awards
Fall 2026	Early 2027	Mid-2027	Late 2027–Early 2028

WY 2026 GSP IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

- SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant Closeout
- Finalize Periodic Evaluation and Amended GSP
- Ongoing data processing & data gap filling
- WY 2026 Annual Report
- Focused subsidence assessment
- Stakeholder outreach and engagement
- As-needed for grant support and/or other technical work, as directed by the Technical Committee

EKI TASK ORDER

- Covers | May 2026 through | April 2027

TASK	Cost Estimate	Grant Reimbursable Amount	GSA Responsible Amount
Task 1 – DWR SGMA Implementation Grant Administration	\$26,349	\$26,349	\$0
Task 2 – Grant Component Administration & Project Management	\$31,963	\$4,963	\$27,000
Task 3 – Subsidence Assessment	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000
Task 4 –Data Compilation, Data Gap Filling, and Assessment	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Task 5 – Prepare Annual Report	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
Task 6 – Finalize Periodic Evaluation and Amended GSP	\$100,000	\$74,154	\$25,846
Task 7 - Stakeholder Outreach and Coordination	\$95,689	\$20,689	\$75,000
Task 8 – As-Needed Support	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
TOTAL:	\$579,001	\$126,156	\$452,846

Cost per member district: \$150,949



QUESTIONS



What Happens When the Basis for a Listing Under the Endangered Species Act Proves False – Too Often Nothing

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In February 2005, the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) submitted a petition to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) requesting listing of the polar bear as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Following two rounds of successful litigation by CBD, on May 14, 2008, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne announced the federal government's decision to list the polar bear as a threatened species.

Most species are listed under the ESA as a result of destruction or degradation of their habitat leading to a decline in population size, a decline in their geographic range, or most commonly both of those factors. Some are listed due to over utilization by humans leading to a diminished population, principally from hunting, fishing, or other forms of harvest at unsustainable levels. Yet others are listed because their entire population occupies a very small geographic area so that they are highly vulnerable to extinction – biologists refer to those species as narrow endemics.

Neither habitat destruction or degradation nor over utilization by humans drove the polar bear listing. And with a range that includes portions of the United States, Russia, Greenland, Canada, and Norway, polar bears certainly do not qualify as narrow endemics. Instead, the Service based its decision to list the polar bear on the projected loss of sea ice across the Arctic. The [agency reasoned](#) that climate models predicted accelerating warming, that warming would reduce the extent of sea ice, that polar bears rely on sea ice to hunt, breed, and make long-distance movements, therefore, the projected decline in sea ice in the future “threatens the species throughout all of its range.”

Relying on ongoing commentary in the scientific community, the Service opined that anticipated environmental changes would lead to a decline in the polar bear population, observing “Many researchers over the past 40 years have predicted an array of impacts to polar bears from climatic change that include adverse effects on denning, food chain disruption, and prey availability.” The premise for this opinion and for the listing was that polar bears would not adapt to changing environmental conditions.

At the time of listing, the Service relied on a 2006 study to estimate the polar bear population at between 20,000 and 25,000 individuals. Forward to its [2023 Species Status Assessment](#), the Service's population estimate had grown to 22,000 to 31,000 polar bears. During the intervening period, the Service noted in the Status Assessment that sea ice had been thinning and retreating, facts in combination that are incongruous if one accepts the premise for the polar bear listing. But [recent research](#) reported on by Benji Jones in Vox indicates that the premise appears to be false — the polar bear is adapting to changing environmental conditions.

A study of [polar bear genetics](#) — or, more specifically, transposable elements within the polar bear genome — published last year, comparing two polar bear populations in Greenland demonstrated differences between them. One of the populations resides in northeast Greenland and the other in southeast Greenland, and the differences in transposable elements between the two populations were correlated with temperature. The

study provides insights into how polar bears may evolve in behavior and perhaps physiologically to profound changes in their habitats on a relatively short time scale.

Another [study of polar bears](#) carried out over the period 2000 to 2019, based on analyses of over 700 adult bears, found that a body-condition index (based on body weight and length) increased over that time period. This was the case despite a recorded loss of sea ice during the same period. In fact, the authors reported that the loss of sea ice in the Svalbard study area outpaced the losses in other areas with polar bears. This led the authors to conclude that “[o]ur bears showed a high level of resistance of environmental changes induced by a warmer climate and sea ice habitat loss.”

The weight of the evidence suggests that the polar bear listing was based on a false premise. By all rights and reliance on the best available scientific information, this should lead the Service to delist the species and focus the limited resources dedicated to the conservation of threatened and endangered species that are truly in need. But, despite the fact that the listing and delisting process is supposed to be driven only by science, the process of removing species from the list of threatened and endangered species is heavily influenced by politics and litigation.

Commentators have roundly criticized current Interior Secretary Burgum for his tongue-in-cheek claim that the list is like Hotel California, but an honest appraisal would indicate it is difficult to remove species from the list even when it is clear that a particular listing is no longer warranted. The grey wolf may be the posterchild for this point. At the time of its listing sixty years ago under the predecessor Act to the contemporary ESA, the only grey wolf population remaining in the lower 48 states was in forested northern Minnesota, extending north into Canada. Recent Species Status Reports completed by the Service for the [western](#) (2023) and [eastern](#) (2025) United States populations report that grey wolves now occupy portions of Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, and California in the west, and Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin in the east, with individual wolves in the west having dispersed into Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada. Whereas the estimated populations at the time of listing were around 1,000 wolves, contemporary estimates put populations in the range of 7,000 to 8,000 wolves.

The tale of the Bone Cave harvestman differs, but, like the grey wolf, it remains a listed species to this day. The Bone Cave harvestman is a pale, orange, eyeless harvestman that is evolutionarily adapted to spending its entire life in subterranean caves and crevices in the Balcones Canyonlands in portions of Travis and Williamson counties, Texas. The Service first listed the Bone Cave harvestman in 1988 under the name Bee Creek Cave harvestman. At the time of the listing, the only known occurrences of the species were in five or six caves. In 1993, USFWS recognized the Bone Cave harvestman as a separate species and published a final rule listing it as such.

In the years after its initial listing, known occurrences of the species doubled from 6 to 12, then doubled again from 12 to 24, then again from 24 to 48, then from 48 to 96, and then from 96 to 192. The number of known occurrences now exceeds 225 in caves and crevices. While little is known about the species and its population dynamics, it is reasonable to infer that each detected occurrence does not represent the single individual identified, rather it is representative of a population in that specific cave or crevice, or cluster of caves and crevices, which can include hundreds, even thousands of individuals. Each occurrence of the harvestman may be a demographic unit within an extensive metapopulation that well could amount to dozens or perhaps even hundreds of populations – which reasonably indicates that the Bone Cave harvestman is not at risk of extinction.

To avoid delisting, the Service has proven willing to move the presumptive recovery planning goal posts for species that apparently do not warrant protection. The valley elderberry longhorn beetle was listed in 1980 when the Service understood that its habitat was restricted to Central Valley riparian woodlands, habitat that had been reduced by more than 90% since the settlement of California. Just 10 isolated occurrences of the beetle across three valley counties were known at that time. By 2006, the beetle’s known distribution had expanded to more than 200 occurrences across more than a dozen counties, a north-south range of more than 200 miles. The narrative that farming, urban development, and flood control actions constituted threats that

could lead to the beetle’s extinction proved to be unfounded. A quarter century after the species’ federal listing as threatened, it was clear that its conservation status did not require protection under the federal ESA.

Accordingly, the Service received a petition to delist the beetle and in 2012 it published [a proposed rule](#) to remove ESA protections, recognizing that the contemporary range of the species was well-more than an order of magnitude greater than any other protected invertebrate species in the state. But in 2014, the Service did an about face citing “expert” consultants and researchers – who happened to have government funding for surveys and research on the beetle – asserting that threats to the valley elderberry longhorn beetle remained, therefore, delisting would be improper. Subsequently, a [species recovery plan](#) released in 2019 set goals for delisting that were in a word, unrealistic. A [five-year review in 2023](#) that followed found not of eight extensive sub-basin conservation units “contained the number of protected suitable habitat patches identified” in the Recovery Plan. That assures recovery of the valley elderberry longhorn beetle, listed under the false premise that it was highly geographically restricted, will not be delisted until its full, expansive distribution, mostly on private land, is secured and managed. In barely 10 years, the Service flipped the narrative from the fact that the beetle no longer needs protection to the contention that the species will be perpetually reliant on land acquisition and directed conservation actions.

Each false listing not only reduces resources dedicated to conservation of actual threatened and endangered species; it reduces trust in the Service as ordinary Americans and their businesses, and state and local governments are forced to expend resources to comply with regulatory requirements that are unnecessary. Fortunately, this need not be an intractable problem. Congress and the President have the authority to take steps to ensure that the focus of the Service is on conservation of those species in need to protection. And leaders at the Service can build trust in the agency by working assiduously to ensure that every regulation imposed upon Americans and their businesses and state and local governments is no more onerous than needed to fulfill the requirements of the ESA.

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