



Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

Monday, July 14, 2025, 1:00 PM

SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee has been called for **Monday, July 14, 2025 at 1:00 PM**, on items listed on the attached agenda, which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (Hurley)
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Hurley)
3. Committee to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as Authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq. (Hurley)
4. Opportunity for Public Comment (Hurley)

Consent Calendar

5. Committee to Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar (Hurley)
 - a. Minutes of the June 9, 2025 Meeting
 - b. Budget to Actual Report

Closed Session

6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
 The Committee will meet in closed session to confer with legal counsel on significant exposure to anticipated litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case)

Open Session

7. Report from Closed Session ([Layne](#))

Report Items

8. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items ([Blakslee](#))
9. SWRCB Coordination: Subsidence Update ([Martin/Hurley/Dutton](#))
10. Update on JPA Status ([Layne](#))
11. Update on Status of Meetings with Adjoining Subbasins Regarding Comment Letters on Periodic Evaluations ([Beutler](#))
12. Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities ([Beutler](#))
13. SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant
- a. Update on Status of Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Well Construction Project ([Hurley](#))
 - b. Update on Status of Subsidence Monitoring Project ([Martin](#))
 - c. Update on Status of All Grant Projects ([Dumas](#))
14. GSP Implementation Updates
- a. Update Second Quarter Groundwater Level Monitoring and DMS Upload ([Dumas](#))
 - b. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan and GSP Implementation Tracking and Exceedance Reporting ([Dutton](#))
 - c. Update on Establishing SMCs for new RMWs ([Dutton](#))
 - d. Update on DMS and Potential Improvements ([Dumas](#))
 - e. Report from GSAs with Exceedances ([Blakslee/GSAs](#))

15. Next Steps ([Blakslee](#))
16. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) ([Layne](#))
17. Next Meeting(s): ([Hurley](#))
- a. Regular Coordination Committee Meeting: August 11, 2025
18. Adjournment ([Hurley](#))



2025 DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING DATES (*2nd Monday*)

August 11, 2025	1:00pm	SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635
September 8, 2025	1:00pm	SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635
October 13, 2025	1:00pm	SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635
November 10, 2025	1:00pm	SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635
December 8, 2025	1:00pm	SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635

LIST OF ACRONYMS

CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
DMS	Data Management System
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
FSS	Facilitation Support Services
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
ISW	Interconnected Surface Water
JPA	Joint Powers Authority
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MT	Minimum Threshold
PRP	Pumping Reduction Plan
RMW	Representative Monitoring Wells
SLDMWA	San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority)
SMC	Sustainable Management Criteria
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board



TO: Coordination Committee
Agenda Item No. 5

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: July 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Committee to Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar

Recommendation

Approve the consent calendar.

Discussion

The below two items are included in the consent calendar for consideration of approval:

- a. Minutes of the June 9, 2025 Delta-Mendota Coordination Committee Meeting (Attachment 1)
- b. Budget to Actual Report (Attachment 2)

Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

Monday, June 9, 2025

SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635

Draft Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Committee Members

Joe Hopkins, Aliso WD (Chair)

Vince Lucchesi, Northern DM Region – *Remote at noticed location within jurisdictional boundaries (Patterson)*

Ric Ortega, Grasslands WD – *Remote at noticed location (Sacramento)*

Augustine Ramirez, Fresno County A&B

Jim Stillwell, Farmers WD – *Remote at noticed location (Sacramento)*

John Wiersma, San Joaquin Exchange Contractors

Absent

Steve Stadler, Central DM Region

Others Present

Lauren Layne, Baker Manock & Jensen

Kait Palys, INTERA

Scott Petersen, San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority

Aaron Barcellos, Pacheco WD

Emily McCoy, Mercy Spring WD

Patrick McGowan, Panoche WD

Others Present Via Zoom

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Adam Scheuber, Del Puerto WD

Amir Mani, EKI

Andrew Francis, LSCE

Anona Dutton, EKI

Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto WD

Chase Hurley, Land & Water Solutions

Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County

Debbie Gavaghan

Don Davis

Ellen Wehr

Ethan Andrews

Jarrett Martin, San Joaquin Exchange Contractors

Jason Dean
 John Brodie, Water & Land Solutions
 Juan Cadena, Mercy Springs WD
 Kiti Campbell, WWD
 Kristen Manzano, Hallmark Group
 Lacey McBride, Merced County
 Leslie Dumas, W&C
 Lisa Beutler, Stantec
 Manny Amorelli, James ID
 Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard
 Steve
 Steve Fausone, Panoche Water District
 Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group
 Will Halligan, LSCE

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Joe Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1:02pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hopkins lead the pledge of allegiance.

3. Committee to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as Authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda of items.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

Chair Hopkins opened the floor for public comment and there was none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Committee to Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar

a. Minutes of the May 19, 2025 Meeting

b. Budget to Actual Report

Committee Member Ramirez made a motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Wiersma and passed unanimously via a roll call vote (with Stadler absent).

ACTION ITEMS

6. Review and Consider Taking Action to Approve and Authorize Entering into a Proposal with EKI to Update the Model for Annual Report Preparation

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the Committee's request for EKI to develop a cost proposal for extending the groundwater resources model for the purpose of updating the Annual Report and EKI's Anona Dutton summarized their proposal, which was based

on time and materials with a budget estimate of \$49,000. Chair Hopkins asked if the data to update the model was readily available and Ms. Dutton replied they, along with Woodard & Curran, would issue a request for information to the appropriate Groundwater Sustainability Agencies for the needed data. Upon motion by Committee Member Ortega and a second by Committee Member Wiersma and with a unanimous roll call vote (Stadler absent), the Committee approved entering into the proposal with EKI and the budget amendment.

CLOSED SESSION

7. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The Committee entered closed session at 1:13 p.m. and concluded at 2:20 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

8. Report from Closed Session

Legal counsel Lauren Layne stated there was no reportable action.

REPORT ITEMS

9. Update on June 9, 2025, Meeting with the SWRCB

Jarrett Martin provided an update following a June 9th meeting with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff. He reported that they focused on components of the proposed domestic well mitigation program and the existing pumping reduction plan. For the domestic well mitigation plan, he noted feedback from SWRCB focused on: 1) translating materials in Spanish, 2) confirming the appropriate quantity of water per person for the dry well mitigation program, 3) clarifying the response to well owners for noticing emergency water (24 hours) and installing a tank if necessary, and 4) collaboration with Valley Water Collaborative. He also noted that the basin representatives reminded the SWRCB that effective collaboration with adjacent subbasins and SWRCB staff will be required to reconcile differences in sustainable management criteria for groundwater levels. Overall, he reported the meetings and coordination with SWRCB staff have been going well and progress is being made on the changes needed to the domestic well mitigation program to work to avoid State probation.

10. Update on Status of Meetings with Adjoining Subbasins Regarding Comment Letters on Periodic Evaluations

Chair Hopkins reported that key contacts for each subbasin group have been identified and outreach consultant Lisa Beutler is working on setting these meetings up.

11. Update on FSS Outreach Activities

Outreach consultant Lisa Beutler reported that the meeting with the Tracy subbasin is being rescheduled to July 9th and notices will be distributed for this meeting. Ms. Beutler

provided an update on the upcoming newsletter and said it would be finalized and distributed shortly.

12. SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant

a. Update on Status of Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Well Construction Project

Chase Hurley reported that Merced County will present the required project documents to their Board this month and noted that Stanislaus County is working on the status of the easement required for this project. Both wells are expected to be installed by the end of December 2025. He reported that the grant amendment for the easement costs has been submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for approval.

b. Update on Status of Subsidence Monitoring Project

Jarrett Martin reported that due to financial constraints, the plan is to install brass caps with monuments and purchase calibration units to perform the routine surveys to measure potential subsidence. He noted staff is confirming this approach is consistent with the grant to ensure reimbursement. Grant manager Leslie Dumas said that since Merced County is the lead agency now, they may need to reissue the CEQA notice of exemption and environmental impact form.

c. Update on Status of All Grant Projects

Chair Hopkins reported that a request was made to identify the grant money spent to date, and the expected money that will be spent this calendar year to ensure the basin does not leave money on the table. Grant Manager Leslie Dumas provided a table with costs and will provide an update at the July meeting.

13. Update on EKI Subsidence CVHM2 Model White Paper in Response to Nelson Subsidence Analysis

EKI's Anona Dutton and Amir Mani provided an update on a white paper they developed in response to the Nelson subsidence analysis. She noted that the white paper was included in the packet for review and asked if there are questions to contact either herself or Mr. Mani. She said this information will be forwarded to Nelson for their reference.

14. GSP Implementation Updates

a. Update on Status of Spring Water Level and Quality Monitoring and Second Quarter Water Level Monitoring and DMS Upload

Woodard & Curran's Leslie Dumas reminded GSAs that second quarter data was supposed to be collected mid-May 2025, and all remaining data must be collected by the end of June 2025 for the quarter.

b. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan and GSP Implementation Tracking and Exceedance Reporting

Ms. Dutton presented a visual dashboard they developed for GSAs to track and report exceedances and compliance with the pumping reduction plan. She said the dashboard can automatically generate high-level water action reports and the interface would help coordinate reductions and provide information necessary for developing Annual Reports. She said the dashboard was intended for each GSA to log in to the system, upload their data, which will interface with the data management system (DMS) to trigger response timelines. She encouraged feedback from GSAs. The Committee agreed to perform a pilot test with a willing GSA and Panoche Water District General Manager Patrick McGowan volunteered for this.

c. Update on Establishing SMCs for new RMWs

Ms. Dutton reminded the Committee that data needs to be collected for monitoring wells and at some point, sustainable management criteria needs to be established for representative monitoring wells.

d. Update on DMS and Potential Improvements

Ms. Dumas reported that she had requested DMS access from Houston for several weeks and will continue to reach out to provide the necessary access for EKI to interface their dashboard with the DMS data.

e. Review of Roles and Responsibilities for Exceedance Reporting

Taylor Blakslee provided an overview of the adaptive management framework outlined in Exhibit C of the MOA which specifies the process and roles and responsibilities for exceedances.

f. Report from GSAs with Exceedances

Mr. Blakslee reported that several GSAs had groundwater level minimum thresholds (MT) exceedances and the affected GSA provided the following update:

- Aliso Water District (1) – Mr. Hopkins reported that the measurement resulting in an exceedance was likely an error, and follow up measurements have resulted in groundwater levels above the MT.
- Central Delta-Mendota, Panoche Water District (1) – Mr. McGowan reported that they retested the measurements, but the groundwater level measurement was correct and further investigation and reporting will occur, including monthly monitoring.
- Grasslands WD (1) – Mr. Ortega reported that subsequent groundwater level measurements resulted in groundwater levels rebounding.
- San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors, City of Firebaugh and City of Gustine (2) – Mr. Martin reported that a translation error is the reason

for MT exceedance for these two wells and the correct measurements will be updated in the DMS, which do not result in an MT exceedance.

15. Next Steps

Mr. Blakslee reported on the following action items:

- #6: Hallmark to work with SLDMWA to execute EKI model extension contract.
- Hallmark Grou to schedule a special joint closed session meeting for late June 2025.
- #10: EKI to draft consistent talking points for inter-basin meetings.
- #12b: W&C to confirm monuments/survey units are reimbursable under the current grant agreement.
- #12b: W&C to confirm if site 1 CEQA needs refiling (NOE + EIF) with DWR and Stanislaus and Merced County counsel.
- #13: Hallmark to send white paper to Nelson et al.
- #14b: EKI to test the PRP dashboard with Panoche WD.

16. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)

There were no reports.

17. Next Meeting(s):

- a. **Regular Coordination Committee Meeting: July 14, 2025**
- b. **JPA Workshop: Early July 2025**

18. Adjourn

Chair Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 3:18pm

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
SGMA ACTIVITIES - COORDINATED COST-SHARE AGREEMENT
MARCH 1, 2025 - FEBRUARY 28, 2026
COORDINATED (FUND 63)
ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS BUDGET TO ACTUAL

Report Period 3/1/25 - 05/31/25

EXPENDITURES	Annual Budget	Paid/ Expense	Amount Remaining	% of Amt Remaining	Expenses Through
<u>Legal:</u>					
Baker Manock & Jensen	\$ 70,000	\$ 11,313	\$ 58,687	84%	4/2/25
<u>Other Professional Services:</u>					
GSP Implementation Contracts					
Coordinated Annual Report Activities (Common Chapter, Water Level Contouring)	\$ 149,675	\$ 57,370	\$ 92,305	62%	5/14/25
DMS Hosting, Augmentation and Support	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000	100%	
Staff Augmentation Support	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	100%	
DAC Outreach and Coordination	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	100%	
SGMA Implementation Grant Round 1 SPA (A9)	\$ 175,015	\$ 6,459	\$ 168,556	96%	5/14/25
Inadequate Determination Response (EKI)	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000	100%	
Interconnected Surface Water	\$ 504,455	\$ -	\$ 504,455	100%	
Domestic Well Mitigation Funds	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	100%	
<u>Other:</u>					
Executive Director	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 750	100%	
General Counsel	\$ 1,000	\$ 78	\$ 922	92%	4/4/25
Water Policy Director	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,471	\$ 13,529	68%	5/30/25
In-House Staff	\$ 3,000	\$ 713	\$ 2,287	76%	5/30/25
Conferences & Training	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	100%	
Travel/Mileage	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	100%	
Group Meetings	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	100%	
Telephone	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	100%	
Equipment and Tools	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	100%	
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,320,895	\$ 82,404	\$ 1,238,491	94%	



TO: Coordination Committee
Agenda Item No. 13c

FROM: Taylor Blakslee / Leslie Dumas

DATE: July 14, 2025

SUBJECT: SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant, Update on Status of All Grant Projects

Recommendation

None; information only.

Discussion

At the June 9, 2025 Delta-Mendota Coordination Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed the status of the budgets and money spent to-date for \$7.6 million grant project components awarded by the California Department of Water Resources.

To ensure the funds will be used prior the end of the grant reimbursable period, Woodard & Curran coordinated with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies on the status of their respective grant-funded projects and anticipated spending through the end of the year and that summary table is provided as Attachment 1.

Component #	Component Name	Grant Award	Grant Funds Spent (as of Q1 2025)	Grant Funds Remaining (as of Q1 2025)	Q2 2025 - Projected	Q3 2025 - Projected	Q4 2025 - Projected	2025 - Total Projected	Total Grant Funds Remaining after Q4 2025	Notes
1	Los Banos Creek Recharge and Recovery	\$1,000,000	\$51,228	\$948,773	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$548,773	\$948,773	(\$1)	Delays in NEPA and design coordination with USBR due to manpower shortages at federal entities; Steve planning on reassessing project schedule in July
2	Flood Water Capture	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	Assumption made based on response from Ric about Q2 projections, splitting remaining funds through rest of year; Ric said on track to spend all funds
3	Chowchilla Bypass Recharge	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	Depends on permitting process, may spill into Q1 2026
4	Lateral 4N Reservoir Recapture and Recirculation	\$138,030	\$129,991	\$8,039	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$8,039	Project completed and closed out; \$8,039 not spent. Moving the reminaing grant funding to Component 13 in Amendment 4.
5	North Valley Regional Recycled Water	\$272,270	\$24,452	\$247,818	\$123,909	\$123,909	\$0	\$247,818	\$0	All grant funds projected to be spent by end of Q3 2025
6	Farmers Water District Water Bank	\$691,300	\$316,460	\$374,840	\$4,840	\$350,000	\$20,000	\$374,840	\$0	
7	Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir Regulation and Storage	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0	
8	Data Gaps and Monitoring - SLDMWA	\$640,000	\$39,120	\$600,880	\$10,000	\$150,000	\$125,000	\$285,000	\$315,880	Includes subsidence monitoring sites and 3 ISW wells in Patterson ID, Stanislaus County, and Merced County
8	Data Gaps and Monitoring - Aliso WD	\$134,400	\$134,400	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	All grant funds spent
8	Data Gaps and Monitoring - Farmers WD	\$75,000	\$2,391	\$72,609	\$10,000	\$60,000	\$2,609	\$72,609	\$0	2 streamflow monitoring facilities
8	Data Gaps and Monitoring - Fresno Co	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	Equipping 2 monitoring wells; All grant funds spent
9	GSP Revisions, Updates, and Modifications - Aliso WD	\$50,000	\$33,635	\$16,365	\$0	\$16,365	\$0	\$16,365	\$0	
9	GSP Revisions, Updates, and Modifications - Farmers WD	\$277,891	\$197,546	\$80,345	\$26,781	\$26,781	\$26,782	\$80,344	\$1	
9	GSP Revisions, Updates, and Modifications - Fresno Co	\$175,514	\$175,514	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	All grant funds spent
9	GSP Revisions, Updates, and Modifications - Grassland	\$121,367	\$91,653	\$29,714	\$29,714	\$0	\$0	\$29,714	\$0	
9	GSP Revisions, Updates, and Modifications - SJREC	\$96,202	96202.2	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	All grant funds spent
10	Outreach and Engagement - Farmers WD	\$37,109	\$37,109	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	All remaining activites/funds moved to Component 9
10	Outreach and Engagement - Fresno Co	\$23,486	\$23,486	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	All remaining activites/funds moved to Component 9
10	Outreach and Engagement - Grassland	\$16,133	\$16,133	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	All remaining activites/funds moved to Component 9
10	Outreach and Engagement - SJREC	\$36,298	\$36,298	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	All grant funds spent
11	Studies and Investigations	\$45,000	\$25,426	\$19,574	\$10,799	\$8,775	\$0	\$19,574	\$0	
12	Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	All grant funds spent
13	Lateral 5S/6S Reservoir Recapture and Recirculation	\$90,000	\$21,707	\$68,293	\$16,543	\$25,875	\$25,875	\$68,293	\$0	