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Thursday, July 24, 2025, 10:00 AM

IN PERSON
Board Room, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635

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July 21, 2025

TO: Central Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee, Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Alternates, and Interested Parties

FROM: Sam Cunningham, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group

RE: SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA REGION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
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Report Period 3/1/25 - 05/31/25

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4000	Member Contributions	$ 40,000.00	$ 40,000.00	$ 40,000.00	-
4100	Interest Income	-	1.70	1.70	*(1.70)*
4300	Other Income	-	-	-	-
	Total Operating Revenues	40,000.00	40,001.70	40,001.70	
Operating Expenses					
	Administration:				
5275	Bank Fees	50.00	-	-	*50.00*
5300	Office Supplies	400.00	-	-	*400.00*
5325	Regulartory Fees	250.00	-	-	*250.00*
5500	Insurance Expense	500.00	-	-	*500.00*
5510	Website Domain	90.00	-	-	*90.00*
5520	Website Hosting	300.00	210.00	210.00	*90.00*
	Total Administration Expenses	1,590.00	210.00	210.00	
	Professional Services:				
5425	Auditor Fees	9,750.00	-	-	*9,750.00*
5450	Legal Fees/District	18,000.00	-	-	*18,000.00*
5475	Consultant Fee (SLDMWA)	8,000.00	-	-	*8,000.00*
	Total Professional Services	35,750.00	-	-	
6000	Website Set Up	2,000.00	1,868.75	1,868.75	
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Central Delta-Mendota GSA
Investment Report

1st Quarter FY 2025-26
March, April, May

Current Assets		1st Quarter	4th Quarter	% Change
Unrestricted Funds				
1000-00	Wells Fargo Checking Account	70,029.89	54,683.97	21.91%
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Central Delta-Mendota Management Committee
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Whether the members of the GSA authorize Woodard & Curran to share well data information, reported to Woodard & Curran, with the other members of the GSA.

BACKGROUND

The Central Delta-Mendota Region desires to develop a cost-share framework for SGMA Implementation that is based on percentage share of pumping from the Subbasin. To date there has not been adequate meter information to develop a framework, as desired by the Management Committee/GSA. At the June 26, 2025, meeting it was noted that pumping data (both metered and estimated) is reported to Woodard & Curran for inclusion in the DMS and incorporation in Annual Reports. However, that data is currently treated as confidential and individual pumping data for an agency cannot be shared with other agencies in the GSA. The members present at the June 26, 2025, meeting expressed an interest in authorizing Woodard & Curran to share this information between the 10 members of the GSA.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff does not have a recommendation on this item.