



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT AND

ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

849 ALLEN ROAD, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314

AGENDA

October 13, 2025 8:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Treasurer's Report (MM)
- b) Accounts Payable (MM)
- c) Revenue and Expenditures (MM)

4. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

- a) District Groundwater Levels (MN)
- b) Operations (ZS)
- c) Maintenance (ZS)
- d) Consideration of 2024 Operations Report (ZS)

5. WATER RESOURCES REPORT

- a) State Water Project Operations (TT)
- b) Delta Conveyance Project (TT)
- c) Kern County Water Agency (TT)
- d) Consideration of Purchase of "4%" Water (TT)
- e) Consideration of Second Amended and Restated Agreement for Storage and Extraction (TT)
- f) Consideration of an Encroachment Permit for South Strand (TT)
- g) Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement Between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, Kern Water Bank Authority, and Irvine Ranch Water District

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Strategic Plan Update (RE/DB)
- b) Rosedale Recap (RE)
- c) Project Evaluation Update (DB)

7. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch Project (DB)
 - i. Consideration of Well Head Water Treatment Services Contract (MN)
- b) Improvement Projects (MN)
- c) Stockdale Integrated Banking Project (RE)
 - Resolution No. 551 Adopting Addendum No.3 to Stockdale Integrated EIR SCH#2013091076 and Directing Filing of NOD

8. COMMITTEE/SPECIAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority (DB & TT)
- b) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act / Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (DB/TT/DR)
 - i. Preemptive Well Mitigation Policy
 - ii. Consideration of Ratification of GSP Finalization Costs
 - iii. Consideration of GSP Implementation Costs
- c) Kern Non-Districted Lands Joint Power Authority (DB/BW)
- d) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee (MN)
- e) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee (DB)
- f) Pioneer Project Committee (DB)
 - i. Consideration of Participation in Pioneer North Improvements (DB)
- g) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (ZS)
- h) Kern Fan Authority (DB)
- i) Joint Operating Committee (DB & TT)
- j) Committee for Delta Reliability (TT)
- k) South Valley Water Resources Authority (TT)
- I) Valley Ag Water Coalition (TT)
- m) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (TT)
- n) Sites Reservoir Project (TT)
- o) Association of California Water Agencies (TT)

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

10. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

13. CLOSED SESSION

- a) Conference with legal counsel Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Two (2) Matters
- b) Conference with legal counsel Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): Two (2) Matters
- c) Conference with legal counsel Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1):
 - i. State Water Resources Control Board Applications to Appropriate Kern River Water
 - ii. Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested (Validation Action)
 - iii. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, et al. vs. Kern County Water Agency, et al. (CVC Litigation)
 - iv. Buena Vista Water Storage District, et al. v. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Three Separate Suits) (Onyx Ranch CEQA Litigation)
 - v. Bring Back the Kern, et al v. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, et al. (Kern River Public Trust Litigation)
- d) Conference with real property negotiator *Government Code Section 54956.8* Negotiators: Dan Bartel / Dan Raytis
 - i. Property: Water Supply (Delta Conveyance). Negotiating parties: Various parties and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District. Under negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment
 - ii. Property: Water Supply. Negotiating parties: Various parties and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District. Under negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment
 - iii. Property: Various Parcels Potential District Projects. Negotiating parties: Various parties and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District. Under negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment
 - iv. Property: Various Parcels Kern Fan Project. Negotiating parties: Various parties and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, Irvine Ranch Water District and Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority.

14. ADJOURNMENT

DECLARATION OF POSTING: I, Rachelle Echeverria, declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and I posted the foregoing Agenda at the District Office and on the District's website (www.rrbwsd.com) on or before October 10, 2025. Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services may be made by telephoning or contacting Megan Misuraca at mmisuraca@rrbwsd.com. Please attempt to make such requests known at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2025 8:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Mitch Millwee, Gary Unruh & Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jason Selvidge

OTHERS PRESENT

District Staff / Consultants – Dan Bartel, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Zach Smith, Rachelle Echeverria, Markus Nygren, Dan Raytis & Jennifer Spaletta

Public – Oscar Lope, Sonia Lemus, Ben Rudnick, Maria Milan and Ken Campbell

CALL TO ORDER

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2025

A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee to approve the Board of Directors' August 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee and Watts

NOES: None ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) <u>Treasurer's Report</u> Ms. Misuraca presented the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2025, to the Board, highlighting significant payments made in August. She noted that the County Fund Account balances are still estimates due to the transition to a new accounting system.
- b) Accounts Payable Approval and Ratification (of payments made August 9, 2025 through September 5, 2025) — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$581,720.87. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Millwee

NOES: None ABSTAINED: None

c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Ms. Misuraca presented the Revenue and Expenditures Report, comparing budgeted amounts to actuals through August 31, 2025. She highlighted several accounts that have large changes or budget overages compared to last month.

d) Consideration of FYE December 31, 2024 Audit and Financial Report – Ms. Misuraca reported that staff worked with BHK Accountancy to review and audit the District's financial statements and accounting processes for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. She noted that the process went smoothly and the results were presented to the Finance Committee on September 5, 2025. Ms. Misuraca reviewed key highlights from the presentation, and a motion was made by Director Millwee, seconded by Director Watts, to approve the District's Fiscal Year End December 31, 2024, financial statements and audit. The motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

e) <u>Water Charge Update</u> – Mr. Taylor reported that the 2026 water charge rate will be set at the November board meeting.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

- a) <u>District Groundwater Levels</u> Mr. Nygren presented groundwater levels in relation to the District's minimum thresholds under SGMA, along with a depth-to-water map for the District. He also highlighted the updated design of the map, which now includes the District's recharge ponds.
- b) Operations Report Mr. Smith provided an update on the District's water supplies and recharge and recovery operations.
- c) Maintenance Report Mr. Smith reported on various maintenance efforts across the District.
- d) <u>Consideration of Purchase of Pump Shade Covers</u> Mr. Smith reported on current storage conditions for the District's PumpMaster Portable Pumps. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to purchase a shade cover structure with a budget not to exceed \$15,000. The motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee and Watts

NOES: None ABSTAINED: None

e) <u>Consideration of 2024 Operations Report</u> – Mr. Smith reported that staff is substantially complete with the 2024 Draft Operations Report. The item was tabled to the November 2025 Board meeting for further consideration.

WATER RESOURCES REPORT

- a) <u>State Water Project Operations</u> Mr. Taylor provided a detailed report on current State Water Project operations, including analysis of the 8-station index graph, reservoir conditions, and snow water content reports. He noted that staff continues to monitor conditions at Oroville to anticipate potential spill impacts on the District's carryover balance in San Luis Reservoir.
- b) <u>California Delta Conveyance Project</u> Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the Delta Conveyance Project schedule and ongoing funding discussions.

c) <u>Kern County Water Agency Board Meeting Update</u> – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on the recent Kern County Water Agency meeting, noting that the agency is continuing its progress on the strategic planning process.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) <u>Strategic Plan Update</u> Ms. Echeverria reviewed the District's mission, values, and strategic priorities with the Board as a refresher, and briefed the Board on staff's efforts under Goal #4 of the Strategic Plan to implement an intentional and focused project plan for major initiatives highlighting updates to the goal's objectives.
- b) Rosedale Recap Ms. Echeverria reviewed the August Rosedale-Recap and provided metrics for the open and click rates of the newsletter.
- c) <u>Project Evaluation Update</u> Ms. Echeverria, serving as project manager, and the team leads reviewed recaps, including the Risk and Reliability Team, the Affordability Team, and the How Much Water Team.

ENGINEER'S / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on Onyx Ranch operations including project flows over the past month.
- b) <u>Improvement Projects</u> Mr. Nygren updated the Board on the status of various improvement projects across the District including progress on the SCADA project.
- c) Stockdale Integrated Banking Project
 - i. <u>Consideration of Cultural Studies Proposal</u> Ms. Echeverria reported that staff is currently working with Rincon Consultants to prepare the CEQA documentation for the Dillard Project and that a cultural study has been deemed necessary. A motion was made by Director Millwee, seconded by Director Watts, to authorize staff to execute an agreement with ASM Consultants for completion of the cultural report for the Dillard Project, with a budget not to exceed \$16,436.50.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee and Watts

NOES: None ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) <u>Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority</u> Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on Phase 1 of the project, reporting that one well has been constructed and the second is in progress. He noted that the Rosedale 1 design is in progress. He also reviewed the ALT-5 feasibility team presentation with the Board.
- b) <u>Sustainable Groundwater Management Act / Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District</u> <u>Groundwater Sustainability Agency –</u>
 - SWRCB Hearing Preparation Mr. Bartel reviewed the presentation for the State Water Resources Control Board hearing and highlighted the remaining concerns that the SWRCB staff has with the GSP.

ii. <u>Consideration of Amended SHE Mitigation Agreement</u> – Mr. Taylor reviewed the amended Draft Domestic Well Mitigation Agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Millwee to approve the Domestic Well Mitigation Agreement with Self Help Enterprises in substantial form and authorized staff to execute the agreement upon completion. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee and Watts

NOES: None ABSTAINED: None

- c) Kern Non-Districted Lands Joint Power Authority
 - i. White Land Assessment Structure Mr. Bartel reported on activities related to the development of a White Land assessment structure. An ad-hoc committee, consisting of Director Watts and Director Millwee, was formed to provide input on the subject.
- d) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee No report.
- e) <u>Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee</u> Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the meeting and reported the Alt. 5 improvement project will be on the agenda for discussion moving forward.
- f) Pioneer Project Committee No report.
- g) <u>Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA)</u> Mr. Smith briefed the Board on the latest Kern River Watershed meeting and reported the 2026 budget was approved.
- h) Kern Fan Authority No report.
- i) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) No report.
- j) Committee for Delta Reliability No report.
- k) <u>South Valley Water Resources Authority</u> Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the Fish Friendly Diversion project, reporting that the team is working to reduce costs and complete the project before December.
- I) Valley Ag Water Coalition No report.
- m) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan No report.
- n) <u>Sites Reservoir Project</u> Mr. Taylor reported on the latest activities and project updates.
- o) <u>Association of California Water Agencies</u> Mr. Taylor reported on the latest election results.
- p) <u>WAKC</u> Mr. Bartel reported the Legacy/Water award nominations are coming up and discussed recommendations for candidates for the award.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

a) Adoption of Revised District Salary Schedule.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rudnick addressed concerns at Onyx Ranch, including a call he received from a landowner reporting that his sheep had entered her barn. Because there is no fence to keep them out, the sheep have been eating her hay, and she indicated she may remove them. Mr. Rudnick requested that a fence be installed to keep the sheep on the property and sufficient water be provided to irrigate the land and supply livestock, noting that he believes current water diversions are not sufficient.

Mr. Campbell asked for clarification on groundwater level survey information.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:26 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:44 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session. Mr. Raytis reported that the Board did not take any reportable action during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 a.m. President Pierucci adjourned the meeting.

Monthly Financial Report

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District September 2025



Prepared by

Megan Misuraca

Prepared on

October 13, 2025

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District RRB Cash Balance

September 2025

		Credit		Debit		Balance
10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations	Beginning Balance					3,117,869.58
Total for 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations	Degiming Dalance	\$ 60,639.13	\$	655,430.56	\$	2,523,078.15
10007 Tri-Counties Bank-Payroll						
	Beginning Balance					46,536.93
Total for 10007 Tri-Counties Bank-Payroll		\$ 160,314.28	\$	126,777.87	\$	80,073.34
10100 General County Fund # 60510						45,000,000,00
Total for 10100 General County Fund # 60510	Beginning Balance				\$	15,063,086.29 15,063,086.29
10101 Operations County Fund # 60520						
	Beginning Balance					51,896.34
Total for 10101 Operations County Fund # 60520					\$	51,896.34
10102 Bond Debt County Fund # 60526	De vice in a Delance					5.445.00
Total for 10102 Bond Debt County Fund # 60526	Beginning Balance				\$	5,415.03 5,415.03
10103 Bond Reserve County Fund #60527						
Total for 10103 Bond Reserve County Fund #60527	Beginning Balance				\$	990.16 990.16
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10504 2020 COP W.F. Trust Funds M.M.	Beginning Balance					375.45
Total for 10504 2020 COP W.F. Trust Funds M.M.	3 3	\$ 1.31			\$	376.76
10551 Goldman Sachs Money Market						
	Beginning Balance					39,894.31
Total for 10551 Goldman Sachs Money Market		\$ 126.37			\$	40,020.68
		Total Cas	sh Balar	ıce	\$	17,764,936.75
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Investments / Cash Equivalent

September 2025

10550 Investment AMG - Wells Fargo				
	Beginning Balance			16,715,477.83
Total for 10550 Investment AMG - Wells Fargo		\$	58,229.50	\$ 16,773,707.33
		Total In	vestment / Cash Equivalent	\$ 16,773,707.33
		Total Cas	sh and Cash Equivalent Balance	\$ 34,538,644.08

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District AP for Ratification

September 6 - October 8, 2025

	Transaction Type	Num	Date	Amount	Split
ACE HARDWARE					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4582	10/01/2025		Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	66597	09/05/2025	48.21 61650 Ope	erating Supplies
AE COM Engineering Inc					
AE-COM Engineering Inc	Bill Payment (Check)	4592	10/01/2025	-1 047 77 10006 Tri-(Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	2001060375	09/10/2025	1,047.77 63004 Eng	
	5	2001000010	00/10/2020	1,017.77 0000 1 Eng	mooning convices
Americal					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4569	10/01/2025	-3,180.00 10006 Tri-0	Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	RRBWD092525	09/24/2025	3,180.00 70001 Cap	ital Building
Berchtold Equipment Company					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4590	10/01/2025		Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	P50456	09/12/2025	263.81 61500 Equ	ipment Rental
BSK Associates Inc					
DON ASSOCIATES IIIC	Bill Payment (Check)	4597	10/01/2025	-3 975 97 10006 Tri-0	Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	B102718	09/24/2025	2,094.55 -Split-	Southing Barin Operations
	Bill	B102620	09/19/2025	1,557.05 -Split-	
	Bill	B102617	09/19/2025	324.37 61655 Wat	er Quality Testing
Buena Vista GSA					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4577	10/01/2025	-12,500.00 10006 Tri-0	Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	Funding Request #15	09/19/2025	12,500.00 61450 Reg	ulatory Programs
Carroll's Tire Warehouse	D'II Dayward (Obarda)	4570	40/04/0005	140 70 40000 Til	Don't a Don't Open them
	Bill Payment (Check) Bill	4572 102856	10/01/2025 09/08/2025		Counties Bank-Operations o Maintenance & Repair
	DIII	102030	09/06/2025	110.72 65000 Auto	э мантенансе & керап
Christensen, Inc.					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4568	10/01/2025	-5,873.89 10006 Tri-0	Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	415174	09/30/2025	2,659.49 -Split-	·
	Bill	412417	09/15/2025	3,214.40 -Split-	
David Janes Company					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4594	10/01/2025	-74.75 10006 Tri-0	Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	0458744-IN	09/18/2025	74.75 61650 Ope	erating Supplies
Emcor Services	Bill Payment (Check)	4587	10/01/2025	425.00.40006 Tri (Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	960028970	09/22/2025	435.00 65100 Build	·
	J.II	300020310	0012212020	433.00 03100 Bull	ang maintenance
EquipmentShare					
•	Bill Payment (Check)	4580	10/01/2025	-8,735.90 10006 Tri-0	Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	BFL-5726091-0001	09/22/2025	6,042.77 -Split-	
	Bill	BFL-5726091-0000	09/15/2025	2,693.13 61500 Equ	ipment Rental
Esparza Enterprises, Inc					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4573	10/01/2025		Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	134113	09/17/2025	3,194.10 -Split-	0
	Bill	133949	09/10/2025	,	er Contracted Services
	Bill	134214	09/24/2025	3,403.18 63007 Oth	er Contracted Services
GCI Equipment Rental					
2.1 aquipment Nomul	Bill Payment (Check)	4585	10/01/2025	-40.01 10006 Tri-0	Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	193644-1	09/24/2025	40.01 61650 Ope	·
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Kern Auto Parts				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4576	10/01/2025	-54.58 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	97276	09/17/2025	54.58 65000 Auto Maintenance & Repair
Kern County Water Agency				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4595	10/01/2025	-270,210.00 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	43170	09/23/2025	270,210.00 61300 Surface Water Pumping
Martinez Gardening Service				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4589	10/01/2025	-400.00 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	677134 June 25	06/22/2025	200.00 65100 Building Maintenance
	Bill	780156 September 2025	09/18/2025	200.00 65100 Building Maintenance
Mission Uniform Service				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4566	10/01/2025	-104.84 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	524612416	09/19/2025	104.84 63500 Janitorial
Office1				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4579	10/01/2025	-192.91 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	AR1317061	09/09/2025	192.91 62001 Printing & Reproduction
Peachy Clean	DW D	4500	10/04/2227	000 00 40000 = 1.0
	Bill Payment (Check)	4586	10/01/2025	-900.00 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	July 25	09/10/2025	400.00 63500 Janitorial
	Bill	Aug 25	09/10/2025	500.00 63500 Janitorial
Performance Truck & Diesel	Dill Daywood (Obs. 1)	4504	10/01/0005	4 004 04 40000 Til Ownthe Burk Ownthe
	Bill Payment (Check)	4581	10/01/2025	-1,381.31 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	29904	09/23/2025	1,381.31 65000 Auto Maintenance & Repair
DOSE (400404444 5)				
PG&E (1091941045-5)	Dill Downsont (Chook)	4504	10/01/2025	2 225 47 40006 Tri Counting Bank Operations
	Bill Payment (Check) Bill	4584	10/01/2025 09/12/2025	-2,225.17 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	DIII	1091941045-5 Sep 25	09/12/2025	2,225.17 61300 Surface Water Pumping
PG&E (5462966222-9)				
FGAE (3402300222-9)	Bill Payment (Check)	4575	10/01/2025	-43.01 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	5462966222-9 Oct 25	09/26/2025	43.01 61301 Groundwater Pumping
	Dill	3402900222-9 Oct 23	09/20/2023	45.01 01501 Groundwater Lumping
PG&E 7752864149-9				
1 342 77 52 50 4 143-3	Bill Payment (Check)	4574	10/01/2025	-45.87 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	7752864149-9 Sep 25	09/09/2025	45.87 61301 Groundwater Pumping
	5	7702004140 0 00p 20	00/00/2020	40.07 01001 Crountamater Lumping
Purchase Power				
	Bill Payment (Check)		10/01/2025	-Split-
	Bill	October 2025	09/12/2025	50.00 62009 Postage and Delivery
	Vendor Credit	ACH	09/24/2025	-50.00 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
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Rachelle Echeverria - Reimbursement				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4596	10/01/2025	-30.38 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	2025-08-18	09/23/2025	30.38 65002 Mileage Reimbursement
Rincon Consultants, Inc				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4591	10/01/2025	-9,404.50 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	68647	09/15/2025	9,404.50 -Split-
Southern California Edison (700122257127)				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4593	10/01/2025	-1,275.40 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	700122257127 Sep 25	09/02/2025	1,275.40 -Split-
SSD Alarm				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4588	10/01/2025	-268.89 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	R-00616509	09/10/2025	268.89 66000 Utilities

Standard Insurance				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4567	10/01/2025	-743.93 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	October 2025	09/23/2025	743.93 -Split-
Stoel Rives LLP				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4571	10/01/2025	-3,987.97 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	8088677	09/16/2025	2,813.00 63000 Legal Services
	Bill	8088678	09/16/2025	242.50 63000 Legal Services
	Bill	8088679	09/16/2025	339.50 63000 Legal Services
	Bill	8088680	09/16/2025	592.97 63000 Legal Services
Thomas Harder & Co., Inc.				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4578	10/01/2025	-1,250.00 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	25-054-138.6	09/12/2025	1,250.00 63006 Hydrogeology Services
Verizon Wireless				
	Bill Payment (Check)		10/01/2025	-Split-
	Bill		09/06/2025	702.52 66001 Phone / Internet
	Vendor Credit	ACH Payment	09/29/2025	-702.52 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
Wagner & Bonsignore CCE				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4570	10/01/2025	-6,088.80 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	09-25-849	09/11/2025	6,088.80 63000 Legal Services
Zeiders Consulting				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4583	10/01/2025	-7,365.25 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	RRBWSD-INV-Aug-2025	09/29/2025	7,365.25 70200 Capital Engineering Services

Total AP For Ratification

352,276.98

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District AP for Board Approval October 9, 2025

	Transaction Type	Num	Date	Amount	Split
ACE HARDWARE	Dill Down out (Chook)	4642	10/00/2025	22.72.40006 Tri Cou	ntice Pank Onevations
	Bill Payment (Check) Bill	4613 66708	10/09/2025 10/01/2025	-22.72 10006 Tri-Cou 22.72 61650 Operatii	
	DIII	00708	10/01/2025	22.72 61650 Operaul	ng Supplies
ACWA					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4610	10/09/2025	-25,395.00 10006 Tri-Cou	nties Bank-Operations
	Bill	2025-09-30	09/30/2025	25,395.00 Dues/Members	ship- Dues and Membership:Dues/Membership- ACWA
ACWA - JPIA (Benefits)					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4623	10/09/2025	-18,322.62 10006 Tri-Cou	nties Bank-Operations
	Bill	707238	10/02/2025	18,322.62 20035 Benefit	Liability
ACWA JPIA (W/C,Auto,GL,Prop)	Dill Dayma and (Charle)	4007	40/00/0005	C 447 00 40000 Tri Oniv	utica Bank On austicas
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Advanced Data Storage, Inc.					
3 -7,	Bill Payment (Check)	4634	10/09/2025	-56.39 10006 Tri-Cou	nties Bank-Operations
	Bill	219372	09/27/2025	56.39 62000 Genera	•
AE-COM Engineering Inc					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4602	10/09/2025	-5,951.91 10006 Tri-Cou	nties Bank-Operations
	Bill	2001070359	10/04/2025	5,951.91 63004 Enginee	ering Services
Barnes Welding Supply	_				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4618	10/09/2025	-546.43 10006 Tri-Cou	
	Bill	63647834	10/26/2025	473.59 61650 Operation	
	Bill	91722390	10/30/2025	72.84 61500 Equipm	ent Rental
Barry Watts					
Daily Wates	Bill Payment (Check)	4626	10/09/2025	-408.68 10006 Tri-Cou	nties Bank-Operations
	Bill	Sep 2025	10/03/2025	408.68 62007 Director	·
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Belden Blaine Raytis, LLP					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4616	10/09/2025	-14,742.83 10006 Tri-Cou	nties Bank-Operations
	Bill	27094	10/01/2025	11,315.00 -Split-	
	Bill	27093	10/01/2025	1,852.00 63000 Legal S	
	Bill	27092	10/01/2025	1,575.83 63000 Legal S	ervices
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Berchtold Equipment Company	Bill Payment (Check)	4603	10/09/2025	-3,085.13 10006 Tri-Cou	nties Rank Operations
	Bill	R01992	09/30/2025	3,085.13 61500 Equipm	
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Builders Mart					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4638	10/09/2025	-368.24 10006 Tri-Cou	nties Bank-Operations
	Bill	4612 Aug 25	10/01/2025	368.24 61650 Operation	
Carroll's Tire Warehouse					
	Bill Payment (Check)	4628	10/09/2025	-110.72 10006 Tri-Cou	
	Bill	103314	10/06/2025	110.72 65000 Auto Ma	aintenance & Repair
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	Bill Payment (Check)	4631	10/09/2025	-120.00 10006 Tri-Cou	nties Bank-Operations
	Bill	1413665	10/08/2025	120.00 60005 Staff Be	·
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	Bill Payment (Check)	4606	10/09/2025	-530.00 10006 Tri-Cou	nties Bank-Operations
	Bill	960029071	09/26/2025	530.00 65100 Building	Maintenance
EquipmentShare	BW B	4040	10/00/05 ==	070.00	office Book On on "
	Bill Payment (Check)	4619	10/09/2025	-378.88 10006 Tri-Cou	nties ʁanκ-∪perations

	Bill	BFL-5726091-0002	10/06/2025	378.88 61500 Equipment Rental
Esparza Enterprises, Inc				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4625	10/09/2025	-6,101.14 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	134518	10/01/2025	3,194.10 -Split-
	Bill	134625	10/08/2025	2,907.04 63007 Other Contracted Services
Gary Unruh				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4611	10/09/2025	-736.26 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	Sep 2025	10/03/2025	736.26 62007 Directors' Fees
Heather Durham.				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4622	10/09/2025	-35.10 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	2025-10-09	10/09/2025	35.10 -Split-
Jeffries Bros., Inc.				
	Bill Payment (Check)		10/09/2025	-Split-
	Bill	180313	10/03/2025	203.03 61800 Fuel
	Vendor Credit	ACH	10/18/2025	-203.03 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
JSC Agricultural Supply				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4601	10/09/2025	-3,507.30 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	377467	10/02/2025	3,507.30 61650 Operating Supplies
Mission Uniform Service				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4636	10/09/2025	-104.84 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	524705364	10/03/2025	104.84 63500 Janitorial
Mitch Millwee				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4635	10/09/2025	-208.40 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	Sep 2025	10/03/2025	208.40 62007 Directors' Fees
PG&E (0439653883-9)				
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	Bill	0439653883-9 Oct 25	09/30/2025	422.21 61300 Surface Water Pumping
PG&E (1338232537-4)				
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	Bill	1338232537-4 Oct 25	09/30/2025	1,966.77 61301 Groundwater Pumping
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	Bill	5592643715-7 Oct 25	09/30/2025	212.40 61301 Groundwater Pumping
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	Bill	7649745985-9 Oct 25	09/30/2025	10.52 66000 Utilities
PG&E (8190181094-5)				
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	Bill	8190181094-5 Oct 25	09/30/2025	137.61 61301 Groundwater Pumping
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	Bill	6149047433-7 Oct 25	09/29/2025	45.87 61301 Groundwater Pumping
Roy Pierucci				
Noy i lotucol	Bill Payment (Check)	4624	10/09/2025	-964.40 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	Sep 2025	10/03/2025	964.40 62007 Directors' Fees
South Earl Manquite Abstance District				
South Fork Mosquito Abatement District	Bill Payment (Check)	4633	10/09/2025	-25.00 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	26634	10/01/2025	25.00 68000 Property Taxes

Southern California Edison (700102049704)				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4599	10/09/2025	-244.57 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	700102049704 Oct 25	09/30/2025	244.57 66000 Utilities
Southern California Edison (700122257127)				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4600	10/09/2025	-1,025.84 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	700122257127 Oct 25	10/01/2025	1,025.84 -Split-
Southern California Edison (700511405161)	B::: B	4000	40/00/0005	00 40 40000 T : 0
	Bill Payment (Check)	4632	10/09/2025	-39.16 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	700511405161 Oct 25	09/30/2025	39.16 66000 Utilities
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Spectrum Business	Dill Down out (Chook)	4627	10/00/2025	456 25 40006 Tri Counties Book Operations
	Bill Payment (Check)	4637	10/09/2025	-156.25 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations 156.25 66001 Phone / Internet
	Bill	1355119090125 Oct	10/01/2025	156.25 66001 Phone / Internet
SUPERIOR SANITATION				
SUPERIOR SANITATION	Bill Payment (Check)	4627	10/09/2025	-342.50 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	5A100228	10/01/2025	342.50 66000 Utilities
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Thomas Harder & Co., Inc.				
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	Bill	24-054-137.7	10/08/2025	120.00 63006 Hydrogeology Services
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Thomas Refuse Service, Inc				
·	Bill Payment (Check)	4615	10/09/2025	-265.38 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	5A104609	10/01/2025	265.38 66000 Utilities
Tuff Carpet Cleaning				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4617	10/09/2025	-644.85 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	4275	10/02/2025	644.85 63500 Janitorial
Workforce go!				
	Bill Payment (Check)	4621	10/09/2025	-30.78 10006 Tri-Counties Bank-Operations
	Bill	INV-0041419	10/01/2025	30.78 60001 Payroll Taxes and Fees

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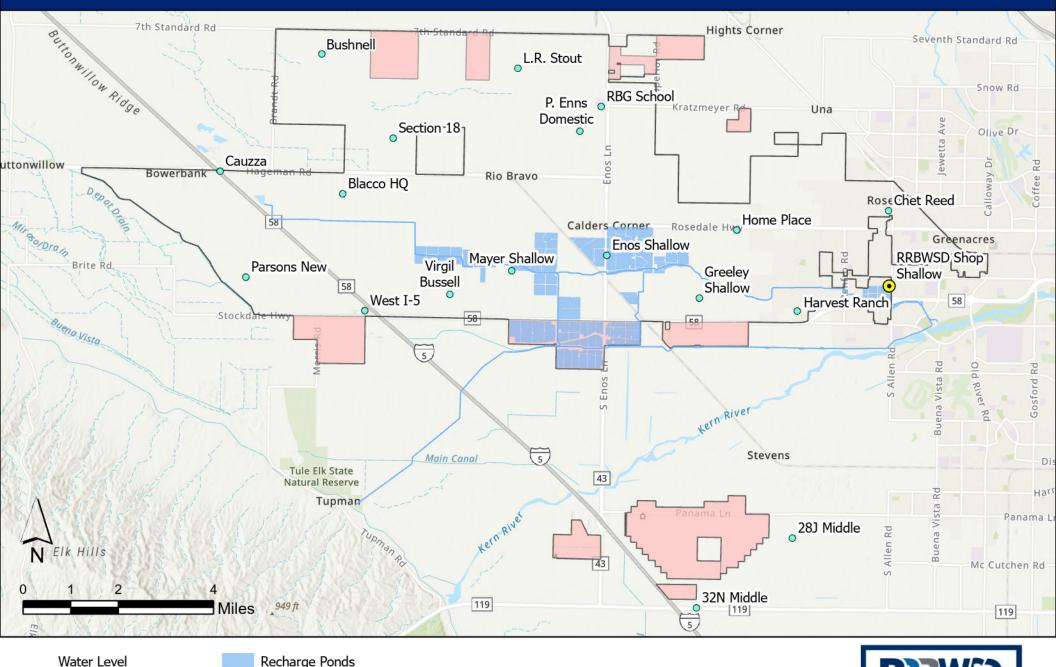
Total AP Current + Ratification 448,859.58

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Budget vs. Actuals: FYE December 31, 2025

January - September, 2025

	Sep 2025			
	Actual	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Income				
40000 Assesments		2,744,194.09	6,041,401.60	45.42%
40010 Prior Year Assesments		31,825.35	26,250.00	121.24%
40500 Water Charge		1,757,464.97	1,824,000.00	96.35%
40503 SW Pumping Reimbursement		6,085.00	330,000.00	1.84%
40506 Groundwater Mitigation		0.00	32,960.00	0.00%
40507 O & M Reimbursement		38,683.16	150,000.00	25.79%
40508 Groundwater Banking		5,759,644.00	5,760,000.00	99.99%
40509 Lease	1,210.00	63,474.50	75,000.00	84.63%
40510 GW Recovery Reimursement		213.76	2,100,000.00	0.01%
40511 Non-Reoccuring Water Sale		0.00	1,000,000.00	0.00%
40600 Interest	67,597.34	930,734.40	400,000.00	232.68%
41000 Other		11,800.00	5,500.00	214.55%
41001 Refunds and Credits	35,846.74	231,427.49	50,000.00	462.85%
41005 Income from Sale of Asset		0.00	20,000.00	0.00%
41010 Grant		740.00	1,000.00	74.00%
41050 Resource Management		92,297.80	150,000.00	61.53%
Total Income	\$ 104,654.08	\$ 11,668,584.52	\$ 17,966,111.60	64.95%
Expenses				
60000 Wages and Salaries	117,689.85	1,095,895.65	1,651,692.00	66.35%
60001 Payroll Taxes and Fees	2,114.29	21,689.71	32,000.00	67.78%
60005 Staff Benefits	13,557.20	129,045.67	180,000.00	71.69%
60006 Staff Retirement	10,812.48	221,491.11	250,000.00	88.60%
60007 Workers Compensation Insurance	2,067.04	19,679.74	38,000.00	51.79%
60100 Bank Charges	259.02	2,527.41	3,000.00	84.25%
60110 Assesment Reimbursement		20,701.36	30,000.00	69.00%
60200 Licenses, Permits and Fees		5,629.94	8,000.00	70.37%
61000 KCWA SWP		3,913,143.00	4,000,000.00	97.83%
61001 COB Contract		0.00	2,494,400.00	0.00%
61050 Other Water Purchase		394,359.00	1,000,000.00	39.44%
61300 Surface Water Pumping	272,946.12	896,790.90	400,000.00	224.20%
61301 Groundwater Pumping	5,333.53	35,483.23	2,800,000.00	1.27%
61350 Well Mitigation		0.00	5,000.00	0.00%
Total 61400 Third Party Project Operations	76,981.74	152,797.36	1,505,408.00	10.15%
61450 Regulatory Programs	12,500.00	117,434.11	80,000.00	146.79%
61500 Equipment Rental	12,084.84	65,837.10	75,000.00	87.78%
61650 Operating Supplies	173.35	20,489.23	35,000.00	58.54%
61655 Water Quality Testing	3,975.97	7,782.91	30,000.00	25.94%
61660 Property Lease		71,604.00	75,000.00	95.47%
61800 Fuel	5,873.89	62,526.59	100,000.00	62.53%
62000 General Office	56.39	16,414.50	37,000.00	44.36%
62001 Printing & Reproduction	192.91	2,117.98	3,000.00	70.60%
62003 Publications and Notices		135.00	2,000.00	6.75%
Total 62005 Dues/Membership- Dues and Membership	0.00	55,976.00	145,065.83	38.59%
62007 Directors' Fees	2,482.56	20,747.82	33,000.00	62.87%
62008 Educational Fees		6,505.40	9,000.00	72.28%
62009 Postage and Delivery	50.00	821.05	1,500.00	54.74%
63000 Legal Services	35,165.77	234,343.30	700,000.00	33.48%

63002 Audit and Accounting Services		37,400.00	60,000.00	62.33%
63004 Engineering Services	1,047.77	17,137.54	50,000.00	34.28%
63005 Environmental Services		21,179.72	200,000.00	10.59%
63006 Hydrogeology Services	1,250.00	89,388.75	120,000.00	74.49%
63007 Other Contracted Services	12,339.72	140,262.34	250,000.00	56.10%
63010 Insurance		63,814.60	90,000.00	70.91%
63500 Janitorial	1,109.68	5,849.30	9,455.40	61.86%
64000 Water Transaction Fees		48,705.92	50,000.00	97.41%
65000 Auto Maintenance & Repair	1,546.61	26,049.32	25,000.00	104.20%
65001 Equipment Maintenance & Repair		14,271.47	50,000.00	28.54%
65002 Mileage Reimbursement	30.38	118.65	500.00	23.73%
65100 Building Maintenance	1,165.00	30,983.31	17,000.00	182.25%
65101 Water Structure Maintenance		0.00	30,000.00	0.00%
65200 Booster Pump Maintenance		0.00	22,000.00	0.00%
65201 Well Maintenance		10,957.75	50,000.00	21.92%
65500 Weed Contol/Chemicals		44,930.59	100,000.00	44.93%
66000 Utilities	1,752.75	15,780.01	18,000.00	87.67%
66001 Phone / Internet	907.35	9,654.25	16,000.00	60.34%
66011 Technology Fees & Subscriptions	438.79	21,118.41	36,000.00	58.66%
67000 Travel	-36.09	13,667.02	11,025.00	123.96%
68000 Property Taxes		61,619.27	190,000.00	32.43%
70000 Capital Water Structure		130,755.02	1,225,000.00	10.67%
70001 Capital Building	3,180.00	64,095.40	15,000.00	427.30%
70100 Capital Booster Pump		0.00	12,000.00	0.00%
70101 Capital Well		289,640.50	300,000.00	96.55%
70200 Capital Engineering Services	7,365.25	58,581.25	125,000.00	46.87%
70201 Capital Environmental Services	9,404.50	112,796.33	70,000.00	161.14%
70500 Capital Auto		0.00	55,000.00	0.00%
70501 Capital Equipment		31,613.84	50,000.00	63.23%
70600 Capital Office Equipment		0.00	2,000.00	0.00%
70602 Capital Land		0.00	0.00	
Total 70700 Third Party Projects- Capital	0.00	742,500.00	5,000,000.00	14.85%
88004 2020 COP- Debt Service	106,182.48	3,570,642.32	3,934,798.63	90.75%
88100 COP Administration		0.00	9,000.00	0.00%
Total Expenses	\$ 722,001.14	\$ 13,265,481.95 \$	27,915,844.86	47.52%
Net Income	-\$ 617,347.06	-\$ 1,596,897.43 -\$	9,949,733.26	16.05%



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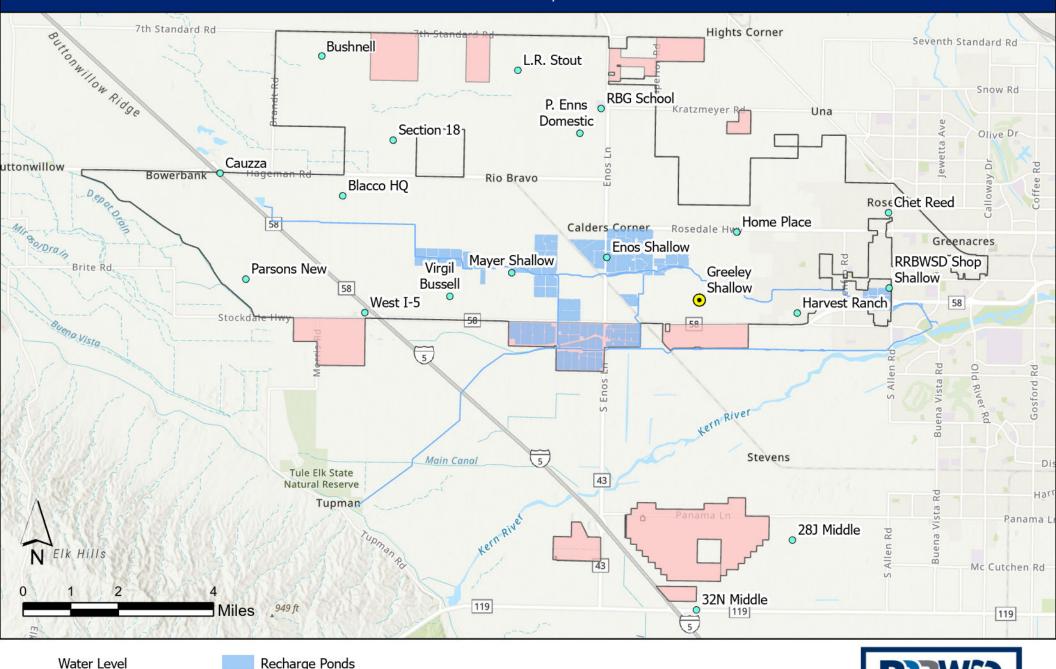
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - 35H RRBWSD Shop - 353620N1191457W002 Ground Surface Elevation: 359 Water Level Measurable Objective: 116 Minimum Threshold: 71 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl)

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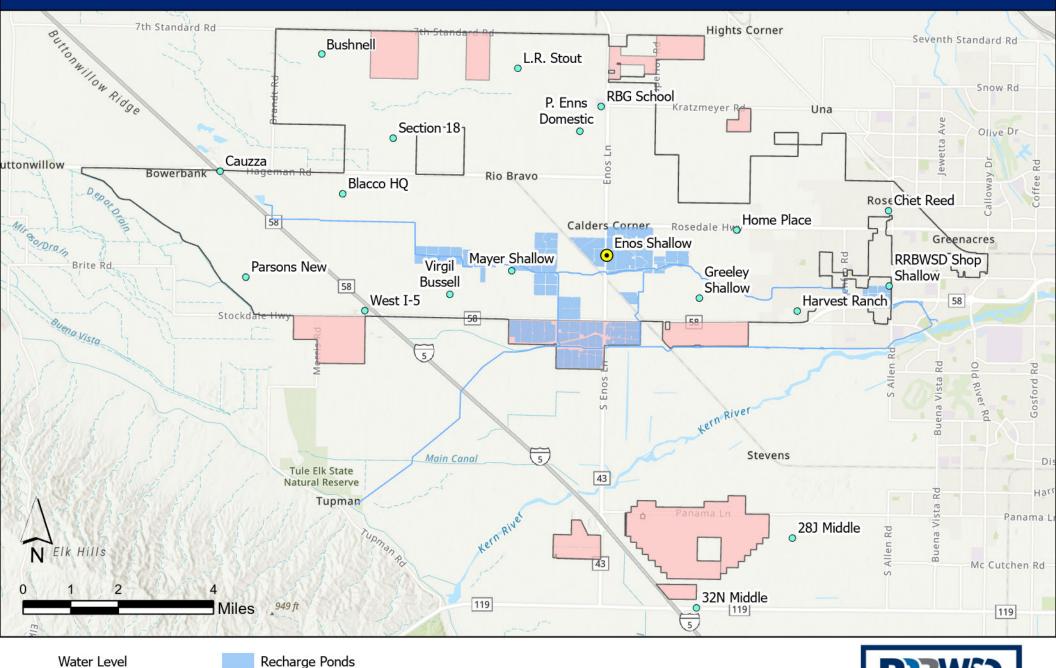
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - 31H Greeley - 353618N1192169W001 Ground Surface Elevation: 336 Water Level Measurable Objective: 69 Minimum Threshold: 7 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl)

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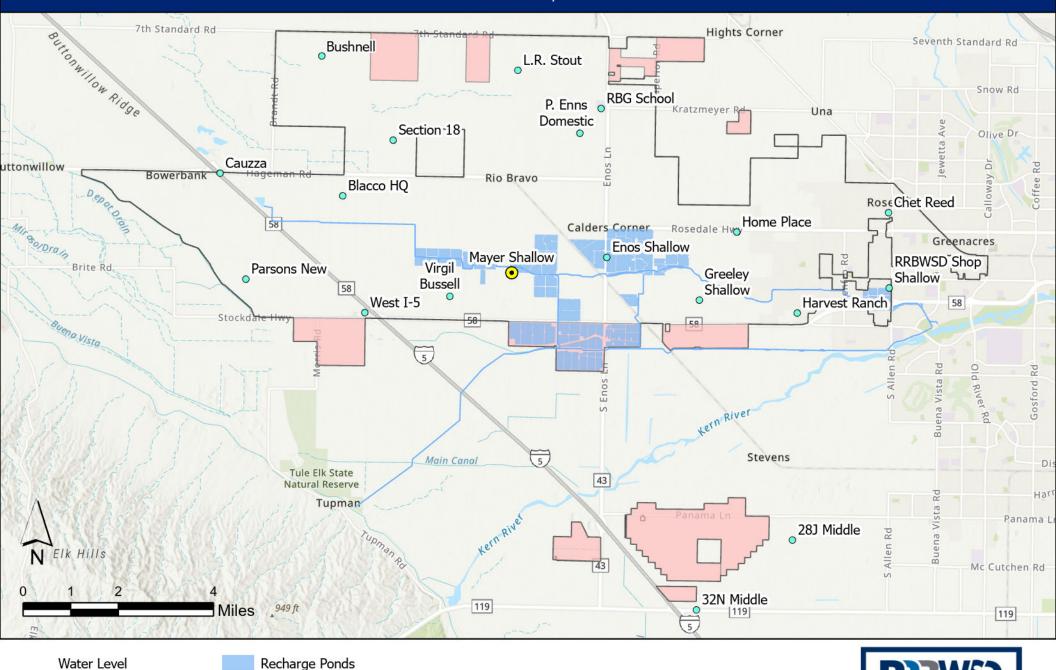
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - 25M Enos - 353760N1192498W002 Ground Surface Elevation: 324 Water Level Measurable Objective: 77 Minimum Threshold: 31 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl)

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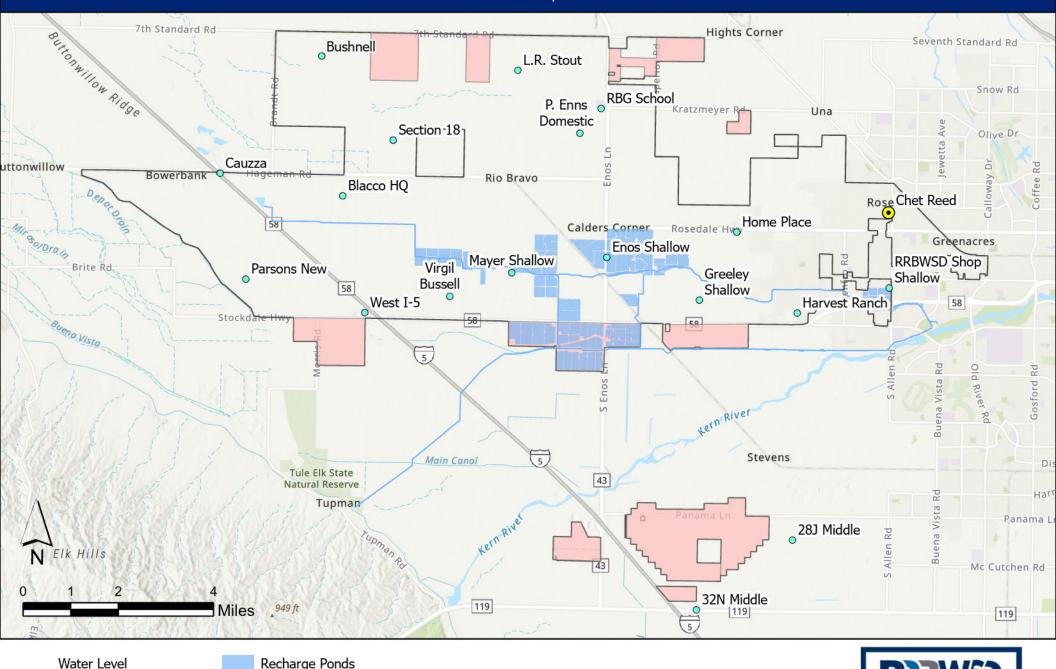
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - 27N Mayer - 353699N1192856W002 Ground Surface Elevation: 314 Water Level Measurable Objective: 62 Minimum Threshold: 15 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl)

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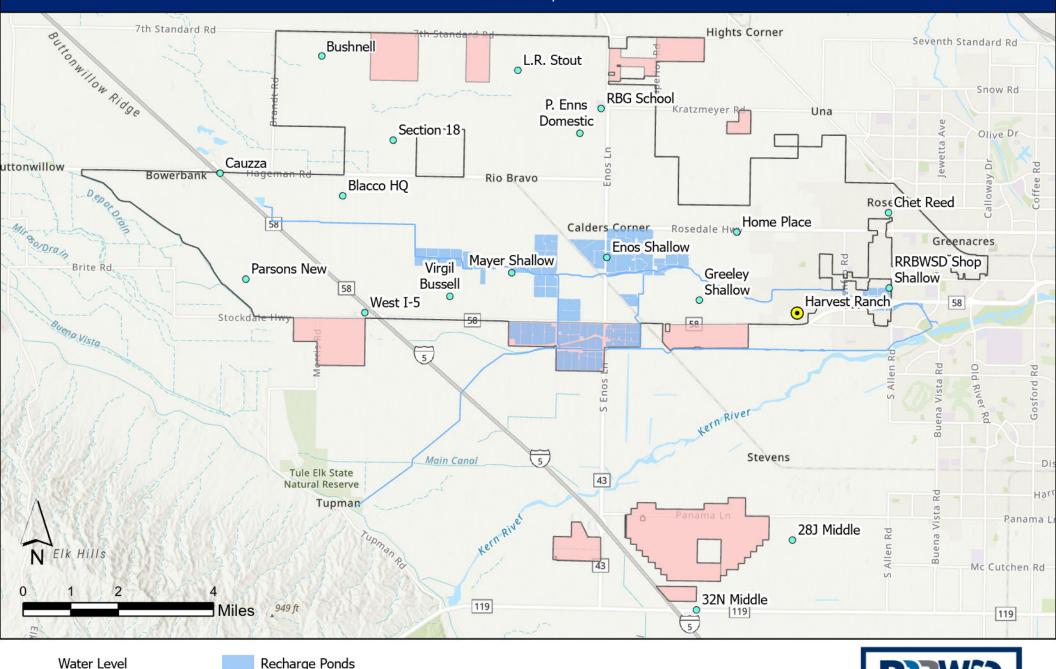
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - Chet Reed - 353890N1191471W001 Ground Surface Elevation: 357 Water Level Measurable Objective: 158 Minimum Threshold: 113 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl)

Measurement Date



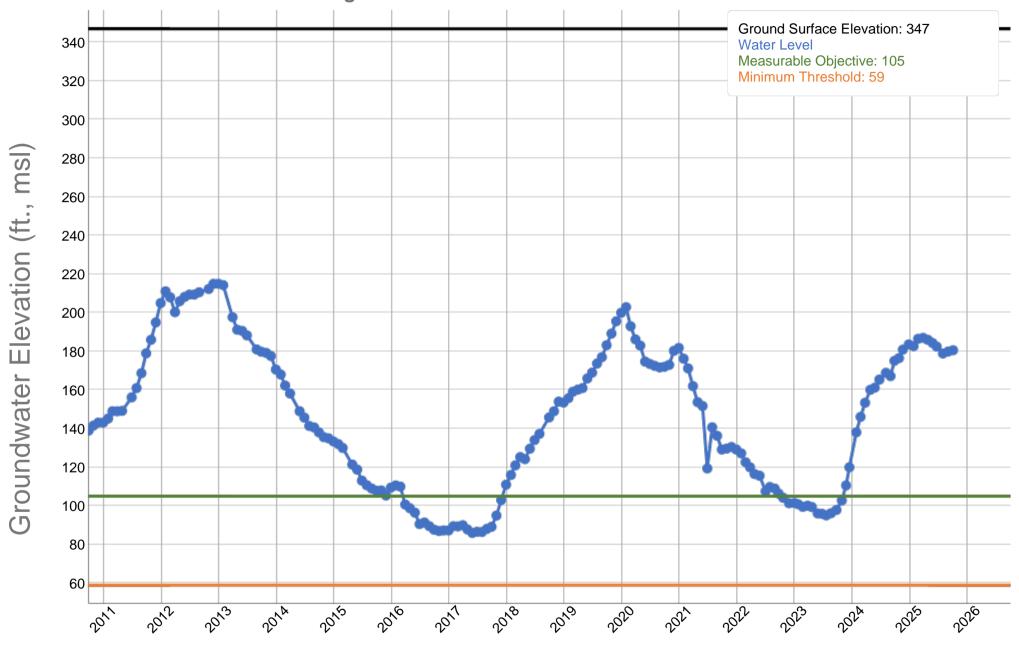
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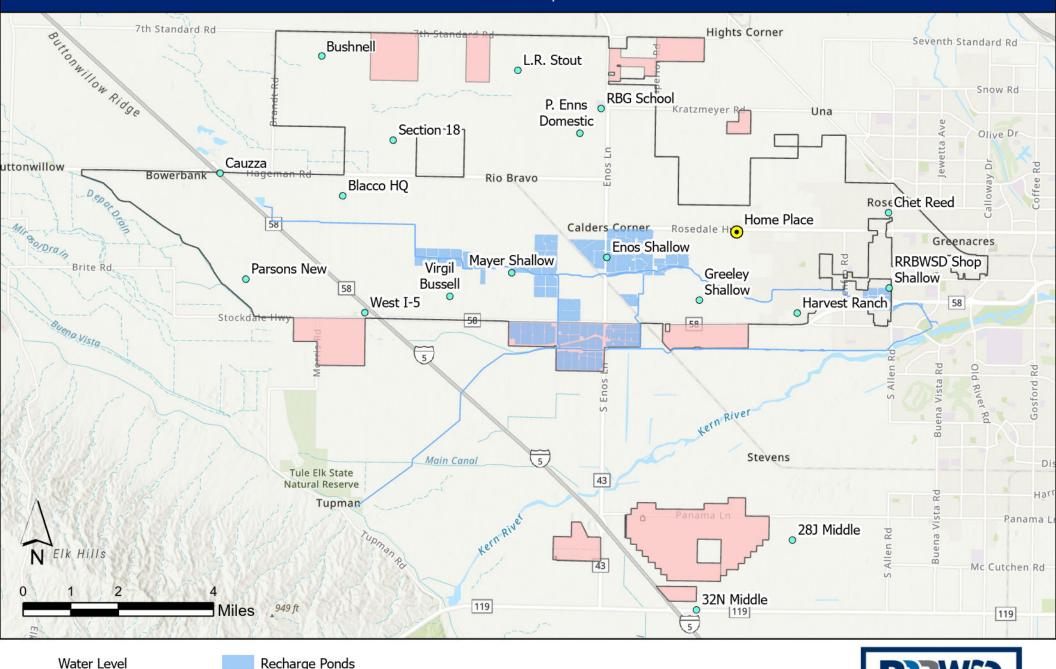




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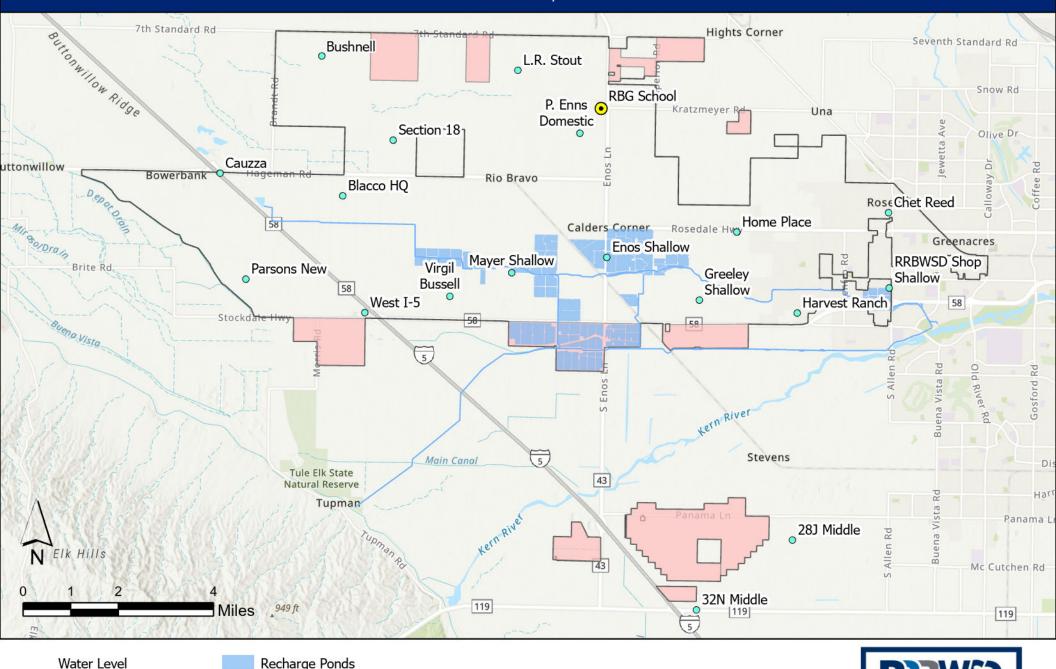
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - Home Place - 353824N1192035W001 Ground Surface Elevation: 345 Water Level Measurable Objective: 109 Minimum Threshold: 64 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl)

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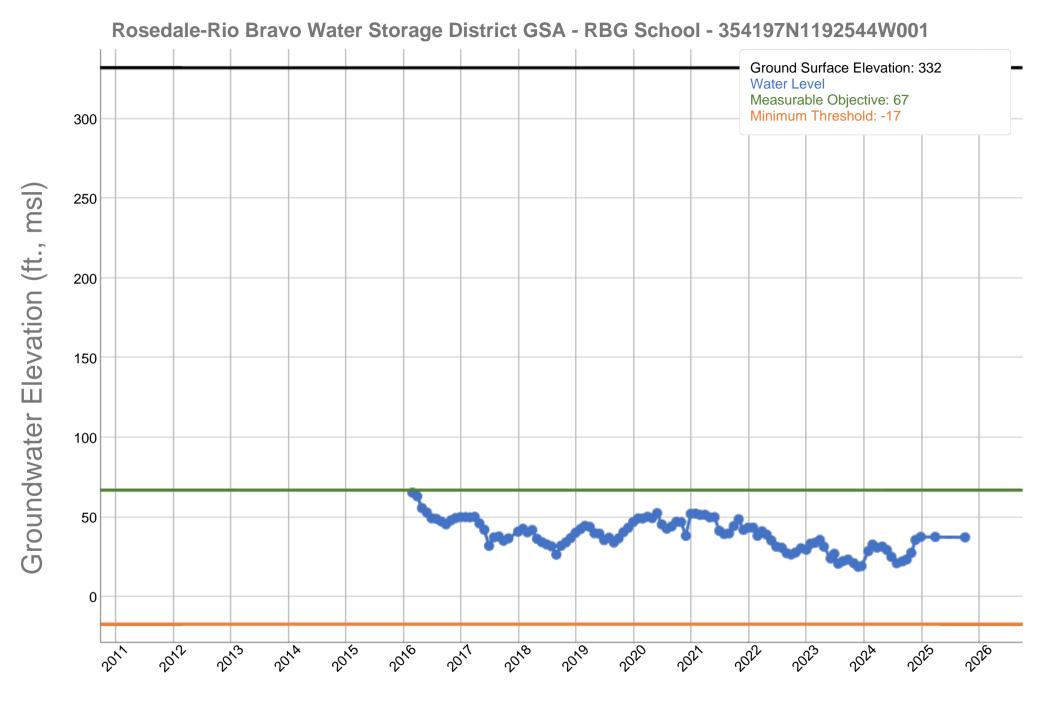


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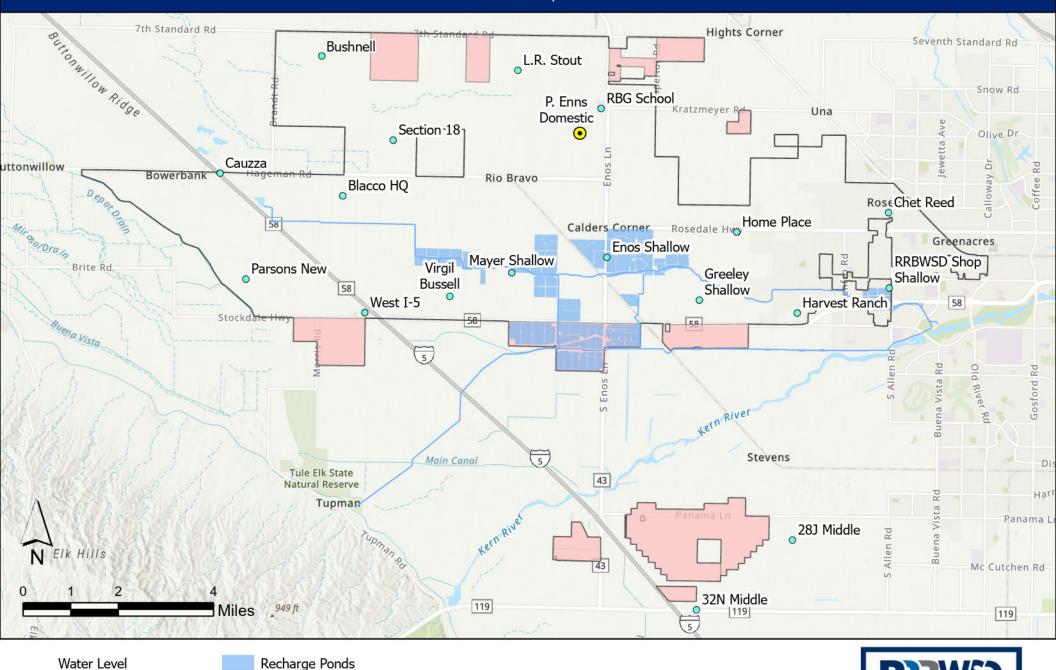
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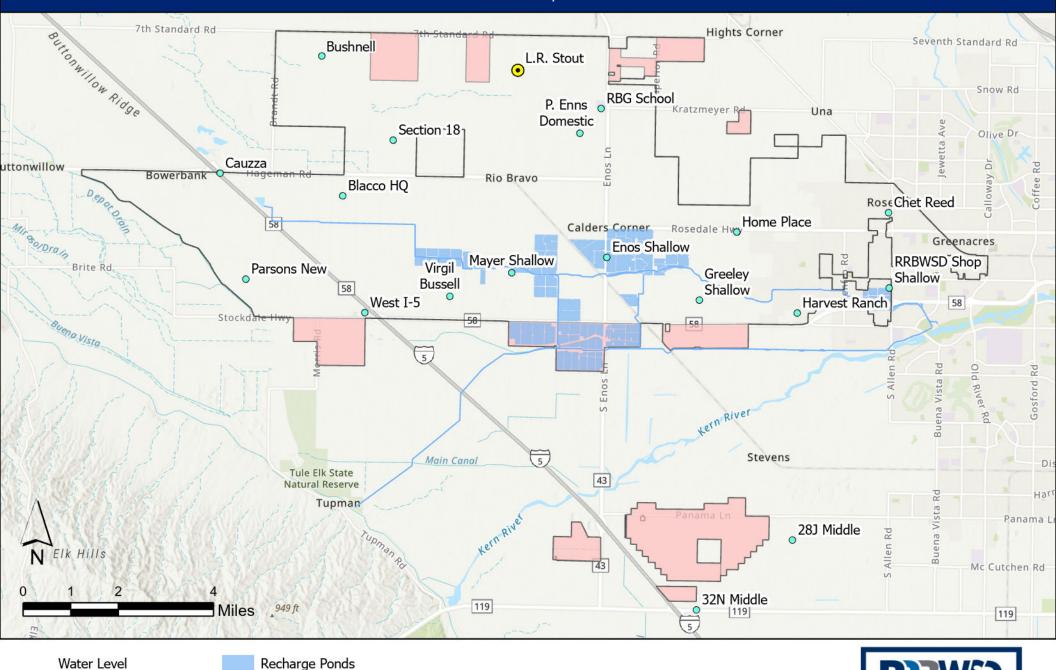
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - P. Enns Domestic - 354121N1192623W001 Ground Surface Elevation: 328 Water Level Measurable Objective: 68
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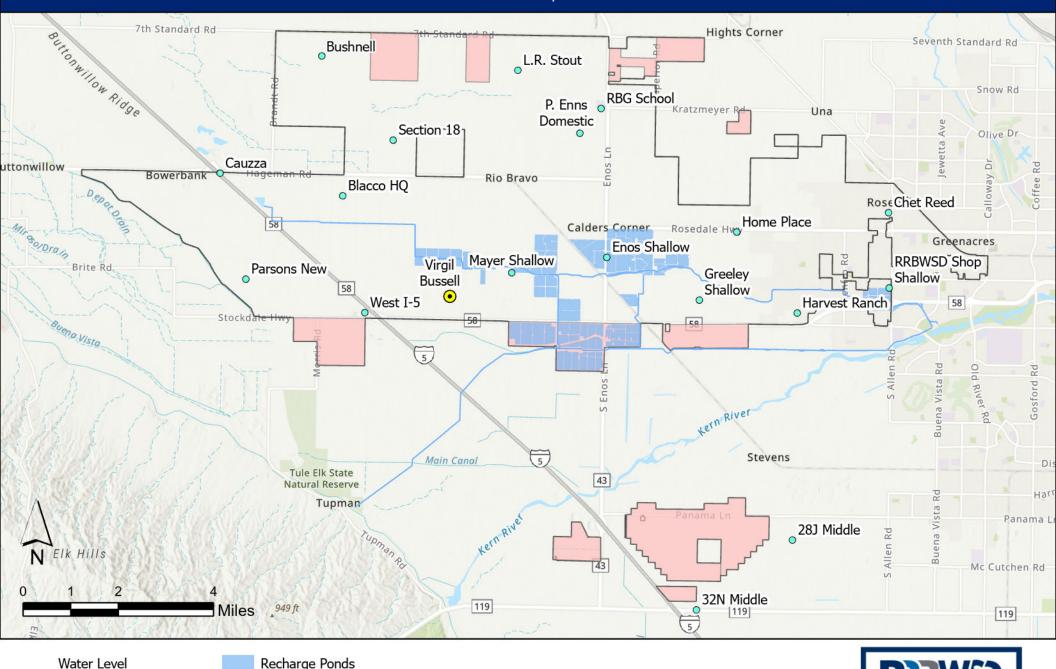
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - L.R. Stout - 354309N1192859W001 Ground Surface Elevation: 327 Water Level Measurable Objective: 41 Minimum Threshold: -43 300 250 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl) 200 150 100 50 0 -50

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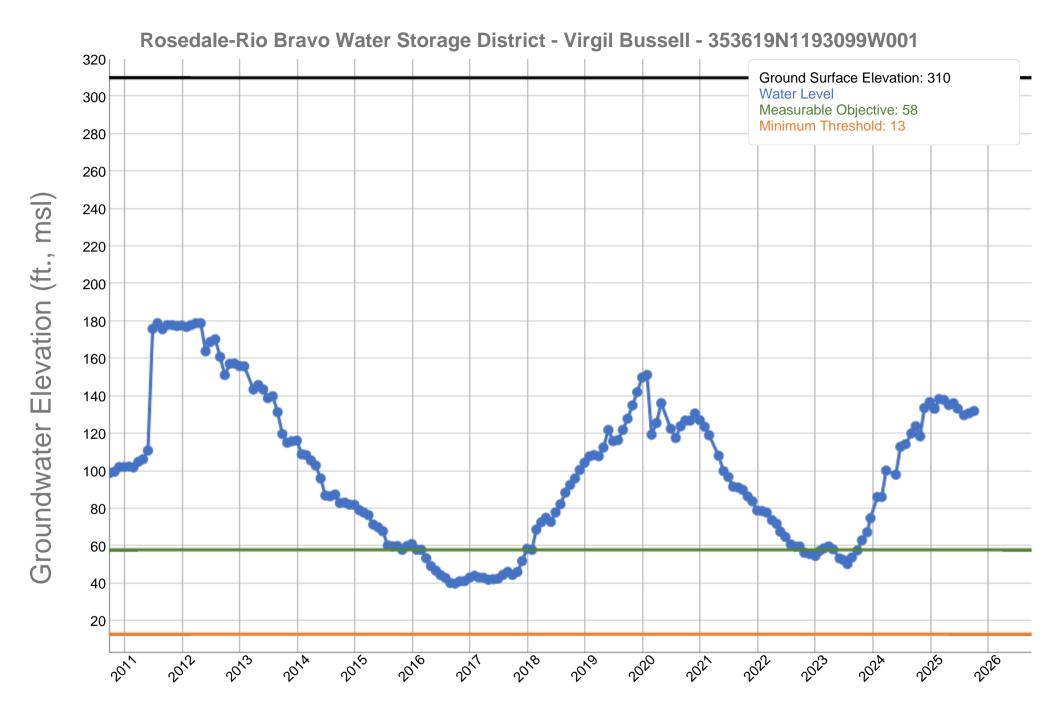


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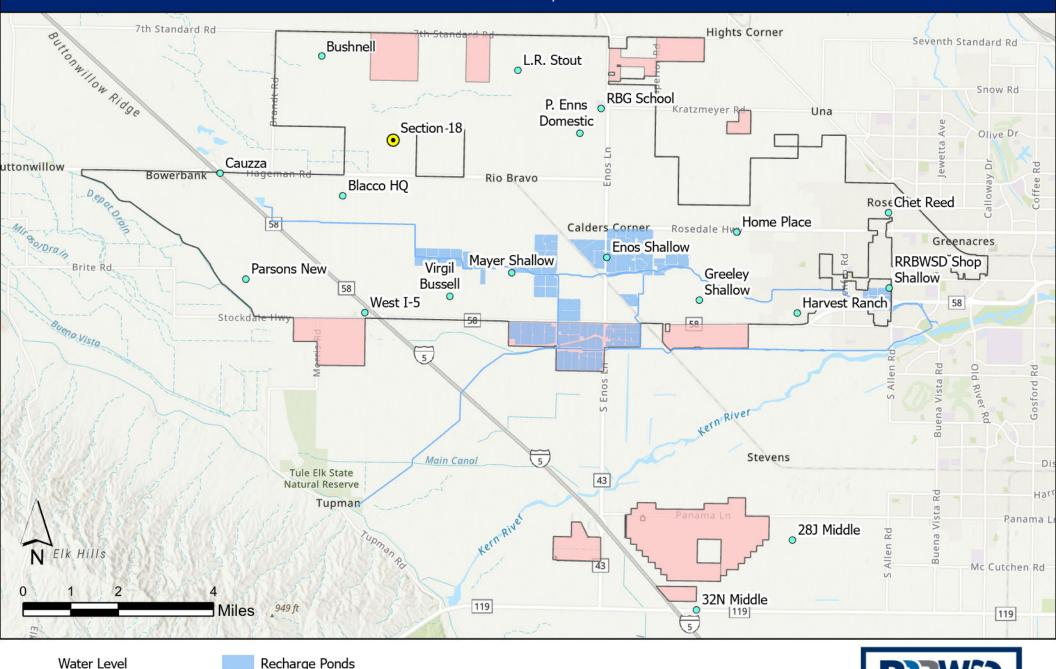
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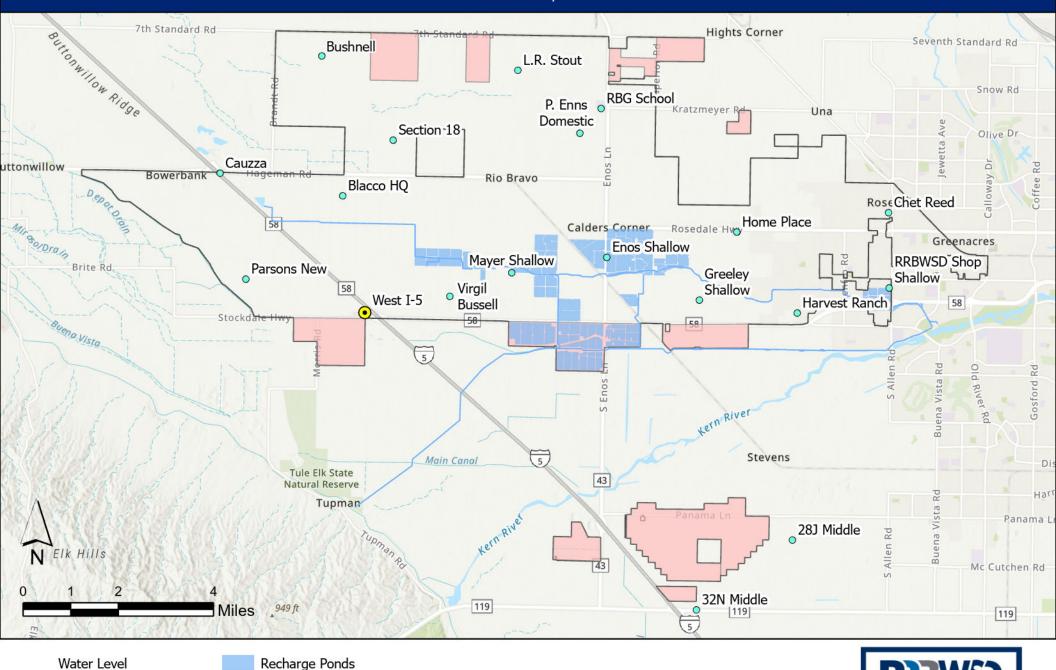
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - Section 18 - 354090N1193318W001 Ground Surface Elevation: 304 300 Water Level Measurable Objective: 30 Minimum Threshold: -54 250 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl) 200 150 100 50 0 -50

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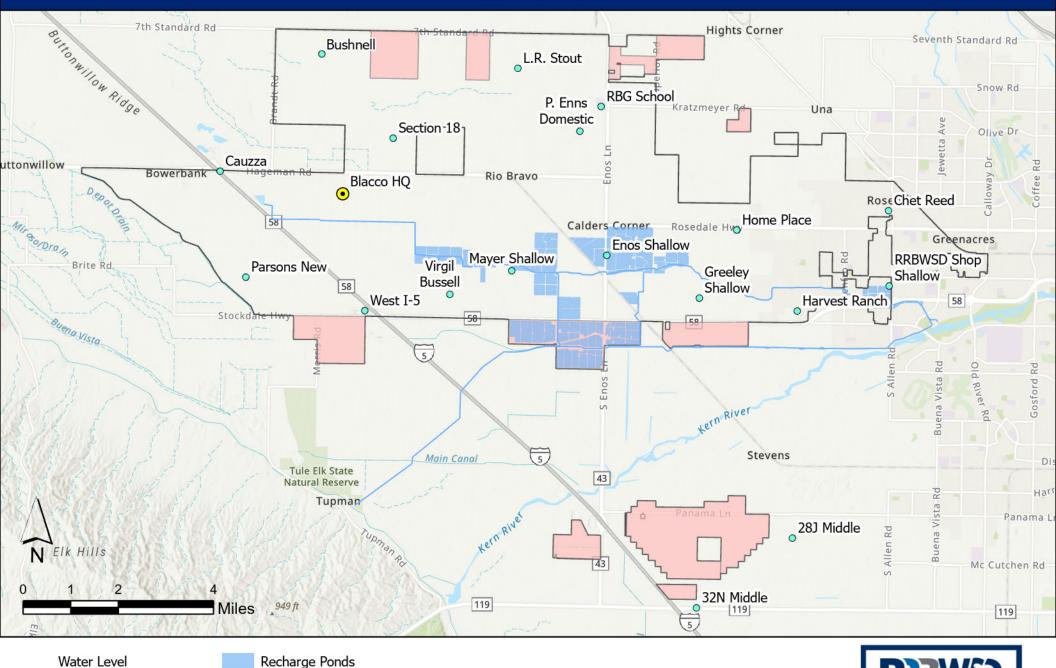
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - West I-5 - 353564N1193412W001 Ground Surface Elevation: 302 Water Level Measurable Objective: 46 Minimum Threshold: 1 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl)

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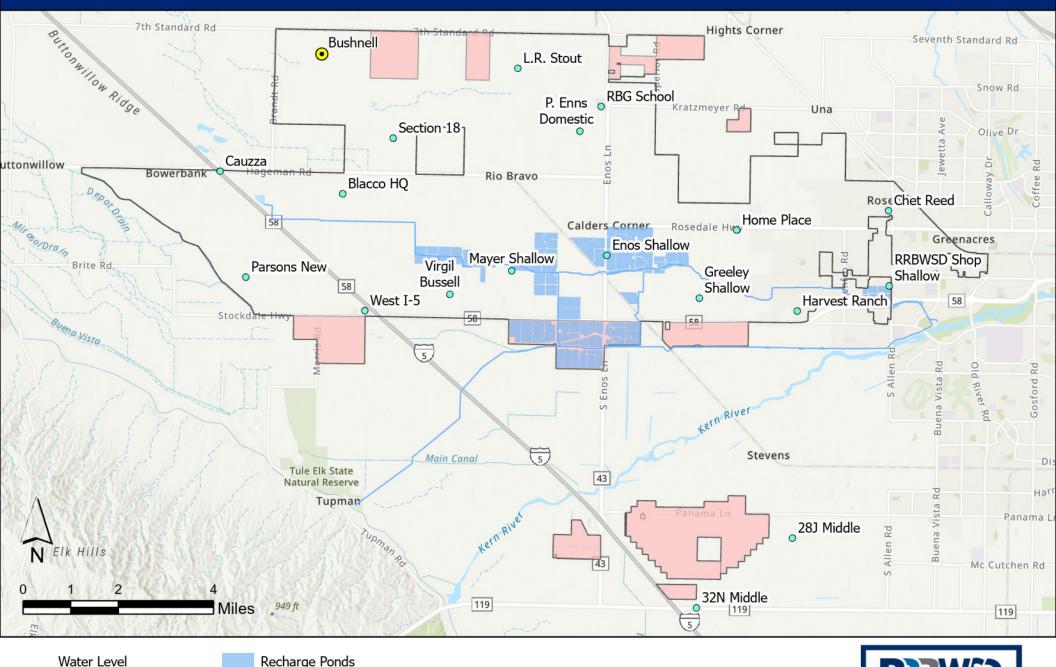
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - Blacco HQ - 353915N1193454W001 Ground Surface Elevation: 295 Water Level Measurable Objective: 47 Minimum Threshold: 2 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl)

Measurement Date



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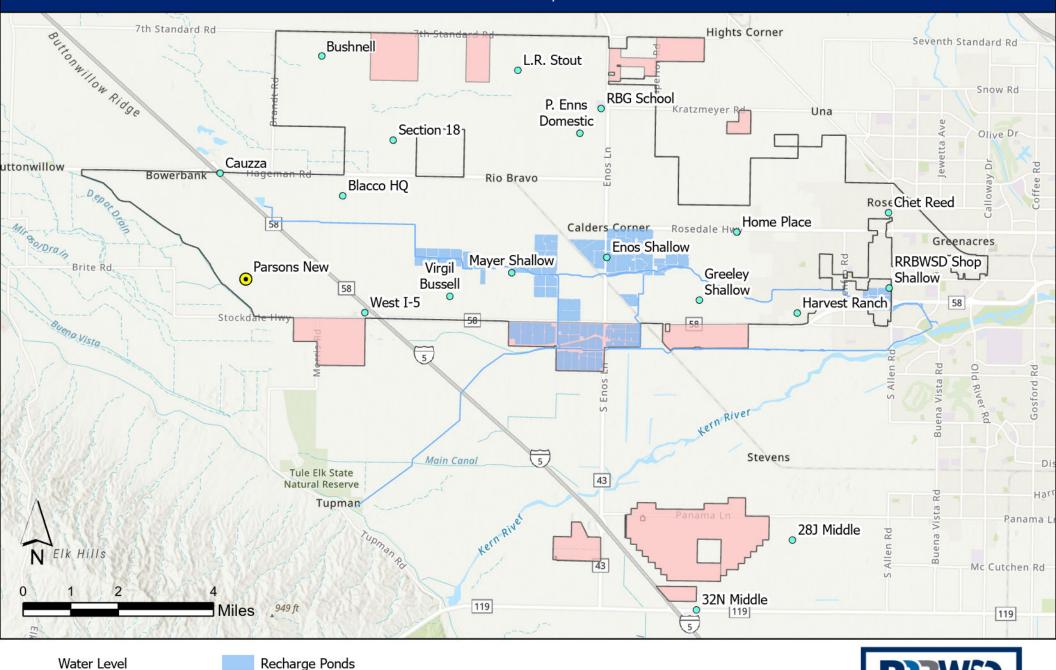
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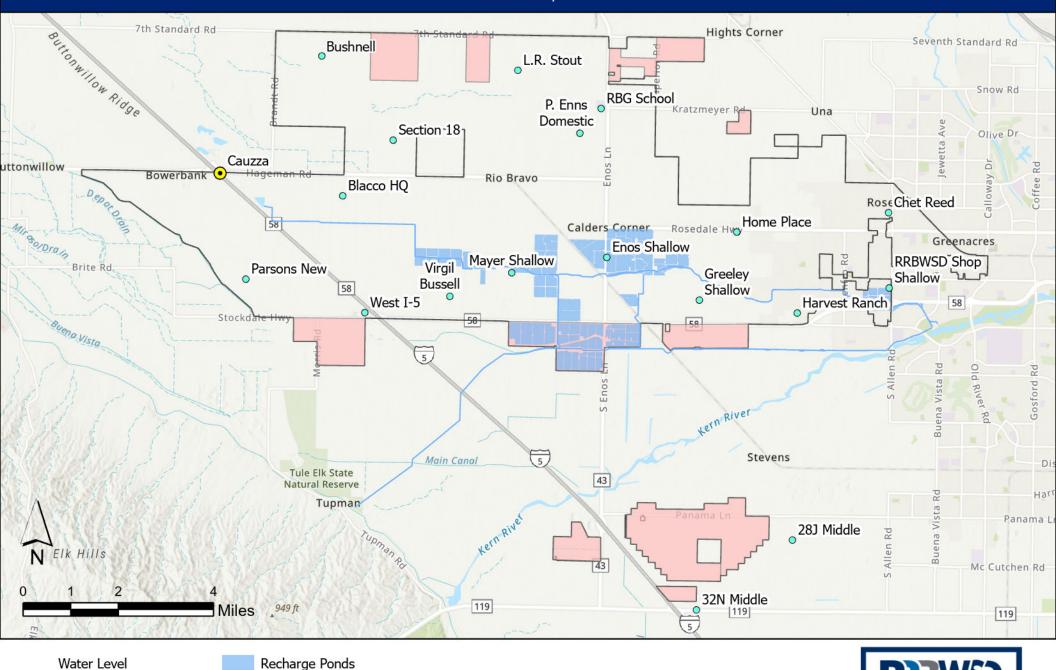
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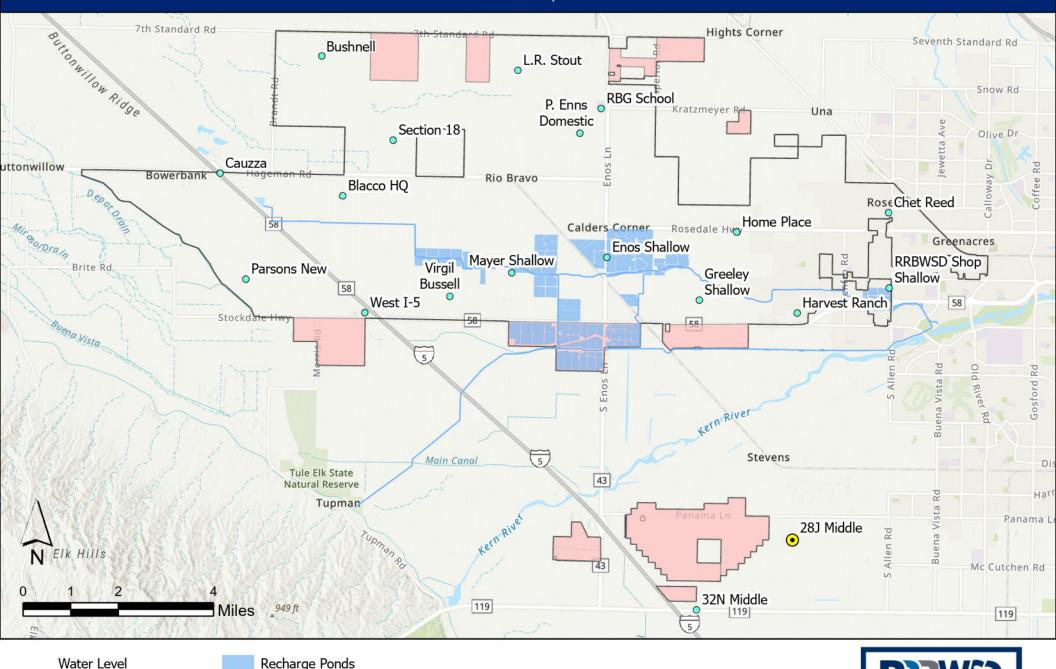
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Measurement Date



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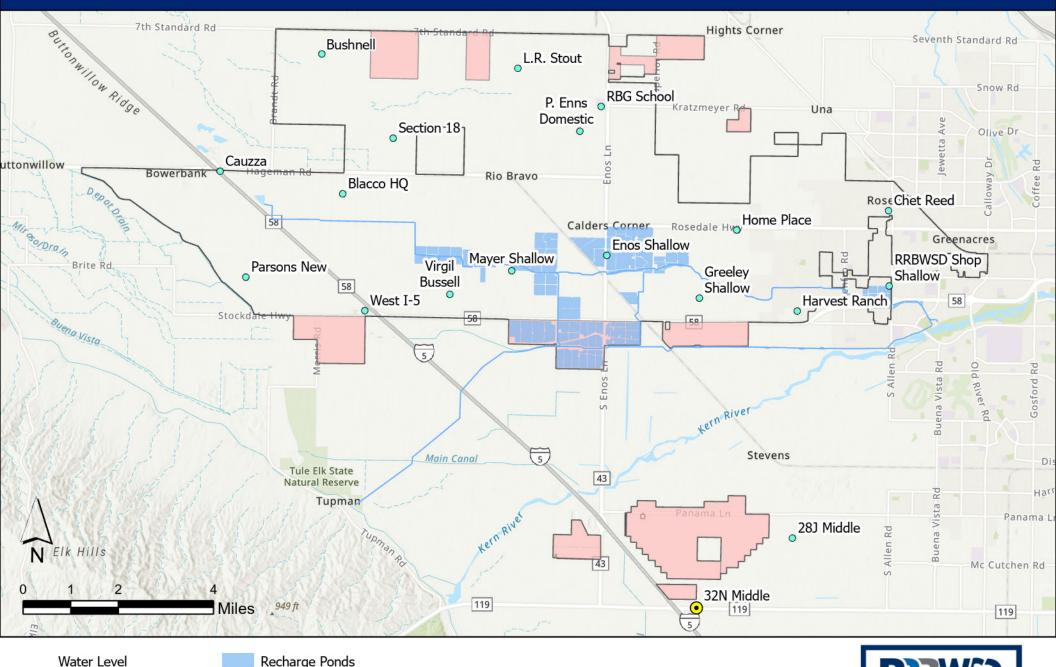
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Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - 28J Triple - 352889N1191814W001 Ground Surface Elevation: 335 Water Level Measurable Objective: 145 Minimum Threshold: 100 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl)

Measurement Date



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 Monitoring Wells
 (RMWs)

 Conveyance Facilities





Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - 32N Triple - 352673N1192138W002 Ground Surface Elevation: 312 Water Level Measurable Objective: 118 Minimum Threshold: 73 Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl)

Measurement Date

ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT DRAFT RECHARGE DELIVERIES 2025

Acre-Feet

Delivery Point	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	Total
Kern River Intake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
RRB Turnout No. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Central Intake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	990				990
RRB Turnout No. 1	0	1,444	0	1,424	571	2,430	3,967	4,650	0				14,486
North Strand	0	395	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				395
South Strand	0	397	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				397
Stockdale West	1,978	395	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				2,373
RRB Westside In-Lieu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Grimmway Pilot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Pioneer Project	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
In-Lieu to AEWSD	0	0	0	0	0	2,410	3,410	2,924	1,256				10,000
TOTALS >	1,978	2,631	0	1,424	571	4,840	7,377	7,574	2,246	0	0	0	28,641

DRAFT - Numbers subject to change.

Notes: Pump station operational from 9/15 - 10/7. Currently deliverienf 100 cfs at RRB-01.

TO: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Board of Directors

Agenda Item 4.c

FROM: Zach Smith

DATE: October 13, 2025

RE: Maintenance Report

Discussion:

Staff worked on various maintenance items throughout the District in September. Specifically:

- Spray rig active at Strand Ranch.
- Skid steer w/mower deck used at Stockdale East and Strand Ranch.
- Tractor with rotary mower used to clean West Basins and Strand Ranch.
- Staff cleaned and reshaped channel section along Wegis Road.
- Issued one encroachment permit for removal of sand from Wes Selvidge Basins.



Looking north at Channel reshape/clean-up @ Wegis Road.



Looking north at mowed triticale on Stockdale East.

TO: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Board of Directors

Agenda Item 4.d

FROM: Zach Smith

DATE: October 13, 2025

RE: Consideration of 2024 Operations Report

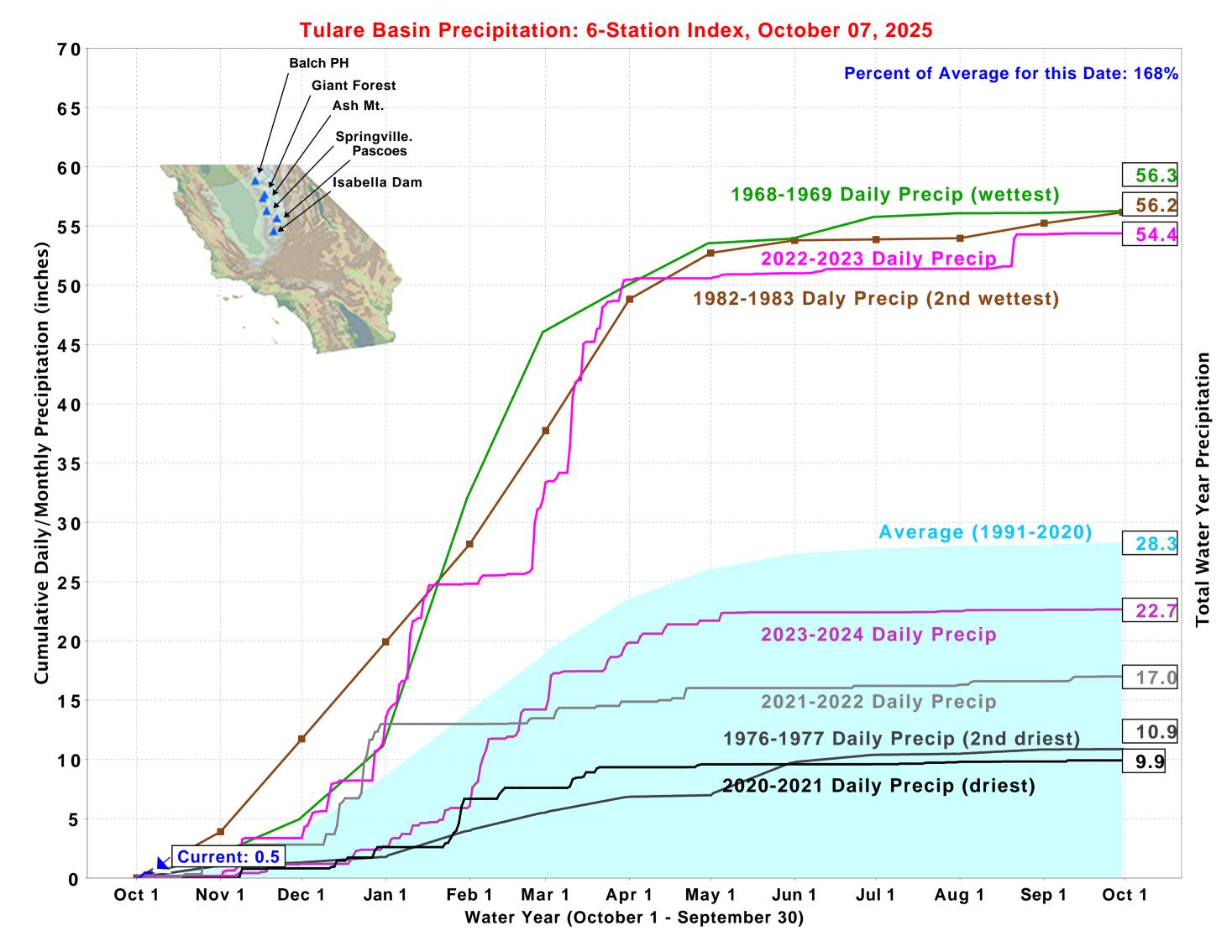
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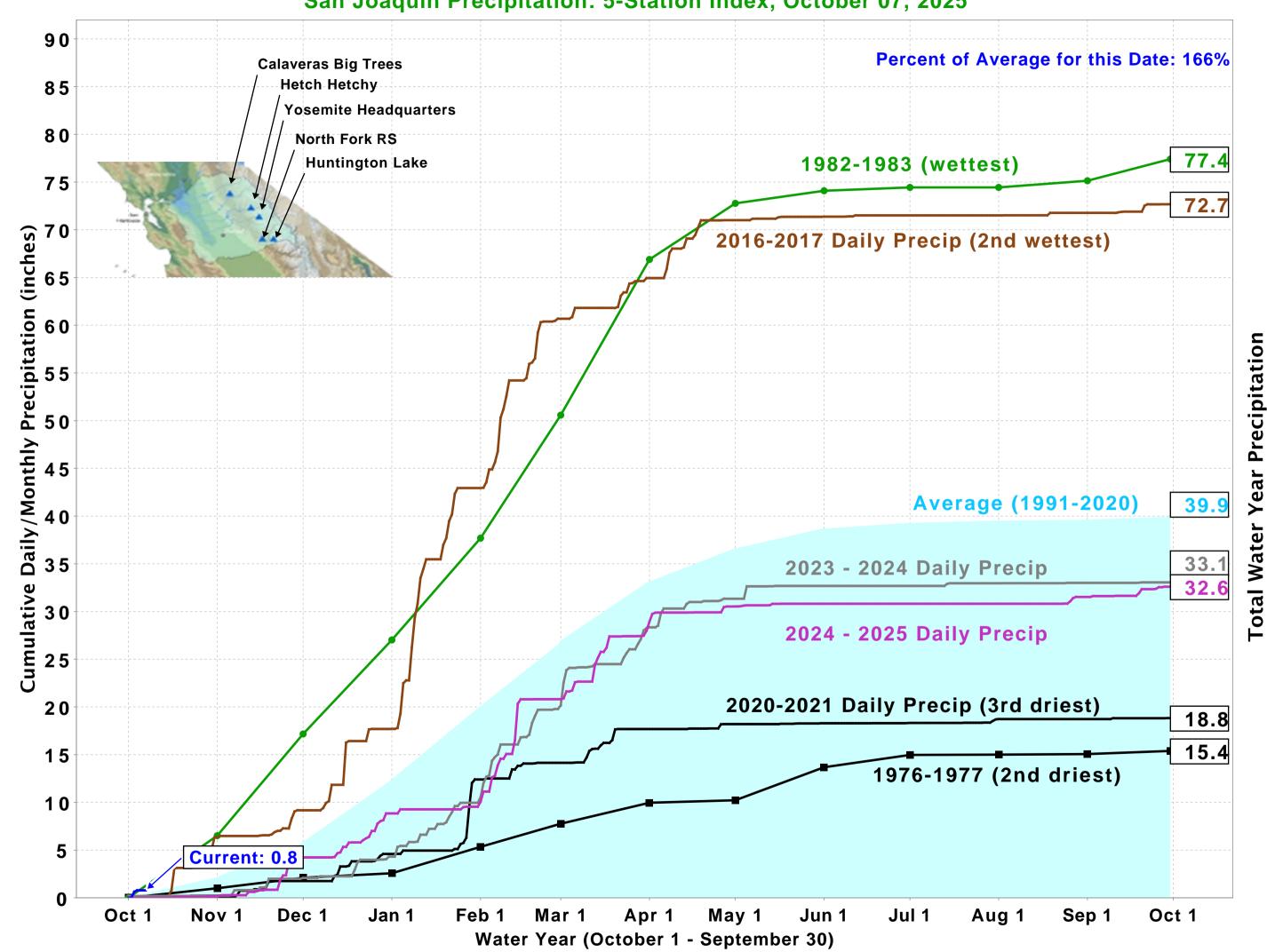
AECOM and District staff have completed the 2024 Operations Report. The full report can be found at the following link: https://www.rrbwsd.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Final-RRBWSD-2024-Operations-Report.pdf

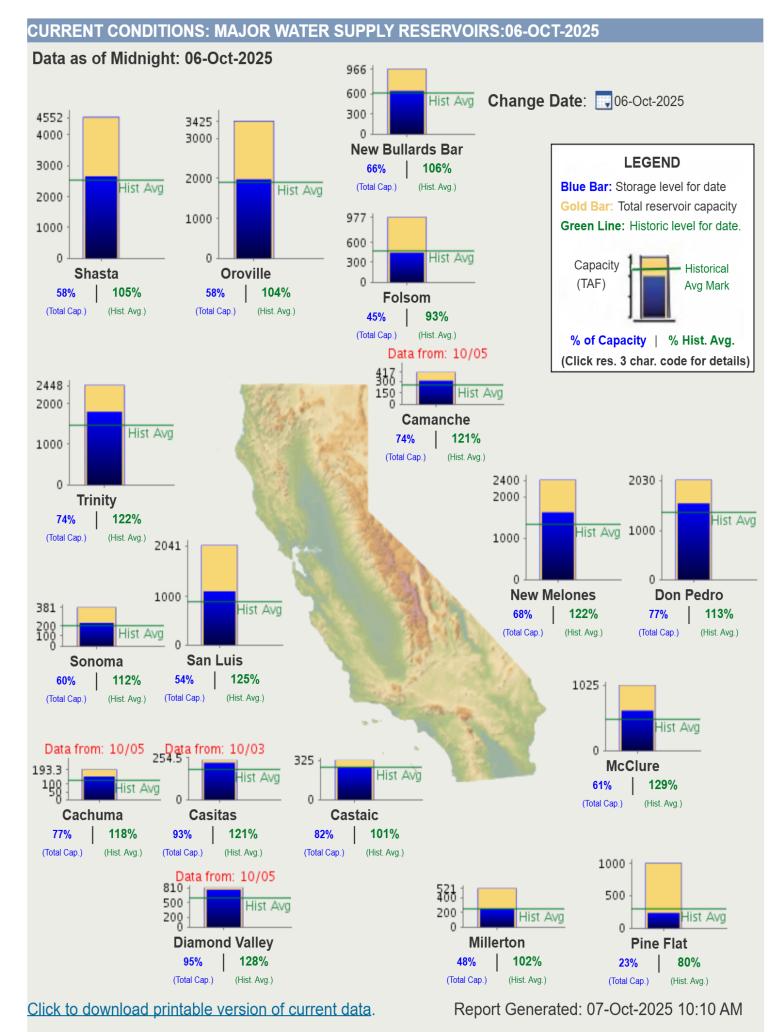
The report includes:

- 2024 water supplies, demands, and groundwater recharge project operations
- Discussion of current groundwater levels and historical trends
- Discussion of current groundwater quality and historical trends
- Status of District's groundwater balance (currently 213,213 acre-feet)
- Status of District's groundwater banking programs
- Summary of actions regarding Basin Management Objectives and SGMA implementation.

The groundwater banking tables were updated in this year's report. Rosedale's banking programs vary to some extent (share, losses, etc.). Previous partner banking tables tried to fit dissimilar programs into the same type of table. The adjustments made to the individual partner tables have helped with the transition to the summary tables provided in the report.







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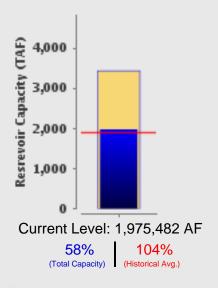


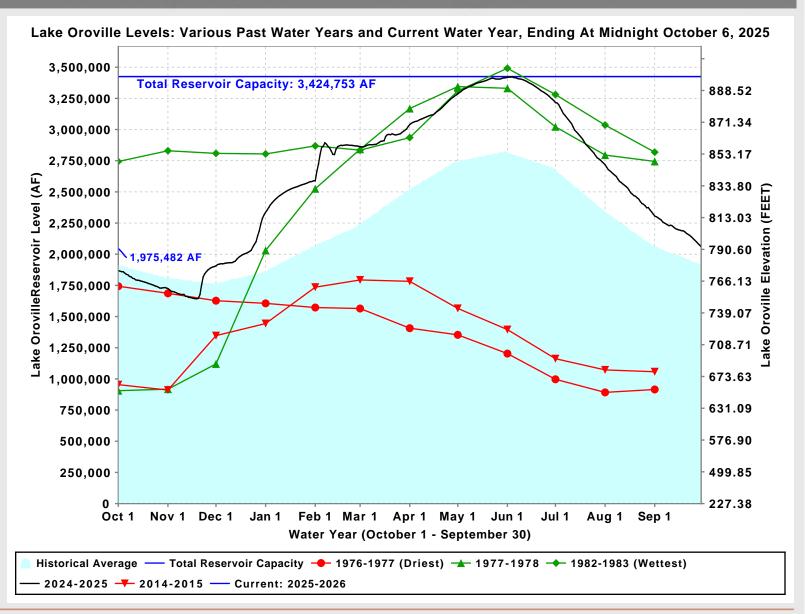
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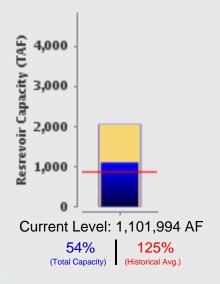


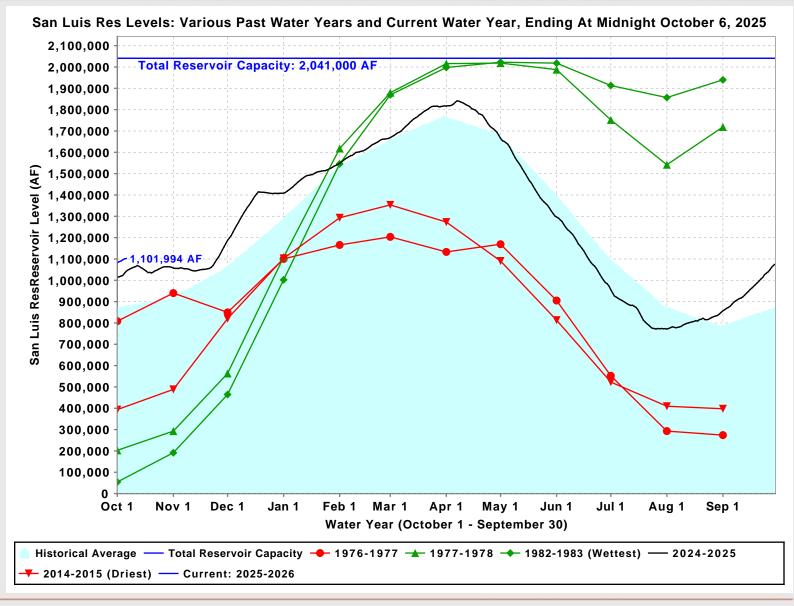
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October 13, 2025

To: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Board of Directors

Agenda Item: 5ai.

From: Trent Taylor

Re: Kern County Water Agency Supply and Delivery Summary Issues

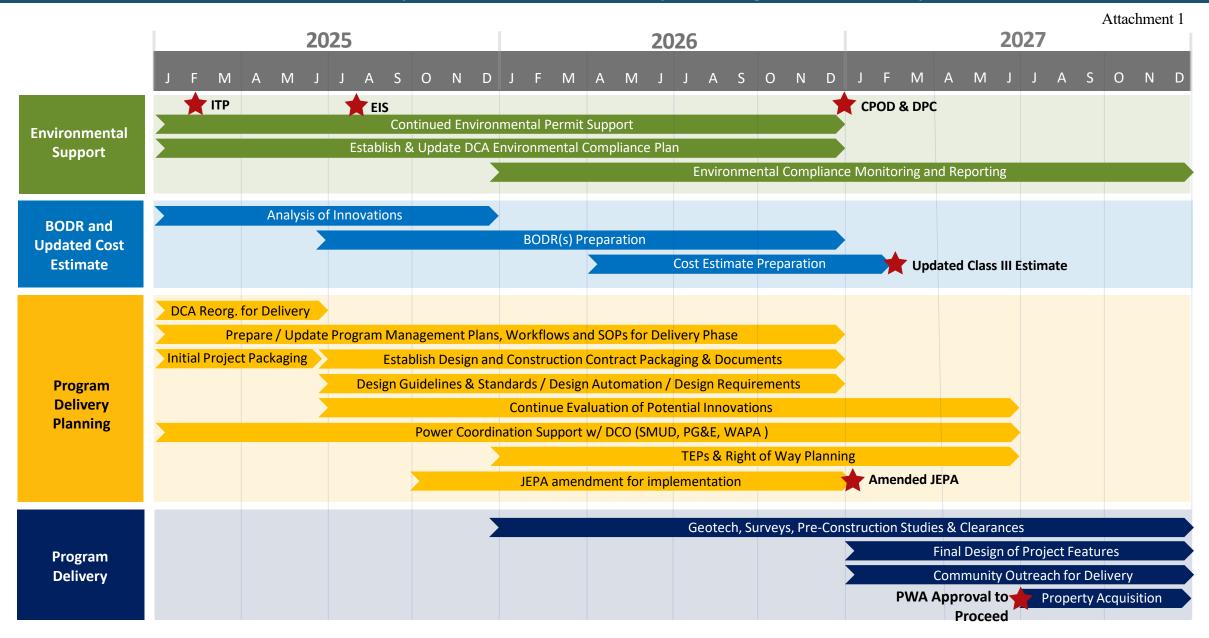
Discussion:

On September 8, 2025, Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) staff notified Rosedale that due to new information they had recently received, revisions were necessary to the KCWA Supply and Delivery Summary (SDS) reports dating back to 2023. These revisions resulted in KCWA reporting Rosedale spilled 2022 carryover supplies in March 2023 (1,994 acre-feet) and 2023 Table 1 supplies in December 2023 (6,818 acre-feet). These revisions were inconsistent from previous SDS reports that were sent to Member Units in 2023 and 2024 and were the first SDS reports that Rosedale had received in 2025.

Following Rosedale staff review of the revised SDS reports and other KCWA classification reports (Cross Valley Canal and Pioneer Project summaries), staff identified numerous errors and omissions in KCWA delivery classifications in the revised SDS reports and submitted a list of these to KCWA staff for review. Based on our internal review, Rosedale staff is confident that all carryover water was delivered prior to any potential spill date and further revisions to the revised SDS are necessary. KCWA staff have notified Rosedale that they are currently reviewing the requested revisions and will be reaching out as they work through our request.

Rosedale staff will continue to work with KCWA to ensure that KCWA policies are being properly followed and are coordinating with other impacted Member Units. Staff will continue to provide updates to the Rosedale Board as we work to resolve this issue.

May 2025 DCP Roadmap – Program Delivery







KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center

3200 Rio Mirada Drive Bakersfield, California

Notice of **Special Board Meeting**

September 11, 2025

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order -12:00 p.m.
- II. Report of the General Counsel
 - A. Authorization for Closed Session regarding:
 - Conference with Legal Counsel Public Employment: (Government Code section 54957): Title: General Manager
- III. Closed Session Report
- IV. Directors' Forum
- V. Public Comment
 Anyone may comment on any subject within Agency jurisdiction whether or not it is on the agenda. Time for such comment may be limited.
- VI. Report regarding Agency Management
 - a. Introduction of the Strategic Plan for the Kern County Water Agency
- VII. Introduction of Ordinance 25-02 Regarding Director Fees
- VIII. 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 10, 2025.

phanie N. Pringe, Board Secretary

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Notice of BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 25, 2025

Conference Line: ±1 (571) 317-3122
Access Code: 863-465-805#
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/863465805

AGENDA

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

- h. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, *et al.* v. California State Water Resources Control Board, *et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-80003761 (2021 Order Re Temporary Urgency Change Petition)
- i. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, *et al.* v. State Water Resources Control Board, *et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-80003763 (2021 Order Re Shasta Temporary Management Plan)
- j. California Water Impact Network v. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-80003492; North Coast Rivers Alliance v. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-80003491 (Water Management Tools)
- k. Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, *et al.* v. Ross,., E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00431 & California Natural Resources Agency, *et al.* v. Ross, *et al.*, E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00426 (Long-term Operations)
- 1. State Water Board Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 5013 (Water Quality Control Plan Phase 1 Litigation)
- m. Oroville Dam Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 4974
- n. Temporary Applications Filed for Kern River Water
- o. Bring Back the Kern, *et al.* v. City of Bakersfield, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-22-103220
- p. Delta Conveyance Project Litigation, Court Case No. 24WM000017
- q. California Sportsfishing Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000181; Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000183; San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000185; and Central Delta Water Agency and South Delta Water Agency v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000186 (2024 Incidental Take Permit Litigation)
- r. Mass X, Inc. v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-24-104394

- s. Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of Delta Conveyance Project Program Revenue Bonds etc. (2025 DWR Validation Action), Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 25 CV000704
- t. America West Lender Services, LLC v. Barrickman, et al., Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-25-102514
- 2. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation: (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)):
 - a. Three potential suits
- 3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code section 54956.8):
 - Negotiator: Water Resources Manager
 Property: State Water Project Water
 Parties: California Department of Water Resources and State Water
 Project Contractors
 Under Negotiation: Price & Terms
- 4. Conference with Legal Counsel Public Employment: (Government Code section 54957): Title: General Manager
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- VI. Report regarding Agency Management
- VII. Advisory Committee Reports
 - A. Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee
 - B. Improvement District No. 3 Advisory Committee
 - C. Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee
- VIII. Public Hearing Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Zones of Benefit Report
- IX. Public Hearing Adoption of Ordinance No. 25-02 Regarding Director Fees

X. Consent Agenda Items

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings –
 Special Board Meeting August 28, 2025
 Regular Board Meeting August 28, 2025
 Special Board Meeting September 11, 2025

2. Authorization to Execute a Single Source Agreement with Secure Systems to Purchase a Building Access and Alarm System for the Kern County Water Agency

XI. Board Committee Reports

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

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Director Cattani, Chair

- 1. Report of the Administrative Operations Manager
- 2. Payment of the Bills
- 3. Financial Report
- 4. Adoption of the Strategic Plan for the Kern County Water Agency

B. <u>POLICY COMMITTEE</u> – Director Milobar, Chair

- 1. Update on Delta Conveyance Activities
- 2. Update on Legislative Activities

C. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Director Fast, Chair

- 1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
- 2. Report on the State Water Contractors Board Meeting
- 3. Report on 2025 State Water Project and Central Valley Project Allocations and Operations

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

D. WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Director Kroeker, Chair

- 1. Report of the Engineering and Groundwater Services Manager
 - a. Update on Groundwater Banking Construction/Maintenance Projects
- 2. Report on 2025 Water Operations
- 3. Report on Kern Water Bank Activities

E. <u>CROSS VALLEY CANAL COMMITTEE</u> – Director Lundquist, Chair

- 1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
 - a. Update on Cross Valley Canal Construction/Maintenance Projects
 - b. Update on Cross Valley Canal Losses
- 2. Report on Cross Valley Canal Operations and Deliveries
- 3. Authorization to Waive the Request for Proposals and Procure Cross Valley Canal Uninterruptible Power Supply Replacements

F. URBAN BAKERSFIELD COMMITTEE – Director Wulff, Chair

- 1. Report of the Improvement District No. 4 Manager
 - a. Report on the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting

- b. Update on the Improvement District No. 4 Water Education Program
- 2. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2025 Water Supply and Management Plan
- 3. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant
- XII. Correspondence
- XIII. Brief Report on Potential New Business
- XIV. Adjournment

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Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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Pioneer Project Status of 4% Reserves through December 31, 2024

	2022	2023	2024	Total
Pioneer Property				
Belridge WSD	0	381	206	587
Berrenda Mesa WD	0	336	163	499
Improvement District No 4	0	165	0	165
Lost Hills WD	0	410	30	440
Semitropic WSD	0	264	15	279
Tejon-Castac WD	0	14	1	15
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	0	742	0	742
Subtotal	0	2,312	415	2,727
Gubtotai	O	2,012	410	2,121
2800 Acres				
Belridge WSD	0	51	40	91
Berrenda Mesa WD	0	54	96	150
Improvement District No 4	0	83	26	109
Lost Hills WD	0	61	10	71
Semitropic WSD	0	28	5	33
Tejon-Castac WD	0	2	0	2
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	0	105	0	105
Subtotal	0	384	177	561
Kern River Channel				
Belridge WSD	0	5	10	15
Berrenda Mesa WD	0	6	3	9
Improvement District No 4	0	138	6	144
Lost Hills WD	0	10	2	12
Semitropic WSD	0	3	1	4
Tejon-Castac WD	0	0	0	0
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	0	18	0	18
Subtotal	0	180	22	202
Totals				
Belridge WSD	0	437	256	693
Berrenda Mesa WD	0	396	262	658
Improvement District No 4	0	386	32	418
Lost Hills WD	0	481	42	523
Semitropic WSD	0	295	21	316
Tejon-Castac WD	0	16	1	17
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	0	865	0	865
Total	0	2,876	614	3,490

Berrenda Mesa Project Status of 4% Reserves through December 31, 2024

	2022	2023	2024	Total
Belridge WSD	0	53	23	76
Berrenda Mesa WD	0	1,160	46	1,206
Lost Hills WD	0	6	0	6
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1,219	69	1,288

Kern Water Bank Status of 4% Reserves through December 31, 2024

	2022	2023	2024	Total
Cawelo WD	0	0	0	0
Dudley Ridge WD	0	1,205	182	1,387
ID4	0	2,117	0	2,117
Semitropic WSD	0	1,531	336	1,867
Tehachapi-Cummings CWD	0	0	0	0
Tejon-Castac WD	0	453	29	482
Westside Mutual WC	0	11,133	336	11,469
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	0	6,230	24	6,254
Total	0	22.669	907	23.576

(b) To account for all other actual or potential losses (including migration losses), a rate of 4% of water placed in a bank account shall be deducted to the extent that the Project Participant has been compensated within three (3) years following the end of the calendar year in which the water was banked at the SWP Delta Water Rate charged by DWR at

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the time of payment; provided further, however, that the water purchased and subtracted from a groundwater bank account pursuant to this provision shall only be used for overdraft correction.

7,089 AF allocated to RRBWSD

At 2025 SWP Delta Rate (\$96.68) from KCWA = \$685,364.52 At 2026 SWP Delta Rate (\$95.78) from KCWA = \$678,984.42

FOR THE BENEFIT OF AND RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY, AS OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY, 1630 MILL ROCK WAY, SUITE 500 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311

Gov't Code § 27388.1(a)(1): Recorded document is expressly exempted from payment of recording fees per Gov't Code § 6103

AGREEMENT AND GRANT OF LICENSES BY AND BETWEEN KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY,

IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT AND ROSEDALE - RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND JOINT USE OF FACILITIES

This "Agreement" made effective the date of execution ("Effective Date") is by and between the KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY ("KWBA"), IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT ("IRWD"), and ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT ("Rosedale"). KWBA, IRWD and Rosedale are sometimes referred to individually as the "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, KWBA owns siphons on the Cross Valley Canal in Section 2, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, M.D.M., hereinafter referred to as the "Strand Siphons"; and

WHEREAS, IRWD owns that certain real property located in Section 2, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, M.D.M., sometimes referred to as "Strand Ranch," on which is located a turnout from the Cross Valley Canal ("CVC") which at times has available capacity that can be used to deliver water to the Kern Water Bank ("KWB") property, hereinafter the "South Strand Turnout". Another turnout from the CVC exists on the Strand Ranch to deliver water to the north side of the Strand Ranch, hereinafter the "North Strand Turnout"; and

WHEREAS, KWBA owns real property in Section 3, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, M.D.M, near the Cross Valley Canal Pumping Plant No. 2 ("CVC PP2"), which property is crossed by a pipeline owned by Rosedale from Rosedale and IRWD land in Section 3, hereinafter the "Pipeline"; and

WHEREAS, all of the above-described facilities are generally shown and identified in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, for the benefit of their respective adjacent or nearby lands and water banking facilities, the Parties desire to enter into this written agreement granting certain licenses and consenting to among other things: (1) KWBA's use of third-priority capacity in the South Strand Turnout to deliver water to the KWB; (2) KWBA's construction, pursuant to a separate Encroachment Permit(s) or other agreements, of a new turnout from the Strand Ranch to the KWB, hereinafter referred to as the "KWB Strand Ranch Connection" (3) KWBA's removal of the existing Strand Siphons from the CVC following operational verification of new KWB Strand Ranch Connection turnout from South Stand to KWB; and (4) to provide for IRWD's and Rosedale's continued use of Rosedale's Pipeline from IRWD land known as Stockdale West to the CVC for the delivery of Rosedale's and IRWD's water from their facilities to the CVC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE WITH EACH OTHER AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Rosedale and IRWD are hereby granted a non-assignable license to access, use, repair, and maintain the Pipeline from IRWD land to the CVC in Section 3 to be used for the purpose of delivery of water to the CVC, on a first priority basis, up to and including the entire capacity of the Pipeline.
- 2. KWBA is hereby granted a non-assignable license for the third priority use, behind IRWD's and Rosedale's priority uses, of the existing South Strand Turnout from the CVC to be used for the purpose of conveying water to and across the southeasternmost Strand Ranch recharge basin to the KWBA recharge facilities via the KWB Strand Ranch Connection. Such third priority use shall be limited if shallow water conditions prevent or reduce the delivery of water to the southeasternmost Strand Ranch recharge basin pursuant to the Cross Valley Canal / Strand Ranch Integrated Banking Project Operating Guidelines During Shallow Groundwater Conditions agreement dated October 8, 2012, or if the need for maintenance of IRWD's Strand Ranch facilities prohibits such use.
- 3. During such times that IRWD and Rosedale are using the southeasternmost Strand Ranch recharge basin and the KWBA is delivering water to the KWBA recharge basins to and through the KWB Strand Ranch Connection, IRWD and/or Rosedale will make reasonable efforts to maintain water levels sufficient to maintain such deliveries, provided that KWBA use of the KWB Strand Ranch Connection for delivery of water to the KWBA recharge basins shall not impact IRWD and/or Rosedale's use of facilities on the Strand Ranch or such other facilities as may be available to IRWD or Rosedale.
- 4. All water losses when either IRWD and/or Rosedale are using the southeasternmost Strand Ranch recharge basin shall be credited to IRWD and/or Rosedale as appropriate; during such times no losses shall be credited to the KWBA, regardless of whether or not the KWBA is using the facility. All losses during the delivery of water to the KWB pursuant to paragraph 5 at times when Rosedale and or IRWD are not using the Strand Ranch facilities for recharging water shall be credited to KWBA accounts.
- 5. The KWBA is hereby granted a non-assignable license for first priority use of a KWB Strand Ranch Connection. The KWB Strand Ranch Connection would be constructed under a separate Encroachment Permit(s) at the approximate locations designated on Exhibit A, and would be used for the purpose of delivering water to the KWB from the CVC. The KWB Strand Ranch Connection would be owned by IRWD. The costs of constructing the facilities described herein shall be borne entirely by the KWBA.
- 6. KWBA will remove the existing Strand Siphons after delivery capabilities from the KWB Strand Ranch Connection using the South Strand Turnout have been proven to the satisfaction of KWBA

during the next recharge program after installation. The costs for removing the Strand Siphons and any related habitat or CVC restoration work shall be borne entirely by the KWBA.

- 7. Rosedale and IRWD shall operate and maintain the KWB Strand Ranch Connection and the North and South Strand Turnouts.
- 8. Each Party shall pay actual and reasonable operation, maintenance, replacement and refurbishment costs, associated with their proportionate share(s) of use (in acre feet since the initial construction of facilities) of the other Parties' facilities. Such invoices shall created annually, as appropriate, and shall be paid within 45 days of receipt of an invoice for such costs.
- 9. The KWBA at its own costs shall be the lead agency in the preparation of any environmental compliance document and for securing any permits needed for the construction and use of the KWB Strand Ranch Connection as well as the KWBA's use of the South Strand Turnout.
- 10. Each Party shall utilize its own individual CVC rights, or contracted rights available to each individual Party, to convey its water supplies to the facilities described herein. Each Party is responsible for all costs associated with utilizing its contractual CVC rights, including, but not limited to, CVC power and conveyance fees.
- 11. The licenses granted herein are irrevocable for the period of time this Agreement is in effect. Consistent with the terms of this Agreement, the Parties agree that roadways, rights-of-way and/or easements under their respective ownerships may be utilized by the other Parties as necessary for access purposes so that each Party can operate, construct, build, use and maintain its facilities. Furthermore, the Parties shall in good faith cooperate with each other in carrying out the terms of this Agreement and execute and deliver any additional documents or other assurances and shall perform any further acts as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the intent of the Parties and terms of this Agreement.
- 12. This Agreement shall be for the period of the Effective Date through December 31, 2040, provided that any Party may terminate this agreement upon five (5) years' prior written notice to the other Parties; this Agreement may be extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.
- 13. KWBA agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold Rosedale and IRWD harmless, and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors, from any damage, liability, or costs (including attorneys' fees and costs of defense) to the extent caused by the negligent acts, errors or omissions or the willful misconduct of KWBA, or its officers, employees, agents, contractors or subcontractors, in the performance of or exercise of rights under this Agreement.
- 14. IRWD and Rosedale agree, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold KWBA, and its officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors, harmless from any damage, liability, or costs (including attorneys' fees and costs of defense) to the extent caused by the negligent acts, errors or omissions or the willful misconduct of IRWD and/or Rosedale, or their officers, employees, agents, contractors or subcontractors, in the performance of or exercise of rights under this Agreement.
- 15. At all times while this Agreement is in effect, each Party shall maintain liability insurance coverage and/or liability coverage under a public agency risk pool, such as a Memorandum of Liability Coverage issued by ACWA-JPIA (or other similar insurance risk sharing joint powers

authority), for coverage of its activities under this Agreement, as follows: (1) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with coverage being primary/non-contributory and on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence, \$4 million aggregate; (2) Automobile Liability Insurance covering bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, for all activities arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, including coverage for any owned, hired, and non-owned, rented, or leased vehicles, in an amount not less than \$1 million combined single limit for each accident; (3) Workers Compensation Insurance with statutory limits as required by state law and Employer's Liability Insurance (with limits not less than \$1 million); and (4) if any Party will be using an Unmanned Aerial System (drone) then Unmanned Aerial System insurance coverage shall be maintained with a minimum limit of \$1 million. In addition, each Party shall name the other Parties and their directors, officers, employees, and agents as additional insureds under their respective coverages, ensure all insurance coverage maintained pursuant to this Agreement is endorsed to waive subrogation against the other Parties and their directors, officers, employees, and agents, and shall require any contractor or other person acting on a Party's behalf on the subject property, to comply with the minimum insurance requirements herein. A severability-of-interests provision shall apply for all additional insureds, and policies shall not contain any cross-liability exclusions. Upon request, each Party shall provide the requesting Party with written evidence of such insurance coverages and endorsements.

- 16. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties hereto, their successors and permitted assigns (if any); provided, however, that no Party may sell, transfer, assign, and/or sublet all or any part of its rights under this Agreement hereunder, including without limitation the licenses granted herein, without written permission from the other Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the delivery of water through the facilities and under the priorities described herein on behalf of third parties shall not be considered a sale, transfer, assignment and/or sublet of a Party's rights hereunder; no Party shall be required to obtain the consent of any other Party for such operations, regardless of the source or ownership of the water being transported through the facilities.
- 17. The individuals executing this Agreement on behalf of the Parties represent and warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of each Party and that the Agreement is binding upon each Party in accordance with the terms, provisions, and conditions set forth herein.
- 18. This Agreement is entered into in, and shall be governed by, the laws of the State of California. This Agreement shall be given a fair and reasonable construction in accordance with the intention of the Parties set forth herein and without construing any ambiguity against any drafter of this Agreement. Exclusive venue for any action arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court for the County of Kern. The prevailing Party in any litigation arising under the Agreement shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees, expert fees, costs, and expenses.
- 19. Unless expressly provided for herein, this Agreement is not intended to nor shall it be construed to confer a benefit upon any third party or third-party beneficiary.
- 20. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties and replaces any previous agreements regarding the use of and priorities to the use of the facilities described herein. Any facilities construction contemplated by this Agreement shall be performed under separately negotiated agreement(s), which shall include mutually agreeable terms that are customary for the level of construction required and which may include (or exclude) construction plan review and approval if desired. Any amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by all the Parties hereto.

KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY
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ROSEDALE RIO-BRAVO WATER STO DISTRICT
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IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

TITLE:

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

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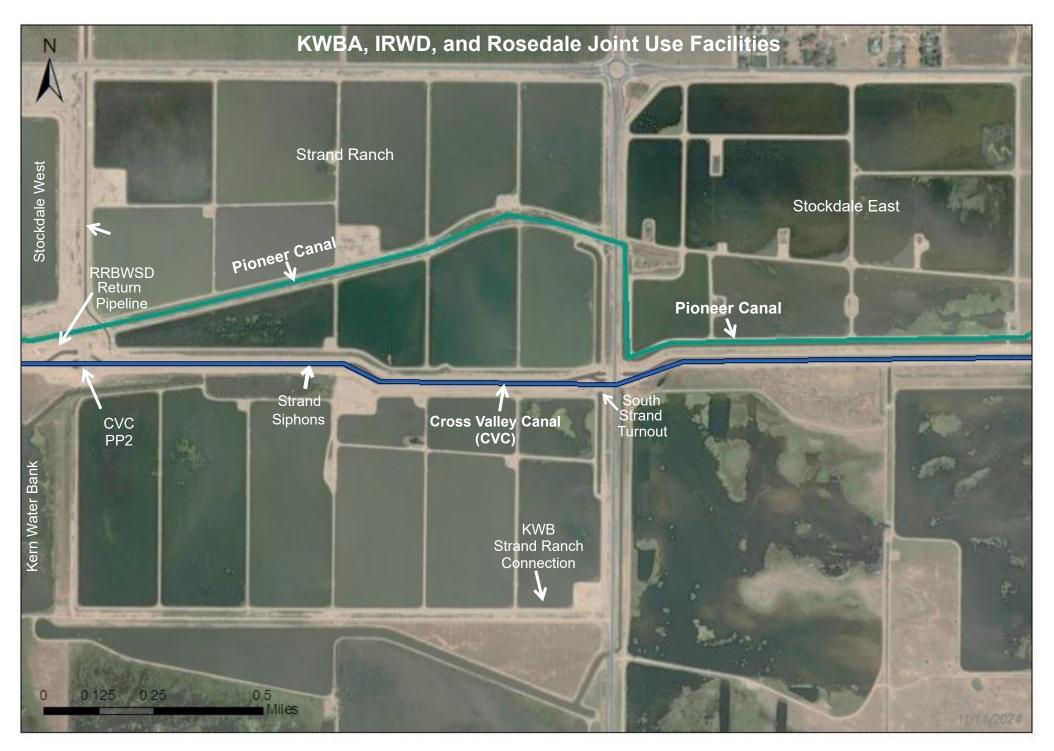
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CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE, GOVERNMENT CODE §27281:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the KERN Was for public purposes the within document and cons	ATER BANK AUTHORITY hereby accepts ents to the recordation thereof.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunt, 2021.	o set my hand this day of
Assis	stant Secretary of the Board of Directors

Exhibit "A"







OCTOBER 2025

STRATEGIC PLAN MONTHLY UPDATE



PURPOSE

TO BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF WATER, A VALUED RESOURCE



MISSION

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY THRIVE



VALUES

SUSTAINABILITY
INNOVATION
GRACIOUS
HARD-WORKING
TRUSTWORTHY



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

SUSTAINABILITY/RESILIENCY, LONG-TERM HEALTHY PARTNERSHIPS, FINANCIAL STRENGTH, TEAMWORK, INNOVATION/CREATIVITY



- GOAL #2: ACQUIRE OTHER WATER SUPPLIES
- GOAL #3: DEVELOP A WATER CHARGE TO SUPPORT SGMA IMPLEMENTATION
- GOAL #4: LIVE OUT AN INTENTIONAL AND FOCUSED PROJECT PLAN FOR MAJOR INITIATIVES
- GOAL #5: ENSURE THAT KEY
 RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN
 THE AGENCY ARE
 SUSTAINABLE AND EFFICIENT

GOAL #5 OBJECTIVES	PRIORITY	STATUS	OWNER	TARGET	2025 ACTUAL
Create standard SOPs for critical responsibilities. Determine critical responsibilities where cross-training is necessary and develop training procedures, protocols, and plans.	MEDIUM	IN PROGRESS	Rachelle	Add 1 procedure per staff member every year and develop SOPs and/or cross- train. 5/7 procedures completed	71%
Implement regular Staff Meetings to improve communication.	HIGH	IN PROGRESS	Dan B.	Implement bi- weekly staff meetings. 17/26 meetings completed	65%
Better understand aspects of each team member's personality so we can continue to operate at a high level.	LOW	IN PROGRESS	Rachelle	Complete 2 team-building exercises per year. 1 completed	50%

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October 13, 2025

To: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Board of Directors

Agenda Item: 7a

From: Dan Bartel

Re: Onyx Project Report

This month we:

- Continued operation of conveyance facilities.
- Worked on fence projects.
- Recorded that the USGS verified South Fork station on September 11.
- Stream gaged at Doyle 3 times and Patterson 12 times to verify net project water.
- Coordinated Project operations with KRI's.
- Harder is working on model update for 2026 no-injury calculation.
- Redirected flows September 1-30. Net project water was 306 AF
- Received proposal for stockwater well iron treatment services.
- Discussed conservation easement options with Audubon.

South Fork flows downstream of Bloomfield averaged 18 cfs plus calculated accretions of 1 cfs, for a total average flow of about 19 cfs.



Daily values in SFD = Se	econd Foot Days	, Monthly total in	n AF = Acre-Feet							Septe	mber-2025										
Date		South Fork D.Prince (4,5,17,20-22,37) Hafenfeld RRBWSD (1,3,6,7,12, Wirth1, 30,3 (5)		33, Boone)	J.Nicoll (3)	Audub (4,5,9,Wirth (20-22,Wirth2	1,17,18)		Smith (2/3 Smith)	RRBWSD	(1/3 Smith)	Total Diverted	So	outh Fork							
	Mean Flow	USGS - Onyx @ 0500	Accretions	Doyle Ranch Road	Mill/Hillside	Miller Pri	nce Miller	Scodie/Mack	Landers	Nicoll	Redirected "Gross Project Water"	Nicoll	Cottonwood	Nicoll	Total Smith	Smith	Smith	Redirected "Gross Project Water"		Sierra Way "Flow"	Patterson "Flow"
1	17	17	3						1.1		5.1	2.5			4.9	1.6	0.0	3,3	5	Yes	Yes
2	16	16	3						1.1		5.1	2.0			4.7	1.4	0.0	3,3	5	Yes	Yes
3	16	16	3						1.1		5.1	2.5			4.7	1.4	0.0	3.3	5	Yes	Yes
4	16	16	3						1.0		5.2	2.3			4.3	1.0	0.0	3.3	4	Yes	Yes
5	16	16	-1	13.6					1.1		3.0	2.5			4.2	0.9	0.0	3.3	5	Yes	4.47
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	22	23	24	2			1.2	5.0	2.3	6.1	2.8	0.0	3.3	6	Yes
	23	21	22	2			1.2	5.0	2.2	5.6	2.3	0.0	3.3	6	Yes
	24	19	20	2	20.6		1.1	5.1	2.1	5.1	1.8	0.0	3,3	5	Yes
	25	20	18	3			1.2	5.0	2.0	4.9	1.6	0.0	3.3	5	Yes
	26	20	20	3	18.7		1.1	5.1	3.0	4.9	1.6	0.0	3.3	6	Yes

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Miller ditch water is being split Prince and Haf. 50/50 Redirected Historic Irrigation Demand Limit = 26

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USGS SFork at 0500

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https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/11189500/#dataTypeId=continuous-00065-0&period=P7D

Bold ## on USGS denotes USGS gage verification

South Fork Doyle Ranch Flow measurement, value carries for next week

09/06 District measured 4 cfs at Patterson, hence adjusted accretions down to -1

**Two stream gauge measurements performed to study daily fluctuations. 8:30 AM = 4.32 CFS 14:30PM = 4.75 CFS

9/17 Nicoll ditch off for new meter installation

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6 (CBK meas.)

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L1.2(RRB) / 10.6 (CBK

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09/24 Calculated accretions at 5 cfs..adjusted accretions to 3 cfs to be conservative

09/29 night thunderstorm jumped flow to 34 cfs, 0500 flow to 28.6 cfs which was dropping. Used 25 cfs to be conservative.

RRBWSD to Isabella

"Net Project Water"

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ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT - ONYX RANCH MONTHLY GROUNDWATER MONITORING RUN SEP

2025

Well Name	DATE	Depth to Water (ft)	Notes
Onyx Store - Domestic	9/29/2025	41.7	
Ranch HQ - Domestic	9/29/2025	17.6	
Landers Sand - Old Ag Well	9/29/2025	19.2	
Onyx Store - Old Ag Well	9/29/2025	20.9	
	9/29/2025		
Mack Well	9/29/2025	22.4	
Nicoll Field - Old Ag Well	9/29/2025	15.7	
Mack Field West - Domestic	9/29/2025	14	
Gibboney-2 Piezo	9/29/2025	10.3	
Gibboney-3 Piezo	9/29/2025	8.9	
Boone Piezo	9/29/2025	5.5	
Lieb Piezo	9/29/2025	9	
Pruitt Piezo	9/29/2025	13	
Scodie Well	9/29/2025	23.7	
Pruitt Well	9/29/2025	15.5	
Nicoll Well	9/29/2025	16	
Mack Piezo	9/29/2025	16.6	
West Onyx Piezo (Top of pipe to the concrete 1.9ft)	9/29/2025	16.9	On
East Onyx Piezo (Top of pipe to the concrete 1.4ft)	9/29/2025	23.5	
Smith Piezo #1	9/29/2025	14.4	
Smith Piezo #2	9/29/2025	18.3	
Smith Piezo #3	9/29/2025	16.7	

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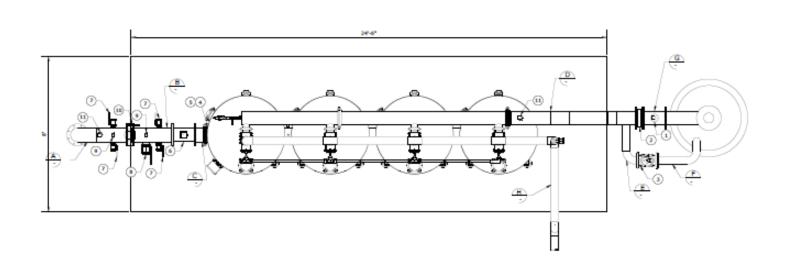
Onyx Stockwater Well Water Treatment

To address elevated iron in one of the headquarters stockwater wells staff recommend a twofold approach to the treatment of the water. The strategy of this approach is to pretreat the well and then provide for well head water treatment system via oxidation and sand media tank filtration. Currently the District is providing 1-1.2 cfs of stockwater from the South Fork which limits the Onyx Project by about 50 AF per month or about 250 AFY. The proposed project will include the evaluation, site layout, installation of filter stations, as well as the chemical treatment initially and continuously.

Recommendation: Approval of setting a budget of \$40,000 for the replacement of the existing pump, well pretreatment, and filtration system setup.

Annual operational costs are expected to cost approximately \$7000 per year.

Installation Costs						
Material	Description	QTY / Each	Price		Cost	•
448 I Pattern SMF Less Ta	an Top/Bottom manifold, backwash valve, vic clamps	1				See Quote
80lb sack gravel	7 bags of gravel / 13 bags sand	28				See Quote
100lb sand	7 bags of gravel / 13 bags sand	52				See Quote
Controller Kit	Backwash controller, automatic backwash	1				See Quote
Valve Kit	Valves and Kit required for system automation/function	1				See Quote
Hydraulic Charging Kit	Valves and Kit required for system automation/function	1			\$	11,082.83
Purchase of Pump	New Pump required to pressurive system for backwash	1	1	0000	\$	10,000.00
Sales Tax	8.25%				\$	1,739.33
Installation Cost					\$	3,285.43
			Cost		\$	26,107.59
Operational Costs (Ann	ual)					
Product	Description	QTY (gallon)	Price		Annı	ual Cost
Sanidate 12.0	Peracetic acid (PAA)	30	\$ 4	2.00	\$	1,260.00
Drip-Rite 6000	Chemical added to Sand Media (quarterly)	30	\$ 4	6.00	\$	5,520.00
LA Chemclor	Sodium Hypochlorite (Continuous Injection)	5	\$	8.50	\$	42.50
			Total		\$	6,822.50





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Improvement Projects

Engineering/Construction Consultant Updates:

See below for invoicing through July on the design work for the pond layout of McCaslin North and the Dillard property. The McCaslin North design is currently approximately 60% complete (see attached).

(Through August) Mc-N/Dillard Design \$64,780 of the approved \$128,500 proposal

SCADA Projects:

District staff successfully applied for and received approval to join the GOES (Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites) network, a system typically reserved for select government agencies. Participation in the GOES program provides significant benefits to the District, enabling data transmission from monitoring sites in remote areas where cellular service is unavailable. Unlike radios or cellular devices, the GOES system transmits data via satellite, and is the same technology utilized by the USGS to monitor flow rates in the South Fork. Staff are currently in the process of establishing the first remote monitoring site, with an estimated implementation cost of \$10,000–\$15,000. The District's long-term goal is to replace all three monitoring sites, which is expected to save approximately one hour of staff time per day in addition to reducing fuel expenses. The first system has already been ordered and is scheduled for delivery mid-October.

The pump station alarm system has presented challenges for the Operations Manager since its initial construction. A programmer has been working intermittently to address these issues and improve the overall functionality and user-friendliness of the system's operation and maintenance. Final testing and implementation will be completed in the middle of September when PGE rates change.

West Superior Weir Reconstruction

Retrofit of the superior weir structure — Weir structure west of Superior Rd. and east of Enos Hwy. Staff has removed the boards and cleaned the structure to make a plan for the retrofit. West superior weir is not a critical measuring point within the Goose Lake Channel so modifications will be made to hold an upstream water surface and allow an

approximate 200 cfs to flow through (see picture). The District is looking to retrofit the two middle bays with sluice gates. Cost of gates are approximately \$12,000 each, and District staff will be ordering two to go across the middle bays of the West Superior Weir. District staff will bring ratification of the gates to the September board meeting. Gates have been ordered and will be delivered in December. See below for final gate design.

Goose Lake Channel Hydraulics Improvements

The Goose Lake Channel has experienced ongoing issues due to poor hydraulics within the earthen channel. These conditions limit conveyance efficiency and contribute to maintenance challenges during high-flow events. District staff are looking at opening up and widening the channel in a north-south section off of Wegis Ave. District staff will be renting an excavator and a dump truck to widen the canal, slowing the velocities in the channel, and limiting erosion. Work will begin the week of September 8th and is expected to last for two weeks. (see picture)

General District Improvement

A couple of small projects were recently completed in the District, both located in the Stockdale East area. The first involved the SE Agricultural Well, which was refurbished as part of the DRP Stockdale East Well Project. This well serves as a backup supply source in the event that SE-1 or SE-2 become inoperable during a recovery period. Due to subsurface liquefaction in the sand layer, settlement occurred beneath the concrete foundation. To address this, District staff placed gravel beneath and around the foundation to stabilize the structure and mitigate the potential impacts of future subsurface movement. District staff has performed the work and has met with a representative of the Jhaj property to walkthrough expectations of their channel remediation (see drone pictures before and after)

Recommendation: none

Goose Lake Channel Improvements



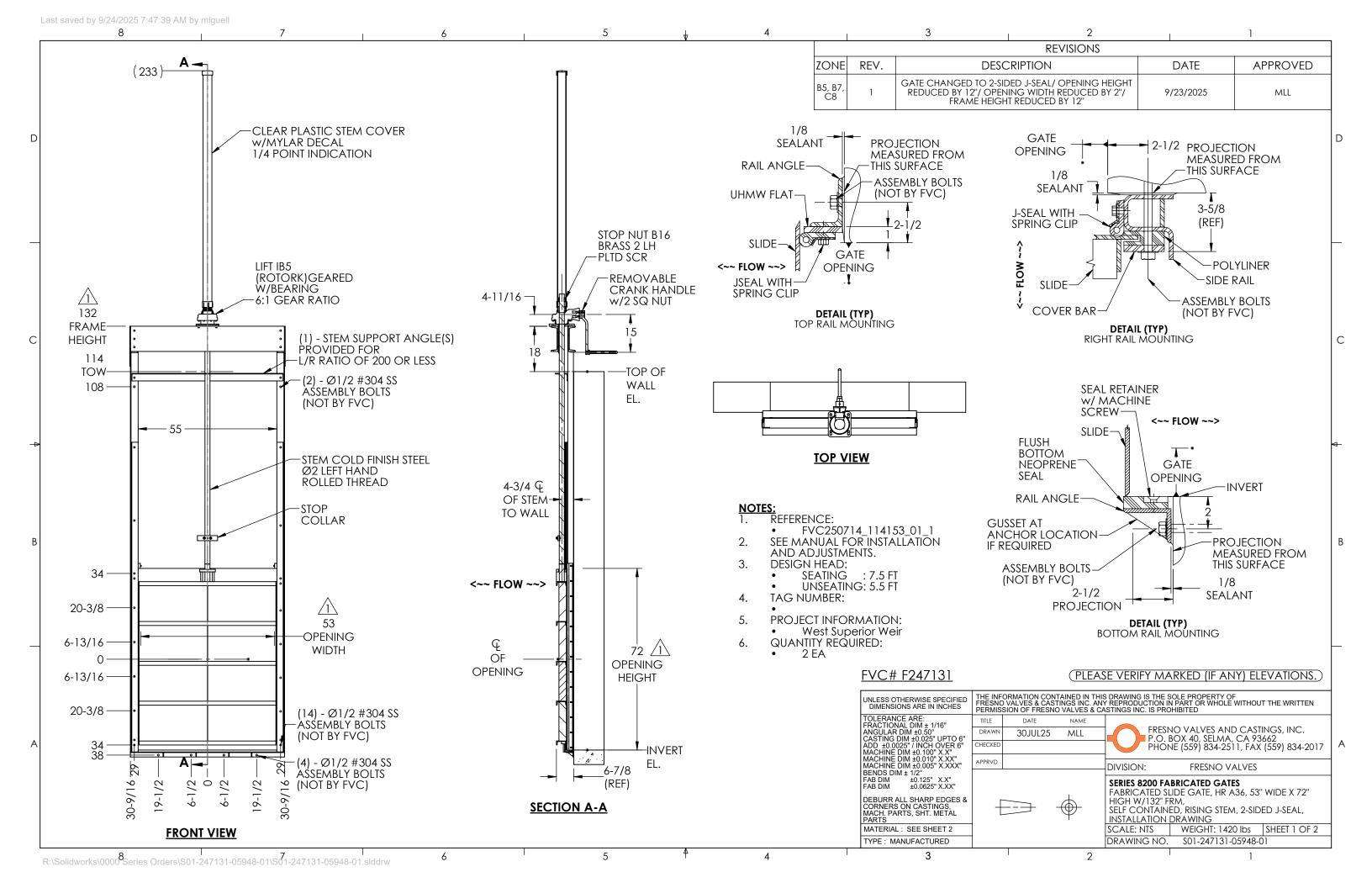
Figure 1 Location of work on Goose Lake Channel

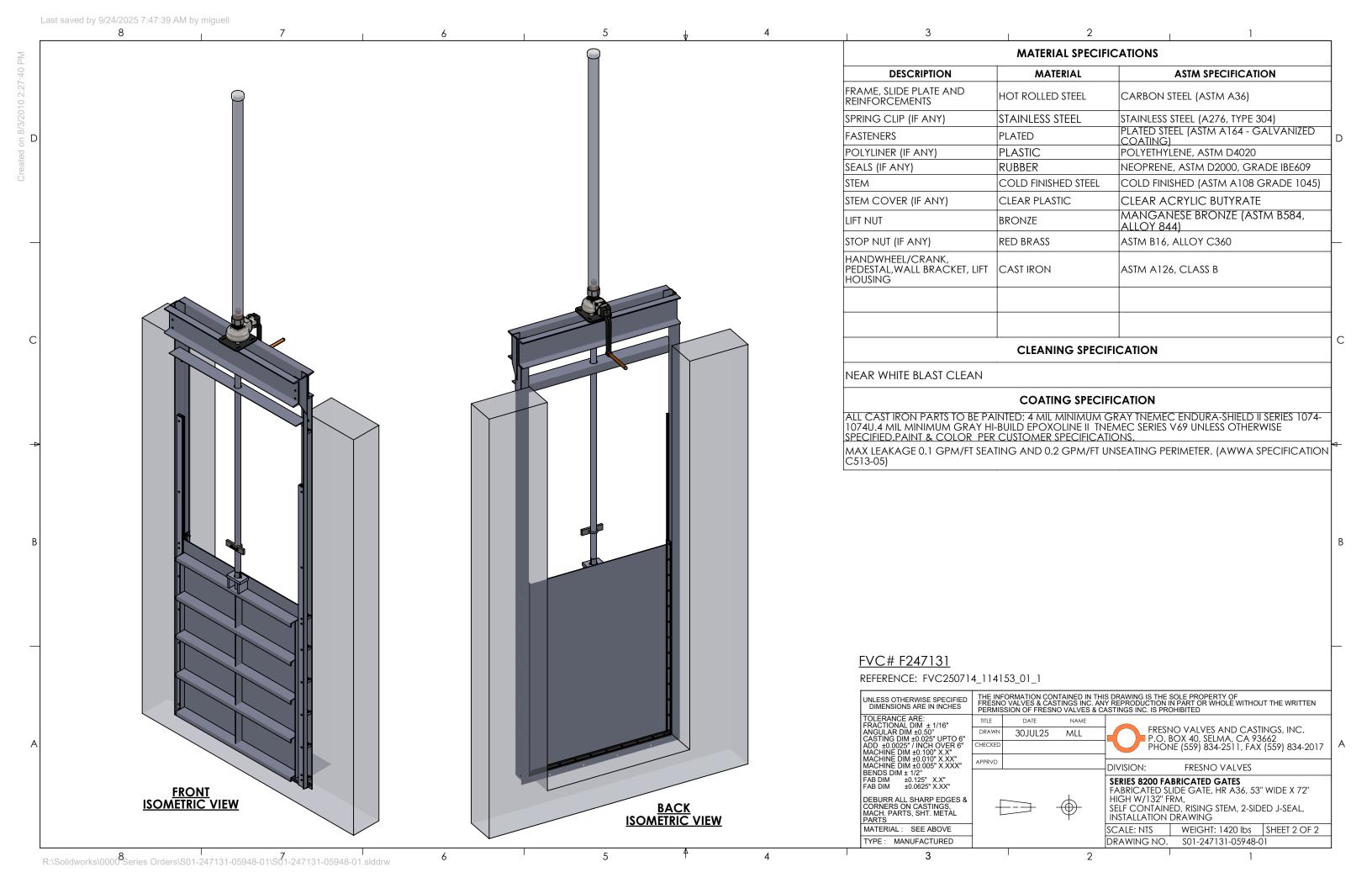


Figure 2 Goose Lake Channel Facing South (Before)



Figure 3 Goose Lake Channel Facing South (After)







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To: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Board of Directors

Agenda Item: 7ci.

From: Rachelle Echeverria

Re: Resolution No. 551 - Adopting Addendum No.3 to Stockdale Integrated EIR SCH#2013091076

and Directing Filing of NOD

Discussion:

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, as Lead Agency under CEQA, has prepared Addendum No. 3 to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Stockdale Integrated Banking Project.

The Addendum evaluates the McCaslin Groundwater Recharge Project, a modification to the approved project involving two recharge ponds, one recovery well, and related facilities on approximately 150 acres south of Sidding Road and about one mile west of Enos Lane in unincorporated Kern County.

Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164, the Addendum concludes the modifications do not create new or more severe environmental impacts. The previously certified Final EIR remains adequate, and no supplemental or subsequent EIR is required.

The Addendum is available at the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District office, 849 Allen Road, Bakersfield, CA 93314, and online at:

https://www.rrbwsd.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/FINAL-Stockdale-Integrated-Banking-Project_EIR-Add-No.3-with-Appendix.pdf

RESOLUTION NO. 551

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT IN THE MATTER OF:

ADOPTING ADDENDUM NO. 3 TO THE CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE STOCKDALE INTEGRATED BANKING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District ("District"), on December 18, 2015, adopted a Final Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the Stockdale Integrated Banking Project ("Project") pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.) and the California Code of Regulations, title 14, §15000 et seq. ("State CEQA Guidelines"), addressing the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2015, the Board approved Resolution No. 472 certifying the EIR for the Project (SCH No. 2013091076), adopting written findings pursuant to CEQA and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP"), and approving the Project; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to certification of the EIR and approval of the Project, the District prepared Addendum No. 1 (2020) and Addendum No. 2 (2022) to the certified EIR to address minor modifications to the Project consistent with CEQA Guidelines §§15162 and 15164; and

WHEREAS, under CEQA, a lead agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary and none of the conditions requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR have occurred (CEQA Guidelines §§15162, 15164); and

WHEREAS, the District, as lead agency, has prepared an Addendum No. 3 ("Addendum") to the EIR for the Project to evaluate the potential environmental impacts that could result from modifying the Project and has concluded that that the EIR had fully analyzed and mitigated, where feasible, in compliance with CEQA, all potentially significant environmental impacts, if any, that would result from the proposed modifications; that the impacts to the environment as a result of the modifications are consistent with and would not create substantial new or increased impacts beyond those which were evaluated in the EIR; that no mitigation is required beyond the existing commitments contained within the MMRP; and that, therefore, no subsequent EIR or mitigated negative declaration is now required. The Addendum is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Addendum to the EIR was prepared pursuant to the requirements of State CEQA Guidelines and CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the Addendum, the certified EIR, and the entire administrative record prior to taking action on the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, on the basis of substantial evidence in the whole record, as follows:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. The Board has reviewed and considered the Addendum and related administrative record and finds that the Addendum contains a complete and accurate analysis of the environmental effects associated with the proposed modifications.
- 3. The Board finds that only minor modifications to the Project are proposed and that none of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring a supplemental or subsequent EIR have occurred.
- 4. The Addendum reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the District as the lead agency.
- 5. On the basis of the whole record, the Board finds that all environmental impacts of the Project, with mitigation measures incorporated, remain below a level of significance as described in the certified EIR and MMRP.
- 6. The Board hereby approves and adopts Addendum No. 3 to the certified Final EIR for the Stockdale Integrated Banking Project (SCH No. 2013091076).
- 7. The Board directs District staff to file a Notice of Determination with the County of Kern within five (5) working days of adoption of this Resolution.
- 8. A copy of the Addendum, the certified EIR, the MMRP, and all materials constituting the record of proceedings are available for public review at:

 Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, 849 Allen Road, Bakersfield, CA 93314.
- 9. District staff is hereby directed to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, subject to approval by General Counsel.

ALL THE FOREGOING	, seconded by	
Director	, and authorized by the following vote:	
AYES:		
NOES:		
ABSENT:		
ABSTAINING:		

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the I the Board of Directors of the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District of	
Board President	
Board Secretary	

SCENARIO 2 (<50 FT ABOVE WELL BOTTOM) - POTENTIALLY IMPACTED COUNTS BY GSA

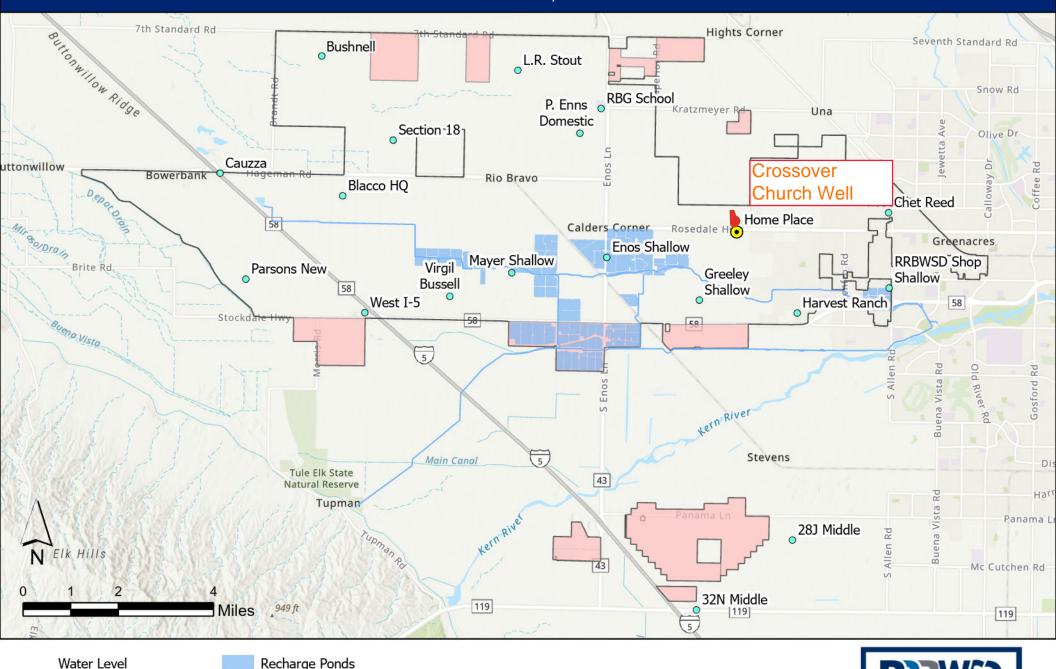
GSA	Drinking Well Count	Potentially Impacted	%	
Arvin GSA	101	9	9%	
Buena Vista GSA	32	1	3%	
Cawelo Water District GSA	29	3	10%	
Greenfield County Water District GSA	10	1	10%	
Henry Miller Water District GSA	4	0	0%	
Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority (no EWMA)	102	26	25%	
KNDLA – Eastside Water Management Authority	10	0	0%	
Kern River GSA	554	45	8%	
Kern-Tulare Water District GSA	4	0	0%	
Kern Water Bank GSA	1*	0	0%	
North Kern Water Storage District GSA	13	1	8%	
Olcese Water District GSA	0	0	-	
Pioneer GSA	0	0	-	
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District GSA	<mark>180</mark>	23	<mark>13%</mark>	
Semitropic Water Storage District GSA	106	32	30%	
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District GSA	72	14	19%	
Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District GSA	90	22	24%	
Tejon-Castac Water District GSA	0	0	-	
West Kern Water District GSA	12	0	0%	
Westside District Water Authority GSA	6	0	0%	
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA	7	1	14%	
TOTAL	1333	178	13%	

4 less than 300' deep

February 2025 Well Inventory Draft-Preliminary Results

^{*}one well has an incorrect location and is actually well "City of Bakersfield Olcese #3".

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District GSA Groundwater Level Monitoring Network Bakersfield, CA



Representative
Monitoring Wells
(RMWs)

Conveyance Facilities

Recharge Ponds
RRBWSD GSA White
Lands
RRBWSD GSA Boundary





Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District - Home Place - 353824N1192035W001 Ground Surface Elevation: 345 Water Level Measurable Objective: 109 Minimum Threshold: 64 Crossover Groundwater Elevation (ft., msl) **Church Well**

Measurement Date

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		worker:					Field Technician:				
Self-Help Enterprise		Self Help Enterprises, Emergenc			-	es	Assessment Date & Time:				
		8445 W. El	owin Court,	Visalia, C	A 93291	1					
Section 1.	Participa	nt Information	n								
Owner Name:	-			Contact P	erson:		Phone:		Tenant Phone:		
Owner Mailing	g Address:						Email Ac	Idress:			
Owner Occup	oied: □ Add	lress:			Home type):	APN:				
Tenant Occup					Home type):	Househ	old size:			
Tenant Occup	oied: □ Add	 lress:			Home type	e:	Well ho	me conn	ections:		
Livestock on F			y Nearby: Yes			earby: Yes □	No□	Septio	System: Yes □ No □		
Proximity to w	/ell:	Prox	imity to well:		Proximity t	-	-		nity to well:		
		ity Agency (GSA):									
Groundwater											
Is a complete	All Program	Application in file	e: 🗆 Yes 🗆 N	lo If no, w	as applica	tion provided	d during ap	pointme	nt: ☐ Yes ☐ No		
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Well Longitud				Well Type:							
Date well faile		hegan:		Well Statu			Well Pump Type: Electrical Status:				
Date well lake						□ Na			eter:		
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Evidence of F									e of Fire: Yes No		
Is the Well Sh				Shared Well Agreement: ☐ Yes ☐			· ·				
Sounding Port				Storage Tank Present: 🗆 Yes 🗀 N			No Tank weatherized: ☐ Yes ☐ No		eatherized: 🗆 Yes 🗆 No		
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Reading 2									_		
Reading 3		I	l		1						

Domestic Well Assessment Report							
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	Caseworker:			Field Technician:			
Self-Help	Self Help Enterp	rises, Emergency S	Services	Assessment Date & Tin	ne:		
Enterprises		Court, Visalia, CA					
Section 4. Wa	ter Quality:						
Collect Samples				WQID:			
Historical WQ Te	sting: Yes No Date:	:	Notes:				
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Tank#	Pump#	BW Drop of	f? Yes □ No [☐ If so, Type of BW	Qty:		
Field Technicia	nn:Rhett Anderson	Date:		ignature:			
Supervisor:	MICH AHUEISUH	Date: <u>08/07</u>	<u> </u>	gnature:			

(ADDITIONAL WELL) Domestic Well Assessment Report												
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	Case	worker:						Field Technician:				
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Owner Mailing Ad	ddress:							Email Ad	ddress:			
Owner Occupied	I: □ Add	ress:			Home ty	ype:	:	APN:				
Tenant Occupied	I: □ Add	lress:			Home ty	vpe:		Househ	old size:			
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Date pump remo	ved/pull	ed:		Pump Saver: ☐ Yes ☐ No				GPM Meter: ☐ Yes ☐ No				
Is pump operatio	nal: 🗆 Y	es 🗆 No		Is well casing intact: \square Yes \square No			No Is well seal intact: ☐ Yes ☐ No					
Evidence of Floor	ding: 🗆	Yes 🗆 No		Flood Zone Area: 🗆 Yes 🗆 No			Evidence of Fire: Yes No					
Is the Well Share	d: 🗆 Yes	s 🗆 No		Shared Well Agreement: \Box Yes \Box No			□ No	o Tank system leak: ☐ Yes ☐ No				
Sounding Port Pro	esent: [] Yes □ No		Storage Tank Present: 🗆 Yes 🗀 No			No	Tank we	eatherize	ed: □	Yes □ No	
Section 3. We	ell Proc	luctivity Test										
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	Depth	Water Level	Level	Time	HP	'	Elevation	Depth	SWL	Well C	amera	a Used?
Reading 1										☐ Y	es	□ No
Well Notes												
Historical Well F	Producti	vity Tests										
Well	Well	Standing	Sub. Pump	Date	Well	No	tes					
Reading 1	Depth	Water Level	Level									
Reading 2												
Reading 3												
Section 4. Wa	ater Qu	ality:										
Collect Samples	s For (ad	dress):						WQID:				
Historical WQ Te	esting: \square	Yes 🗆 No D	ate:									
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Samples stored in cooler with ice: \square Yes \square No				Ch	Chain of Custody Documentation Complete: \square Yes \square No							

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO KERN SUBBASIN COST SHARING AGREEMENT FOR REVISING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

This Amendment number 3 to the Cost Sharing Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on ______ by and among the following Groundwater Sustainability Agencies ("GSAs") and Management Areas located within the Kern Subbasin, each a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties":

South of Kern River GSA Group

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

Kern River GSA

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

North Central Kern GSA Group

- 7. Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District GSA
- 8. Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District GSA
- 9. Shafter-Wasco 7th Standard Annex
- 10. North Kern Water Storage District GSA
- 11. Cawelo Water District GSA
- 12. Semitropic Water Storage District GSA
- 13. West Kern Water District GSA
- 14. KCWA Pioneer GSA
- 15. Kern Water Bank Authority
- 16. Kern-Tulare Water District GSA
- 17. Eastside Management Area
- 18. Westside District Water Authority GSA
- 19. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District GSA
- 20. Henry Miller Water District GSA
- 21. Olcese Water District GSA
- 22. Buena Vista GSA

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2023, the Parties collectively entered into the KERN SUBBASIN COST SHARING AGREEMENT FOR REVISING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS ("Agreement") for a total cost of \$1,300,000 to pay the cost of consultant services to revise the Basin GSP(s).

WHEREAS, the Kern Subbasin submitted a draft Amended GSP (2024 Plan) to the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) SGMA office on May 28, 2024, and despite extensive communication regarding the revised Plan, Board staff issued a draft report with a recommendation for the Kern Subbasin's probationary hearing in February 2025.

WHEREAS, with the \$1,300,000 being utilized on the work to date, an additional \$642,000 is necessary for the TWG to continue work on finalizing the 2024 Plan, meeting with SWRCB Staff, and preparing for and participating in the probationary hearing as shown in more detail on the attached Scope of Work and Budget for Addressing SWRCB Comments in the Amended GSP.

WHEREAS, the additional \$642,000 was spent preparing the final 2024 Plan, meeting with SWRCB staff, and participating in the probationary hearing, which all resulted in the probationary hearing being continued to September 17, 2025.

WHEREAS, an additional \$1,294,824.90 was approved for the TWG consultants to continue meeting with SWRCB staff and make further changes to the Basin GSP(s) in order for the subbasin to amend the Basin GSP(s) prior to the September 17, 2025, hearing.

WHEREAS, an additional \$275,000.00 is necessary for the TWG consultants and the Basin Plan Manager to finalize the GSP and participate in the September 17, 2025, hearing as set forth in the scopes of work attached hereto as Exhibits "E-M".

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Agreement is amended as follows:

AGREEMENT TERMS:

- **1. Paragraph 1. Cost Sharing** is amended to add an additional sentence as shown in red below:
 - 1. Cost Sharing: The Parties agree to collectively share the total cost of \$1,300,000 for the revision of the GSPs, with each Party contributing an equal 1/22 share of the total cost. The Parties will contribute their share of the total cost over three cash calls to occur as follows: December 1, 2023 – 50% of total cost, January 15, 2024 – 30% of total cost, and March 1, 2024 – 20% of total cost. A Party must timely complete its cost-share contribution before it is entitled to joint ownership of work product under paragraph 7. The Parties further agree to collectively share in the additional cost of \$642,000, with each Party contributing an equal 1/22 share of the total by December 1, 2024. The Parties agree to collectively share in the additional cost of \$1,294,824.90 as shown in the attached Exhibits "A - D", with each Party contributing an equal 1/22 share of the total within 30 days of receiving a cash call invoice from Buena Vista Water Storage District. The Parties further agree to collectively share in additional costs required for completion of the scopes of work associated with Amendment No 2 and the scopes shown in the attached Exhibits "E-M" totaling \$275,000.00, with each Party contributing an equal 1/22 share of the total within 30 days of receiving a cash call invoice from Buena Vista Water Storage District.
- 2. Except as amended herein, all provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

EXECUTION:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Amendment number 2 to the Agreement as of the date first above written.

Arvin GSA	Derek Yurosek, Director
Wheeler-Ridge Maricopa GSA	Dennis Atkinson, President
Tejon-Castac Water District GSA	Angelica Martin, Board Secretary
Kern Delta Water District	Rodney Palla, Board Chair
City of Bakersfield	Bob Smith, City Councilmember
KCWA Improvement District No. 4	Wesley Shryock, ID4 Manager
Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District	Roland Gross, General Manager
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District GSA	Randy Bloemhof, Board Member
Shafter-Wasco 7 th Standard Annex	Randy Bloemhof, Board Member
North Kern Water Storage District GSA	Kevin Andrew, Board President
Cawelo Water District GSA	David Halopoff, Assistant General Manager

Semitropic Water Storage District GSA	
Seminopie water storage District GS/1	Dan Waterhouse, Board President
West Kern Water District GSA	Greg A. Hammett, General Manager
KCWA - Pioneer GSA	Lauren Bauer, Water Resources Manager
Kern Water Bank Authority	Joseph Butkiewicz, General Manager
Kern-Tulare Water District GSA	Skye Grass, General Manager
Eastside Water Management Area	Chad Hathaway, President
Westside District Water Authority GSA	Mark Gilkey, Executive Director
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District GSA	Dan Bartel, Engineer-Manager
Henry Miller Water District GSA	Jeof Wyrick, President, Chairman
Olcese Water District GSA	James L. Nickel, President
Buena Vista GSA	Terry Chicca
	Tim Ashlock Engineer-Manager



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August 8, 2025

Kristin Pittack Kern Subbasin SGMA Point of Contact sent via email to:

kpittack@rinconconsultants.com

Re: Estimated Budget - Subbasin SGMA Technical Consulting Support

Dear Kristin:

Per your request, Aquilogic, Inc. (aquilogic) is submitting this proposed scope of work and cost estimate to provide SGMA technical consulting support to the Kern Subbasin. The period of support covered by this expedited support submittal is August 8, 2025, through September 30, 2025. To date, our work has focused on the deficiencies identified in the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Inadequate Determination letter of March 2023, the 2024 SWRCB Draft Staff Report and the January 16, 2025, SWRCB Staff correspondence, with special emphasis on the causes and rates of Subbasin land subsidence and the differentiation of GSA-related versus non-GSA causes of subsidence.

Background

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) determined that the 2020 and 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) submitted by the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Subbasin were "indequate". As such, the Subbasin was referred to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for oversight and potential probation. A completely revised 2024 GSP was submitted by the Subbasin to SWRCB staff for review in January 2024. In late 2024 SWRCB SGMA staff recommended the Subbasin be placed on probation and set a SWRCB Board Hearing to consider the recommendation for February 20, 2025.

SGMA staff made their recommendation for probation based primarily on a review of the 2022 GSP and only a partial review of the Final 2024 GSP. In preparation for the February probationary hearing SWRCB SGMA staff issued two resolutions for consideration by the SWRCB Board. One resolution recommended probation along with all of the prescribed sanctions that status would entail such as continued oversight by the SWRCB, metered well pumping and groundwater pumping fees, among others. The other resolution recommended a short continuance of the regulatory process to allow SWRCB SGMA staff to complete a full review of the 2024 Final GSP (and associated Blue Page GSPs) and for the Subbasin to reconcile the few remaining technical issues identified in the SWRCB 2024 Staff report and subsequent January 16, 2025, correspondence. Because of the documented progress the Subbasin had made in addressing many of the DWR identified deficiencies in the 2024 GSP, the SWRCB Board granted the Subbasin a continuance until September 17, 2025, to rectify remaining concerns



identified by DWR and SWRCB staff. Since that time, the Subbasin GSAs have worked in close cooperation to address all deficiencies identified by DWR, SWRCB staff and the California Aqueduct Subsidence Project (CASP) in a coordinated and technically defensible manner pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The Subbasin also engaged in multiple technical meetings with SWRCB staff to prepare a new comprehensive Subbasin GSP (2025 Plan) and ensure it has addressed agency comments.

To help achieve the twin objectives of sustainability and SGMA compliance, the Subbasin Coordination Committee formed an advisory technical working group (TWG). The TWG is comprised of current GSA technical consultants. Our understanding for the purpose of this scope of work and cost estimate is to assist the Subbasin in successfully addressing the remaining identified SWRCB items (e.g., subsidence monitoring standard operating procedures (SOPs) etc.,) and technical support in relation to the scheduled probationary hearing on September 17, 2025.

This **aquilogic** scope of work, which is focused primarily on remaining subsidence-related items consists of the three tasks briefly described below:

Task 1: Subbasin Technical Support

Aquilogic will, in collaboration with the Subbasin, meet with the SWRCB, and relevant agencies (e.g., CASP, DWR, FWA etc.) to address subsidence -related concerns and assist in the preparation of technical responses to any potentially unresolved items pertaining to subsidence identified in the anticipated September 2025 SWRCB Staff Report and/or raised at the September 17, 2025, SWRCB Board Hearing by other agencies or stakeholders. In addition, aquilogic will review and provide technical comments on the recent DWR subsidence best management practices (BMPs) and assist in the drafting of necessary subsidence monitoring standard operating procedures (SOPs) in consultation with the TWG subsidence subcommittee.

Task 2: General SGMA and Other Support

This task includes participation in various internal progress and strategy meetings (i.e., TWG, Managers, Coordination Committee) prior to the SWRCB September hearing. This task would also include subsidence-related technical meetings and interactions with CASP/DWR related to queries related to the Draft CASP/DWR subsidence BMPs for the California Aqueduct.

Task 3: September Hearing Support

Aquilogic will attend the SWRCB hearing to address potential technical subsidence questions that may be raised by SWRCB Board members or other hearing comments and provide input and material support in preparing the necessary technical materials for the SWRCB hearing.



Estimated Budget

The following is the proposed estimated budget for the period August 8, 2025, through September 30, 2025, for Tasks 1 through 3 described above:

#	Task	Estimated 2025 Budget
1	Subbasin Technical Support	\$7,500
2	General SGMA and Support	\$3,700
3	September Hearing Support	\$3,400
TOTA	L	\$14,600

Closing

All work will be billed on a time and materials basis up to a total amount above according to the attached preferred client fee schedule. Should a supplemental budget be required to complete the entire scope, a change order will be provided for your approval. No such supplemental or additional work will be performed without prior authorization. Should you request that additional or supplemental work be performed, we will invoice you (Subbasin) for this work on a time and materials basis. We look forward to continuing our support to the Kern Subbasin. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at +1.714.770.8040 ext.133 or tom.watson@aquilogic.com.

Sincerely,

aquilogic, Inc.

Thomas Watson, PG

Sr. Principal Geologist

cc: Morgan Campbell, WDWA

Encl.: 2025 Preferred Fee Schedule



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2025 SCHEDULE OF FEES: CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PREFERRED CLIENTS

1. Professional Services

Professional Services performed by personnel of aquilogic (including full-time, part-time, and contract staff) for hours spent on project activity, including office, field, and travel time, will be charged as follows (in U.S. Dollars):

Professional Personnel	Rate	Professional Personnel	Rate
Principal-in-Charge	\$440	Project Consultant	\$230
Senior Principal Consultant	\$380	Staff Consultant	\$170
Principal Consultant	\$355	Project Accountant (CPA)	\$230
Project Manager/ Senior Consultant	\$290	Intern or Technician	\$95

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, time will be billed in half hour increments. All overtime (hourly or non-exempt support staff) will be billed at 1.25 times the above rates. Night, weekend, and holiday work requested by the client (all staff) will be billed at 1.25 times the above rates. Specialist services (e.g., consulting boards, advisory panels or similar specialist consultation, trial preparation) will be billed at 1.5 times the above rates (with a four-hour minimum). Deposition and trial testimony will be billed at \$880 per hour (with a four-hour minimum).

This fee schedule is effective for the calendar year indicated at the top of this page. Aquilogic will issue a new fee schedule in December of each year that will apply for services performed in the subsequent year unless a new separate, client-specific fee schedule is negotiated for any subsequent year.

2. Subsistence and Expenses

Living and travel expenses incurred by personnel of aquilogic associated with a project will be charged at cost plus twelve percent (12%). A fixed per diem can be negotiated for specific projects. All airline travel exceeding four hours airport gate to gate (on the most direct route) will be in business class.

3. Materials, Subcontracts, and Equipment Rental

Direct material, equipment, outside services, and other expenses contracted or incurred by **aquilogic** on behalf of a project will be charged at cost plus twelve percent (12%), excluding contract staff. These disbursements include but are not limited to: Field equipment (e.g., field vehicles, testing equipment); subcontractor services (e.g., laboratory analyses); materials and supplies (e.g., sampling supplies); and other expenses (e.g., work permits, bonds). Postage, non-overnight shipping, telephone (office and cellular), office computing, facsimile, photocopying (excluding color), and miscellaneous office supplies are now included in the hourly rate.

4. Billings

Statements normally will be issued monthly, or at the completion of the project, and are payable upon receipt, unless otherwise agreed in writing by aquilogic. Interest, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, not to exceed the maximum rate allowed by law, will be payable on any amounts not paid within thirty (30) days; payment thereafter to be applied first to accrued interest and then to the principal unpaid amount. Unless otherwise specified in other contract documents or project proposal, all work on a project will cease should any invoice remain unpaid 60 days after the invoice has been submitted to the client. Work will not recommence until the account has been made current; that is, all outstanding invoices (including accrued interest) have been paid.

For projects where aquilogic experts are offering testimony at deposition, trial, and/or part of an administrative hearing, all outstanding invoices must be paid prior to such testimony.

Indemnity

aquilogic shall indemnify, defend, and hold Client harmless from and against all claims, liabilities, suits, loss, cost, expense and damages for injury to or death of persons or damage to or destruction of property arising in



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connection with and to the extent of Consultant's negligence in the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

6. Warranty

aquilogic warrants that the Services shall be performed in accordance with the standards customarily provided by an experienced and competent professional engineering organization performing the same or similar Services. Consultant shall re-perform at its own expense any of said Services which were not performed in accordance with this standard, provided that Consultant is notified in writing of the nonconformity within twelve (12) months after the performance of the deficient Services, and provided further that the cost to Consultant of such remedial Services shall not exceed the amount paid to Consultant under this Agreement. The foregoing are Consultant's entire responsibilities and Client's exclusive remedies for Services performed or to be performed hereunder, and no other warranties, guarantees, liabilities or obligations are to be implied.

7. Consequential Damages

In no event shall aquilogic or its sub-consultants/sub-contractors or vendors of any tier be liable in contract, tort, strict liability, warranty, or otherwise for any special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages such as but not limited to loss of product, loss of use, non-operation, or increased costs of operation of equipment or systems, loss of anticipated profits or revenue, costs of capital, or cost of purchased or replacement equipment or systems.

8. Limitation of Liability

In no event shall the total aggregate liability of aquilogic exceed the amount paid by Client for the Services performed.

Disputes

Any disputes between the Parties which arise out of this Agreement which cannot be settled amicably by the Parties shall be submitted to and settled under the arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association with proceedings in Los Angeles, California. Such disputes shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the state of California, U.S.A.

10. Confidentiality

aquilogic and the Client agree to keep confidential all Information supplied by others and not to utilize, either directly or indirectly, any information for any purpose other than related to Services being performed, or to disclose it to anyone, including partners and affiliated companies, except on a "need to know" basis, without prior written consent from the party providing said confidential information. If required, aquilogic and the Client shall execute a non-disclosure or confidentiality agreement (NDA) that further defines the provision, use and disclosure of confidential information.

11. Termination

Client may at any time, by fifteen (15) days written notice to aquilogic, terminate all or any part of the unperformed Services under this Agreement. In such event, aquilogic shall be compensated for Services performed to the effective date of termination, plus the reasonable costs of demobilization and settlement of subcontracts, purchase orders, and other commitments incurred by aquilogic for performance of the Services.

12. Entire Agreement

In the absence of any other executed agreement, this schedule of fees and accompanying proposal constitute the entire agreement between the Client and aquilogic for the Services to be performed. No modification shall be effective unless it is in writing and executed by both Parties. This Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements between the Parties, whether written or oral, with respect to the subject matter hereof.



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12 August 2025

Kristin Pittack Kern Subbasin Plan Manager

via email: kpittack@rinconconsultants.com

Subject: EKI Task Order for Kern County Subbasin Coordinated Groundwater Sustainability Plan

(GSP) Amendment Support

Kern County Subbasin, Kern County

(EKI C20055.12)

Dear Ms. Pittack:

The Kern County Subbasin Coordination Committee has requested that EKI Environment and Water, Inc. (EKI) prepare a Scope of Work and budget to support ongoing coordination with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff on the 2025 Amended Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (2025 Plan). The SWRCB is scheduled to hold a continued probationary hearing for the Kern County Subbasin on 17 September 2025.

Through the 2025 Plan amendment process, at the request of the Subbasin GSAs, EKI has been a liaison between GSAs and SWRCB staff. EKI proposes the following scope of work to provide support with ongoing open communications with SWRCB staff as they finalize review the 2025 Plan and to prepare for the upcoming probationary hearing.

SCOPE OF WORK

Task 1 - Coordination with SWRCB Staff

Task 1 involves attendance at meetings with SWRCB staff. EKI has assumed attendance by two EKI staff members at up to three SWRCB technical meetings, and that meetings will be one hour in length and will be held virtually. Additionally, EKI has assumed ongoing attendance by one EKI staff member at up to a total of seven weekly 30-minute preparation and 30-minute policy level calls. EKI will support the development of as-needed presentation materials, including PowerPoint presentations, and transmit materials to SWRCB staff, as agreed upon by the TWG and SWRCB staff.

Deliverables:

 SWRCB staff meeting presentation(s) and/or additional transmittal material(s), as relevant to SWRCB staff questions

Task 2 – Probationary Hearing Support

Task 2 includes preparation of materials and attendance at the 17 September 2025 SWRCB public hearing. EKI has assumed the hearing presentation will be a collaborative work effort with contributions by various Technical Working Group (TWG) leads on their areas of expertise. Additionally, EKI has assumed in-person attendance by up to two EKI staff members and that the hearing will be up to six hours in length.

Kristin Pittack Kern Subbasin Plan Manager 12 August 2025 Page 2 of 3



Deliverables:

Hearing presentation slide(s)

Task 3 – As-Needed Support

Task 3 includes anticipated technical support services outside of those identified in Task 1 and Task 2, a subset of which the Kern County Subbasin Coordination Committee may request that EKI provide pursuant to this task order. While the scope and level of effort for this task is difficult to quantify, anticipated efforts could include drafting and/or review of a public comment letter related to California Department of Water Resources (DWR) draft Land Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMPs) due 22 September 2025, drafting and/or review of a public comment letter on the Final Staff Report anticipated to be released on 5 September 2025 with comments due 11 September 2025, and participation in additional meetings and conference calls not outlined in Tasks 1 and 2.

Services under Task 3 will be performed on an as-needed and as-requested basis, and will be charged on a time and materials basis.

BUDGET

The estimated budget for this Scope of Work is \$19,200 (see also Table 1). EKI's staff members who will lead this project include Anona Dutton, P.G., C.Hg. (Officer) and Christina Lucero, P.G. (Senior II); grades in parentheses are for purposes of billing. Other EKI staff members will be assigned to assist with the performance of the tasks as required to meet project commitments.

Table 1. Estimated Budget

TASK	Cost Estimate
Task 1 – Coordination with SWRCB Staff	\$5,000
Task 2 – Probationary Hearing Support	\$9,200
Task 3 – As-Needed Support	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$19,200

SCHEDULE

Upon authorization to proceed, EKI is prepared to start work on the above Scope of Work immediately. This Scope of Work will cover work efforts conducted from 1 August 2025 through 30 September 2025.

We are happy to discuss the proposed approach and anticipated level of effort for these tasks in more detail with you and look forward to working with you on this important project.

Kristin Pittack Kern Subbasin Plan Manager 12 August 2025 Page 3 of 3



Very truly yours,

EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER, INC.

Anona L. Dutton, P.G., C.Hg.

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Vice President / Principal-In-Charge



August 18, 2025

Kristin Pittack
Kern Subbasin Point of Contact
via email: kernsubbasinpoc@rinconconsultants.com

Re: GEI Scope of Work to Support the Kern County Subbasin Dear Ms. Pittack:

This Scope of Work and the cost estimate for GEI Consultants is to continue providing support to the Kern County Subbasin (Subbasin) with ongoing TWG water quality lead work, engagement with State Water Board (SWB) staff through the continued probationary hearing period, and participation at the hearing. This scope of work covers GSP related work and engagement with SWB staff from August 1 through September 30, 2025, and ongoing coordination for the Subbasin well inventory from August 1 through December 31, 2025. Outlined tasks and fees associated with this proposed Scope of Work are described below as two separate tasks.

TASK 1. WELL INVENTORY

GSP analyses were based on the Subbasin's February 2025 well inventory, which reconciled approximately 65% of the records and confirmed accurate construction data, and approximately 45% of the wells are accurately located with coordinates associated with the parcel. GEI proposes to continue this effort of supporting GSAs with reconciling records, gathering additional data, and managing the dataset to maintain accuracy and consistency. After the February 2025 version, public supply (DDW regulated) and state-small well information was incorporated into the Subbasin well inventory to aid GSAs in identifying all records within their jurisdictional boundaries. Recommended tasks to continue providing support with reconciling the Well Inventory include:

- Continue updating records, working with GSAs to refine their data, and compiling GSA datasets as they are completed.
- Collect data from Kern County Environmental Health Services to identify parcels served by non-public water systems; property information redacted from public versions of the WCRs that don't provide adequate location details to assign records to the correct parcel; and collect water system service area data to identify parcels supplied by a public water system.

- Conduct GIS analysis of parcels supplied by public water systems to identify
 potentially destroyed and abandoned wells and identify parcels with no water
 supply to fill data gaps in the well inventory.
- Continue updating the datasets through August 2025 to have a complete and comprehensive dataset to support the Subbasin's well registration program.

TASK 2. Water Quality Lead and SWB Continuation Hearing

As the Water Quality Subcommittee lead, Stephanie Hearn will continue supporting the Subbasin with questions regarding water quality characterization, baseline conditions, and how this work impacts the implementation plan provisions. Time is also allocated for weekly meetings and SWB Hearing preparation and participation. Based on our current understanding of SWB staff concerns, the following tasks are anticipated:

- Bi-weekly technical meetings, approximately 1 hour each.
- Time to prepare materials and address edits and feedback.
- Review and draft a response to the 2025 Plan Staff Report
- Participate/present at SWB Hearing.

Budget

The proposed budget effort for all tasks and deliverables is \$48,800; this estimated budget covers work performed from August 1 through December 31, 2025 (SWB Hearing through September 30, and well inventory through December 31). Billing for all work completed under this proposal will be in accordance with the terms of the Professional Services Agreement between GEI and Buena Vista Water Storage District, with labor billed at 3.05 times the labor rate. Invoices are prepared on a time-and-materials basis and submitted within one month of performing the work. The Subbasin will only be billed for the actual hours worked. Monthly progress reports will be provided with each invoice to support budget tracking and if any out-of-scope work is performed.

Table 1. Budget Estimate

Task		Hours	Budget
1.	Well Inventory	100	\$23,640
2.	Water Lead and SWB Continuation Hearing	68	\$25,160
	Tota	Budget Estimate	\$48,800

Closing

If this proposal is acceptable, please have an authorized representative sign indicating your acceptance of this Task Order. We look forward to continuing to work with the Kern

GEI Scope of Work to Support the Kern County Subbasin August 18, 2025 Page 3

Subbasin. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Stephanie Hearn at 661.716.3026 or shearn@geiconsultants.com.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Hearn Stephanie Hearn

Branch Manager, Permitting and Compliance

David Miller

Principal Consultant



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August 19, 2024

Kern Subbasin GSP Mangers' Committee c/o: David Hampton General Manger North Kern Water Storage District

RE: Kern Subbasin SWRCB Hearing Preparation and Attendance – September 2025

Dear Mangers' Committee,

This scope and fee provides support to prepare for and attend the upcoming State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Hearing Continuation for the collective Kern Subbasin (Subbasin) Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to be held on September 17, 2025. The scope and budget outlined below covers the period from **August 1 to September 17, 2025**.

Scope of Work

The scope of work includes the following tasks:

Task 1A TWG and SWRCB Coordination

INTERA's Abhishek Singh will communicate and coordinate with TWG and SWRCB Staff members on any on-going comments/questions on the Kern Subbasin Plan. Dr. Singh will also attend Managers/Policy meetings as well as any additional internal meetings to discuss and coordinate responses to comments/questions raised by Staff. Dr. Singh will also provide technical input for Stakeholder Outreach/Engagement activities. Dr. Singh will also review any work done by TWG and formulate/communicate these to SWRCB Staff appropriately.

Meetings:

- Weekly Preparatory and SWRCB Policy meetings (8 meetings x 1 hour per meeting)
- Manager and Policy Meetings related to SWRCB Questions/Comments (4 meetings x 2 hour per meeting)
- Additional Internal Meetings to discuss Strategy/Approach to SWRCB Comments/Questions (Assume 8 meetings x 1 hour per meeting)

Task 1B Hearing Preparation

INTERA's Abhishek Singh will lead development of the technical aspects of the hearing presentation, including PowerPoint slides preparation, review and coordination with Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) leads. Abhi will be supported by two INTERA staff including Kait Palys and Trey Driscoll on these efforts.

Meetings:

- TWG Leads Coordination Meetings on SWRCB Hearing Presentation (4 meetings x 1 hour per meeting)
- Manager and Policy Meetings related to SWRCB Hearing Presentation (4 meetings x 2 hour per meeting)
- Internal Team Coordination Meeting on SWRCB Hearing Presentation (4 meetings x 1 hour per meeting)

Assumptions:

Translation of slides to Spanish and Punjabi will be provided by others under separate contract.

Deliverables: Hearing Slides for TAC Presentation at SWRCB Hearing

Task 1C Hearing Attendance

Attendance of two INTERA Staff Members at the SWRCB Hearing Continuation in Sacramento, California.

Assumptions:

- One day for up to 8-hour hearing.
- Travel for INTERA staff

Fee

INTERA will perform the scope of work detailed here on a time and materials basis up to a cost not to exceed of \$44,548 (Table 1) in accordance with INTERA's 2025 rates (attached).

Sincerely,

INTERA Incorporated

Trey Driscoll, PG No. 8511, CHG No. 936

Director of California Water Resources & Supply,

Principal Hydrogeologist

Trey Dincall

Enclosures: Table 1, Rates Schedules



Table 1. Fee Estimate

Task	Total Hours	Total Labor	Expenses	Total
Task 1A TWG and SWRCB Communication/Coordination				
SWRCB Meetings	8	\$2,552	\$0	\$2,552
Kern Subbasin Meetings	16	\$5,104	\$0	\$5,104
Coordinate & Review TWG Analysis	40	\$12,760	\$0	\$12,760
Sub-total Task 1A	38	\$20,416	\$0	\$20,416
Task 1B SWRCB Hearing Coordination and Presentation Preparation				
Hearing Slides Preparation	40	\$10,824	\$0	\$10,824
TWG Leads Coordination Meetings (4 meetings)	4	\$1,276	\$0	\$1,276
Managers/Policy Review Meetings (4 meetings)	8	\$2,552	\$0	\$2,552
Internal Team Coordination Meetings (4 meetings)	4	\$1,276	\$0	\$1,276
Sub-total Task 1B	38	\$15,928	\$0	\$15,928
Task 1C Hearing Attendance				
SWRCB Hearing	16	\$4,136	\$0	\$4,136
Travel/Expenses to Attend Hearing*	8	\$2,068	\$2,000	\$4,068
Sub-total Task 1C	24	\$6,864	\$2,000	\$8,204
TOTAL Tasks	62	\$43,208	\$2,000	\$44,548

^{*}Estimated - To be billed on actual airfare, transportation and hotel for two nights.







INTERA 2025 Rates

Labor Octobrillo	Hourly Rate
Labor Category	2025
Principal Engineer/Scientist I	\$349
Principal Engineer/Scientist II	\$306
Principal Engineer/Scientist III	\$284
Senior Engineer/Scientist I	\$274
Senior Engineer/Scientist II	\$252
Senior Engineer/Scientist III	\$239
Senior Engineer/Scientist IV	\$223
Engineer/Scientist I	\$211
Engineer/Scientist II	\$195
Engineer/Scientist III	\$178
Engineer/Scientist IV	\$161
Engineer/Scientist Intern	\$104
Senior Technician	\$170
Technician	\$109
Senior CAD/Graphics	\$136
CAD/Graphics	\$109
Senior Technical Editor	\$158
Technical Editor	\$114
Project Associate	\$218



August 22, 2025 Project No. 25-1-070

Kristin Pittack
Kern County Subbasin Plan Manager
kernsubbasinpoc@riconconsultants

SUBJECT: REVISED - Scope of Work and Budget for State Water Resource Control Board Hearing

Support for August and September 2025, Kern County Subbasin

Dear Kristin:

As requested, Luhdorff and Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) has prepared the following Scope of Work and budget for technical services to support the Kern County Subbasin (Subbasin) for the months of August and September 2025. This Scope of Work and budget focuses on support for the September 17, 2025 State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) Hearing for the Subbasin and related activities.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The following describes each of the key tasks necessary to perform this proposed Scope of Services.

Task 1. SWRCB Hearing Preparation and Attendance

As lead author of Section 15 (Monitoring Network) of the 2025 Plan, LSCE will provide support focused on Section 15 content in preparation for and participation in the SWRCB Hearing. This work will involve attending up to two preparatory meetings per week with the Technical Working Group (TWG) and relevant subcommittee, Subbasin Managers, and Policy meetings through September 17; reviewing and revising SWRCB Hearing presentation slides; and reviewing public comment letters sent to the Subbasin and/or the SWRCB to develop talking points for the SWRCB Hearing. LSCE will also review the SWRCB Final Staff Report, anticipated for release on September 5, and assist with preparation of responsive comments due by September 11. In addition, LSCE will provide support at the SWRCB Hearing itself on September 17, including up to eight hours of attendance and associated travel, lodging, and per diem.

Task 1. Assumptions

- One LSCE staff member will attend the SWRCB Hearing in Sacramento, including travel and per diem.
- Technical input and deliverables will be on 2025 Plan Section 15 related content.

Task 1. Deliverables

• Technical input on hearing-related materials, including revisions to presentation slides, preparatory meetings, and attendance at the September 17 Hearing.

Kern County Subbasin August 22, 2025 Page 2

- Written input on the SWRCB Final Staff Report.
- Talking points and response materials for public comment letters.

PROJECT BUDGET

Based on LSCE's understanding of the tasks outlined above, Table 1 presents a breakdown of the budget estimate. LSCE will perform services on a time-and-materials basis, invoiced monthly in accordance with the attached 2025 Schedule of Fees – Engineering and Related Field Services. The Senior Principal, Senior and Staff Professional, and Senior GIS Analyst billing rate categories will be used primarily to complete the work described herein.

Table 1. Estimated Project Budget	
Tasks	Total Budget
SWRCB Hearing Preparation and Attendance	\$10,000
Total Project Budget	\$10,000

SCHEDULE

The following schedule outlines key milestones and deadlines for completing task described in this scope of work. The dates reflect actual and anticipated project activities through September 30, 2025, and were informed by high-level coordination with the Subbasin and TWG.

• Task 1 – SWRCB Hearing Preparation and Attendance:

- o Provide written input on the SWRCB Final Staff Report by September 11, 2025.
- Participate in preparatory meetings through SWRCB Hearing September 17, 2025.
- Review public comment letters and develop talking points for the SWRCB Hearing September 17, 2025.
- Attend and provide technical support at the SWRCB Hearing on September 17, 2025.

This scope provides a framework for supporting the SWRCB Hearing and related activities, with the intent of positioning the Subbasin for a favorable ruling on the 2025 Plan.

Sincerely,

LUHDORFF AND SCALMANINI CONSULTING ENGINEERS

William 2. Hallgan Will Halligan, PG

Senior Principal Hydrogeologist

Angela Hansen

Senior Hydrogeologist

Attachment(s): 2025 Schedule of Fees – Engineering and Related Field Services.





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2025 SCHEDULE OF FEES

ENGINEERING AND RELATED FIELD SERVICES

Professional*

	Senior Principal Principal Professional Supervising Professional Project Professional Staff Professional	\$260/hr. \$248/hr. \$220/hr. \$192/hr.
	ical Data Management Specialist** Senior GIS Analyst GIS Specialist Engineering Asst./Scientist	\$160/hr. \$120/hr.
Projec	t Admin Support	
	Word Processing, Clerical Digital Communications Specialist	•

Vehicle Use \$0.70/mi (or curr. IRS rate)
Subsistence Cost Plus 15%

Field Equipment (Flow Meters, Transducers, etc.) \$25 to \$100/day

Project Administrator\$120/hr.

Copies \$0.20 ea.

Professional or Technical Testimony 200% of Regular Rates
Technical Overtime (if required) 150% of Regular Rates
Outside Services/Rentals Cost Plus 15%

Services by Associate Firms Cost Plus 15% Prevailing Wage Rate \$210/hr.

Note: Send invoice payments to Accounts Receivable, 500 1st Street, Woodland, CA 95695

^{*} Engineer, Geologist, Hydrogeologist, and Hydrologist

^{**}Information Systems Analyst and Database Specialist



Client Amendment No. 1

Project ID

25-17462

1. Start Date: 3/1/2025 **Completion Date: 7/31/2025** 2. Parties: This Change Order is to the Agreement for Professional Services by and between Rincon and Client ("Agreement") dated 8/6/2025, requesting Rincon to perform services on behalf of Client. Rincon Consultants, Inc. ("Rincon") Primary Contact: Kristin Pittack email: kpittack@rinconconsultants.com and Kern County SGMA Coordination Committee ("Client") Client Contact: Tim Ashlock, Fiscal Agent email: tim@bvh2o.com 3. Change in Scope of Services. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, Rincon agrees to the following changes Project ID: 25-17462 Kern Subbasin Amended GSP_____ Project Description: Project Location: Kern County___ See Exhibit A Deliverables: 4. Fees: \$29,599.00 Not to Exceed Additional Retainer Amount: \$ N/A 5. **Attachments** (check all that apply and ensure attached) ☑ Contract Changes/Scope of Work (Required. Attached as Exhibit A). ☐ Fee Schedule (Required if additional scope of work. Fee Schedule may be updated annually and the new rates shall apply to all new scopes of work, addendums, and delayed work that exceeds the original schedule. See Exhibit A). This Change Order and its Attachments are incorporated into the Agreement and represent the understanding of the Parties. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in effect. **Acceptance and Agreement Executed for Client by: Executed for Rincon by:** See Attached Signatory Authorization 8/6/2025 Authorized Signature Date Rosalyn Prickett/Principal

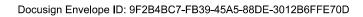


Exhibit A

Contract Changes/Scope of Work



Rincon Consultants, Inc.

180 North Ashwood Avenue Ventura, California 93003 805-644-4455

July 15, 2025 Rincon Project No. 25-17462

Derek Yurosek, Coordination Committee Chair Kern County Subbasin P.O. Box 4119

Buttonwillow, California 93238

Via email: dyurosek@bolthouseproperties.com

Subject: Proposal to Amend the Contract Agreement for Plan Management and Production

Services for the Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Kern County

Subbasin

Kern County, California

Dear Mr. Yurosek:

Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) is submitting this letter requesting changes to our Plan Management and Production Services for the Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Kern County Subbasin contract to allow us to provide continued professional services for delivery of the Draft Final and Final 2025 GSPs. This amendment reflects additional as needed support in response to the extensive coordination needed to effectively consolidate input from 20 GSAs and their technical consultants during the Draft 2025 Plan production process.

Background

Due to unforeseen delays in technical coordination with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff, the addition of new tasks and meetings, multiple rounds of QA/QC, fragmented drafting and review process, and compression of the production schedule, additional scope of work is needed to support Final 2025 Plan production by July 31, 2025.

The following amendment covers scope and budget needed to coordinate Final 2025 Plan production.

Scope of Work

Task 2 Final Plan Production (Amendment)

Rincon will continue providing support for Draft Final and Final Plan production. Additional tasks that are anticipated include the following:

- Continue to serve as the lead for production of the Final 2025 Plan
- Support coordination of and updates to the Final Plan Production Schedule, and update weekly in coordination with Plan Manager
- Coordinate with Technical Working Group (TWG) members on Final Plan development, including deferred revisions from Draft Plan Production and additional revision needs
- Continue to coordinate and attend as-needed weekly meetings between the Rincon Plan Manager,
 Rincon Production Lead, Rincon Publishing Team, and TWG members
- Oversee multiple rounds of final QA/QC on the Final 2025 Plan



Review Final 2025 Plan by Rincon Publishing Team and compile one round of PDF packaging of Plan sections and appendices

Deliverables:

- Final 2025 Plan sections in Word and PDF format
- Appendices in PDF format

Assumptions

- This scope covers one round of PDF packaging of all Plan sections and appendices, upon completion of QA/QC.
- Final redline version may be prepared after July 31, depending on production schedule and Subbasin needs

Cost

As shown in Table 1 below, the estimated cost for this additional scope is \$29,599. Labor for the above additional scope will be billed on a time and materials basis. Backup detail will be provided for all billed time.

Table 1 **Cost Summary**

Task		Estimated Cost
Task 2	Final Plan Production	
Total		\$29,599

Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to support your project. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Kristin Pittack at 760-223-5062 or kpittack@rinconconsultants.com Rosalyn Prickett 760-930-7671 or at or rprickett@rinconconsultants.com.

Sincerely,

Rincon Consultants, Inc.

Kristin Pittack, MS

Senior Environmental Planner II

Rosalyn Prickett

Principal, Water Resources



August 15, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Kristin Pittack, Kern Subbasin Plan Manager

From: Michael Maley, PE, PG, ChG

Maureen Reilly, PE

Re: Todd Groundwater August 2025 TWG Budget Request

The Coordination Committee informally directed the Technical Working Group (TWG) to continue working on discussions and presentations with State Water Recourses Control Board (SWRCB) staff through the Probationary Hearing on September 17, 2025. Todd Groundwater is submitting this scope of work and cost estimate to provide SGMA technical consulting support for this effort to address SWRCB staff concerns with the July 2025 GSP and comment letters over the period from August 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025. Todd Groundwater's scope includes participation in TWG subcommittees and associated technical support for the ongoing coordination with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff on GSP refinements.

Scope of Work

To date, our work has focused on the basin setting, groundwater conditions, ISWs, water budgets and P/MAs. Our scope of work for supporting the ongoing efforts to address deficiencies identified by SWRCB staff includes:

- Participate in the TWG discussions on the preparation of hearing presentations.
- Respond to SWRCB Final Staff Report.
- Respond to public comments on ISWs.
- Provide technical analyses as requested to support the Subbasin GSAs, TWG subcommittees for SMCs, and GSP reviewers.

Estimated Cost

Costs for August 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025 are time and materials, not to exceed \$20,000 without prior approval.

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT SECOND REVISED SCOPE OF WORK ASSISTANCE TO KERN COUNTY GSAS RE: WATER QUALITY AND PREPARATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 HEARING

SECOND REVISION – AUGUST 7, 2025

The Scope of Work provided here covers the time period of August 1 through September 30, 2025. This Scope of Work also identifies cost overruns that occurred due to additional work performed during July of 2025.

Task	Estimated Hours	Estimated Costs
Task 1 – Coordination and Internal Meetings with GEI, Subbasin Committees, Subbasin leads, Cawelo Water District	20 hours	\$ 9,000.00
Task 2 – Review and Edit draft materials in preparation for September hearing	5 hours	\$ 2, 250.00
Task 3 – Participate in external meetings with State Water Board members and staff re: Revised Plan and in preparation of September hearing; participate in September hearing	20 hours	\$ 9,000.00
Task 4 – Coordination with Mitigation Sub-Committee, as requested	5 hours	\$ 2,250.00
July Cost Over Approved Approved: \$70,000.00 Total Billed: \$78,435.00		\$ 8,435.00 (NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL)
Total		\$22,500



Client Amendment No. 5

Project ID

23-14981

Completion Date: 9/30/2025 1. **Start Date:** 3/1/2025 2. Parties: This Change Order is to the Agreement for Professional Services by and between Rincon and Client ("Agreement") dated 7/15/2025, requesting Rincon to perform services on behalf of Client. Rincon Consultants, Inc. ("Rincon") Primary Contact: Kristin Pittack email: kpittack@rinconconsultants.com Kern County SGMA Coordination Committee ("Client") Client Contact: Tim Ashlock, Fiscal Agent email: tim@bvh2o.com 3. Change in Scope of Services. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, Rincon agrees to the following changes Project ID: 23-14981 Kern County SGMA Plan Manager_____ Project Description: Project Location: Kern County___ Deliverables: See Exhibit A____ 4. Fees: \$29,898.00 Not to Exceed Additional Retainer Amount: \$ N/A 5. Attachments (check all that apply and ensure attached) ☑ Contract Changes/Scope of Work (Required. Attached as Exhibit A). ☐ **Fee Schedule** (Required if additional scope of work. Fee Schedule may be updated annually and the new rates shall apply to all new scopes of work, addendums, and delayed work that exceeds the original schedule. See Exhibit A). This Change Order and its Attachments are incorporated into the Agreement and represent the understanding of the Parties. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in effect. **Acceptance and Agreement Executed for Client by: Executed for Rincon by:** See Attached Signatory Authorization 7/15/2025 Authorized Signature Date Rosalyn Prickett/Principal



Exhibit A

Contract Changes/Scope of Work



Rincon Consultants, Inc.

180 North Ashwood Avenue Ventura, California 93003 805-644-4455

July 15, 2025 Rincon Project No. 23-14981

Derek Yurosek, Coordination Committee Chair Kern County Subbasin P.O. Box 4119 Buttonwillow, California 93206

Via email: dyurosek@bolthouseproperties.com

Subject: Proposal to Amend the Contract Agreement for Kern County Subbasin Plan Manager

Support Project

Kern County, California

Dear Mr. Yurosek:

Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) is pleased to provide this letter requesting changes to our Kern County Subbasin Plan Manager support contract to allow us to provide continued professional services for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance. This amendment reflects additional as needed support in response to schedule changes, additional meetings, and coordination efforts during Draft Plan production.

Background

Due to unforeseen delays in technical coordination with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff, the addition of new tasks and meetings, multiple rounds of QA/QC, fragmented drafting and review process, and compression of the production schedule, Rincon requests an amendment to support Draft Final and Final Plan production by July 31, 2025 and preparation for the September 17, 2025 SWRCB Public Hearing.

The following scope of work will support the next three months of professional service needs:

- Continuing support for anticipated Managers, Policy, TWG, and SWRCB coordination meetings.
- Ensuring all Kern Subbasin documents for the 2025 Plan production are managed successfully, which includes schedule and document coordination with technical contributors and reviewers in accordance with the Joint Summary of Scopes submitted to the Kern Subbasin on March 3, 2025.
- Preparing for the tentatively scheduled September 17, 2025 SWRCB public hearing.

This contract amendment will provide adequate budget for support through September 30, 2025.

Scope of Work

Task 3 As-Needed Support (Amendment)

Rincon will continue providing support for Subbasin coordination associated with the Draft Final and Final Plan production and additional tasks to support regulatory compliance with SGMA, as requested by the Subbasin. Rincon understands that there will be evolving needs of the Subbasin due to the lack of regulatory guidance and unknowns associated with SWRCB oversight. Rincon is fully prepared to support additional tasks and be flexible to respond to demands as they arise. Additional tasks that are anticipated include, but are not limited to, the following:



- Prepare and communicate the Draft Final and Final Plan Production Schedule, and update weekly in coordination with Production Lead
- Review, comment, and finalize materials, such as press releases and response to comment letters
- Daily coordination with TWG. Coordination Committee. Managers. and AWG
- Prepare, review, and coordinate presentations for GSA Boards and September 17, 2025 SWRCB **Public Hearing**
- Attend the tentatively scheduled September 17, 2025 SWRCB Public Hearing

Deliverables:

- Documents in Word, and PDF format as appropriate
- Presentations in PowerPoint, and PDF format as appropriate

Assumptions

This scope of work is intended to support the Kern County Subbasin in achieving SGMA approvals and avoiding probationary status. Rincon will fully support the Subbasin in achieving success by responding to all urgent and unexpected needs that arise associated with seeking SGMA approvals.

Cost

As shown in Table 1 below, the estimated cost for this additional scope is \$29,898.00. Labor for the above additional scope will be billed on a time and materials basis. Backup detail will be provided for all billed time.

Table 1 **Cost Summary**

Task		Estimated Cost
Task 3	As-Needed Support (Amendment)	\$29,898.00
Total		\$29,898.00

Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to support your project. If you have any questions regarding this proposal. please contact Kristin Pittack at 760-223-5062 or kpittack@rinconconsultants.com Rosalyn Prickett 760-930-7671 or at or rprickett@rinconconsultants.com.

Sincerely.

Rincon Consultants, Inc.

Kristin Pittack, MS

Senior Environmental Planner II

Rosalyn Prickett

Principal, Water Resources

KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN GSP IMPLEMENTATION

Oct-Dec 2025 Consultant Proposals

Entity	Topic	Budget	Timeline
LSCE (Revised)	Water Level and Water Quality Data Gaps	\$67,000	Oct-Dec 2025
GEI	Well Inventory	\$23,640	Oct-Dec 2025
Aquilogic	Subsidence Programs	\$46,500	Oct-Dec 2025
EKI	Subsidence Programs	\$66,000	Oct-Dec 2025
EKI	TWG Lead Support	\$68,400	Oct-Dec 2025
INTERA	Subsidence Programs Includes TWG Lead Support \$30,624	\$95,420	Oct-Dec 2025
Kahn, Soares & Conway	Approach for Water Quality and Well Mitigation	\$40,500	Oct-Dec 2025
	Subtotal	\$407,460	

RRBWSD share +- \$19,000

PIONEER PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

Special Agenda

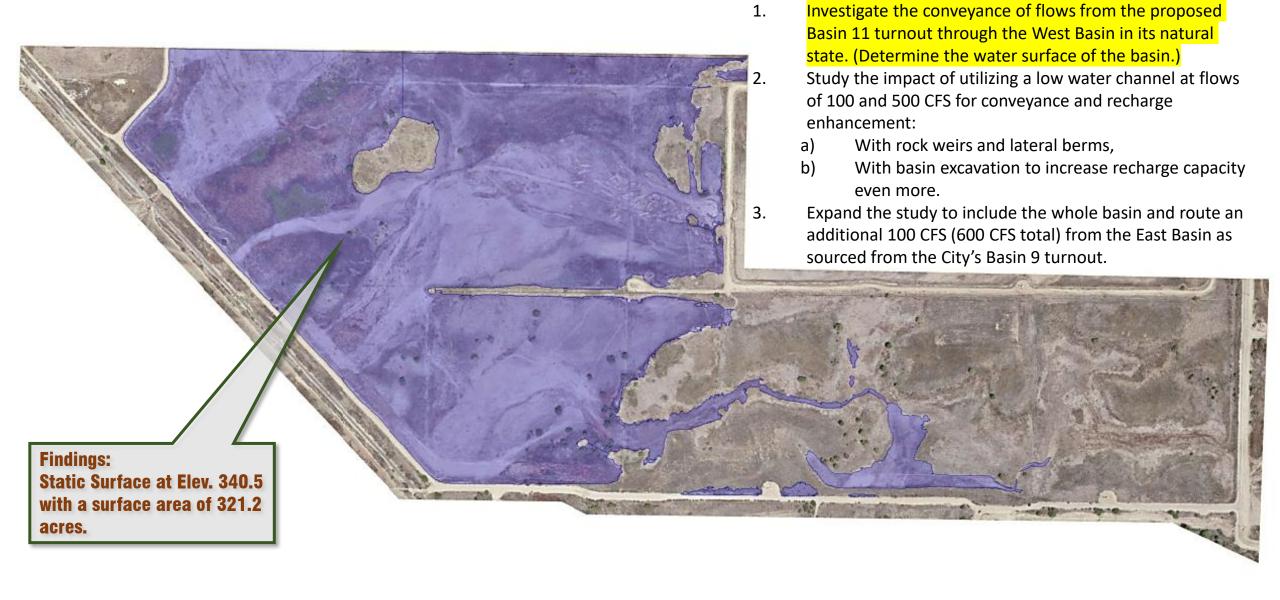
Thursday, October 9, 2025 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Conference Line: (872)-240-3311
Access Code: 516-202-301#
https://meet.goto.com/516202301

- 1. Update on Current Operations
- 2. Update on the North Pioneer West Basin Weir Plan Bid Opening
- 3. Authorization to Amend the 2025 Pioneer Budget
- 4. Update on the Aerial Photogrammetry Results
- 5. Update on the Remaining Pioneer Well Sites
- 6. General Updates
 - a. Pioneer Recharge Plan
 - b. McAllister Inlet Canal
 - c. Construction Projects
 - d. Pioneer GSA
- 7. Other

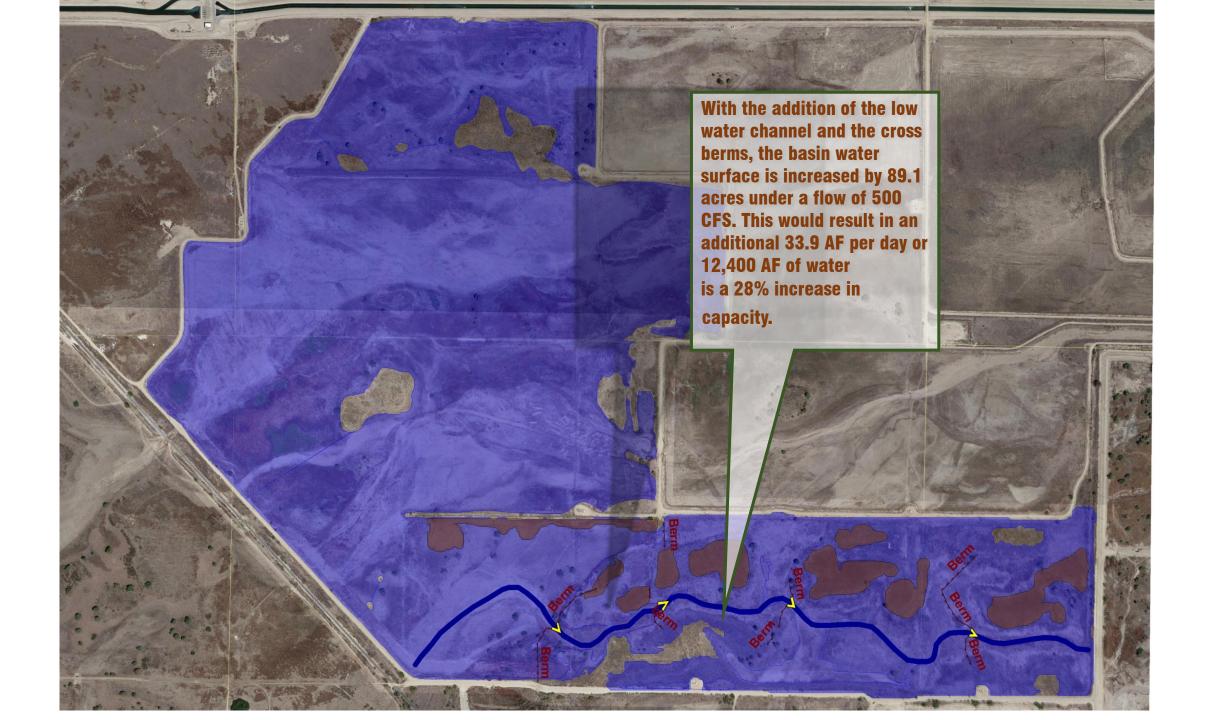






Scope:





Kern County Water Agency Bid Tabulation Review Summary - Comparison of Lowest 3 Bidders

North Pioneer West Basin Weir Plan Project

Contract No. KCWA 2025-05

Bid Opening - September 4, 2025

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1	Mobilization, Demobilization, Bonds and Insurance	1	LS	\$88,950.00	\$88,950.00	\$71,950.00	\$71,950.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	
2	Storm Water Pollution Control Plan and SJVAPCD Dust Control Plan	1	LS	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$14,650.00	\$14,650.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
3	Construction Water	1	LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$37,150.00	\$37,150.00	\$89,430.00	\$89,430.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
4	Excavation - Low Flow Channel (F)	28,600	CY	\$20.00	\$572,000.00	\$11.00	\$314,600.00	\$11.40	\$326,040.00	\$8.50	\$243,100.00	
5	Excavation - Basin Cuts (F)	400	CY	\$20.00	\$8,000.00	\$48.00	\$19,200.00	\$11.40	\$4,560.00	\$103.00	\$41,200.00	
6	Compacted Embankment - Berms (F)	13,000	CY	\$30.00	\$390,000.00	\$12.00	\$156,000.00	\$12.70	\$165,100.00	\$24.50	\$318,500.00	
7	Compacted Embankment - Levees & Well Pad Raising (F)	1,000	CY	\$30.00	\$30,000.00	\$35.00	\$35,000.00	\$12.70	\$12,700.00	\$165.00	\$165,000.00	
8	Rock Weir Construction (F)	1,800	CY	\$320.00	\$576,000.00	\$200.00	\$360,000.00	\$432.50	\$778,500.00	\$280.00	\$504,000.00	
9	Rock Slope Protection (F)	600	CY	\$220.00	\$132,000.00	\$286.00	\$171,600.00	\$358.10	\$214,860.00	\$830.00	\$498,000.00	
10	15-inch Waterline Offsets	2	EA	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$56,500.00	\$113,000.00	\$29,670.00	\$59,340.00	\$15,600.00	\$31,200.00	
	Total Base Bid Price (Items 1 thru 10)				\$1,867,950.00		\$1,293,150.00		\$1,681,530.00		\$2,031,000.00	
	+ 10% contingency				\$186,795.00		\$129,315.00		\$168,153.00		\$203,100.00	
	Total Contract Estimate				\$2,054,745.00		\$1,422,465.00		\$1,849,683.00		\$2,234,100.00	
						\$632,280.00	under Eng. Est.	\$205,062.00	under Eng. Est.	\$179,355.00	over Eng. Est.	

Recharge Participants are 100% of highlighted costs and 15% of non. KWBA is 85% of nonhighlighted costs.

TABLE 8

Pioneer Project Annual Budget by Participant 2025

		Admin	istration			Recha	rge O&M			Recover	y O&M ^[1]			Capita	I - Recharge	
Participant	60%	40%	Over/Under 7	Total	60%	40%	Over/Under	Total	60%		Over/Under	Total	60%	40%	Over/Under	Total
Belridge WSD	78,183	52,122	1:	30,305	35,718	23,812		59,530	80,109	53,406	1:	33,515				0
Berrenda Mesa WD	78,183	52,122	1;	30,305	35,718	23,812		59,530	80,109	53,406	1:	33,515				0
Improvement District No. 4	45,990	30,660	7	76,650	21,011	14,007		35,018	47,123	31,415		78,538				0
Lost Hills WD	68,985	45,990	1	14,975	31,516	21,011		52,527	70,686	47,123	1	17,809				0
Semitropic WSD	64,386	42,924	10	07,310	29,414	19,610		49,024	65,972	43,982	10	09,954				0
Tejon-Castac WD	4,599	3,066		7,665	2,101	1,400		3,501	4,712	3,142		7,854				0
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	119,574	79,716	19	99,290	54,627	36,418		91,045	122,520	81,680	20	04,200				0
Kern County Water Agency	65,700	43,800	10	09,500	30,015	20,010		50,025	35,469	23,646		59,115				0
Buena Vista WSD	65,700	43,800	10	09,500	30,015	20,010		50,025				0	63,210	42,140	269,150	374,500
Henry Miller WD	65,700	43,800	10	09,500	30,015	20,010		50,025				0	63,210	42,140	269,150	374,500
Kern Delta WD	65,700	43,800	10	09,500	30,015	20,010		50,025				0	63,210	42,140	269,150	374,500
Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD	65,700	43,800	10	09,500	30,015	20,010		50,025				0	63,210	42,140	269,150	374,500
Total	788,400	525,600	0 1,31	14,000	360,180	240,120	0	600,300	506,700	337,800	0 8	44,500	252,840	168,560	1,076,600	1,498,000

^[1] Recovery O&M includes KCWA recovery of seven percent of its Reserved Right.

TABLE 9

Pioneer Project Annual Budget by Participant 2025

	Replacement - Recharge [1]								Capital - R	Recovery				Total		
Participant	Budget	Credit [2]	Balance	60%	40%	Over/Under	Total		60%	40%	Over/Under	Total	60%	40%	Over/Under	Total
Belridge WSD	304,813	87,552	217,261	178,289	31,781	7,191	217,261		8,874	5,916		14,790	381,173	167,037	7,191	555,401
Berrenda Mesa WD	236,183	82,441	153,742	129,385	18,785	5,572	153,742		8,874	5,916		14,790	332,269	154,041	5,572	491,882
Improvement District No. 4	73,133	19,027	54,106	43,964	8,416	1,725	54,105		5,220	3,480		8,700	163,308	87,978	1,725	253,011
Lost Hills WD	343,700	83,059	260,641	210,433	42,100	8,108	260,641		7,830	5,220		13,050	389,450	161,444	8,108	559,002
Semitropic WSD	192,792	40,092	152,700	121,937	26,215	4,548	152,700		7,308	4,872		12,180	289,017	137,603	4,548	431,168
Tejon-Castac WD	4,874	1,261	3,613	2,935	563	115	3,613		522	348		870	14,869	8,519	115	23,503
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	268,884	79,058	189,826	156,178	27,306	6,343	189,827		13,572	9,048		22,620	466,471	234,168	6,343	706,983
Kern County Water Agency	166,573	19,015	147,558	114,729	28,900	3,930	147,559					0	245,913	116,356	3,930	366,198
Buena Vista WSD	424,834	132,464	292,370	242,228	40,120	10,022	292,370					0	401,153	146,070	279,172	826,395
Henry Miller WD	240,502	97,146	143,356	123,833	13,850	5,673	143,356					0	282,758	119,800	274,823	677,381
Kern Delta WD	252,010	69,913	182,097	148,887	27,265	5,945	182,097					0	307,812	133,215	275,095	716,122
Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD	577,702	156,389	421,313	343,632	64,052	13,628	421,312					0	502,557	170,002	282,778	955,337
Total	3,086,000	867,417	2,218,583	1,816,430	329,353	72,800	2,218,582		52,200	34,800	0	87,000	3,776,750	1,636,233	1,149,400	6,562,383

^[1] Replacement - Recharge allocation based upon proportionate share of historic replacement fees co<mark>llected to date.</mark>
[2] Applied Recharge Replacement Reserve credits, including use of facility replacement fees collected from 1997-2023 (\$742,417) and KWBA payment (\$125,000).

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Valley Water Resources Authority <u>Agenda</u>

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

September 19, 2025, at 3:00 pm

Call to Order

- **1. Public Input**—This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Board members any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction, provided no action shall be taken on any such matter unless otherwise provided.
- 2. Minutes

Approval of minutes of 8/28/25 special board meeting

- **3. Directors Forum –** discussion only, no action
 - a. SGMA
 - b. SWP & KCWA
 - c. Kern River
 - d. Other
- 4. New Business for Consideration at Future Meetings and Announcements
- 5. Adjournment

Project Management Committee (Special Activity Agreement #1) of South Valley Water Resources Authority

Fish Friendly Diversion Project Agenda

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

September 19, 2025, at 3:00 pm

Call to Order

1. Public Input—This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Committee members any matter not on the agenda and over which the Committee has jurisdiction, provided no action shall be taken on any such matter unless otherwise provided.

2. Minutes

Approval of committee meeting minutes of 8/28/25

3. Financial Reports

- a. Presentation of financial reports for August.
- b. August accounts payable.

4. Fish Friendly Diversion Demonstration Project

- a. Project Financial Status Budget vs Actual
- b. Demonstration Project permitting status
- c. Review of Demonstration Project schedule.
- d. Discussion of Alternative Paths Forward
- e. Consideration of Motion to Levee Assessment for Construction of the Demonstration Project
- f. Consideration of Approval of construction contracts for the Demonstration Project
- g. Consideration of Appointment of a Project Management Subcommittee

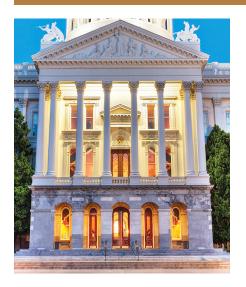
5. Adjournment

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NEWS BRIEFS

CASGEM Merges with SGMA Portal

The Department of Water Resources' California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program's **Online System** is integrating with the SGMA Portal's Monitoring Network Module (MNM). The goal of this integration is to streamline groundwater elevation data management and reporting processes by consolidating data submission into one location - the SGMA Portal's MNM and provide a more unified and efficient user experience for local agencies,

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Legislative Session Comes to a Close in Sacramento

The California Legislature went into extra time last Saturday to complete its work in the first year of the 2-year session.

"There has been a trend over the last decade of big issues being addressed in the final days of a session with little public input and no opportunity for legislators, other than the few directly involved in negotiations, to alter the provisions of legislation, let alone understand the potential downsides of casting a vote," said Bob Reeb, VAWC Executive Director.

Several bills were taken up in a rare Saturday session having been revealed last Wednesday morning. Legislation included a bill to increase oil production in Kern County, extend \$18 billion in fees on electricity companies and their rate-payers to replenish a wildfire recovery fund, authorize regional electricity transmission lines to connect California western and midwestern states, and extend the state's Cap and Trade Program from 2030 to 2045.

Along with policy legislation, the Governor and legislators concluded work on two budget trailer bills—SB 105 and AB 149. The former, known as 'budget bill junior,' includes Proposition 4 appropriations of interest to Valley Ag Water Coalition members. SB 105 appropriates \$32 million for the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program administered by the Department of Conservation and has

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Water Board Staff Releases Kern GSP Review Ahead of Hearing

Earlier this month, State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff announced that they would recommend returning oversight over the Kern subbasin back to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), should remaining issues be resolved.

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

See Kern GSP Review, page 3

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stakeholders and the public. No action is required at this time, but in October designated Monitoring Entities should create a SGMA Portal account and register their account directly with their organization. A user guide will be posted in October to aid users through creating a SGMA Portal account and submitting their groundwater elevation data through the MNM. If you have any questions, please reach out to your DWR region office CASGEM contact (here) or the CASGEM Program in Headquarters at CASGEM@water.ca.gov.

DWR and State Water Board Develop Dry Well Tool

DWR, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, developed an interactive mapping tool, called the Dry Well Susceptibility Tool. This tool identifies areas within groundwater basins throughout the State that may be prone to water supply shortages in drinking water wells. Susceptibility is identified based on recent groundwater level measurements and potential 5-year water level decline. The Dry Well Susceptibility Tool is housed on the California's Groundwater Live web-based platform, which contains the latest information and data on groundwater conditions across the state. State and local agencies and well owners can use this tool to anticipate where wells may go dry based on historical conditions to inform drought preparedness decisionmaking. To use this tool, navigate to California's Groundwater Live website and click the Dry **Domestic Well Susceptibility** tab. A fact sheet on this tool, as well as DWR's Dry Well Reporting System, is available here.

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been considered a source of funding for converting crop land to groundwater recharge facilities. SB 105 also appropriates \$20 million to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Stream Flow Enhancement Program (SFEP), which funds projects that enhance stream flows across California. The SFEP defines enhanced streamflow to mean: a change in the amount, timing, and/or quality of water flowing down a stream, or a portion of a stream, to benefit fish and wildlife. Funded projects are also consistent with the objectives and actions outlined in the California Water Action Plan, with the primary focus on enhancing flow in streams that support anadromous fish; support special-status, threatened, endangered, or at-risk species; or provide resilience to climate change. Eligible projects include eradication of invasive plant species with high water use rates, relative to native plant species, and the installation of stream flow gages.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will receive \$30 million from Proposition 4, \$28 million of which will be allocated for projects related to groundwater storage, groundwater banking, groundwater recharge, or instream flow projects that support the conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water supplies. From the \$28 million appropriation, \$3.5 million is earmarked for grants to groundwater sustainability agencies that pump less than 10,000 acre-feet annually. And, \$6.5 million will be earmarked for the Underrepresented Communities, California Tribes, and Small Farmers Groundwater Technical Assistance Program at DWR. The department also received \$7.785 million from Proposition 4 to reactivate existing stream gages and deploy new gages.

AB 149 expands existing state Fish and Game Code statutes relating to quagga and zebra mussels to include all invasive mussels. VAWC participated with water agencies and State Water Contractors this year to secure coverage for the golden mussel under laws requiring prevention and control plans and immunity from liability for the transfer of invasive mussels for agencies operating in compliance with prevention and control plans approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. AB 149 also increased recreational boat registration fees for mussel prevention, control, and eradication programs from \$20 per year to \$30 per year, along with freeing up \$20 million from Proposition 4 that would otherwise be allocated to the Invasive Species Account. The latter limits expenditures for control and eradication to state agencies and departments.

The status of key policy legislation of interest to VAWC includes:

AB 293 (Bennett): This bill would require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish the membership of its board of directors on its internet website, or on the local agency's internet website, as provided. The bill would also require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish a link on its internet website or its local agency's internet website to the location on the Fair Political Practices Commission's internet website where the statements of economic interests, filed by the members of the board and executives of the agency, can be viewed.

Status: Governor's Desk VAWC Position: Oppose unless amended

AB 639 (Soria): This bill would exclude from the definition of a dam a barrier that does not impound water above the top of a levee where maximum storage behind the barrier has a minimum of 3 feet of freeboard on the levee and is a weir, as defined, but would apply only to specified weirs named in the bill.

Status: Governor's Desk VAWC Position: Support

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AB 929 (Connolly): This bill would prohibit a groundwater sustainability agency from establishing groundwater extraction allocations for small community water systems serving disadvantaged communities from permitted public water supply wells and for managed wetland extractors. The bill would require a groundwater sustainability plan to include, among other things, the plan's water supply and economic impacts on managed wetlands, managed wetland extractors, and small community water systems serving disadvantaged communities. Finally, the bill would prohibit a groundwater sustainability agency from imposing a fee upon a small community water system serving a disadvantaged community or imposing a fee for managed wetland purposes, provided the water use for each user does not increase above what was historically required to support the small community water system or the managed wetland.

Status: Senate Inactive File VAWC Position: Oppose

AB 1373 (Soria): This bill would require the state board, if requested by the applicant within 14 days of an initial draft certification being issued, to hold a public hearing at least 21 days before taking action on an application for certification for a license to operate a hydroelectric facility. The bill would, if a public hearing is requested on the draft certification, prohibit the authority to issue a certification for a license to operate a hydroelectric facility from being delegated. The bill would authorize the state board to include in its fee schedule for hydroelectric facility applicants an amount up to the reasonable costs incurred by the state board in implementing these provisions.

Status: Governor's Desk VAWC Position: Support

AB 1413 (Papan): This bill would require a groundwater sustainability agency to, at least once every 7 years, review, and update if appropriate, its sustainable yield to ensure that the sustainable yield is based on the best available information and best available science and will achieve sustainable groundwater management. This bill would authorize groundwater sustainability agencies to file validation actions within 180 days following the adoption of a groundwater sustainability plan. The bill would prohibit a court, in an adjudication action filed after January 1, 2025, for a basin required to have a groundwater sustainability plan, from establishing a safe yield or sustainable yield for the basin that exceeds the sustainable yield of the basin as established in a valid groundwater sustainability plan for the basin.

Status: Senate Inactive File VAWC Position: Oppose unless amended

AB 1466 (Hart): This bill would require the court to, in any adjudication in a basin where one or more groundwater sustainability agencies have adopted a groundwater sustainability plan that has been approved by the department, request that the groundwater sustainability agency provide a technical report, to the extent that the agency is able to do so at a reasonable effort and expense. The bill would require such a report to, at a minimum, quantify and describe the groundwater use of parties that have not otherwise appeared before the court, as provided. The bill would provide for the payment or reimbursement of costs related to the technical report. The bill would permit the court during the pendency of the report to award interim or partial payments to be made by the parties, upon a motion with proper notice, by a groundwater sustainability agency, and following a hearing. The bill would provide that the technical report shall be prima facie evidence of the physical facts found in the report.

Status: Governor's Desk VAWC Position: Watch

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DWR Develops Dry Well Outreach Templates

To support counties and local agencies with their outreach and communication with well owners regarding dry well emergency assistance, DWR developed public outreach material templates that are available for download, local customization, and immediate use. The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley developed outreach materials for the following ten counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare, San Joaquin, and Los Angeles Counties. For all remaining counties, DWR developed a downloadable outreach template with instructions for counties and local agencies to customize the template, proactively outreach, and communicate with well owners on how to report dry wells and receive emergency water supply assistance. These materials can also be found by clicking the Resources button on DWR's Dry Well Reporting System website, under the Public Outreach Materials section.

Metropolitan WD Wetland Restoration Project

August 22, 2025 – The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California announced new leases with farming partners to convert portions of its Delta lands to rice cultivation and wetland restoration. The projects include transitioning about 1,350 acres on Webb Tract to rice production and restoring more than 2,000 acres of seasonal wetlands. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy is providing funding to support infrastructure improvements such as land leveling, as well as

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project design, environmental documentation, and construction. The conversion to rice could help address land subsidence, improve carbon sequestration, and support habitat for migratory birds and other Delta species. The effort is intended to balance agricultural productivity with environmental sustainability, investing in projects that strengthen climate resilience and ecosystem health in the Delta.

For more information, visit the Metropolitan Water District's website.

Turlock Irrigation District Completes Project Nexus

Turlock Irrigation District (TID) has completed Project Nexus, California's first solar panel installation over irrigation canals. The 1.6-megawatt project, spanning both wide and narrow canal sections, was energized in late August and added to TID's power portfolio. Developed with partners including Solar AquaGrid, UC Merced, and the California Department of Water Resources, the project aims to use existing land and infrastructure to conserve water, reduce air pollution, save land, and generate clean energy. The project was developed after the release of a 2021 UC Merced feasibility study that estimated covering California's 4,000 miles of canals could save enough water for 2 million people and generate clean electricity for 2 million homes annually. UC Merced has positioned research equipment at Project Nexus sites to collect baseline data. Project Nexus could represent a potential model for sustainable energy and water conservation,

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After state intervention is triggered in a groundwater basin, the State Water Board considers whether to designate a basin as probationary. Under this designation, the board collects the groundwater extraction information necessary to inform sustainable groundwater management while board staff work with groundwater agencies to address the remaining deficiencies in their plans so intervention is no longer needed. Ninety days after probation, most groundwater pumpers in the subbasin would be required to begin recording their pumping and eventually be required to pay fees.

If deficiencies identified by DWR and the Board are not addressed within a year, the Board then has the discretionary power to move into the second phase of the state intervention process by implementing an interim plan. Under an interim plan, the Board could impose pumping restrictions on basins or issue fines for exceeding water allotments.

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

Eleven days before the scheduled probationary hearing, State Water Board staff concluded that the GSPs had substantially, albeit not completely, resolved the previously identified deficiencies. Should remaining issues be addressed, State Water Board staff recommend the Board return Kern subbasin to DWR oversight. Remaining issues include: (1) providing an adequate mitigation program for certain drinking water wells; (2) providing an adequate mitigation program for state small water system wells impacted by groundwater management activities; and (3) eliminating the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority GSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement May 2026 sunset provision, which would result in unmanaged areas of the subbasin that are a potential basis for state intervention.

Should the State Board return the Kern subbasin to DWR oversight, it will be the third of the six San Joaquin Valley subbasins that were placed under State Water Board jurisdiction to avoid probation. Earlier this year, the Kaweah subbasin and Chowchilla subbasins were returned to DWR's oversight, after their revised GSPs were found to have satisfactorily addressed the deficiencies DWR and the Board had previously identified.

The other San Joaquin Valley subbasins remain in various stages of the state intervention process.

The Tule subbasin was designated as probationary in September 2024. The Tulare Lake subbasin was initially designated as probationary in April 2024, however, the Kings County Farm Bureau and two landowners filed a lawsuit over the decision, alleging that the Board's plan went beyond its own authority in an act of "state overreach." Due to the ongoing litigation, actions relating to the Tulare Lake probationary designation remain suspended, including reporting requirements. The Delta Mendota subbasin, meanwhile, has yet to be scheduled for a hearing.

For more information on the status of the subbasins, please visit the State Water Board's <u>Groundwater Basins</u> webpage.

NEWSOM DCP TRAILER BILL STALLS

Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed trailer bill to fast-track the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) was rejected by the Legislature earlier this month. The defeat comes after a long summer of opposing public relations campaigns spearheaded by both the Newsom administration and various DCP opponents.

The DCP is a multibillion-dollar infrastructure initiative that would construct two new intakes on the Sacramento River in the North Delta, a 45-mile underground tunnel, and a new pumping facility south of the Delta. The goal is to enhance long-term water supply reliability by routing water from the Sacramento River directly into the State Water Project (SWP), bypassing the fragile and ecologically challenged Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta.

Governor Newsom introduced the trailer bill to fast track the DCP as part of his May Revision earlier this year to prevent legal challenges and bureaucratic processes from further delaying the project. Key components of the proposal included: streamlining land acquisition processes; clarifying the DCP as a legal component of the SWP to aid financing; exempting certain DWR water rights; imposing strict timelines on legal challenges and limiting the courts' ability to halt construction; and requiring the State Water Control Board to dismiss protests unless procedural requirements are met.

The announcement of the trailer bill was met with immediate opposition from Delta legislators and DCP opposition groups and continued to face a number of stumbling blocks all summer. Shortly after the release of the proposal the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) recommended the Legislature delay action on the proposal, citing the complexity, long-term implications, and lack of urgency within the state budget process. The LAO additionally warned that the provisions would significantly reduce safeguards, limit public input and oversight, and potentially undermine democratic accountability. In June, the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy rejected the trailer bill.

In June, Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom (D-Stockton) brought forth an audit request to identify amounts spent, and underlying funding sources used by DWR for the DCP between 2022 and 2025. In a June 18 letter responding to Assemblymember Ransom's request, DWR Director Karla Nameth noted that much of the questions asked by the audit request is information that is already publicly available, thus an audit would be unnecessary and would create a costly delay. The Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) ultimately declined to approve a proposed audit.

In August, the governor renewed his efforts to call for the Legislature to approve his proposal for the DCP, even though it was not included in the state budget. In conjunction with this effort, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released several reports highlighting the DCP as necessary and beneficial. Lacking enough support, the Legislature ultimately opted not to bring the proposal to the floor before the legislative deadline.

"The tunnel project not only would devastate much of the Delta region, but is also unaffordable and unnecessary," said Sen. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton), whose district includes the Delta region. "We want to thank Senate and Assembly leadership for protecting the fragile Delta region and the thousands of Californians who called on the Legislature to reject the fast-tracking plan."

Opponents of the DCP have lauded the defeat and continue to assert that the DCP would negatively impact Delta communities and the environment.

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particularly in light of climate research showing the state will face increasingly more volatile swings between extreme floods and droughts. For more information on Project Nexus, please visit TID's webpage.

UC Berkeley Researchers Outline the Benefits of Integrated Project Funding

A recently published journal article by UC Berkeley Law, "Siloed funding of multibenefit projects highlights the need for funding programs that integrate cobenefits," examined the Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project, underway near Watsonville: it found that even with funding limitations, local leaders were able to integrate multiple benefits into a singlepurpose project. The researchers advise that agencies and policymakers update funding programs to better support these multibenefit projects. The full article is available on the Frontier's website. A shorter version of the article is also available on LegalPlanet, an independent, academic blog.

Groundwater Network Assesses Community Needs

The Groundwater Demand Management Network has launched its California Groundwater Community Needs Assessment to help shape programming, identify priority needs, and establish partnerships across the state. The Network is encouraging all interested parties to take a five-minute survey available at: https://bit.ly/gdmn-survey. The Network is a community of practice for groundwater demand management, connecting practitioners to share informa-

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tion, tools, and strategies for developing, implementing, and supporting effective demand management actions across California. The survey's outcomes will inform initial Network investments and long-range efforts to support the Network's community.

For more information on the GDM Network, please visit: https://gdmnetwork.org/

Newsom Releases Updated Climate Strategy

Earlier this month. Governor Gavin Newsom unveiled the state's updated Climate Adaptation Strategy. The strategy was last updated in 2021. A review of progress reported between 2022 and 2024 found that 92% of all 2021 metrics are well underway, nearing completion, or completed, and that two-thirds of metrics scheduled to end between 2021 and 2024 have been completed. The updated Climate Adaptation Strategy sets strategic direction through six priorities: protecting communities most vulnerable to climate change; improving public health and safety; building a climate resilient economy; expanding nature-based climate solutions and the resilience of natural systems; making decisions based on best available climate science; and partnering and collaborating to leverage resources. Key updates to the strategy include the addition of new actions from recent climate initiatives, and the integration of extensive public input from workshops, meetings, online sessions and tribal roundtables. A fact sheet and frequently asked questions are available on the Climate Adaptation Strategy website.

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"Simply put, these provisions would have inflicted irreparable harm on the Delta's residents and natural environment without providing one single drop of new water to our system," said Patrick Hume, Chair of the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC). "The defeat of this language is more than a policy win—it is a clear affirmation that decisions about California's water future must be made transparently, inclusively, and with respect for those who live and work in the Delta."

"Delta communities and allies across California stood up to defend clean water, fisheries, local economies, and environmental justice – and we won," said Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Executive Director of Restore the Delta. "This victory shows that the people of the Delta will not be silenced, and that California's laws protecting public participation, water quality, and the environment cannot simply be swept aside."

DCP advocates, however, continue to argue that the need for the DCP to be completed is urgent in light of new climate realities.

"Even if action is delayed this year, the need for modern delta conveyance has never been greater, and the sooner we are able to make a decision on construction, the less that construction will cost," said Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors. "The work to complete planning activities and advance this critical project continues, and we remain committed to ensuring that California's families, farms and businesses can rely on safe, clean water for generations to come."

"Climate change remains a threat, and work on the Delta Conveyance Project will continue," wrote Californians for Water Security in a statement. "Our work isn't done until this urgently needed project is operational and making our water supply safe for all Californians. The Delta Conveyance Project is essential, not only for capturing water during wet years but also for protecting our supply from threats such as earthquakes, sea-level rise, and intensifying climate disasters."

Though the proposal to streamline the DCP has died for this session, planning efforts for the DCP will continue as it goes through the normal, albeit slower, regulatory and legislative processes.

The State Water Board will be conducting public hearings about the DCP over the next few months. The purpose of the hearings will be to gather evidence in order for the Board to determine whether to approve change petitions filed by the Department of Water Resources to add two new points of diversion and rediversion to certain water rights permits.

State Water Board to Accept Public Input Water Diversion Measurement Regulation

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) requested public input on the rollout of recent revisions to **the Water Diversion Measurement and Reporting Regulation**. These revisions, submitted on August 5, 2025, are expected to take effect on October 1, 2025, following review by the Office of Administrative Law.

To prepare for implementation, the State Water Board released a short survey designed to gather feedback from water right holders, landowners, and other interested parties. The survey collected information on several areas:

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- Preferences for the timing and format of workshops.
- Types of guidance materials (handouts, videos, online resources) that would be most useful.
- Anticipated challenges and potential support needs.

The goal of the survey was to help the State Water Board provide clear information and resources as the new requirements take effect. Responses will inform how outreach and training opportunities are structured in the coming months.

The revised regulation updates measurement and reporting standards for water diversions, with the aim of improving statewide consistency and reliability in tracking water use. As part of the implementation process, the State Water Board will host a **virtual workshop on October 15, 2025**, to review the regulation changes and answer questions. Input collected from the survey will help guide the content of that workshop.

Participation in the public process and the workshop is encouraged by all those who may be affected or interested in the new requirements.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Department of Water Resources

Water Resources Science
Symposium
September 23, 2025
California Natural Resources
Agency Building
715 P Street, Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
Event Notice

Delta Stewardship Council

September 26, 2025 California Natural Resources Agency Building 715 P Street, Room 221 Sacramento, CA 95814 Agenda and Notice

State Water Resources Control Board

Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel October 1, 2025 GEI Consultants, Inc. Office Building 11010 White Rock Road, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 Zoom Link and Registration Notice

California Water Commission

October 15, 2025
California Natural Resources
Agency Building
715 P Street, Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
Agenda Not Available

Valley Ag Water Coalition

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





Reservoir Committee/Authority Board Meeting

September 19, 2025

9:00 AM - Noon

Code: 160 307 636#

Meeting Virtual Link

Call in: 1-916-538-7066

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(additional locations below)

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Authority Board Vice-Chair: Jeff Sutton (Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District)

Reservoir Committee Chair: Robert Kunde (Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District)

Reservoir Committee Vice-Chair: Jordon Navarrot (RD108 & Dunnigan Water District)

Treasurer: Jamie Traynham (Davis Water District)

AGENDA

ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER:

- Introduction
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of meeting agenda, September 19, 2025
- Announcement of Closed Session
- Period for Public Comment

People may speak about any subject of concern, provided it is within the Reservoir Committee's (RC) and Authority Board's (AB) jurisdiction. Before speaking, you must submit a public comment card electronically or on paper. The time allotted for receiving such public communication shall be 3 minutes per person. Note: No action shall be taken on comments made during this period. If your comment is related to a specific agenda item, please indicate this on your comment card, and you will be called upon at that time.

1. Consent Agenda

Approximate start time 9:10 am

The Executive Director reviewed the following items. To his knowledge, there is no opposition to the action. The items can be acted on in one consolidated motion as recommended or may be removed from the Consent Calendar and separately considered at the request of any person. Each item indicates the body authorized to approve such actions according to the JPA, Bylaws and Project Agreement.

- 1.1 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of August 22, 2025, Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting Minutes. (Attachments A & B)
- 1.2 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider acceptance of the Sites Project Authority Treasurer's Report. (Attachments A)

- 1.3 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of the Sites Project Authority Payment of Claims. (Attachments A & B)
- 1.4 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of a Task Order Amendment with Best, Best and Krieger (BBK) for additional construction legal services in the amount of \$172,000 increasing the total task order amount from \$358,117 to a revised total not to exceed \$530,117 for the period of March 22, 2024 through December 31, 2025.
- 1.5 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of a Task Order Amendment with HDR, Inc. for additional environmental permitting and planning staffing support in the amount of \$75,000, increasing the total task order amount from \$16,480,302 to a revised total not to exceed of \$16,555,302 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.
- 2. Action Items:

Approximate start time 9:20 am

None.

- **Discussion and Information Items:** Approximate start time 9:20 am *No action from the Reservoir Committee or Authority Board.*
- 3.1 Review and comment on the continued development of components of the contracting strategy for terrestrial biological mitigation.
- 3.2 Review and comment on the priorities for engineering and construction and related activities in preparation for the initiation of Phase 3/4/5. (Attachment A)
- 3.3 Review and comment on process and timing for the assignment of capacity among existing Participants.
- 3.4 Receive an update on construction and operations considerations for the Lower Colusa Basin Drain System. (Attachments A, B & C)
- 4. Reports: Approximate start time 10:30 am
- 4.1 <u>Chairpersons' Reports</u>:

This time is set aside to allow the Reservoir Committee & Authority Board Chair/Vice-Chair an opportunity to disclose/discuss items related to the Project.

4.2 <u>Committee & Workgroup Chairpersons' Reports:</u>

This time is set aside to allow the Committee & Workgroup Chairpersons an opportunity to disclose/discuss items related to the Sites Project. Agendas are located on the project website (sitesproject.org).

4.3 <u>Authority Board & Reservoir Committee Participant Reports</u>:

This time is set aside to allow Representatives or their Alternates to disclose/discuss items related to the Sites Project.

4.4 <u>Executive Director's Reports</u>:

- Monthly status report. (Attachment A)
- Action Items from last month's meeting. (Attachment B)

5. Closed Session:

Approximate start time 10:50 am

- 5.1 Negotiations concerning water right permit terms and conditions (Govt. Code §54956.9(c) and §54956.9(d)(1)).
- 5.2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code §54956.8):

Property: Various parcels comprising the Sites Reservoir and related facilities.

Agency Negotiators: Jerry Brown, Ali Forsythe

Negotiating Parties: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment for water storage and conveyance capacity.

5.3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8).

Property: Various parcels comprising the Sites Reservoir and related facilities.

Agency negotiators: Jerry Brown, Ali Forsythe

Negotiating parties: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment for water storage and conveyance capacity.

5.4 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8).

Property: Various parcels comprising the Sites Reservoir and related facilities.

Agency negotiators: Jerry Brown, Ali Forsythe

Negotiating parties: Department of Water Resources

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment for water storage and conveyance capacity.

5.5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code §54956.8):

Property: Various parcels comprising the Sites Reservoir and related facilities.

Agency Negotiators: Jerry Brown

Negotiating Parties: Colusa County, Glenn County, Yolo County

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

6. Report from Closed Session Approximate start time 12:50 pm

7. Recap: Approximate start time 12:58 pm

7.1 Suggested Future Agenda Items.

7.2 Next Board Meeting, Friday, October 17, 2025 (9:00 am to noon).

Meetings are held virtually and in the Maxwell Project Office.

Virtual Information will be provided on the meeting agenda at Sitesproject.org.

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Metropolitan Water District, 1121 L Street, Suite 900, Sacramento, CA 95814
Rosedale Rio Bravo Water District, 849 Allen Road, Bakersfield, CA 92214
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Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118





State Sen. Anna Caballero speaks during a Sept. 8 press event promoting SB 72, an ACWA-supported bill that she authored calling for modernizing the California Water Plan. The legislation was among approximately 60 bills on which ACWA engaged during the legislative year.



End of Session Update

ACWA advocacy and coalition building played a key role in moving multiple priority water bills through the Legislature and onto the governor's desk as the 2025 legislative session closed Sept. 12. At the same time, ACWA advocacy stopped or delayed passage of several bills that would have negatively impacted member agencies.

One of the most significant wins included the last-minute approval of a spending plan for Proposition 4, the \$10 billion climate resilience bond approved by voters last year that provided \$3.8 billion for

ACWA Secures Favorable Outcomes on Key Water Bills

water related categories. ACWA mobilized member agencies to contact legislators and worked within a coalition to make passage of a spending plan a top priority so that shovel-ready projects can proceed without delay. The spending plan was approved by the Legislature and is on Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk.

Below are summaries and the status, as of Sept. 15, of a few top priority issues among the approximately 60 bills on which ACWA engaged on behalf of member agencies this year. That advocacy now continues through letters and meetings urging the governor to veto or sign bills into law before Oct. 12.

SB 394/Water Theft

Author: Sen. Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica)

ACWA position: Co-sponsored with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

What it will do if signed into law: Allow local water agencies to adopt an ordinance with enhanced penalties for water theft from a fire hydrant. Additionally, the bill would remove the one-year reset on existing penalties for the third and additional violations for water theft committed via meter tampering and other methods. It would also help agencies

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Celebrate Water Professionals Appreciation Week Oct. 4-12, Share Photos with ACWA

California's annual Water Professionals Appreciation Week will kick off Oct. 4 and highlight the important role of water industry professionals and local public water agencies in ensuring safe and reliable water, wastewater and recycled water operations in California.

As part of the designated week, urban and agricultural water agencies are encouraged to utilize their communication channels to educate media, customers, local elected leaders and other key audiences on the essential role that water professionals play in providing safe and reliable water services.

ACWA is encouraging member agencies to utilize several customizable toolkit items available at acwa.com/resources. Tools include talking points, a template Board resolution/proclamation, sample social media posts, logos, customizable social media graphics and a bill insert. Additionally, the toolkit offers a template for customizing a short slideshow video to post on social media.

If your agency participates in Water Professionals Appreciation Week, please share your story and any photos with ACWA by emailing acwanews@acwa.com. •





Glenn-Colusa Irrigation
District Board members
and staff discuss the history
and legacy of the district
during its 105th anniversary
celebration earlier this
month. Glenn-Colusa
Irrigation District has been
a member of ACWA since
1921.



The following commentary by ACWA Interim Executive Director Marwan Khalifa was originally published on Aug. 27 in the California Farm Bureau's Ag Alert newsletter. It is republished with permission from Ag Alert/ California Farm Bureau.

Water Reliability Depends on Forest Resiliency

By Marwan Khalifa

Two of the most basic human necessities are access to food and water. Americans owe a debt to our nation's farmers. On average, one U.S. farm feeds 169 people annually in the U.S and abroad, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation. Clearly agricultural producers are doing their part to ensure families have access to nutritious and affordable food supplies.

Water suppliers, like members of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), are working hard to ensure families across California have access to reliable water both in the home and on the farm. In California, forest health is important to both water providers and agricultural producers. Two-thirds of California's water originates in our state's mostly forested mountain regions. And whether it ends up as drinking water or supports growing food for families, its quality and potentially even quantity depend on the health of those headwaters.

Catastrophic wildfires, burning at temperatures and on scales once unimaginable, threaten that health every year. But we are not without the tools, strategies and innovative drive necessary to combat these disasters. What we need is continued investment and political will to see this vital work through to a successful end.

Ongoing advocacy to secure and expand on that investment is where California water, agriculture, and forestry policy intersect. Fortunately, longstanding collaboration between the water and agriculture community has proven effective in this mission. The work continues and challenges remain, but the stakes are too high to allow progress to slip into reverse.

Decades of fire suppression in conjunction with a lack of investment in forest health projects, an emphasis on short-term management priorities, increased occurrence of pests and disease, weather extremes and a warming climate have contributed to the decline in headwaters forest resilience. A major consequence is forest overcrowding. This promotes rapid wildfire growth, creating catastrophic megafires that cause long-term damage to the region's ecology and infrastructure.

Overstocked forests result in greater competition for water and increased evapotranspiration, reducing snowpack and water while increasing strain on water supplies during times of drought. At the same time, fragile ecosystems in unhealthy headwaters are at greater risk because of poor water quality, reduced in-stream flows, increased sedimentation of rivers and loss of habitat.

When catastrophic wildfires scorch unhealthy forests, intense heat bakes the ground into barren hardpan where snowpack melts and evaporates faster. Seasonal rains, now beginning earlier in a warming climate, wash ashes off this surface into streams leading to reservoirs that feed water treatment plants. This ash can alter the water's chemistry and clog filters, making its treatment into drinking water more difficult. And while that primarily affects urban water suppliers, those same massive fires often smother rural ranching and farming communities in smoke, posing a major health risk.

The good news is there are solutions within our reach. Work to achieve those solutions is underway in many parts of the Sierra Nevada and are reversing a hundred years of well-intentioned, but ultimately



destructive forest management. Strategic forest thinning and use of prescribed fire have shown great promise toward nurturing healthier and more resilient forests.

One example of work on the ground is ACWA member Placer County Water Agency, which is leading a public-private partnership aiming to treat more than 22,000 acres of forest within the headwaters of the American River, a major source of water for the Sacramento area.

On the federal level, ACWA and our allies in the agricultural community, including the California Farm Bureau and Family Farm Alliance among many, are continuing our collaborative advocacy to open pathways toward healthier headwater forests.

Earlier this year, this collaboration helped secure passage of the Fix Our Forests Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. Now being considered in the U.S. Senate, this bipartisan legislation would encourage more active management of federal forest lands, improve the regulatory process for forest health projects on federal lands, promote federal, state and local

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recover damages by authorizing utilities to pursue civil remedies against any person who tampers with or diverts water from a fire hydrant without authorization.

Status: Approved by Legislature and on the governor's desk

SB 454/PFAS

Author: Sen. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton)

ACWA position: Co-sponsored with League of California Cities

What it will do if signed into law: Create the PFAS Mitigation Fund to help water and wastewater agencies pay for PFAS contamination treatment costs that would otherwise be covered by local ratepayers on their water and wastewater bills. This bill could leverage multiple sources of funding aimed to keep our water supply safe from forever chemicals while maintaining water affordability.

Status: Approved by Legislature and on the governor's desk

SB 601/Water Quality

Author: Sen. Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica)

ACWA position: Oppose

What it would have done: The bill was introduced with the intent of safeguarding California's water quality protection regime from federal rollbacks; however, its approach would have gone far beyond simply maintaining the status quo. The bill would have complicated the state's water quality permitting system and expanded upon federal permitting requirements, without a corresponding increase in water quality. ACWA and many member agencies were part of a large coalition opposed to the bill.

Status: Stopped in Legislature and is now a two-year bill

SB 72/California Water Plan

Author: Sen. Anna Caballero (D-Merced)

ACWA position: Support

What it will do if signed into law: Directs the Department of Water Resources to modernize the California Water Plan with changes to address California's new climate reality. The changes include developing water supply targets that will result in an adequate and reliable water supply for all beneficial uses, including the environment, agriculture, the economy and all Californians.

Status: Approved by Legislature and on the governor's desk

SB 445/Utility Relocations High-Speed Rail

Author: Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

ACWA position: Not favor

What it would have done: Required the High Speed Rail Authority to develop and adopt internal rules to govern the relocation of utility infrastructure to deliver the high speed rail project. The bill would have had major implications for public safety, costs, and the reliable provision of water, sewer, electric and telecommunications services.

Status: Stopped by Legislature and is now a two-year bill

State Budget/Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program

ACWA staff, in coordination with other associations and individual ACWA members, successfully urged legislators to restore \$351 million in funding for the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) Program in June.

An Outreach Alert encouraging members to engage with legislators had a significant impact on restoring the funding, representing progress toward restoring the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta (Bay-Delta).

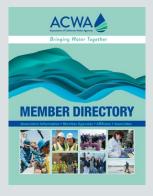
ACWA is a long-standing supporter of the HRL Program, previously referred to as Voluntary Agreements, as the best approach to protecting, restoring and enhancing the Bay-Delta.

State Budget/Golden Mussels

A coalition of water agencies led by Metropolitan Water District and East Bay Municipal Utility District began working on a potential trailer bill policy solution to address water management challenges related to golden mussels. ACWA worked within this member-driven coalition to support that effort. After months of sustained engagement on this issue, the sought after solution for golden mussels was added to a budget trailer bill. In addition to a policy solution, these bills also included a \$20 million allocation from an invasive species account for golden mussel issues.

Status: Approved by Legislature and on the governor's desk **♦**

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Foundation Working to Expand, Support Water Workforce

The ACWA Foundation has launched new initiatives that will further strengthen its ability to expand California's water workforce.

The nonprofit organization recently partnered with Ventura College's Water Science Program to hear directly from students about what makes water careers feel both achievable and exciting. Insights gained through the partnership will shape future outreach strategies.

In addition, the foundation continues to build helpful resources to connect agencies and potential employees, including website lists of water industry internships and scholarships. ACWA members that have internship and scholarship information to add to the website can email Executive Director Lisa Mealoy at Imealoy@acwa-foundation.org.

Bette Boatmun Award

Last year, the foundation created the Bette Boatmun Emerging Leader award in honor of the late ACWA President and long-time Contra Costa Water District Board member.

The award will provide a monetary prize for the recipient to attend an approved leadership development program of their choosing. It will be open to midlevel managers who aspire to advance an inclusive water industry that reflects the powerful diversity and opportunity of California.

For more information about the award, visit acwa-foundation.org/support-us.

In 2022, ACWA's Board of Directors formed the ACWA Foundation to advance leadership and workforce development in the water industry. The 501(c)3 nonprofit foundation and its Board of Trustees operate separately and independently from ACWA and the association's Board of Directors. ◆







DISTRICT FACTS

Location

Perris (Riverside County)

Established 1950

Service Area and Connections

- 682 square miles spanning western Riverside County and northern San Diego County
- Approximately 170,000 water and 279,000 sewer connections

Average Daily Demand

2024 average daily demand of potable water was 93.44 million gallons a day

Water Supply and Operations

- Four regional water reclamation facilities treating approximately 49 million gallons of wastewater a day.
- Total storage capacity for potable water is 213.9 million gallons
- Total storage for wastewater is 422 million gallons
- 2,526 miles of water and 2,000 miles of sewer pipeline

Employees

625

Website emwd.org



From Small Beginnings to One of California's Largest Water Agencies

EMWD Celebrates 75 Years

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) celebrates 75 years of transformational growth in 2025 and has the history, photos and even a few original customers to tell its story.

Starting as a small, largely agricultural provider, EMWD began operating in 1950 primarily to augment local supplies with Colorado River water conveyed by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). It has since grown into California's sixth largest retail water agency by service area — 682 square miles — populated by nearly one million people in western Riverside County and northern San Diego County.

As early as 1953, EMWD's hometown of Perris reaped the benefits of the district's hard work when it was the first city to be served with water from the Colorado River, a complex feat that guided the shape and prosperity of the surrounding regional community.

In addition to its retail operations, EMWD also supplies water on a wholesale basis to the cities of Hemet and San Jacinto, as well as Fallbrook Public Utility District, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District, Nuevo Water Company, Rancho California Water District, Rainbow Public Utilities District and Western Municipal Water District.

EMWD's early leaders were interested in seeing their community thrive and knew they needed to plan accordingly for the community they envisioned. For example, in 1962, EMWD leadership outlined a plan to take care of sanitation needs that stretched 25-30 years into the future.

These founding leaders set the tone for how EMWD's leadership thinks and acts today. While they understood the need to improve services and infrastructure, they did so using the newest technology and with an understanding that an investment today could help customers save money in the long run.

Today EMWD manages a diverse water supply portfolio that spans local groundwater supplies, recycled water and desalination efforts, while it receives approximately half of its water supply from MWD through the Colorado River Aqueduct and State Water Project.

Along the way, EMWD leaders actively participated in ACWA. Longtime EMWD Board member Randy Record served as ACWA President during the 2012-'13 term, and today ACWA Board of Directors member Jolene Walsh chairs ACWA's Federal Affairs Committee.

EMWD's steady growth into one of California's leading water providers in terms of size, as well as its diverse capabilities, provided a great opportunity to engage its community throughout the 2025 diamond anniversary.

In April, the district hosted an open house at its Perris headquarters inviting customers to engage with staff while learning more about their water and wastewater systems. The family-oriented event featured food trucks and booths hosted by the UC Riverside Master Gardeners, Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District, Cal Fire, Mt. San Jacinto College and the Hemet Unified School District Career Technical Education program.

EMWD also connected with customers through a photo contest and sought out residents who had relied on its water since its founding, asking them to share their stories through an online form. Among the responses, a woman who remembered her father building their home in Quail Valley, now part of the City of Menifee, in 1950. She later inherited the home and lives there today.

"EMWD supplied the water then and still does today," she wrote.

The statement looks simple. The history that makes it possible is anything but. EMWD has thrived on its ability to adapt and look ahead despite dramatic changes between the time of its founding and the challenges of its present.

"EMWD's history is rich with examples of how hard work and strategic planning have ensured consistent delivery of water, wastewater and recycled water services," said EMWD Board President Stephen J. Corona. "Our commitment to quality is driven by a vision to improve the health of our community, and our customers, both today and for future generations." ◆



Opposite page: EMWD employees and Board members take part in one of many events recognizing their district's 75th anniversary.

Top: EMWD workers install a pipe in this 1955 photo from the district's earliest years.

Bottom: Gov. Ronald Reagan celebrates the first delivery of State Water Project water to Lake Perris in this 1973 photo. EMWD relies on both the State Water Project and Colorado River to supply its service area, which is the sixth largest in California.

Region 3 Webinar Shares Strategies for Getting Grant Funding

By Region 3 Chair Larry McKenney

Grant funding can play a huge role in a water agency's ability to keep up with funding infrastructure and other projects. But applying for that funding, whether from the state or federal government, can be a lot easier said than done.

The more than 60 people joining our Aug. 20 Region 3 webinar — "Big Impact on a Small Budget: Grant Strategies for Resource-Strapped Agencies" — received some valuable advice on navigating the process water managers face when seeking grant funding.

Basically, it comes down to being proactive, building relationships with elected officials and granting agencies, and sharing successful strategies with other water agencies.

Tell your story, refine it and draft a capital plan, advised panelist Kim Boyd, Director of Strategic Affairs for Tahoe City Public Utility District. She also pointed out that elected officials and decision makers within the grant process often lack

knowledge about agencies' funding needs. But they want to know.

"FOMO (fear of missing out) is a real thing that does exist," Boyd said, later emphasizing the importance of keeping an updated capital plan. "It allows you to pivot and move as needed," she added.

Inviting elected officials to tour agencies is also effective. U.S. Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA) recently visited Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, where panel moderator Nicholas Schneider serves as General Manager and Region 3 Vice Chair Michael Saunders serves as Board Vice President.

ACWA Director of Federal Relations Ian Lyle walked webinar attendees through obtaining federal funding including grants and congressionally directed spending (earmarks). His comments highlighted the importance of developing relationships with members of congress and staffers in both houses, identifying their deadlines for receiving requests for appropriations, and the power of building coalitions.

"If you don't have a relationship with your federal partners, start building it now," Lyle said. "Honestly, federal officials want to know how they can help."



To view a video recording of the webinar, log in to **acwa.com** and visit the Resources page or scan the accompanying QR code.

On behalf of ACWA Region 3, I want to thank our panelists for sharing their expertise and ACWA staff for helping organize the webinar and making it a success.

Speakers:

(Moderator) Nicholas Schneider, General Manager, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Kim Boyd, Director of Strategic Affairs, Tahoe City Public Utility District; Robert A. Heather, Water Resources Engineer, Zanjero, Inc.; Ian Lyle, Director of Federal Relations, ACWA

ACWA region events are a great way to learn how member agencies are addressing various water industry challenges. Visit acwa.com/events for dates and details of other upcoming events.



Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency celebrates the completion of its new College Lake Water Supply Project during an Aug. 8 ribbon cutting event. This project will reduce groundwater overdraft and seawater intrusion, while also supporting habitat for the endangered South-Central California coast steelhead.

ACWA HISTORY

10 years ago

All hands were on deck to respond to a possible last-minute push for a public goods charge or other tax on water bills as the Legislature approached its close of session on Sept. 11. Though no formal proposal emerged, amendments to a Senate bill appeared to set the stage to address the issue the following year.

20 years ago

The Contra Costa Water District, Alameda County Water District and Zone 7 Water Agency sent teams of employees to Louisiana to help Gulf Coast water agencies recover from Hurricane Katrina, which had ravaged New Orleans. The agencies and ACWA also set up donation funds to help water agencies recover from the historically devastating hurricane.

30 years ago

The 1995 water year closed with the State Water Project carrying over into the next year more than 4.5 million acre-feet, compared to 2.5 million acre-feet the year prior. The Central Valley Project reported about 7.7 million acre-feet to carry over into the next water year, compared to 4.2 million acre-feet in 1994.



A Contra Costa Water District employee operates a backhoe after Hurricane Katrina, when several ACWA member agencies pledged aid and sent teams to help Gulf Coast water agencies recover from the disaster.

40 years ago

ACWA Executive Director John Fraser and ACWA President Raymond R. Rummonds joined the culmination of a year-long celebration of Hoover Dam's 50th anniversary. The event memorialized the half-century that had passed since President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the dam in 1935.

50 years ago

ACWA News reported that the State Office of Planning and Research was studying implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, which had been signed into law five years prior. The study's focus included finding areas where the CEQA process could be made more effective and less costly.

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government collaboration, coordinate federal grant programs to better serve communities in high fire risk areas and expand the use of technologies to address wildfire threats.

In 2014, ACWA and the California Farm Bureau helped found the California Forest Watershed Alliance and this year we joined the Wildfire Solutions Coalition, which also includes the California Farm Bureau. Organized by The Nature Conservancy, this coalition is dedicated to building support for significant increases in local, state and federal funding to address California's wildfire crisis.

Making California forests less vulnerable to catastrophic wildfires will require a long-term financial commitment and determination. However, as with many challenges with California water, collaboration has opened a clear path toward a more resilient future for our state's headwater forests, and the water supply on which our environment, farms, cities and future depend. •

TCPUD Opens New Treatment Plant

The Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) recently celebrated the completion and grand opening of its new West Lake Tahoe Regional Water Treatment Plant.

The project represents a transformative investment in TCPUD's water system to provide a permanent, drought-resilient source for drinking water and fire protection for the West Shore of Lake Tahoe. The road to this milestone began almost two decades ago when TCPUD began searching for a permanent solution to a temporary water treatment plant used to meet peak summer water demand.

The new state-of-the-art facility replaces the temporary seasonal plant and will now provide a year-round water supply sourced directly from Lake Tahoe. The project strengthens the public water supply, enhances fire protection capabilities, and improves the resilience of TCPUD's interconnected water infrastructure.

The project included construction of an underwater pump station and intake pipeline in Lake Tahoe to supply surface water to the treatment plant. The treatment plant uses advanced technology including membrane filtration and ultraviolet disinfection to ensure exceptional water quality.

Currently, the treatment plant can deliver almost one million gallons of water a day to West Shore customers but may be expanded in the future.

The new water treatment plant is one of the largest capital investments in TCPUD's history. Funding for the approximately



\$30 million project was made possible through more than \$5.5 million in grant funding from the Department of Water Resources, the El Dorado Water Agency and the Placer County Water Agency, and a \$19.7 million loan from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Met Partners with Farmers for Bay-Delta Sustainability

To improve sustainability in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in August secured agricultural partners to cultivate rice on two district-owned islands in the Delta — the heart of California's water supply system and one of the state's most vital ecosystems.

Metropolitan's Board of Directors approved two lease agreements to convert current agricultural lands to rice farming on Webb Tract in Contra Costa County and on Bacon Island in San Joaquin County. The conversion to rice can help address land subsidence, improve carbon sequestration, and support habitat for migratory birds and other Delta species.

"These leases support our science-based approach to land management, rooted in sustainability," Metropolitan Board Chair Adán Ortega, Jr. stated in a news release. "They build on Metropolitan's decades of investment in the Sacramento-San

Joaquin Delta, recognizing that addressing subsidence and protecting native species are essential to ensuring long-term resilience and ecological health in the region."

To grow rice on Webb Tract,
Metropolitan's Board selected Bouldin
Farming Company following a
competitive selection process. A grant of
up to \$4 million awarded to Metropolitan
from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
Conservancy will help offset land leveling
costs necessary to adapt about 1,500 acres
on the island for rice production.

Webb Tract is one of four islands Metropolitan owns in the Delta that is impacted by land subsidence, with some areas as much as 24 feet below sea level. With support from state grants and collaborative partnerships, the district is working to transform the island into a multi-benefit landscape that strengthens the Delta's ecological and water management future.

Metropolitan is also leading a project to restore wetlands on Webb Tract. That parallel project is also moving ahead with the support of approximately \$16 million in funding from the Delta Conservancy grant. Now at 65% design completion, the project will convert approximately 2,400 acres on the property into impounded seasonal wetlands that mimic the Delta's historic ecological conditions.

On Bacon Island, Metropolitan's Board has authorized staff to enter into a lease agreement with Lundberg Family Farms to transition approximately 5,000 acres to rice cultivation. The project includes deploying advanced rice farming techniques compatible with the Delta's unique soils, creating wildlife-friendly habitats, and potentially generating carbon credits to enhance long-term land stewardship. •



Debbie Dino

PWD Appoints Dino to Board

The Palmdale Water District Board of Directors has unanimously appointed **Debbie Dino** to the seat formerly held by her late husband, **Vincent Dino**, who passed away in July.

Dino, who was the only applicant, will serve the remainder of the vacated term until the November 2026 election.

A resident of Palmdale since 1994, she also serves as a Director for the Antelope Valley Fair Board and for Kids Feeding Kids Through Agriculture. She was a Hearing Officer for the City of Palmdale from 2016 to 2020.

"I am truly grateful for the opportunity to carry on Vincent's legacy," Dino stated in a news release. "It's bittersweet to be sitting in the seat he once occupied, but I'm excited to join the Board and an organization that is doing important work for our community." •



EXPLORING THE WATER WORLD ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA

At the end of August, Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce announced their engagement, sparking an uptick on Taylor and Travis content and memes on social media. It also provided an opportunity to get your followers to do a double take on your content if you could find a fun and engaging way to use the news with your brand.

Here are a few examples of ACWA members that capitalized on this moment.

City of Roseville used the image of the newly engaged couple as an overlay on the City's Inspiration Garden with a fun "rumor" caption about the wedding reception location. This post has over 400 reactions on Facebook.

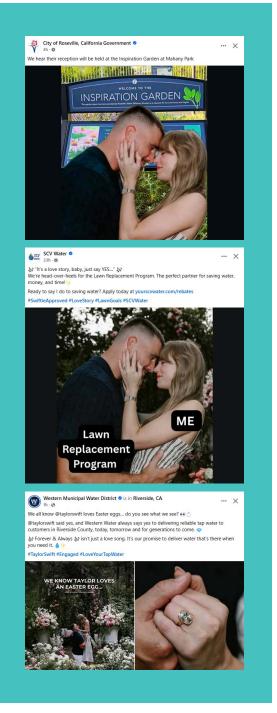
Using the same image, **SCV Water** used some classic Taylor Swift lyrics and compared the couple to how in love its customers will be with the agency's Lawn Replacement Program.

Western Municipal Water District used lyrics and the Easter eggs that Swifties look for in every Taylor Swift post to add its own Easter egg to the engagement ring (their logo if you zoom in!).

Pop culture moments like this can be a great time to increase engagement and get more eyes on your programs and projects, but you need to be creative and act fast to make it work. Not every trend is a good fit for every brand so make sure it works for your agency's voice and audience.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, X, LinkedIn, YouTube and Instagram @ACWAWater, to see more of what other ACWA member agencies are doing on social media.







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Join the Water Education Foundation's 2025 Water Summit to explore critical Western water issues with experts and policymakers, enjoy lunch and networking, and discuss this year's theme: Embracing Uncertainty in the West.

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ACWA Regions 6 & 7 Event

ACWA | Bakersfield

Join colleagues for a networking reception at Wool Growers Restaurant on Oct. 9, followed by a day of sustainability tours and water-focused discussions across Kern County on Oct. 10, including visits to Grimmway Farms and Setton Pistachios.

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ACWA Region 2 Tour & Program

ACWA | Oroville

ACWA Region 2, in partnership with the State Water Project, invites you on a guided tour of Oroville Dam, its spillway and a fish hatchery, featuring expert insights, local perspectives on the 2017 emergency, networking, and interactive exhibits. NOV 2025

5th Biennial Flood-Mar Forum

The Flood-Mar Network | Sacramento

Join the Flood-MAR Network for its fifth biennial forum – California's leading event on using floodwaters for aquifer recharge. Connect, learn and shape the future of sustainable, resilient water management in California.

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ACWA's Virtual CLE Workshop series begins Nov. 3, with additional sessions on Jan. 29 and Apr. 16. Designed for water professionals, these annual workshops offer timely legal updates. Register individually or save with full series access. NOV 2025 13-14

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Join water leaders and policymakers to explore Southern California's top water challenges. Featuring expert panels, federal insights, a Colorado River update, and ACWA advocacy priorities – plus a networking reception at the Irvine Marriott.