

**Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA
Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday October 14, 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)

Conference Line: +1 (872) 240-3212

Access Code: 211-452-397

<https://www.gotomeet.me/WRMWSD>

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

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*
7. *Bring Back the Kern v. City of Bakersfield, California Supreme Court, Case No. S290840*

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

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

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

9. *District’s Designated Representative: Engineer-Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payments
Property: State Water Project Water Supply
Negotiation with: SLOFC&WCD*

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

10. *Two Matters*

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

11. *Two Matters*

9:30 Open Session Pledge of Allegiance

3. Attorney’s Report

Torigiani (10 mins)

1. Report from Closed Session (Gov. Code, §§ 54957.1, 54957.7)
2. Legislative, Executive, Regulatory, and Legal Matters
3. Consider Engaging Consultant for 2027 WSD Legislation
4. Consider Authorization to Publish Notice of General WSD Election of Directors
(Water Code, § 41308) – **Resolution Required**

4. Minutes

1. Consider Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2026 ***Atkinson*** (2 mins)

5. Financial Reports

Mettler (10 mins)

1. Filing of Treasurer’s Report

2. Consider Approval of Accounts Payable
- 2.1 Director Compensation and Expense

6. Controller's Report

1. Delinquent Accounts Report *Smith* (10 mins)
2. Budget Expenditures Report *Whitby* (5 mins)
3. Draft Budget, Water Rates, & Cash Forecast for 2027 *Whitby* (10 mins)
4. Consider Approval of 365 Day Term for CAMP Portfolio *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. 2026-2027 San Luis Reservoir Carryover Update & Consider Implementation of Water Management Activities
 - c. Other Purchases/Exchanges
3. Golden Mussel Update *McDaris* (5 mins)
4. Consider Approval of Westside Districts - SCVWA Multi-Year SWP Transfer Agreement *McDaris* (5 mins)
5. Consider Approval of Quitclaim – District Pipeline Easements Laterals 13A-A and 13A-1 *Suggs* (5 mins)
6. Consider Approval of Battery Termination Agreements *Nicholas* (5 mins)
7. State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) *Nicholas* (10 mins)
8. Sites Reservoir *Kunde* (10 mins)
9. Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA *Nicholas* (15 mins)
 - a. Presentation Regarding Potential Modification of Groundwater Beneficial Use Designation Near Maricopa

9. Reports

1. Directors' 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. ACWA Fall Conference – December 1-3 – Anaheim *Nicholas* (2 mins)
2. WAKC Annual Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 2026 *Nicholas* (2 mins)

11. Public Comments

12. Adjournment

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

By: Danyel Ruth

October 9, 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



OCTOBER 2026

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA WEBINARS

- Karla Nemeth Virtual Town Hall / October 6 at 1:00 pm / Register [here](#).
- Region 1 and 5 Office Hours with Karla Nemeth / October 23 at 10:00 am / Register [here](#).
- Region 6 and 7 Office Hours with Karla Nemeth / October 30 at 10:00 am / Register [here](#).

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Region 6 and 7 / October 9 at 8:00 am / Register [here](#) to attend.
- ACWA Region 10 / October 14 at 9:00 am / Register [here](#) to attend.
- ACWA Region 1 / October 28 at 8:00 am / Register [here](#) to attend.

ACWA FALL 2026 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its Fall 2026 Conference and Exhibition in Anaheim, CA from December 1-3. ACWA Policy Committee Meetings will be held in person on December 1. Click [here](#) to register for the Fall Conference, including the Policy Committee Meetings.

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

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

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

PROPOSITION 4 IMPLEMENTATION TRACKER

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

Staff Contact

Amber Rossow
amberr@acwa.com

WATER MANAGEMENT

2026 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment: Bulletin 161-2026

- On September 23, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the [Bulletin 161-2026 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment Summary Report](#) (Summary Report). The Summary Report summarizes projected water shortage information from urban water suppliers, as well as regional and statewide analyses of water supply conditions.

Staff Contact

Amber Rossow
amberr@acwa.com

PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan - On August 19, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) released the final draft of updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan) and the final Staff Report/Substitute Environmental Document. The State Water Board will consider adoption of the final draft Bay-Delta Plan and the final Staff Report at a public meeting in October. Public meeting: October 28-29	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
California Financing Coordination Committee Funding Fairs - The California Financing Coordination Committee (CFCC) will be hosting the 2026 Fall Funding Fairs (Funding Fairs). At the Funding Fairs, federal, state, and local agencies will discuss available bonds, grants, loans, and technical resources for local infrastructure projects. - Funding fairs: October 29 at 9am, November 4 at 9am	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Candidate Bumble Bee Conservation Guidance On August 3, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) published the non-regulatory Considerations for Conserving Crotch's Bumble Bee, Franklin's Bumble Bee, Western Bumble Bee, and Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee Guidance Document (Guidance Document). The Guidance Document intends to provide best practices for avoiding project-related impacts to these bee species.	Staff Contact Sophie Morin sophiem@acwa.com
El Niño State of Emergency On September 21, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency regarding the emerging El Niño storm season. The state of emergency order directs state agencies to lead flood-risk-reduction efforts, prepare roads, and other critical infrastructure, as well as assist local governments to reduce flood, landslide, and coastal risks.	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Prop 4 Watershed Resilience Grant Program - On September 10, DWR released the 2026 Draft Watershed Resilience Grant Program Guidelines and 2026 Draft Conservation Implementation Proposal Solicitation Package. The Watershed Resilience Grant Program will administer \$152 million in grants for water conservation and improvements to climate resilience on a watershed basis. DWR will host a public workshop to provide an overview of the program and accept public comments. Public workshop: October 22 at 1pm Public comment due: November 9	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
PRIORITY Sites Reservoir - On September 3, the State Water Board released a Revised Draft Water Rights Decision and Draft Permit for Sites Reservoir. The revisions expand opportunities to divert water and ensure the project aligns with the Bay-Delta Plan. Public comment due: October 5 at 11:59pm - On September 10, the State Water Board issued a Final Water Quality Certification for the Sites Reservoir Project. The Water Quality Certification	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com

focuses on the construction of the reservoir and is needed for construction to begin.	
Urban Water Use Objective Reporting - Urban water retailers are required to submit their annual urban water use objectives and actual water use data to comply with the Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation. - Reporting form due: January 1, 2027	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com 
Water Rights Fee Schedule On September 15, the State Water Board adopted the emergency regulations amending the Water Rights Fee Schedules for FY 2026-27. Changes to the water rights fee schedule include: an increase in the water rights application, permit, and license fees, an adjustment to the fee cap on change petitions involving transfers, a revision of the timing of SGMA automatic late fees, and an assessment of a new SGMA fee to recover staff costs.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
AGRICULTURE	
Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability Funding - The Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability is currently working with invited concept proposal applicants for the Healthy Soils Program and State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program block grants. - Award execution: January 2027	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
SAFE DRINKING WATER	
Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund - On September 30, the State Water Board released the Draft Fiscal Year 2026-27 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (FEP). The FEP includes anticipated available Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program funding, and details funding targets, prioritization, and eligibility. Board workshop: October 6 at 9am Public comment due: October 30 at 12pm	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	
DWR Groundwater Recharge Working Group - DWR will be hosting a Groundwater Recharge Working Group (GRWG). The GRWG will support the development of recommendations to advance groundwater recharge as part of the California Water Plan 2028. The first meeting of the GRWG will include an overview of the working group's work plan and solicit initial input on groundwater recharge priorities. GRWG Open Session: October 1 at 9am	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
WATER QUALITY	
PRIORITY Golden Mussels Regulation The 45-day public comment period for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)'s rulemaking pertaining to invasive mussels (rulemaking) recently ended on August 18 and a subsequent 15-day comment period for a	Staff Contact Sophie Morin sophiem@acwa.com 

revised draft ended on September 17. CDFW anticipates the rulemaking to be finalized in Fall 2026.	
Harmful Algal Blooms and Cyanotoxins Policy - The State Water Board is developing statewide water quality objectives to reduce the risk and occurrence of harmful algal blooms (HABs) in California's inland surface waters, enclosed bays, estuaries, and coastal lagoons. The State Water Board will be hosting an outreach meeting to solicit input to inform the development of the statewide policy on HABs. Outreach meeting: November 2 at 2pm	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
State Revolving Fund Environmental Package Requirements - On December 29, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Webinars relating to Funding Programs Environmental Package (EP) Guidance. The webinars will focus on the EP requirements for the State Water Board's funding programs, including the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF and DWSRF). Public webinar: November 12 at 1pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Stormwater Grant Program Guidelines - On October 6, the State Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Proposition 4 Stormwater Grant Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines establish the process and criteria that the State Water Board will use to solicit, evaluate, and select applications, and award grants for multi-benefit urban stormwater management projects. Board Meeting: October 6 at 9am	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Waste Discharge Requirements for Dairies On September 16, the State Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements General Order NO R5-2013-0122 for Milk Cow Dairies in the Central Valley Region. The order limits dairies' application of manure to croplands, requires dairies responsible for nitrate impacts to wells to provide alternate drinking water supplies, and requires stricter nitrogen monitoring.	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Water Quality Regulatory Fee Schedule On September 15, the State Water Board adopted the emergency regulations revising the Core Water Quality Regulatory Fee Schedules. The FY 2026-27 fee structure remains unchanged from the previous fiscal year, with the exception of a slight change to the Water Quality Certification Fill & Excavation fee and an increase to the Cannabis Cultivation program.	Staff Contact Sophie Morin sophiem@acwa.com
ENERGY	
PRIORITY Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation On September 10, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved and filed the California Air Resource Board (CARB)'s amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation. The amendments repeal the High-Priority Fleet and Drayage Fleet requirements and clarify requirements for private contractors providing services to public agencies.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
CARB Drive Forward Expo CARB will be hosting a free Drive Forward Expo in Fresno. The Drive Forward Expo highlights zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty commercial trucks and off-road equipment. At the event, CARB staff will be available to answer	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com

questions on regulatory obligations to adopt medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles.

- [Expo date](#): November 18 at 9am

ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [Request for Immediate State Action to Protect California Communities Before 2026-27 Winter Season](#), Governor Newsom, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, September 9, 2026
- [Revised Draft of Amendments to Sections 650, 672, 672.1, 672. 2 of Title 14 of the CCR Regarding Invasive Mussels](#), California Department of Fish and Wildlife, September 17, 2026
- [Final Draft Bay-Delta Plan](#), State Water Resources Control Board, September 18, 2026
- [Review of State Plans and Policies](#), State Water Resources Control Board, September 21, 2026

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



Indicates ACWA Working Group



Indicates ACWA Priority Issue

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS in the past several years, California has experienced increasingly severe and destructive storms, including atmospheric river events that have caused widespread flooding, mud and debris flows, landslides, high winds, power outages, road and highway closures, evacuation orders, damage to homes and critical infrastructure, and disruption of essential services; and

WHEREAS climate change is intensifying these weather and hydrologic extremes in California, contributing to increasingly severe swings between drought and flooding, and heightening the risks that extreme storms pose to communities, infrastructure, natural resources, and the economy; and

WHEREAS California is entering the 2026–2027 wet season amid the ongoing development of a strong and likely historic El Niño event in the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center, in its August 13, 2026, diagnostic report, found that the El Niño event is strengthening, with a greater than 90 percent chance of a very strong event during Northern Hemisphere fall and winter of 2026–2027; and

WHEREAS the Climate Prediction Center projected a 69 percent chance that the event will reach historic strength during the October through December 2026 season, defined as a three-month Relative Oceanic Niño Index, and exceeding the strength of all prior El Niño events in the historical record beginning in 1950; and

WHEREAS the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center has found that atmospheric conditions over the tropical Pacific are consistent with a strengthening El Niño, including changes in equatorial winds and an eastward shift in enhanced convection and rainfall toward the central and eastern Pacific, making it more likely that at least some parts of California will experience stronger storms in coming months; and

WHEREAS elevated baseline coastal water levels, combined with high tides, large waves, high surf, and coastal storms, can increase risks of coastal flooding, beach erosion, bluff erosion, transportation disruption, and damage to public and private infrastructure; and

WHEREAS California has already begun to experience effects attributed to this El Niño event, including unusual precipitation and significant coastal flooding; and

WHEREAS historical experience demonstrates that very strong El Niño events do not produce uniform statewide outcomes, but can be associated with exceptionally wet and destructive winter conditions in California; and

WHEREAS California's recent experience with atmospheric rivers, debris flows following wildfires, flash flooding, coastal erosion, inundation, and damage to transportation and flood-control infrastructure demonstrates the importance of procuring and positioning resources, clearing waterways, and taking additional actions to prepare before severe storms arrive; and

WHEREAS areas affected by recent wildfires are particularly susceptible to flash flooding, mud and debris flows, erosion, sediment transport, and road closures during high-intensity rainfall; and

WHEREAS in light of that experience, local governments, local water agencies, and local flood control authorities have requested action now to enable them to move quickly to begin preparations for preventing and responding to the impacts of potential flooding; and

WHEREAS low-income communities, farmworker families, rural residents, seniors, persons with disabilities, residents with limited transportation access, people experiencing homelessness, and communities in flood-prone, coastal, or post-fire areas may face disproportionate risks; and

WHEREAS the demonstrated potential for a very strong or historic-strength El Niño event to cause elevated coastal water levels and high-impact storms in California warrants early, coordinated, and targeted preparedness actions to protect Californians, critical infrastructure, agricultural lands, natural resources, and the State's economy; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the developing El Niño event; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the developing El Niño event is likely to cause conditions that, by reason of their magnitude, are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the extreme peril posed by the developing El Niño event; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the developing El Niño event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist statewide due to the developing 2026–2027 El Niño event.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government are to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall coordinate statewide preparedness activities for potential severe weather, flooding, coastal flooding, erosion, mud and debris flows, and related impacts associated with conditions resulting from the El Niño event, including atmospheric rivers and other severe storm systems. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall work with local and tribal governments to support emergency planning, resource coordination, and requests for state assistance. To protect their safety, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency.

2. As necessary to assist local governments and for the protection of public safety and the environment, state agencies shall enter into contracts to arrange for the procurement of materials, goods, and services necessary to quickly assist with the response to and recovery from the impacts of this emergency. Applicable provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code, including but not limited to travel, advertising, and competitive bidding requirements, are suspended to the extent necessary to address the effects of this emergency.
3. The California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Natural Resources Agency, including boards, departments, and offices within those agencies, are directed to prioritize work to help local agencies prepare for anticipated impacts from the El Niño event. In particular, those state agencies are directed to prioritize permitting, consultation, and technical assistance to support local efforts to prevent or mitigate impacts from anticipated or potential flooding, landslides, and mud and debris flows, including local efforts to expedite levee and other flood management infrastructure repairs, vegetation management, debris removal, sediment management, bridge scour protection, and channel-capacity improvements. State agencies are directed to work with local agencies to issue any necessary permits or other approvals for such efforts as quickly as possible, including by identifying and invoking existing emergency authorities or other pathways for streamlined review. On or before October 16, 2026, the Secretary for Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency shall submit a joint recommendation to my office as to whether further action or emergency suspensions are necessary to support and expedite this work.
4. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall coordinate the State's preparation for and response to the developing El Niño event, including by working with the Department of Water Resources and other appropriate government agencies to prepare to pre-position personnel, equipment, supplies, commodities, and other resources based on forecast conditions, local needs, and identified risks. In particular, this work shall draw on the Department of Water Resources' guidance regarding flood-risk-reduction activities.
5. The Department of Water Resources shall take appropriate action to procure, maintain, stage, pre-position, distribute, and replenish flood-fight supplies, equipment (including, but not limited to, sandbags, riprap and other rock materials, plastic sheeting, and pumps), and other materials necessary to support statewide flood preparedness, response, and protective actions in connection with the El Niño event. The Department of Water Resources shall coordinate with appropriate government agencies to identify priority areas for flood-fight material staging and plans to make these materials available where they are needed, when they are needed.
6. The Department of Water Resources, through its Division of Safety of Dams, shall conduct outreach to owners of jurisdictional dams regarding potential severe conditions during the El Niño event and shall reiterate to dam owners their responsibilities to inspect, operate, maintain, repair, and safely manage their dams and appurtenant structures in accordance

with applicable law, permit conditions, emergency action plans, and directives of the Division of Safety of Dams.

7. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, shall conduct outreach to counties, cities, and relevant local agencies that are responsible for levees, flood-control facilities, and associated structures that may be vulnerable to impacts of the El Niño event to take appropriate actions to procure, maintain, stage, pre-position, distribute, and replenish flood-fight supplies, commodities, equipment, and materials necessary to support flood preparedness, response, and protective actions.
8. The Department of Water Resources, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, shall conduct outreach and education to advance groundwater recharge projects and to use flood flows to recharge groundwater aquifers under existing law with the goal of reducing flood impacts and strengthening local water supplies.
9. Consistent with Paragraph 3 of this Proclamation, the Coastal Commission is directed to expedite review and action on proposed development by coastal communities to prepare for the impacts of this El Niño event. Coastal communities are encouraged to submit permit applications, as appropriate, to facilitate timely Coastal Commission review, technical assistance, and other support for El Niño preparations. After an application is received, the Commission shall respond with notification of any incomplete items within five days. After an application is complete, it shall be scheduled for hearing at the next Commission meeting. For emergency permit requests, the Commission shall accept both written and oral requests to its district offices. When necessary to address an urgent need related to this emergency, the Commission shall take action on emergency permit requests as quickly as possible and within twenty-four hours of receipt.
10. The California Department of Transportation and California State Transportation Agency shall identify those state highways, bridges, culverts, drainage facilities, slopes, and other transportation infrastructure most at risk of flooding, erosion, debris flows, rockslides, mudslides, or other significant impacts from severe storms caused by the El Niño event, and transmit to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services a prioritized list of projects to address such risks within 30 days of this Proclamation.
11. The California Department of Transportation shall develop plans to pre-position personnel and materials (including directional signage, traffic-control devices, road-closure devices, warning signs, delineators, emergency communications equipment, and other resources) at or near locations that may be identified as at risk of severe impacts from the El Niño event. This shall include plans to prepare and pre-position snow-removal, snow-control, and ice-control equipment as appropriate, including snowplows, snow blowers, graders, loaders, chain-control equipment, salt, sand, and other materials necessary to maintain safe travel and restore access on state highways during the El Niño event.
12. The Adjutant General and the California Military Department shall, in coordination with the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency

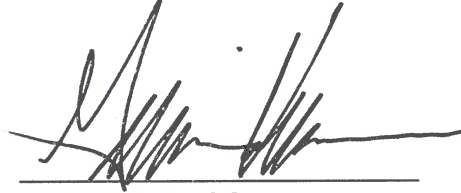
Services, identify California National Guard personnel, equipment, and capabilities that may be available to support state and local emergency operations, if activated or tasked, in relation to this El Niño event. Such planning shall include readiness for high-water vehicle operations; aviation operations, including reconnaissance, search and rescue, transport, and heavy-lift support, as appropriate; engineering support; emergency communications; transportation and logistics; evacuation support; flood-fight activities; debris removal and route clearance; commodity distribution; shelter support; and other life-safety and emergency-support missions.

13. California Volunteers, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and other appropriate agencies, shall prepare to mobilize volunteers and trained service members, consistent with their training, mission, safety requirements, and applicable law, to support state and local preparedness, response, and recovery activities in connection with the El Niño event.
14. The California Conservation Corps shall prepare to deploy Corpsmembers, consistent with its statutory mission, training, available resources, safety requirements, and applicable law, to support severe weather preparedness and response activities in connection with the El Niño event.
15. The California Energy Commission, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, and the State Water Resources Control Board and regional water quality control boards are directed, and the California Public Utilities Commission is requested, to coordinate, consistent with their respective authorities, with electrical, natural-gas, water, wastewater, telecommunications, transportation, and other critical-service providers to enhance readiness and support timely restoration of essential services following storm impacts.
16. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with relevant state agencies, shall expand accessible, multilingual public preparedness communications related to severe weather, flooding, emergency alerts, evacuation readiness, power outages, safe travel, disaster assistance, and household emergency planning.
17. Agencies under my direct authority shall cooperate in their response to this emergency. Other agencies are requested to assist in responding to this emergency, as appropriate.
18. The restrictions set forth in Penal Code section 396, which are automatically triggered upon proclamation of a state of emergency, are suspended, and no such restrictions are imposed, with respect to this El Niño event, at this time.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

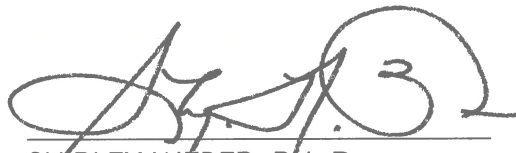
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have
hereunto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the State of
California to be affixed this 21st day
of September 2026.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California



ATTEST:


SHIRLEY WEBER, PH. D
Secretary of State



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 27 2026

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 872 without my signature.

This bill establishes the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund (Fund) to support multi-benefit levee projects and capital improvements to water conveyance systems impacted by subsidence in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and requires the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy) to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations for projects to be supported by the Fund.

In this year's budget, in partnership with the Legislature, we allocated \$68 million to mitigate subsidence on the state's aqueducts and canals, \$75 million for projects that repair levees and improve flood protection and climate resiliency in the Delta, \$20.2 million to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to reduce the risks of climate change impacts on communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources, and \$7.9 million to pay for mitigation costs associated with the Delta levee projects.

This bill would establish parameters for spending revenue from a Fund that did not receive resources in this year's budget. While well-intentioned, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom



REEB GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LOBBYING FIRM RETENTION CONTRACT

The following constitutes a lobbying firm retention contract between **REEB GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, LLC** ("RGR" hereinafter), or its legal successor in interest, and **WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT** ("WRMWSD" hereinafter), or its legal successor in interest.

1. **SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED**— WRMWSD engages the services of RGR to provide advice and representation on behalf of WRMWSD and other participating water storage districts in the State Capitol and with the Executive Branch in regard to legislation amending the California Water Storage District Law. RGR will participate in virtual meetings with WRMWSD and participating water storage district representatives to discuss advocacy tasks related to the legislative proposal. RGR will attend and participate in other meetings, as necessary, and upon request by WRMWSD, including, but not limited to, meetings for advocacy related to the legislation and development of support from appropriate statewide organizations. RGR will provide weekly updates during the 2027 legislative session when the Legislature is not in recess.

RGR will work under the direction of the WRMWSD Engineer-Manager, and will coordinate services to be performed with same.

2. **TERMS OF PAYMENT**— WRMWSD will pay RGR, according to terms and conditions set forth herein, a fee of SEVENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$70,000) for the period of November 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027. This amount shall be paid in fourteen (14) equal installment payments of FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000) due each month from November 2026 through December 2027, inclusive. Payment shall cover all time expended by RGR personnel unless otherwise agreed to by WRMWSD and RGR.

- A. Invoices shall be submitted monthly by RGR for payment by WRMWSD. If WRMWSD has any valid reason for disputing any portion of an invoice, WRMWSD will so notify RGR within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of invoice, and if no such notification is given, the invoice shall be deemed valid. The portion of RGR's invoice that is not in dispute shall be paid in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

- B. WRMWSD shall reimburse RGR all costs incurred in connection with the services rendered. Reimbursable costs shall include travel costs and other costs approved by the WRMWSD Engineer-Manager. Travel costs are defined as air travel, lodging, meals and incidentals, ground transportation, and all costs associated with travel. All travel expenses must receive WRMWSD'S prior approval. RGR shall provide to WRMWSD substantiation of reimbursable costs incurred. In no event shall the aggregate amount of reimbursable costs payable by WRMWSD during the term of the agreement exceed the amount of TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00). Any expense incurred in excess of this amount shall be the legal responsibility of RGR.
- C. A finance charge of 1.5% per month on the unpaid amount of an invoice will be charged on past due accounts not paid within 30 days of WRMWSD's receipt of an invoice from RGR. Payments by WRMWSD will thereafter be applied first to accrued interest and then to the principal unpaid balance. Any reasonable attorney fees, court costs, or other costs incurred in collection of delinquent accounts shall be paid by WRMWSD. If payment of invoices is not current, RGR may suspend performing further work.

3. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR—It is understood that RGR will function as an independent contractor and will hold itself out as such and will be without authority to obligate WRMWSD for indebtedness, contracts, or other legal obligations.

4. POLITICAL REFORM ACT—RGR will be solely responsible for its filing and reporting obligations pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974, as it may be amended from time to time. WRMWSD will be solely responsible for their respective filing and reporting obligations pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974, as it may be amended from time to time.

5. GOVERNING LAW - This contract shall be governed by and construed pursuant to the laws of the State of California.

6. ENTIRE AGREEMENT - This contract represents the entire agreement of the parties and no other representations, promises or agreements, oral or otherwise, shall be of any force or effect. This contract may be supplemented, amended or revised only in writing by agreement of the parties.

7. TERM OF CONTRACT—This engagement shall be subject to review at any mutually agreed upon time. Either party may terminate this engagement with cause by giving written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination. WRMWSD's obligation to pay any further monthly installments shall cease upon the date of the termination and WRMWSD shall have no further

monetary obligation to RGR as of that date of termination. The effective date of this agreement is November 1, 2026, and it shall terminate on December 31, 2027.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA

WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

12109 Highway 166

Bakersfield, California 93313

By:

Nicholas Sheridan

Engineer-Manager

Date:

REEB GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, LLC

1415 L Street, Suite 870

Sacramento, California 95814

By:

Robert J. Reeb

Managing Officer

Date:



MEMORANDUM

TO: Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
FROM: Brett A. Stroud
 Steve M. Torigiani
DATE: September 28, 2026
RE: General Water Storage District Election – March 2, 2027

Our records indicate the terms of the following Directors are scheduled to expire in April of 2027:

Mark B. Valpredo	Division 2
Colby Fry	Division 4
Kyle G. Richardson	Division 5
Angelica Martin	Division 9

The date of the general water storage district election, at which directors may be elected for these seats, is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March—March 2, 2027.¹ This memorandum details the necessary procedures for initiating the nomination process and determining whether an election must be conducted.

Initial Procedures

(1) Resolution Directing Publication of Notice of Election. This Resolution, a draft of which is included herewith, should be adopted at the October board meeting. Please return a certified copy of the Resolution to this office after it has been adopted.

(2) Notice of Election (English and Spanish). The Notices are to be signed by the District Secretary when the above-referenced Resolution has been adopted. Please return one signed copy to this office. The Notice of Election must be published one time, not less than 84 days prior to the Election (on or before Tuesday, December 08, 2026).² It should be delivered to the newspaper at least one week prior to the date publication is requested. We will be glad to deliver the Notice to *THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN* and check the proof prior to the publication date, if you so desire.

(3) Nomination Petitions. After adoption of the Resolution and publication of the Notice of Election, Nomination Petitions should be circulated. In order to be nominated, one must

¹ Wat. Code, § 41300.

² Wat. Code, § 41308.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

*Attorney-Client Privileged Communication
(Evidence Code § 950, et seq.)*

be a holder of title to land within the District or be designated by an entity which holds title to land within the District.³ Ten signatures of voters (landowners) in the Division are required. PLEASE NOTICE that only qualified voters can effectively sign a Petition. The person circulating the Petition must sign, before a Notary Public, the Affidavit of Circulator attached to the Petition and file the Petition with the Secretary of the Board on or before **January 4, 2027**.⁴ **However, we strongly urge candidates to turn in Nomination Petitions well in advance of this date.** When Nomination Petitions are filed with the Secretary, they should be checked against the landowner lists to verify that at least 10 petitioners are landowners within the Division.

Determining Whether to Hold an Election

The Board may take the following action at the **January 2027** regular meeting of the Board:

(1) For each division for which no nomination or only one nomination is timely made, the Board may order that no election be held for each such Division and request that the Board of Supervisors appoint to that office either the person nominated or, if there are no nominations, a person chosen by the Board of Supervisors.⁵

(2) For each division for which more than one nomination is timely made, the Board adopts a resolution ordering that an election be called for such division(s) and authorizing publication of a “24-day Notice” under Water Code section 41302.

After all Petitions have been submitted, please advise us of the names of the candidates for each Division, and we will prepare an appropriate resolution for the January 2027 Board meeting. In the event an election is required, the necessary documents will be prepared and forwarded to you with instructions for handling prior to the meeting, **and we will provide a detailed memorandum explaining the election procedures, which will be jointly discussed with the candidates at legal counsel’s office.** Candidates up for election or recommended for appointment are required to file Campaign Disclosure Statements (Form 470). We will forward detailed instructions and appropriate forms in January of 2027.

³ Wat. Code, § 40307: “In order to be nominated and eligible for the office of director, a candidate shall be a holder of title within the district. If a holder of title to land is not a natural person, the holder of title to land may designate a representative or representatives to be eligible to be elected or appointed as a director by filing with the district written evidence of that designation.” This section clarifies that representatives of entities (such as corporations and partnerships) can serve as directors without individually holding title to land. If applicable, a nominee may consult with District Counsel for a sample form of certificate providing for such representation of the entity.

⁴ Water Code section 41305 requires that Petitions be filed with the Secretary of the Board “[n]ot less than 60 days before the election,” which would be January 1, 2027. However, that day is a holiday (Gov. Code, § 6700, subd. (a)(2); Code Civ. Proc., § 135), and thus the deadline is continued to the next non-holiday (Code Civ. Proc., § 12a).

⁵ Wat. Code, § 41307.

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -XX

**DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE GENERAL WATER STORAGE
DISTRICT ELECTION AS PRESCRIBED BY WATER CODE SECTION 41308**

WHEREAS, Water Code section 41300 provides that a general water storage district election shall be held in each district on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, in each odd numbered year, to elect a successor to each officer whose term expires in April of that year; and

WHEREAS, therefore. The next General Election for Directors of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (“District”) will occur on March 2, 2027; and

NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS as follows:

- (1) That the Secretary is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the District and thereafter to cause to be published one time a Notice of Election under the provisions of Water Code section 41308 in substantially the form attached hereto.
- (2) That said publication be made in a timely manner in The Bakersfield Californian—or, at the Secretary’s discretion if necessary, another newspaper of general circulation published in Kern County, California—and at the District’s office.
- (3) That the District’s staff are authorized and directed to do all things necessary and proper in order that said general water storage district election be properly held, unless the election is cancelled as provided in Water Code section 41307.

All the foregoing, being on motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, is authorized by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 14th day of October, 2026.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this 14th day of October, 2026.

(District Seal)

Secretary of the Board of Directors

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ELECTION

(Section 41308, California Water Code)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 41300 of the California Water Code, the General Election in WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2027, at which time a successor shall be chosen for each officer whose term expires in April next thereafter. The District has adopted an Alternative Election Roll which shall be used for purposes of establishing holders of title and landowners' votes.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sections 41305 and 41307 of the California Water Code read as follows:

“Section 41305. **Candidates for office of director; filing petitions.** Not less than 60 days before the election, any 10 or more voters in any division of the district may file with the board a petition requesting that the name of a specified person be placed on the ballot for the particular division as a candidate for the office of director to represent the particular division. Only the names proposed by the petitions filed with the board shall be printed on the ballots for the various divisions of the district. The date of actual receipt of any such petition by the board shall be deemed to be the date of filing of the same with the board. If there are less than 10 voters in any division, signatures of one-third of the number of voters, rounded up to the next whole number, shall be required to nominate a candidate.”

“Section 41307. **Resolution ordering election not be held; appointment of officer by board of supervisors.** If, by the 59th day prior to the election, only one person has been nominated as provided in Section 41305 for any elective office to be filled at that election, or no one has been nominated for that office, the board, in its discretion and by resolution, may order that an election not be held for that office and request the board of supervisors to appoint to that office the person nominated or, where no one has been nominated for that office, to appoint to that office a person who the board of supervisors selects. Upon receipt of a request from the board, the board of supervisors shall make that appointment, and the person appointed shall qualify and take office and serve as if elected at a general election.”

DATED: October ___, 2026

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DISTRITO PARA ALMACENAJE DE AGUA WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA

AVISO DE ELECCION

(Sección 41308, Código Californiano para el Agua)

SE HACE CONSTAR QUE, de conformidad con la sección 41300 del Código de Aguas de California, para el Agua, la Elección General en del DISTRITO PARA ALMACENAJE DE AGUA WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA se llevara acabo el Martes, día 2 del Marzo de 2027 en cuyo tiempo se escogerá un sucesor para cada oficial cuyo plazo expirara el siguiente Abril de aquí en adelante. El Distrito ha adoptado un Padrón Electoral Alternativo que se utilizará para los propósitos de establecer los votos de poseedores de título y terrateniente.

POR LA PRESENTE SEPROPORCIONA AVISO DE QUE las Secciones 41305 y 41307 del Código Californiano para el Agua será como sigue:

“Sección 41305. **Candidatos para el cargo de director; archivando peticiones.** No menos de sesenta días antes de la elección, cualquier diez o mas votantes en cualquier división del distrito pueden archivar con la junta una petición pidiendo que el nombre de una persona especificada sea colocado en la balota para la división en particular como un candidato para el cargo de director para representar la división en particular. Solamente los nombres propuestos por las peticiones con la junta se imprimirán en las balotas para las varias divisiones del distrito. La fecha de recibo actual de cualquier semejante petición por la junta se juzgara como la fecha de archivo de la misma con la junta. Si hay menos de diez votantes en cualquier división, las firmas de una tercera parte de los votantes, aumentado al numero siguiente, será requerido para designar a un candidato.”

“Sección 41307. **Resolución ordenando que la elección no se lleve a cabo; nombramiento de oficial por la junta de supervisores.** Si, para el día 59 antes de la elección, solo una persona ha sido nominada según lo dispuesto en la Sección 41305 para cualquier cargo electivo a ser llenado en esa elección, o nadie ha sido nominado para ese cargo, la junta, a su discreción y mediante resolución, podrá ordenar que no se celebre una elección para ese cargo y solicitar a la junta de supervisores que nombre para ese cargo a la persona nominada o, cuando nadie haya sido nominado para ese cargo, que designe para ese cargo a una persona que la junta de supervisores selecciona. Al recibir una solicitud de la junta, la junta de supervisores hará ese nombramiento, y la persona nombrada deberá calificar y tomar posesión del cargo y actuar como si hubiera sido elegido en una elección general.”

EJECUTADO: El día _____ de Octubre del 2026.

SECRETARIO DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District and
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Convened at 8:00 A.M., September 9, 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 and commenced at the District's office, with optional public participation made available through teleconference via GoToMeeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at the hour of 8:00 A.M. President Atkinson declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

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

Directors Absent. None.

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

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

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

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

1. *DWR v. All Persons Interested, etc., consolidated CEQA Case and "Complaint for Validation" Re: Delta Program Revenue Bonds, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 34-2020-80003517, 3rd Appellate Dist., Case No. C100552*
2. *CDWR Environmental Impact [WaterFix] Cases, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. JCCP No. 4942, 3rd Appellate Dist., Case No. C100302*
3. *Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-100418*
4. *Sierra Club, et al., v. DWR, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 24WM000008, and related cases, challenging DCP EIR*
5. *State Water Resources Control Bd. Administrative Hearing Office (AHO) Proceeding Re Sites Project Authority Water Rights Applications*
6. *DWR v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of Delta Conveyance Program Bonds, etc., Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 25CV000704*
7. *Bring Back the Kern v. City of Bakersfield, California Supreme Court, Case No. S290840*

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.

Report from Closed Session. Mr. Torigiani reported there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

Legislative, Executive, Regulatory and Legal Matters. Mr. Torigiani reported the legislative session had ended, and we are now awaiting the Governor's decision on approving or vetoing the various bills that were passed by the Legislature, including SB 872 [Support], which provides for an account that can be funded for Delta levees and California Aqueduct subsidence repairs. He also noted there are ongoing proceedings before the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the Sites Project, Healthy Rivers

and Landscapes, and the Delta Conveyance Project. He further noted the September 2026 ACWA Regulatory Roundup and the September 4, 2026 Valley Ag Water Coalition legislative bill review are included in the Board packet.

Consider Adoption of Resolution Announcing the Intent to Adopt an Amended Conflict-Of-Interest Code and Establishing A Comment Period. Upon motion from Director Martin, seconded by Director Fry, and unanimously carried upon roll call vote with no abstentions, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-12 in the matter of:

RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING THE INTENT TO ADOPT AN AMENDED CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE AND ESTABLISHING A COMMENT PERIOD

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

Minutes. Upon motion by Director Martin, seconded by Director Marin and unanimously carried with no abstentions, *The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Directors ... Convened August 12, 2026*, were approved and filed with corrections to be made to the Closed Session report portion of the minutes as read by Mr. Torigiani.

Change to Agenda. Upon motion by Director Mettler, seconded by Director Marin and unanimously carried with no abstentions, regarding a need to make corrections that arose after posting of the Agenda and in need of immediate action, the Board approved correcting the month from June to August in agenda items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3, to state as follows:

- 5.1 Filing of Treasurer's Report for August
- 5.2 Consider Approving Payment of Accounts Payable for August
- 5.3 Director Compensation and Expense for August

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

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

Controller's Report. Mr. Smith reported that staff was working with Break9 on finishing up the accounting software program, which he hoped to be in the testing phase soon.

Delinquent Accounts Report. Mr. Smith reviewed his portion of the EM Report.

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

President's Report. Nothing to report.

Engineer-Manager's Report. Mr. Nicholas reported the District had delivered a total of 19,756 acre-feet of water for the month of August. Mr. Nicholas also reported that it had been 10 years since the District's booster pumps had been replaced, and staff was working with GEI to begin replacing the eight pump units as these are the only original pumps left in the District.

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

Carryover & San Luis Reservoir Conditions Update. Mr. McDaris reviewed his September 2, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Carryover & San Luis Reservoir Conditions Update*.

Other Purchases and Exchanges. Mr. McDaris reviewed his September 3, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Other Purchases and Exchanges*. Mr. Nicholas noted that District staff would be following the carryover item closely, and may have additional recommendations regarding carryover at the October meeting.

Golden Mussel Update. Mr. McDaris reviewed his September 4, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Golden Mussel Update*.

State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project. Mr. Nicholas reviewed the September 4, 2026 Westlands Water District Press Release entitled *Westlands Water District to End Participation in Bay-Delta Program Absent Reversal by the State*. He noted the draft State Water Control Board Water Quality Control Plan (Healthy Rivers and Landscapes - HRL) order was released on August 19, and the State Water Board will be considering whether to approve it at the Board meetings on September 28 and 29. He further noted the disconnect between the negotiated HRL settlement terms and the HRL terms in the draft order.

Consider Approval of Terra Verde Energy Proposal for Asset Monitoring And Case Management Services. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his September 4, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *Consider Approval of Terra Verde Energy Proposal for Asset Monitoring And Case Management Services*. Upon motion by Director Martin, seconded by Director Fry and unanimously carried with no abstentions, the Board authorized the Engineer-Manager to execute a contract with Terra Verde Energy, LLC, subject to approval by Counsel, for solar shadow monitoring and case management services.

South Valley Water Resources Authority - Consider Approval of Budget Amendment for Construction of Demonstration Project. Mr. Nicholas reviewed his September 4, 2026 memorandum to the Board entitled *South Valley Water Resources Authority - Consider Approval of Budget Amendment for Construction of Demonstration Project*. Upon motion by Director Marin, seconded by Director Blaine and unanimously carried with no abstentions, the Board approved its share of the construction of the SVWRA Demonstration Project at a cost not to exceed \$335,000 for the District's share.

Sites Reservoir. Mr. Kunde reviewed his portion of the EM Report.

Director Marin left the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA. Mr. Nicholas reported that CASP was planning a field visit to the southern Aqueduct portions in the WRMGSA and WWGSA in October. Mr. Nicholas then reviewed groundwater levels within the GSA. Mr. Nicholas further reviewed the two water quality exceedances that occurred during the 2025 sampling, as discussed in detail in Mr. Nicholas' portion of the E-M report.

Directors Meeting Attended. Nothing to report.

Kern County Water Agency. Mr. McDaris reported that during the construction operations following the Nord site failure, KCWA had identified on deformities in CVC pool 3 which may require future dewatering and replacement. Mr. McDaris also reported that various landowner transfers had been approved by KCWA and were being scheduled for delivery.

Kern Water Bank Authority/KWBGSA. Mr. Nicholas reported that the Authority reviewed, but did not approve, the 2027 budgets for both entities. Mr. Nicholas also reported there was discussion about possible Golden Mussel actions by the Authority.

Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority. Director Fry reported that KNDLA was waiting on the Ad Hoc committee review of the Provost & Pritchard recommendations on a potential Demand Management Plan.

White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Mr. Nicholas reported that there was no meeting in August or September. Mr. Nicholas also reported there are no comments on the amended GSP or periodic evaluation, and that all regional monitoring wells are currently above their respective minimum thresholds.

Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority. Director Blaine reported that there was a clean 2025 audit and the Authority approved the 2027 Budget, maintaining KRWCA's charge for irrigated lands subject to the IRLP general order at \$3.50 per acre. Director Blaine also reported that, KRWCA's Board also authorized the Manager to inform the Kern Water Collaborative that KRWCA is agreeable to extending the existing administrative services agreement with Kern Water Collaborative for one year through 2027.

Committee for Delta Reliability. Mr. Nicholas commented on the blog post included in the board packet entitled *Assessing Effectiveness of the Delta Reform Act*.

South Valley Water Resource Authority. Mr. Nicholas stated this item had been covered in an earlier agenda item.

Unfinished and New Business. Ms. Ruth noted that ACWA Fall Conference will be held December 1st - 3rd in Anaheim.

Public Comments. None.

Adjournment. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 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
CASP	California Aqueduct Subsidence Program
CAMP	California Asset Management Program
CAW	Contract Amount of Water totaling 200,818 acre-feet between the District & Water Users
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CFWC	California Farm Water Coalition
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
CVC	Cross Valley Canal
CVP	Central Valley Project (operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation)
CWF	California WaterFix delta conveyance program (previously DHCCP)
DCA	Delta Conveyance Authority
DCF	Delta Conveyance Facility
DCP	Delta Conveyance Project
DFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
DHCCP	Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program - the conveyance element of the BDCP - renamed the California
District	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
DOG	California Division of Oil & Gas
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
DYTP	Dry Year Transfer Program
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
FAA	Final Accounting Adjustment
FO	Fixed Obligation water rate
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
GEN	GSC General Service charge, for recovery of Bond Debt for general purposes in the District
GL	General Ledger
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
GWSC	Groundwater Service Charge
HRL	Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Flow Program
ILRP	Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program
IRWMP	Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
ITRC	Irrigation Training and Research Center
JPIA	Joint Powers Insurance Authority
KCWA	Kern County Water Agency or Agency
KFMC	Kern Fan Monitoring Committee
KGA	Kern Groundwater Authority
KNDLA	Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority
KRGSA	Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency
KRWCA	Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority
KWB	Kern Water Bank
KWBA	Kern Water Bank Authority
KWBGSA	Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency
ITP	Incidental Take Permit
MO	Measurable Objective
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MT	Minimum Threshold
MWD	Metropolitan Water District
NoD	North of the Delta
NonC	Non-Contract Charges
OMR	Operations, Maintenance and Repair, not to be confused with OMR of Old Middle Rivers
OMR	Old and Middle Rivers in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEF	Pastoria Energy Facility
P/MA	Projects and Management Actions
PoE	Probability of Exceedance
PROJ	SSC Project Service Charge, for project costs related to, but not specific to a particular system
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SGMO	Sustainable Groundwater Management Office
SLR	San Luis Reservoir
SMC	Sustainable Management Criteria
SoD	South of the Delta
SOKR	South of Kern River
SSC	Special Service Charge, consists of ADM SSC, GEN SSC and PRO SSC
SSJVWQC	Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition
SVWRA	South Valley Water Resources Authority
SWC	State Water Contractors
SWP	State Water Project (operated by DWR)
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
SWSA	Surface Water Service Area or contracted acreages
WAC	Water Availability Charge, consists of BDS, OMR & FO
Water User	A landowner holding a Water Service Contract with the District
WD	Water District
WRMWS	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
WS5	Westside 5 Water Districts - Belridge, Berrenda Mesa, Dudley Ridge, Lost Hills & Wheeler Ridge
WSC	Water Service Contract
WSD	Water Storage District
WUC	Water Use Charge, consists of State Pumping/Variable and District Pumping/Variable
WWGSA	White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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

10/14/2026 Board Packet
GENERAL FUND

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT:

BALANCE AS OF:	8/31/2026	68,244,078.22
PLUS CASH RECEIVED FOR: (cash receipts/interest)	9/2026	8,232,823.44
LESS CASH EXPENDED DURING MONTH FOR:	9/2026	(4,395,238.16)
(KCWA, pr, ap, cdr, ach, mnl, fees, pr burdens, ee net, taxes, inv)		

FUNDS ON RECONCILED DEPOSIT AT END OF MONTH:

72,081,663.50

THE ABOVE FUNDS ARE ON DEPOSIT AS FOLLOWS:

CAMP-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE	70,828,634.07
KCT-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (G/L) CASH BALANCE	113,134.87
TRI COUNTIES BANK - (GL) CASH BALANCE	1,137,477.49
LAIF-POOLED INVESTMENTS - (GL) CASH BALANCE	2,217.07
PETTY CASH	200.00
	72,081,663.50

CAMP BALANCE AS OF:	8/31/2026	66,828,019.36
TRANSFERS (TO) TRI COUNTIES BANK	9/2026	(4,069,464.19)
TRANSFERS FROM TRI COUNTIES BANK	9/2026	7,852,631.99
INTEREST INCOME	9/2026	217,446.91
ENDING CAMP BALANCE:		70,828,634.07

INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED)

MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026	-----	CAMP	3.87%
MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2026	-----		3.80%
MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2026	-----		3.78%
MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2026	-----		3.77%

INTEREST APPORTIONMENT PERCENTAGE (ANNUALIZED)

MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026	-----	TCBK Sweep	3.58%
MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2026	-----		3.62%
MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2026	-----		3.58%
MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2026	-----		3.61%

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	6,536,863.34
GROUND WATER SERVICE CHARGES	1,349,134.00
CAMP INTEREST	217,446.91
MANUAL INVOICES / MISC RECEIPTS	58,106.89
NONCONTRACT OM&R CHARGES	53,660.64
INTEREST APPORTIONMENT - kern county auditor controller	9,005.27
TRI COUNTIES SWEEP INTEREST	7,687.41
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES - kern county auditor/controller	918.98
LAIF INTEREST	-

Cash Receipts Summary	8,232,823.44
------------------------------	---------------------

OPERATING RESERVE FUND BALANCE: audited 12/31/2025

25,000,000

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

10/14/2026 Board Packet

<u>INTERNALLY CONSTRAINED RESERVES</u>	<u>AUDIT 12/31/2025</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>9/30/2026</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
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
SEPTEMBER 2026

5.2

NAME	DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
661 COMMUNICATIONS	07/22/2026	2127	217.23	INSTALL RADIO UNIT #177	
AFTW HOLDINGS LLC	09/15/2026	AFTW08-2026	92,851.16	WHEELER #1 SOLAR CHARGES	92,851.16
ALEXANDRA ZAVALA	09/21/2026		289.60	EXAM FEE & MILEAGE	
ALEXANDRA ZAVALA	09/29/2026	9.29.26	189.00	ENGINEER IN TRAINING APPLICATION FEES	
ARVIN EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT	09/16/2026	26-18	196.67	SOKR GSP LEGAL/CONSULTING JUL & AUG 2026	
ASG SUPPLY	09/09/2026	008283	580.71	GLOVES (18), RATCHETS, PLIERS, ETC.	
ASG SUPPLY	09/16/2026	008307	209.63	WINDSHIELD FLUID, GREASE GUN PARTS	
ASG SUPPLY	09/23/2026	008336	390.92	PAPER TOWELS, HYDRATION STIKS, GLOVES, ETC	
ASG SUPPLY	09/30/2026	008347	372.69	GREASE, GLOVES, FREEZER POPS	
ASG SUPPLY	10/09/2026	008372	365.97	TRUCK BRUSHES, WELDING WIRE, DUST MASKS, ETC.	
AT&T	10/07/2026	N/A	323.84	FIRE ALARM LINES	
AVADINE	09/15/2026	116843	3,952.60	LATIS ANNUAL SUPPORT RENEWAL	
AVADINE	09/30/2026	116888	1,000.00	LATIS MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT	
AVADINE	10/05/2026	116913	16,258.20	ANNUAL SCADA SUPPORT & FIRMWARE UPGRADES	21,210.80
B & B SURPLUS INC	10/06/2026	1338437	736.10	STEEL PLATES (4)	
B & B SURPLUS INC	10/07/2026	1338636	820.54	SQUARE TUBES (2)	
BAKERSFIELD ELECTRIC MOTOR REPAIR INC	09/25/2026	RI-1071	4,239.79	MOTOR REPAIR	
BAKERSFIELD ELECTRIC MOTOR REPAIR INC	09/25/2026	RI-1072	4,239.79	MOTOR REPAIR	8,479.58
BAKERSFIELD ICE	08/31/2026	831262184	1,037.24	ICE / BOX RENTAL	
BAKERSFIELD ICE	09/30/2026	930262043	1,089.20	ICE / BOX RENTAL	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	09/17/2026	76Z7V	691.98	PAINT & PAINT THINNER	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	09/23/2026	V7J83	752.79	PAINT, PAINT THINNER, MIXING CUPS	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	10/07/2026	G86W3	88.09	PAINT SUPPLIES	
BAKERSFIELD PAINT AND WALLPAPER	10/07/2026	9RE9J	1,244.26	PAINT FOR STAND TANKS (16)	
BK CORROSION LLC	10/06/2026	483901	11,161.12	CATHODIC MONITORING / ELECTRICAL DEVICES	
BK CORROSION LLC	10/06/2026	483905	583.87	CATHODIC MONITORING / ELECTRICAL DEVICES	11,744.99
BLACKHOLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	09/30/2026	INV6007611	1,004.50	GPS MONITORING	
BLUE BEACON INC	08/31/2026	5262976	36.10	TRACTOR WASH	
BLUE BEACON INC	09/30/2026	5282449	124.80	TRACTOR WASH	
BLUEPRINT SERVICE CO INC	09/29/2026	106429	57.72	DISTRICT MAP FOR GREG'S OFFICE	
BREAK9	09/21/2026	INV-2026-0222	20,000.00	WATER SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	20,000.00
BROS AUTOMOTIVE	09/13/2026	1598	673.03	REPAIR SHIFTER UNIT #165	
BROS AUTOMOTIVE	09/14/2026	1599	1,204.38	TRANSMISSION MAINTENANCE UNIT #389	
BROS AUTOMOTIVE	09/15/2026	1597	1,522.47	EVAP SYSTEM AND FUEL PUMP REPAIRS UNIT #170	
BSK ASSOCIATES	09/15/2026	BJ04925	630.00	WATER QUALITY TESTING	
BSK ASSOCIATES	09/23/2026	BJ05136	280.00	WATER QUALITY TESTING	
BSK ASSOCIATES	09/29/2026	BJ05228	280.00	WATER QUALITY TESTING	
CAL LOWBED SERVICES	09/30/2026	20184958	515.63	TRANSPORT EXCAVATOR	
CANON	10/12/2026	N/A	906.20	LEASE 2 CANON COPIERS	
COAST COUNTIES PETERBILT	09/22/2026	51033760P	37.99	WHEEL COVERS (5)	
COAST COUNTIES PETERBILT	09/22/2026	51033773P	599.97	HEADLIGHT FOR UNIT #366A	
COAST COUNTIES PETERBILT	09/24/2026	5102609S	825.57	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM REPAIR UNIT #386	
COAST COUNTIES PETERBILT	09/25/2026	51034418P	23.41	VISOR CLIP FOR UNIT #385	
COAST COUNTIES PETERBILT	09/25/2026	51034416P	183.27	DOME LAMP FOR UNIT #385	
COAST COUNTIES PETERBILT	09/28/2026	51034775P	566.77	TURN SIGNAL SWITCH FOR UNIT #366A	
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	09/28/2026	1389314	215.33	BATTERY FOR UNIT #798	
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	09/30/2026	1389997	408.10	SUN SHADE ROOF FOR UNIT #799	
COASTLINE EQUIPMENT	09/30/2026	1390004	362.23	BLOWER FAN FOR UNIT #799	
CONEXUS SG	09/21/2026	260921WHEERE	2,508.00	GREAT PLAINS SERVER ANNUAL RENEWAL	
CORE & MAIN LP	10/07/2026	Z837191	4,596.63	HYMAX COUPLERS (6)	
CORE & MAIN LP	10/08/2026	Z853922	1,745.65	PVC PIPE	6,342.28
COREY WILKERSON	09/30/2026	SEPT 2026	75.00	SAFETY MEETING/COORDINATOR - SEP 2026	
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	09/16/2026	5915	181.86	WATER CONDITIONING CHEMICALS	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	09/10/2026	240216451	244.48	TIRE FOR #389	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	09/17/2026	240216870	893.14	TIRES (4) FOR UNIT #391	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	09/24/2026	240217142	916.39	TIRES (4)	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	09/29/2026	240217147	33.39	FLAT TIRE REPAIR UNIT #392	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	09/29/2026	240217346	2,876.19	TIRES (8) + INSTALL UNIT #368	
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	10/07/2026	240217897	930.29	TIRE + INSTALL UNIT #385	5,893.88
DEWALT CORPORATION	08/05/2026	1092682	3,196.75	ANNUAL WWGSA BENCHMARK SETTLEMENT SURVEY	
DIMENSIONAL WIRECUT	09/15/2026	7873	8,829.95	DRUM ROLLERS FOR WATER SCREENS	
DIMENSIONAL WIRECUT	10/07/2026	7874	5,886.64	DRUM ROLLERS (4)	14,716.59
ECONOMY TRUCK SCHOOL	09/15/2026	9.15.26	4,600.00	CLASS A TRACTOR/TRAILER TRAINING (2)	
ELITE SITE SERVICES INC	09/18/2026	17602	542.48	PORTABLE TOILET SERVICES	
EWING IRRIGATION PRODUCTS INC	09/23/2026	32048369	923.16	GRASS SEED, FERTILIZER	
FARM PUMP & IRRIGATION CO	09/25/2026	025764	5,131.21	REPAIR PUMP	5,131.21
FERGUSON WATERWORKS 2777	07/28/2026	6807791	273.47	BLOWER MOTOR	
FERGUSON WATERWORKS 2777	09/25/2026	0071760	624.84	PVC PIPE	
FERGUSON WATERWORKS 2777	09/25/2026	0071820	1,283.44	COUPLERS (2)	
FLOOD CONTROL COUNTY OF PLUMAS	09/16/2026	FC003	333,200.00	833AF @ \$400 - WESTSIDE 5	333,200.00
GRAINGER	09/28/2026	9096579793	1,120.68	10 GAL GEAR OIL, SCREWS	
GRAINGER	10/01/2026	9101743731	2,338.75	SOLENOID VALVES (2)	
GRAINGER	10/06/2026	9106547269	43.26	AUTO DETAILING SPRAY (4)	
GRAINGER	10/07/2026	9108834806	21.50	LITHIUM BATTERIES (2)	
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	09/14/2026	3323049	3,591.69	CRUSHER FINES - C5 WELL	
GRAPEVINE MSP	09/15/2026	55318	5,827.50	IT SERVICES - OCT 2026	5,827.50
GREEN RUBBER-KENNEDY AG	09/02/2026	BF-109743	464.19	CAMLOCKS (7), MEASURING PITCHERS (5)	
GREEN RUBBER-KENNEDY AG	09/09/2026	BF-109793	366.80	SUCTION HOSE WITH FITTINGS	
GREENLEAF AG	08/31/2026	0011511-IN	105,478.80	GOLDEN MUSSEL MITIGATION	105,478.80

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
SEPTEMBER 2026

5.2

NAME	DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
GREGS PETROLEUM SERVICE INC	09/30/2026	681637	1,904.81	DIESEL FUEL - HIGHT, VACUUM TRUCK RENTALS	
H & S BODY WORKS & TOWING	10/04/2026	123974	340.00	TOW TRUCK #157 TO BROS AUTOMOTIVE	
HYDRAULIC CONTROLS INC	09/23/2026	03175846	724.38	REPAIR AUTO CRANE	
JIM BURKE FORD	09/09/2026	241685	32,302.35	2026 FORD RANGER 4X4 PICKUP	32,302.35
JIMS STEEL SUPPLY	09/22/2026	279964	1,174.51	BLACK ROOF PANELS	
JORGENSEN COMPANY	09/02/2026	6270258	80.00	INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION	
JORGENSEN COMPANY	09/30/2026	6274204	202.48	SENSOR REPAIR	
KERN COUNTY FARM BUREAU	09/16/2026	0237897	400.00	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	09/09/2026	44372	32,525.45	2026 Q4 CVC O&M	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	09/11/2026	44390	93,577.00	INTEREST ON DEFERRAL	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	09/29/2026	44442	2,925.00	CVC GEI LITIGATION INVOICING	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	09/30/2026	44398	5,000.00	TEJON RANCH AVEK TRANSFER	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	09/30/2026	44399	5,000.00	PLUMAS COUNTY WATER TRANSFER - WS5	139,027.45
KIMBALL MIDWEST	09/18/2026	104856870	492.59	MISC HARDWARE, PORTAL LIGHTS	
LAND IQ	10/01/2026	8295	5,785.83	EVAPOTRANSPIRATION OCT 2026	5,785.83
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	09/21/2026	59161246	1,154.60	CYLINDER RENTALS	
LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	10/02/2026	SEPT 2026	1,690.82	STATEMENT	
MADISON ENERGY INVESTENTS IX LLC	09/07/2026	SP-337-000022	106,224.05	WHEELER #2 SOLAR CHARGES	
MADISON ENERGY INVESTENTS IX LLC	10/07/2026	SP-337-000023	91,876.02	WHEELER #2 SOLAR CHARGES	198,100.07
MAVENS NOTEBOOK	09/18/2026	702	1,000.00	ANNUAL DONATION	
MCMaster-CARR	09/17/2026	72036020	66.82	SWITCHES, SPRING PINS	
MEH OBSP LLC	10/07/2026	SP-395-000030	27,273.16	850 CANAL SOLAR CHARGES	27,273.16
MOTION INDUSTRIES INC	09/08/2026	CA06-00919183	3,429.27	ELECTRIC MOTORS (4)	
MOTOR CITY AUTO CENTER	09/09/2026	575418	62.05	VALVE KITS (4)	
NEIL DURHAM	09/30/2026	SEPT 2026	50.00	MAINTAIN FILTRATION SYSTEM	
P A S ASSOCIATES	10/01/2026	51956	640.20	HR HOTLINE 9/18/25 - 12/18/25	
P G & E #1	09/30/2026	SEPT 2026	810,906.44	SEPTEMBER POWER	
P G & E #2	09/30/2026	SEPT 2026	504,538.31	SEPTEMBER POWER	
P G & E #3	09/30/2026	SEPT 2026	7,166.72	SEPTEMBER POWER	
P G & E #4	09/30/2026	SEPT 2026	15,060.92	SEPTEMBER POWER	
P G & E #5	09/30/2026	SEPT 2026	5,426.53	SEPTEMBER POWER	1,343,098.92
PARTS AUTHORITY	09/04/2026	160-104058	-58.46	CORE RETURNS	
PARTS AUTHORITY	09/04/2026	160-220342	526.35	BATTERIES (3) FOR UNIT #386	
PARTS AUTHORITY	09/16/2026	160-222368	157.05	AIR FILTERS (9)	
PARTS AUTHORITY	09/16/2026	064-920537	61.12	AIR FILTERS (3)	
PARTS AUTHORITY	10/08/2026	160-226984	293.76	FUEL & OIL FILTERS, BATTERY	
PLATINUM EQUIPMENT RENTAL	10/07/2026	R538-1	2,273.25	RENT VACUUM TRUCK FOR 4LAT REPAIR	
PLATINUM EQUIPMENT RENTAL	10/07/2026	R546-1	1,277.08	RENT VACUUM TRUCK FOR 6P LAT	
POWERSTRIDE BATTERY	10/07/2026	B398595	324.74	JUMP STARTER FOR UNIT #160	
PRICE DISPOSAL INC	08/31/2026	N4855519820	1,177.35	2 40-YARD ROLL OFFS	
PRICE DISPOSAL INC	09/30/2026	N4855524217	1,438.50	2 40-YARD ROLL OFFS	
PRIMO BRANDS	09/29/2026	1610028964179	702.56	DRINKING WATER	
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	09/14/2026	134106	302.50	WHITE WOLF IN-LIEU BANKING	
PURPOSE-BUILT TRADE CO	09/24/2026	#PBT691329	51.81	SAFETY BOOTS(2) - K MEADOWS	
PURPOSE-BUILT TRADE CO	09/24/2026	#PBT691330	225.00	SAFETY BOOTS - MONROE	
QUADIENT	09/20/2026	9.20.26	250.00	POSTAGE	
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC	09/14/2026	Q2532377	604.89	POSTAGE METER LEASE	
QUINN COMPANY	09/18/2026	PC080585504	316.60	BATTERY FOR UNIT #802	
QUINN COMPANY	09/25/2026	WO160112621	738.00	FORKLIFT REPAIR	
RINGCENTRAL INC	10/01/2026	CD 001567841	874.40	TELEPHONES	
ROBERT CLAFFY	09/30/2026	SEPT 2026	75.00	WATER TREATMENT/LICENSE - SEP 2026	
ROBERT KUNDE	09/30/2026	2026 SITES TRAVEL	1,965.80	2026 SITES TRAVEL	
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS	09/29/2026	0332-1172603	464.24	MULTIMETER FUSES, GLOVES, LEATHER PROTECTORS	
SGMA COORDINATION COMMITTEE	09/18/2026	FUNDING REQUEST #21	5,148.23	FUNDING REQUEST #21	5,148.23
SHERIDAN NICHOLAS	09/24/2026	ACWA WORKSHOP 2026	165.18	ACWA WORKSHOP - FOOD & FUEL	
SMART & FINAL	09/09/2026	9.9.26	48.44	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	09/16/2026	9.16.26	98.95	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	09/23/2026	9.23.26	51.97	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	09/30/2026	9.30.26	14.38	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SMART & FINAL	10/07/2026	10.7.26	51.27	BREAKROOM SUPPLIES	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY	09/28/2026	SEP 2026	29.44	NATURAL GAS	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	09/09/2026	1097022	747.13	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	09/16/2026	1097944	800.66	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	09/23/2026	1098957	791.46	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	09/30/2026	1099991	1,132.96	UNIFORM CLEANING	
SPARKLE UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	10/07/2026	1101000	796.70	UNIFORM CLEANING	
STINSONS	09/29/2026	394223-0	611.29	2027 DAILY PLANNERS & CALENDARS, PAPER, ETC	
STINSONS	09/29/2026	394223-1	18.94	DESK PAD CALENDAR	
STINSONS	10/06/2026	393541-0	96.00	RETURN ADDRESS STAMPS (3)	
TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS INC	09/02/2026	INVP502257328	1,548.34	ROUND UP, BLUE DYE	
TECHNICAL SMOKE TESTING	09/09/2026	821265	420.00	SMOKE TESTING - 4 UNITS	
TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	09/23/2026	56364	8,986.48	UPFLOW METER HEADS (3)	8,986.48
TERRAVERDE ENERGY LLC	10/01/2026	3444	2,000.00	SOLAR SHADOW ASSET MONITORING & CASE MGMT	
THE MARCOM GROUP	09/15/2026	70018	95.00	WEBSITE HOSTING	
TRI COUNTIES BANK CREDIT CARDS	09/30/2026	SEPT 2026	12,500.10	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES	12,500.10
UNIVERSAL URGENT CARE AND OCCUP MEDICINE	10/01/2026	EM020351	118.00	DRUG SCREEN / PHYSICAL	
VALLEY INSTRUMENT SERVICE	08/19/2026	826265	154.74	CERTIFY FLUKE, BATTERIES	
VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS	10/01/2026	89682	1,565.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES	
VAST NETWORKS	10/01/2026	78699	1,450.00	INTERNET	

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
SEPTEMBER 2026

5.2

NAME	DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	5,000+
VERIZON WIRELESS	09/30/2026	6154746462	298.40	IPAD DATA	
VERIZON WIRELESS	09/30/2026	6154746463	198.40	CELL PHONES / SIM CARDS	
VULCAN MATERIALS	09/11/2026	7440455	562.38	ROCK - B4 LAT REPAIR	
VULCAN MATERIALS	09/30/2026	7620896	1,064.43	ROCK	
VULCAN MATERIALS	10/07/2026	7688135	1,058.90	ROCK	
WESTERN EXTERMINATOR COMPANY	09/16/2026	103121666	283.74	PEST CONTROL SERVICES	
WHITE CAP	09/15/2026	50039496486	2,846.96	SINGLE SLOPE GRADE LASER	
WHITE CAP	09/17/2026	50039543793	579.11	TRIPOD AND POLE FOR LASER	
WHITE CAP	09/23/2026	10024749328	74.36	NAILS	
WORLD FUEL SERVICES INC	10/01/2026	3699887-41525	39,478.11	GASOLINE	39,478.11
YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE	09/30/2026	SEPT 2026	24,202.84	LEGAL SERVICES	24,202.84
SUBTOTAL			2,556,216.73		
MANUAL CHECKS			9,401.41		
BILLS PAID BY CREDIT CARD			(866.02)		
ADJ FOR CC BILL PMT DIFF			248.15		
PREVIOUS A/P LIST ERRORS (SEE BELOW)			(367,426.84)		
VOUCHER TOTAL			2,197,573.43		

**Tri Counties Bank Credit Cards	
O&M materials and supplies	3,096.66
Training and travel	6,145.46
Miscellaneous office supplies, EM lunch, Board food	1,636.71
Recurring monthly charges (internet, software, etc.)	755.25
Bill payments	866.02
Total payment	<u>12,500.10</u>

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

						5.2	
SEPTEMBER	NAME	TYPE	DATE	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
	World Fuel Services	Check	9/9/26	3655564-41525	7,411.37	freight & tax on fuel - invoice entry error	
	TCBK Fees	EFT	9/30/26	YTD	1,989.74	YTD bank fees not included on A/P	
	AT&T	Credit Card	10/6/26	0222059116	0.30	invoice overage	
				Total	9,401.41		

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WSD
FISCAL AGENT FOR COMMITTEE FOR DELTA RELIABILITY
CUSTODIAL FUNDS-REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS
SEPTEMBER 2026 FOR THE OCTOBER 14, 2026 BOARD MEETING

5.2

NAME	INVOICE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
------	----------------	-------------	--------

TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED BY WRMWSD BOARD

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 BOARD AUTHORIZATION	SEPTEMBER	VOUCHER	61,635.17
VOUCHER TOTAL REQUESTED			61,635.17

EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY COMMITTEE AND PAID BY WRMWSD MANUAL CHECK

Center for California Water Resources	323	Hamilton - June & July 2026	16,697.25
Cramer Fish Sciences	001762	Science Program - July 2026	8,448.00
Cramer Fish Sciences	001840	Science Program - August 2026	7,763.00
Nossaman	597134	ESA / Water Quality - July 2026	24,534.67
Water & Land Solutions, LLC	5397	Representation - August 2026	4,192.25
TOTAL PAID			61,635.17

INVOICES AWAITING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

INVOICES APPROVED BY WRMWSD BOARD @ OCTOBER 14, 2026 BOARD MEETING (VOUCHER)

Center for California Water Resources	324	Assn Mgmt Aug 2026, Hamilton Jul-Aug 2026, Murphy Dec 2025-Apr 2026	27,377.50
Cramer Fish Sciences	002024	Science Program - September 2026	1,669.00
Nossaman	599357	ESA / Water Quality - August 2026	43,771.17
Water & Land Solutions, LLC	5456	Representation - September 2026	1,976.33
VOUCHER TOTAL REQUEST			74,794.00

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Revolving Account Check Listing

SEPTEMBER 2026

Check	Date	Payee	Amount	Description
		BALANCE AS OF 8/30/26	7,000.00	
		Deposit		
			7,000.00	

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

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

September 2026 for the October 14, 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	72.00	***
MCDARIS	1,990.34	17.21	14.00	***	18.15	72.00	***
NICHOLAS	2,637.20	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	72.00	***
SMITH	2,637.20	17.21	78.50	***	18.15	72.00	***
SUGGS	2,637.20	17.21	78.50	***	18.15	72.00	***
WHITBY	1,990.34	17.21	36.50	***	18.15	72.00	***
	34,682.20	258.15	331.17	2,333.34	272.25	432.00	
TOTAL BENEFITS							\$38,309.11

*** 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
 SEPTEMBER 2026 for the OCTOBER 14, 2026 BOARD

NAME	DATE	TOTAL	PAYEE	MEMO
Atkinson	09/09/2026	129.00	Atkinson	WRMWSD Board
Atkinson	09/22/2026	129.00	Atkinson	Personnel Committee
Blaine	09/03/2026	125.00	Blaine	Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority Board
Blaine	09/09/2026	128.00	Blaine	WRMWSD Board
Blaine	09/21/2026	125.00	Blaine	Kern Subbasin
Blaine	09/22/2026	128.00	Blaine	Personnel Committee
Fry	09/09/2026	125.00	Fry	WRMWSD Board
Marin	09/09/2026	125.00	Marin	WRMWSD Board
Marin	09/22/2026	125.00	Marin	Personnel Committee
Martin	09/09/2026	127.00	Martin	WRMWSD Board
Mettler	09/09/2026	128.00	Mettler	WRMWSD Board
Reiter	09/09/2026	139.00	Reiter	WRMWSD Board
Richardson	09/09/2026	128.00	Richardson	WRMWSD Board
Valpredo	09/09/2026	129.00	Valpredo	WRMWSD Board
DIRECTORS		1,790.00		

Loveless McDaris Nicholas Smith Suggs	09/01/2026	108.00	Verizon	Communication - cell
MANAGEMENT		108.00		

Kunde	1/7/2026-9/18/2026	2,039.55	Kunde	Mileage/Parking - 14 Sites Reservice Meetings
*** note: retired annuitant costs are expense reimbursements not compensation				
RETIRE ANNUITANT		2,039.55		

--	--	--	--	--

WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WSD
PAYROLL FUND
SEPTEMBER 2026
OCTOBER BOARD REPORT

	EMPLOYEES	DIRECTORS	RETIREES	TOTALS
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (August 29, 2026/ee)-(August 31, 2026/dir)	167,531.75	1,266.00		168,797.75
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (September 12, 2026)	166,218.58			166,218.58
SALARIES & WAGES Pay Period Ended: (September 26, 2026)	161,668.10			161,668.10
PAYCHEX Employer taxes: SSI, Medicare, UI	36,113.88	117.15		36,231.03
PERS (EMPLOYER PORTION) RETIREMENT	59,300.11			59,300.11
ACWA-HEALTH BENEFITS Medical/Vision Insurance Premium	107,021.18	20,359.43	27,198.28	154,578.89
HEALTH EDGE ADMINISTRATORS INC Dental Insurance Administrative Fees	762.30	163.35	508.20	1,433.85
HEALTH EDGE ADMINISTRATORS INC Dental Insurance Claims	4,506.30	1,639.12	2,440.95	8,586.37
THE HARTFORD GROUP Long Term Disability Insurance	3,095.90			3,095.90
PAYCHEX P/R Processing Fees, monthly and W-2 fees	2,053.85	196.60		2,250.45
TOTAL PAYROLL FUND:	708,271.95	23,741.65	30,147.43	762,161.03

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS
OCTOBER 14, 2026 BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2026**

OPERATING / REVOLVING ACCOUNT:

WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK OPERATING ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR: September 2026 Accounts Payable	1	\$ 2,197,573.43
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK OPERATING ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR: Committee for Delta Reliability	2	\$ 74,794.00
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK REVOLVING ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR: September 2026 Revolving Account	3	\$
TOTAL OPERATING / REVOLVING ACCOUNT:		\$ <u>2,272,367.43</u>

PAYROLL ACCOUNT:

WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR PPE: October 24, 2026	4	237,000.00	
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR PPE: November 6, 2026	5	361,000.00	
WRM-WSD TRI COUNTIES BANK PAYROLL ACCOUNT APPROVED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR PPE: . 2026	6		
TOTAL PAYROLL ACCOUNT:		\$ <u>598,000.00</u>	<u>598,000.00</u>

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

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS:	\$ <u>2,870,367.43</u>
--	-------------------------------

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
BUDGET EXPENDITURES REPORT
PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 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	3,396,768	3,369,300	27,468	99.19%
PAYROLL TAX	332,953	256,118	261,141	(5,023)	101.96%
PAYROLL PERS	547,589	421,222	405,442	15,780	96.25%
PAYROLL HEALTH	1,287,640	965,730	981,142 (a)	(15,412)	101.60%
TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	6,583,980	5,039,838	5,017,025	22,813	99.55%
FUEL & OIL	494,800	371,100	248,957	122,143	67.09%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1,867,900	1,400,925	683,635	717,290	48.80%
SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS	52,600	39,450	7,532	31,918	19.09%
WELL MAINTENANCE STANDBY POWER	6,000	4,500	19,539	(15,039)	434.20%
COMMUNICATIONS	66,700	50,025	46,891	3,134	93.74%
DIRECTORS PAYROLL	36,000	27,000	17,917	9,083	66.36%
DIRECTORS HEALTH	255,000	191,250	189,661 (a)	1,589	99.17%
RETIREEES-OPEB	336,000	252,000	270,034 (a)	(18,034)	107.16%
INSURANCE & BONDS	364,800	273,600	214,571	59,029	78.43%
MEMBERSHIPS	102,210	102,210	108,175	(5,965)	105.84%
MISC SERVICES & SUPPLIES	72,400	54,300	38,169	16,131	70.29%
OFFICE SERVICES & SUPPLIES	34,700	26,025	17,166	8,859	65.96%
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	160,590	120,443	120,881	(439)	100.36%
MAINT. & REPAIR BY OTHERS	329,500	247,125	194,663	52,462	78.77%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-LEGAL	125,000	93,750	130,770	(37,020)	139.49%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-AUDIT	54,000	54,000	58,805	(4,805)	108.90%
PROF & SPECIALIZED-GOLDEN MUSSEL	1,081,221	604,463	604,463	-	100.00%
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED-OTHER	203,300	152,475	106,545	45,930	69.88%
SGMA - SOKR EXPENSES	100,000	75,000	131,566	(56,566)	175.42%
SGMA - WHITE WOLF GSA EXPENSES	100,000	75,000	59,420	15,580	79.23%
SGMA - WRM GSA EXPENSES	293,000	219,750	116,003	103,747	52.79%
LEGAL NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS	17,200	12,900	8,761	4,139	67.91%
RENTED EQUIPMENT	66,400	49,800	49,644	156	99.69%
SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSE	20,400	15,300	13,242	2,058	86.55%
TRAINING & TRAVEL EXPENSE	80,900	60,675	35,908	24,767	59.18%
UTILITIES	130,200	97,650	105,732	(8,082)	108.28%
JUDGEMENTS & CLAIMS EXPENSE	6,600	-	-	-	0.00%
CALPERS UNFUNDED LIABILITY	2,000,000	-	-	-	0.00%
CURRENTLY FUNDED ASSETS	890,000	440,290	440,290	-	100.00%
RESERVE FUNDED ASSETS	3,444,000	-	-	-	0.00%
TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	12,791,421	5,111,006	4,038,940	1,072,066	79.02%
SUBTOTAL OPERATING COSTS	19,375,401	10,150,843	9,055,965	1,094,878	89.21%
KCWA F.O.	33,645,220	33,645,220	33,645,220	-	100.00%
SUPPLEMENTAL F.O.	20,558,332	20,558,332	20,558,332	-	100.00%
KCWA VARIABLE	6,931,031	6,931,031	6,931,031	-	100.00%
DISTRICT POWER-PUMPS	14,039,452	14,039,452	14,039,452	-	100.00%
TOTAL WATER BUDGET	75,174,035	75,174,035	75,174,035	-	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	94,549,436	85,324,878	84,230,000	1,094,878	98.72%
(a) Health Insurance combined	1,878,640	1,408,980	1,440,837	(31,857)	102.26%

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET - PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2026									
		BUDGET				ACTUAL (net of trade or sale)			
		BGT COST	TOTAL	CURRENT	RESERVE	TOTAL	CURRENT	RESERVE	%
QTY	DESCRIPTION	PER ITEM	BUDGET	FUNDED	FUNDED	TO DATE	FUNDED	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	1,645	1,645	-	0%
1	Portion of 6P Lateral Pipeline Replacement	300,000	300,000	300,000	-	188,232	188,232	-	63%
	SUBTOTAL		4,080,000	636,000	3,444,000	189,877	189,877	-	5%
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE:									
1	Compact SUV #39	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	19,711	19,711	-	79%
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	Mid-Sized Crew Cab 4X4 #177	32,300	32,300	32,300	-	32,302	32,302	-	100%
1	Reg Cab Pickup #178*	-	-	-	-	21,477	21,477	-	0%
1	1-1/2 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility #394	56,900	56,900	56,900	-	57,503	57,503	-	101%
1	1 Ton Cab / Chassis Utility #395	53,700	53,700	53,700	-	53,472	53,472	-	100%
1	3/4 Ton Pickup**	20,100	20,100	20,100	-	-	-	-	0%
	SUBTOTAL		254,000	254,000	-	250,413	250,413	-	99%
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES									
			4,334,000	890,000	3,444,000	440,290	440,290	-	
*Not originally budgeted; used remaining funds to replace problem unit									
**Expected to be purchased in 2027									

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

BUDGET

WATER RATES

AND

CASH FORECAST

FOR

2027

DRAFT

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>TABLE</u>		<u>PAGE</u>
A	Comparison of Rates and Statistics, 2023-2027	2-5
B	Acreage Categories	6
 SECTION I - BUDGET 		
	Explanatory Text	7-9
1	Summary of Budget Requirements and Sources of Revenue	10
2	Average Cost by Various Cost Components	11
3	Summary of Estimated Expenditures	12
4	Allocation to Sources of Revenue for Recovery	13
5	Operations and Maintenance Costs	14
6	Kern County Water Agency Fixed Obligation	15
7	Kern County Water Agency Variable Costs	16
8	District Power Cost for Pumping	17
9	Materials and Supplies Detail	18
12	Capital Expenditures	19
13	Budgeted Employment Positions 2027	20
 SECTION II - WATER CHARGES 		
14	Water Charge Components by Category of Service	21
15	WAC and WUC Rates by Category of Service	22
16	Annual Water Computation for Each Turnout	23
17	Miscellaneous Water Rates	24
18	Comparison of Costs per Acre and Acre-Foot	25
 SECTION III - CASH FLOW 		
	Cash Flow Projection	26
19	Estimated Cash Flow	27
20	Reserve Fund Balances	28
 ADDENDUM 		
	A Comparative Analysis	29-30

To: Board of Directors
From: Jennifer Whitby, Assistant Controller
Date: October 14, 2026

Subject: **Budget, Water Rates and Cash Projection for 2027**

Transmitted herewith are the proposed budget, the recommended water charge schedules, and cash forecast for the calendar year 2027.

The Budget is divided into three sections as follows:

I. Budget Requirements.

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

II. Water Charges.

In this section the various water charges, including the Water Availability Charge, Water Use Charge, and rates for Temporary and Unscheduled Water Service are computed on the basis of the budget requirements. The Special Service Charges applicable to the Surface Water Service Area, which will be included with the 2027 Water Statements, are also listed.

III. Cash Flow Projections.

This section shows the forecast of cash flow, month by month for the year 2027.

The budget was prepared on the basis of the best information available. There may, however, be modifications in costs which cannot be specifically determined at this time. The budget is based on the assumption of a 100% water supply available for 2027.

Attached hereto, Table A, is a comparison of rates and statistics for 2023 - 2027.

It is recommended that the proposed budget and rate schedule, with any modifications you feel are appropriate, be approved and adopted. In accordance with the provisions of the Water Service Contracts, the 2027 Water Charge Statements based upon the adopted budget must be submitted to the Water Users no later than December 1, 2026.

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

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE A1

COMPARISON OF CONTRACT RATES AND STATISTICS (2023 - 2027)
2027 BUDGET
(in dollars)

	2023 FINAL	2024 FINAL	2025 FINAL	2026 BUDGET Revised	2027 BUDGET
PERCENTAGE OF STATE ENTITLEMENT	100%	40%	50%	45%	(estimated) 100%
Combined State & Other Sources	100%	72%	72%	75%	100%
CONTRACT ACRES	72,081	72,081	72,081	72,081	72,081
ACRE-FEET DELIVERED	145,479	123,015	121,529	150,620	200,818
AGENCY COSTS PER ACRE-FOOT:					
FIXED OBLIGATION PER ACRE-FOOT(melded)	139.38	376.79	333.06	386.40	283.84
VARIABLE THROUGH DOS AMIGOS PP	24.29	25.86	31.99	27.34	28.25
VARIABLE THROUGH BUENA VISTA PP	40.93	39.77	49.32	45.00	46.00
VARIABLE THROUGH WHEELER-RIDGE PP	52.56	54.93	68.22	60.00	65.00
VARIABLE THROUGH WIND GAP PP	86.47	90.08	111.98	100.00	109.00

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE A2

COMPARISON OF CONTRACT RATES AND STATISTICS (2023 - 2027)
2027 BUDGET
(in dollars)

	2023 FINAL	2024 FINAL	2025 FINAL	2026 BUDGET Revised	2027 BUDGET
OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT COSTS PER ACRE:					
NSI AREA	99.82	119.62	108.29	149.86	143.68
NS-1972 AND NS-1974	122.84	152.62	125.17	165.27	158.96
LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	164.28	211.36	155.21	192.56	186.28
SANTIAGA SYSTEM	117.76	157.07	127.44	167.34	157.08
N.A.L.	99.01	118.84	107.89	150.32	143.24
LATERAL 13G AND 14G	79.94	91.80	94.06	137.01	130.67
DISTRICT VARIABLE PER ACRE-FOOT:					
DOWNHILL PUMPING	28.50	35.60	29.45	50.00	48.00
UPHILL - ZONE I	68.33	80.81	42.39	95.00	91.00
UPHILL - ZONE II	133.52	145.34	112.17	163.00	164.00
UPHILL - ZONE III	216.60	227.71	194.93	247.00	240.00
RANCH HEADQUARTERS - ZONE I	99.41	117.05	150.70	133.00	134.00
RANCH HEADQUARTERS - ZONE II	-	-	-	153.00	147.00
LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	338.06	343.36	329.48	368.00	359.00
850-ZONE I	53.07	54.46	58.72	79.00	76.00
850-ZONE II	111.54	120.01	143.82	144.00	149.00
850-ZONE III	164.53	181.97	190.05	215.00	212.00
SANTIAGA - ZONE I	62.96	64.55	72.81	83.00	87.00
SANTIAGA - ZONE II	155.00	147.19	160.59	180.00	186.00
RINCON - ZONE I	-	-	-	-	-
RINCON - ZONE II	-	-	-	-	-
RINCON - ZONE III	-	-	-	-	-

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE A3

COMPARISON OF CONTRACT RATES AND STATISTICS (2023 - 2027)
2027 BUDGET
(in dollars per ac-ft)

	2023 FINAL	2024 FINAL	2025 FINAL	2026 BUDGET Revised	2027 BUDGET
WAC-WUC CHARGES PER ACRE FOOT (ASSUMING 3.0 AC-FT PER ACRE)					
1401 BUENA VISTA DOWNHILL	242.08	462.19	413.76	531.36	425.73
1402 SAN EMIDIO - ZONE I	281.91	507.40	426.70	576.36	468.73
1403 SAN EMIDIO - ZONE II	347.10	571.92	496.47	644.36	541.73
1501 WHEELER RIDGE DOWNHILL	253.71	477.35	432.65	546.36	444.73
1508 850 - ZONE I	278.28	496.21	461.92	575.36	472.73
1509 850 - ZONE II	336.76	561.76	547.02	640.36	545.73
1510 850 - ZONE III	389.74	623.72	593.25	711.36	608.73
1600 RANCH HQ - GRAVITY	259.11	476.90	446.96	536.36	440.73
1605 RANCH HQ - ZONE I	358.52	593.95	597.66	669.36	574.73
1606 RANCH HQ - ZONE II	259.11	476.90	446.96	689.36	587.73
2401 SOUTH LAKE	242.08	462.19	413.76	531.36	425.73
3402 NS-1972 - ZONE I	289.59	518.40	432.32	581.49	473.82
3403 NS-1972 - ZONE II	354.78	582.92	502.09	649.49	546.82
3404 NS-1972 - ZONE III	437.86	665.29	584.86	733.49	622.82
4407 LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	573.13	800.53	729.42	863.59	750.93
5401 SANTIAGO - DOWNHILL	248.06	474.67	420.14	537.18	430.20
5411 SANTIAGO - ZONE I	282.52	503.61	463.50	570.18	469.20
5412 SANTIAGO - ZONE II	374.56	586.26	551.28	667.18	568.20
6402 LATERAL 6P (EXC SPECIAL) - ZONE I	289.59	518.40	432.32	581.49	473.82
6402A LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL) - ZONE I	289.59	518.40	432.32	581.49	473.82
6403 LATERAL 6P - ZONE I	354.78	582.92	502.09	649.49	546.82
7401 N.A.L.	249.75	473.19	419.38	531.51	425.59
7402 N.A.L.	281.64	507.14	426.56	576.51	468.59
7403 N.A.L.	346.83	571.66	496.33	644.51	541.59
7411 N.A.L.	276.27	490.87	456.98	564.51	464.59
7509 N.A.L.	324.86	546.33	527.99	640.51	545.59
7600 N.A.L.	258.85	476.64	446.83	536.51	440.59
7699 N.A.L.	258.85	476.64	446.83	536.51	440.59
8600 LATERAL 14G	252.49	467.63	442.22	532.07	436.40
9600A LATERAL 13G-A	252.49	467.63	442.22	532.07	436.40
9600B LATERAL 13G-B	252.49	467.63	442.22	532.07	436.40

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

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE A4

COMPARISON OF CONTRACT RATES AND STATISTICS (2023 - 2027)
2027 BUDGET
(in dollars)

	2023 FINAL	2024 FINAL	2025 FINAL	2026 BUDGET REVISED	2027 BUDGET
RATES PER ACRE FOOT					
INCREMENTAL COSTS OF ENTITLEMENT WATER					
1401 BUENA VISTA DOWNHILL	208.81	449.16	377.66	481.40	377.84
1402 SAN EMIDIO - ZONE I	248.64	494.37	390.60	526.40	420.84
1403 SAN EMIDIO - ZONE II	313.83	558.90	460.37	594.40	493.84
1501 WHEELER RIDGE DOWNHILL	220.44	467.33	396.56	496.40	396.84
1508 850 - ZONE I	245.01	486.18	425.82	525.40	424.84
1509 850 - ZONE II	303.48	551.73	510.92	590.40	497.84
1510 850 - ZONE III	356.47	613.69	557.15	661.40	560.84
1600 RANCH HQ - GRAVITY	225.85	466.87	410.86	486.40	392.84
1605 RANCH HQ - ZONE I	325.26	583.93	561.57	619.40	526.84
1606 RANCH HQ - ZONE II	225.85	466.87	410.86	639.40	539.84
2401 SOUTH LAKE	208.81	449.16	377.66	481.40	377.84
3402 NS-1972 - ZONE I	248.64	494.37	390.60	526.40	420.84
3403 NS-1972 - ZONE II	313.83	558.90	460.37	594.40	493.84
3404 NS-1972 - ZONE III	396.91	641.26	543.13	678.40	569.84
4407 LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	518.37	756.92	677.69	799.40	688.84
5401 SANTIAGA - DOWNHILL	208.81	449.16	377.66	481.40	377.84
5411 SANTIAGA - ZONE I	243.27	478.10	421.02	514.40	416.84
5412 SANTIAGA - ZONE II	335.31	560.75	508.80	611.40	515.84
6402 LATERAL 6P (EXCEPT SPECIAL) - ZONE I	248.64	494.37	390.60	526.40	420.84
6402A LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL) - ZONE I	248.64	494.37	390.60	526.40	420.84
6403 LATERAL 6P - ZONE II	313.83	558.90	460.37	594.40	493.84
7401 N.A.L.	208.81	449.16	377.66	481.40	377.84
7402 N.A.L.	248.64	494.37	390.60	526.40	420.84
7403 N.A.L.	313.83	558.90	460.37	594.40	493.84
7411 N.A.L.	243.27	478.10	421.02	514.40	416.84
7509 N.A.L.	303.48	551.73	510.92	590.40	497.84
7600 N.A.L.	225.85	466.87	410.86	486.40	392.84
7699 N.A.L.	225.85	466.87	410.86	486.40	392.84
8600 LATERAL 14G	225.85	466.87	410.86	486.40	392.84
9600A LATERAL 13G-A	225.85	466.87	410.86	486.40	392.84
9600B LATERAL 13G-B	225.85	466.87	410.86	486.40	392.84

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

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE B
CONTRACT ACREAGE BY CATEGORY
2027 BUDGET

CODE	CONTRACT	DEBT	OM&R	ALLOC	SSC PROJ	SSC ADM	SSC GEN
1401	18,634.77	18,528.60	18,577.79	18,483.93	18,471.62	18,634.77	18,471.62
1402	3,428.15	3,406.79	3,428.15	3,406.79	3,406.79	3,428.15	3,406.79
1403	1,087.83	943.04	1,087.83	943.04	943.04	1,087.83	943.04
1501	2,560.43	2,560.43	2,560.43	2,560.43	2,560.43	2,560.43	2,560.43
1508	6,752.34	6,752.34	6,671.42	6,752.34	8,163.86	6,752.34	6,590.50
1509	6,931.66	6,931.66	6,869.55	6,869.43	6,807.43	6,931.66	6,807.43
1510	2,163.34	2,004.70	2,163.34	2,004.70	2,004.70	2,163.34	2,004.70
1600	723.87	723.87	723.87	723.87	723.87	723.87	723.87
1605	257.09	257.09	257.09	257.09	257.09	257.09	257.09
1606	257.06	257.06	257.06	257.06	257.06	257.06	257.06
2401	7,685.83	7,399.37	7,685.83	7,291.27	7,399.37	7,685.83	7,399.37
3402	1,431.75	1,431.75	1,431.75	1,431.75	1,431.75	1,431.75	1,431.75
3403	4,619.01	4,619.01	4,619.01	4,619.01	4,619.01	4,619.01	4,619.01
3404	3,825.17	3,825.17	3,825.17	3,825.17	3,825.17	3,825.17	3,825.17
4407	858.79	858.79	858.79	858.79	858.79	858.79	858.79
5401	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
5411	448.98	448.98	448.98	448.98	448.98	448.98	448.98
5412	2,434.71	2,434.71	2,396.23	2,353.20	2,357.74	2,434.71	2,357.74
6402	1,189.82	1,189.82	1,189.82	1,189.82	1,189.82	1,189.82	1,189.82
6403	1,508.52	1,508.52	1,508.52	1,508.52	1,508.52	1,508.52	1,508.52
6492	272.89	272.89	272.89	272.89	272.89	272.89	272.89
7401	378.20	378.20	378.20	378.20	378.20	378.20	378.20
7402	40.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
7403	40.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
7411	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00
7509	150.89	150.89	150.89	150.89	150.89	150.89	150.89
7600	921.57	921.57	921.57	921.57	921.57	921.57	921.57
7699	321.86	321.86	321.86	321.86	321.86	321.86	321.86
8600	1,305.46	1,305.46	1,305.46	1,305.46	1,305.46	1,305.46	1,305.46
9699	1,651.42	1,651.42	1,651.42	1,651.42	1,651.42	1,651.42	1,651.42
TOTAL	72,081.41	71,363.99	71,802.92	71,067.48	72,437.33	72,081.41	70,863.97

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
DISTRICT BUDGET AND SCHEDULE OF CHARGES
CALENDAR YEAR 2027

SECTION 1 – BUDGET

The total budget requirements for the year 2027 amount to \$107,008,937, which is \$3,258,973 more than the Revised 2026 budget.

This primarily stems from increases in both the State Variable (\$3.2 million) and the District Variable (\$4.9 million), while the Fixed Obligation decreased (\$4.3 million). Services & Supplies decreased by \$1.1 million. This was almost entirely due to changes in reserve-funded capital expenditures. Salaries and Benefits increased by approximately \$626,000, stemming from cost of living adjustments and increases in insurance rates, as well as the addition of two potential new hires and a summer intern.

The 2027 Capital Expenditures include \$2,643,750 in reserve funded items, namely Drilling a Replacement Supply Well, and part of the cost for 3 of 8 Large Pump Units planned for 2027 (see Table 12, page 18).

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

A. SALARIES AND BENEFITS

This item includes direct salaries and District contributions to fringe benefit items such as Social Security, health and accident insurance, dental insurance, and retirement. There are currently 43 authorized positions and 1 retired annuitant position. The 2027 budget includes funding for 45 positions, 1 summer intern, and 1 retired annuitant position. A list of personnel requirements is shown on Table 13. This item totals \$9,209,772 of which \$2,000,000 is funded through reserves for potential CalPERS UAL and represents about 8.6% of the total budget and 7.1% of the current funded budget. Included is an overtime allowance for engineering, maintenance, and operations based on historical information. The total 2027 salaries and benefits budget represents an increase of 7.3% from that of 2026. It is worth noting that health insurance premiums are expected to increase by 12% in 2027 and are reflected in the budget. Any salary adjustment or addition from the present schedule will be based upon future Board approval for any particular position.

B. SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

Services and Supplies items are broken down by the natural classification of accounts as set forth in the State Controller's uniform system of accounting and are shown on Tables 3 and 4. Details of the makeup of each of these items are on file at the District Office and are available for review. This item totals \$9,672,750, or approximately 9% of the total budget expenditures and 6.1% of the current funded budget. This represents a decrease of about 10.4% from the 2026 figure of \$10,791,421. Current funded services and supplies decreased by \$1,111,421 which is almost entirely from the \$793,000 shifted from current to reserve funded as discussed below. Services and Supplies includes \$3,460,750 for capital expenditures, of which \$2,643,750 is reserve funded.

C. DEPARTMENT SERVICES & SUPPLIES RESERVE

To more accurately budget current year costs and ultimately the annual Final Accounting Adjustment, some costs have been shifted from current funded to reserve funded. These reserved funds are for items that will likely not occur until a following year but may occur in the current year. This allows these costs to be budgeted without requiring formal Board budget revisions.

These reserved funds will only be utilized if a department exceeds its budget for the department as a whole. For purposes of this policy, a department is a classification within the Budget (Operations & Maintenance, Engineering, and Administration) as shown on Table 3. Expenditures paid through reserves in the current year will be collected through OM&R and SSC rates in the subsequent calendar year. Reserve funding for Services & Supplies is \$793,000 for 2027.

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

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

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

Table 6 shows the computation to develop the Fixed Obligation under the District-Landowner Water Service Contract. The District's estimated basic obligation for 2027 is \$60 million reduced to \$57 million by the groundwater service charge which is the same as last year's revised budget. The 2026 GWSC revenue will be included in the 2026 FAA.

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

E. POWER COSTS (DISTRICT VARIABLE)

This category consists of the variable costs to lift water from the California Aqueduct through District pumping plants and into the various pump zones. This item totals \$19,926,517 for 2027, an increase of 3.3% from the previous revised budget. The revised 2026 budget was based on a 75% water allocation while the 2027 budget is based on a 100% allocation. In addition, this increase is due to PG&E agricultural rates rising. District power costs for pumping are recovered through Water Use Charge (WUC) rates.

F. CAPITAL

Capital expenditures are listed on Table 12. As discussed previously, this item totals \$3,460,750 for 2027. Of this amount \$817,000 is currently funded for 2027 and is part of the water rates. The remaining \$2,643,750 is reserve funded.

G. AVERAGE WATER COSTS

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

The following table shows the components of the Water Availability Charge, the percent each component is to the total, and the percentage of change from the 2026 Revised Budget.

Charge Component	2027 WAC Amt	% of WAC Total	% of Change
Salaries & Benefits	6,202,219	9.1%	10.99%
Services & Supplies	4,962,425	7.28%	-17.66%
KCWA Fixed Obligation	57,000,000	83.62%	-7.1%
Total WAC Charges	68,120,983	100.00%	-6.59%

H. BANKING PROJECTS

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

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

WHEELER RIDGE MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUIREMENTS AND SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR RECOVERY OF EXPENSES
2027 BUDGET

	BUDGET REQUIREMENTS		SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR RECOVERY OF EXPENSES				
	REVISED 2026 BUDGET	2027 BUDGET	W.A.C.	W.U.C.	(1) ADMIN SERVICE CHARGE	(1) WRM GSA SERVICE CHARGE	RESERVE FUND
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE							
SALARIES & BENEFITS	8,583,980	9,209,772	6,202,219		1,007,553		2,000,000
SERVICES & SUPPLIES	10,791,421	9,672,750	4,962,425		923,575	350,000	3,436,750
WATER COSTS (3)							
FIXED OBLIGATION (melded)	61,359,238	57,000,000	57,000,000				
KCWA VARIABLE	8,000,655	11,199,898		11,199,898			
DISTRICT VARIABLE	15,014,670	19,926,517		19,926,517			
DEBT SERVICE							
BOND DEBT SERVICE	0	0					
KERN WATER BANK BOND (2)	376,000	0					
KCWA PIONEER PROP 204 (2)	0	0					
OTHER DEBT SERVICE	0	0					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	104,125,964	107,008,937	68,164,643	31,126,415	1,931,128	350,000	5,436,750
WATER BANKING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	(376,000)	0					
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RECOVERED	\$ 103,749,964	\$ 107,008,937	\$ 68,164,643	\$ 31,126,415	\$ 1,931,128	\$ 350,000	\$ 5,436,750

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

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

(3) FIXED OBLIGATION WILL BE REVISED AFTER FINAL 2026 ALLOCATION.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

TABLE 2
AVERAGE COSTS BY VARIOUS COST COMPONENTS
2027 BUDGET

			(1)	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Revised Budget 2026 TOTAL COSTS (\$)	Budget 2027 TOTAL COSTS (\$)	Revised Budget 2026 AVERAGE COST (\$/ACRE)	Budget 2027 AVERAGE COST (\$/ACRE)	Revised Budget 2026 AVERAGE COST (\$/AF)	Budget 2027 AVERAGE COST (\$/AF)
WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE:						
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	5,587,904	6,202,219	77.82	86.38	37.10	30.88
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	6,026,685	4,962,425	83.93	69.11	40.01	24.71
KCWA FIXED OBLIGATION	61,359,238	57,000,000	854.55	793.84	407.38	283.84
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL W.A.C.	72,973,827	68,164,643	1,016.31	949.33	484.49	339.43
WATER USE CHARGE:						
DISTRICT POWER	15,014,670	19,926,517	209.11	277.52	99.69	99.23
STATE POWER (AGENCY VAR)	8,000,655	11,199,898	111.43	155.98	53.12	55.77
TOTAL W.U.C.	23,015,325	31,126,415	320.53	433.50	152.80	155.00
TOTAL W.A.C + W.U.C.	95,989,152	99,291,058	1,336.84	1,382.83	637.29	494.43
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES (4)&(5)	768,941	962,119	10.68	13.36	5.11	4.79
TOTAL ALLOCATED COST	\$ 96,758,093	\$ 100,253,177	\$ 1,348	\$ 1,396	\$ 642	\$ 499

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

(2) 2026 TOTAL COSTS DIVIDED BY 150,620 ALLOCATED ACRE FEET

(3) 2027 TOTAL COSTS DIVIDED BY 200,818 ALLOCATED ACRE FEET

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

(5) \$/ACRE REFLECTS BOARD APPROVED RATE; CALCULATED RATE CAN VARY SLIGHTLY DUE TO TIMING DIFFERENCES ON ACREAGE RECLASSIFICATIONS

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 3

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED BUDGET EXPENDITURES
2027 BUDGET

	O&M DEPT	ENG DEPT	ADMIN DEPT	TOTAL
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 6,012,904	\$ 1,106,476	\$ 2,090,392	\$ 9,209,772
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES				
32 FUEL AND OIL	358,800			358,800
33 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES (1)	963,000	21,800		984,800
34 SMALL TOOLS		7,000		7,000
38 WELL MAINT. STANDBY POWER	30,000			30,000
41 COMMUNICATIONS	84,300	600	39,750	124,650
43 DIRECTORS FEES			309,000	309,000
45 INSURANCE AND BONDS			706,000	706,000
46 MEMBERSHIPS		10,700	108,800	119,500
47 MISC SERVICE & SUPPLIES			92,500	92,500
48 OFFICE SVC & SUPPLIES	1,800	1,000	21,300	24,100
49 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	15,300	20,900	48,150	84,350
51 MAINT & RPRS BY OTHERS	228,000		57,550	285,550
52 PROF & SPEC SERVICES	1,107,300	40,500	373,800	1,521,600
53 PUBLICATIONS & LEGAL		1,500	15,000	16,500
54 RENTS & LEASES OF EQUIP	48,000		15,000	63,000
56 SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXP	1,500		42,150	43,650
57 TRAINING & TRAVEL	23,000	9,000	23,000	55,000
58 UTILITIES	69,000		74,000	143,000
60 SGMA			450,000	450,000
75 DEPT SERV & SUPPLIES RES	600,000	88,000	105,000	793,000
79 CAPITAL ASSETS	352,000	3,108,750	-	3,460,750
TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	\$ 3,882,000	\$ 3,309,750	\$ 2,481,000	\$ 9,672,750
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$ 9,894,904	\$ 4,416,226	\$ 4,571,392	\$ 18,882,522
WATER COSTS				
KCWA FIXED OBLIGATION	57,000,000			57,000,000
KCWA VARIABLE	11,199,898			11,199,898
DISTRICT VARIABLE	19,926,517			19,926,517
DEBT SERVICE				
PAYING AGENT FEES			-	-
NOTES PAYABLE			-	-
BOND PRINCIPAL			-	-
BOND INTEREST			-	-
OTHER INTEREST			-	-
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 98,021,319	\$ 4,416,226	\$ 4,571,392	\$ 107,008,937

(1) SEE TABLE 9 FOR DETAIL OF EXPENSES

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 4

ALLOCATION TO SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR RECOVERY
2027 BUDGET
(in dollars)

	W.A.C.	W.U.C.	ADMIN SERVICE CHARGE	WRM GSA SERVICE CHARGE	RESERVE FUND	TOTAL
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 6,202,219		\$ 1,007,553		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 9,209,772
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES						
32 FUEL AND OIL	358,800		-			358,800
33 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	982,471		2,329			984,800
34 SMALL TOOLS	6,641		359			7,000
38 WELL MAINT. STANDBY POWER	30,000		-			30,000
41 COMMUNICATIONS	96,077		28,573			124,650
43 DIRECTORS FEES	197,921		111,079			309,000
45 INSURANCE AND BONDS	452,207		253,793			706,000
46 MEMBERSHIPS	76,386		43,114			119,500
47 MISC SERVICE & SUPPLIES	51,562		40,938			92,500
48 OFFICE SVC & SUPPLIES	15,891		8,209			24,100
49 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	59,528		24,822			84,350
51 MAINT & RPRS BY OTHERS	233,478		52,072			285,550
52 PROF & SPEC SERVICES	1,327,066		194,534			1,521,600
53 PUBLICATIONS & LEGALS	10,569		5,931			16,500
54 RENTS & LEASES OF EQUIP	57,608		5,392			63,000
56 SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXP	28,498		15,152			43,650
57 TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL	44,323		10,677			55,000
58 UTILITIES	116,399		26,601			143,000
60 SGMA	-		100,000	350,000		450,000
75 DEPT SERV & SUPPLIES RES	-		-		793,000	793,000
77 JUDGEMENTS AND CLAIMS	-		-			-
79 CAPITAL ASSETS	817,000		-		2,643,750	3,460,750
TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	\$ 4,962,425	\$ -	\$ 923,575	\$ 350,000	\$ 3,436,750	\$ 9,672,750
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$ 11,164,643	\$ -	\$ 1,931,128	\$ 350,000	\$ 5,436,750	\$ 18,882,522
WATER COSTS						
KCWA FIXED OBLIGATION	57,000,000					57,000,000
KCWA VARIABLE		11,199,898				11,199,898
DISTRICT VARIABLE		19,926,517				19,926,517
DEBT SERVICE						
PAYING AGENT FEES						-
NOTES PAYABLE						-
BOND PRINCIPAL						-
BOND INTEREST						-
OTHER INTEREST						-
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 68,164,643	\$ 31,126,415	\$ 1,931,128	\$ 350,000	\$ 5,436,750	\$ 107,008,937

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 5
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS
2027 BUDGET

DETERMINATION OF O&M COSTS PER ACRE								
	TOTAL	NSI	NS-1972 NS-1974	5P EXT	SANTIAGA	(A) NAL	LAT 13G	LAT 14G
CHARGE CODE		1xxx&2xxx	3xxx&6xxx	4xxx	5xxx	7xxx	9xxx	8xxx
Acreage Served per 2025	71,802.92	50,164.02	12,847.16	858.79	2,885.21	2,090.86	1,651.42	1,305.46
Acreage Changes 2026	0.00	-431.50	0.00	0.00	431.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	71,802.92	49,732.52	12,847.16	858.79	3,316.71	2,090.86	1,651.42	1,305.46
1988 Canceled Acres Served	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 2026 Non-Pump O&M Acres	71,802.92	49,732.52	12,847.16	858.79	3,316.71	2,090.86	1,651.42	1,305.46
Ratio to Total	1.000000	0.692625	0.178923	0.011960	0.046192	0.029119	0.022999	0.018181
Non-Pump O&M Costs Allocated	\$ 9,382,430	\$ 6,498,509	\$ 1,678,728	\$ 112,217	\$ 433,392	\$ 273,211	\$ 215,790	\$ 170,583
Contract Acreage Equivalents Served By Pumping Plants	84,316.20	46,546.96	26,142.03	3,435.16	6,300.82	1,891.23	0.00	0.00
Acreage Changes 2026	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1988 Equivalent Canceled Acres (B)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 2026 Pump O&M Acres	84,316.20	46,546.96	26,142.03	3,435.16	6,300.82	1,891.23	0.00	0.00
Ratio to Total	1.000000	0.552052	0.310048	0.040741	0.074728	0.022430	0.000000	0.000000
Pump O&M Costs Allocated	\$ 1,172,163	\$ 647,096	\$ 363,426	\$ 47,756	\$ 87,594	\$ 26,292	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total O&M Costs	\$ 10,554,593	\$ 7,145,604	\$ 2,042,154	\$ 159,973	\$ 520,986	\$ 299,503	\$ 215,790	\$ 170,583
Non-Pump O&M Cost Per Acre	\$ 130.6692	\$ 130.6692	\$ 130.6692	\$ 130.6692	\$ 130.6692	\$ 130.6692	\$ 130.6692	\$ 130.6692
Pump O&M Cost Per Acre	\$ 16.3247	\$ 13.0115	\$ 28.2885	\$ 55.6080	\$ 26.4099	\$ 12.5747	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.0000
Unit O&M Cost Per Acre	\$ 146.9939	\$ 143.6807	\$ 158.9577	\$ 186.2772	\$ 157.0791	\$ 143.2439	\$ 130.6692	\$ 130.6692
CHARGE CODE		1xxx&2xxx	3xxx&6xxx	4xxx	5xxx	7xxx	9xxx	8xxx
2026 Revised Budget O&M Cost Per Acre	\$ 153.3167	\$ 149.8649	\$ 165.2680	\$ 192.5589	\$ 167.3370	\$ 150.3242	\$ 137.0091	\$ 137.0091
2025 FAA Values	\$ 112.0412	\$ 108.2883	\$ 125.1653	\$ 155.2050	\$ 127.4426	\$ 107.8870	\$ 94.0603	\$ 94.0607

ALLOCATION OF TOTAL O&M COSTS TO PUMP AND NON-PUMP O&M COSTS			
	PUMP PLANT O&M COSTS	NON-PUMP O&M COSTS	TOTAL O&M COSTS
Payroll Costs (Direct Labor, including burden)	\$576,706	\$5,625,513	\$6,202,219
Ratio to Total	0.092984	0.907016	1.000000
Services & Supplies Less Capital Assets	\$385,457	\$3,759,967	\$4,145,425
Currently Funded Plant Acquisitions	\$210,000	\$607,000	\$817,000
Total Services & Supplies	\$595,457	\$4,366,967	\$4,962,425
Subtotal	\$1,172,163	\$9,992,480	\$11,164,643
Credits from Non-Contract Land OM&R Surcharge on Farming Unit Operations (C)		(\$610,050)	(\$610,050)
Adjusted Cost to Water Users	\$1,172,163	\$9,382,430	\$10,554,593

- (A) The Nonsprinkler Added Land (NAL) category of service was created in 2010 to help ensure that other Water Users are not adversely affected when contract lands are moved to a different charge code zone.
- (B) For budget purposes, assume none of 1988 Canceled Lands will be farmed in 2027
- (C) Estimated irrigated non-contract acres x average budget OM&R rate (rounded)

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 6
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY
FIXED OBLIGATION
2027 BUDGET

BASIC OBLIGATION					
\$	241,206,004	X	0.185447	=	\$ 44,730,930
KWB DELTA CHARGE					
					\$ 93,263
EXCESS CAPACITY					
					\$ 673,623
KERN WATER BANK FIXED O&M CHARGES					
					\$ 1,065,490
PIONEER PROJECT FIXED O&M CHARGES					
					\$ 800,000
BERRENDA MESA PROJECT FIXED O&M CHARGES					
					\$ 75,000
CROSS VALLEY CANAL FIXED O&M CHARGES					
					\$ 130,102
KERN FAN MONITORING COMMITTEE					
					\$ 13,000
IAA AUDIT OF THE STATE WATER PROJECT via KCWA					
					\$ 50,000
LESS VARIABLE THRU DOS AMIGOS P.P.					
	197,088	AF	FIRM	@	\$ 28.2500 = \$ (5,567,736.00)
	34,205	AF	SURPLUS	@	\$ 32.3800 = \$ (1,107,557.90)
					\$ (6,675,294)
NET FIXED OBLIGATION					
					\$ 40,956,114
DETERMINATION OF FIXED OBLIGATION UNIT COST PER AC-FT					
					\$ 40,956,114
					197,088
					\$ 207.8062
SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SUPPLY					
	3,730	AC-FT	@	\$ 207.8062	\$ 775,117
TOTAL FIXED OBLIGATION					
					\$ 41,731,231
					200,818
					\$ 207.8062
Based on historical information for past 5 years, estimated 2026 F.O. cost for melded SWP and Supplemental 1 water at a 100% allocation.					
					\$ 60,000,000
					200,818
					\$ 298.7780
GROUNDWATER SERVICE CHARGE (GWSC) ADJUSTMENT [A]					
ESTIMATED NON-CONTRACT PUMPING:					
				AC-FT	
	NON-CONTRACT PUMPING SUBJECT TO CHARGE	12,000	AC-FT	@	\$250.00 \$ (3,000,000)
	NON-CONTRACT GWSC ALLOWANCE	-	AC-FT	@	\$ - \$
TOTAL FIXED OBLIGATION - ADJUSTED					
					\$ (3,000,000)
					\$ 60,000,000
					\$ 57,000,000
					200,818
					\$ 283.8391

[A] - POST SETTLEMENT-MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE 2027 GWSC RATE SHOWN.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 7

KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY VARIABLE
2027 BUDGET

	REACH 14	REACH 15	REACH 16	TOTAL
2026 ENTITLEMENT: CAW ACRE FEET	133,220	52,191	15,407	200,818
UNIT RATE PER ACRE-FOOT	\$ 46.000	\$ 65.000	\$ 109.000	
VARIABLE PAST COST ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
ADJUSTED KCWA VARIABLE UNIT RATES (\$ PER ACRE-FOOT)	\$ 46.000	\$ 65.000	\$ 109.000	
KCWA VARIABLE COSTS	\$ 6,128,120	\$ 3,392,415	\$ 1,679,363	\$ 11,199,898

NOTE: THE ABOVE CHARGES ARE BASED UPON THE FULL 2027 CONTRACT AMOUNT
OF WATER WITH NO ADJUSTMENT FOR POOLED OR TRANSFERRED WATER.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 8

DISTRICT POWER COSTS FOR PUMPING
2027 BUDGET

PUMP ZONE	ACRE FEET	\$PER AC-FT	ESTIMATED COST
00	14,757	\$ -	\$ -
01	78,247	\$ 48	\$ 3,755,856
02	17,660	\$ 91	\$ 1,607,060
03	20,611	\$ 164	\$ 3,380,204
04	11,701	\$ 240	\$ 2,808,240
05	730	\$ 134	\$ 97,820
06	730	\$ 147	\$ 107,310
07	2,808	\$ 359	\$ 1,008,072
08	19,145	\$ 76	\$ 1,455,020
09	19,829	\$ 149	\$ 2,954,521
10	5,810	\$ 212	\$ 1,231,720
11	1,154	\$ 87	\$ 100,398
12	7,636	\$ 186	\$ 1,420,296
TOTALS	200,818		\$ 19,926,517

NOTE: THE ABOVE ESTIMATED CHARGES ARE BASED UPON THE FULL 2027 CONTRACT AMOUNT OF WATER WITH NO ADJUSTMENT FOR POOLED OR TRANSFERRED WATER.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- a. PG&E Agricultural rates will increase approximately 3% between 2026 and 2027.
- b. Credits from the Wheeler #1, Wheeler #2, Triangle, and Spill basin solar facilities will result in net savings of approx. \$2,500,000, which will be prorated by KWH among all Water Users.
- c. Calculations assumed annual deliveries of 150,000 ac-ft, but by convention, WUC rates are applied to the full Contract Allocation of water (200,818 ac-ft) in this table.
- d. The 14G27X intertie will remain in service during 2027 enabling significant transfers of water from Reach 16 into the 1510 charge code zone.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

TABLE 9
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES DETAIL
2027 BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST
VALVES & PARTS	230,000
PIPE REPAIR MATERIALS	107,000
GENERAL SUPPLIES	104,000
FLOW METER PARTS	95,000
PUMP & VALVE MAINTENANCE	70,000
MOTOR CONTROL CENTER INVENTORY	60,000
WATER SCREEN PARTS	50,000
UNIFORMS	45,000
RAW MATERIALS (CONCRETE, LUMBER, ETC)	33,000
MOTOR EQUIPMENT & PARTS	32,000
TIRES	30,000
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	26,000
CATHODIC PROTECTION	15,500
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	15,300
SMALL TOOLS	15,000
NUTS, BOLTS, & WASHERS	14,000
WEED CONTROL	10,000
PAINT SUPPLIES	8,200
SCADA EQUIPMENT	7,500
ENGINEERING SUPPLIES	6,200
WELDING SUPPLIES	6,000
DISTRICT WELLS	5,000
CLIMATE STATIONS	100
TOTAL MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	984,800

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

TABLE 12
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
2027 BUDGET
(in dollars)

QTY	DESCRIPTION	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	2027 ESTIMATE	CURRENT FUNDED	RESERVE FUNDED
ENGINEERING						
1	Portion of 6P Lateral Pipeline Replacement	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	
8	WRM10 Large Pump Units	236,250	1,890,000	708,750	210,000	498,750
1	Drill Replacement Supply Well	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000		2,100,000
	SUBTOTAL		4,290,000	3,108,750	510,000	2,598,750
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE						
3	3/4 Ton Ext Cab Pickup	45,000	135,000	135,000	135,000	
2	1/2 Ton Reg Cab Pickup	35,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	
1	1/2 Ton Reg Cab 4x4 Pickup	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	
1	Mid-Size Crew Cab 4x4	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	
1	Heavy Duty Dump Trailer	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	
1	1/2 Ton Pickup (spare)	45,000	45,000	45,000		45,000
	SUBTOTAL		352,000	352,000	307,000	45,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			4,642,000	3,460,750	817,000	2,643,750

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 13
BUDGETED EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS
2027 BUDGET

TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		
	2026		2027
	AUTHORIZED	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
ENGINEER-MANAGER	1	1	1
ASSISTANT ENGINEER-MANAGER	0	0	0
DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES	1	1	1
WATER RESOURCES MANAGER	0	0	0
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	1	1	1
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	1	1
CONTROLLER	1	1	1
ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	1	1
STAFF ACCOUNTANT	0	0	0
ACCOUNTANT	0	0	1
JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT	1	1	0
ACCOUNT CLERK (I OR II)	0	0	1
STAFF ENGINEER	1	1	1
STAFF GEOLOGIST	1	1	1
CORROSION TECHNICIAN	1	1	1
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN (or JR.)	1	1	1
ASSISTANT ENGINEER	1	1	1
O & M SUPERINTENDENT	1	1	1
ASSISTANT O & M SUPERINTENDENT	0	0	0
MAINTENANCE/PUMP/ELECTRICAL SUPERVISOR	1	1	1
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	0	0	0
ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	1	1
MAINTENANCE (I OR II)	3	3	3
O & M PURCHASING AGENT (WAREHOUSE)	1	1	1
PAINTER	0	0	0
LEAD EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	1	1	1
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	1	1	1
LEAD WELDER	1	1	1
WELDER	1	1	1
PUMP / ELECTRICAL SUPERVISOR	0	0	0
PUMP TECHNICIAN (OR TRAINEE)	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL / PUMP TECHNICIAN (or I or II)	5	5	5
OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	1	1
ASSISTANT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	1	1
WATER TENDER (I OR II)	9	9	10
WATER TENDER TRAINEE	0	0	1
CHIEF DISPATCHER	1	1	1
ASSISTANT CHIEF DISPATCHER	1	1	1
DISPATCHER (OR TRAINEE)	2	2	2
TOTAL EMPLOYEE POSITIONS	43	43	46

(1) ALSO BUDGETED IS ONE RETIRED ANNUITANT

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 14

WATER CHARGE COMPONENTS BY CATEGORY OF SERVICE AND PUMP ZONES
2027 BUDGET

WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE (WAC) (\$\text{ACRE})						
CODE	CATEGORY OF SERVICE	O M & R	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL WAC (EXC FO)	TOTAL WAC + SSC	TOTAL WAC +SSC +FO
1	NSI (EXCEPT SOUTH LAKE)	143.6807	0.0000	143.6807	157.0407	1,008.5580
2	SOUTH LAKE	143.6807	0.0000	143.6807	157.0407	1,008.5580
3	NS-1972	158.9577	0.0000	158.9577	172.3177	1,023.8350
4	LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	186.2772	0.0000	186.2772	199.6372	1,051.1545
5	SANTIAGO	157.0791	0.0000	157.0791	170.4391	1,021.9564
6	LATERAL 6P (EXC SPECIAL)	158.9577	0.0000	158.9577	172.3177	1,023.8350
6A	LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL)	158.9577	0.0000	158.9577	172.3177	1,023.8350
7	N.A.L.	143.2439	0.0000	143.2439	156.6039	1,008.1212
8	LATERAL 14G	130.6692	0.0000	130.6692	144.0292	995.5465
9A	LATERAL 13G-A	130.6692	0.0000	130.6692	144.0292	995.5465
9B	LATERAL 13G-B	130.6692	0.0000	130.6692	144.0292	995.5465
WATER USE CHARGE (WUC) (\$\text{ACRE-FOOT})						
FIXED OBLIGATION (FO) @ 100%		283.8391				
FO =		283.8391				
STATE VARIABLE				DISTRICT VARIABLE		
CODE	AQUEDUCT REACH	UPSTREAM PUMPING PLANT	FIRM RATE	CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATE
--	12	DOS AMIGOS	28.2500	00	GRAVITY	0.0000
4	14	BUENA VISTA	46.0000	01	DOWNHILL PUMP	48.0000
5	15	WHEELER RIDGE	65.0000	02	UPHILL - ZONE I	91.0000
6	16	WIND GAP	109.0000	03	UPHILL - ZONE I I	164.0000
				04	UPHILL - ZONE I I I	240.0000
				05	RANCH HQ - ZONE I	134.0000
				06	RANCH HQ - ZONE I I	147.0000
				07	LATERAL 5P EXT	359.0000
				08	850 - ZONE I	76.0000
				09	850 - ZONE I I	149.0000
				10	850 - ZONE I I I	212.0000
				11	SANTIAGO - ZONE I	87.0000
				12	SANTIAGO - ZONE I I	186.0000
				13	RINCON - ZONE I	N/A
				14	RINCON - ZONE I I	N/A
				15	RINCON - ZONE I I I	N/A
SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE (SSC) (\$\text{ACRE})						
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CHARGE			12.6600			
GENERAL SERVICE CHARGE			0.7000			
PROJECT SERVICE CHARGE			0.0000			
TOTAL SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE			13.3600			

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 15

WAC AND WUC RATES BY CATEGORY OF SERVICE AND PUMP ZONES
2027 BUDGET

CHARGE CODE	CHARGE ZONE	(a) WAC (\$/acre) Excludes FO	(b) WAC (\$/acre) Includes FO	(c) WUC (\$/acre foot)	(d) SSC (\$/acre)
1401	BUENA VISTA DOWNHILL	143.68	995.20	94.00	13.36
1402	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE I	143.68	995.20	137.00	13.36
1403	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE II	143.68	995.20	210.00	13.36
1501	WHEELER RIDGE DOWNHILL	143.68	995.20	113.00	13.36
1508	850 - ZONE I	143.68	995.20	141.00	13.36
1509	850 - ZONE II	143.68	995.20	214.00	13.36
1510	850 - ZONE III	143.68	995.20	277.00	13.36
1600	RANCH HQ - GRAVITY	143.68	995.20	109.00	13.36
1605	RANCH HQ - ZONE I	143.68	995.20	243.00	13.36
1606	RANCH HQ - ZONE II	143.68	995.20	256.00	13.36
2401	SOUTH LAKE	143.68	995.20	94.00	13.36
3402	NS-1972 - ZONE I	158.96	1,010.47	137.00	13.36
3403	NS-1972 - ZONE II	158.96	1,010.47	210.00	13.36
3404	NS-1972 - ZONE III	158.96	1,010.47	286.00	13.36
4407	LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	186.28	1,037.79	405.00	13.36
5401	SANTIAGO - DOWNHILL	157.08	1,008.60	94.00	13.36
5411	SANTIAGO - ZONE I	157.08	1,008.60	133.00	13.36
5412	SANTIAGO - ZONE II	157.08	1,008.60	232.00	13.36
6402	LATERAL 6P (EXC SPECIAL) ZONE 1	158.96	1,010.47	137.00	13.36
6402A	LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL) ZONE 1	158.96	1,010.47	137.00	13.36
6403	LATERAL 6P - ZONE II	158.96	1,010.47	210.00	13.36
7402	N.A.L.	143.24	994.76	137.00	13.36
7403	N.A.L.	143.24	994.76	210.00	13.36
7509	N.A.L.	143.24	994.76	214.00	13.36
7600	N.A.L.	143.24	994.76	109.00	13.36
8600	NS-1978	130.67	982.19	109.00	13.36
9600A	LATERAL 13G-A	130.67	982.19	109.00	13.36
9600B	LATERAL 13G-B	130.67	982.19	109.00	13.36

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

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

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

(d) SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE (per acre)

See Table 14 for the rates used

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 16

ANNUAL WATER COMPUTATION FOR EACH TURNOUT
USING THE RATES SHOWN ON TABLE 14 AND INFORMATION ON
TURNOUT LISTING WHICH ACCOMPANIES EACH BILLING
2027 BUDGET

1. WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE (WAC)			AMOUNT BILLED
A.	_____ ACRES X (WAC PER ACRE EXC FO)	\$ _____	\$ _____
B.	_____ ACRE-FEET ENTITLEMENT X (FO)	\$ <u>283.8391</u>	\$ _____
TOTAL WAC (A + B)			\$ _____
2. WATER USE CHARGE (WUC)			
_____ ACRE-FEET ENTITLEMENT X _____ WUC PER AF			\$ _____
3 SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE (SSC)			
_____ ACRES X \$ 13.36			\$ _____
TOTAL TURNOUT COSTS (1 + 2 + 3)			

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

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 17

MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES
FOR NON-CONTRACT LAND, UNSCHEDULED, TEMPORARY, AND INDUSTRIAL USES
2027 BUDGET

CHARGE CODE	CHARGE ZONE	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		NON-CONTRACT LAND OM&R RATES (\$/acre) (\$/AF)	ADDED OR UNSCHEDULED WATER RATE (\$/AF)	TEMPORARY WATER RATE (\$/AF)	
1401	BUENA VISTA DOWNHILL	143.6807	47.89	377.84	425.73
1402	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE I	143.6807	47.89	420.84	468.73
1403	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE II	143.6807	47.89	493.84	541.73
1501	WHEELER RIDGE DOWNHILL	143.6807	47.89	396.84	444.73
1508	850 - ZONE I	143.6807	47.89	424.84	472.73
1509	850 - ZONE II	143.6807	47.89	497.84	545.73
1510	850 - ZONE III	143.6807	47.89	560.84	608.73
1600	RANCH HQ - GRAVITY	143.6807	47.89	392.84	440.73
1605	RANCH HQ - ZONE I	143.6807	47.89	526.84	574.73
1606	RANCH HQ - ZONE II	143.6807	47.89	539.84	587.73
2401	SOUTH LAKE	143.6807	47.89	377.84	425.73
3402	NS-1972 - ZONE I	158.9577	52.99	420.84	473.82
3403	NS-1972 - ZONE II	158.9577	52.99	493.84	546.82
3404	NS-1972 - ZONE III	158.9577	52.99	569.84	622.82
4407	LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	186.2772	62.09	688.84	750.93
5401	SANTIAGO - DOWNHILL	157.0791	52.36	377.84	430.20
5411	SANTIAGO - ZONE I	157.0791	52.36	416.84	469.20
5412	SANTIAGO - ZONE II	157.0791	52.36	515.84	568.20
6402	LATERAL 6P (EXC SPECIAL) ZONE I	158.9577	52.99	420.84	473.82
6402A	LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL) ZONE I	158.9577	52.99	420.84	473.82
6403	LATERAL 6P - ZONE II	158.9577	52.99	493.84	546.82
7402	N.A.L.	143.2439	47.75	420.84	468.59
7403	N.A.L.	143.2439	47.75	493.84	541.59
7509	N.A.L.	143.2439	47.75	497.84	545.59
7600	N.A.L.	143.2439	47.75	392.84	440.59
8600	NS-1978	130.6692	43.56	392.84	436.40
9600A	LATERAL 13G-A	130.6692	43.56	392.84	436.40
9600B	LATERAL 13G-B	130.6692	43.56	392.84	436.40

INDUSTRIAL WATER RATES ARE THE HIGHER OF:

- (A) \$175 FOR FIRST DAY OF SERVICE, PLUS \$75 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CONTINUOUS DAY OF SERVICE; OR
(B) \$700 PER ACRE-FOOT.

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

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

See Table 14 for the rates used

ADDED OR UNSCHEDULED vs. TEMPORARY?

ADDED OR UNSCHEDULED = Pool Water purchased by a contract landowner

TEMPORARY = Pool Water purchased by a non-contract landowner

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
TABLE 18

COMPARISON OF COSTS PER ACRE AND ACRE FOOT
ASSUMING 3.0 ACRE-FEET PER ACRE
2027 BUDGET

CHARGE CODE	CHARGE ZONE	(a)	(b)
		TOTAL (\$/acre)	TOTAL (\$/AF)
1401	BUENA VISTA DOWNHILL	1,290.56	430.19
1402	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE I	1,419.56	473.19
1403	SAN EMIDIO - ZONE II	1,638.56	546.19
1501	WHEELER RIDGE DOWNHILL	1,347.56	449.19
1508	850 - ZONE I	1,431.56	477.19
1509	850 - ZONE II	1,650.56	550.19
1510	850 - ZONE III	1,839.56	613.19
1600	RANCH HQ - GRAVITY	1,335.56	445.19
1605	RANCH HQ - ZONE I	1,737.56	579.19
1606	RANCH HQ - ZONE II	1,776.56	592.19
2401	SOUTH LAKE	1,290.56	430.19
3402	NS-1972 - ZONE I	1,434.83	478.28
3403	NS-1972 - ZONE II	1,653.83	551.28
3404	NS-1972 - ZONE III	1,881.83	627.28
4407	LATERAL 5P EXTENSION	2,266.15	755.38
5401	SANTIAGO - DOWNHILL	1,303.96	434.65
5411	SANTIAGO - ZONE I	1,420.96	473.65
5412	SANTIAGO - ZONE II	1,717.96	572.65
6402	LATERAL 6P (EXC SPECIAL) ZONE I	1,434.83	478.28
6402A	LATERAL 6P (SPECIAL) ZONE I	1,434.83	478.28
6403	LATERAL 6P - ZONE II	1,653.83	551.28
7402	N.A.L.	1,419.12	473.04
7403	N.A.L.	1,638.12	546.04
7509	N.A.L.	1,650.12	545.85
7600	N.A.L.	1,335.12	445.04
8600	NS-1978	1,322.55	440.85
9600A	LATERAL 13G-A	1,322.55	440.85
9600B	LATERAL 13G-B	1,322.55	440.85

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

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

See Table 14 for the rates used

SECTION III - CASH FLOW PROJECTION

A cash flow projection has been developed for 2027 based upon operations and activities covered in the proposed budget. This is shown on Table 19.

Table 19 shows a beginning cash balance of \$54 million. This is before the payment of January 1, 2027 water costs of \$40.9 million.

The 2027 year-end projected cash balance reflects an increase in cash of \$7.6 million. Primarily caused by Groundwater Service Charges, Interest earned on accounts, and Industrial Water Sales.

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

INCREASE IN CASH (Thousands of Dollars)		DECREASE IN CASH (Thousands of Dollars)	
Water Installments	100,300	Salaries	7,200
KCT (NONC SSC collection)	660	Services & Supplies	5,383
Interest	2,550	Water Costs	68,200
Industrial Water Sales	1,600	District Power	19,900
Miscellaneous	30	Equipment Current Funded	817
Noncontract OM&R	610		
Groundwater Service Charges	3,000		
WRM GSA Service Charges	350		
TOTAL INCREASE IN CASH	\$109,100	TOTAL DECREASE IN CASH	\$101,500

NET INCREASE/(DECREASE)

\$7,600

Three lines at the bottom of the cash flow projection indicate the impact of 10%, 20% and 30% delinquency rates respectively of the 2027 cash receipts.

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

TABLE 19
ESTIMATED CASH FLOW
2027
(in dollars x 1,000)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	54,000	11,020	15,546	26,390	37,779	47,959	57,805	40,375	50,548	60,393	64,969	63,229	54,000
CASH RECEIPTS:													
WATER INSTALLMENTS		6,267	12,538	12,538	12,538	12,538	12,538	12,538	12,538	6,267			100,300
S S C (KCT)	10	5	5	300	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	300	660
NONCONTRACT OM&R				102	102	102	102	101	101				610
GROUNDWATER SERVICE CHARGES			375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375			3,000
WRM GSA SERVICE CHARGES	5	5	5	150	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	150	350
INTEREST EARNED	213	212	213	212	213	212	213	212	213	212	213	212	2,550
OTHER WATER SALES	25	350	25	25	350	25	25	350	25	25	350	25	1,600
MISC RECEIPTS	2	2	3	2	2	4	2	2	3	2	2	4	30
TOTAL RECEIPTS	255	6,841	13,164	13,704	13,595	13,266	13,265	13,588	13,265	6,891	575	691	109,100
CASH EXPENDITURES:													
PAYROLL EXPENSE	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	7,200
SERVICES & SUPPLIES	515	515	520	515	515	520	515	515	520	515	515	520	6,200
WATER COSTS (KCWA & SUPP1)	40,920						27,280						68,200
DISTRICT POWER	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	19,900
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	43,235	2,315	2,320	2,315	3,415	3,420	30,695	3,415	3,420	2,315	2,315	2,320	101,500
MONTH END BALANCES:	11,020	15,546	26,390	37,779	47,959	57,805	40,375	50,548	60,393	64,969	63,229	61,600	61,600
MONTH END BALANCES (a):													
10% DELINQUENCY	10,995	14,836	24,364	34,383	43,203	51,723	32,966	41,780	50,299	54,186	52,388	50,690	
20% DELINQUENCY	10,969	14,127	22,338	30,986	38,447	45,640	25,557	33,012	40,204	43,402	41,547	39,780	
30% DELINQUENCY	10,944	13,417	20,312	27,590	33,691	39,558	18,148	24,245	30,110	32,619	30,706	28,870	

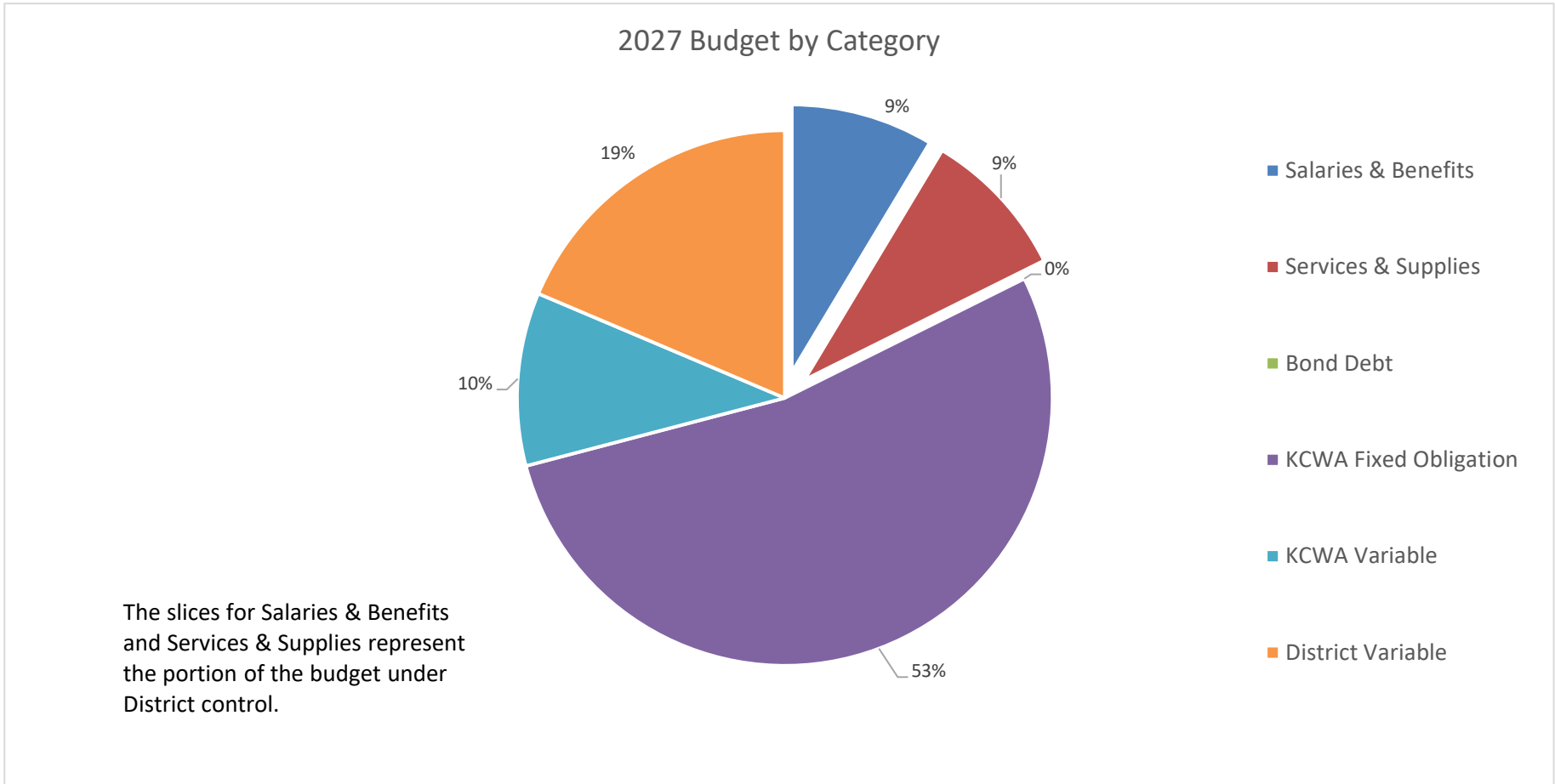
(a) Delinquency balances are calculated assuming a 10%, 20%, or 30% delinquency rate on all sources of cash receipts. Expenditures are assumed to remain fixed.

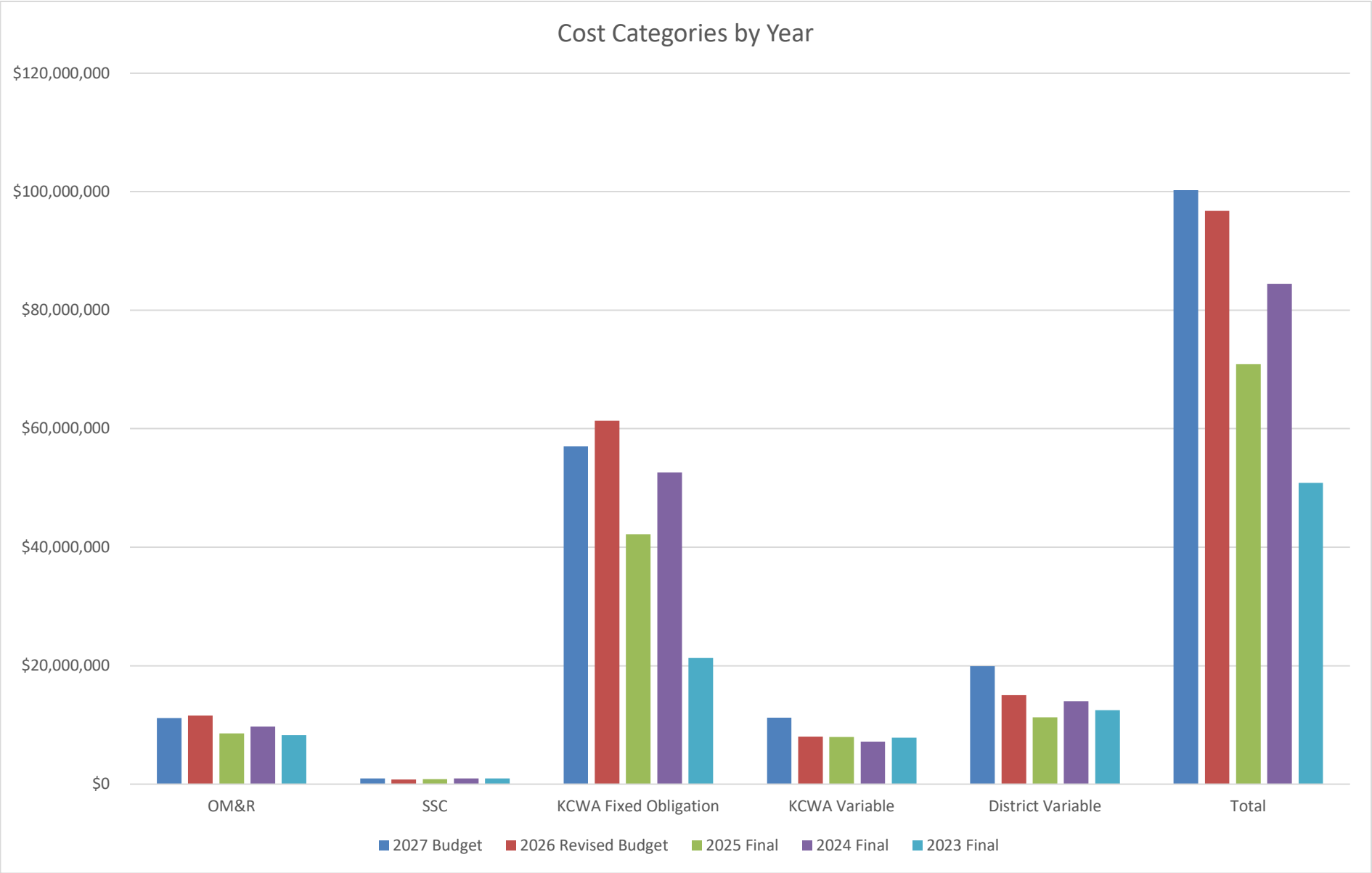
WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

Table 20

Reserve Fund Balances
As of December 31, 2025

RESERVE FUND	BALANCE
OPERATING RESERVE	\$ 25,000,000
CONTINGENCY RESERVE	\$ 11,449,745
WATER BANKING CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 6,100,000
GROUND WATER REPLENISHMENT RESERVE	\$ 4,682,667
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE	\$ 3,527,881
DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION RESERVE	\$ 102,800
WELL REPAIR & REPLACEMENT RESERVE	\$ 11,876
	\$ 50,874,969





WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jim Smith, Controller

DATE: October 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of 365 Day Term for CAMP Portfolio

Background: At its June 4, 2026 Finance Committee meeting, the committee recommended continuing to invest the District's cash reserves with CAMP. The committee also asked staff to keep it apprised of any CAMP recommendations to optimize earnings.

CAMP Proposal: CAMP recommends that the District allocate a portion of its cash reserves to a 365-day Term Portfolio. As of October 7, 2026, the District's CAMP Pool return is 3.97%, and the 365-day Term rate is 4.68%. Based on the District's lowest cash balance over the past five years of \$40 million, CAMP recommends a \$10 million investment in the 365-day Term.

Fiscal Impact: At current rates, the 365-day Term earns 0.71% more than the CAMP Pool. On a \$10 million investment, this would generate approximately **\$71,000** in additional interest over 365 days, assuming the Pool rate remains at 3.97%. Because the Pool rate changes with market conditions, the actual difference would be greater if rates decline and smaller if rates rise. The Term rate is set on the purchase date and may differ from the rate shown here.

Liquidity and Risk: The \$10 million would be committed for 365 days. After this investment, \$30 million of the District's five-year low balance of \$40 million would remain available in the CAMP Pool. Staff has not identified cash needs over the next 12 months that would reduce balances below this level. Locking in a rate protects the District if interest rates fall; however, the District would benefit to a lesser degree from rate increases on these funds during the term. The proposed investment complies with the District's Investment Policy (Permissible Investments: 11) and California Government Code Section 53646.

CAMP Comments: Kyle Tanaka, Director, CAMP, provided the following comments:

"I would suggest allocating a percentage of the District's CAMP Pool funds to CAMP Term."

"The benefits that I see here is that the District will be locking in funds and know the rate of return at time of purchase. This would provide the District more duration by going out longer, and would provide a hedge to interest rate movements (either hikes or cuts). I see this as [a] strategy that we can implement when it comes to CAMP as a whole, and just provides the District greater diversification than just utilizing the CAMP Pool. I don't anticipate a ton of staff time, other than we would want to plan to have a discussion upon the CAMP Term maturity (if you ended up placing an investment) or if there were any anticipated liquidity needs that came up."

Recommendation: Per the Finance Committee's direction to keep the Board apprised of CAMP recommendations, staff requests that the Board select one of the following options:

1. Authorize the Engineer-Manager to invest \$10 million in the CAMP 365-day Term.
2. Authorize investment of a different amount in the CAMP 365-day Term.
3. Take no action and continue investing all cash reserves in the CAMP Pool.



ENGINEER-MANAGER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER
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: OCTOBER 7, 2026

SUBJECT: ENGINEER-MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

During the month of September, the District delivered 13,880 acre-feet consisting of the water types described below. Of the total quantity delivered, 384 acre-feet was delivered for industrial use, with the remainder being delivered for agricultural use. This is average when compared to the projected deliveries of approximately 13,976 acre-feet, based on the "typical average surface water demand 2015-2025" estimated in September 2025. The total quantities of water delivered during the month as well as the year-to-date water supply by source and type of water delivery are summarized in the following tabulation:

<u>Quantities (Acre- Feet)</u>			
Source of Supply- 2026	Jan-Aug	Sep	YTD
2026 SWP Entitlement (a)	49,740	11,210	60,950
2025 Carryover (estimate) (b)	8,832	-	8,832
Mettler Water Bank (c)	523	-	523
Pastoria/TRC	1,336	347	1,683
Granite/TRC	237	15	252
Supplemental Supplies	27,336	2,308	29,644
Landowner Water Transfer	10,065	-	10,065
Kern Water Bank - 2nd Priority Recovery	-	-	-
Kern Water Bank Recovery	6,996	-	6,996
Pioneer Project Recovery	603	-	603
Type of Delivery			
Irrigation	103,919	13,496	117,415
Industrial Contract	1,573	362	1,935
Other Industrial	179	22	202
Subtotal: In-District Deliveries	105,671	13,880	119,551
Kern Fan Recharge Deliveries estimates			
Kern Water Bank (c)	3,651	-	3,651
Pioneer Project + 2800 Acres (c)	2,881	-	2,881
Total Deliveries	112,203	13,880	126,083

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

(b) An estimated 15,686 acre-feet was carried over from 2025 into 2026. Of this, Water User carryover was approximately 4,343 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

SB 872. Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund. Governor Gavin Newsom vetoed the bill on September 27, 2026, stating that the funding mechanism was redundant because \$170 million had already been secured separately through the state budget. The press release from the Governor’s office is included in the board packet.

White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

- The White Wolf GSA met on October 6.
 - Approved LandIQ Contract for three year renewal.
 - Groundwater level conditions: No MT exceedances in August.
 - Outreach for WQ wells
 - Subsidence assessment: EKI continues assessment of basin subsidence.
 - Draft Periodic Evaluation and 2026 Amended GSP
 - Public comment period closed Sep. 5th. One public comments from California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
 - November 3 Public Hearing and Adoption
 - DWR Submittal January 28, 2027
 - Next scheduled White Wolf GSA meeting is Nov. 3 at AEWS.

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Coordination between SOKR GSA’s

- The next scheduled Executive Committee will be held in November.

Kern Subbasin Coordination

- Biweekly Managers Meetings
 - Biweekly Managers P/MA Meetings
 - Monthly Subbasin Meetings
 - Meetings with Self-Help Enterprises and CASP.
 - Upcoming field visit with CASP on October 15 regarding shallow subsidence.

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):

Sep 03	Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority	Sep 10	Member Unit Managers
Sep 04	Westside	Sep 11	Kern Subbasin Managers
Sep 08	Committee for Delta Reliability	Sep 11	Kern Water Collaborative
Sep 08	DCP Discussion	Sep 14	Water Storage District Discussion
Sep 08	KWBA/KWBGSA Board	Sep 16	White Wolf GSA Technical Committee
Sep 09	WRMWSD Board	Sep 17	ACWA Executive Edge
Sep 10	Kern Subbasin Subsidence Subcommittee	Sep 18	ACWA Executive Edge
Sep 10	Pioneer Project	Sep 21	Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee

Sep 22 WRMWSD Personnel Committee
Sep 22 CVC Negotiations
Sep 23 ACWA - Projects of Statewide Significance
Task Force
Sep 23 ACWA Region 6&7 Pre-Board Call
Sep 24 ACWA Board Budget and Policy Workshop
Sep 24 CASP Pool 24 & 31 Interim Actions Discussion

Sep 25 Kern Subbasin Managers
Sep 25 ACWA Board
Sep 28 Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority
Sep 29 Water Storage District Discussion
Sep 29 Westside/Semitropic
Sep 30 SOKR Managers



CFWC Activity Report

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

FROM: Michelle Paul, Executive Director

DATE: September 9, 2026

SUBJECT: CFWC Activity Report, August 2026

Summary

August was a productive month at CFWC. I logged plenty of miles across California, visiting more than a dozen members, touring farms and water infrastructure, and connecting with people who shape water policy and public opinion, from Colusa to Imperial County. That work is already paying off through stronger relationships, expanded media engagement, new outreach opportunities, and a deeper understanding of how current water policy affects on-the-ground users.

Media Landscape and Response

August kept us busy on the water-news front. We tracked more than 2,000 articles, most focused on Colorado River operations. Key topics included the federal 10-year shortage framework, Lake Powell reaching a record low, and the Lower Basin states' two-year operating cycle. Other coverage addressed water supplies and allocations, policy and governance, climate and drought, groundwater and water rights. Overall, the tone was more negative than in recent months, with an emphasis on declining reservoirs, shortage planning, litigation, and drought monitoring.

The picture was a little brighter for agriculture. Coverage was mostly neutral, with positive stories about SGMA implementation, irrigation efficiency, farm economics, and habitat partnerships.

Editorial Outreach and Placement

Between member visits and watershed tours across the state, we made progress placing positive stories about agricultural water use. In response to a Los Angeles Times story, we submitted a [letter](#) explaining that all growers, regardless of size, location or commodity, must comply with groundwater pumping rules. It also explains that SGMA is a statewide law carried out through local groundwater plans.

I also represented the Coalition in an interview with Capitol Public Radio in Sacramento and drafted several editorials about the cost of building water infrastructure and the need to expand it as California's population grows. We look forward to seeing these pieces published in September.

Outreach

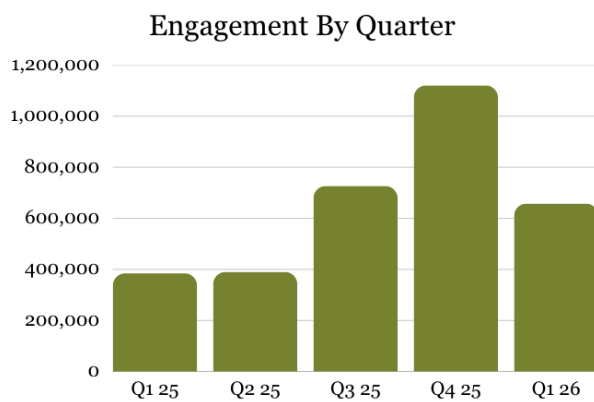
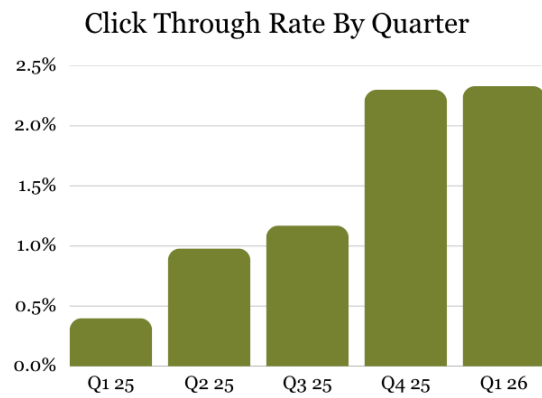
The Unified Water Plan has been released! It's available to read on waterblueprintca.com. This congressionally authorized plan estimates the Valley will face an annual water shortfall of about 2.4 million acre-feet by 2040 and proposes an \$18 billion to \$33 billion response. The plan provides a pathway for Congress and the state to fund projects prioritized in the Valley and urges a streamlined permitting process to ensure timely completion.

Cultivate California: Quarterly Results and Strategy

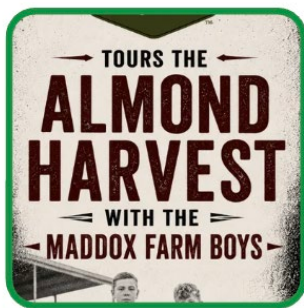
As part of our work, the Coalition manages [Cultivate California](#), a social media program that helps people understand the connection between California agriculture, responsible water use, and the food they eat. The goal is to build appreciation and support for the role California agriculture plays in everyday life.

To see whether the content is reaching the right people, we track how they respond to each post. Follower growth matters, but actions such as likes, comments, shares, saves and link clicks tell us more. They show that people, including urban audiences who may be less familiar with California agriculture and water, are interested enough to engage or learn more.

The charts below show the program's performance over the past year. Click-through rate is the percentage of viewers who clicked on a link to learn more. Engagement measures how often viewers took another action, such as liking, commenting on, sharing or saving a post, instead of simply viewing it.



Top-performing posts in August:



Maddox Farm Boys Almond Harvest

Interactions: 4.1k
Views: 84.9k



People and California Agriculture

Interactions: 3.8k
Views: 88.7k



Maddox Farm Boys Calf Care

Interactions: 5.5k
Views: 81.3k

RETIRED ANNUITANT REPORT – R. KUNDE

Sites Reservoir - Draft Water Right Update. On September 3, the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) released a revised Draft Decision and associated revised Draft Water Right Permit for the Sites Reservoir Project. Comments on the revised Draft Decision and revised Draft Permit will be due by October 5, 2026. The State Water Resources Control Board will consider whether to adopt the revised Draft Decision and Draft Water Right Permit at a public board meeting to be held on November 4, 2026.

As a result of an additional Water Right Hearing held on July 24, the September 3 revised draft Decision and Permit had some significant improvement in the terms as compared to the March draft Decision and Permit. The Sites Project consultants opined that the improvements moved the Project from non-viable to viable although each Participant would have to make their own determination.

The Sites Project Baseline Report issued at the September 18 Joint Sites Meeting included modeling reflecting the effect of some of the revised terms on the Project Yield.

Sites Reservoir - 2026 Decision Schedule. (*Unchanged from July*). Due to the Water Right delay, the key dates for Participant decisions are delayed by at least two months as follows:

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

The December completion of the Participant decisions for Phase 3 is likely to extend in the first quarter of 2027.

Sites Reservoir - September 18 Joint Meeting of Sites Project Authority (SPA) and Reservoir Project Committee (RPC). At its September 18, 2026 meeting, the Sites Project completed a major milestone. It approved the *Project Baseline Report* describing the Project and its cost, yield and assurances*. Included as an attachment thereto was the *Plan of Finance* describing the cash flow and financing options. It approved the final form of the *Benefits and Obligations Contract**, the *Joint Powers Authority Agreement*, the *Bylaws* and the *Operations Plan*; these documents describe, among other important details, how the Project will be governed starting in Phase 3. And, it adopted a *Resolution to Offer Capacity and Service in the Sites Reservoir Project*. Thus began the “Escrow Period” when Sites Participants (including the District) will decide what capacity level, if any, they elect to participate in the Project.

(* The yield analysis is expected to be updated soon to reflect updated terms of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. The B&O Contract may be further revised and the estimated cost may be increased to a small degree by the work product of the Project Alignment Ad Hoc Committee.)

The documents described above are available upon request or from the website *SitesProject.org*.

The next regular joint Sites Project Authority/Reservoir Project Committee Meeting will be held on October 16, 2026. A Special Meeting will be held on November 6, 2026 after the November 4 State Board Hearing on the draft Water Right and Permit.

Sites Reservoir - Investor Commitment (Escrow) Period. When the reservoir storage space (1.41 million acre-feet) and associated yield (215,000 to 236,000 acre-feet per year average annual yield) is fully subscribed, the Project will begin Phase 3 of the Project sometime in the first quarter of 2027. Phase 3 will commence with interim financing for the 2027 to 2028 years in order to further the design from 30% to 60% completion, continue to acquire key land parcels, continue and complete critical field surveys for geotechnical and biological characterizations, and begin some initial

construction. A commitment to participate in Phase 3 will obligate Participants to either provide PayGo funding or participate in financing for the remainder of the Project. The Sites Project Authority requested its Participants indicate their participation level by December 2026 (although it is likely this deadline will carry over into 2027).

Sites Reservoir - District Participation Changes. (Unchanged from July). 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. Remaining Tasks include invoicing Santa Clara for up to \$10,000 in District costs to develop and execute the *Assignment*, distributing the net proceeds to Booth Ranches in November, and adjusting the value of the Sites assets on the District General Ledger.

Sites Reservoir - Grower Communications. A water right update was sent to the Sites Participating Growers on September 8. Grower workshops were scheduled for October 9 and 12 to update Growers on the updated Sites Project information from the joint September meeting.

Meetings. The Retired Annuitant attended the following meetings during the month.

Sep 08	Committee for Delta Reliability
Sep 10	Delta Conveyance Project - Policy Briefing
Sep 10	Kern County Water Agency - Member Unit Managers
Sep 29	Kern County Water Agency - Operations Call
Sep 09	Sites Reservoir - Coordination Committee
Sep 10	Sites Reservoir - Joint Sites Authority/Reservoir Committee Board Meeting
Sep 18	Sites Reservoir - Joint Sites Authority/Reservoir Committee Board Meeting
Sep 09	Sites Reservoir - Operations and Engineering Work Group
Sep 08	Sites Reservoir - Project Alignment Ad Hoc Committee
Sep 17	State Water Contractors - Board of Directors
Sep 09	WRMWSD - Board of Directors
Sep 15	WRMWSD - Final Accounting Adjustment Staff Review

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 September 23rd DWR analysis results for 2026 are as follows (values in acre-feet).

Source/SVI	Above Normal	DNR	Above Normal	DNR
SWP Allocation	45%	0%	45%	0%
OMR Restriction [a]	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Prob. Of Exceedance [b]	90%	75%	50%	25%
District Supply	88,690	-	88,690	-

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

[b] Example: a 90% Probability of Exceedance means there is a 9 in 10 chance conditions will be wetter than assumed, and 1 in 10 chance conditions will be conditions will be drier than assumed.

Note that precipitation is not runoff, and runoff is not Delta export pumping for the State Water Project. State Water Project allocations are highly variable, and an average precipitation year does not translate directly to an average SWP allocation (the current long-term average SWP allocation is 54% per DWR's *Draft Delivery Capability* report 2025). Allocations vary considerably based on precipitation severity, proportions of snow and rain, timing, and the location of where the precipitation events occur. While the health of the Feather River watershed and its annual snowpack remains the largest factor in SWP allocations, Delta export restrictions have made south of Delta flows, specifically those on the San Joaquin River, vital to achieving average or above average SWP allocations.

Water and Snowpack Conditions.

The "*Northern Sierra 8-Station Precipitation Tabulation*" index of rain and snow water content for the Sacramento, Feather, Yuba and American River Basins in September was 0.7 inches, or 140% of the monthly average of 0.5 inches. *Accumulation* for the season is as follows:

Seasonal Total to Date – October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026,	51.5"
Seasonal Average to Date	53.1"
Seasonal Percent of Average to Date	96%
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 September was 0.0 inches, which is 0% of historical average (0.3 inches). *Accumulation* for the season is 35.4 inches, which is 88% of the seasonal average of 39.9 inches.

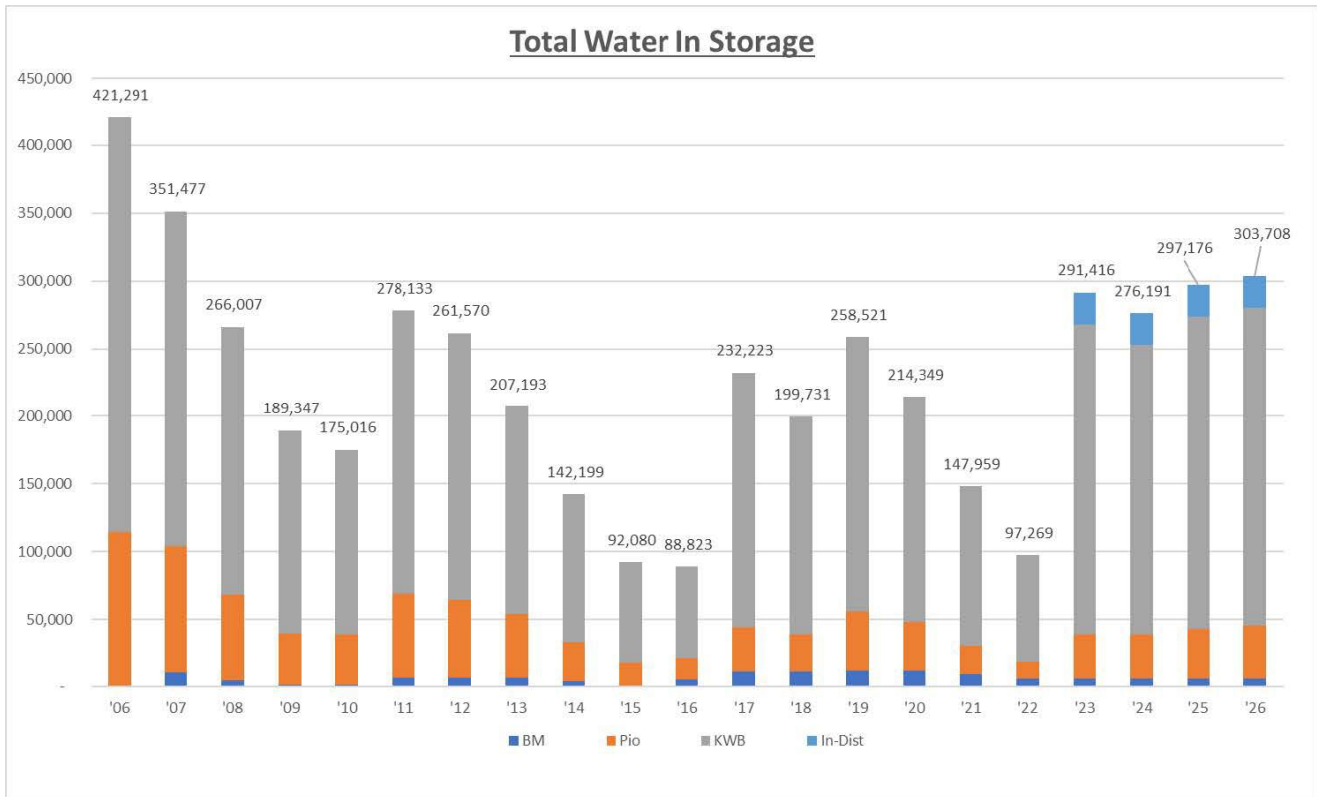
Carryover and Spill Conditions.

The District continually reviews current San Luis Reservoir (SLR) storage levels (October 6, 2026: 73% capacity, 169% 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
October 05, 2026, storage	
SWP Share	0.999
CVP Share	<u>0.484</u>
SWP + CVP subtotal	1.483

The amount of State Water Project water stored during the month of September increased approximately 126,119 acre-feet, going from 858,781 acre-feet at the end of August to 984,900 acre-feet at the end of September. On October 1, 2026, SLR overall storage was approximately 740,449 acre-feet from full.



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

9/1, 9/8, 9/22, 9/29— Supervisor Meetings.
9/1— White Wolf Board Meeting.
9/2, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30— Weekly Sync Meetings.
9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30— WS5 Weekly Calls.
9/2— AI Follow-Up with Grapevine, WWA Board Meeting, and Kern MJHMP Valley Region Mitigation Strategy Meeting.
9/4— WS5 water supply review, WS5-MWA meeting.
9/8— KWB GSA and KWBA Board Meetings.
9/9— WRMWSD Board Meeting.
9/10, 9/18— Sites Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meetings.
9/10— Pioneer Participants Meeting, Member Unit Managers Meeting, SWC Water Operations Committee Mid-Study Call, and Member Unit DCP Policy Briefing.
9/11, 9/25— Kern Subbasin Managers Meetings.
9/11— WS5 Strategy Meeting and Water Reservation Discussion.
9/14— Solar and Recharge Discussion.
9/15— FAA Workshops.
9/16— White Wolf Technical Committee Meeting and WS5-SLOCFCWCD Pre-Tour Dinner.
9/17— WS5-SLOCFCWCD Tour.
9/18— Kern Subbasin Managers PMA Meeting
9/22, 9/29— KCWA Operations and Delta Conveyance Update Calls.
9/23— Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee Meeting.
9/24— Kern MJHMP Countywide Strategy Meeting and South Valley WRA Board Meeting.
9/28— Golden Mussel Task Force Meeting and KNDLA Board Meeting.
9/29— WRMWSD Water-Banking Discussion.
9/30— SOKR Managers Meeting.

The Contract Administrator's Work Included:

In September 2026, primary efforts focused on water transfers and supply management, delinquent account administration, farming unit contract issues, 2027 election preparation, property ownership changes, and customer account support.

Contract/Water Allocation Work.

Contract Processing

- Contract(s): 26, 69K, 83A, 69I
 - Reviewing APNs/Land Descriptions
 - Drafted/Completed Assumption Agreements
 - Sent to Landowner for notarized signatures
- Contract(s): 22, 22F1, 57C
 - Drafted/Completed Assumption Agreements
 - Sent to Landowner for notarized signatures
- Contract(s): 124A06
 - Received back from the Recorder's Office
 - Completed post-recording Procedures
- Contract(s): 47, 135, 165, 121B
 - Amendment Agreements are under development and in Draft status
- 2027 Farming Unit Operation Agreements
 - Assisted with new or revision requests to existing farming units
 - Drafted **02** new agreement(s)
- Industrial Water Service Agreement
 - Drafted Amendment Agreement
 - Pending review

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	11
• 2025 Carryover/Water Usage	26
• Water Costs/Allocation/General Questions	28
• APN Verification (Appraiser Requests)	06
• Non-contract User District Information	06
• Farming Unit Operation changes/questions.	08
• Second Priority Sub-Account Program/ Q&A/Requests	16
• GWSC Information Requests	06
• Water for Sale Announcement via email	01
• Provide Water User(s) with Seller's contact information	06
• Title Demand Request	02
• Water Transfers	07
• 2026 Supplemental 3 Water Supply Subscriptions	06
• SWP-Water Returns	00
• SUPP Water Returns	00

Other Tasks.

- Water User & Operational Notifications
 - 9/11/26 SLR Conditions Notice
 - 9/22/26 Annual Maintenance- Final Schedule
 - 9/25/26 DWR Edmonston Outage
- 2027 Board Director's Reappointment or Election Process
 - Began preparing documents for Election Packets by Division (2, 4, 5, 9)
- 2026 SSC Review & GSA Funds Tax Roll Project - Complete
- Water User Account Management & Customer Service
 - Completed weekly water schedule updates, reconciling variances with Dispatch and/or 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
 - Worked with Accounting on Supplemental 3 subscriptions
 - Worked with Controller on 2026 Delinquencies/Payment collections
- 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
- 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:

<u>[Date]</u>	<u>[Meeting / Training]</u>
• Sept. 09	Board
• Sept. 14	Solar/Recharge
• Sept. 16	Farming Unit Structure/Delinquency
• Sept. 21	EM Lunch
• Sept. 02,16, 30	Bi-Weekly Sync Meeting

- Landowner Communications via phone, virtual, or in-person on: Sept. 02, 08-09, 11, 14, 17-18, 22, 23, 25, 28, 30

ACCOUNTING ACTIVITIES – J. SMITH

Controller's Report:

2026 Water Allocations, Deliveries, and Billings The September water reports were mailed on October 1. 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. The District made available a subscription supply on June 8 which is reflected below. Current allocations and usage are:

<u>As of 9/30/2026</u>	<u>Acre-Feet</u>
SWP	200,818.00
Entitlement cut	(112,127.65)
Net SWP entitlement	88,690.35
Supplemental	61,930.02
Subscription	8,776.00
Carry Over	4,343.48
User Input	127.11
Transfers In	10,065.00
Transfers to KWB	(3,230.40)
Temporary Water	189.00
Returns	(25,569.61)
Total Supply	145,320.95
Deliveries (Jan-Sep)	(117,414.94)
Unused	27,906.01

2026 Contract and Non-Contract Water Billings and Delinquencies.

- The 8 of 8 contract water billings were mailed on August 25
- The final 6 of 6 noncontract billings were mailed on July 27

Current List of Delinquencies

2024/2025/2026 Delinquencies as October 8, 2026							
Contract Water Charges							
None							
Noncontract Charges							
None							
Ground Water Service Charges							
Acct #	Customer	Billing	Penalties	Interest	Total	Field Acres	Delinq. \$/Acre
0038	Almond Blossom Ranch, LLC	66,675.47	13,090.37	13,999.26	93,765.10	279.92	334.97
0038	Almond Blossom Ranch, LLC	58,110.00	5,811.00	387.62	64,308.62	279.92	229.74
	Total	124,785.47	18,901.37	14,386.88	158,073.72		564.71
1010	Biane JP Living Trust	13,762.45	1,376.26	1,508.46	16,647.17	90.00	184.97
	Total	13,762.45	1,376.26	1,508.46	16,647.17		184.97
1060	Jiechu Wu	3,419.50	341.96	407.65	4,169.11	99.11	42.07
	Total	3,419.50	341.96	407.65	4,169.11		42.07
1090	New Sunny International, LLC	3,795.34	379.52	999.47	5,174.33	61.69	83.88
1090	New Sunny International, LLC	892.50	89.27	112.78	1,094.55	61.69	17.74
1090	New Sunny International, LLC	228.00	22.80		250.80	61.69	4.07
	Total	4,915.84	491.59	1,112.25	6,519.68		105.68
2410	Old River Farm, Inc. et. al.	18,912.74	8,046.28	7,260.29	34,219.31	365.69	93.57
	Total	18,912.74	8,046.28	7,260.29	34,219.31		93.57
	Total GWSC	165,796.00	29,157.46	24,675.53	219,628.99	896.41	245.01

Controller Report-Smith:

Meetings:

Sep 15 FAA staff workshop
Sep 25 Attended a meeting with Tri Counties Bank to discuss merger with 1st Hawaiian

Water & FAA database update: Break9, the firm retained by the District to develop the water accounting and FAA software database released a test database which staff is reviewing. The goal is to go live in 2027 while running parallel with Access until staff are satisfied with the results.

2027 Budget: Worked directly with the assistant control and attended multiple meetings regarding the 2027 budget preparation.

CAMP & Tri Counties Bank (TCB): Performed an in-depth review of the relationship between CAMP and TCB. The previous banking relationship with Wells Fargo swept daily deposits to KCT&TC and accounts payable/payroll were transferred as approved by the Board. It was discovered that due to the complexity of daily transactions, daily reconciliation was needed in addition to the monthly bank reconciliation. The controller and assistant controller have developed a secondary daily reconciliation of CAMP and TCB.

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
- Processed supplemental water purchases and transfers
- Sent out payment reminders to landowners
- Prepared GWSC statements for landowners
- Attended District Supervisors meetings
- Continued preparation of 2027 Budget

The Junior Accountant's activities included:

- 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 September 50k life worksheet
- Prepared burden checks
- Made online burden payments
- Entered the 8/29, 9/12 and 9/26 CalPERS data and submitted the payments
- Generated the CalPERS report breakdown for each pay period
- September meetings requested from the directors
- Prepared and submitted the monthly payroll
- Updated the ACWA, HealthEdge Administration and HealthEdge Claims spreadsheets and vouchers for October invoices

- Completed the September burden journal entries
- Reconciled payroll account for September
- Completed the 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 September's bank statement
- Submitted Deposits

Meetings/Training

- Attended accounting department meetings
- Attended the employee committee meetings

First Hawaiian, Inc. to Acquire TriCo Bancshares and Provide Preliminary 2026 Second Quarter Results

The transaction creates the leading Pacific banking franchise, accelerating mainland growth while combining strong deposit platforms and delivering compelling shareholder value

HONOLULU and CHICO, Calif., July 13, 2026 — First Hawaiian, Inc. (NASDAQ: FHB) ("First Hawaiian"), parent company of First Hawaiian Bank, and TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK) ("TriCo"), parent company of Tri Counties Bank, today announced they have entered into a definitive agreement pursuant to which First Hawaiian will acquire TriCo in an all-stock transaction.

This partnership combines two culturally aligned, relationship-driven banking franchises with attractive deposit bases, disciplined credit cultures and deep local market positions. On a combined basis, the company will have approximately \$34 billion of assets and be the 6th largest bank headquartered in the Western U.S. This partnership will increase First Hawaiian's presence on the mainland and offer customers the full suite of banking capabilities and expand the combined bank's market areas to include a more diverse geography. The combined bank is expected to leverage its strong capital position, liquidity profile and credit quality to deliver enhanced earnings and generate long-term value to shareholders.

"This partnership creates a broader platform for long-term growth," said Bob Harrison, Chairman, President and CEO of First Hawaiian. "TriCo is an ideal partner to execute this next phase of our growth: a well-managed, relationship-focused bank in California with a strong deposit franchise, disciplined credit culture, experienced local leadership and deep commitment to its communities. Together, we will preserve what has made both companies successful while creating a stronger and more diversified bank. I could not be more excited to partner with TriCo."

"TriCo has built its franchise around long-term customer relationships, local decision-making and a commitment to the communities we serve," said Rick Smith, Chairman, President and CEO of TriCo. "First Hawaiian shares those values and brings the scale, capital strength and broader product capabilities to help us do even more for our customers and communities. We are excited for our employees and shareholders to participate in the future of the combined company, and we look forward to working closely with Bob and the First Hawaiian team."

Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, TriCo's shareholders will receive 2.095 First Hawaiian shares for each TriCo share, representing \$63.12 per share as of First Hawaiian's closing stock price on July 10, 2026. Upon closing of the transaction, First Hawaiian and TriCo shareholders are expected to own approximately 65% and 35%, respectively, of the combined company. Four current TriCo directors, including Rick Smith, will join the First Hawaiian and First Hawaiian Bank Boards of Directors, with the remaining three to be mutually agreed upon by First Hawaiian and TriCo prior to the closing. To ensure business and client continuity, leadership will include representation from both organizations and First Hawaiian will retain Tri Counties Bank branding on the mainland. There are no expected branch closings associated with the transaction and TriCo's commitment to its communities is not expected to change.

The Boards of Directors of First Hawaiian and TriCo unanimously approved the definitive agreement and the parties expect to close the transaction by the end of 2026, subject to the receipt of required regulatory approvals, approval by First Hawaiian and TriCo shareholders and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

Second Quarter 2026 Financial Highlights

The announcement precedes First Hawaiian's release of its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2026. The following are key highlights of the results the company expects to report on July 24, 2026:

- Continued earnings growth, with net income of \$73.4 million and diluted EPS of \$0.60, compared to net income of \$67.8 million and diluted EPS of \$0.55 in the prior quarter

- Cost of deposits improved 2 basis points to 1.20% from 1.22% in the prior quarter
- Net interest margin expanded by 6 bps QoQ to 3.25%
- Return on average assets improved to 1.23%, up 9 bps from 1.14% in the prior quarter
- Return on average tangible common equity of 16.3%, compared to 15.3% in the prior quarter*
- Gross loans increased to \$14.6 billion, compared to \$14.4 billion in the prior quarter
- Book value per share increased to \$23.22, up from \$22.75 in the prior quarter
- Tangible book value per share of \$15.04, reflecting 3% QoQ growth*

* Return on average tangible common equity and tangible book value per share are non-GAAP financial measures. Refer to the appendix to the investor presentation furnished by FHI as an exhibit to Form 8-K with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on the date of this release for further information, including a reconciliation of those measures to the comparable GAAP measurements.

These preliminary results are estimates based on information available to management of FHI as of the date of this release and are subject to change upon completion of FHI's standard closing procedures and review by its independent registered public accounting firm. As a result, there can be no assurance that FHI's final results will not differ from these preliminary estimates.

Advisors

Evercore served as financial advisor and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP served as legal counsel to First Hawaiian.

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, A *Stifel Company* served as financial advisor and Holland & Knight LLP served as legal counsel to TriCo.

Conference Call Information

First Hawaiian and TriCo will host a conference call today to discuss the transaction at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time, 5:30 a.m. Pacific Time and 2:30 a.m. Hawaii Time.

To access the call by phone, please register via the following link: <https://register-conf.media-server.com/register/BI2891c10b1f314068b969f7a768bfea65>, and you will be provided with dial in details. To avoid delays, we encourage participants to dial into the conference call fifteen minutes ahead of the scheduled start time.

A live webcast of the conference call, including a slide presentation, will be available at the following link: <https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/zk2u4mjj>. The archive of the webcast will be available at the same location.

First Hawaiian, Inc.

First Hawaiian, Inc. (NASDAQ: FHB) is a bank holding company headquartered in Honolulu, Hawaii. Its principal subsidiary, First Hawaiian Bank, founded in 1858 under the name Bishop & Company, is Hawaii's oldest and largest financial institution with branch locations throughout Hawaii, Guam and Saipan. The company offers a comprehensive suite of banking services to consumer and commercial customers including deposit products, loans, wealth management, insurance, trust, retirement planning, credit card and merchant processing services. Customers may also access their accounts through ATMs, online and mobile banking channels. For more information about First Hawaiian, Inc., visit the Company's website, www.fhb.com.

TriCo Bancshares

Established in 1975, Tri Counties Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK) headquartered in Chico, California, providing services in traditional stand-alone and in-store bank branches and loan production offices in communities throughout California. Tri Counties Bank provides an extensive and competitive breadth of consumer, small business and commercial banking financial services, along with convenient around-the-clock ATMs, online and mobile banking access. Brokerage services are provided by Tri Counties Advisors through affiliation with Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Visit www.TriCountiesBank.com to learn more.

Forward-Looking Statements

This communication may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including, among others, statements regarding the expected timing, completion and effects of the proposed business combination transaction between First Hawaiian, Inc. ("FHI") and TriCo Bancshares ("TriCo") (the "Transaction"), and the plans, objectives, expectations and intentions of FHI and TriCo. Any statement that does not describe historical or current facts is a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "annualized," "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "goal," "intend," "may," "might," "outlook," "plan," "potential," "predict," "projection," "seek," "should," "target," "will," "would" or the negative version of those words or other comparable words or phrases of a future or forward-looking nature.

FHI and TriCo caution that the forward-looking statements in this communication are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to assess and are subject to change based on factors which are, in many instances, beyond FHI's and TriCo's control. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in these forward-looking statements, including the following: changes in general economic, political, or industry conditions, and in conditions impacting the banking industry specifically; uncertainty in U.S. fiscal, monetary and trade policy, including the interest rate policies of the Federal Reserve Board or the effects of any declines in housing and commercial real estate prices, high or increasing unemployment rates, continued or renewed inflation, the impact of proposed or imposed tariffs by the U.S. government or retaliatory tariffs proposed or imposed by U.S. trading partners that could have an adverse impact on customers or any recession or slowdown in economic growth particularly in the markets in which FHI and TriCo conduct business, including Hawaii, Guam, Saipan and California; volatility and disruptions in global capital and credit markets; the impact of bank failures or adverse developments at other banks on general investor sentiment regarding the stability and liquidity of banks; changes in interest rates that could significantly reduce net interest income and negatively affect asset yields and valuations and funding sources, including impacts on prepayment speeds; competitive pressures among financial institutions and nontraditional providers of financial services, including on product pricing and services; concentrations within FHI's or TriCo's loan portfolio (including commercial real estate loans) or other asset classes, and the parties' ability to attract and retain customer deposits, large loans to certain borrowers, access liquidity and capital, and manage deposit costs and funding sources; the success, impact, and timing of FHI's and TriCo's respective business strategies, including market acceptance of any new products or services and FHI's and TriCo's ability to successfully implement strategic, operational, technology and integration initiatives; the failure to properly use and protect customer and employee information and data; cybersecurity risks, including the occurrence of fraudulent activity or a material breach of, or disruption to, the security of FHI's, TriCo's or their vendors' systems; risks related to the development, implementation, use and management of artificial intelligence and other emerging

technologies; the effects of failures or interruptions of information, communications or third-party service-provider systems; the nature, extent, timing, and results of governmental actions, examinations, reviews, reforms, regulations, and interpretations; changes in laws or regulations; adverse weather conditions, natural disasters and other catastrophic events such as wildfires; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the right of one or both of the parties to terminate the merger agreement to which FHI and TriCo are parties; the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against FHI or TriCo, including potential litigation relating to the Transaction; delays in completing the Transaction; the failure to obtain necessary regulatory approvals (and the risk that such approvals may result in the imposition of conditions that could adversely affect the combined company or the expected benefits of the Transaction); the failure to obtain stockholder or shareholder approvals, as applicable, or to satisfy any of the other conditions to the closing of the Transaction on a timely basis or at all; changes in FHI's or TriCo's share price before closing, including as a result of the financial performance of the other party prior to closing, or more generally due to broader stock market movements, and the performance of financial companies and peer group companies; the possibility that the anticipated benefits of the Transaction are not realized when expected or at all, including as a result of the impact of, or problems arising from, the integration of the two companies or as a result of the strength of the economy and competitive factors in the areas where FHI and TriCo do business; certain restrictions during the pendency of the proposed Transaction that may impact the parties' ability to pursue certain business opportunities or strategic Transactions; the possibility that the Transaction may be more expensive to complete than anticipated, including as a result of unexpected factors or events; diversion of management's attention from ongoing business operations and opportunities; potential adverse reactions or changes to business or employee relationships, including those resulting from the announcement or completion of the Transaction; the ability to complete the Transaction and integration of FHI and TriCo promptly and successfully; the dilution caused by FHI's issuance of additional shares of its capital stock in connection with the Transaction; and other factors that may affect the future results of FHI and TriCo.

The foregoing factors should not be considered an exhaustive list and should be read together with the other cautionary statements set forth in FHI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025 and its latest Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and available on FHI's investor relations website, <https://ir.fhb.com>, under the heading "SEC Filings," and in other documents FHI files with the SEC, and in TriCo's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025 and its latest Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which are on file with the SEC and available on TriCo's website, www.tcbk.com, under the "About" tab and the "Investor Relations" link and then under the heading "SEC Filings" and in other documents TriCo files with the SEC. If one or more events related to these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may differ materially from what we anticipate. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements.

Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and neither FHI nor TriCo undertakes any obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

Important Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed Transaction, FHI will file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that will include a Joint Proxy Statement of FHI and TriCo and a Prospectus of FHI, as well as other relevant documents concerning the Transaction. Certain matters in respect of the Transaction involving FHI and TriCo will be submitted to FHI's stockholders and TriCo's shareholders, as applicable, for their consideration.

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. INVESTORS, FHI STOCKHOLDERS AND TRICO SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE TRANSACTION WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTION, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Stockholders or shareholders, as applicable, will be able to obtain a free copy of the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about the Transaction, FHI and TriCo, without charge, at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. Copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the filings with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference in the joint proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to First Hawaiian, Inc., Attention: Secretary, 999 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813, (808) 525-7000 or to TriCo Bancshares, Attention: Shareholder Services, 63 Constitution Drive, Chico, CA 95973, (530) 898-0300.

Participants in the Solicitation

FHI, TriCo, and certain of their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from FHI stockholders or TriCo shareholders in connection with the Transaction under the rules of the SEC. Information regarding FHI's directors and executive officers is available in the sections entitled "Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance" and "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" in FHI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, which was filed with the SEC on February 27, 2026 (available at <https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/36377/000110465926021544/fhb-20251231x10k.htm>); in the sections entitled "Corporate Governance and Board Matters," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Executive Compensation Tables," "Biographies of Executive Officers" and "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners, Directors and Management" in FHI's definitive proxy statement relating to its 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 12, 2026 (available at https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/36377/000110465926026700/tm2532317-1_def14a.htm); and other documents filed by FHI with the SEC. Information regarding TriCo's directors and executive officers is available in the sections entitled "Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance" and "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters;" in TriCo's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, which was filed with the SEC on March 2, 2026 (available at <https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/356171/000035617126000010/tcbk-20251231.htm>); in the sections entitled "Board of Directors," "Corporate Governance, Board Nominations and Board Committees," "Compensation of Directors," "Ownership of Voting Securities," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Compensation of Named Executive Officers" in TriCo's definitive proxy statement relating to its 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 17, 2026 (available at <https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/356171/000035617126000033/tcbk-20260417.htm>); and other documents filed by TriCo with the SEC. To the extent holdings of FHI common stock by the directors and executive officers of FHI or holdings of TriCo common stock by directors and executive officers of TriCo have changed from the amounts held by such persons as reflected in the documents described above, such changes have been or will be reflected on Statements of Change in Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus relating to the Transaction. Free copies of this document, when available, may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.

Contacts

First Hawaiian Investor Relations: Kevin Haseyama, CFA, (808) 525-6268, khaseyama@fhb.com

First Hawaiian Media Relations: Bill Weeshoff, (808) 525-6229, bweeshoff@fhb.com

TriCo Investor Contact: Peter G. Wiese, (530) 898-0300 shareholderrelations@tcbk.com

ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES – T. SUGGS

South of Kern River (SOKR) GSP:

- Water quality sampling continued at four GSP monitoring wells assigned to the District:
 - Wells RMW-320 and RMW-321 were sampled on September 15th.
 - RMW-317 was offline for vandalism.
 - RMW-319 was not accessible, but sample collection was scheduled for early October.
- Earlier in the year, naturally occurring arsenic was detected at moderately high levels in RMW-321, and an independent professional hired by the Kern County Subbasin GSAs subsequently concluded that levels were not made worse by the management actions of any local water agency. On September 4th, that news was communicated by staff to owners of all wells of record located within 3 miles of RMW-321 in accordance with the protocols contained in the Kern County Subbasin's GSP.

White Wolf GSA:

- Water quality sampling also continued in the White Wolf Basin pursuant to the White Wolf Basin GSP:
 - SW-WWB-003 was sampled on September 1st.
 - SW-WWB-006 could not be sampled due to a missing a well pump, and SW-WWB-008 could not be sampled because it was known to be collapsed.
 - It was not possible to sample the Grapevine RV well in September, but a return visit was coordinated for early October.

6P Lateral Replacement:

- Engineering Department staff worked together with O&M personnel to positively locate (i.e., pothole by vacuum truck) all underground utilities lying within the footprint of the planned 2026 replacement work. In this effort, a 4-inch-diameter electrical conduit was located crossing above the 6P Lateral and an 8-inch-diameter plastic PG&E gas pipeline was found crossing 1 foot below the 6P Lateral.
- A field meeting was held with PG&E personnel to go over safety considerations for the upcoming replacement work.

New Pump Units for the WRM 10 Pumping Plant: During September, the Staff Engineer and the Assistant Engineer continued to develop a set of draft specification documents for replacing all eight pump units at the WRM 10 Pumping Plant. Late in the month GEI provided a draft professional services agreement for certain engineering support services.

Groundwater Service Charges (GWSCs):

- July 2026 groundwater extraction amounts were computed and GWSC invoices totaling \$818,806 were mailed out to 65 farm operators between September 19th and September 21st.
- Informal telephone interviews were held with a handful of farm managers to confirm that wells were idle.
- Staff met with two farm operators to get a better understanding of when harvest took place in 2026, which wells serve the various fields in question, and which wells have been idle; extraction amounts were subsequently recalculated for those farms based on better information.
- The Assistant Engineer visited 28 private supply wells to verify landowner-reported meter readings.

Encroachment Policy: The Staff Engineer continued work on possible new forms and procedures for future consideration by the Engineer-Manager and the Board.

Crop Surveys: Field checks continued for the 2026 fall crop survey, requiring about five man-days of effort.

Kern County Planning Documents Received and Reviewed: One notice was received from the Kern County Planning Commission concerning a hearing to consider various minor revisions to the Grapevine Specific and Community Plan and the Grapevine Special Plan as proposed by Tejon Ranchcorp. It is believed that no response is needed.

Annual Well Performance Testing: Four District wells were tested and run for 24 hours during the month as part of an ongoing, annual program. In summary, pump and motor efficiencies were found to be mostly fair to good for water supply wells, consistent with past testing. The C1 well, however, shut itself down a few hours after startup and will be

evaluated. The A1 well arc-flashed on startup due to heavy dust in the switchgear; the panel will be cleaned and the well will be retested at a later date. Additional information can be found in the Well Status Summary.

Summary of Most Recent Well Performance and Readiness

Well Number	Year Drilled	Last Test Date	Flow Rate (CFS)	Flow Rate (gpm)	Draw-down (feet)	Specific Capacity (gpm/ft)	Overall Efficiency (%)	Operational Status
#A1	1953	9/6/2026	-	-	-	-	-	Need to retest
#A2	1954	-	-	-	-	-	-	Pump pulled
#A4	1952	3/3/2025	1.3	605	48.3	13	51%	Need to test in 2026
PA1	1992	5/19/2026	2.0	884	25.6	35	59%	Ready
#B1	1953	9/17/2026	2.1	939	27.0	35	72%	Ready
#B2	1964	9/17/2026	2.3	1,052	87.8	12	70%	Ready
#C1	1966	9/30/2026	3.5	1,553	26.0	60	64%	Ready
#C2	1951	-	-	-	-	-	-	Wires are removed
#C3	1963	-	-	-	-	-	-	Wires are removed
#C5	1957	9/16/2026	3.5	1,567	48.8	32	75%	Ready
#C6	2003	9/23/2026	3.5	1,577	108	15	73%	Ready
WRM7	1992	5/19/2026	2.3	1,040	303	3.43	69%	Ready
TOTAL			20.5					

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

- Engineering Department staff responded to 198 underground services alerts (USAs) during July, eventually marking about 3.6 miles of District pipelines.
- Several field meetings were held with LTEC, a telecommunication company's contractor, in anticipation of their planned crossing of the District's 4P Lateral with a fiber optic conduit near Basic School Road.
- An electrical contractor for the Norther Orchard Solar facility requested the District's input on their plans to cross the District's 4G Lateral with two 4-inch electrical conduits near South Lake Road.
- A deep ripping contractor was advised about his obligation to notify the District before making any changes to his ripping plans in the 7P Service Area and was asked to acknowledge the same by signing a form, but the form was not returned to the District by month's end.
- A contractor for the Jasmine Solar facility requested a letter from the District that would effectively provide written permission to cross the District's 7G-E and 7G-E-A laterals with several large, buried electrical conduits. The contractor was told that the District has no routine mechanism for granting such permission short of recording a formal access agreement.

Corrosion Protection: One spare current rectifier was ordered in furtherance of an ongoing program to gradually replace aging rectifiers at the rate of about one per year.

Maps and Records:

- The Engineering Technician began preparing updated division maps for use in the upcoming elections for Divisions 2, 4, 5, and 9.
- Department staff published updated distribution maps of various sorts.
- The District's website was updated with the latest evaporation, rainfall, and water quality records as an ongoing program.

Staff Continuing Education: The Assistant Engineer, Alexandra Zavalla, received her Engineer-in-Training (EIT) certification in September after fulfilling all requirements including passing the Fundamentals of Engineering exam.

Meetings Attended:

September 2 AI Policy Meeting with Grapevine
September 8 KCWA Operations Conf. Call
September 11 Kern Subbasin Managers
September 16 Kern Fan Monitoring Committee
September 16 White Wolf Technical Committee
September 18 Kern Subbasin Managers
September 22 KCWA Operations Conf. Call
September 25 Kern Subbasin Managers
September 30 ACWA JPIA Leadership Essentials

District Well Status Summary

As of September 30, 2026

Well Name	Status / Description of the Problem	Most Recent Activity	Next Planned Activity
Not in Running Condition			
 #A2	A new submersible electric pump/motor unit (Goulds 7CHC, 8-stage pump plus 150-hp, 3600-rpm electric motor) was installed 10/12/2023. Found dead with power to the motor on 5/28/2024. SWL was 634' on 9/18/2026.	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.
 #C3	Off line for wire theft. L.O. Lynch completed installation of Goulds-made 12CLC, 13-stage pump assembly rated at 775 gpm 10/12/2023. SWL was 571' on 9/18/2026.	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.
 #C2	Off line for wire theft. SWL was 579' on 9/18/2026	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			
 WRM7	Currently off. SWL was 455' on 9/18/2026.	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.	
 PA-1	Currently off. SWL was 710' on 9/18/2026.	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.	
 #A1	Currently off. SWL was 676' on 9/16/2026	Attempted to start 9/6/2026 but control panel immediately arced. Need to retest. New wires were pulled in May 2024 after being stolen in early 2024. Tested 3/3/2025; produced 1490 gpm with 66' of drawdown at 78% efficiency.	
 #A4	Currently off. SWL was 593' on 9/18/2026.	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.	
 #B1	Currently off. SWL was 735' on 9/16/2026.	Tested 9/17/2026 and found to produce 939 gpm with 27' of drawdown at 72% efficiency. New pump assembly (rated 1005 gpm at 868') installed 6/17/2021.	
 #B2	Currently off. SWL was 770' on 9/16/2026.	Tested 9/17/2026 and found to produce 1052 gpm with 88' of drawdown at 70% efficiency. Redevelopment was completed 2/2/2023. On 3/2/2023 FPI completed installing a new Simflo-made pump unit rated at 950 gpm at 900' TDH.	

District Well Status Summary

As of September 30, 2026

Well Name	Status / Description of the Problem	Most Recent Activity	Next Planned Activity
Currently in Running Condition			
 #C1	Currently off. SWL was 616' on 9/18/2026.	Tested 9/30/2026 and found to produce 1553 gpm with 26' of drawdown at 64% efficiency. Air line was found to be leaking 5/28/2024. Shock treated with chlorine 7/25/2022.	
 #C5	Currently off. SWL was 561' on 9/16/2026.	Tested 9/16/2026; found to produce 1567 gpm with 49' of drawdown at excellent (75%) overall plant efficiency. PG&E energized the transformer 9/2/2022.	
 #C6	Currently off. SWL was 718' on 9/18/2026.	Tested 9/23/2026; found to produce 1577 gpm with 108' of drawdown at excellent (73%) efficiency. A long-standing phase imbalance issue (i.e., low amperage on one leg) was partly resolved by PG&E in 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 2027. 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 remain unequipped and should be converted to a monitoring well.
 #C4	Failed 4/17/04. Equipment stuck down hole. Suspect collapsed casing at about 120'.	Same as above.	The hole should be properly abandoned by grouting. It is believed that it may not be economic to replace this well due to the limited pumping season in C Reach of the 850 Canal. Moreover, the site is located within one half mile of two active District wells.
 #WRM6	Non-operational since 2000. Always produced < 1,000 gpm. Probably never properly developed. SWL was 458' on 10/14/2024.		

CLIMATALOGICAL DATA FOR GREENLEE'S PASTURE

Parameter	September 2026	Since 10/01/2025	Days Occurred in September
Maximum Temperature	106°	101°	11th
Minimum Temperature	53°	40°	30th
No. Days at or over 100° F	4	64	10th, 11th, 14th, 25th
No. Days at or under 32° F	0	7	N/A
Precipitation (inches)	0.00	8.48	N/A
Evaporation (inches)	8.35	78.91	----
Wind Run	287	287	----

STORAGE IN MAJOR RESERVOIRS (Acre-Feet)

Reservoir	Capacity	Storage at End of September	
		2025	2026
Shasta	4,552,000	2,678,074	2,447,893
Oroville	3,538,000	2,060,586	1,628,223
San Luis (Total)	2,028,000	1,076,669	1,468,506
San Luis (State Share)	1,062,000 (a)	823,975	981,290
Folsom	977,000	443,151	426,128
Isabella	568,000 (b)	219,875	150,046
Millerton	520,000	252,246	227,571
TOTALS	12,183,000	6,730,601	6,348,367

(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 = 568,000 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

Greenlee's totalizing anemometer is back in service.

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – G. LOVELESS

Safety/Administrative Training

Safety meeting on *Code of Safe Practices Forklift Safety*.

Field/System Maintenance

- Completed various trouble reports across the District.
- Winterized office lawn area.
- Fabricated framework and roof structure for covered seating area at District office.
- Pot-holed 6P lateral crossings using rented hydro-vac truck.
- 9/17/26 - Applied aquatic herbicide (Teton) to 850 Canal.
- Spot sprayed non-aquatic herbicide on 850 canal banks and right-of-way. Repaired and patched asphalt road.
- Disced and box scraped spill basin.
- Graded and applied gravel at C-5 well.

Covered Seating Area



Pipeline Repair

- 9/8/26, 0610 hours – Leak reported on the B-4 Lateral. Repair completed and service resumed at 1130 hours.
- 9/23/26, 0820 hours – Leak reported on 8G-3-A Lateral. Repair completed and service resumed 1100 hours.
- 9/28/26, 1620 hours – 4P-B Lateral isolated for a reported leak. Repair is scheduled to be completed in October.
- 9/29/26, 0725 hours – Leak reported 8G-3-A Lateral. Repair completed and service resumed 1735 hours.



4P-B Lateral Repair

Power Outage

- 9/4/26, 0725 hours – Power outage PB-1. Service restored 1027 hours.
- 9/6/26, 1112 hours – Power outage 104-A Gate. Service restored 1455 hours.
- 9/7/26, 0847 hours – Power outage PB-1. Service restored at 1144 hours.

Pump/Electrical

- Checked areas, pump packing, travelling water screens, yard lights, etc.
- Preparing for Annual Maintenance changing compressor oil, cleaning behind MC panels.
- Pulled wire and cut over controls to PLC for compressor at WRM-4.
- Repaired hour meter for unit #4 at 5P-P2.
- Replaced HOA switch on compressor at 6P-P2.
- Replaced air valve, ball valve, and pipe fittings on unit #5 at WRM-8.
- Changed out motor unit #2 at 8P-P2.
- Replaced screen motor at WRM-9.
- Changed out motor and pump unit #1 at 15G-P1.
- Replaced plastic rests for flights on traveling water screen at WRM-15.

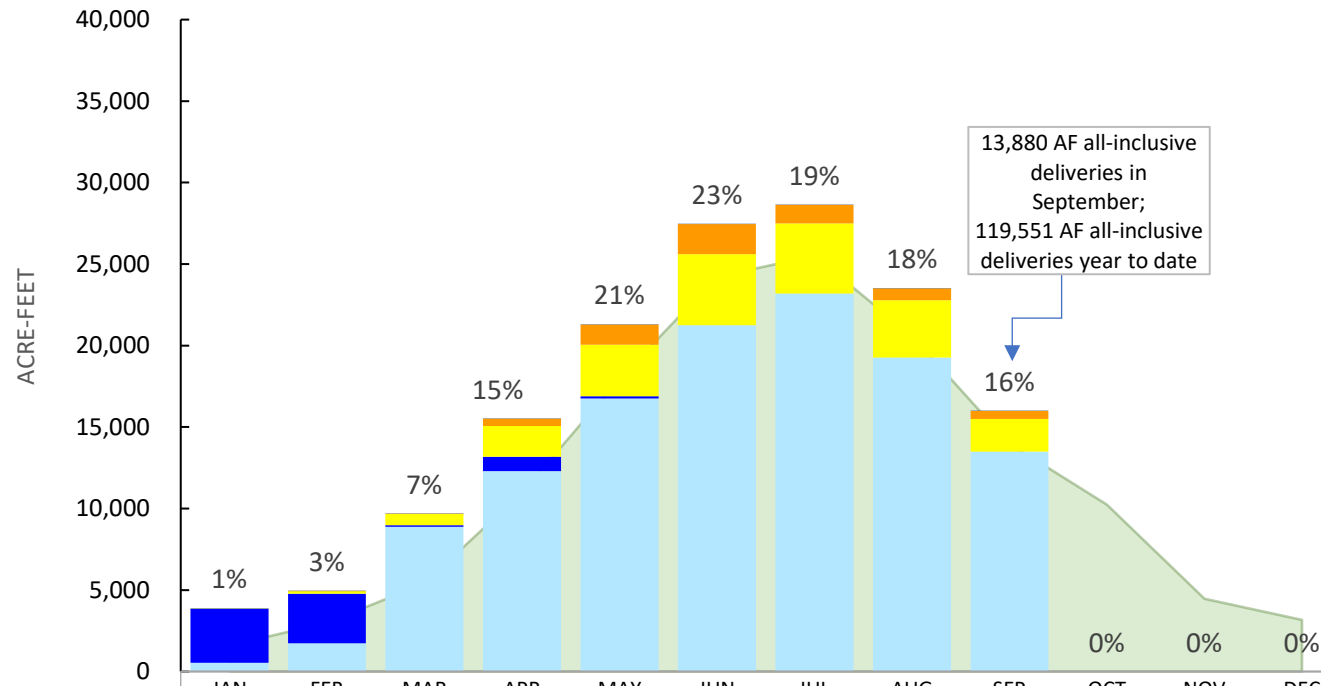
Equipment Maintenance

9 regular vehicle services.

- Unit #368 had 8 tires replaced.
- Unit #802 had the battery replaced.
- Unit #170 had the EVAP System replaced.
- Unit #165 had the transmission shift control solenoid replaced.
- Unit #389 had the transmission serviced.
- Unit #391 had 4 tires replaced.
- Units #366A, 380, 385, and 386 passed smoke test for state Clean Truck Check program.
- The Auto Crane on Unit #369 was repaired.
- Unit #798 had the battery replaced.
- Unit #386 had the turn signal wiring repaired.
- Unit #366A had the right headlight and turn signal control replaced.
- Unit #152 had 4 tires replaced.

**Current gasoline bulk purchase prices for the District are:
\$4.91 per gallon for gasoline and \$5.84 per gallon for diesel.**

IN-DISTRICT WATER DEMANDS AND SURFACE WATER DELIVERIES THROUGH September 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%	15%	21%	23%	19%	18%	16%	0%	0%	0%	--
Est. White Wolf GW Pumping (AF)	0	5	16	454	1,238	1,842	1,134	733	500				5,922
Estimated Kern Subbasin GW Pumping (AF)	26	156	682	1,892	3,157	4,364	4,298	3,500	2,000				20,075
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	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,475
SW Deliveries (AF)	538	1,727	8,880	12,296	16,759	21,246	23,201	19,272	13,496	0	0	0	119,551

Notes and Assumptions:

- September crop water use and GW pumping were estimated, because those Land IQ files were not available as of this writing.
- 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

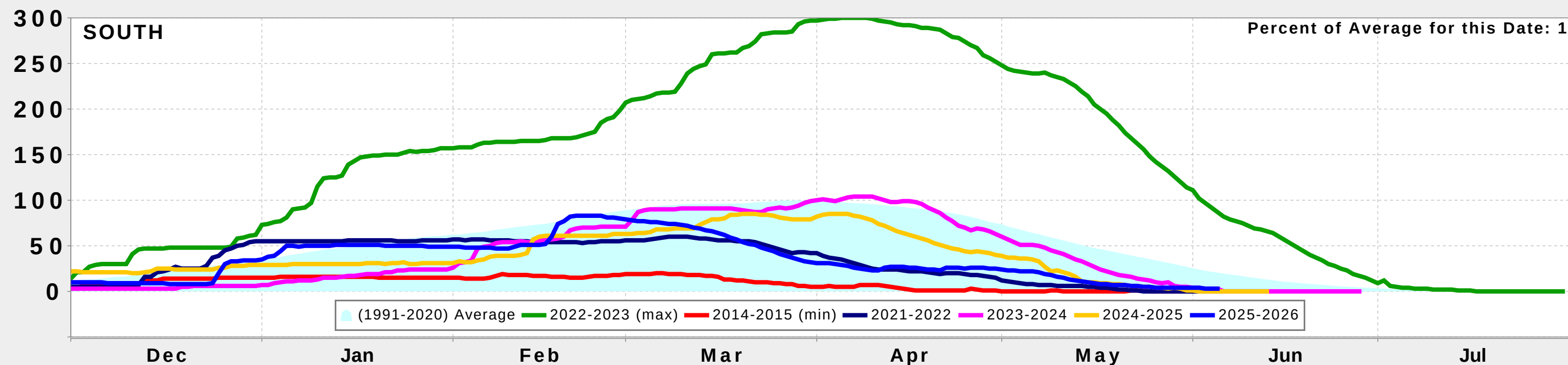
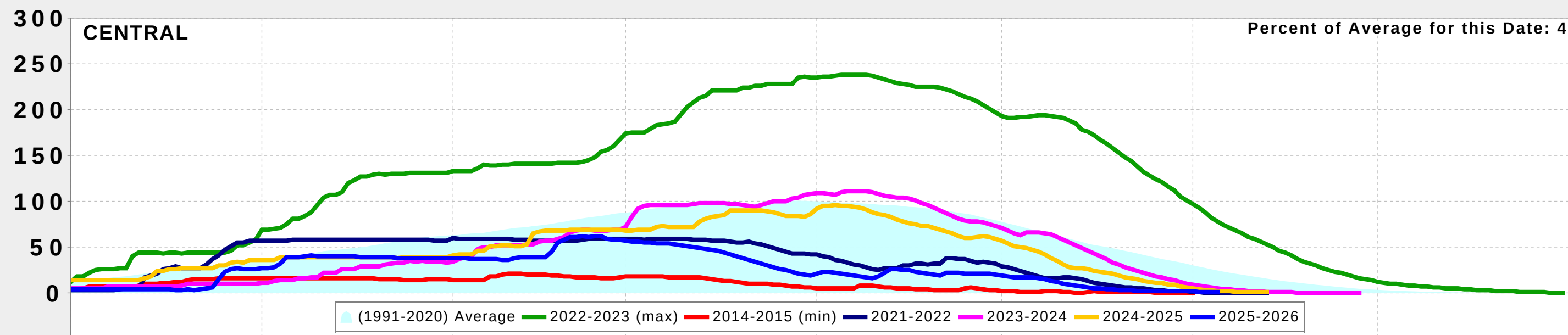
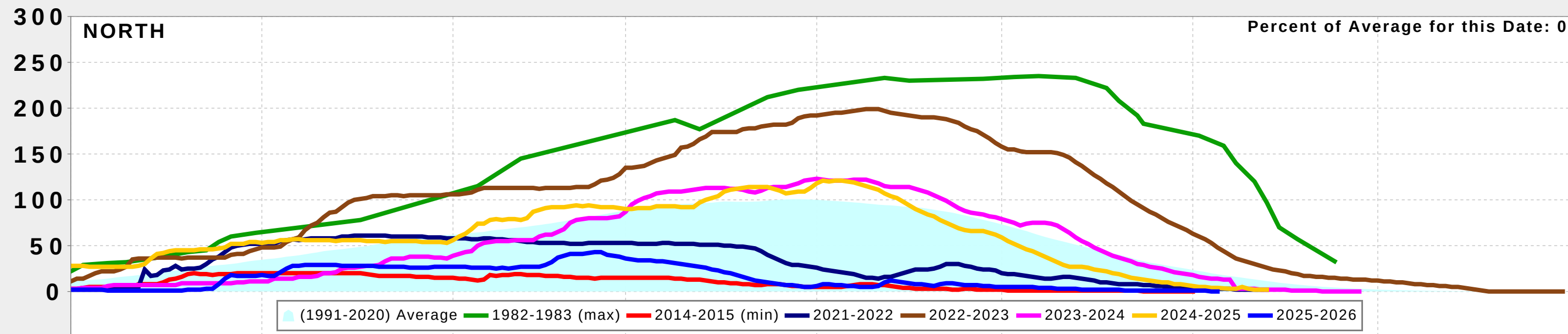
(Includes water from the State Water Project, banking projects, District wells, and User input.)

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	21,390
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	23,593
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	19,756
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	13,880
October	9,033	9,385	10,797	11,953	8,156	12,343	13,075	13,440	13,394	10,715	11,135	14,974	13,896	12,444	10,551	7,351	7,179	11,992	11,298	7,280	
November	5,438	5,609	6,093	5,669	5,872	4,699	4,895	6,485	5,412	4,862	4,957	5,351	5,867	6,300	5,171	2,689	3,190	6,035	4,149	2,845	
December	4,788	7,424	3,245	2,739	2,515	6,315	3,354	6,615	4,231	3,055	2,520	4,449	4,626	5,266	3,796	1,569	1,557	5,155	3,347	2,455	

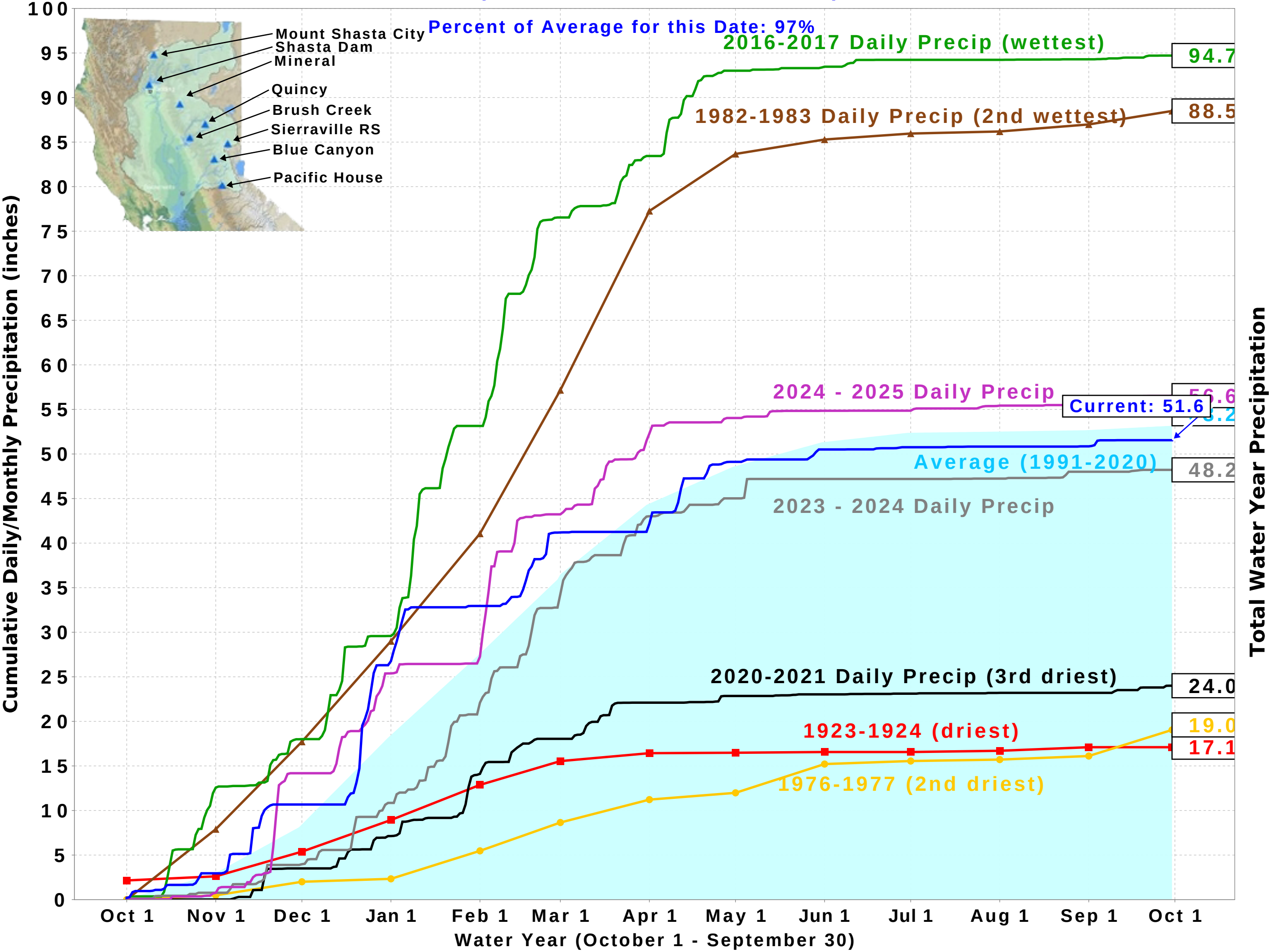
Accumulated Monthly Deliveries in Acre-Feet

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	1,962	5,258	1,615	1,265	894	1,613	6,108	2,213	3,367	2,210	1,223	2,534	1,785	3,055	1,386	1,785	1,094	1,357	1,277	2,009	126,085
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	68,856
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	92,449
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	112,205
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	126,085
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%	45%
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	88,690

California Snow Water Content, June 5, 2026, Percent of April 1 Average



Northern Sierra Precipitation: 8-Station Index, September 30, 2026



WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT 2026 WATER SUPPLY/DEMAND ESTIMATE As of Oct 01 2026		As Allocated		Current Supplies	
		45% SWP ALLOCATION		45% SWP ALLOCATION	
Capacity Values in acre-feet		Supply	Shortage or (Excess)	Supply	Shortage or (Excess)
[1] Sacramento Valley Water Year Index (40-30-30)		Below Normal		Below Normal	
[2] Probability of Exceedance		90%	P.O.E.	90%	P.O.E.
[3] Assumptions		45% Allocation		45% Allocation	
[4] Total Estimated Demand (b)		130,600		133,764	
[5] Surface Supplies					
[6] SWP Table A Entitlement	197,088	88,690	41,910	88,690	45,074
[7] Article 21 In-district deliveries	-	-	41,910	-	45,074
[8] KR Lower River Water	-	-	41,910	-	45,074
[11] SWP Supply		88,690	44.16%	88,690	44.16%
[12] Lyndal Water	-	-	41,910	-	45,074
[13] Transfers out of WRMWSD	-	-	41,910	-	45,074
[14] District Recharge Deliveries	(3,302)	(3,302)	45,212	(3,302)	48,376
[15] Lower River Water Banking deliveries	-	-	45,212	-	48,376
[16] Article 21 Banking deliveries	-	-	45,212	-	48,376
[17] Supplemental 1 Supplies					
[18] District Carryover (estimate)	8,041	7,719	37,493	8,041	40,335
[19] Long Term- Butte County **	6,956	1,876	35,617	1,876	38,459
[20] Long Term- Palmdale Water District **	8,000	-	35,617	809	37,650
[21] Long Term - Exchange Contractors**	5,000	1,349	34,269	1,349	36,302
[22] Metropolitan Water District **	85,000	16,182	18,087	22,925	13,377
[23] Solano County Water Agency **	9,585	2,279	15,808	2,585	10,792
[24] Plumas County FCCD **	833	-	15,808	225	10,568
[25] Zone 7 **	3,467	-	15,808	1,618	8,950
[26] Yuba (North of Delta)	1,320	-	15,808	858	8,092
[27] Kern Water Bank - estimate to date (c)	27,525	27,525	(11,717)	6,996	1,096
[29] Pioneer Project - estimate to date (c)	5,000	5,000	(16,717)	603	493
[35] Supplemental 1 Water Capacity	160,727	61,930		47,884	
[36] DISTRICT ALLOCATION		150,619	75.00%	136,573	68.01%
[37]		2.090	AF/Ac	1.92	AF/Ac
[38] Additional Supplemental Supplies					
[39] Napa**	5,000	-	(16,717)	1,349	(856)
[40] CCWA**	9,600	-	(16,717)	2,815	(3,671)
[41] BVID**	3,100	-	(16,717)	543	(4,214)
[42] SLOCFWCD**	7,000	-	(16,717)	809	(5,023)
[43] Mojave Water Agency**	-	-	(16,717)	944	(5,967)
[44] Additional Supplemental Water Capacity	24,700	-		6,460	
[45] Supplemental Supplies - Water User					
[46] Water User - Carryover from 2025 (estimate)	4,343	4,343	(21,060)	4,343	(10,310)
[47] KWB 2nd Priority - estimate to date (Recharge)/Recovery	(3,230)	(3,230)	(17,830)	(3,230)	(7,080)
[48] KWB 2nd Priority - estimated through EOY	-	-	(21,060)	-	(10,310)
[49] User Input - actual	127	127	(21,187)	127	(10,437)
[50] User Input - estimated through EOY	-	-	(21,187)	-	(10,437)
[51] Landowner Transfer	10,065	10,065	(31,252)	10,065	(20,502)
[52] Available Supply		161,924		154,338	
[53] Estimated Demand (b)		130,600		134,960	
[54] Shortage (Excess)		(31,324)		(19,378)	

** WS5 Deal

(b) 5-year deliveries 2020-2025.

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

WATER IN STORAGE @ 7-Oct-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: October 12th, 2026
SUBJECT: **2026-2027 San Luis Reservoir Carryover Update and Consider Implementation of Water Management Activities**

San Luis Conditions. At the September State Water Contractor operations update, DWR reported approximately 940,000 acre-feet of SWP storage in San Luis Reservoir (SLR), leaving approximately 122,000 acre-feet of available SWP space. DWR's September Position Analysis estimates a 71% likelihood that the SWP share of SLR will fill by the end of December 2026, increasing to 93% by January 2027. Although the December probability has declined from 84% in the August analysis, the likelihood of SLR filling early in 2027 remains exceptionally high. Combined SWP and federal storage was approximately 1.42 MAF at the time of the September update.

The September Position Analysis also indicates potential for South-of-Delta Article 21 supplies beginning in November, although near-term availability has moderated compared to last month's projections. November now shows approximately a 45% likelihood of at least some Article 21 availability, down from approximately 60% in the August analysis. At the 50% exceedance level, the analysis indicates no Article 21 availability in November, followed by approximately 45 TAF in December, 60 TAF in January, 90 TAF in February, and 80 TAF in March. These figures represent total monthly South-of-Delta availability, not the District's share, and are not cumulative. Actual availability remains dependent on excess Delta supply, available pumping capacity, and operational conditions.

As previously reported, DWR has been working with USBR to evaluate the ability to surcharge SWP supplies into available federal storage space. The Allocation Analysis includes scenarios with and without surcharge, while the Position Analysis assumes no surcharge capability. The analyses use different assumptions and their respective exceedance levels are not directly comparable. Surcharge could provide additional flexibility to manage SWP storage, potentially delaying spill conditions and reducing near-term Article 21 availability. However, KCWA has communicated that DWR will only surcharge into USBR space if at least 200,000 acre-feet of USBR space is available in SLR.

Carryover & Spill. Staff currently estimate Water User carryover at approximately 10,000 acre-feet, consistent with the maximum of 5% of CAW. Total District carryover, including Water User supplies, is estimated at approximately 20,000 acre-feet. These estimates remain subject to final Water User demands, returns, and any recharge activity.

Although the District's carryover position is considerably improved from this time last year, the potential timing of SLR spill remains a concern. Under a spill occurring before the end of 2026, remaining 2025–2026 carryover would spill first. District supplies should be protected under this scenario, as all 2025–2026 carryover has been scheduled and delivered, either in-District or to recharge. However, should SLR spill in January 2027, any remaining 2026–2027 carryover would be exposed to loss.

Accordingly, staff will continue evaluating opportunities to recharge remaining carryover supplies while balancing the benefit of preserving water in SLR for the 2027 allocation against the increasing risk of spill. Unlike last year, when the District anticipated carrying over 30,000–40,000 acre-feet and initiated a more aggressive recharge strategy, the current carryover position is considerably smaller. This provides additional flexibility to manage remaining supplies based on available recharge capacity, delivery opportunities, and evolving SLR conditions.

Recharge on the Kern Fan currently totals 645 cfs, with KWB and Pioneer recharging 225 cfs and 340 cfs respectively, and the BMSG recharging 80 cfs. Using 2023 as a proxy for maximum recharge conditions, the District can generally recharge approximately 500 acre-feet per day at KWB. Assuming Pioneer is not utilized for Overdraft Correction, combined District recharge capacity could reach as high as 630 acre-feet per day. Assuming the more conservative conditions of 500 AF/day, recharge operations would take approximately 40 days to completely evacuate all remaining District surface water supplies from SLR.

Per the Rules and Regulations, staff will consider all available supplies, including Water User carryover, when evaluating recharge opportunities. Any determination regarding recharge activities and the allocation of SLR spill will prioritize *District supplies first and Water User supplies second*. Staff will continue evaluating available recharge capacity, delivery schedules, and operational flexibility to reduce carryover exposure while preserving supplies for the 2027 allocation.

Water Users are reminded that carryover is held *at their own risk* and may be lost without notice. The District is not responsible for any loss or damage resulting from the loss of carryover water. Water Users are strongly encouraged to promptly request that excess supplies be recharged into a Second Priority Sub-Account, subject to applicable costs and District approval.

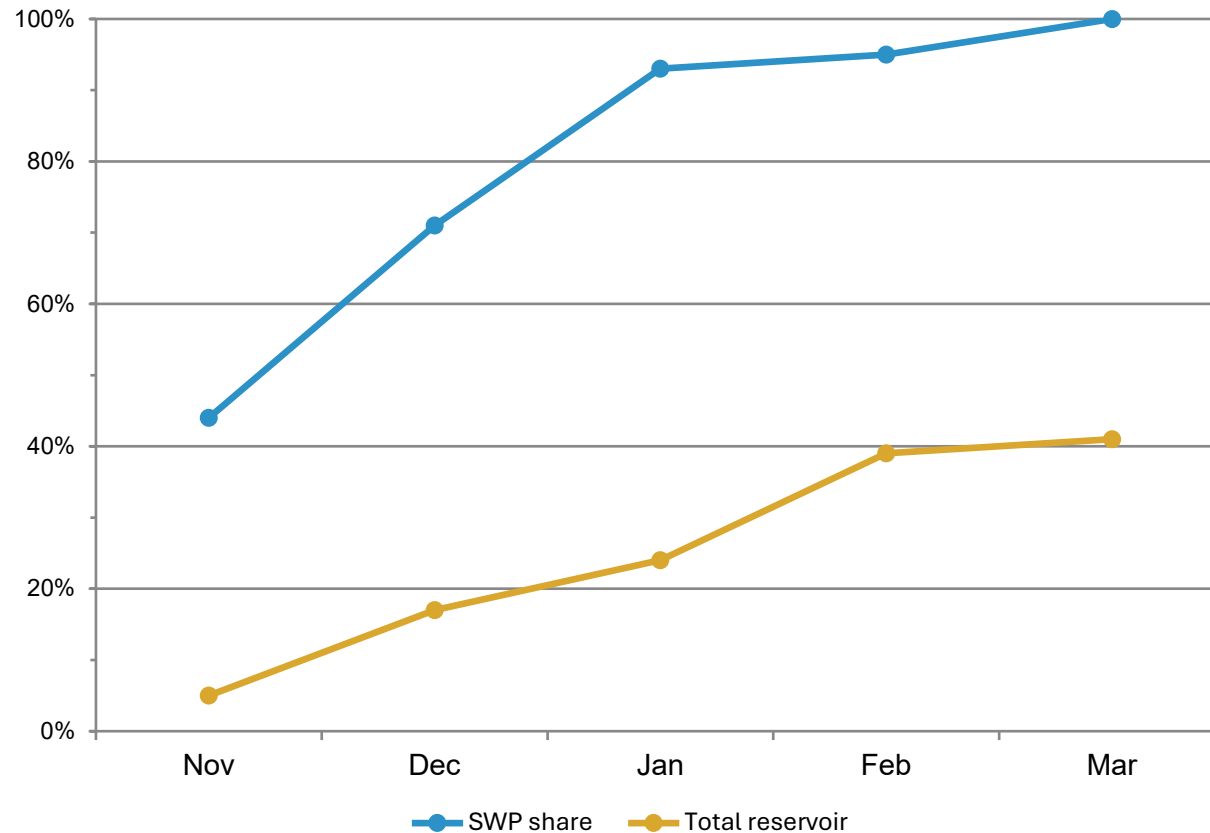
Consistent with Rule 13 of the District's Rules and Regulations, staff are required to consult with the Board in determining when to begin District recharge of carryover. Given the potential for rapidly changing SLR conditions, staff are seeking the Board's direction in advance to allow timely implementation of recharge and other water management activities should conditions warrant.

Recommendation. In recognition of the potential need for timely spill mitigation and recharge, staff recommend that the Board authorize the Engineer-Manager, at his discretion, to initiate or cease recharge activities, pursue exchange opportunities, and undertake other appropriate water management actions necessary to preserve District supplies and mitigate potential carryover losses.

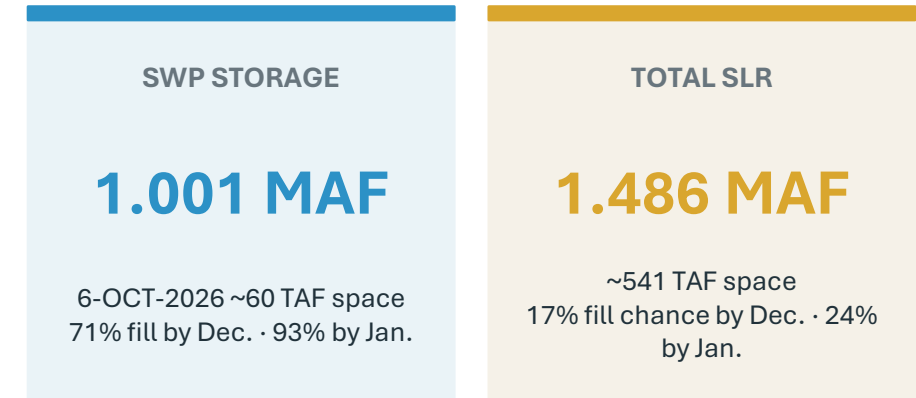
Attachments: WRMWSD San Luis_Outlook_October_2026.pptx
Filename: 8.2.b 2026-2027 San Luis Reservoir Carryover Update and Consider Implementation
of Water Management Activities

SWP storage remains the near-term San Luis constraint

Probability project share reaches maximum SLR storage:



DWR will not surcharge into USBR space without a minimum of 200,000 AF of CVP storage space available

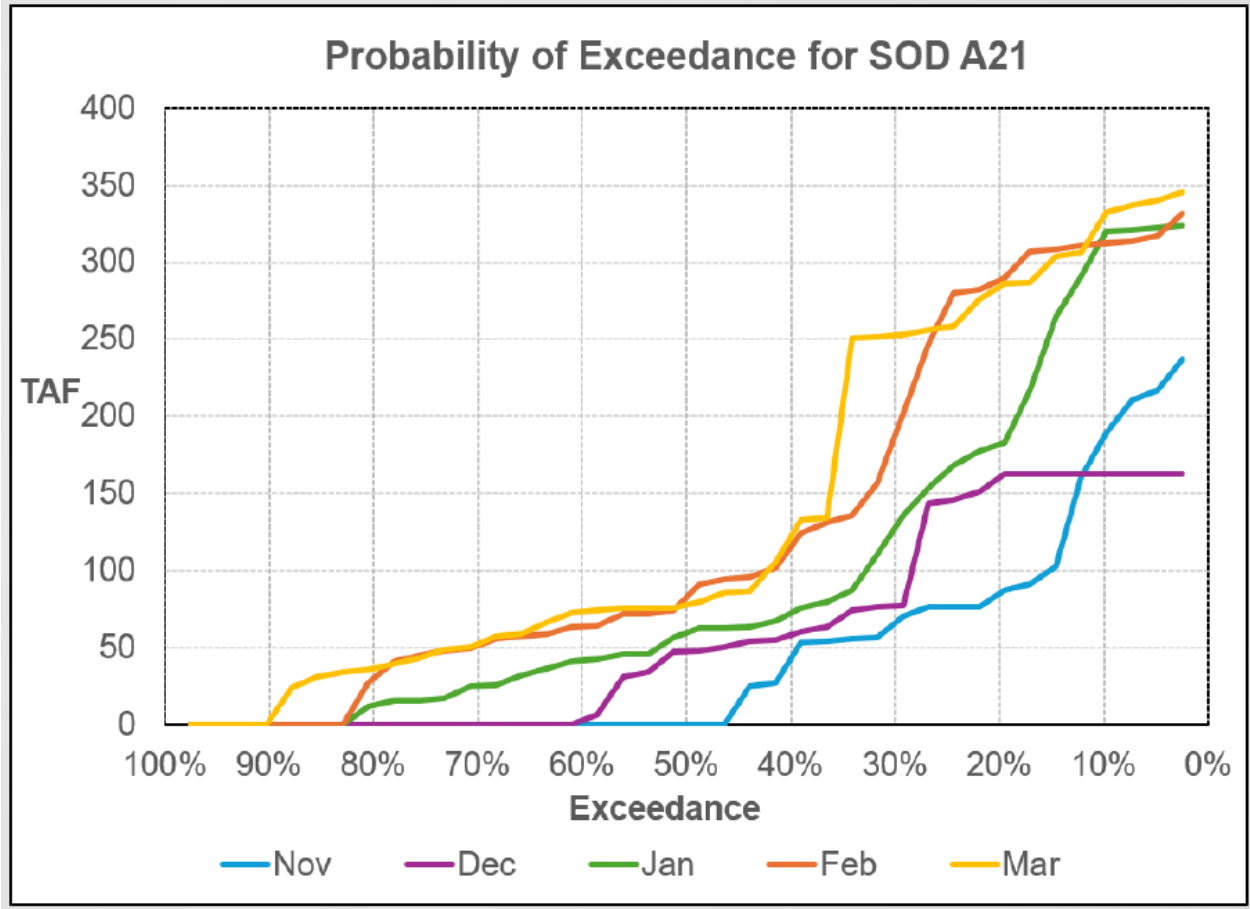


CARRYOVER IMPLICATION

SWP share has a 93% modeled chance of filling by January, while total San Luis remains much less likely to fill.

Current operations: SWP San Luis is forecast near 1.0 MAF at end-September.

Article 21 remains plausible in the PA—but not in the allocation study



At 50% exceedance

roughly a 50% chance of at least:

0 TAF 45 TAF 60 TAF 90 TAF ~80 TAF
NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR

NOVEMBER AVAILABILITY
~45% chance of some A21 Median: 0 TAF

Month	Max (TAF)
Nov	217
Dec	163
Jan	317
Feb	322
Mar	340

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Eric McDaris

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Other Purchases and Exchanges

The District is pursuing the following supplemental water purchases pursuant to the Board's prior authorization for the Engineer-Manager to execute water agreements at a price of \$650 per acre-foot or less:

Mojave Water Agency

- Status- term sheet complete; minimum of 3,500 AF of 2026 SWP Table A at \$150/AF, up to 7,500 AF. The District share of this supply is expected to be approximately 944 acre-feet.

San Luis County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

- Status- term sheet in development; minimum of 3,000 AF of 2026 SWP Table A at price to be determined, up to 7,000 AF. The District share of this supply is expected to be approximately 809 acre-feet.

The carryover analysis covered in item 8.2.b and assumption of 20,000 acre-feet of total District carryover assume both above supplies are successfully obtained. Staff will continue to update the Board on these transactions and any other potential purchases.

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

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

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

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

Golden Mussel Treatment. Golden mussel treatment continues along the 850-Canal in accordance with the District's treatment schedule, maintaining a target copper residual of approximately 0.06 ppm. Treatment will be completed this month, with demobilization anticipated during the latter part of October.

During maintenance activities along the 4P-B lateral, O&M staff observed mussels within the distribution pipeline. This is the first time staff have identified golden mussels within the WRM-4 system. The extent of the observed mussel presence was similar to that found within the District's other California Aqueduct systems: a small number of individual mussels attached to the pipe, with no clusters or colonies observed. No mussels have been detected on the District's settling plates located at pumping-plant forebays or reported by Water Users.

KCWA Golden Mussel Task Force—September 28, 2026. The Task Force continued its regional planning and mitigation efforts. Dudek is advancing the regional control plan and vulnerability assessment, with a draft expected in the coming weeks.

Staff previously reported that DWR was considering treatment along the main branch of the California Aqueduct. KCWA has since advised that DWR does not currently intend to treat the main branch and is instead focusing its efforts on small-diameter pipelines and pumping plants. KCWA is working with DWR to compile a region-by-region summary of DWR's planned activities to help inform the actions of individual agencies.

KCWA also reported that no significant treatment operations are currently planned along the Cross Valley Canal. Instead, KCWA intends to rely primarily on dewatering and physical removal of mussels. A low-dose treatment may be considered in 2027 but would first require consideration and approval by the CVC Advisory Committee.

Invasive Mussel Regulations. Since last month, the Office of Administrative Law approved the Division of Boating and Waterways' emergency regulations implementing AB 149's invasive-mussel fee and prevention program. The regulations expand the former quagga and zebra mussel funding framework to all invasive mussels, including golden mussels, allowing the associated fees and grant program to support broader prevention activities.

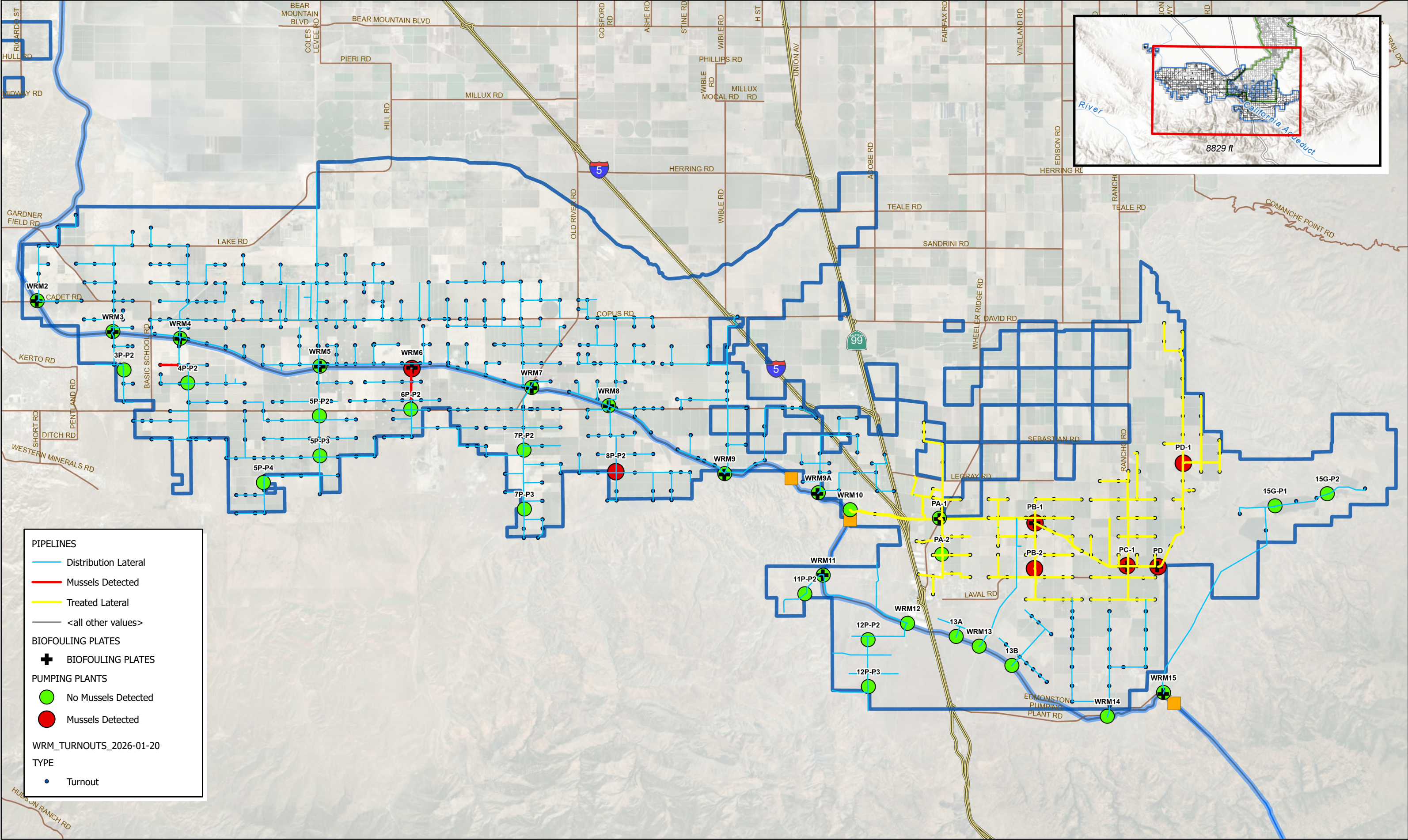
Separately, CDFW closed its supplemental public-comment period on September 17 for proposed amendments to its invasive-mussel regulations. The revised proposal clarifies who may perform required inspections of conveyances removed from infested waters while retaining proposed requirements for inspecting watercraft that remain in infested waters for more than four consecutive nights and

Agenda Item 8.3

establishing a state list of qualified inspection and decontamination providers. CDFW has not yet posted final approval of those regulations.

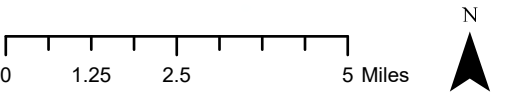
Recommendation. None. This item is for informational purposes only.

Attachments: Golden Mussel Detection Map
Filename: 8.3 Golden Mussel Update



WHEELER RIDGE- MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Golden Mussel Detections

User: emcdaris
Current Time: 10/8/2026 10:36 AM



WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
 FROM: Eric McDaris
 DATE: October 2nd, 2026
 SUBJECT: **Consider Approval of Westside Districts-SCVWA Multi-Year SWP Transfer Agreement**

In September of 2025 staff brought before the Board details of a proposed multi-year water transfer agreement between the Westside 5 Districts (WS5) and Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCVWA). The Board directed that staff work with SCVWA to continue developing the program and complete the necessary CEQA environmental review. Staff contracted with Rincon to conduct the necessary CEQA work and the Board adopted the findings of the Initial Study and Negative Declaration (<https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2026020535/2>) in April 2026. No comments were received during the public comment period.

The non-binding term sheet was developed into a long-term transfer agreement and is attached to this memorandum. The proposed program is a combination of both exchange and transfer water made available contingent on the annual SWP allocation. These scenarios, along with the corresponding per-acre-foot price, are summarized below:

TABLE 1

SWP Allocation	Minimum Transfer (AF)	Transfer/Exchange
90%-100%	10,000	SCVWA Transfer to WS5
80%-89%	7,500	SCVWA Transfer to WS5
70%-79%	5,000	SCVWA Transfer to WS5
60%-69%	3,000	SCVWA Transfer to WS5 <u>or</u> Exchange 2:1 & Transfer @ Reduced \$/AF
40%-59%	2,000	SCVWA Exchange 2:1
35%-39%	1,000	SCVWA Option to Exchange, Request Return, <u>or</u> No Action
20%-34%	1,000	WS5 Return <u>or</u> No Action
5%-19%	-	WS5 Return - SCVWA Pays F.O. <u>or</u> No Action

TABLE 2

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

- In <5% SWP allocation years there is no program action. In 5% - 19% SWP allocation years, SCVWA may request that WS5 return water from their previously exchanged supplies, at a mutually agreeable price per acre-foot.
- In 20% - 34% SWP allocation years, SCVWA may request that WS5 return up to 1,000 AF from their previously exchanged supplies at no fixed cost.
- In 35% - 69% years, SCVWA has the option to exchange supplies at a 2:1 ratio (less 10% losses), or request a return from their previously exchanged supplies at WS5's discretion.
 - In 60% -69% SWP Allocation years SVWA may elect an exchange option but must first transfer the minimum volumes identified in Table 1, at ½ the \$/AF rates shown in Table 2. Only then will an exchange of additional water beyond the minimum volume be accepted.
- In +70% SWP allocation years, SCVWA will sell to the WS5 at those rates noted in Table 2.

The term of the program as provided in the attached Agreement is proposed to expire December 31, 2085, making it effective for 59-years. However, similar to our other long-term transfer agreements, the WS5-SCVWA agreement requires that the parties shall negotiate, in good faith, a revision of the per-acre-foot rates and volumes available on or before December 31, 2030, and each five-year period thereafter. If at any time these negotiations do not result in amendable terms, the Agreement shall terminate at the end of the last year for which there is an agreed rate.

This proposed program differs from traditional WS5 programs because it includes exchange and return-water components where the District and WS5 have historically avoided third-party banking arrangements, or those incorporating a return obligation. Although the Agreement does not provide for banking, its exchange-and-return structure can produce a similar practical result by allowing water made available in one year to be returned in a later year. Staff nevertheless believe the program is beneficial to both WS5 and SCVWA. It provides meaningful operational flexibility through greater use of DWR's available water-management tools, allowing SCVWA to leverage surplus supplies in wetter years while providing WS5 with cost-advantageous supply opportunities at allocations above 35%, including firm transfer supplies when the SWP allocation is 60% or greater.

Recommendation: Staff recommend that the Board authorize the Engineer-Manager to execute the attached long-term water transfer program agreement between the Westside 5 districts and Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, subject to review by General Counsell as to form and final approval of the Engineer-Manger.

Attachments: Westside 5 & Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Multi-Year Water Transfer And Exchange Agreement
 SCVWA Program Summary
 Filename: 8.4 Consider Approval of Westside Districts - SCVWA Multi-Year SWP Transfer Agreement

SCVWA / Westside 5 — Rolling 10-Year WRMWSD Model

10-Year WRMWSD Water Received	10-Year Water Returned	Return Obligation Remaining	10-Year Net Water Benefit	10-Year Net Cost / (Credit)
8,226	(485)	485	7,255	\$358,239

SCVWA / WS5 DEAL MECHANICS											
	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	10-Yr Total
SWP Allocation	50%	40%	100%	5%	5%	20%	75%	35%	85%	60%	
SCVWA / WS5 Action	Exchange	Exchange	Transfer	No Action	Return Water	Return Water	Transfer	Exchange	Transfer	Exchange	
SCVWA Transfer Water (AF)	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	5,000	-	7,500	-	
SCVWA Exchange Water (AF)	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	3,000	
WS5 Total Water Received (AF)	2,000	2,000	10,000	-	-	-	5,000	1,000	7,500	3,000	
WS5 Return Water Delivered (AF)	-	-	-	-	1,000	800	-	-	-	-	1,800
SCVWA Return Balance – EOY (AF)	(900)	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)	(800)	-	-	(450)	(450)	(1,800)	(1,800)
WRMWSD IMPACT											
WRMWSD Water Received (AF)	539	539	2,697	-	-	-	1,349	270	2,023	809	8,226
WRMWSD Return Obligation (AF)	243	243	-	-	(270)	(216)	-	121	-	364	485
WRMWSD Net Water Benefit (AF)	297	297	2,697	-	-	-	1,349	148	2,023	445	7,255
WRMWSD Net Cost / (Credit) (\$)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 391,065	\$ -	\$ (957,897)	\$ -	\$ 407,247	\$ -	\$ 517,824	\$ -	\$358,239
											\$49

WATER TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

This Water Transfer and Exchange Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into as of _____ (the “**Effective Date**”) by and between Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (“**SCV Water**”) and Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, Dudley Ridge Water District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (collectively, the “**Westside Districts**”).

RECITALS

A. SCV Water desires to sell and exchange certain amounts of its State Water Project (“**SWP**”) Table A water to and with the Westside Districts, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

B. The Westside Districts desire to purchase and exchange certain amounts of SWP Table A water from and with SCV Water, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. DEFINITIONS.

a. Additional Water. “Additional Water” means any water made available by one party to the other above and beyond the Minimum Quantity.

b. Agreement. “Agreement” means this Water Transfer and Exchange Agreement dated _____.

c. CEQA. “CEQA” means the California Environmental Quality Act.

d. DWR. “DWR” means the California Department of Water Resources.

e. Effective Date. “Effective Date” means _____.

f. Exchange Water. “Exchange Water” means any water that SCV Water elects to exchange with Westside Districts as provided for in Exhibit A.

g. KCWA. “KCWA” means the Kern County Water Agency.

h. Minimum Quantity. “Minimum Quantity” means that amount of water set forth under Exhibit A.

i. **SCV Water.** “SCV Water” means the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

j. **Specific Water Actions.** “Specific Water Actions” refers to the specific actions that either SCV Water or Westside Districts must or may take under different allocation scenarios as described in detail in Exhibit A.

k. **SWP.** “SWP” means the State Water Project.

l. **Transfer Water.** “Transfer Water” means the Minimum Quantity plus any Additional Water that SCV Water makes available to the Westside Districts for sale.

m. **Return Water.** “Return Water” means any water returned to SCV Water by Westside Districts as provided for in Exhibit A.

n. **Westside Districts.** The “Westside Districts” mean Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, Dudley Ridge Water District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District.

2. **TERM.** The term of this Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date and terminate on December 31, 2085 (“**Term**”) unless earlier terminated, as set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may extend the Term of this Agreement upon mutual written agreement.

3. **WATER PROPOSED FOR TRANSFER FROM SCV WATER TO WESTSIDE DISTRICTS.**

a. **Transfer of Water from SCV Water to the Westside Districts; Payment Thereof.** Except as otherwise provided herein, each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement in which the Specific Water Actions in Exhibit A indicate a transfer from SCV Water to Westside Districts shall occur, SCV Water shall make the Minimum Quantity of water available for sale to the Westside Districts, and the Westside Districts shall purchase the Minimum Quantity of water made available by SCV Water as described in Exhibit A. The Westside Districts shall submit payment for the Minimum Quantity in accordance with section 7 below, whether the Westside Districts take possession of such water or not, and for any Additional Water.

b. **Quantity of Water Available for Transfer; Notification Thereof.** On or before February 15 of each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement, SCV Water shall evaluate and estimate the quantity of water available for transfer to the Westside Districts and provide the Westside Districts with written notice thereof. On or before June

1 of each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement, SCV Water shall reevaluate that estimate and either confirm or update the quantity of water available for transfer to the Westside Districts and provide the Westside Districts with written notice thereof. Within 10 days of receipt of such notice, the Westside Districts shall provide SCV Water with written notice of the quantity of water the Westside Districts shall purchase from SCV Water during that calendar year. In no event, however, shall the quantity of water made available for transfer to and purchased by the Westside Districts be less than the Minimum Quantity except as provided for herein. As soon thereafter as possible, in coordination with the KCWA, the parties shall provide written notice of the proposed sale and purchase of water to DWR, including a preliminary delivery schedule, as determined in accordance with section 6 below.

c. Minimum Quantity. As of the Effective Date and until December 31, 2030, the Minimum Quantity of water that SCV Water shall make available for transfer to the Westside Districts each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement shall be consistent with Exhibit A and shall be based on the SWP delivery allocation as of June 1. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in any calendar year during the Term of this Agreement during which SCV Water determines that less than the Minimum Quantity is available to be transferred for that year due to actions or events beyond the reasonable control of SCV Water, SCV Water shall notify the Westside Districts of the reduced quantity available, and the Westside Districts may elect, but shall not be obligated, to purchase such a reduced quantity. If SCV Water determines that no water is available to be transferred for that year due to actions or events beyond the reasonable control of SCV Water, neither party shall have any obligation to transfer or purchase water from the other for that calendar year, except as mutually agreed upon. The Minimum Quantity of water to be transferred shall be reviewed in accordance with section 5 below.

d. Allocation of Water Between the Westside Districts. The Westside Districts, in their sole and absolute discretion, shall allocate the total amount of water purchased from SCV Water among themselves.

e. No Carryover. Any water made available for transfer by SCV Water and purchased by the Westside Districts as part of this Agreement but ultimately not delivered or used by the Westside Districts shall not be carried over by SCV Water on behalf of the Westside Districts to any subsequent calendar year.

f. Additional Water. Each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement, SCV Water may, in its discretion, make Additional Water available for transfer to the Westside Districts, however, the Westside Districts shall be under no obligation to purchase or otherwise accept such water.

g. Limitations. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Westside Districts shall not be obligated to purchase the Minimum Quantity or any Additional Water that may be available in any year during the Term of this Agreement in which the Kern River's April through July forecasted runoff exceeds 150% of average (i.e., 640,000 acre-feet), as forecast by the Department of Water Resources' Bulletin 120.

4. SCV WATER OPTION TO EXCHANGE AND WESTSIDE DISTRICTS OBLIGATION TO RETURN

a. SCV Water Option to Exchange. Each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement in which the Specific Water Actions in Exhibit A indicate an exchange is allowed, SCV Water may in its discretion exchange an additional amount of water in an amount not less than the Minimum Quantity at a rate of 2:1, minus 10% of the total amount of water originally delivered as part of the exchange to account for losses as described in Exhibit A.

If SCV Water elects to exchange water during a 60 or 65% SWP allocation, the Minimum Quantity required to be transferred shall be at $\frac{1}{2}$ the rate of those values set forth in Exhibit B (the "Rate Table"). Under this allocation scenario, if SCV Water elected to exchange Additional Water, SCV Water would, in addition to the Minimum Quantity, make available a second amount of water to Westside Districts for exchange and Westside Districts would be obligated to take at least the Minimum Quantity for a 2:1 exchange. If SCV Water does not elect to exchange Additional Water, the rate for the Minimum Quantity transferred to Westside Districts will be the full rate in the Rate Table.

b. Westside Districts Obligation to Return Water. Each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement in which the Specific Water Actions in Exhibit A indicate SCV Water has a right to Return Water, and SCV Water has a balance of Return Water available, SCV Water may in its discretion request, and the Westside Districts shall provide, Return Water in accordance with section 4(e), subject to those variable costs applicable at the time of request.

c. 35% SWP Allocation. Each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement in which the SWP delivery allocation is 35%, SCV Water may, as described and consistent with the Specific Water Actions in Exhibit A, in its discretion, elect one of the following actions for that calendar year: (a) exchange water in an amount not less than the Minimum Quantity with the Westside Districts at a rate of 2:1, minus 10% of the total amount of water originally delivered as part of the exchange to account for losses; or, (b) request and the Westside Districts shall provide Return Water in accordance with section 4(e), subject to those variable costs applicable at the time of request; or, (c) suspend any action under this Agreement for that affected calendar year. SCV Water shall not elect more

than one of the foregoing actions within the same calendar year, and the Westside Districts shall have no obligation to satisfy any request involving more than one such action.

d. 5% - 15% SWP Allocation – Westside Districts to Return Water at Mutually Agreed Upon Rates. Each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement during which the SWP delivery allocation is 15% or less and if SCV Water has a balance for Return Water available, SCV Water may, as described and consistent with the Specific Water Actions in Exhibit A, in its discretion request and the Westside Districts may provide Return Water in that amount and at that rate mutually agreed upon by the parties.

e. Return Water Amounts / Additional Water. For clarity, under the allocation scenarios where Westside Districts is required to provide Return Water to SCV Water, as indicated in Exhibit A, Westside Districts shall return the lesser of the Minimum Quantity or SCV Water's then-current balance of Return Water. Upon SCV Water's request, Westside Districts may, in its discretion, return Additional Water, provided SCV Water has a sufficient balance for Return Water available. In addition, in each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement, SCV Water and Westside Districts may, upon mutual agreement, decide to exchange and/or return Additional Water above the Minimum Quantity in Exhibit A.

f. Accounting. On or before January 31 of each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement, or as soon thereafter as possible, the parties shall meet and confer to reconcile the balance of any and all water exchanged or returned during the previous year as part of this Agreement.

g. Options Once Return Water Balance Reaches 20,000 Acre-Feet. If SCV Water's balance for Return Water reaches 20,000 acre-feet or more, SCV Water shall have the option to (i) not do an exchange and negotiate in good faith with the Westside Districts a schedule for the return of a portion of or the balance of SCV Water's Return Water to SCV Water; or (ii) not do an exchange and negotiate in good faith the sale of all or a portion of SCV Water's balance of Return Water to Westside Districts; or (iii) pursue a combination of the options described in subsections (i) and (ii). Any election under this subsection shall not affect SCV Water's obligation to make the Minimum Quantity available for sale in accordance with Section 3 and Exhibit A.

h. Options Upon Termination. If, upon termination of this Agreement, SCV Water has a balance of Return Water, the parties shall negotiate in good faith (i) the sale and purchase by the Westside Districts of all or a portion of that balance, (ii) a mutually acceptable final delivery schedule for the return to SCV Water of any portion of the balance not purchased, or (iii) a combination thereof. In either event, the sale and purchase and the delivery of water shall be completed within five years from the date of termination of this Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. If the parties cannot

agree upon either of the above, they will engage in mediation to decide upon an equitable resolution.

i. Notice of Intent to Exchange; Request for Return Water. Each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement, SCV Water shall determine and identify the quantity of Exchange Water and Return Water, if any, that it intends to exchange with or request return from the Westside Districts, as permitted by and consistent with the Specific Water Actions applicable under Exhibit A and the provisions of this Section 4, consistent with the timing and notice requirements as described and set forth under section 3(b) above.

5. FIVE YEAR REVIEW. On or before December 31, 2030, and at the end of each five-year period thereafter while this Agreement remains in effect, the parties shall review (i) the Minimum Quantity, (ii) the Specific Water Actions set forth in Exhibit A, and (iii) the Rate Table and other pricing terms set forth in Exhibit B, to determine whether any revisions are appropriate for the following five-year period. No revision shall be required. The parties may mutually agree either to continue the then-current Minimum Quantity, Specific Water Actions, Rate Table, and other pricing terms without change or to revise one or more of those terms.

If the parties agree to continue the then-current terms without change, Exhibits A and B shall remain in effect for the following five-year period. If the parties mutually agree upon any revisions, the parties shall prepare a revised Exhibit A and/or Exhibit B, as applicable, reflecting those revisions, and each revised exhibit shall be substituted for and supersede the corresponding then-current exhibit.

If the parties are unable to agree upon the Minimum Quantity, Specific Water Actions, Rate Table, or other pricing terms applicable during the following five-year period, this Agreement shall terminate at the end of the last year for which there is agreement.

6. SCHEDULING. Alongside that final written notice from the Westside Districts to SCV Water with the quantity of water the Westside Districts shall receive from SCV Water during that calendar year as described in section 3(b) above, the Westside Districts shall also provide SCV Water with a preliminary schedule for the delivery of all other water in that year. In addition, and if applicable, SCV Water shall provide the Westside Districts with a preliminary schedule for the delivery of any Return Water in that year.

7. COMPENSATION.

a. Transfer Water. The Westside Districts shall pay SCV Water for each acre-foot of Transfer Water delivered by SCV Water to the Point of Transfer (as that term is defined in section 8, below) as described in Exhibit A and in accordance with the Rate Table attached as Exhibit B.

SCV Water shall pay for any and all variable charges associated with the delivery of such Transfer Water to the Point of Transfer and the Westside Districts shall pay for any

and all variable charges associated with the delivery of such Transfer Water from the Point of Transfer.

The Rate Table and other pricing terms set forth in Exhibit B shall be reviewed in accordance with section 5 above.

b. Variable Costs of Exchange Water; Return Water. Except as otherwise stated herein, Westside Districts shall pay any and all variable costs associated with the delivery of any Exchange Water by SCV Water to the Westside Districts under this Agreement; and SCV Water shall pay any and all variable costs associated with the delivery of any Return Water delivered by the Westside Districts to SCV Water under this Agreement.

c. Invoicing. By December 31 of each calendar year during the Term of this Agreement, or as soon thereafter as possible, SCV Water shall invoice the Westside Districts for each acre-foot delivered to the Point of Transfer and the Westside Districts shall make payment to SCV Water within 45 days of receipt of SCV Water's invoice.

d. Dispute in Invoice Amount. If, for any reason, the Westside Districts dispute any invoice, the Westside Districts shall pay any and all undisputed amounts set forth therein and provide a detailed description of the disputed amounts sufficient for the parties to discuss and make a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute ("**Invoice Dispute**"). If the Westside Districts do not make payment or issue an Invoice Dispute within 60 days of receipt of an invoice, SCV Water may (a) suspend any future deliveries of water until the Westside Districts make payment or issue a sufficiently detailed Invoice Dispute; or (b) terminate its participation in this Agreement completely.

8. POINT OF TRANSFER. The Point of Transfer for all water transferred or exchanged as part of this Agreement shall be Banks Pumping Plant, also referred to as Reach 1 of the California Aqueduct.

9. NOTICES. All notices provided under this Agreement shall be effective (i) when personally delivered, (ii) when sent by electronic communication between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on any business day (with written confirmation of receipt), at the addresses set forth below, provided that a copy is mailed as indicated below, or (iii) three business days after deposit in the United States mail, registered or certified, postage fully prepaid, and addressed to the respective parties as set forth under their respective signature block, below or such other address as the parties may from time to time designate in writing.

10. PRIORITY. After satisfying their respective obligations to landowners, customers, and water users, and contracts and agreements existing as of the Effective Date, and this Agreement, each party shall have first priority to any Additional Water the other party may make available for transfer, exchange, or return. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a party shall have

no obligation to make such Additional Water available to the other party if it obtains more favorable terms for the transfer, exchange, or return of such water from a third party. Neither party shall be obligated to purchase, exchange, receive, or otherwise accept any such Additional Water.

11. REGULATORY APPROVALS.

a. Regulatory Compliance. The obligations of the parties under this Agreement are expressly conditioned upon compliance with all applicable state and local laws, ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to CEQA and all other applicable environmental laws with respect to the actions contemplated by this Agreement.

b. Reasonable Cooperation. Each party shall reasonably cooperate in good faith with the other and any necessary public agency to process and obtain any and all necessary approvals to effect the purposes of this Agreement.

12. LEGAL ACTIONS.

a. Attorneys' Fees. In the event of any legal action between the parties seeking enforcement or interpretation of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action shall be awarded its reasonable costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

b. Third-Party Disputes. In the event of any legal action by a third party seeking to challenge this Agreement or any of its terms and conditions, the parties agree to cooperate in the defense thereof and to share equally in the costs of such defense, utilizing counsel mutually acceptable to the parties.

13. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Assignment. Neither party may assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the other party's prior written consent.

b. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement does not create, and shall not be construed to create, any rights enforceable by any person, partnership, corporation, joint venture, limited liability company, district, agency, or other form of entity, organization or association of any kind that is not a party to this Agreement.

c. Ambiguities. This Agreement shall be interpreted as if it had been jointly drafted by both parties. Therefore, the normal rule of construction that ambiguities are construed against the drafter is hereby waived.

d. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, and that provision cannot be reformed

to be enforceable consistent with the overall intent of this Agreement, the entire Agreement shall be void and unenforceable.

e. Waiver. The failure of either party at any time to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or of the right to enforce such provision at any later time.

f. Specific Performance. The parties acknowledge that the water to be transferred and exchanged under this Agreement is unique, and that the failure of either party to perform under this Agreement may not be readily compensable in monetary damages. Therefore, in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity, in the event of a breach or threatened breach of this Agreement, the parties shall each be entitled to specific performance of this Agreement.

g. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. All prior agreements with respect to that subject matter, whether verbal or written, are hereby superseded in their entirety by this Agreement and are of no further force or effect.

h. Amendment. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be effective only if in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each of the parties hereto.

i. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts by the parties. Emailed pdf signatures shall be binding.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date:

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

BERRENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

LOST HILLS WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

Exhibit A

SWP Allocation	Minimum Quantity	SCV Water Transfer	SCV Water Exchange	Westside Districts Return	Specific Water Actions
100	10,000	x			SCV Water to Transfer. See Exhibit B for - \$/AF
95	10,000	x			SCV Water to Transfer. See Exhibit B for - \$/AF
90	10,000	x			SCV Water to Transfer. See Exhibit B for - \$/AF
85	7,500	x			SCV Water to Transfer. See Exhibit B for - \$/AF
80	7,500	x			SCV Water to Transfer. See Exhibit B for - \$/AF
75	5,000	x			SCV Water to Transfer. See Exhibit B for \$/AF
70	5,000	x			SCV Water to Transfer. See Exhibit B for \$/AF
65	3,000	x	x		SCV Water to Transfer. See Exhibit B for \$/AF. SCV Water Option to Exchange water (2:1 ratio)
60	3,000	x	x		SCV Water to Transfer. See Exhibit B for \$/AF. SCV Water Option to Exchange water (2:1 ratio)
55	2,000		x		SCV Water Option to Exchange Water (2:1 ratio)
50	2,000		x		SCV Water Option to Exchange Water (2:1 ratio)
45	2,000		x		SCV Water Option to Exchange Water (2:1 ratio)
40	2,000		x		SCV Water Option to Exchange Water (2:1 ratio)
35	1,000		x	x	SCV Water Option to Exchange Water (2:1 ratio), or SCV Water Option to Request Return Water and Westside Districts Must Return; or SCV Water May Take No Action
30	1,000			x	Westside Districts to Return Water
25	1,000			x	Westside Districts to Return Water
20	1,000			x	Westside Districts to Return Water
15	TBD			x	Westside Districts to Return Water at Mutually Agreed Upon Rates
10	TBD			x	Westside Districts to Return Water at Mutually Agreed Upon Rates
5	TBD			x	Westside Districts to Return Water at Mutually Agreed Upon Rates

Exhibit B

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

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Thomas Suggs

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Quitclaim – District Pipeline Easements, Laterals 13A-A and 13A-1

Landowner Request. Mr. Derek Abbott, on behalf of Tejon Ranch Company, recently requested that the District quitclaim and vacate a certain pipeline easement relating to District laterals 13A-A and 13A-1. A letter to that effect is attached. I understand Tejon wishes to remove the easement to help expedite development of the underlying lands to commercial and industrial uses.

Analysis. The exhibits to the attached quitclaim deeds show the affected lands and District laterals. District laterals 13A-A and 13A-1 are located on several parcels of land owned by either Tejon Ranchcorp or Tejon Industrial Corp. Because two different tile holders are involved, it was necessary to write two separate quitclaim documents (attached).

The turnouts involved, 13A1, 13A2, and 13A3, serve only Tejon lands. The lands served by these turnouts do not have a surface water contract and the District has not delivered surface water to them for at least five years. Neither the WRM 13A Turnout on the California Aqueduct nor the 13A main line would be affected by the quitclaim.

Ownership of, and liability for, the abandoned laterals would be completely transferred to Tejon in the quitclaim document. It is not known whether Tejon has plans to remove the old pipelines.

Conclusion. It is in the District's best interest to quitclaim the subject easement and transfer ownership of the pipe to Tejon Ranch Company and its subsidiaries, Tejon Ranchcorp and Tejon Industrial Corp.

Recommendation. It is therefore recommended that the Board:

- a) find and declare that ownership, operation, and maintenance of laterals 13A-A and 13A-1 is no longer necessary for District purposes, and
- b) authorize the District's Officers to execute a quitclaim of the District's referenced pipeline easements to the underlying landowners, subject to approval of District Counsel as to form.

Rec'd 11/24/2025



November 21, 2025

Via Overnight and Electronic Delivery

Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Water Storage District (“District”)

Attn: Dennis Atkinson, President

12109 Highway 166

Bakersfield, CA 93313

**RE: Request to Quitclaim District’s Interest in Real Property
In Connection with Final Order of Condemnation (Parcels TA-43-1 and TA-43-2) recorded
in Book 5443 at Pages 1697-1703 of Official Records in the Office of the Kern County
Recorder on March 9, 1982 (the “Condemnation Order”)**

Dear Mr. Atkinson:

Tejon Ranchcorp (“Ranchcorp”) is the fee title owner of the real property described in the Condemnation Order as Parcels TA-43-1 and TA-43-2 (collectively, the “Property”) over, on and under which the District maintains permanent easements as described in the Condemnation Order, including without limitation water lines, laterals and facilities, and related access and other rights (the “Easements”).

We understand that the water lines included in the Easements are no longer in use. In order to assist with Ranchcorp’s development planning activities, we request that the District quitclaim, vacate and abandon to Ranchcorp (or any related underlying fee title owner) all of the District’s right, title and interest in the Easements, specifically as such rights relate to District Turnouts 13A-1, 13A-2 and 13A-3 (the “Turnouts”). This request does not include a request to quitclaim, vacation and abandonment of Turnout 13A.

For your reference, a depiction of the Easements and specific Turnouts applicable to this request are attached hereto.

We hope to expedite this as reasonably soon as possible. Please let us know what additional information is needed to process this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Derek Abbott", with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom.

Derek Abbott
Executive Vice President, Real Estate

Attachment: Depiction of Easements/Turnouts

P.O. Box 1000 | 4436 Lebec Road
Tejon Ranch, CA 93243
661 248 3000 O | 661 248 3100 F
www.tejonranch.com

RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
12109 HIGHWAY 166
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313**

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
12109 HIGHWAY 166
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313**

Expressly exempt from rec. fees per GC 27388.1(a)(2)(D)

Affects PARCEL 13-A-10 (APN 241-370-04), PARCEL 13-A-11 (APN 241-370-05), PARCEL 13-A-12 (APN 241-370-06), AND PARCEL 13-A-9 (APN 241-370-17) OF PARCEL MAP 5653 FILED DECEMBER 14, 1979 IN THE OFFICE OF THE KERN COUNTY RECORDER IN PARCEL MAP BOOK 24, PAGES 69-75.

QUITCLAIM DEED

WHEREAS, a Permanent Easement was recorded March 9, 1982 in Book 5443, Pages 1697-1703 in the Official Records of the County of Kern, State of California ("Easement").

WHEREAS, said Easement relates to that real property described at Exhibit "A" and generally depicted at Exhibit "B", both Exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Property").

WHEREAS, **WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**, a California water storage district ("Grantor"), desires to quitclaim to **TEJON RANCHCORP.**, a California Corporation and owner of the Property ("Grantee"), its interest in the Property and to vacate the Easement over the Property.

WHEREAS, Grantee has permanently ceased use of agricultural water on the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged:

1. Grantor hereby REMISES, RELEASES AND FOREVER QUITCLAIMS to Grantee, any and all right, title and interest of Grantor in and to the Property and hereby VACATES AND ABANDONS the Easement over the Property.

2. Grantor hereby QUITCLAIMS, TRANSFERS, AND CONVEYS to Grantee all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to all underground pipelines, conduits, valves, and related appurtenances located within the Property.

3. Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the buried water pipelines and related appurtenances are being transferred and abandoned in place "AS-IS, WHERE-IS," BY GRANTOR. Grantor expressly disclaims any implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, condition, safety, structural integrity, or compliance with environmental laws.

4. Grantee and its successors and assigns shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Grantor and its officers, directors, employees and agents from any claim or liability, including but not limited to any claims for soil subsidence, sinkholes, property damage, or personal injury arising out of or related to the existence of buried water pipelines constructed by Grantor within the Property so long as such pipelines exist within said Property.

DATED: _____

GRANTOR:
WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT,
a California Water Storage District

By: _____
Dennis J. Atkinson
President of the Board of Directors

By: _____
Benjamin Jose Melendez-Marin
Secretary of the Board of Directors

ACCEPTED & APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026, by
Grantee.

GRANTEE:
TEJON RANCHCORP.,
A California Corporation and Subsidiary of
Tejon Ranch Co.

By: _____
Derek Abbott
Executive Vice President, Real Estate,
Tejon Ranch Co.

Exhibit A

All that portion of a strip of land, 20 feet in width, described in a permanent easement recorded March 9, 1982, in Book 5443, Pages 1697-1703 of the Official Records of the County of Kern, State of California, in Sections 5 and 6, Township 10 North, Range 19 West of the San Bernardino Meridian in the unincorporated area of said county, as said sections are shown on Parcel Map No. 3338 filed January 7, 1977, in Book 17, Pages 78 et. seq. of maps of said county, lying within the boundaries of Parcel 13-A-10 (APN 241-370-04), Parcel 13-A-11 (APN 241-370-05), Parcel 13-A-12 (APN 241-370-06), and Parcel 13-A-9 (APN 241-370-17) of Parcel Map 5653 filed December 14, 1979 in the office of the Kern County Recorder in Parcel Map Book 24, Pages 69 et. seq. Said easement is generally depicted in the attached Exhibit "B" and described by parcels and laterals as follows:

Lateral 13A-A (PARCEL TA-43-1)

A permanent easement, 20 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Beginning at Point "F" as described in the Lis Pendens recorded June 10, 1980 at Book 5291, Pages 219-229 of said Official Records seeking a Permanent Easement in favor of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District within those parcels of real property described as Parcels TA-43-1 and TA-43-2; thence, South 69° 44' 21" East, 1,970.00 feet to the end point of this strip, that is North 51°12' 33" West, 1,220.46 feet from the southeast corner of said Section 5, containing an area of 0.90 acres, more or less.

Together with one additional strip of land, 20 feet in width, extending 30 feet outward from and perpendicular to the northeasterly sideline of the hereinabove described strip at a location to be determined with the consent of the landowner. Said additional area is to be occupied by an aboveground turnout structure having a vertical height of no more than 10 feet.

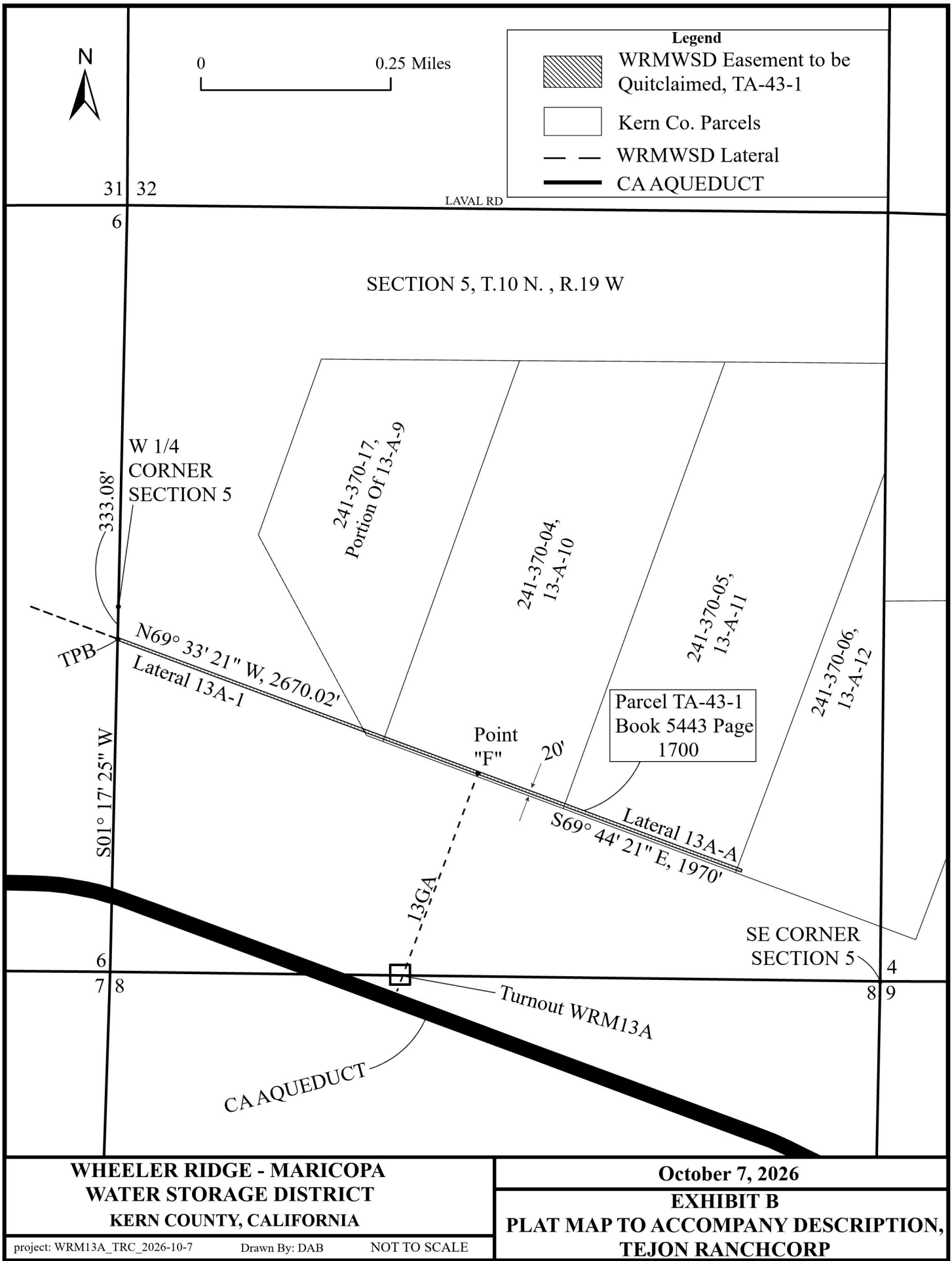
Along said conduit there shall be no more than two aboveground appurtenant structures, each of which shall occupy a surface area of no more than 10 feet in diameter and shall not exceed a height of 30 feet.

Lateral 13A-1 (PARCEL TA-43-1)

A permanent easement, 20 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Beginning at hereinbefore described Point "F"; thence North 69°33'21" West, 2,670.02 feet to a point in the west sideline of said Section 5, that is distant along the last named line, South 01°17'25" West, 333.08 feet from the west quarter corner of said section. The sideline boundaries of said strip are to be lengthened or shortened so as to begin in a line normal to said strip centerline at Point "F" and terminate in the west sideline of said Section 5, containing an area of 1.23 acres, more or less.

Together with two additional strips of land, 20 feet in width each, extending 30 feet outward from and perpendicular to the northeasterly sideline of the hereinabove described strip at a location to be determined with the consent of the landowner. Said additional areas are to be occupied by an aboveground turnout structure having a vertical height of no more than 10 feet.

Along said conduit there shall be no more than four aboveground appurtenant structures, each of which shall occupy a surface area of no more than 10 feet in diameter and shall not exceed a height of 30 feet.



RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
12109 HIGHWAY 166
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313**

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
12109 HIGHWAY 166
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313**

Expressly exempt from rec. fees per GC 27388.1(a)(2)(D)

Affects PARCEL 9 (APN **241-440-09**) AND PARCEL 10 (APN **241-440-10**) OF PARCEL MAP 10915-B FILED NOVEMBER 18, 2008 IN THE OFFICE OF THE KERN COUNTY RECORDER IN PARCEL MAP BOOK 57, PAGES 17-27.

QUITCLAIM DEED

WHEREAS, a Permanent Easement was recorded March 9, 1982 in Book 5443, Pages 1697-1703 in the Official Records of the County of Kern, State of California ("Easement").

WHEREAS, said Easement relates to that real property described at Exhibit "A" and generally depicted at Exhibit "B", both Exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Property").

WHEREAS, **WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**, a California water storage district ("Grantor"), desires to quitclaim to **TEJON INDUSTRIAL CORP**, a California Corporation and owner of the Property ("Grantee"), its interest in the Property and to vacate the Easement over the Property.

WHEREAS, Grantee has permanently ceased use of agricultural water on the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged:

1. Grantor hereby REMISES, RELEASES AND FOREVER QUITCLAIMS to Grantee, any and all right, title and interest of Grantor in and to the Property and hereby VACATES AND ABANDONS the Easement over the Property.

2. Grantor hereby QUITCLAIMS, TRANSFERS, AND CONVEYS to Grantee all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to all underground pipelines, conduits, valves, and related appurtenances located within the Property.

3. Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the buried water pipelines and related appurtenances are being transferred and abandoned in place "AS-IS, WHERE-IS," BY GRANTOR. Grantor expressly disclaims any implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, condition, safety, structural integrity, or compliance with environmental laws.

4. Grantee and its successors and assigns shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Grantor and its officers, directors, employees and agents from any claim or liability, including but not limited to any claims for soil subsidence, sinkholes, property damage, or personal injury arising out of or related to the existence of buried water pipelines constructed by Grantor within the Property so long as such pipelines exist within said Property.

DATED: _____

GRANTOR:
WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT,
a California Water Storage District

By: _____
Dennis J. Atkinson
President of the Board of Directors

By: _____
Benjamin Jose Melendez-Marin
Secretary of the Board of Directors

ACCEPTED & APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026, by
Grantee.

GRANTEE:
TEJON INDUSTRIAL CORP,
A California Corporation and Subsidiary of
Tejon Ranch Co.

By: _____
Derek Abbott
Executive Vice President, Real Estate,
Tejon Ranch Co.

Exhibit A

All that portion of a strip of land, 20 feet in width, described in a permanent easement recorded March 9, 1982, in Book 5443, Pages 1697-1703 of the Official Records of the County of Kern, State of California, in Sections 5 and 6, Township 10 North, Range 19 West of the San Bernardino Meridian in the unincorporated area of said county, as said sections are shown on Parcel Map No. 3338 filed January 7, 1977, in Book 17, Pages 78 et. seq. of maps of said county, lying within the boundaries of Parcel 9 (APN 241-440-09) and Parcel 10 (APN 241-440-10) of Parcel Map 10915-B filed November 18, 2008 in the office of the Kern County Recorder in Parcel Map Book 57, Pages 17 et. seq. Said easement is generally depicted in the attached Exhibit "B" and described by parcels and laterals as follows:

Lateral 13A-1 (PARCEL TA-43-1)

A permanent easement, 20 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Beginning at Point "F" as described in the Lis Pendens recorded June 10, 1980 at Book 5291, Pages 219-229 of said Official Records; thence North 69°33'21" West, 2,670.02 feet to a point in the west sideline of said Section 5, that is distant along the last named line, South 01°17'25" West, 333.08 feet from the west quarter corner of said section. The sideline boundaries of said strip are to be lengthened or shortened so as to begin in a line normal to said strip centerline at Point "F" and terminate in the west sideline of said Section 5, containing an area of 1.23 acres, more or less.

Together with two additional strips of land, 20 feet in width each, extending 30 feet outward from and perpendicular to the northeasterly sideline of the hereinabove described strip at a location to be determined with the consent of the landowner. Said additional areas are to be occupied by an aboveground turnout structure having a vertical height of no more than 10 feet.

Along said conduit there shall be no more than four aboveground appurtenant structures, each of which shall occupy a surface area of no more than 10 feet in diameter and shall not exceed a height of 30 feet.

Lateral 13A-1 (PARCEL TA-43-2)

A permanent easement, 20 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Beginning at the east quarter corner of said Section 6; thence along the eastline of said section, South 01°17'25" West, 333.08 feet, to the True Point of Beginning; thence North 69°44'21" West, 669.98' feet to the end point of this strip, that is South 80°58'41" West, 643.99 feet from the east quarter corner of said Section 6. The sideline boundaries of said strip are to be lengthened or shortened so as to begin in the eastline of said section and terminate in a line normal to said strip centerline at its endpoint, containing an area of 0.31 acres, more or less.

Together with an additional strip of land, 20 feet in width, extending 30 feet outward from and perpendicular to the northeasterly sideline of the hereinabove described strip at a location to be determined with the consent of the landowner. Said additional area is to be occupied by an aboveground turnout structure having a vertical height of no more than 10 feet.

Along said conduit there shall be no more than one aboveground appurtenant structure, which shall occupy a surface area of no more than 10 feet in diameter and shall not exceed a height of 30 feet.



0 0.25 Miles

Legend

-  WRMWSD Easement to be Quitclaimed, TA-43-2
-  Kern Co. Parcels
-  WRMWSD Lateral
-  CA AQUEDUCT

31 32

SECTION 6, T.10 N. , R.19 W

SECTION 5, T.10 N. , R.19 W

E 1/4
CORNER
SECTION 6

241-440-10,
Parcel 10

Lateral 13A-1

N69° 44' 21" W
669.98'

333.08'

Parcel TA-43-2
Book 5443
Page 1701

241-440-09,
Parcel 9

N69° 33' 21" W, 2670.02'

TPB

S01° 17' 25" W

CAAQUEDUCT

SE CORNER
SECTION 6

7 8

**WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

October 7, 2026

**EXHIBIT B
PLAT MAP TO ACCOMPANY DESCRIPTION,
TEJON INDUSTRIAL CORP**

project: WRM13A_TIC_2026-10-7

Drawn By: DAB

NOT TO SCALE

● WHEELER RIDGE - MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ●

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheridan Nicholas

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Battery Termination Agreements

In 2023, the District entered into six Energy Management Services Agreements with White Pine Renewables (or its subsidiaries). Under the terms of these agreements, large batteries would be placed at six pumping plant sites throughout the District where those batteries would be utilized to help lower and offset District PG&E demand charges.

Due to several factors - including but not limited to right-of-way and cost issues - White Pine has determined that the project is not viable at this time. With that, it would be appropriate to execute corresponding termination agreements for the various sites. The Board of Directors did authorize termination agreements for five of the sites at its August 2026 meeting, however this action would include all sites. Please find attached a MUTUAL TERMINATION AND RELEASE AGREEMENT between the District and Atlas Storage 10, LLC, which is representative of all the necessary agreements.

Recommendation. It is recommended the District approve and authorize the Engineer-Manager to execute the MUTUAL TERMINATION AND RELEASE AGREEMENT with the appropriate parties for each of the six sites.

MUTUAL TERMINATION AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

This Mutual Termination and Release Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of October 14, 2026, by and between Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District ("Host Customer") and Atlas Storage 10, LLC ("Provider"), collectively, the "Parties".

RECITALS

A. The Parties entered into that certain Energy Management Services Agreement dated December 13, 2023, including all general terms and conditions, special terms and conditions, amendments, attachments, exhibits, schedules, and related agreements (collectively, the "Agreement").

B. The Parties desire to terminate the Agreement and fully resolve all matters relating thereto.

AGREEMENT

1. Termination

Effective as of the date of this Agreement ("Termination Date"), the Agreement is hereby terminated by mutual consent of the Parties.

2. Mutual Release

Except for obligations arising under this Agreement, each Party, on behalf of itself and its successors, assigns, officers, directors, members, employees, agents, representatives, and affiliates, hereby waives, releases and forever discharges the other Party and its successors, assigns, officers, directors, employees, agents, and affiliates from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, liabilities, obligations, damages, fees, losses, costs, expenses, and disputes of every kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of or relating to the Agreement or the subject matter thereof occurring prior to the Termination Date, including, but not limited to, any Early Termination Fee.

3. No Admission of Liability

This Agreement is entered into solely to avoid further dispute and expense. Neither Party admits any fault, liability, wrongdoing, or breach of the Agreement.

4. No Further Obligations

Following the Termination Date, neither Party shall have any further rights, duties, obligations, or liabilities to the other arising out of the Agreement, except those expressly set forth in this Agreement.

5. Authority

Each Party represents that it has the full authority to enter into and execute this Agreement and that the person signing below is authorized to bind that Party.

6. Governing Law

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

7. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties regarding the termination of the Agreement and supersedes all prior discussions and understandings relating to such termination.

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

HOST CUSTOMER

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

PROVIDER

ATLAS STORAGE 10, LLC

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

September 29, 2026

CONTACT:

Brandon McMillan
 (209) 996-9565
 media@swc.org

Governor Vetoes State Water Contractor-Sponsored Subsidence Bill*SB 872 created a pathway to funding for critical water infrastructure projects*

Sacramento, CA — On September 27, 2026, [Governor Newsom vetoed Senate Bill 872 \(McNerney\)](#). The bill, co-sponsored by the State Water Contractors and supported by over 60 organizations, including environmental groups, labor, builders and business interests, would have established the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund to support critical levee and canal subsidence projects.

SB 872 was unanimously passed by the California Senate and Assembly before making its way to the Governor's desk.

Statement from Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors:

"We are disappointed by Governor Newsom's veto of SB 872, a bipartisan bill with unanimous support from the legislature that would have helped address critical Delta levee and State Water Project (SWP) subsidence repair.

"While the \$68 million allocated from Prop 4 for SWP aqueduct repairs caused by subsidence is greatly appreciated and much-needed, this is just a fraction of the funding necessary – in the billions of dollars – to fully repair this vital backbone infrastructure. SB 872 would have provided a critical conduit for that funding.

"Canal subsidence remains one of the greatest threats to California's water infrastructure and the overall reliability of the SWP, which delivers water to 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland. SB 872 would have established a pathway to program funding for necessary improvements that ensure the SWP is climate resilient, can move water when it's wet for use when it's dry, and remains an affordable source of clean water. Without this pathway, the costs of repairing damage caused by subsidence fall on the 27 million Californians who rely on the SWP, resulting in increased water costs and reduced water reliability.



“We thank Senator McNerney and the broad coalition of supporters who championed this legislation. Californians deserve affordable, reliable water and delaying investments that protect its delivery only shift greater costs onto the people who depend on it. The State Water Contractors remain committed to advancing solutions that strengthen California’s water infrastructure and ensure reliable water supplies for our communities.”

###

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



September 18, 2026

VIA EMAIL SacDeltaComments@waterboards.ca.gov

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Directors:

Jay Kroeker
Division 1

Laura Cattani
Division 2

Martin Milobar
President
Division 3

Tamara Johnson
Division 4

Charles (Bill) W. Wulff, Jr.
Division 5

Royce Fast
Division 6

Gene A. Lundquist
Vice President
Division 7

Eric L. Averett
General Manager

James Ciampa
Lagerlof, LLP
General Counsel

Re: Comment Letter on the August 19, 2026 Bay-Delta Plan and Staff Report

Dear Chair Esquivel and Members of the Board:

Kern County Water Agency (Agency) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board/Board) August 2026 final draft Sacramento/Delta update to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan/Plan) and the accompanying final Staff Report.

The Agency is a public agency created in 1961 by an act of the California Legislature. It serves as the local contracting entity in Kern County for the State Water Project (SWP) and is the second-largest SWP contractor. The SWP is a critical, and in much of the county, the primary source of water supply for Kern County. The Agency contracts for and delivers SWP water to municipal, industrial, and agricultural districts throughout the county, which in turn serve their own residents and retail customers; in total, water delivered through the Agency supports over 800,000 people and over 650,000 irrigated acres. Given the scale and diversity of the interests it represents, the Agency offers the comments below.

To avoid duplicating the extensive technical record already before the Board, the Agency incorporates by reference, and encloses as Attachment A, the September 18, 2026 comment letter submitted by the State Water Contractors (SWC), of which the Agency is a member. The SWC letter sets out in greater technical detail the specific provisions of the final draft Bay-Delta Plan that are inconsistent with the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program (HRL Program) as negotiated. We support the SWC's comments in full and submit this comment letter to convey the Agency's own perspective, which is grounded in nearly a decade of participation in the collaborative process that produced the HRL Program.

I. The Agency's Long-Standing Support for the Negotiated HRL Program

The Agency has been an active participant, alongside other State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors and a broad coalition of public water agencies, in the multi-year effort, beginning in earnest in 2017, to develop a negotiated alternative to a purely regulatory update of the Bay-Delta Plan. That effort culminated in the March 2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Term Sheet for the Voluntary Agreements (Term Sheet) annexed thereto among the HRL parties, the California Environmental Protection

Phone No. (661) 634-1400

Mailing Address
3200 Rio Mirada Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Agency, the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Department of Water Resources. The resulting HRL Program rests on four foundational commitments: a new, transparent and collaborative governance structure; system-wide functional flows managed together with new habitat; a single, science-based adaptive management program; and reliable, multi-source funding, including substantial self-imposed contributions from the participating water agencies. The Agency continues to view the HRL Program, implemented as negotiated, as the most credible available path to durable ecosystem improvement and continued water supply reliability for Kern County and the state as a whole.

II. The Draft Plan Does Not Reflect What the Parties Negotiated

The Agency is concerned that the final draft Bay-Delta Plan released in August 2026 has moved away from the governance and science principles that made the HRL Program a defensible alternative to regulation in the first place. The Agency shares, and specifically supports, the concerns detailed in the attached SWC comment letter and its Attachment 1, including that the final draft Plan:

- Adds new layers of regulation on top of existing frameworks (including new triggers tied to routine SWP and CVP operational and permitting changes, and an expanded set of Executive Director decisions that revisit matters the parties understood would remain subject to Board-level review), reintroducing exactly the kind of regulatory uncertainty and escalating compliance cost the HRL Program was designed to avoid;
- Confines the comprehensive, watershed-wide science and adaptive management program the parties negotiated to the HRL Program alone, rather than applying it Bay-Delta-wide as intended, undermining the coordinated, science-driven decision-making that was central to the MOU; and
- Substantially narrows the collaborative governance structure the parties built to promote transparency and watershed-wide coordination, while leaving the structure and enforceability of the underlying Enforcement Agreements, and the process by which parties may off-ramp from HRL commitments, materially unclear.

Individually and together, these are not minor drafting issues. They alter the basic governance model the parties agreed to and, in the Agency's view, revert significant portions of the Bay-Delta Plan to the same top-down regulatory approach that years of experience, and the HRL Program itself, were meant to move beyond, without a clear showing that the added regulation produces ecological benefit commensurate with its cost to water users.

III. Practical Consequences for Kern County

A final draft Plan that reverts to that top-down approach, without the operational flexibility and regulatory certainty the HRL Program was designed to provide, has real consequences for the communities, farms, and businesses that depend on the Agency's SWP deliveries. Reduced or less predictable SWP supplies would affect agricultural production across more than 650,000 irrigated acres in Kern County, the reliability of municipal and industrial supplies for Kern County's growing population, and the long-term viability of the region's groundwater banking and conjunctive-use programs, which depend on predictable wet-year SWP supplies. These are not abstract concerns. They bear directly on the affordability and reliability of water for a substantial and increasing share of California's population and agricultural economy.

Two provisions of the final draft Plan reach the Agency directly.

- 1) Section 4.4.9.1 requires HRL parties to increase flow commitments whenever a change in Project operations reduces Delta outflow below the assumed base and states the Board's intent that the water be provided by "the Department and its contractors." The Agency is the second-largest SWP contractor, the Term Sheet contained no such provision, and the obligation as drafted has no cap and no end date.

- 2) Section 4.4.9.3 drops footnote 10 to Table 1a of the Term Sheet, which reduced the export contribution in any year in which it would cut supplies needed for municipal and industrial health and safety; the Agency delivers those supplies through its Member Units and Improvement District No. 4.

The Agency committed water and funding in reliance on the structure the MOU and Term Sheet describe. If the final draft Plan is adopted with these provisions as written, the Agency will need to reassess the costs and benefits of these specific terms for the Member Units and Improvement District No. 4 that rely on its SWP deliveries, and reserves all rights in that evaluation and in any proceeding that follows. The Agency's strong preference, reflected throughout this letter, is to resolve these concerns collaboratively and administratively, before the Board acts to adopt a final Bay-Delta Plan.

IV. Requested State Water Board Action

The Agency respectfully requests that the State Water Board, prior to adoption:

- Revise the final draft Bay-Delta Plan to reincorporate the HRL Program's negotiated governance, science, and enforcement provisions as reflected in the MOU, consistent with the specific edits requested in the attached SWC comment letter;
- Restore a single, comprehensive science and adaptive management program applicable Bay-Delta-wide, and confirm that HRL will be implemented exclusively through the negotiated Enforcement Agreements, with a clear process for off-ramping consistent with the MOU's eight-year term; and
- Strike from Section 4.4.9.1 the requirement to provide a commensurate increase in HRL flow commitments and the stated intent that the water be provided by the Department of Water Resources and its contractors; restore Term Sheet Appendix 1, footnote 10 in Section 4.4.9.3; and
- Provide the coalition of MOU signatories a further, near-term opportunity to work directly with Board staff to resolve these issues collaboratively before the Board's October 28 to 29, 2026 hearing, so that adoption can proceed on a record that reflects the negotiated HRL Program rather than a departure from it.

V. Conclusion

The Agency raises these concerns because it takes seriously both the promise of the HRL Program and the risk of losing it. The State's own leadership has pointed to HRL as a model for managing California's water collaboratively, through science rather than through conflict, and the Agency agrees that this remains the right goal, even as it insists that the final Bay-Delta Plan deliver on it. The Agency remains committed to working with the Board, its staff, and its coalition partners in the weeks ahead to find a path back to the program the parties negotiated: one that is good for fish and wildlife, good for the communities and farms of Kern County, and durable enough to earn the confidence of everyone who will have to live with it for years to come. We appreciate the Board's consideration of these comments and stand ready to continue this work together.

Sincerely,



Eric L. Averett
General Manager

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
September 18, 2026
Page 4 of 4

Enclosure:

Attachment A - State Water Contractors Comment Letter and Attachment 1, dated September 18, 2026

cc: Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, California Natural Resources Agency
Yana Garcia, Secretary for Environmental Protection, California Environmental Protection Agency
Dorene D'Adamo, Vice Chair, State Water Resources Control Board
Jared Blumenfeld, Member, State Water Resources Control Board
Sean Maguire, Member, State Water Resources Control Board
Nichole Morgan, Member, State Water Resources Control Board
Meghan Hertel, Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Thomas Gibson, Director, California Department of Water Resources
Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director, State Water Resources Control Board
The Honorable Vince Fong, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Robert Kunde

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Sites Reservoir – Start of Investor Commitment Period

Release of Project Baseline Report. Attached please find the Executive Summary from the newly released Project Baseline Report (111 pages). The full Report is available at:
<https://sitesproject.org/project-baseline-report/>

At its September meeting, the Sites Project completed a major milestone. It approved the “Project Baseline Report” describing the Project and its cost*, yield* and assurances. Included as an attachment thereto was the “Plan of Finance” describing the cash flow and financing options. It approved the final form of the Benefits and Obligations Contract*, the Joint Powers Authority Agreement, the Bylaws and the Operations Plan; these documents describe, among other important details, how the Project will be governed starting in Phase 3. And, it adopted a “Resolution to Offer Capacity and Service in the Sites Reservoir Project”. Thus began the “Investor Commitment Period” when Sites Participants (including the District) will decide what capacity level, if any, they elect to participate in the Project.

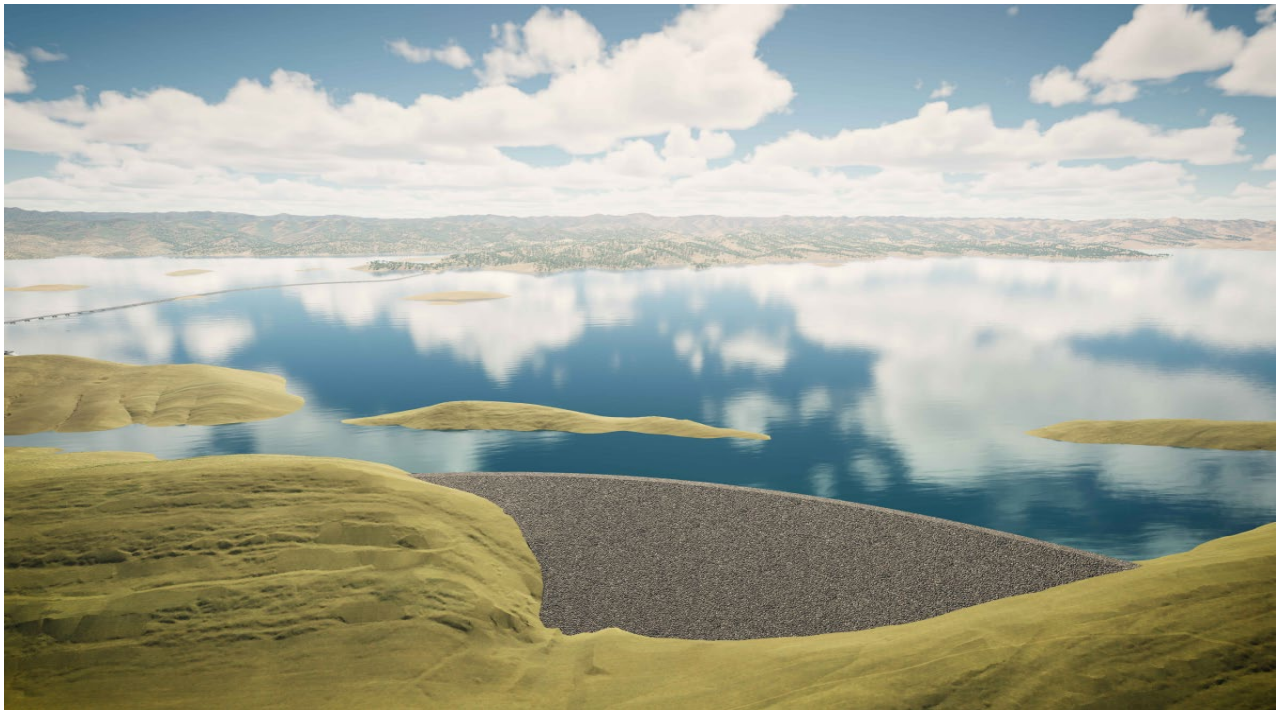
(* The yield analysis does not reflect updated terms of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. The B&O Contract may be further revised and the estimated cost may be increased to a small degree by the work product of the Project Alignment Ad Hoc Committee on which I serve.)

Transition to Phase 3. When the reservoir storage space, and associated yield, is fully subscribed, the Project will begin Phase 3 of the Project sometime in the first quarter of 2027. Phase 3 will commence with interim financing for the 2027 to 2028 years in order to further the design from 30% to 60% completion, continue to acquire key land parcels, continue and complete critical field surveys for geotechnical and biological characterizations, and begin some initial construction. A commitment to participate in Phase 3 will obligate Participants to either provide PayGo funding or participate in financing for the remainder of the Project. The Sites Project Authority requested its Participants indicate their participation level by December 2026 (although it is likely this deadline will carry over into 2027).

Water Right. In March 2026, the Administrative Hearing Office of the State Water Resources Control Board issued a draft Water Right and Permit which would have killed the Project. After public comments, the AHO held an additional hearing and on September 3 issued a revised draft Water Right which had some significant improvement in the terms. The Sites Project consultants opined that the improvements moved the Project from non-viable to viable although each Participant would have to make their own determination. The State Board is scheduled to consider adoption of the revised draft Water Right and Permit on November 4.

Grower Workshops were held virtually on October 9 or 12. The focus was on the cost and yield (\$/AF) of the Project. Growers provided input on their likelihood of continuing their participation in the Project.

Sites Reservoir Project Baseline Report



September 2026

A note from the Chairperson of the Sites Authority Board

As a long-time rice farmer in the northern Sacramento Valley, I have seen the whiplash effects of too much water one year, and not enough water the next. This pattern of increasing weather extremes is already posing challenges to water users throughout our state, and it will become more severe in the future. The storage space in Sites Reservoir will act as a savings account for water, allowing us to save water when it's plentiful, and have it available for agriculture, city dwellers, and the environment when we otherwise wouldn't have it.

Wise use of our natural resources includes recognizing opportunities that nature provides. For several generations, Californians have observed that the topography of the Sites Valley west of Maxwell is a natural bowl with surrounding ridges and impermeable geology perfectly suited for storing water. It's also strategically located to be compatible with our existing water conveyance systems.

What past generations could not have imagined is the way this powerful coalition of agencies, representing north and south, rural and urban, small and large, have come together to design a 21st century solution to our shared water supply challenges. Sites Reservoir would not be possible without the partnership we have created together.

It's hard to overstate how different Sites is from all the other water projects in the history of California water management. As a beneficiary-pays project, local agencies individually and collectively govern the construction and operations of the project, fund the project, and receive the water supply generated from our share of the project. In addition to having control over the water in our individual storage allocations, the reservoir creates an efficient marketplace for water exchanges that has not existed before.

The State and Federal governments have also committed to being participants in the project. The Federal investment, through the WIIN Act, will provide ecosystem benefits and operational flexibility. The State is investing Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program Bonds to secure ecosystem benefits, recreational opportunities, emergency water supplies and flood risk reduction benefits that will have an impact across California.

The Sites Project is smart, straightforward, and in tune with how we think about the needs of people and the environment today and for the next century. It will bring reliability and efficiency to California's water management, potentially allowing farmers like me to avoid fallowing land during droughts. It will also be an important component of urban water supply portfolios, buffering the affordability impacts of prolonged dry periods.

Over our years of working together to bring this vision to reality, we have overcome differences and built a community of trust. Part of that trust is respecting that each agency has different needs, resources, and constituents. This Baseline Report provides information to help each Participant agency weigh the benefits and costs of the Project and decide the best path forward for the community it serves.

I believe strongly that we must build Sites Reservoir. We are on the cusp of doing something that past generations could not accomplish and future generations will be proud of. We will get this done together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fritz Durst". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Frederick "Fritz" Durst
Chair, Sites Project Authority Board
Vice President, Reclamation District No. 108

Executive summary

Sites Reservoir is a proposed multi-benefit water storage project located approximately 10 miles west of the Colusa County town of Maxwell. It will provide a reliable water supply for communities, farms, and the environment throughout California, especially during dry periods. The Sites Reservoir Project (Project) is supported by a coalition of local, State, and federal Storage Partners, bringing diverse experience and solid financial backing as well as a marketplace of willing and able buyers and sellers. Together, these Storage Partners serve over 24 million Californians and 500,000 acres of farmland.

Terminology note: In this report, the term “Participants” refers to all the agencies that are participating in the Sites Project in return for a proportionate share of space in the reservoir, excluding federal and State government entities. The term “Storage Partners” includes the Participants, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

This Baseline Report provides background information to support a shared understanding of Project benefits, costs, and risks and should be viewed as establishing metrics for reporting to the Reservoir Management Board and the Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors (Authority Board) as the Project evolves. Table E-1 below establishes the Baseline Report metrics.

Table E-1. Baseline report metrics

Baseline Report Metric	Baseline Report Value	Notes
New Operational Water Storage	1.41 MAF	Excludes Inactive Storage Pool
Dry Year Prioritization Average Annual Releases and Transfers	217,000 AF/year	
Top Speed Average Annual Releases and Transfers	238,000 AF/year	
Dry Year Prioritization Average Annual Deliveries and Transfers	171,000 AF/year	Includes carriage water losses for South-of-Delta deliveries
Top Speed Average Annual Deliveries and Transfers	192,000 AF/year	Includes carriage water losses for South-of-Delta deliveries
Management Estimate	\$6.6 billion, 2024\$	
Management Forecast	--	To be set at resolution to construct
Governance Estimate	\$7.5 billion, 2024\$	
Governance Forecast	\$9.9 billion	Used for annual cost analysis
Level Debt Service	\$405 million	Interest-only during construction
Annual Fixed O&M for Year 1 of Operations Costs	\$17.6 million, 2035\$	Subject to escalation
Variable O&M Costs	--	Variable O&M costs are provided in Table 3 of the Plan of Finance
Project Operational Date	November 20, 2034	Reservoir filling begins

Key:

AF = acre-feet; MAF = million acre-feet; O&M = operations and maintenance

Note: Releases and deliveries based on the Sept 2026 Revised Draft Water Right Term 23 Conditions

For definitions of terms in this table, see the following Sections: Top Speed (Section 5.8), Dry Year Prioritization (Section 5.8), Management Estimate (Section 7.2), Management Forecast (Section 7.7),

Governance Estimate (Section 7.2) Governance Forecast (Section 7.7), and Fixed and Variable Operations and Maintenance (O&M) (Section 7.12).

This Baseline Report answers questions of primary concern to Storage Partners at this time:

- Why is Sites Reservoir the right solution for today’s water management challenges? (Section 2.0)
- How much water will the Project provide? (Section 3.0)
- What facilities comprise the Project? (Section 4.0)
- How and when will Sites Water be diverted into, stored, and released from Sites Reservoir? (Section 5.0)
- How will Storage Allocation and Capacity Interest be managed? (Section 6.0)
- How much will the Project cost and how will it be funded? (Section 7.0)
- What is the Project baseline schedule? (Section 8.0)
- What are the primary Project risks, and how will they be mitigated? (Section 9.0)
- What is the status of the Conditions Precedent items and related documents? (Section 10.0)
- What are the next steps? (Section 11.0)

This Baseline Report provides the best information available as of the date of its publication to support Storage Partner decision-making regarding participation in the Project. (Note: capitalized terms are defined in Section 13.0 of this report.)

E1. How much water will Sites Reservoir deliver to Storage Partners?

Sites Reservoir will hold approximately 1.5 million acre-feet of water, including 1.41 acre-feet of operational water storage. It will capture water from the Sacramento River when flows are high, store it for when it is needed, and return it to the Sacramento River during dry times for use by homes, businesses, farms, and the environment. This Baseline Report presents two operations scenarios to bracket possible Storage Partner operations: the “Dry Year Prioritization” scenario and the “Top Speed” scenario. The Dry Year Prioritization scenario prioritizes releases from Sites Reservoir in the drier water year types. The Top Speed scenario seeks to move water out of Sites Reservoir each year. These scenarios are described in Section 5.8. Table E-2 shows (1) the long-term average annual deliveries and transfers and (2) average deliveries and transfers in dry and critical years under the Dry Year Prioritization scenario and Top Speed scenario. The values in Table E-2 are approximations—each Storage Partner has the flexibility to manage its account as it sees best within its water supply portfolio.

Table E-2. Long-term average annual deliveries and transfers and dry and critical year average annual deliveries under the Dry Year Prioritization scenario and Top Speed scenario

Recipient or Purpose	Deliveries and Transfers (TAF/year)			
	Dry Year Prioritization Operation		Top Speed Operation	
	Average	Dry / Critical	Average	Dry / Critical
NOD Participants (includes American Canyon)	10	11	11	6
Total NOD Transfer (end-point delivery)	23	14	32	4
Transfer to NOD Demand (end-point delivery)	12	0	29	0
Transfer to SOD Demand (end-point delivery)	11	14	3	4
SOD Participants	76	139	85	120

CVP Operational Flexibility	28	77	31	78
Refuge Water Supply	34	33	33	32
NOD	8	9	8	8
SOD	26	25	26	24
Total Deliveries and Transfers	171	275	192	240

Key: CVP = Central Valley Project; NOD = North of Delta; SOD = South of Delta; TAF = thousand acre-feet

E2. How much will the Project cost to construct and operate?

The Project has advanced to approximately 30% design, supported by an Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering (AACE) Class 3 cost estimate of approximately \$7.5 billion in constant 2024 dollars (2024\$) over the projected construction schedule of 2027 through 2035. This is the “Governance Estimate” for the Project. This estimate reflects the best available design, technical, market, and construction information and includes contingencies appropriate for the Project’s current maturity and inherent uncertainties and represents the total project cost estimate. It does not include the potential effects of prolonged external delays, inefficient stop-and-go design or construction, or significant future changes in scope or design.

The \$7.5 billion (2024\$) Governance Estimate includes a “Governance Contingency” of \$910 million (2024\$). Contingencies were estimated by subject-matter experts analyzing potential risks and probability of occurrence for unknowns in the areas of geotechnical, construction, noncontract costs, real estate, and compensatory mitigation. The Governance Contingency is a Board-managed contingency that is reserved for governance-level cost control. The “Management Estimate” excludes the Governance Contingency and currently sits at \$6.6 billion (2024\$). The Management Estimate includes a Management Contingency of approximately \$500 million (2024\$) to address unknowns related to design development and geotechnical risks. The Management Estimate will be used as the budget target for Sites administration to measure progress. The Governance Estimate represents the total project cost estimate, including the full Governance Contingency. Attachment A summarizes the cost components and contingencies included in the Management Estimate and Governance Estimate.

The Project’s Plan of Finance is a summary of key credit and financing structure components needed to support Project funding and delivery. As part of the Plan of Finance, the \$7.5 billion (2024\$) Governance Estimate is escalated over the Project baseline schedule resulting in an estimated forecasted funding requirement of approximately \$9.9 billion in year-of-expenditure dollars over the projected construction period ending in 2035. This value represents the Governance Forecast.

The Plan of Finance for the Sites Project also includes fixed O&M, variable O&M, and repair and replacement (R&R) costs. Fixed O&M costs, which are incurred regardless of reservoir operations, include labor, materials, consulting services, administrative expenses, in-lieu property tax payments, franchise fees, insurance, legal costs, and periodic major maintenance of dams, inlet/outlet (I/O) facilities, roads, and bridges. These costs are estimated at \$17.6 million (2035\$) and are escalated at 3.5 percent annually. R&R costs under \$35 million are assumed to be funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and billed to Participants 1 year in advance, net of any State and Reclamation contributions, while major replacement projects exceeding \$35 million are assumed to be financed and recovered through 30-year debt service. Details are available in Table 3 of the Plan of Finance. Variable O&M costs fluctuate based on the amount of water conveyed into and out of the reservoir and consist primarily of power, wheeling, and conveyance fees, offset by revenues from power generation during reservoir releases. As a result, variable O&M costs will vary among Participants depending on how they use the Project, such

as for dry year supply (e.g., the Dry Year Prioritization scenario) or to enhance yield through regular reservoir operations (e.g., the Top Speed scenario), as well as by annual hydrologic conditions. Variable O&M cost details are provided in Table 3 of the Plan of Finance.

Additional information regarding cost-estimate development and cost management is provided in Section 7.0. The 30% Design Total Project Cost Estimate Summary, which includes contract and noncontract cost components, is provided as Attachment A to this report.

E3. How will the Project be funded and financed?

The Project will be funded with a combination of direct federal funding, State funding, borrowing by the Sites Project Authority (Sites Authority), and Participant self-funding (i.e., pay-as-you-go). Participants are all the agencies who are providing funding for the Project in return for a proportionate share of space in the reservoir, excluding federal and State government entities. Participant costs will initially be funded with interim financing, such as short-term notes (although some Participants may elect to self-fund their share of construction). Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loans and tax-exempt revenue bonds will then be used to pay off the notes and other short-term borrowings. The estimated timing of funding commitments is included in the Plan of Finance.

The Project is a beneficiary-pays project:

- Participants and U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) are paying for storage space and water supply.
- The State is paying for flood management, environmental, recreation, and emergency water supply benefits.

Participants' and Reclamation's shares of fixed project costs, fixed O&M costs, and annual debt service (if any) are based on each party's Capacity Interest as reflected in the Benefits and Obligations (B&O) Contract. Participants' and Reclamation's shares of variable O&M costs will be based on the actual costs incurred for moving water into and out of Sites Reservoir.

Per the Proposition 1 bond language, the State is paying for public benefits. Therefore, the State share of all Project costs is determined by the value of benefits which then gets translated to the final funding award made in dollars at the time of the award. Currently the Project has a maximum conditional eligibility determination (MCED) of \$1.363B. All State-paid funds will be paid on a cost reimbursement basis and must be used to cover direct and certain construction expenses. State bond funds are not allowed to pay operations, maintenance, and replacement (OM&R) costs. Looking at the bigger picture, State-paid construction expenses in excess of the Capacity Interest needed to deliver public benefits would serve to reduce construction expense paid by Participants. However, these construction expense reductions would not result in reduced life-cycle costs to Participants because Participants will be responsible to pay the OM&R not paid by the State but expended to deliver the public benefits. Finally, the State can make inflationary adjustments after the final award but is not obligated to make such adjustments. Participants and Reclamation will be responsible for any escalation effects or cost increases associated with the State Capacity Interest. At the end of the contract for administration of public benefits (CAPB) term of 70 years from executing the contract or when all of the contracted public benefits have been delivered, whichever occurs first, the State Capacity will be available to the Sites Authority to reallocate as it determines. Also, if the Capacity Interest is able to generate additional

benefits, those benefits could be used to either shorten the term for delivering public benefits or could be provided for offsetting other commitments or revenue generating purposes.

All Storage Partners contribute to the costs of the Base Facilities. Only downstream users contribute to the costs of facilities required to deliver water downstream of the Base Facilities. Annual variable O&M costs will be based on the actual costs incurred for moving water into and out of Sites Reservoir.

The Plan of Finance includes three financing scenarios to estimate Participants' annual fixed obligations: interest-only during construction, capitalized interest through construction, and full pay-as-you-go. It outlines anticipated annual debt service obligations, cash flow requirements, and operating costs under each scenario. See the Plan of Finance for details.

The main cost drivers for borrowed funds are interest rates and construction schedule:

- **Interest rates.** The cost of financing is an important driver of annual costs (as well as the total Project cost). The Sites Authority expects to issue debt with an investment grade rating and should be able to borrow at competitive interest rates. Further, WIFIA interest rates are set at the time the loan is executed and are based on U. S. Treasury rates, which are also cost-effective long-term rates. The assumed interest rates for short-term notes, long-term revenue bonds, WIFIA loans, and investment earnings are provided in the Plan of Finance.
- **Construction schedule.** The estimated construction schedule is included in the baseline schedule (Attachment B to this report). If the estimated duration is reduced, costs of capitalized interest would be reduced. Conversely, if the estimated duration is increased, costs of capitalized interest would increase.

E4. What is the Project baseline schedule?

The Project's baseline schedule represents staff's best current understanding of the time required to complete final design (Phase 3), construct and commission the facilities (Phase 4), and place the Project into operation (Phase 5). Based on current assumptions, the Project is forecast to reach substantial completion in late 2034 with the first-season reservoir filling and Project commissioning occurring during the 2034/2035 water year. The schedule is a credible planning forecast rather than a commitment to a precise date and will become more reliable as financing, land access, field investigations, design, agency authorizations, and construction work packages advance. Additional information regarding the baseline schedule, including its assumptions, critical path, key risks, and governance oversight, is provided in Section 8.0 of this report. The Project baseline schedule is included in Attachment B.

E5. What are the primary Project risks and how will they be mitigated?

Section 9.0 of this report identifies the Project's primary cost, schedule, and benefit risks along with the mitigation strategies that have been identified or implemented to date to mitigate these risks.

Risk management will be a significant and ongoing component of Project delivery and will require a proactive approach throughout design and construction. Risks will be identified, evaluated, monitored, and mitigated as the Project advances, with risk management integrated into cost, schedule, design, and

construction planning. The Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery approach will support this effort by bringing contractor input into the process early, allowing construction risks, mitigation measures, cost and schedule impacts, and appropriate risk allocation to be evaluated before individual work packages advance into construction.

The specific framework for managing risk, including the use of contingency and associated levels of authority, will continue to be developed and implemented consistent with Board-approved policies and the applicable delegation of authority.

E6. What is the status of the Conditions Precedent items?

The status of Conditions Precedent items is provided as Attachment G of the Baseline Report and includes links to the documents that are currently available.

Additional linked documents, which provide detailed information about the Project, are listed in Section 10.0 of this Baseline Report. They are available on the Baseline Report webpage (<https://sitesproject.org/project-baseline-report/>) and listed below for convenience:

- Conveyance Capacity Technical Memorandum
- 30% Design Total Project Cost Estimate Technical Memorandum (TM) for Reservoir Package
- 30% Design Total Project Cost Estimate TM for Conveyance Package
- Noncontract Cost TM
- Value Planning TM
- Plan of Finance

Version record

Version	Date	Description
1.0	September 15, 2026	Initial version created

Contents

Executive summary	9
1.0 What is the purpose of this document?	16
2.0 Why is Sites Reservoir the right solution for today’s water management challenges?	16
2.1 What is the problem the Project helps address?	16
2.2 Why should the Project be part of the solution?	17
2.3 Why is the Sites Reservoir location particularly well suited for large-scale water storage?.	19
2.4 Who are the current Storage Partners?	20
2.5 How is the Project governed?.....	21
3.0 How much water will the Sites Project provide?	22
3.1 How much water will the Sites Project deliver?	22
3.2 How does water from the Project enhance statewide water system flexibility?.....	24
3.3 What State and Federal benefits will the Project provide?.....	25
3.3.1 Federal ecosystem benefits	25
3.3.2 Water Storage Investment Program benefits	25
3.4 What other benefits will Sites Reservoir provide?	26
4.0 What facilities comprise the Project?	28
4.1 What facilities comprise the Base Facilities and Downstream Facilities?	28
4.2 What value do Participants receive from the Project’s use of existing infrastructure?.....	31
4.3 What are the costs of using existing infrastructure and are these costs reasonable?.....	31
4.4 Is there available capacity for the Project in the existing infrastructure proposed for use?	32
4.5 What is the status of design?	32
5.0 How and when will Sites Water be diverted into, stored, and released from the reservoir?	33
5.1 How does water get conveyed into the reservoir?	33
5.2 When can water be diverted into storage?	34
5.3 How much water will be diverted into the reservoir?.....	36

5.4	How much water will Sites Reservoir hold?	38
5.5	How does Sites Water get conveyed from the reservoir to points of delivery?	38
5.6	When can stored water be released?.....	40
5.7	What are exchanges and how do they occur?	41
5.8	What are the ranges of transfer and delivery capabilities for north of Delta and south of Delta Participants?	43
5.8.1	What are the two operational scenarios under which the Project was modeled?	43
5.8.2	What diversion and release losses are included in the Project's CalSim 3 modeling effort? What is the difference between releases and deliveries?.....	45
5.8.3	What are the ranges of releases and transfers under the two operational scenarios?	47
5.8.4	What are the ranges of deliveries and transfers under the two operational scenarios?	48
5.8.5	What are the constraints to delivering Sites Water to Storage Partners?	50
6.0	How will Storage Allocation and Capacity Interest be managed among Storage Partners?	51
6.1	How is water in Sites Reservoir allocated among Storage Partners?	51
6.2	How much control does each Participant have over its storage space and water?.....	52
6.3	How do Storage Partners track real-time operations and accounting?	53
6.4	How do Storage Partners make requests for storage opportunities or releases?	54
6.5	How will lease and sell transactions work?	54
6.6	How do various management approaches influence the range of benefits available?	55
7.0	How much will the Project cost and how will it be funded?	57
7.1	What is the estimated cost of the Project?	57
7.2	What is the difference between the "Management Estimate" and the "Governance Estimate"?	57
7.3	How were the Management Estimate and Governance Estimate established?	58
7.4	What is contingency and how is it incorporated into the Project Costs?	59
7.5	How will Contingency be administered during the project?	59
7.6	What is the difference between a Project "estimate" and a Project "forecast"?.....	60
7.7	What are the Management Forecast and Governance Forecast?	60
7.8	How will cost changes be measured?.....	60
7.9	How will cost certainty improve as the Project advances?	61
7.10	What opportunities for cost reduction have been identified to date?	61
7.11	What are the estimates for operations, maintenance, repair, and replacement costs?	62
7.11.1	Fixed O&M	62

7.11.2	Variable O&M.....	63
7.11.3	Repair and Replacement Costs	63
7.12	How will the Project be funded and financed?	64
7.12.1	What are the main considerations and assumptions of the Plan of Finance?	64
7.12.2	What is the mix of funding sources?.....	65
7.12.3	What is the cash flow forecast over the construction period?.....	65
7.12.4	How are Project costs allocated among Storage Partners?	66
7.12.5	What will Participants’ annual fixed obligations be?	66
7.12.6	How do Project costs differ for “Upstream Users” compared to “Downstream Users”?	67
8.0	What is the Project baseline schedule?	67
8.1	What is the baseline schedule?	67
8.2	What are some of the key assumptions driving the baseline schedule?	67
8.3	What is the critical path of the baseline schedule?.....	68
8.4	How do Phase 3 (Final Design) and Phase 4 (Construction) Overlap?	68
8.5	When is the right time to begin Phase 4 (Construction)?	69
8.6	Are there seasonal restrictions to the work?	69
8.7	How should Project delays be understood?	70
8.8	How will the schedule be updated, and what oversight will the Authority Board retain? ...	70
9.0	What are the primary Project risks and how will they be mitigated?.....	71
9.1	What are the primary cost risks and how will they managed and mitigated?.....	71
9.2	What are the primary schedule risks and how will they managed and mitigated?	72
9.3	What are the primary benefit risks and how will they managed and mitigated.....	74
10.0	What is the status of Conditions Precedent items and related documents?	75
11.0	What are the next steps?	75
11.1	What are next steps for Participants?	75
11.2	What are next steps for the Sites Project?	76
12.0	References.....	77
13.0	Abbreviations and terms	78

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Robert Kunde

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Sites Reservoir - District Future Obligations

First Issue - Clarify Pass-Through. I have characterized the relationship between the Sites Project, the District and Participating Growers (Growers) as a “pass-through” arrangement. The nature of, and District/Grower obligations thereunder, are outlined below.

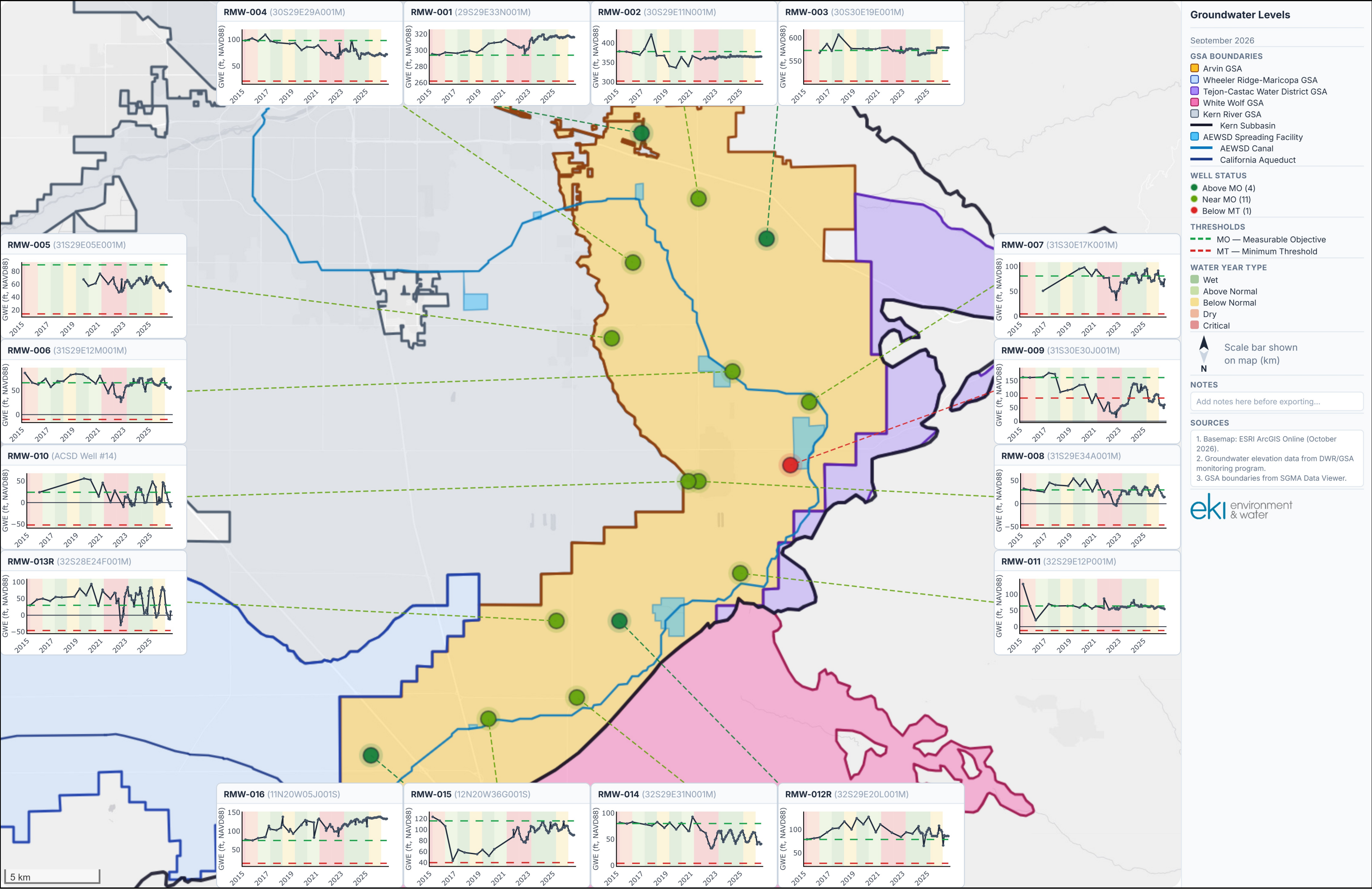
1. The Sites Reservoir Project is owned and operated by the Sites Project Authority - a Joint Powers Authority like the Kern Water Bank. Only Public Water Agencies (PWA) and Mutual Water Companies can participate. Individual Growers can only participate through a PWA. Growers can have no direct contractual relationship with the Sites Project Authority.
2. To enable Grower participation, the District "passes through" the benefits (reservoir storage, water supply and effective asset ownership) and obligations (payment of costs) of the Sites Project to Participating Growers. This requires the District to create, enter into and administer a long-term contract with each Participating Grower. This will be a significant administrative role.
3. In the current Phase 2 of the Project, there are four Participating Growers within the District via a *Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District - 2019 Sites Reservoir Project, Phase 2a and Phase 2b and Phase 2c - Grower Participation Agreement*, as amended.
4. Per the Phase 2 Grower Participation Agreement:
In exchange for providing partial payment of the District's Phase 2A, Phase 2B and Phase 2C funding obligation for the Project as provided herein, District will pass through to Water User Project benefits including a priority to participate in funding of subsequent phases and, if such Water User's participation continues, a priority to contract for Project water supply and storage space which may become available in the future.
5. As provided in the Grower Participation Agreement for Phase 2, and intended for future agreements in Phases 3, 4, and 5, a District administrative role is required.
6. Per prior Board decisions, District will not assume any General Fund obligation for acquisition of Sites assets, benefits and obligations; such funding, benefits and obligations will be “passed through” to participating Growers.

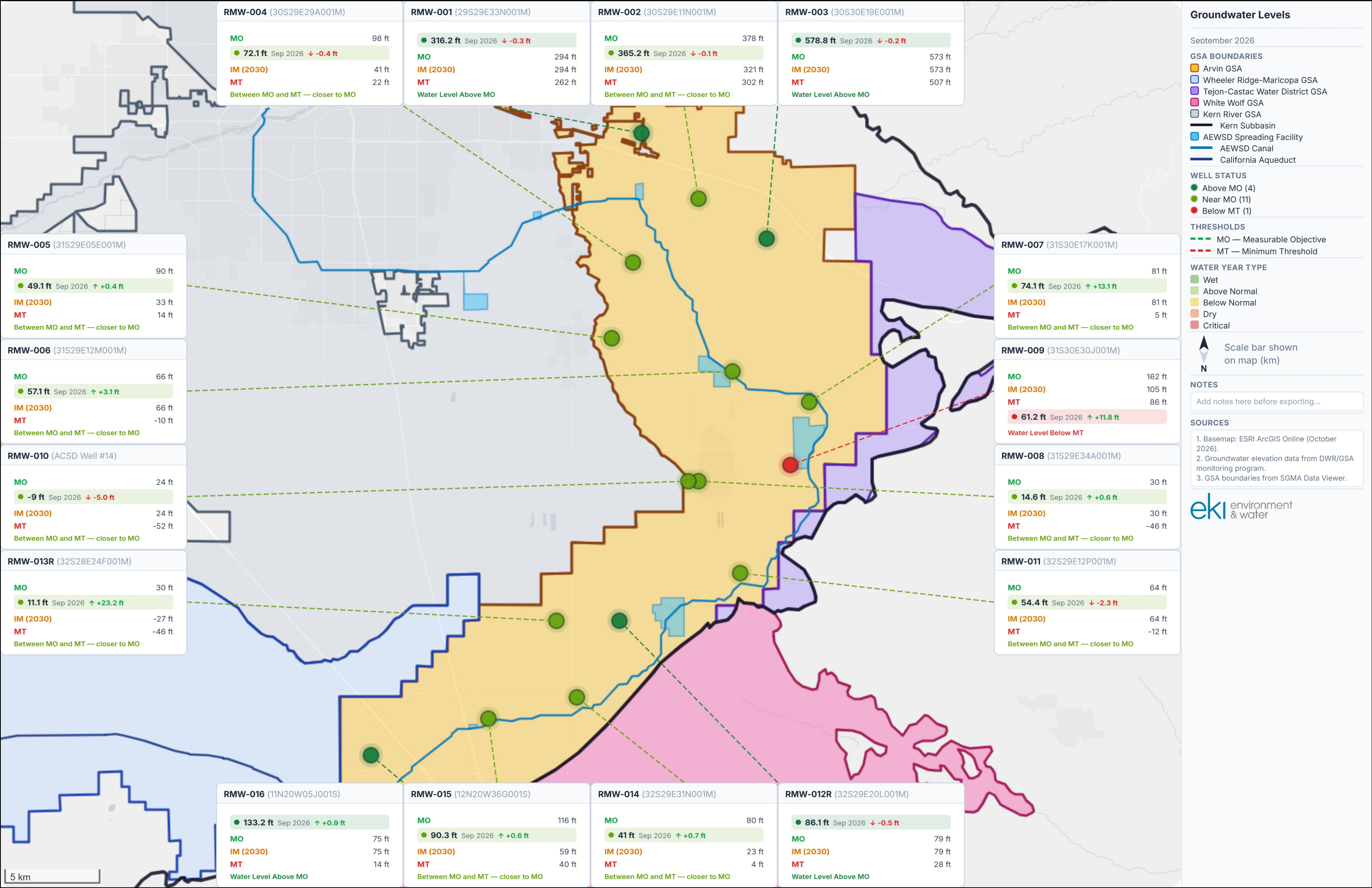
7. The District administrative obligations will be:
 - a. establishing an annual budget,
 - b. invoicing growers for:
 - i. Sites billed costs, and paying Sites therefrom,
 - ii. District administrative costs,
 - iii. the District costs incurred for Sites administration will be collected from Participating Growers (as is the case for the current Phase 2) so that the District generally and non-participating growers in particular do not pay for Sites costs and District administrative costs,
 - c. enforcing a District/Grower contract including provisions in the event of delinquency/default,
 - d. collecting water diversion and delivery scheduling from growers, and providing schedules to Sites,
 - e. seeking advice of legal counsel as necessary, and
 - f. representing the District and Growers on the Sites Reservoir Management Board and Committees.
8. Grower obligations will be:
 - a. Entering into a long-term Sites contract with the District.
 - b. Providing collateral to the benefit of the District to be exercised in the event of Grower delinquency/default.
 - c. Making periodic payments to the District for Sites costs (to be passed-through to the Sites Project) and District administrative costs.
 - d. Providing delivery schedules.
9. There are benefits to the District and non-participating growers from Participating Grower participation.
 - a. Participating Growers get dry year water supplies strengthening their financial position (dry year reliability, ownership of Sites asset) and reducing default risk
 - b. More water delivered into the District
 - c. Potential minor benefits to groundwater banking balances and District groundwater balance
 - d. Grower (first priority) and District (second priority) access to purchase Sites supplies from other Sites Participants for deliveries in dry years and groundwater banking deliveries in all years.
 - e. The District participation in the Sites Project (on behalf of 4 Participating Growers) is 2050 acre-feet; this provides:
 - i. 12,780 acre-feet of Reservoir storage;
 - ii. an estimated water supply of about 1,700 acre-feet per year (North of Delta);
 - iii. after 27% Delta carriage losses, about 1,250 acre-feet per year at Banks Pumping Plant,
 - iv. deliveries will be significantly higher in drier years and as low as zero in wet years.
 - v. The estimated cost for this water ranges from \$1275 to \$2430 per acre-foot in 2024\$ depending on variation in delivery preference (top speed or dry year priority) and financing method selected. These are the average costs in 2072 after completion of the financing period (accumulated cost divided by accumulated acre-feet delivered benefit).

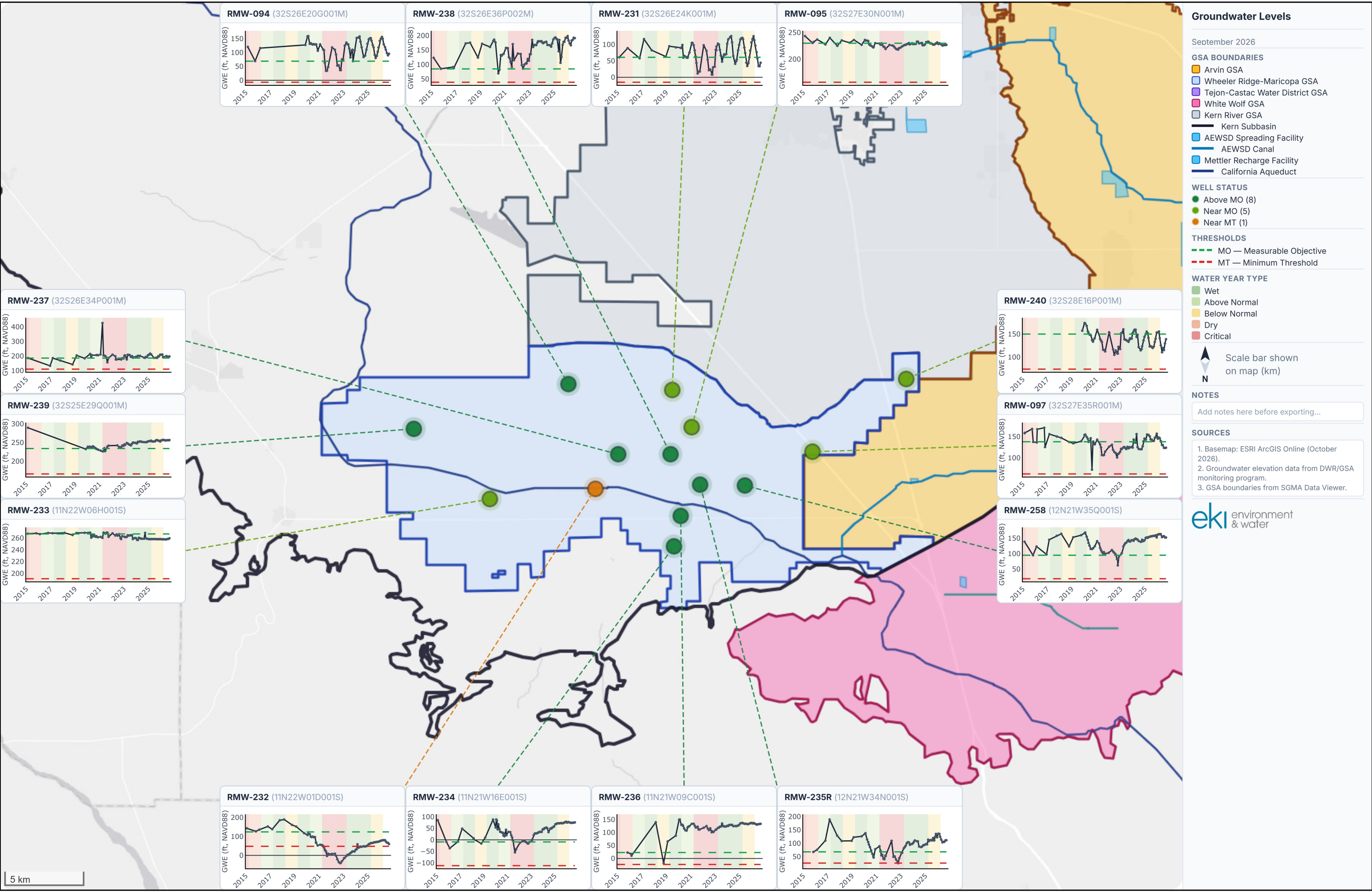
The participation can be reduced or increased in Phase 3.

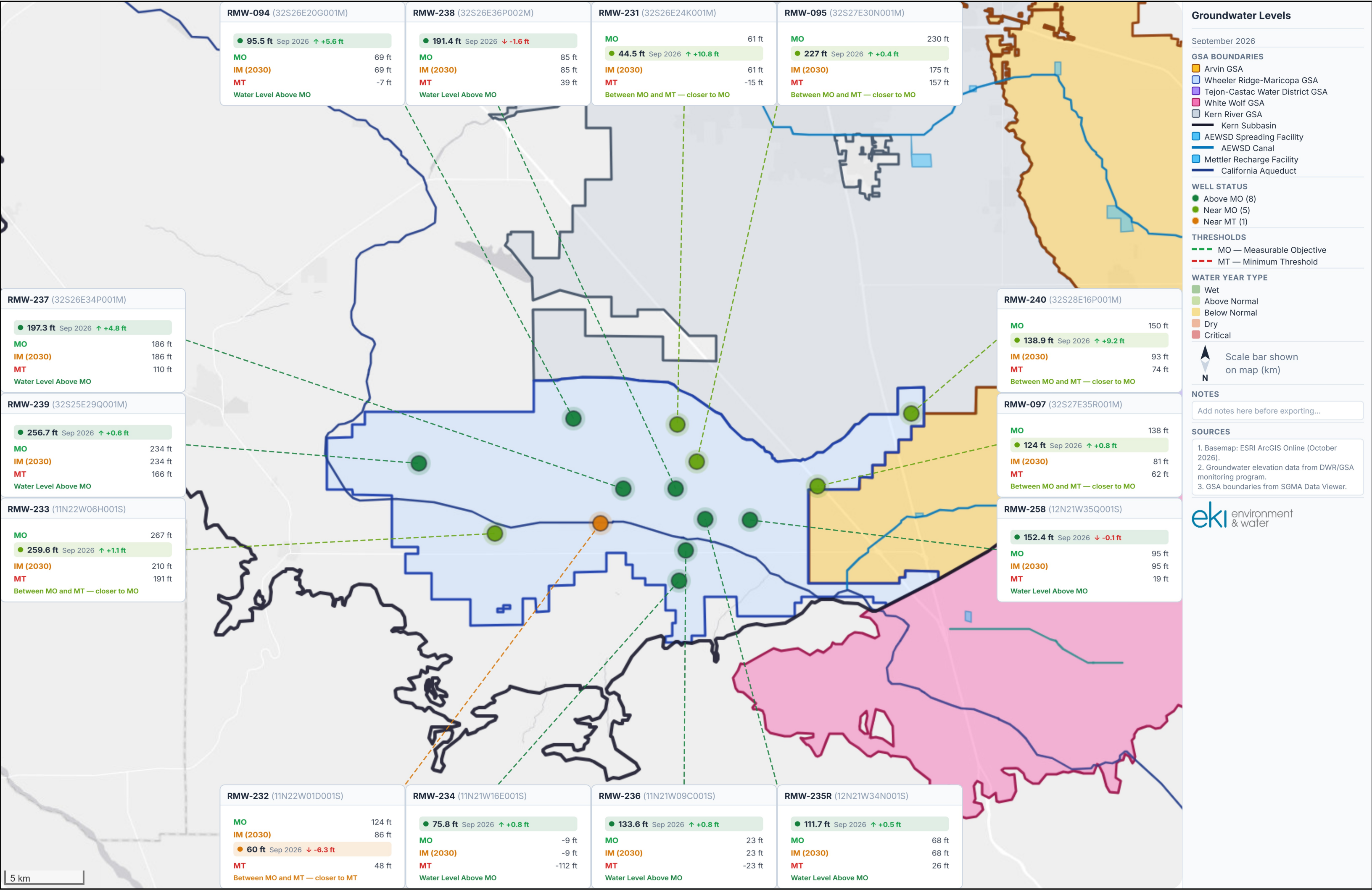
Second Issue - Low Participation.

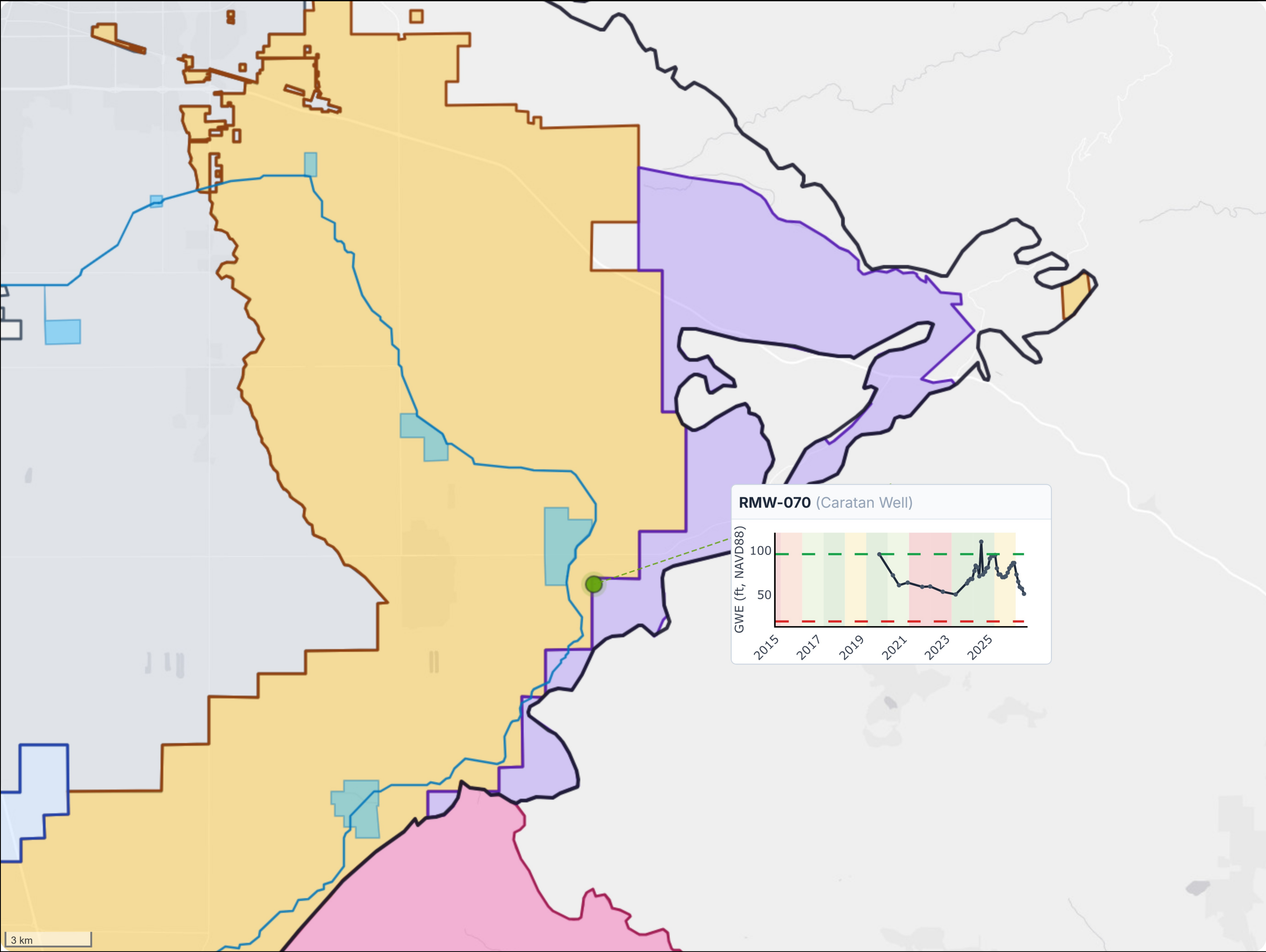
10. There were 5 Grower Participants, but there are now 4 per the transfer of 1000 acre-feet of participation to Santa Clara Valley Water District earlier this year. At least 3 are inclined to decline further participation with 1 undecided.
11. If there are any Grower participants, a District/Grower Contract will need to be developed using the SWP Contract as a template, but with unique Sites provisions.
12. Sites recently clarified their existing refund policy for PWAs who reduce or cease participation.
 - i. If the District ceases all participation, refund of past Sites costs occurs after the first tranche of financing in 2027.
 - ii. If the District reduces participation, refund of past costs occurs by way of credits on future bills which draws out the refund over several years.
13. **If there is only 1 grower participant, are the District/Grower benefits sufficient to justify the District administrative burden?**











Groundwater Levels

August 2026

GSA BOUNDARIES

- Arvin GSA
- Tejon-Castac Water District GSA
- White Wolf GSA
- Kern River GSA
- Kern Subbasin
- AEWSD Spreading Facility
- AEWSD Canal

WELL STATUS

- Near MO (1)

THRESHOLDS

- MO — Measurable Objective
- MT — Minimum Threshold

WATER YEAR TYPE

- Wet
- Above Normal
- Below Normal
- Dry
- Critical

NOTES

Add notes here before exporting...

SOURCES

- Basemap: ESRI ArcGIS Online (October 2026).
- Groundwater elevation data from DWR/GSA monitoring program.
- GSA boundaries from SGMA Data Viewer.

eki environment & water



KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center

3200 Rio Mirada Drive

Bakersfield, California 93308

Notice of BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 24, 2026

Conference Line: [+1\(669\)444-9171](tel:+16694449171)

Meeting ID: 915 6345 2292

Passcode: 524037

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://kewa.zoom.us/j/91563452292>

Meeting ID: 915 6345 2292

AGENDA

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

- g. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, *et al.* v. California State Water Resources Control Board, *et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-80003761 (2021 Order Re Temporary Urgency Change Petition)
- h. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, *et al.* v. State Water Resources Control Board, *et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-80003763 (2021 Order Re Shasta Temporary Management Plan)
- i. 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)
- j. 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)
- k. State Water Board Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 5013 (Water Quality Control Plan Phase 1 Litigation)
- l. Oroville Dam Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 4974
- m. Temporary Applications Filed for Kern River Water
- n. Bring Back the Kern, *et al.* v. City of Bakersfield, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-22-103220
- o. Delta Conveyance Project Litigation, Court Case No. 24WM000017
- p. 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)
- q. Mass X, Inc. v. Kern County Water Agency, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-24-104394

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation: (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)):
 - a. One potential suit
 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
- III. Closed Session Report
- IV. Directors’ Forum
- V. Public Comment
Anyone may comment on any subject within Agency jurisdiction whether or not it is on the agenda. Time for such comment may be limited.
- VI. Public Hearing – Proposed Fiscal Year 2027-28 Zones of Benefit Report
- VII. Public Hearing – Regarding the Impasse and Consideration of Implementation of the Kern County Water Agency's Last, Best and Final Offer
- VIII. Consent Agenda Items
The following items are routine and will be approved collectively without discussion, unless a Board member or staff member (who has raised that issue with the Board President prior to the start of the meeting) requests that an item be removed for separate consideration:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings –
Regular Board Meeting August 27, 2026
2. Payment of the Bills
3. Consideration of the Kern County Water Agency Director Travel, Expense
and Board Activity Policy
4. Consideration of an Amendment to the Records Retention Schedule
5. Consideration of the Kern County Water Agency Surplus and Disposal of
Personal Property Policy
6. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of
Understanding with the Middle Managers Bargaining Unit

7. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Kern County Water Agency Agreement for an Engineering Consultant for the Train A Concrete Repairs Project

8. Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Conflict of Interest Code

9. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Participation Agreement to form a Monitoring Committee for the Kern Fan Monitoring Committee

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. Financial Report

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

1. Update on Delta Conveyance Activities

2. Update on Legislative Activities

3. State Water Project Policy Activities

a. Report on the State Water Contractors Board Meeting

b. Report on the State Water Contractor Meetings

c. Report on 2026 State Water Project and Central Valley Project Allocations and Operations

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

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager

2. Update on Golden Mussels

a. 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
 - b. Authorization to Amend the 2026 Pioneer Project Budget
 - c. Authorization to Amend the 2026 Berrenda Mesa Joint Water Banking Project Budget

D. CROSS VALLEY CANAL COMMITTEE – Director Lundquist, Chair

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
2. Report on the Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee
3. Report on Cross Valley Canal Operations and Deliveries
4. Authorization to Approve an Amendment to the 2026 Cross Valley Canal Operations and Maintenance Budget

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

1. Report of the Improvement District No. 4 Manager
2. Report on Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee
3. Report on the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting
4. Report on Kern Water Bank Activities
5. Update on the Improvement District No. 4 Water Education Program
6. Authorization to Execute the Master Cooperative Agreement Between California High-Speed Rail Authority and Kern County Water Agency
7. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2026 Water Supply and Management Plan
8. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant

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

1. Update on Construction/Maintenance Projects
2. Authorization to Issue the Notice to Invite Bids for the Improvement District No. 4 Train A Settled Water Channel Improvements Project – Contract No. KCWA 2026-03

- X. Correspondence
- XI. Brief Report on Potential New Business
- XII. Adjournment

DECLARATION OF POSTING: I declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the Kern County Water Agency and that I posted the foregoing Agenda at the Agency Office on September 18, 2026.


Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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

KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY



**Regular Meeting of Board of Directors
of the Kern Water Bank Authority
Tuesday, October 13, 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 minutes of the September 8, 2026, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Authorization to Pay Expenses of Authority

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

5. 2027 General & Administrative Budget and Capital Improvements Budget

The Board will review and consider approval of proposed general and administrative budget and proposed capital improvements budget for the 2027 fiscal year.

6. Joint Banking Projects Recovery Operations Plan

The Board will consider approval of further amendment to project recovery operations plan regarding Pioneer, Rosedale Rio-Bravo WSD, and KWBA banking projects

7. Reports/Other Action Items

A) Staff Report

Review and possibly act on items discussed in previously submitted Staff Report, staff recommendations, and other items regarding:

- (1) Water Bank Operations
- (2) Golden Mussels
- (3) N2 Siphon Repair/Replacement
- (4) 3rd Party Facilities on Kern Water Bank
- (5) Adjacent Properties
- (6) KWBA HCP/NCCP and Land Management
- (7) Solar NEM2 Application

B) Directors, Counsel and Committee Reports

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

- (1) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee

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

8. Old Business

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

9. New Business

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

10. Public Input

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

11. Closed Session

A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Gov. Code, § 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

- 12. Reconvene and Report from Closed Session (Gov. Code, § 54957.1)**
- 13. Adjourn**

Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Kern Water Bank GSA
Tuesday, October 13, 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 September 8, 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Consider Approval of September 2026 Treasurer's Report**
- 4. Consider Authorizing Payment of September 2026 Expenses**
- 5. Consideration and Approval of Exceedance Policy and Action Plans Version 3.0 and Degraded Water Quality Implementation Provisions Version 2.0**
- 6. Reports and Other Action Items**
 - a. Kern County Subbasin GSP
 - b. SGMA Compliance
 - 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)**
- 11. Adjourn**

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

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

3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308
Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 28, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87916828311?pwd=MXovFd9w4lFdX8AnOTJBubbKBaglaC.1>

Telephone Dial-in: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 879 1682 8311

Password: 795650

KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

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

1. Roll Call- Quorum Determination.

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

2. Flag Salute

3. Public Input

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

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. *August 24, 2026

5. Financial Report

- a. *Financial Reports and Accounts Payables
- b. *Cost Share Agreement 26-03 Revised Funding Request
- c. Budget Ad Hoc Committee

6. Administration

- a. Executive Director Report

-
- b. *Proposed Meeting Date Changes 2026
 - c. *Review and consideration of approving an informational flyer on the development of a groundwater demand management program for public release.
- 7. ***Famoso Hills proposed Mitigation Agreement pursuant under Technical Assistance**
 - a. Consider approval of Agreement with Famoso Hills Estates Mutual Water Company to provide technical support pursuant to the Kern County Subbasin Mitigation Program
 - 8. **Legal (Valerie)**
 - a. Statewide Update
 - 9. **New Business**
 - 10. **Correspondence**
 - 11. **Closed Session**
 - a. **Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Development groundwater demand management program).
 - 12. **Adjournment**

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request the Authority provide disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in any public meeting of the Authority. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats for the agendas and agenda packets. Requests should be made in person, by telephone, facsimile and/or written correspondence to the Authority office, at least 48 hours before a public Authority meeting. Written materials related to an item on this agenda to be considered in open session that are public documents and that are distributed to board members after the posting of the agenda, will be made available for public inspection when they are so distributed at the location of the KNDLA meeting during normal business hours. Documents that are public documents provided by others during a meeting will be available at the same location during business hours after the meeting.

White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda October 6, 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 July 7, 2026**
- 5. Financial Accounting Report**
 - a. Financials (**Robert Velasquez**)
 - b. **Board Action Item:** Consider Contract Renewal with Land IQ for WY 2027-2029
- 6. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Implementation Round 2 grant update (Angelica Martin)**
- 7. Updates on actions discussed or authorized on July 7, 2026 (EKI)**
 - a. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities
 - i. September 2026 groundwater levels
 - ii. Representative Monitoring Wells for Degraded Water Quality progress
 - iii. Updates on land subsidence assessment
 - b. Draft 2026 Amended GSP and Periodic Evaluation
 - i. Recommended revisions based on public comments received
 - ii. Timeline for adoption

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, please call Angelica Martin (661) 663-4262.

White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda
October 6, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.

8. Correspondence

- a. California Department of Fish and Wildlife comments on the White Wolf Subbasin (basin no. 5-022.18) draft 2026 periodic evaluation

9. Public Comment

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

10. Consider and provide direction on future agenda items

11. Adjourn

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, please call Angelica Martin (661) 663-4262.

WHITE WOLF SUBBASIN GSA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT – FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 | Year-to-Date Ending August 31, 2026

Kern County, California — Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Account Description	PTD Actual (Aug-26)	PTD Budget (Aug-26)	Variance	YTD Actual (FY2027)	YTD Budget (FY2027)	Variance	Annual Budget (FY2027)
STATEMENT OF REVENUES							
DWR Grant / SGM Proceeds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Member Agency Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$168,000	(\$168,000)	\$643,700
Interest Income	\$13	\$150	(\$137)	\$58	\$300	(\$242)	\$1,800
TOTAL REVENUES	\$13	\$150	(\$137)	\$58	\$168,300	(\$168,242)	\$645,500
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES							
Professional Services – Consulting (EKL)	\$37,237	\$60,879	\$23,642	\$90,330	\$113,775	\$23,446	\$580,800
Professional Services – Legal (Young Wooldridge)	\$925	\$1,028	\$103	\$1,628	\$3,516	\$1,888	\$8,600
Professional Services – General (Land IQ & WR)	\$0	\$4,225	\$4,225	\$4,139	\$8,450	\$4,312	\$50,700
Canal / Expansion Turnout Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bank Fees	\$116	\$160	\$44	\$425	\$310	(\$115)	\$1,600
Miscellaneous (Postings, etc.)	\$0	\$167	\$167	\$0	\$330	\$330	\$2,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$38,278	\$66,459	\$28,181	\$96,521	\$126,381	\$29,860	\$643,700
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(\$38,265)	(\$66,309)	\$28,044	(\$96,463)	\$41,919	(\$138,382)	\$1,800
BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY							
Cash – Wells Fargo Operating Account	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,127	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accounts Receivable – Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$999,838	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accounts Receivable – Interco	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$3,075	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL NET ASSETS				\$1,004,040			

WHITE WOLF SUBBASIN GSA

CHECK REGISTER & BANK RECONCILIATION | FY2027 Year-to-Date

Wells Fargo Account #4128356011 | July 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026

Check #	Date	Payee	Description / Category	Amount	Status	Running Balance
Beginning Balance – July 1, 2026 (FY2027 Opening, per Books)						\$168,538.51
1129	Jul 02, 2026	Erler & Kalinowski, Inc.	Professional Services – Consulting (EKI)	-\$71,257.50	Cleared	\$97,281.01
1130	Jul 23, 2026	Erler & Kalinowski, Inc.	Professional Services – Consulting (EKI)	-\$53,092.25	Cleared	\$44,188.76
1131	Jul 30, 2026	Young Wooldridge	Professional Services – Legal	-\$703.00	Cleared	\$43,485.76
1132	Jul 30, 2026	Land IQ LLC	Professional Services – General	-\$4,138.50	Cleared	\$39,347.26
INT	Jul 31, 2026	Wells Fargo Bank	Interest Earned (Jul)	\$44.81	Cleared	\$39,392.07
Balance – July 31, 2026 (ties to Trial Balance)						\$39,392.07
ACH	Aug 11, 2026	Wells Fargo Bank	Bank Service Charge	-\$116.02	Cleared	\$39,276.05
1133	Aug 27, 2026	Erler & Kalinowski, Inc.	Professional Services – Consulting (EKI)	-\$37,237.25	Cleared	\$2,038.80
1134	Aug 27, 2026	Young Wooldridge	Professional Services – Legal	-\$925.00	Cleared	\$1,113.80
INT	Aug 31, 2026	Wells Fargo Bank	Interest Earned (Aug)	\$13.30	Cleared	\$1,127.10
Ending Balance – August 31, 2026 (Reconciled: Books = Bank)						\$1,127.10

Total FY2027 Disbursements (Checks + Fees)	-\$167,469.52
Total FY2027 Credits (Interest)	\$58.11
Net Change in Cash – FY2027 YTD	-\$167,411.41

**WHITE WOLF SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY**

Statement of Net Position (Balance Sheet)

As of August 31, 2026 | Fiscal Year 2026-2027

	Aug-26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,127
Accounts Receivable - Trade	999,838
Intercompany Receivable - Net	3,075
Total Current Assets	1,004,040
TOTAL ASSETS	1,004,040
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable - Trade	-
Total Current Liabilities	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-
FUND EQUITY / NET POSITION	
Retained Earnings / Fund Balance (Beginning)	1,100,503
YTD Net Surplus (Revenues Over Expenditures)	(96,463)
Total Fund Equity / Net Position	1,004,040
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	1,004,040

From: Casey Gudel <cgudel@landiq.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2026 9:41 AM
To: Angelica Martin <amartin@tejonranch.com>; Christina Lucero <clucero@ekiconsult.com>
Cc: Joel Kimmelshue <Jkimmelshue@landiq.com>; Kylie Applemun <kapplemun@landiq.com>; Stephanie Tillman <Stillman@landiq.com>; Adriana Joosep <ajoosep@landiq.com>
Subject: Land IQ ET - Contracting for White Wolf Subbasin

⚠ EXTERNAL EMAIL – Use Caution Before Clicking Links or Opening Attachments.

Good Morning –

I am reaching out as our current three-year contract for monthly ET is close to being expired. We truly appreciate the opportunity to work with you and are excited to continue that working relationship. As such, we are providing you with a scope of work to continue the same services. While we have kept our price at \$0.63/cropped acre/year and \$0.38/non cropped acre/year for this past contract (3 years), we will need to increase our price to \$0.67/cropped acre/year and \$0.40/non cropped acre/year with a 3% escalation each year thereafter.

We would suggest beginning this new scope of work with the beginning of the water year, starting October 1, 2026. The updated cost over the next three years would be:

White Wolf Subbasin	Current	Proposed - 3 Years		
	Oct, 2022 - Sep, 2026	Oct 1, 2026 - Sep 30, 2027	Oct 1, 2027 - Sep 30, 2028	Oct 1, 2028 - Sep 30, 2029
Cropped Acreage	36,303	36,341		
Escalation	none	6%	3%	3%
\$/Ac/Yr	\$0.63	\$0.67	\$0.69	\$0.71
Annual Cost	\$22,870.89	\$24,268.52	\$24,996.58	\$25,746.47
Non-Cropped Acreage	70,503	70,455		
Escalation	none		3%	3%
\$/Ac/Yr	\$0.38	\$0.40	\$0.41	\$0.43
Annual Cost	\$26,791.14	\$28,379.27	\$29,230.65	\$30,107.57
Total Annual Cost	\$49,662.03	\$52,647.79	\$54,227.23	\$55,854.04
Total Monthly Cost	\$4,138.50	\$4,387.32	\$4,518.94	\$4,654.50

We can either add this to your current contract as an amendment or start fresh and update the contracting documents.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed!

Thanks, Casey

Casey Gudel, MS

Client Relations & Project Manager



2020 L Street, Suite 210

Sacramento, CA 95811

Cell: 530-514-2562

Email: cgudel@landiq.com

www.LandIQ.com

This e-mail and any attachments are confidential. If you receive this message in error or are not the intended recipient, please do not retain, distribute, disclose or use any of this information. Also, please fully delete the email and any attachments.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor
MEGHAN HERTEL, Director

Central Region
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710
(559) 243-4005
wildlife.ca.gov

September 11, 2026

Via Electronic Mail

Angelica Martin
Water Resources Director
White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency
4436 Lebec Road
Lebec, California 93243
Email: amartin@tejonranch.com

Subject: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMENTS ON THE WHITE WOLF SUBBASIN (Basin No. 5-022.18) DRAFT 2026 PERIODIC EVALUATION

Dear Angelica Martin:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is providing comments on the White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Draft White Wolf Subbasin Periodic Evaluation (Draft PE) and amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan – White Wolf Subbasin - June 2026 – Public Review Draft (Draft Amended GSP) made available to the public on July 7, 2026, and prepared pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The Basin is designated as Medium Priority under SGMA. While the comment period may have ended, CDFW respectfully requests that the GSA still consider our comments.

CDFW is writing to support ecosystem preservation and enhancement in compliance with SGMA, and its implementing regulations, based on CDFW expertise and best available information and science. CDFW has an interest in the sustainable management of groundwater, as many sensitive ecosystems, species, and public trust resources depend on groundwater and interconnected surface water (ISW), including groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs). In the context of SGMA statutes and regulations, and Public Trust Doctrine considerations, groundwater planning should carefully consider and protect environmental beneficial uses and users of groundwater, including fish and wildlife and their habitats, GDEs, and ISW. CDFW has enclosed, for reference, a summary of GSP requirements and GSA obligations with respect to the protection of fish and wildlife and public trust resources (Attachment A).

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CDFW reviewed the Draft PE and Draft Amended GSP and believes that it fails to adequately address the following Recommended Corrective Action identified in the Department of Water

Angelica Martin, Water Resources Director
 White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 September 11, 2026
 Page 2

Resources (DWR) Statement of Findings Regarding the Approval of the San Joaquin Valley – White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Statement of Findings):

DWR Recommended Corrective Action 2: “Revise the sustainable management criteria to be based on seasonal low groundwater levels to ensure potential impacts to beneficial uses and users are considered.”

In the DWR Statement of Findings, Section 4.3.2.6, it states:

“In the next periodic update to the Plan, the GSA should provide an update on whether interconnected surface water exists in the Plan area. If it is determined that interconnected surface water is present, the GSA should provide an estimate of the quantity and timing of depletions of those interconnected surface water systems and establish a monitoring network and sustainable management criteria for this sustainability indicator.”

CDFW Response and Recommendation: CDFW is concerned that other aquifers within the White Wolf subbasin, potentially supporting ISWs and GDEs, are not evaluated as principal aquifers because they are considered hydrologically disconnected from the Principal Aquifer as identified by the Draft Amended GSP. The Draft PE concludes that ISWs disconnected from the Principal Aquifer are not subject to GSA management and therefore discounted in the Amended Draft GSP.

Section 6.2.6 'Interconnected Surface Water' of the Draft PE states in part:

“...monitoring and assessment performed during GSP implementation and the development of this Periodic Evaluation indicate that these water features are not connected to the Principal Aquifer. As such, ISW is not present in the Basin.”

From the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Sub-article 1, section 354.8, Description of the Plan Area, there is no mention of a plan area being limited to the principal aquifer(s). Figure 6 of the Draft Amended GSP indicates that the whole of the White Wolf subbasin is covered by the GSA plan area and its boundary is not limited to the Principal Aquifer. Additionally, a plan area may have more than one principal aquifer as defined from the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 2. section 351, subdivision (aa) – Definitions (aquifers):

““Principal aquifers” refer to aquifers or aquifer systems that store, transmit, and yield significant or economic quantities of groundwater to wells, springs, or surface water systems.”

CDFW acknowledges that the shallow aquifer upgradient of the Spring Fault may not be hydrologically connected to the Principal Aquifer on the valley floor. However, there is the potential in the future for this shallow aquifer to economically meet the definition of a principal aquifer system with the pending Tejon Ranch development projects. The upgradient shallow aquifer currently stores, transmits, and yields ecologically significant quantities of groundwater to areas with significant groundwater dependent environmental resource value, such that the GSA should consider shallow aquifers within the White Wolf subbasin as principal aquifers. This is important, because if there is an increase in groundwater pumping in these areas in the future, due to increased development and economic demand, there is a risk to the ecosystems including ISWs and GDEs.

Angelica Martin, Water Resources Director
 White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 September 11, 2026
 Page 3

CDFW is also concerned that the GSA discounts consideration of not just ISWs but also GDEs because they are not considered connected to the Principal Aquifer. The Draft PE (Section 1, p. 1-2) states:

“Since neither these ecosystems, nor the ephemeral streams are connected to the Principal Aquifer, these features are not considered Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) or Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) subject to White Wolf GSA management under the White Wolf GSP.”

There are several locations within the White Wolf subbasin where GDEs have been identified within shallower aquifers hydrologically disconnected from the Principal Aquifer, including the Tejon Ranch Grapevine Specific and Community Plan area as well as large areas of existing and proposed conservation easements related to the Tejon Ranch developments. Because these GDEs are considered outside the Principal Aquifer, they are not considered subject to GSA management under the Amended Draft GSP.

Several GDE vegetation alliances have been identified and mapped outside of the Principal Aquifer in the White Wolfe subbasin including the following which are named by their dominant species: Fremont Cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*), Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*), Willow (*Salix* spp), Red Willow (*Salix laevigata*), Mule Fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*), Tamarix spp. (*Tamarix* spp.), and California Grape (*Vitis californica*). Ephemeral streams associated with these GDEs within the White Wolf subbasin include Tecuya Creek, Grapevine Creek, Pastoria Creek, Tunis Creek, El Paso Creek, Caparell Creek, and Tejon Creek. (TNC 2026).

In addition to GDEs, CDFW has a vested interest in environmental beneficial uses and users of groundwater including several fish and wildlife species which utilize GDEs and their associated streams. For the GDE alliances discussed above this includes the following special-status species: State and federally endangered and State fully protected California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) and blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia sila*); State and federally endangered least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) and Bakersfield cactus (*Opuntia basilaris* var *treleasei*); State endangered and federally threatened western yellow billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*); State endangered willow flycatcher (*Empidonax trailii*); State and federally threatened San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*); State threatened Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) and Tehachapi slender salamander (*Batrachoseps stebbinsi*); and State candidate western spadefoot (*Spea hammondi*), western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*), and Crotch's bumblebee (*Bombus crotchii*)(CDFW 2026).

As indicated by DWR in the quote above from the Statement of Findings, ISW should be identified in the GSA plan area, that is to say anywhere ISW exists in the White Wolf subbasin. Likewise, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 354.16, subdivision (g), GSPs must identify and consider GDEs within the GSA plan area using available data, regardless of whether these resources are influenced by pumping in the Principal Aquifer. Therefore, the ISW and GDE present throughout the GSP boundary should be accounted for under SGMA in the GSP.

Angelica Martin, Water Resources Director
White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency
September 11, 2026
Page 4

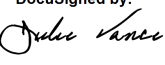
CONCLUSION

In conclusion, CDFW deems the Draft Amended GSP insufficient in its consideration of GDEs, ISW, and environmental beneficial uses and users of groundwater including fish and wildlife and their habitats. CDFW's comments further indicate that the Draft Amended GSP fails to sufficiently address Recommended Corrective Actions previously identified by DWR and thus may warrant a determination of incompleteness.

CDFW has included a summary of GSP regulatory requirements pertaining to the protection of fish and wildlife (Attachment A) for your reference.

CDFW appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the White Wolf subbasin Draft PE and Draft Amended GSP. If you have any further questions, please contact Annette Tenneboe (Annette.Tenneboe@wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

FA83F09FE08945A...

Julie A. Vance
Regional Manager, CDFW Central Region

Enclosures (Attachment A) (Attachment B)

cc: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Brooke Jacobs, Branch Chief
Water Branch
Brooke.Jacobs@wildlife.ca.gov

Robert Holmes, Environmental Program Manager
Statewide Water Planning Program
Robert.Holmes@wildlife.ca.gov

Adam Weinberg, Statewide SGMA Coordinator
Groundwater Program
Adam.Weinberg@wildlife.ca.gov

California Department of Water Resources

Matt Owens
DWR SGMA Point of Contact
South Central Region Office
Matthew.Owens@water.ca.gov

Angelica Martin, Water Resources Director
White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency
September 11, 2026
Page 5

Paul Gosselin, Director
Sustainable Groundwater Management Office
Paul.Gosselin@water.ca.gov

National Marine Fisheries Service

Dan Wilson, Branch Chief
West Coast Region
Dan.Wilson@noaa.gov

State Water Resources Control Board

Natalie Stork, Director
Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management
Natalie.Stork@waterboards.ca.gov

Angelica Martin, Water Resources Director
 White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 September 11, 2026
 Page 6

Attachment A

Summary of GSP Requirements and GSA Obligations With Respect to the Protection of Fish and Wildlife and Public Trust Resources

As trustee agency for the State's fish and wildlife resources, the Department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and the habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of such species (Fish & G. Code, §§ 711.7 and 1802). SGMA and its implementing regulations afford ecosystems and species specific statutory and regulatory consideration, including the following as pertinent to GSPs:

GSPs must consider impacts to GDEs (Water Code, § 10727.4, subd. (l); see also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 354.16, subd. (g));

GSPs must consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, including environmental users of groundwater (Water Code, § 10723.2) and GSPs must identify and consider potential effects on all beneficial uses and users of groundwater (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 354.10, subd. (a), 354.26, subd. (b)(3), 354.28, subd. (b)(4), 354.34, subds. (b)(2), & (f)(3));

GSPs must establish sustainable management criteria that avoid undesirable results within 20 years of the applicable statutory deadline, including depletions of ISW that have significant and unreasonable adverse impacts on beneficial uses of the surface water (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 354.22 et seq. and Water Code §§ 10721, subd. (x)(6) and 10727.2, subd. (b)) and describe monitoring networks that can identify adverse impacts to beneficial uses of ISW (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 354.34, subd. (c)(6)(D)); and

GSPs must account for groundwater extraction for all water use sectors, including managed wetlands, managed recharge, and native vegetation (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 351, subds. (a) & (l) and 354.18, subd. (b)(3)).

Furthermore, the Public Trust Doctrine imposes a related but distinct obligation to consider how groundwater management affects public trust resources, including navigable surface waters and fisheries. Groundwater hydrologically connected to surface waters is also subject to the Public Trust Doctrine to the extent that groundwater extractions or diversions affect or may affect public trust uses. (Environmental Law Foundation v. State Water Resources Control Board (2018), 26 Cal. App. 5th 844; National Audubon Society v. Superior Court (1983), 33 Cal. 3d 419.) The GSA has “an affirmative duty to take the public trust into account in the planning and allocation of water resources, and to protect public trust uses whenever feasible.” (National Audubon Society, supra, 33 Cal. 3d at 446.) Accordingly, groundwater plans should consider potential impacts to and appropriate protections for ISW and their tributaries, and ISW that support fisheries, including the level of groundwater contribution to those waters.

Angelica Martin, Water Resources Director
White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency
September 11, 2026
Page 7

Attachment B

LITERATURE CITED

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). 2026. Biogeographic Information and Observation System (BIOS). <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/BIOS>. Accessed August 31, 2026.

The Nature Conservancy, California (TNC). 2026. GDE Pulse v2.4 San Francisco, California. <https://gde.codefornature.org>. (August 31, 2026)

EKI TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

WHITE WOLF GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
6 OCTOBER 2026

AGENDA

- Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities
 - August & September groundwater levels
 - Representative Monitoring Well for Degraded Water Quality (RMW-WQ) updates
 - Updates on land subsidence investigation
- Draft 2026 Amended GSP and Periodic Evaluation
 - Recommended revisions based on public comments received
 - Timeline for adoption

UPDATE ON GSP IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 2026 MEASUREMENTS COMPARED TO SMCs

WELL STATUS

- Above MO (1)
- Near MO (9)
- Near MT (4)

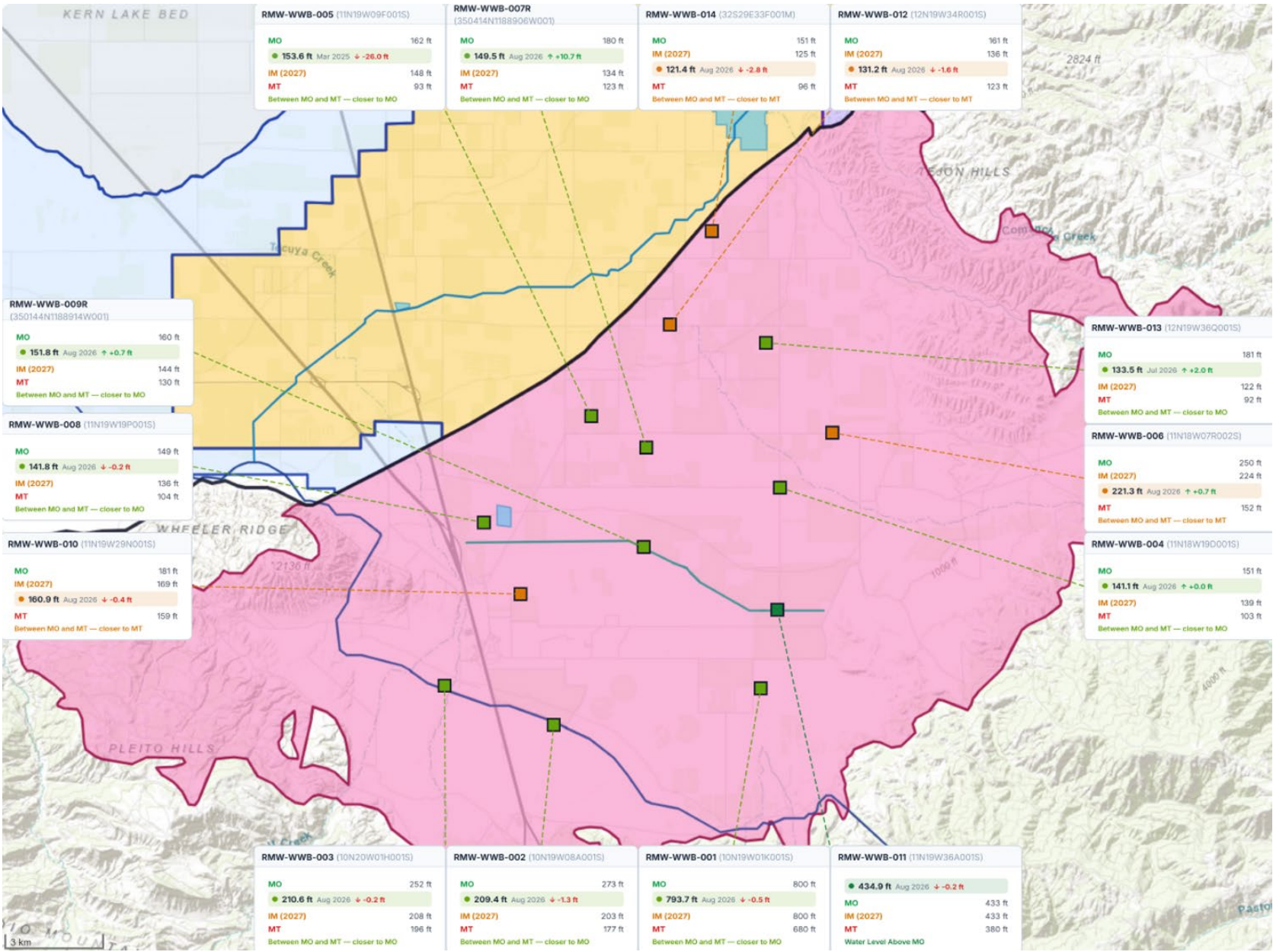
THRESHOLDS

- MO — Measurable Objective
- MT — Minimum Threshold

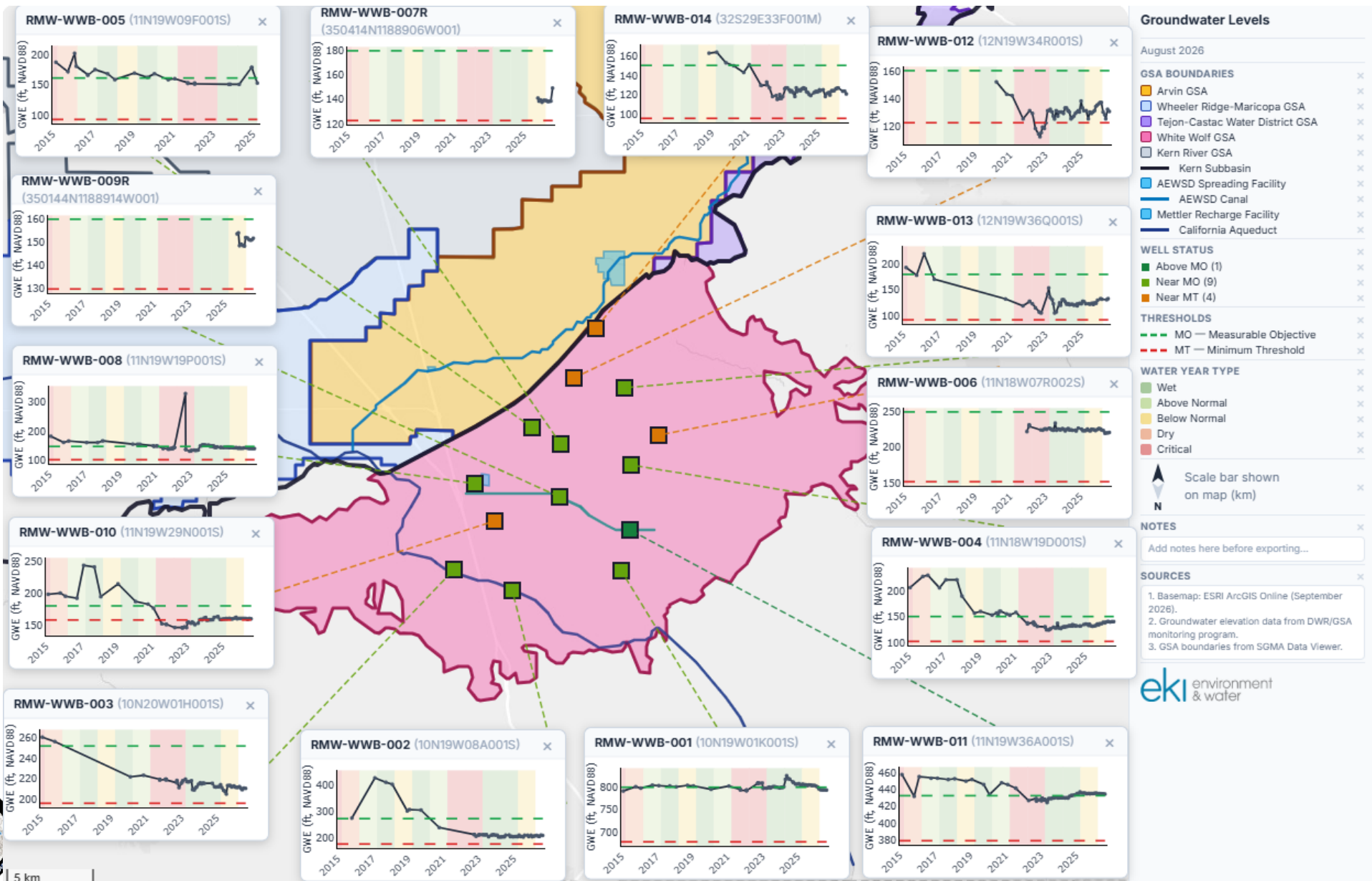
WATER YEAR TYPE

- Wet
- Above Normal
- Below Normal
- Dry
- Critical

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



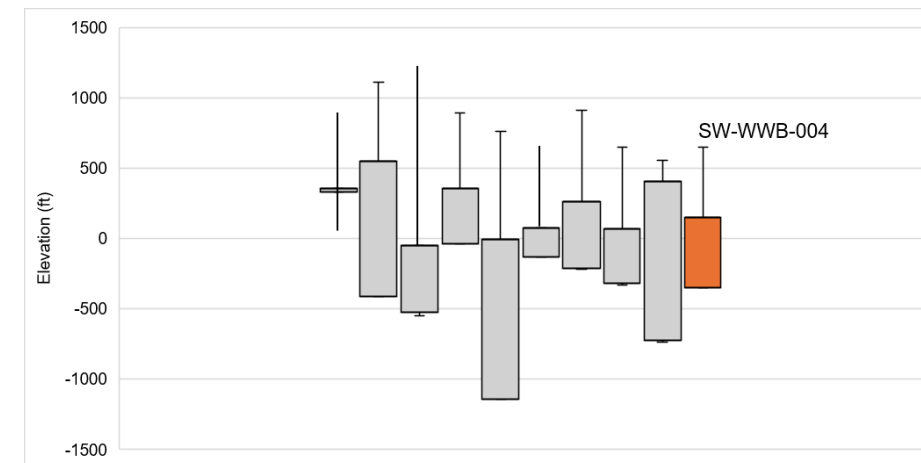
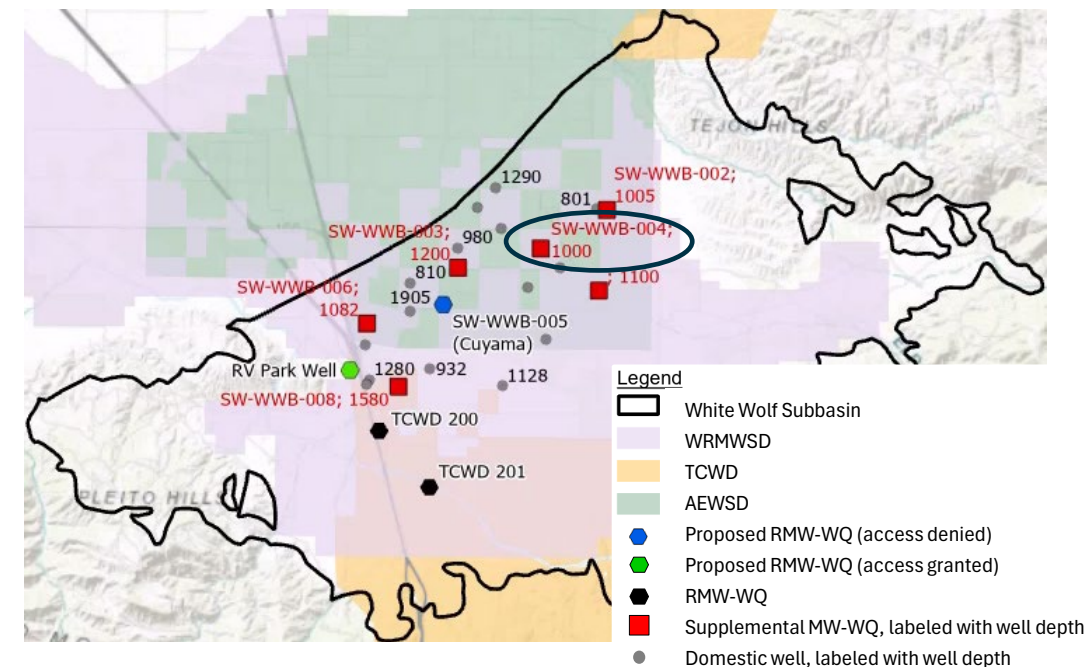
RMW-WL HYDROGRAPHS



- UR = MT exceedance in 40% of RMW-WL for 2 consecutive Falls
- **URs not occurring**
- **RMW-WWVB-005:** Continue to explore data gap and pursue future grant funds to fill

OUTREACH TO PROSPECTIVE RMW-WQs

- Grapevine RV Park Well
 - WRMWSD conducted outreach and owner is agreeable to sampling and integrating into network
- Cuyama Orchards (I1N19W16N001S)
 - No longer an option
- Recommend SW-WWVB-004
 - Shallowest of the supplemental WQ wells
 - Screened at similar depth to most drinking water wells with screen depth data
 - Provides WQ coverage in the northern portion of the WWB near domestic wells
 - Signed access agreement & AEWSD has sampled annually since 2022
 - Not previously recommended because RMW-WQ selection criteria prioritize drinking water wells



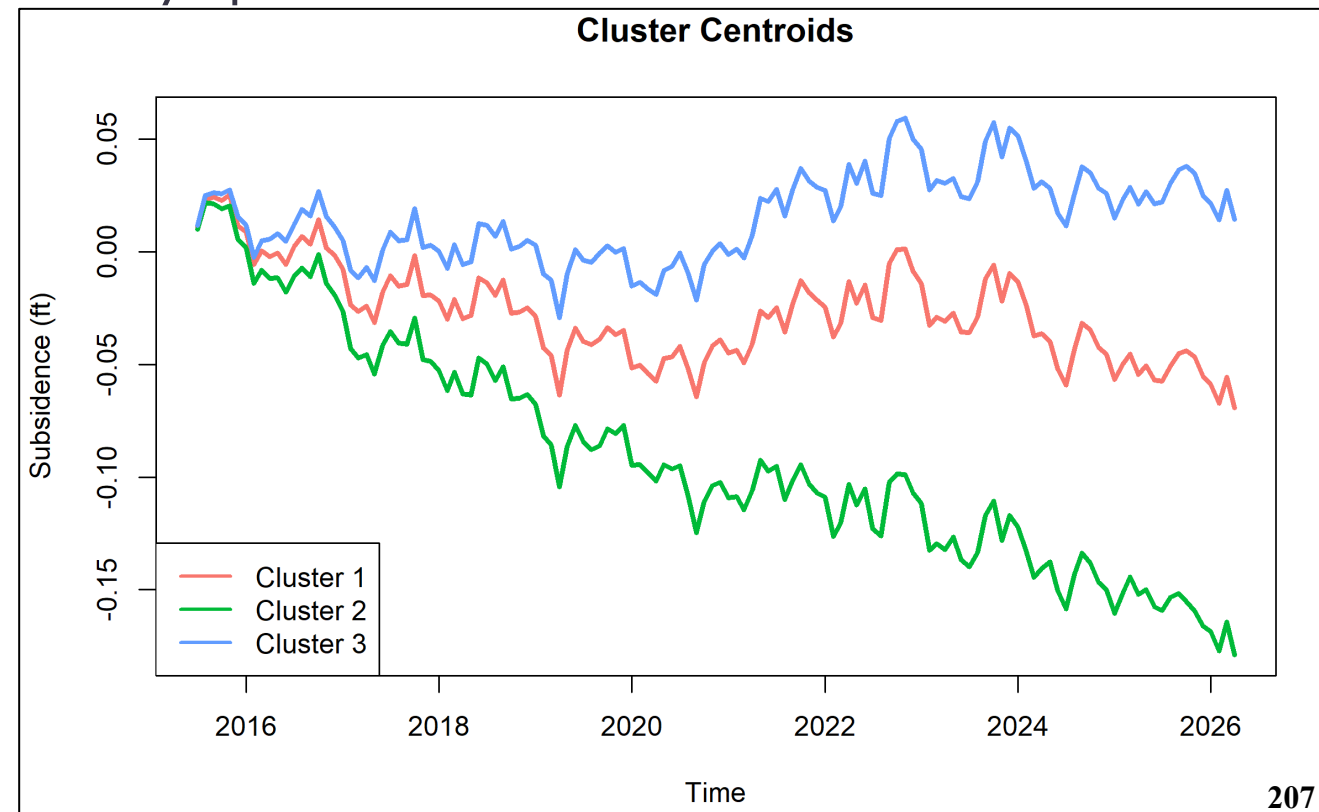
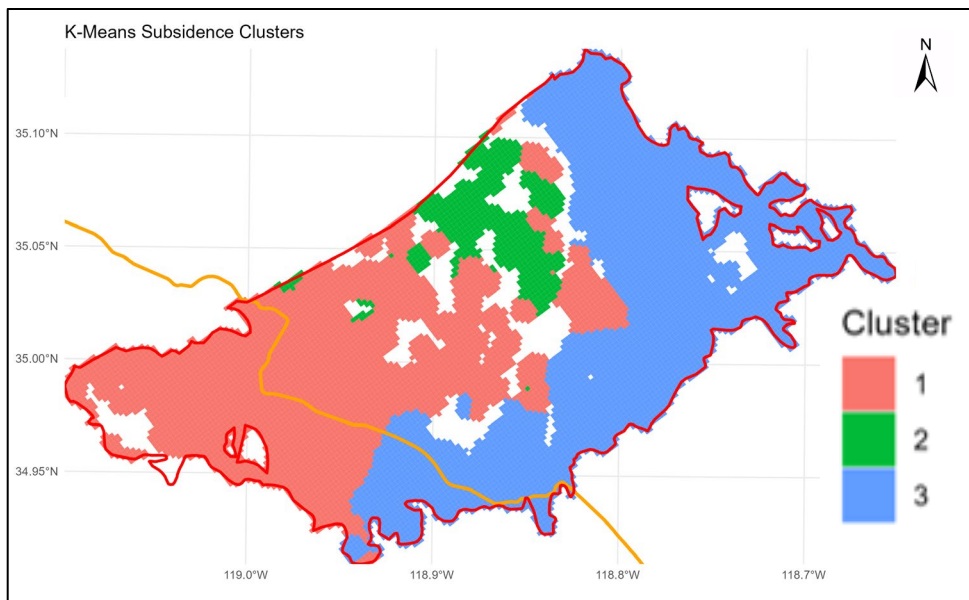
Known screen elevations of drinking water wells distributed SW-NE. Horizontal axis not to scale. 205 6

LAND SUBSIDENCE INVESTIGATION ONGOING WORK TO DATE

- Investigate topographic influences in the InSAR data
- Review subsidence time-series data and assessing viability for I-D modeling near El Paso Creek
- Conduct statistical analysis including K-means clustering and Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to isolate spatial trends
- Investigate fault movement/tectonic influences

3 CLUSTERS OF INSAR PIXELS WITH DISTINCT SUBSIDENCE SIGNATURES

- Cluster 1: moderate downward displacement, reaching approximately -0.07 ft by April 2026.
- Cluster 2: strongest persistent downward displacement, reaching approximately -0.18 ft by April 2026.
- Cluster 3: relatively stable to positive displacement by April 2026.



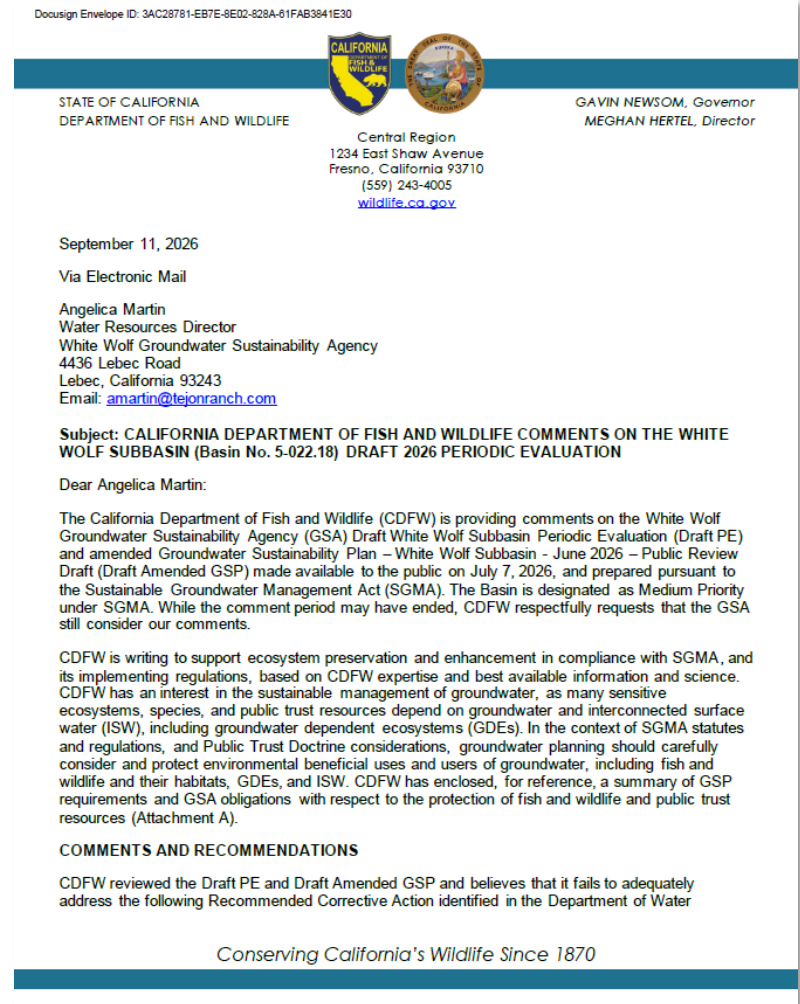
ONGOING WORK EFFORTS

- Finalizing preliminary ID model near El Paso Creek
- Investigating Pleito Hills InSAR signatures, including influences of slope stability, landslides, and broader tectonic uplift
- Initiating investigation into oil and gas extraction influences
- Reviewing historical DWR literature pertaining to geology and hydrocompaction adjacent to the CA Aqueduct
- Reviewing groundwater extraction response signatures compared to loading responses due to changes in mass of water, snow, and ice

DRAFT 2026 AMENDED GSP AND PERIODIC EVALUATION

1 PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED ON PERIODIC EVALUATION AND REVISED GSP

- California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)'s two main issues pertain to 2026 GSP's finding of no interconnected surface waters (ISW) and groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs) because the shallow alluvial aquifer is hydrologically separated from the Principal Aquifer
- Reminders:
 - DWR's final guidance on ISWs has yet to be released
 - DWR verbally indicated that the 2022 GSP had conflicting ISW information and was looking for consistency pertaining to local finding of no ISW
 - DWR will also have a public comment period once adopted GSP is uploaded



ISSUE 1 & PROPOSED RESPONSE

- *“CDFW is concerned that other aquifers within the White Wolf subbasin, potentially supporting ISWs and GDEs, are not evaluated as principal aquifers because they are considered hydrologically disconnected from the Principal Aquifer as identified by the Draft Amended GSP. The Draft PE concludes that ISWs disconnected from the Principal Aquifer are not subject to GSA management and therefore discounted in the Amended Draft GSP.”*
- *“CDFW acknowledges that the shallow aquifer upgradient of the Spring Fault may not be hydrologically connected to the Principal Aquifer on the valley floor. However, there is the potential in the future for this shallow aquifer to economically meet the definition of a principal aquifer system with the pending Tejon Ranch development projects. The upgradient shallow aquifer currently stores, transmits, and yields ecologically significant quantities of groundwater to areas with significant groundwater dependent environmental resource value, such that the GSA should consider shallow aquifers within the White Wolf subbasin as principal aquifers. This is important, because if there is an increase in groundwater pumping in these areas in the future, due to increased development and economic demand, there is a risk to the ecosystems including ISWs and GDEs.”*
- **Response: Bolster GSP text in Section 8.7 on ISWs to include details pertaining to the Tejon Ranch Conservation Area. The area covers a majority of the shallow alluvial aquifer, and is protected under the Tejon Ranch Conservation & Land Use Agreement which prevents changes to or expansion of groundwater extraction practices. Also include details that Nickel Agreement is supply to the Grapevine Development by TCWD. Per the EIR, no expanded groundwater use is associated with the Grapevine Development – it is actually a net recharger to the Basin.**



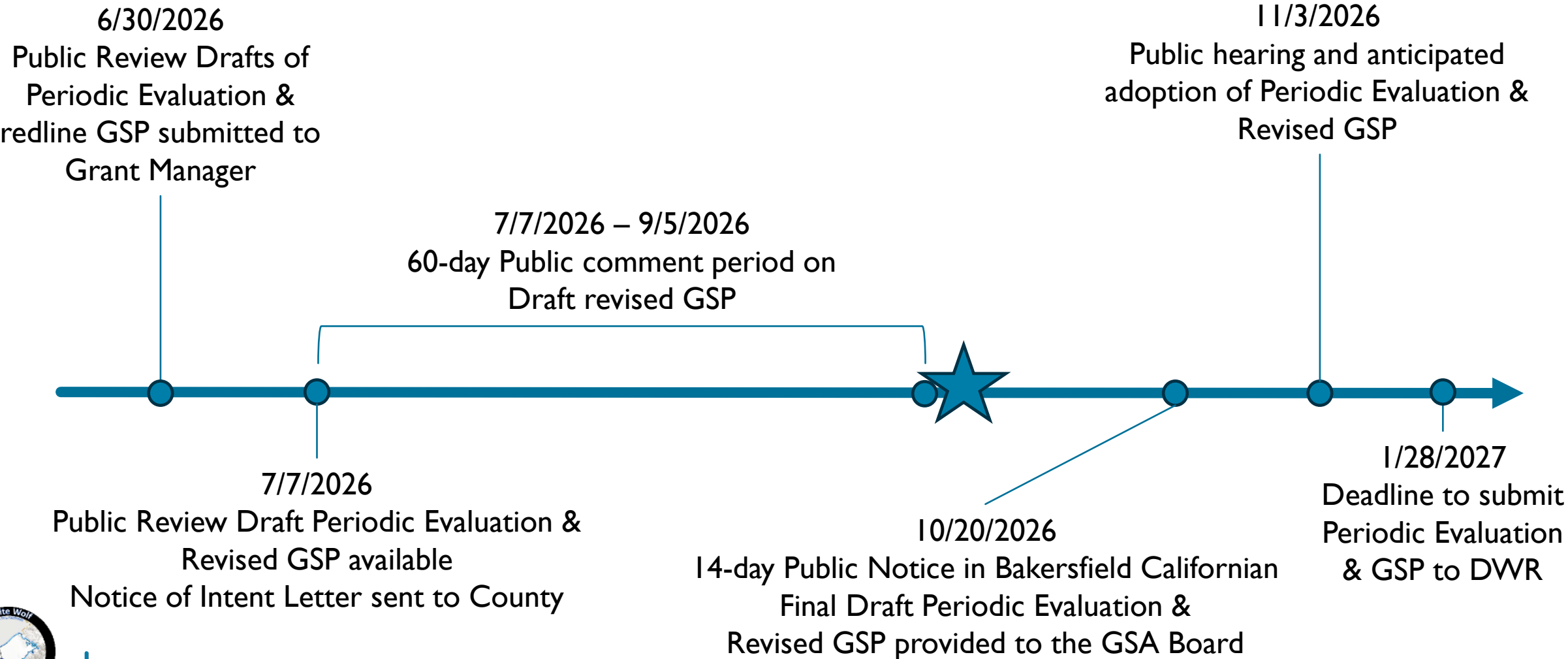
ISSUE 2 & PROPOSED RESPONSE

- *“There are several locations within the White Wolf subbasin where GDEs have been identified within shallower aquifers hydrologically disconnected from the Principal Aquifer, including the Tejon Ranch Grapevine Specific and Community Plan area as well as large areas of existing and proposed conservation easements related to the Tejon Ranch developments. Because these GDEs are considered outside the Principal Aquifer, they are not considered subject to GSA management under the Amended Draft GSP.”*
- *“As indicated by DWR in the quote above from the Statement of Findings, ISW should be identified in the GSA plan area, that is to say anywhere ISW exists in the White Wolf subbasin. Likewise, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 354.16, subdivision (g), GSPs must identify and consider GDEs within the GSA plan area using available data, regardless of whether these resources are influenced by pumping in the Principal Aquifer. Therefore, the ISW and GDE present throughout the GSP boundary should be accounted for under SGMA in the GSP.”*
- **Response: Bolster GSP text in Section 8.8. on GDEs to include the expanded description of the WWGFM modeling work and GDEs dependence on precipitation and surface water.**

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS & MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

- AEWSD El Paso spreading works
- TCWD Maricopa recharge project
- General recharge projects (to include any potential future projects)

PERIODIC EVALUATION & AMENDED GSP TIMELINE



QUESTIONS?

SUPPLEMENTAL EVAPOTRANSPIRATION SLIDES

LAND IQ CONTRACT

- Current contract expired at end of September.
- Land IQ has suggested a new/ amended contract for the next 3 years with 3% yearly cost increase.
- Recommend renewing contract

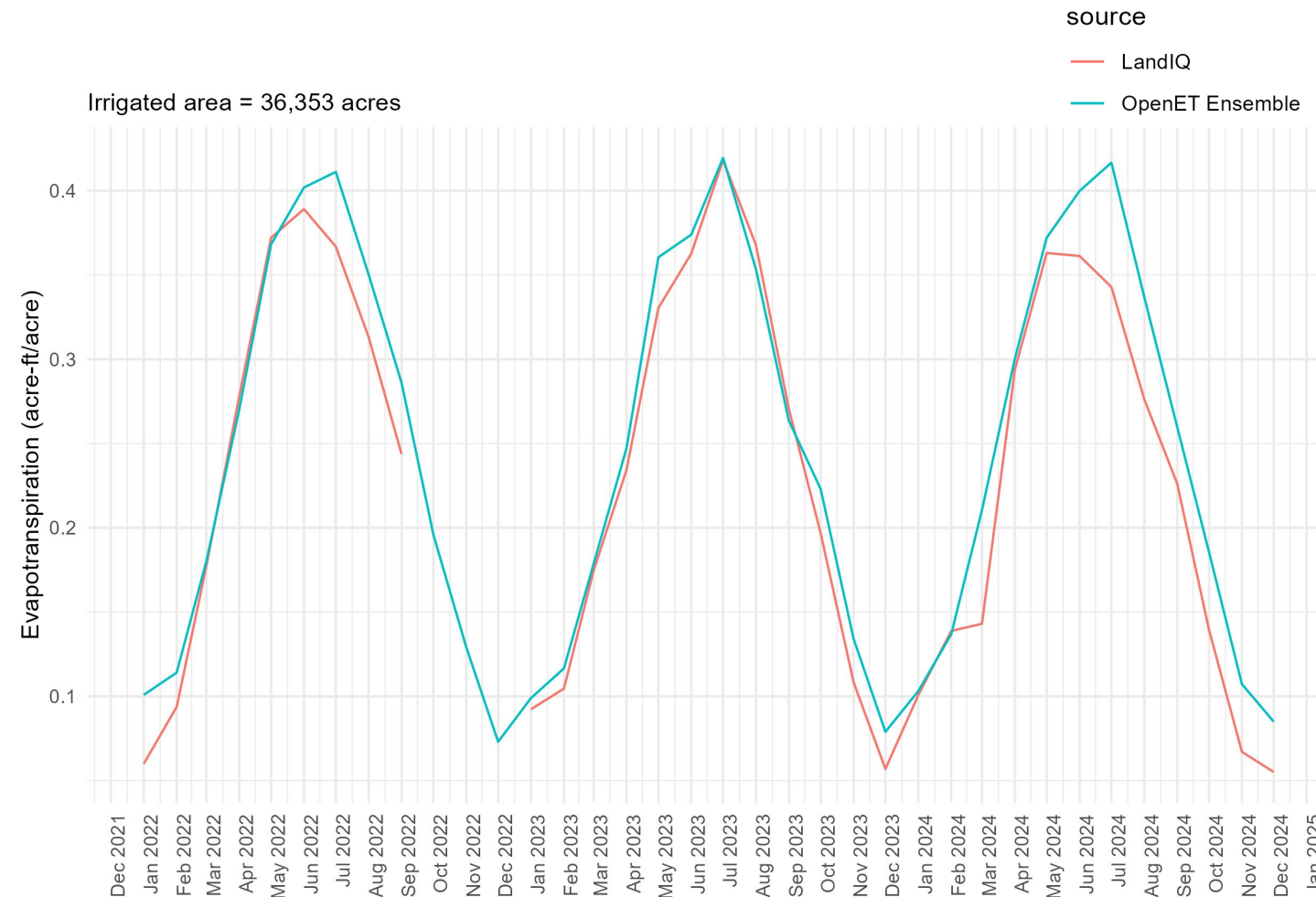
White Wolf Subbasin	Current	Proposed - 3 Years		
	Oct, 2022 - Sep, 2026	Oct 1, 2026 - Sep 30, 2027	Oct 1, 2027 - Sep 30, 2028	Oct 1, 2026 - Sep 30, 2029
Cropped Acreage	36,303	36,341		
Escalation	none	6%	3%	3%
\$/Ac/Yr	\$0.63	\$0.67	\$0.69	\$0.71
Annual Cost	\$22,870.89	\$24,268.52	\$24,996.58	\$25,746.47
Non-Cropped Acreage	70,503	70,455		
Escalation	none		3%	3%
\$/Ac/Yr	\$0.38	\$0.40	\$0.41	\$0.43
Annual Cost	\$26,791.14	\$28,379.27	\$29,230.65	\$30,107.57
Total Annual Cost	\$49,662.03	\$52,647.79	\$54,227.23	\$55,854.04
Total Monthly Cost	\$4,138.50	\$4,387.32	\$4,518.94	\$4,654.50

ALTERNATIVE ET OPTIONS

Data Provider	Land IQ	OpenET
Consistency	Used for water budget in Kern Subbasin and for WRMWSD’s groundwater service charge. Consistent with previous annual reports for White Wolf.	Widely used in other locations (though not in White Wolf or Kern Subbasins)
Frequency	Provided monthly	Significant lag in accessing basinwide data provided by DWR (data can be accessed directly via API but may be subject to download limits or costs)
Period of record	2020 - Current	1985 – Current
Ground-based monitoring	95 private meteorological stations	Spatial CIMIS meteorological data from DWR
Land Use	Field-level crop mapping	All land uses treated the same
Model	Proprietary model with manual adjustment	Average of ALEXI/DisALEXI, eeMETRIC, geeSEBAL, PT-JPL, SIMS, SSEBop with outliers removed
Cost	\$53k - \$56k per year	Free (though downloading basinwide rasters may incur cost if DWR stops providing)

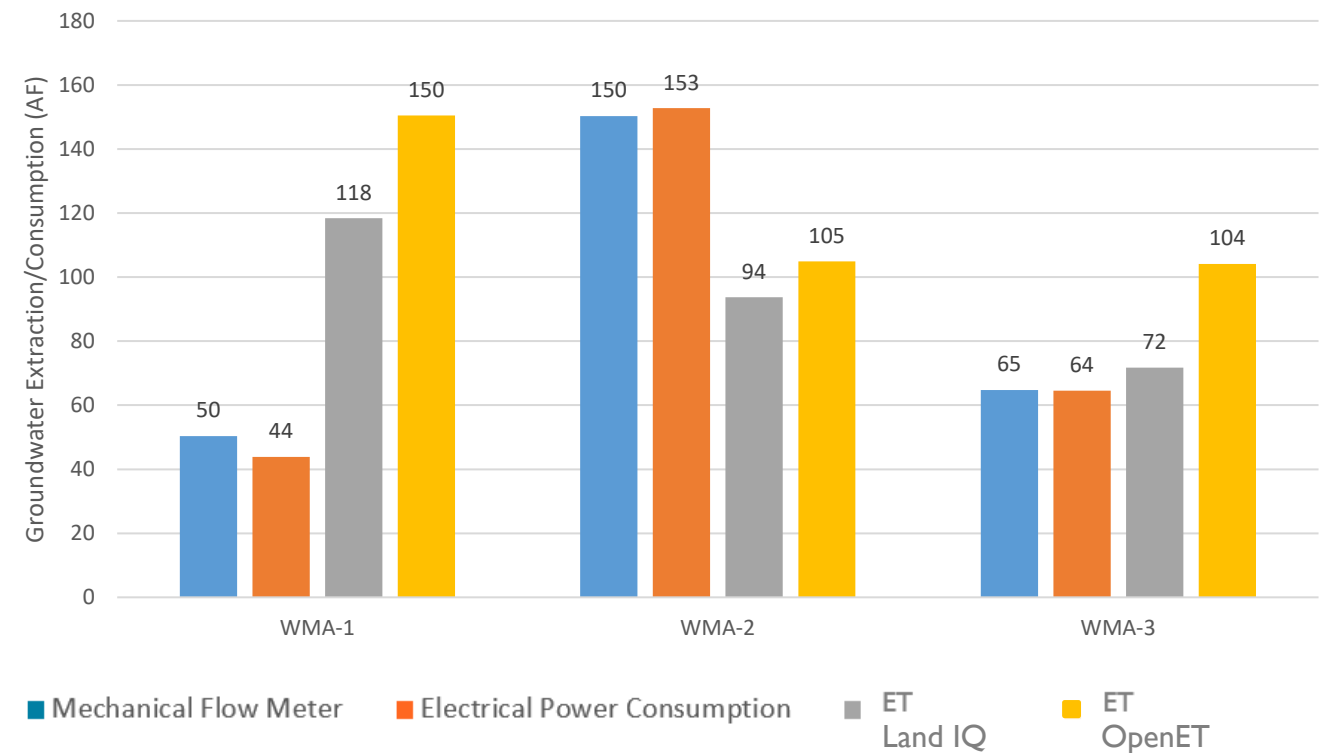
ET METHOD COMPARISON FOR WHITE WOLF IRRIGATED AREAS

- General temporal and spatial agreement
- OpenET Ensemble is higher during June – Sept.
- OpenET Ensemble predicts high ET values in some instances when LandIQ predicts zero.
- LandIQ shows slightly earlier onset and tapering of ET season compared to OpenET Ensemble.
- Irrigated lands show bigger differences between ET methods than non-irrigated lands.



DEMONSTRATION PROJECT EXAMPLE FROM SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY BASIN

- Total groundwater extraction from flow meter and power consumption were within 3% to 12% (average difference of 4%)
- Land IQ values are 11-36% less than Open ET, averaging 24% difference



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

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

September 24, 2026, at 10:00 am

Call to Order

- 1. Public Input**—This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Board members any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction, provided no action shall be taken on any such matter unless otherwise provided.
- 2. Minutes**
Approval of minutes of 8/27/26 special board meeting
- 3. Audit Engagement Letter for 2025 & 2026**
- 4. Directors Forum** – discussion only, no action
 - a. SGMA
 - b. SWP
 - c. Kern River
 - d. Water Plan for the San Joaquin Valley
 - e. Other
- 5. Authority Logo**
- 6. New Business for Consideration at Future Meetings and Announcements**
- 7. Adjournment**

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

**Fish Friendly Diversion Project
Agenda**

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

September 24, 2026, at 10:00 am

Call to Order

- 1. Public Input**—This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Committee members any matter not on the agenda and over which the Committee has jurisdiction, provided no action shall be taken on any such matter unless otherwise provided.
- 2. Minutes**
Approval of committee meeting minutes of 8/27/26
- 3. Financial Reports**
 - a. Presentation of financial reports for August 2026
 - b. Approval of accounts payable.
- 4. Fish Friendly Diversion Demonstration Project**
 - a. Project Financial Status - Budget vs Actual
 - b. Design Update
 - c. Demonstration Project Permitting Status
 - d. Biological Monitoring Update
 - e. Construction Budget
 - f. Schedule
 - g. Alternatives for advancing the Demonstration Project
 - h. Consider Approval of Contracts for Construction of Demonstration Project.
- 5. Adjournment**

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

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

October 2, 2026, at 8:00 am

Call to Order

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

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

**Fish Friendly Diversion Project
Agenda**

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

October 2, 2026, at 8:00 am

Call to Order

- 1. Public Input**—This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Committee members any matter not on the agenda and over which the Committee has jurisdiction, provided no action shall be taken on any such matter unless otherwise provided.
- 2. Fish Friendly Diversion Infiltration Gallery Demonstration Project**
 - a. Permitting Status
 - b. Review of Schedule
 - c. Participation
 - d. Alternatives
 - e. Review and Approval of Project Construction Budget
 - f. Consider Approval of Project Construction Contracts
 - W. M. Lyles Co - construction
 - Environmental Science Associates – biological surveys
- 3. Adjournment**



For Immediate Release: October 5, 2025

For more information, contact: Jenny Holtermann jenny@wakc.com 661-746-3300

BUDAK AND PARKER TO RECEIVE WAKC AWARDS AT 70TH ANNUAL MEETING

BAKERSFIELD, CA – The Water Association of Kern County will proudly present the Water Leader of the Year and Water Legacy Awards on Wednesday, November 4th, at the 2026 WAKC 70th Annual Meeting to be held at Stockdale Country Club. Every year, the Water Association of Kern County awards two individuals as Water Leader of the Year and Water Legacy Award. This year's recipients are Kristina Budak and Jonathan Parker.

Kristina Budak is receiving the Water Leader of the Year Award. Kris is a civil engineer and longtime Kern County water professional. She served as the Director of the City of Bakersfield's Water Resources department from 2023 to 2026, leading and building a team of water professionals in both Water Resources and Wastewater. She managed challenging subjects, such as Kern River operations during a lawsuit, merging the Wastewater division with the Water Resources Department, and ensuring the city's water and wastewater services were financially stable. Kris says, "I am grateful to all those that I have had an opportunity to collaborate with and learn from over the years including members of the Kern River Interests, Kern County Subbasin, California Water Services Company, and the City of Bakersfield."

Jonathan Parker is receiving the Water Legacy Award. Since joining the Kern Water Bank Authority in 1999, Jon has played a significant role in developing infrastructure capable of storing and managing water that is extremely important to Kern County. His work on the Master Plan Project included the construction of the Kern Water Bank Canal, installation and rehabilitation of 41 wells, and the development of recharge basins and pipeline systems. His technical expertise has supported important endeavors including CEQA documents, Sustainable Management Criteria, and portions of the Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Together, these accomplishments demonstrate Jon's lasting contributions to Kern County Water. WAKC is proud to name Jonathan Parker as the 2026 Water Legacy Award recipient.

Join us on November 4th to celebrate Kris and Jon's accomplishments, as well as all of our accomplishments over last year. WAKC is grateful for their service and commitment to Kern County Water. Community members can join WAKC in honoring our award winners by purchasing tickets at www.wakc.com/upcoming-events/ before October 23rd.

The Water Association of Kern County is a non-profit organization designed to educate and inform the Kern County community about water issues and events. Members consist of local water districts, municipalities, agencies and affiliated groups and individuals. More information may be found at www.wakc.com.