

Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

Monday, November 10, 2025, 1:00 PM

SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635 The Public May Join the Meeting at the Zoom Link Below:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee has been called for **Monday, November 10, 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 October 13, 2025 Meeting
 - b. Budget to Actual Report

Closed Session

6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Layne)
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: (2 cases)

Open Session

7. Report from Closed Session (Layne)

Action Items

8. Review and Take Action to Submit the Application with DWR for Facilitation Support Services (Blakslee/Beutler)

Report Items

- 9. Update on Draft Budget Development (Petersen/Blakslee) Verbal
- 10. Program Management Report (Blakslee)
 - a. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items
 - b. Schedule of Key Milestones
- 11. GSP Implementation Updates
 - a. Update on Q3 and Q4 Groundwater Levels and Groundwater Quality and DMS Upload (Dumas)
 - b. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan and GSP Implementation Tracking and Exceedance Reporting (Dutton/Mani)
 - c. Update on Water Year 2025 Annual Report Development (Blakslee) Verbal
 - d. Report from GSAs with Exceedances (Blakslee/GSAs)
- 12. Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities (Beutler) Verbal
 - a. Update on Domestic Well Mitigation Policy "Briefing" (Beutler)
 - b. Update on Status of Meetings with Adjoining Subbasins Regarding Comment Letters on Periodic Evaluations (Beutler)
- 13. SWRCB Updates
 - a. Update on SWRCB Coordination (Martin/Hurley/Dutton) Verbal
- 14. SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant
 - a. Update on Status of Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Well Construction Project (Francis)
 - b. Update on Status of Subsidence Monitoring Project (Martin) Verbal
 - c. Update on Status of All Grant Projects (Dumas) Verbal

- 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: December 8, 2025, with changed location to the Grassland Water District Board Room.
- 18. Adjournment (Hurley)



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

December 8, 2025 1:00pm Grassland Water District Board Room

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: November 10, 2025

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

Recommendation

Approve the consent calendar.

Discussion

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

- a. Minutes of the October 13, 2025 Coordination Committee Meeting (Attachment 1)
- b. Budget to Actual Report through September 2025 (Attachment 2)



Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

Monday, October 13, 2025, 1:00 PM SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635

Draft Meeting Minutes

PARTICIPANTS:

Committee Members

Joe Hopkins, Aliso Water District
Augustine Ramirez, Alternate, Fresno County A&B
Jim Stilwell, Farmers Water District
John Wiersma, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors
Chase Hurley, Central DM Region
Ken Swanson, Alternate, Grassland Water Ditrict (confirmed presence at 1:10 pm)
Vince Lucchesi, Northern DM Region

Others Present

Lauren Layne, Legal Counsel, Baker Manock & Jensen
Scott Petersen, San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Kait Palys, INTERA
Jarrett Martin, Alternate, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors
Palmar McCoy, Mercy Springs
Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Rob Kotslivy, Stanislaus County
Roy Catania, Aliso Water District
Steve Silva, San Luis Water District
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District

Present Via Zoom/Phone

Adam Scheuber, Del Puerto Water District
Amir Mani, EKI
Andrew Francis, LSCE
Anona Dutton, EKI
Christy McKinnon, Alternate, Northern DM Region
Ellen Wehr, Grassland Water District
Ethan Andrews, Provost & Prichard
Jacinta Cabral, Madera County

Jason Dean

John Brodie

Juan Cadena, Panoche Water District

Kiti Campbell, Westlands Water District

Lane Avilla, Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources

Leslie Dumas, Woodard & Curran

Liam's iPhone

Lisa Beutler, Stantec

Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District

Maria S. Razo, Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources

Matt Garcia, Del Puerto Water District

Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard

Sam Cunningham, Provost & Pritchard

Sarah Boogay, Department of Water Resources

Steve Haze, Tranquility Resource Conservation District

Susan Xie, EKI

Thomas Cleverdon

Thomas Spankowski, City of Newman

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Joe Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hopkins led 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 items.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

Chair Hopkins opened the floor for public comment and no public comments were provided.

Consent Calendar

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

- a. Minutes of the September 8, 2025 Meeting
- **b.** Budget to Actual Report

Committee Member Ken Swanson joined the meeting at 1:10 p.n

Chair Hopkins noted that Palmar McCoy (Mercy Springs) needs to be added to the attendee list on the September 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION

Committee Member Hurley made a motion to approve the consent calendar, with the addition of Palmar McCoy to the September 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Committee Member Wiersma seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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)

The Committee entered closed session at 1:14 p.m.

Open Session

7. Report from Closed Session

The Committee returned from closed session at 1:38 p.m. and legal counsel Lauren Layne stated there was no reportable action.

Action Items

8. Direction on Draft Budget Components

Hallmark Group Project Manager Taylor Blakslee and San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Policy Director Scott Petersen presented the draft Fiscal Year 2026 budget components for Committee feedback.

Mr. Petersen iterated that the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority is proceeding with the budgeting process on behalf of the Committees as a backstop option in the event that the JPA (agreement currently being signed by GSAs) formed is not able to execute the fiscal duties necessary prior to the March 1, 2026 fiscal year deadline.

He stated that there is still an outstanding conversation that should take place concerning the Northern or Central Regional Management groups. He added that standing committees could be formed under special agreements of the JPA, similar to how Funds 63 and 64 operate for the Authority, but the structure of the committees needs to be determined.

A discussion was held on the option for a basin-wide contract to perform monitoring, but Committee feedback was for GSAs to continue data collection in their respective boundaries.

During discussion of the draft budget components, Mr. Petersen noted the monitoring standard operation procedure should be developed in the current fiscal year.

Mr. Blakslee reported that staff will build out the budget components with cost estimates and bring it back to the Committee for approval and recommendation to the Authority.

Committee Member Hurley commented that he will confirm with the Central Committee if they want to be under the JPA or operate separately.

Committee Member Lucchesi stated the Northern Committee wanted to operate under the JPA via a special project agreement which would allow the Northern Committee to contract and implement projects. He stated a subset of the JPA GSA signatories would sign on to the special project agreement and convene as a committee which would not require appointments by the JPA Board. Mr. Petersen stated that the JPA would be able to execute a similar agreement with a subset of members, as defined in the agreement and approved by the JPA Board. Legal counsel Lauren Layne stated she is already working on a draft of those special project agreements.

Committee Member Stilwell expressed concerns about ensuring costs are being correctly billed to Committees and suggested making the JPA's financial reporting extremely clear to all participants in the future. Committee Member Lucchesi agreed with Committee Member Stilwell.

Mr. Petersen asked the Committee to provide any further feedback on the budget components to himself and Mr. Blakslee by the end of the week.

9. Direction on Domestic Well Mitigation Policy Outreach

Mr. Blakslee and Lisa Beutler (Outreach Facilitator, Stantec) provided background on the public outreach commitments of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) as outlined in the well mitigation policy.

Ms. Beutler provided baseline recommendations and options to carry out public outreach on the mitigation policy, including press releases, informational flyers, and a policy briefing workshop.

The Coordination Committee directed Ms. Beutler to carry out the first four recommended outreach items (press release, newsletter, posting informational flyers, and coordinating the translation of those fliers for online access). She will also provide an outline of the costs and potential structure of a policy briefing workshop to the Committee at the next meeting.

10. Update on DWR Subsidence Workshop and Subbasin Comment Letter

Mr. Blakslee provided a summary of the development and distribution of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin's comment letter (and a letter from the Association of California Water Agencies) on the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) draft subsidence best management practices document, which were included in the meeting packet.

Report Items

11. Program Management Report

a. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items

Mr. Blakslee provided an update on the status of the previous meeting's action items.

b. Schedule of Key Milestones

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the schedule of key milestones, which was provided in the packet.

12. Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities

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

Ms. Beutler provided an overview of the status of the interbasin meetings, which was included in the meeting packet. She noted that the Modesto/Turlock meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 29, 2025, and that the Westside meeting invitation has been sent out for October 30, 2025.

Committee Member Hurley asked about the timeframe of Ms. Beutler's contract. She responded that it ends in December and that the plan manager typically makes the request to extend her contract.

Chair Hopkins requested that an action item be added at the next meeting to approve the application and scope of work for Ms. Beutler's (Stantec) facilitation services.

13. SWRCB Updates

a. Update on SWRCB Coordination

Alternate Committee Member Martin provided a summary of coordination efforts with the State Water Resources Control Board.

14. SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant

a. Update on Status of Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Well Construction Project Andrew Francis (LSCE) provided updates on the status of the ISW well construction project, which was provided in the packet.

Chair Hopkins asked if all ISW well construction budgets are finalized. Mr. Francis confirmed that the estimates that he provided to Leslie Dumas (Woodard & Curran) included additional funds for construction management and an estimated cost for the final well in Stanislaus County.

b. Update on Status of Subsidence Monitoring Project

Alternate Committee Member Martin provided an update on the subsidence monitoring project.

Ms. Dumas asked GSA representatives to provide a map of the locations where brass caps would need to be installed, along with the property owners of those locations. She recommended notifying the Department of Water Resources that no access agreements or egress permits are needed, nor will ground be disturbed and therefore no CEQA would be required for this project.

Chair Hopkins suggested that the subsidence station consultant provide that information to Ms. Dumas.

c. Update on Status of All Grant Projects

Ms. Dumas provided an update on the grant projects and, as requested in the previous Coordination Committee meeting, presented a summary table of amendments to grant components.

Chair Hopkins asked if there is any concern regarding the completion of any projects and Ms. Dumas responded that with the grant amendments, all GSAs have expressed they anticipate full completion of projects.

15. GSP Implementation Updates

a. Update on Q3 Groundwater Level and Quality Monitoring and DMS Upload Ms. Dumas provided an update on the third quarter (July-September) groundwater level and groundwater quality data collection.

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

Amir Mani (EKI) provided background and summary of the Request For Information (FRI) that was sent out to GSAs. He said the RFI will provide the necessary data to update the model to support the Annual Report development and the GSA data is due by October 24, 2025.

Chair Hopkins asked if the data should be on the individual well basis or on an aggregate basis and Mr. Mani stated preference for individual well data, if possible, but that the aggregate data is also helpful.

Mr. Mani iterated the importance that GSAs ensure that they record the source of the water that they receive when responding to the RFI.

Mr. Mani and Anona Dutton (EKI) provided an update on the pumping reduction plan (PRP) dashboard. Mr. Mani also provided recommendations for

measurement and reporting frequency, along with handling exceedance evaluations.

Andrew Francis (LSCE) asked if an average of the three-monthly measurements can be used for quarterly reporting, so long as they do not exceed the Minimum Threshold (MT). Mr. Mani responded that the average can be used to report quarterly compliance with MTs.

c. Update on Water Year 2025 Annual Report Development

Mr. Blakslee provided an update on the annual report development, including a timeline for receiving data. Ms. Dumas clarified that groundwater use data should be submitted to the data management system (DMS) by the end of October 2025. She said if GSAs cannot meet that deadline, she should reach out to her.

d. Report from GSAs with Exceedances

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the 2025 third quarter groundwater level and quality exceedances. He noted that some GSA representatives will be able to report on those exceedances at the next Coordination Committee meeting on November 10, 2025.

Patrick McGowan (Panoche WD) stated that they are increasing their frequency of groundwater level monitoring to monthly and will provide a thorough report of the Central Delta-Mendota exceedances at the next Coordination Committee meeting.

Alternate Committee Member Martin stated that the lower aquifer casing on one of the wells has failed and further investigation regarding the physicality of the well is needed. Ken Swanson (Grassland WD) iterated that the well has not been pumped in months and that there are holes in the columns that are likely contributing to low levels. He stated they need to remove that well and may need to find a new well, likely outside of the area.

Adam Scheuber (Del Puerto Water District) reported on the groundwater level and TDS (Nitrate) exceedances. He stated they will increase groundwater level monitoring frequency to monthly and will provide an update at the next Coordination Committee meeting.

16. Next Steps

- Committee to provide any further feedback on the budget components to Mr. Blakslee and Mr. Petersen by the end of the week (10/17).
- Staff will assist in the development of the monitoring SOP this year.

 Ms. Beutler will carry out the first four recommended outreach items (press release, newsletter, posting informational flyers, and coordinating the translation of those fliers for online access). She will also provide an outline of the costs and potential structure of a policy briefing workshop to the Committee at the next meeting.

- Staff will work with Ms. Beutler and the Facilitation Committee to draft the scope of work and apply to extend the Facilitation Support Services by November.
- Subsidence station consultant to assist in assessing the CEQA need for brass cap installation.
- Hallmark group will ensure that the RFI and additional PRP slides are sent out to all GSAs.
- Staff will follow up with GSAs regarding exceedance reports and action plans to the CC in upcoming meetings.

17. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) Nothing to report.

18. Next Meeting(s):

a. Regular Coordination Committee Meeting: November 10, 2025

19. Adjournment

Chair Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

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 - 09/30/25

		Annual	Paid/	Ad	dditional		Total		Amount	% of Amt	Expenses
EXPENDITURES		Budget	Expense	Р	ending	Е	xpenses	R	emaining	Remaining	Through
Legal:											
Baker Manock & Jensen	\$	70,000	\$ 49,228	\$	-	\$	49,228	\$	20,772	30%	9/3/25
Other Professional Services:											
GSP Implementation Contracts											
Coordinated Annual Report Activites											
(Common Chapter, Water Level Contouring)	\$	149,675	\$ 126,894	\$	6,726	\$	133,620	\$	16,055	11%	9/24/25
DMS Hosting, Augmentation and Support	\$	12,000	\$ 4,490	\$	-	\$	4,490	\$	7,510	63%	9/29/25
Staff Augmentation Support	\$	200,000	\$ 121,250	\$	-	\$	121,250	\$	78,750	39%	9/30/25
DAC Outreach and Coordination	\$	20,000	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	20,000	100%	
SGMA Implementation Grant Round 1 SPA (A9)	\$	175,015	\$ 55,318	\$	-	\$	55,318	\$	119,697	68%	8/8/25
Inadequate Determination Response (EKI)	\$	55,000	\$ 48,563	\$	-	\$	48,563	\$	6,437	12%	9/24/25
Interconnected Surface Water	\$	504,455	\$ 68,214	\$	-	\$	68,214	\$	436,242	86%	9/11/25
Domestic Well Mitigation Funds	\$	100,000	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	100,000	100%	
Other:											
Executive Director	\$	750	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	750	100%	
General Counsel	\$	1,000	\$ 78	\$	-	\$	78	\$	922	92%	4/4/25
Water Policy Director	\$	20,000	\$ 14,116	\$	-	\$	14,116	\$	5,884	29%	9/19/25
In-House Staff	\$	3,000	\$ 1,517	\$	-	\$	1,517	\$	1,483	49%	9/30/25
Conferences & Training	\$	1,000	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,000	100%	
Travel/Mileage	\$	1,500	\$ 70	\$	-	\$	70	\$	1,430	95%	4/14/25
Group Meetings	\$	5,000	\$ 52	\$	-	\$	52	\$	4,948	99%	6/5/25
Telephone	\$	500	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	500	100%	
Equipment and Tools	\$	2,000	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,000	100%	
Total Expenditures	\$	1,320,895	\$ 489,790	\$	6,726	\$	496,516	\$	824,379	62%	



TO: Coordination Committee

Agenda Item No. 8

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group / Lisa Beutler, Stantec

DATE: November 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Review and Take Action to Submit the Application with DWR for Facilitation Support

Services

Recommendation

Approve a Facilitation Support Services application and designate Hallmark Group to submit the application to the California Department of Water Resources.

Discussion

At the October 13, 2025, Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee meeting, the Committee directed staff to work with the Communication Subcommittee to draft the scope of work application to extend the Facilitation Support Services contract with the California Department of Water Resources. An overview of the scope of work components is provided as **Attachment 1**, and the draft application is provided as **Attachment 2** for consideration of approval.

FACILITATION SUPPORT SERVICES REQUEST

Current Primary Scope Tasks

Coordination Activities

Compiling stakeholder contacts, supporting Ad Hoc Communications Subcommittee, attending Coordinating Committee meetings, attending meetings with the Subbasin Manager.

Communications and Outreach

Providing Website Content, developing outreach meeting notices, preparing news releases and templates for GSAs, coordinating Spanish translation coordination.

Webinars and Public Meeting Support

Develop agendas and presentations, provide session materials for posting on subbasin websites, create summaries of sessions, organize meeting logistics.

Interbasin Coordination & Subsidence Discussions

After discussion with identified participants, set up discussion topics, prepare agendas, facilitate, document any agreements or expected outcomes for use in future discussions.

Proposed New Scope

Extend Existing Scope

Slight modifications suggested on website support, and update of task order preamble.

ADD - Update to Communications Plan

The existing Communications Plan was developed some time ago and an update is overdue.

SAMPLE DRAFT

Department of Water Resources

Facilitation Support Services Application

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is offering Facilitation Support Services (FSS) to help GSAs and local water management groups foster discussions among diverse water management interests and jurisdictions in support of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation.

For questions or assistance with this FSS Application, contact Christina Boggs-Chavira at Christina Boggs. @water.ca.gQJt. or (916) 384-6061.

- I. Applicant Background: (Questions 1-6 of 17)
 - 1) Select the groundwater basin/subbasin that is requesting FSS:

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY - DELTA-MENDOTA (5-022.07)

2) Enter applicant information:

Applicant Name:
Point of Contact:
Phone Number:
Email Address:

Note – typically Plan Manager but can be another designated person.

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3) Is the applicant affiliated with a GSA?

Which GSA is the applicant affiliated with, or if not affiliated with a GSA, briefly describe how the request for professional facilitation will aid SGMA implementation for the groundwater basin/subbasin identified above, and how the applicant plans to work with the GSAs.

Yes, affiliated with a GSA. I am the plan manager (or designee) for the Delta Mendota Subbasin GSAs.

4) Please provide a brief narrative discussion on the applicant's current involvement, roles, and responsibilities regarding SGMA implementation activities located within the groundwaterbasin/subbasin.

I am the plan manager (or designee) for the GSAs if the Delta Mendota Subbasin. We have, through the efforts of a Coordination Committee and technical consultants, completed a single GSP for the subbasin. We have been actively engaged in reaching out to the public to let them know about the plan and the multiple projects and management actions it advances. We are now enacting the provisions of our GSP among the multiple GSAs.

5) What other professional facilitation funding or services has the applicant received from the State?

None

DWR Prop 1

DWR Prop 68

X DWR Facilitation Support Services

State Water Resources Control Board

Other (please specify)

6) Please explain the scope of any active professional facilitation.

The facilitators have provided a range of support over several different service plans, including development of a communication plan, supporting inter-basin discussions, providing direct facilitation for specific subjects, and helping with interbasin collaboration and other public outreach and education.

- II. Collaboration within and across Groundwater Basin/Subbasin Boundaries: (Questions 7-10 of 17)
 - 7) List all GSAs (and/or other water management entities) within the groundwater basin/subbasin that the applicant is currently collaborating with, or intends to collaborate with, on SGMA implementation:
 - * Aliso Water District
 - City of Patterson
 - Northwestern Delta-Mendota
 - * Central Delta-Mendota Region Multi-Agency (this GSA consists of 10 agencies with respective service areas)
- * County of Madera —3
- * Oro Loma Water District
- * City of Dos Palos
- * DM-II
- * Patterson Irrigation District

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- * City of Gustine
- * Farmers Water District
- * San Joaquin County—Tracy & D-M
- City of Firebaugh
- * Fresno County—Management Area 'A'
- * San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority
- City of Los Banos
- * Fresno County-Management Area 'B'

* Turner Island Water District—2

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- City of Mendota
- * Grassland Water District
- * West Stanislaus I.D. GSA
- * City of Newman
- * Merced County—Delta-Mendota
- Widren Water District

8) Are there any GSAs (and/or other water management entities) across the groundwater basin/subbasin boundary, that the applicant currently is, or intends to collaborate with, on SGMA implementation?

Tracy, Chowchilla, Madera, Westside, East San Joaquin, Merced, Modesto, Turlock, and Kings Subbasins. We have critical issues that we need collaboration on to address topics such as inter-connected surface water and subsidence that impacts our subbasin. We also are interested in coordination on monitoring and data sharing.

9) Please discuss the nature of collaboration. What are the GSAs collaborating on?

We are collaborating on implementing our single GSP.

10) Which beneficial uses and users of groundwater has the applicant established a venue for engagement, or plans to establish a venue for engagement? (List all applicable uses and users of groundwater - see Water Code Section 10723.2)

Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

- * Agricultural users, including farmers, ranchers, and dairy professionals.
- * Domestic well owners.
- * Municipal well operators.
- * Public water systems.
- * Local land use planning agencies.
- * Environmental users of groundwater.
- Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.
- * The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.
- * California Native American tribes.
- * Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.

III. Facilitation Needs: (Questions 11-14 of 17)

11) Please explain the key challenges the applicant has encountered that has led to the need for professional facilitation. Due to the large number of GSAs and extensive geographical reach of the subbasin, public outreach and education is a significant task that is beyond the capacity of the individual GSAs or the technical team. The facilitators have been able to work with the Ad Hoc Communications Subcommittee and the technical consultants to prepare user friendly outreach materials and support regionwide outreach. They have also helped to educate the individual GSAs on the importance of the individual GSA engagement and provided materials for use by all the GSAs in the outreach.

12) DWR's FSS program requires applicants to have a well-defined goal for the requested services. What is the applicant's goal for professional facilitation?

As the subbasin moves forward with the implementation of the single GSP we will need to continue working with the beneficial users and general public. This will require coordination among the GSAs, continued outreach activities and discussions with adjacent subbasins.

- 13) Which facilitation support services are you seeking? (select all that apply)
 - Meeting facilitation
 - o Intra-basin and inter-basin coordination
 - Support Interest-based negotiations/consensus building
 - Stakeholder communication and engagement planning and support Public and stakeholder outreach
 - o Governance development
 - Other (please specify)

Targeted Outreach to support protective measures for vulnerable users.

Date FSS Application

14) Regarding SGMA implementation activities, is there any additional information you would like to provide that professional facilitation will help support?

In the process of moving forward with implementation of the GSP, we haven't always known what type of engagement is needed for specific audiences. The access to professional facilitation has provided an additional layer of expertise in evaluating situations and providing advice that allows us to move forward with a strong course of action.

III. Applicant's Commitments: (Questions 15-16 of 17)

15) DWR requires ALL of the following commitments from applicants benefiting from DWR's FSS program. Please review and select the commitments you agree to:

Commit to meet regularly and work diligently toward a clear and defined goal.

Agree to work in an open, inclusive, and collaborative manner toward SGMA implementation.

Support an inclusive process that encourage and welcomes involvement of all stakeholders and interested parties.

Commit to providing a meeting space that is suitably located and sized.

16) Are there any other considerations DWR should take into account?

The GSAs of the subbasin are grateful for FSS support we have received. The services provided by the facilitators have supported us in moving through what otherwise would have been an overwhelming effort to reach our many stakeholders. The facilitators have also been able to share insights and lessons learned from their work with other subbasins and allowed us to avoid some pitfalls.

V. Anticipated Tasks and Timeline: (Questions 17 of 17)

17) Please summarize anticipated tasks, deliverables, and completion dates to be completed with support of DWR FSS. (Applicants can use the text box or attach files below.)

We would like to continue the range of tasks in our current FSS agreement which includes website content and newsletter support, development of public engagement and education materials, interbasin collaboration, and meeting support. We would also like to update our communications plan, which is now very dated and does not reflect the implementation of one GSP.



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TO: Coordination Committee

Agenda Item No. 10a-b

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Program Management Report

Recommendation

None; information only.

Discussion

Provided as **Attachment 1** is an update on the following items:

- a. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items
- b. Schedule of Key Milestones

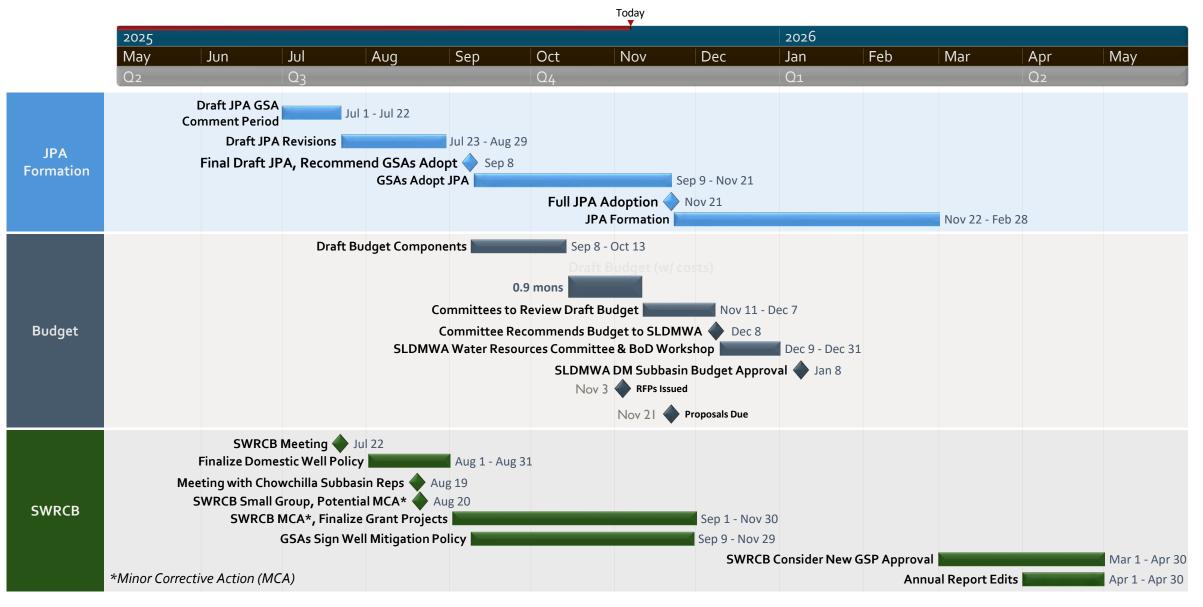
11a. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items

Taylor Blakslee

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action Item	Assigned	Due Date	Status	Status & Notes
9/8/2025, 10/13	8	GSAs to adopt the JPA by November 21, 2025.	K. Liddy	11/21/2025	In Progress	23 entities to sign.13 have signed.8 have committed dates before Nov 21st2 are still being communicated with.
9/8/2025	16b	Del Puerto to facilitate purchase of subsidence equipment.	J. Martin	9/12/2025	In Progress	
10/13/2025	8	a) Committee members to send any feedback on w components to S. Petersen and T. Blakslee by Fri, 10/17/2025. b) S. Petersen to develop and issue 1) Program Mgmt., and 2) Technical RFPs. c) Staff to provide priced out budget for consideration at December CC Meeting	T. Blakslee / S. Petersen	12/8/2025	In Progress	Committee feedback on budget components received, RFPs issued and proposals due November 21st, budget draft to S. Petersen.
10/13/2025	8	Hallmark Group to coordiante development of monitoring SOP(s).	T. Blakslee	12/8/2025	In Progress	Initial analysis of SOPs and recommendations done. Committees to review prior to CC direction on 12-8-25.
10/13/2025	9	Implement domestic well mitigation outreach recommendation Nos. 1-4 and outline costs/approach for a "briefing" workshop.	L. Beutler	11/10/2025	In Progress	Outreach subcommittee reviewed approach for items 1-4 on Oct 29th. Briefing workshop concept to be discussed on 11-10-25.
10/13/2025	12a	Include FSS application on 11-10-25 agenda for consideration of approval followign review by the Outreach Subcommittee.	L. Beutler	11/10/2025	Done	
10/13/2025	14b	Consultant to coordinate with Woodard & Curran to determine if CEQA is required for this project.	L. Dumas	12/31/2025	In Progress	
10/13/2025	15b	Hallmark to assist EKI on outreach to GSAs to respond to Annual Report model update RFI.	K. Liddy	11/7/2025	Done	
10/13/2025	15d	GSAs with exceedances provide a brief report and / or a plan to address those exceedances to the CC. Staff to track exceedances and reporting from GSAs to the CC.	GSA Reps/ K. Liddy	11/10/2025	In Progress	Staff continues to track exceedances and reporting to the CC.

11 b. Delta-Mendota Coordination Committee Schedule of Key Milestone's

Taylor Blakslee





TO: Coordination Committee

Agenda Item No. 11a-d

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 10, 2025

SUBJECT: GSP Implementation Updates

Recommendation

None; information only.

Discussion

- a. Update Q3 and Q4 Groundwater Levels and Groundwater Quality Monitoring and DMS Upload Groundwater level and quality monitoring data for the third quarter (July-September) was due on September 30, 2025. Groundwater levels for the fourth quarter (October-December) are due December 31, 2025. Measurements are still being updated in the data management system. A reminder of the monitoring protocols is provided as Attachment 1.
- b. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan and GSP Implementation Tracking and Exceedance Reporting Dashboard walkthrough meetings for the four basin zones (Aliso, Farmers, and Fresno; Grassland and San Joaquin Exchange Contractors; Northern; and Central) have been completed and an update on PRP reporting is provided as Attachment 2.

c. Update on Water Year 2025 Annual Report Development

A verbal update will be provided on the status the Annual Report development and Groundwater Sustainability Agency information requests.

d. Report from GSAs with Exceedances

Per Appendix C of the MOA "Adaptive Management Framework for the Subbasin" initial minimum threshold exceedances are required to be reported at Coordination Committee as well as action plans to address exceedances at a subsequent Coordination Committee meeting.

While the PRP dashboard is expected to provide noticing functionality in the future, a simple initial exceedance reporting template has been created in the interim to assist GSAs in providing their initial exceedance reports to the Coordination Committee.

Provided as **Attachment 3** are the following initial exceedance reports and/or exceedance action plans.

Summary of GSA MT Exceedances

Blue text = recently included due to new data uploaded to DMS.

No.	DMS Site ID	GSA/Member Agency	GWL MT Exceedance	GWQ MT Exceedance	Initial Report	Action Plan
1	09-001	Aliso Water District	X			Χ
2	09-004	Aliso Water District	X		Χ	
3	09-232	Aliso Water District	X		Χ	
4	22-002	City of Gustine		X	Χ	
5	02-002	City of Patterson		X	Χ	
6	19-004	County of Merced GSA - Delta- Mendota		X	Χ	
7	01-002	DM-II		X		Χ
8	07-028	Eagle Field Water District		X	Χ	
9	11-006	Grassland	X		Χ	
10	11-018	Grassland		X	Χ	
11	11-021	Grassland	X		Χ	
12	07-036	Panoche Water District		X	Χ	
13	07-189	Panoche Water District	X		Χ	
14	07-212	Panoche Water District	X		Χ	
15	14-005	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors		X	Χ	
16	14-007	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors		X	Χ	
17	14-022	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors	X		X	
18	14-027	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors		X	Χ	
19	07-031	San Luis Water District		X	Χ	
20	07-032	San Luis Water District		X	Χ	
21	07-016	Santa Nella County Water District		X	Χ	
22	08-002	Widren Water District		X	Χ	

Groundwater Level and Quality Monitoring Reminder:

Natalie Cochran / Leslie Dumas, Woodard & Curran

A reminder that the single GSP indicates groundwater levels will be monitored on a quarterly basis and groundwater quality will be monitored on a biannual basis. The target months for groundwater level monitoring are February, May, August, and November and groundwater quality will be monitored in February and August. GSA Group representatives are required to collect at least one measurement/sample during each target month at each representative monitoring site.

For groundwater quality, constituents to be analyzed for are arsenic; nitrate; 1,2,3-TCP; gross alpha radioactivity; TDS; and hexavalent chromium (lab analytical methods attached).

Please refer to Table MN-1 for your respective monitoring responsibilities and Section 14.3 for monitoring protocols in the single GSP: https://deltamendota.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/0729GSPDocs/14 Monitoring%20Network.pdf

Please upload your data to the DMS one month following the close of the monitoring/sampling event (i.e., September 30th for the August monitoring/sampling event).

<u>Reminder</u>; Please continue to monitor RMN wells and if wells cannot be monitored, please submit a no measurement code to the DMS. It is critical for newly monitored wells to conduct monitoring to build a historical record for eventual numeric SMC development.



COORDINATION COMMITTEE

10 NOVEMBER 2025

GSP/PRP IMPLEMENTATION

FALL GWL MEASUREMENTS: WATCHLIST REMINDER

Site Name	Date	GSA	WL	MT	Reason
01-003	October-24	DM-II GSA	-17.83	-21.8	Last fall measurement within 20% of MT
06-002	August-25	Northwestern Delta-Mendota GSA	64.58	62.5	Summer measurement within 20% of MT
07-033	August-25	Central Delta-Mendota GSA	48.5	42.5	Summer measurement within 20% of MT
07-189	August-25	Central Delta-Mendota GSA	-61.12	-27.9	PRP Triggered last fall, Summer Exceedance
07-212	August-25	Central Delta-Mendota GSA	-65.25	-39.8	Summer Exceedance
09-001	July-25	Aliso Water District GSA	-3.77	51.3	PRP Triggered last fall, Summer Exceedance
09-003	July-25	Aliso Water District GSA	16.52	32.9	Summer Exceedance
09-004	August-25	Aliso Water District GSA	24.27	41.4	Summer Exceedance
09-232	July-25	Aliso Water District GSA	-62.88	-30.2	PRP Triggered last fall, Summer Exceedance
11-006	August-25	Grasslands GSA	3.6	3.6	Summer measurement within 20% of MT
11-019	August-25	Grasslands GSA	19.5	17.1	Summer measurement within 20% of MT
14-022	August-25	SJREC GSA	80.59	85.7	Summer Exceedance



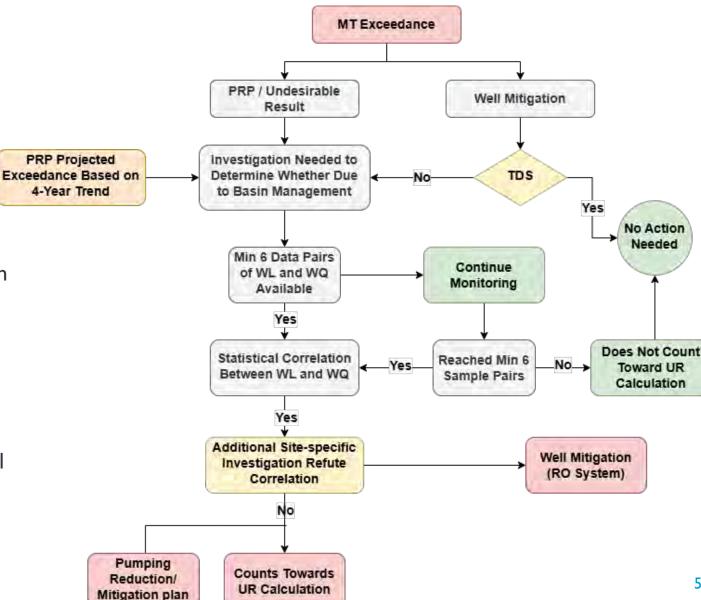
FALL GWL MEASUREMENTS: RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Take confirmation measurements for watchlist wells or other wells if they exceed targets or show unexpected declines in GWLs
- QA/QC data and upload to DMS as soon as processed
 - Provide comments on measurements showing direct pumping influences, or explaining departures from monitoring protocols



WO EXCEEDANCE COMPLIANCE DECISION TREE

- TDS Exceedances are excluded from Well Mitigation
- WQ MT Exceedances count toward UR, Well Mitigation, and PRP if due to basin management.
- Basin Management
 - GW Decline → Pumping Reduction
 - P/MA → GW Recharge → Pause and Mitigation Plan
- PRP and Well Mitigation both require notifications to be sent out
- All zones follow similar approach for PRP WQ Exceedance Mitigation
 - Zones 2, 3 and 4 are identical and use statistical correlation as initial investigation
 - Zone Lidentifies correlation as GWL as the cause to be investigated.





PRP REMINDER: FUTURE DEADLINES

Component #1: Monitoring & Reporting

■ Well registration and Well Metering deadline is January 2026 → Please provide inputs in the Dashboard or email EKI information to be uploaded

Component #2: Overdraft Reduction

- Zones are required to reduce pumping by the totals provided as part of the PRP.
- Baseline for comparison used to calculate the overdraft reduction was the projected average annual pumping under CC-2030 scenario.
- Components #3 & #4: SMC Update and Revision by 2025 Annual Report

Projected Baseline Pumping with P/MAs

	Upper Aquifer (AFY)	Lower Aquifer (AFY)
Zone I	-93,120	-18,947
Zone 2	-152,995	-20,609
Zone 3	-29,650	-59,242
Zone 4	-33,901	-114,501
Basin	-309,666	-213,299

Required Reduction for Overdraft Mitigation

	Upper Aquifer Reduction (AFY)	Lower Aquifer Reduction (AFY)
Zone I	2,798	2,886
Zone 2	4,619	3,139
Zone 3	803	9,023
Zone 4	1,303	17,440
Basin	9,523	32,487



Questions?





Groundwater Sustainability Agency Exceedance Reporting Form

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Date	November 10, 2025
GSA Entity	City of Patterson, Northern D-M Group
GSA Representative	Maria Encinas

Please attach:

1. A map of the well(s) with exceedance(s).

Please provide additional background on the well(s) with exceedance(s). (Example: is the well in the
lower/upper aquifer, Corcoran clay location, well depth).
Local ID- Well 02 (North 5 th St.), Lower Aquifer, Proxy well.

For Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well	Quarter in which exceedance	How long	Is an Action	Measured	Minimum
Number	was observed (1= Jan-Mar, 2=	has the well	Plan Already	Value (ft	Threshold
	Apr-Jun, 3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-	been in	Being	from	(ft from
	Dec)	exceedance?	Implemented?	ground	ground
		(months)		surface)	surface)
N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-

For Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold exceedances, please also include a Hydrograph for each well.

For Groundwater Quality Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well	Constituent	Quarter in	How long	Is an Action	Measured	MT
Number	(1,2,3-TCP,	which	has the well	Plan Already	Value (mg/L)	Value
	As, NO3,	exceedance was	been in	Being		(mg/L)
	NO2, TDS,	observed	exceedance?	Implemented?		
	Uranium)	(Q1= Jan-Mar,	(months)			
		Q2= Apr-Jun,				
		Q3= Jul-Sep,				
		4= Oct-Dec)				
02-002	TDS	Q3	1 month	No	1,050	1,000

Please provide any additional details you feel are appropriate to share with the DMS Coordination Committee (potential cause(s) of the exceedance(s), any landowner outreach, etc.)

We haven't sampled Well 2 since at least 2022, when it was placed on standby. The well has a depth of 250 feet and likely draws from the upper aquifer, which would explain the elevated nitrate and TDS levels. It has also shown exceedances for chromium 6 and TCE, with TCE being the reason it was taken offline and hasn't been pumped since November 28, 2022. A few details to note: this well was constructed in 1947 and while no final decision has been made, it will likely be abandoned. Therefore, there is no plan to mitigate Well 2, so I recommend removing this site from the monitoring network.

The table should instead reference Well 6, which we have been using as a proxy well because of its closer proximity. This well is also on standby (due to 1,2,3-TCP) and hasn't been pumped since 2018, though TDS levels continue to trend upward. It also exceeds limits for chromium-6 and 1,2,3-TCP. This site is located along the southern boundary of the city and there is no minimum threshold established for Well 6. Since the well is currently on standby, mitigation efforts will be limited to contaminants that exceed primary drinking water standards at this time.

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency Exceedance Action Plan

Date November 10, 2025

GSA Entity DM-II GSA, Northern D-M Group

GSA Representative Adam Scheuber

01-002 TDS Exceedance

There does appear to be a correlation between WL and WQ for this well. However, the well does not have a minimum of 6 sample pairs. There are no actions required for this well, but the GSA will move to quarterly WQ sampling at this location to better understand the relationship between WL and WQ.

01-004 Nitrate Exceedance

There is no statistical correlation between WL and WQ for this well, so no action is required. The GSA will continue to monitor this site to ensure there is no correlation.



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Date 11/4/2025
GSA Entity Eagle Field Water District , Central Delta-Mendota GSA
Hugh Bennett

Please attach:

1. A map of the well(s) with exceedance(s).

Please provide additional background on the well(s) with exceedance(s). (Example: is the well in the lower/upper aquifer, Corcoran clay location, well depth).

Well 07-028 is being pumped from below the Corcoran clay. The existence of 07-028 has been acknowledged by the district for around 50 years, though the date of origin is unknown.

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Well	Quarter in which exceedance	How long	Is an Action	Measured	Minimum
Number	was observed (1= Jan-Mar, 2=	has the well	Plan Already	Value (ft	Threshold
	Apr-Jun, 3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-	been in	Being	from	(ft from
	Dec)	exceedance?	Implemented	ground	ground
		(months)	?	surface)	surface)
07-028	N/A	N/A	N/A	184	?
07-006	Well is Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
07-100	Well is Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive

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For Groundwater Quality Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well Number	Constituent (1,2,3-TCP,	Quarter in which	How long has the well	Is an Action Plan Already	Measured Value (mg/L)	MT Value
	As, NO3, NO2, TDS,	exceedance was observed	been in exceedance?	Being Implemented		(mg/L)
	Uranium)	(Q1= Jan-Mar,	(months)	?		
		Q2= Apr-Jun, Q3= Jul-Sep,				
		4= Oct-Dec)				
07-028	TDS	2025 Q1-Q3	6+	Yes	1300	1,190
07-006	Well is	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
	Inactive					
07-100	Well is	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
	Inactive					

Please provide any additional details you feel are appropriate to share with the DMS Coordination Committee (potential cause(s) of the exceedance(s), any landowner outreach, etc.)

Well 07-028 is only being pumped for the purpose of WQ testing. The District is taking corrective measures by inputting more surface water into the District's ground than lower

aquifer extractions. The aquifer in relation to the district's jurisdiction has perpetually been known to have issues with lower aquifer water quality.

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Date	November 10, 2025
GSA Entity	Grassland
GSA Representative	Ric Ortega

Please attach:

1. A map of the well(s) with exceedance(s).

Please provide additional background on the well(s) with exceedance(s). (Example: is the well in the lower/upper aquifer, Corcoran clay location, well depth).

11-006: Lower Aquifer; monitoring well constructed in 2010; perforated from 440-470 feet below ground surface; approximate Corcoran clay depth of 230 feet below ground surface

11-021: Lower Aquifer; production well constructed in 1954; perforated from 315-675 feet below ground surface; approximate Corcoran clay depth of 250 feet below ground surface

For Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well	Quarter in which	How long	Is an Action	Initial Measured	Minimum
Number	exceedance was	has the well	Plan Already	Value for	Threshold (ft
	observed (1= Jan-	been in	Being	Exceedance (ft	from ground
	Mar, 2= Apr-Jun,	exceedance?	Implemented?	from ground	surface)
	3= Jul-Sep, 4=	(months)		surface)	
	Oct-Dec)				
11-006	Q3 (August 12,	2 months	Yes	96.40 (August 12,	96.40
	2025)			2025)	
11-021	Q1 (February 4,	7 months	Yes	45.00 (February	45.00
	2025)			4, 2025)	

For Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold exceedances, please also include a Hydrograph for each well.

Figure 1 1ML-6 (11-006) Hydrograph

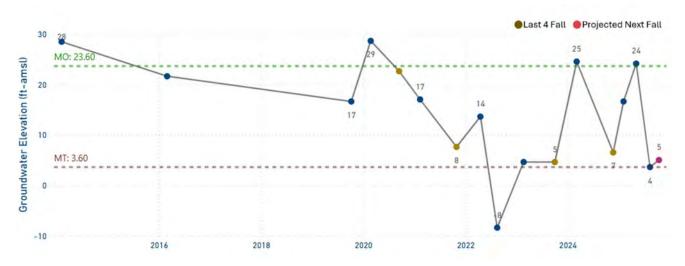
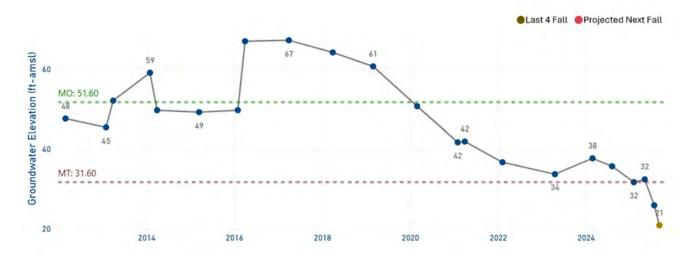


Figure 2 1PL-5 (11-021) Hydrograph



Please provide any additional details you feel are appropriate to share with the DMS Coordination Committee (potential cause(s) of the exceedance(s), any landowner outreach, etc.)

11-006: Monthly water level measurements showed 4 to 5 feet of recovery in October; nearby processing plant stopped pumping on October 20, 2025; further recovery anticipated for November measurement.

11-021: Well head was removed and pump was shut off on June 18, 2025; landowner had well videoed; well video showed multiple casing ruptures; KDSA evaluated potential causes for rate of water level decline; well replacement is being considered.

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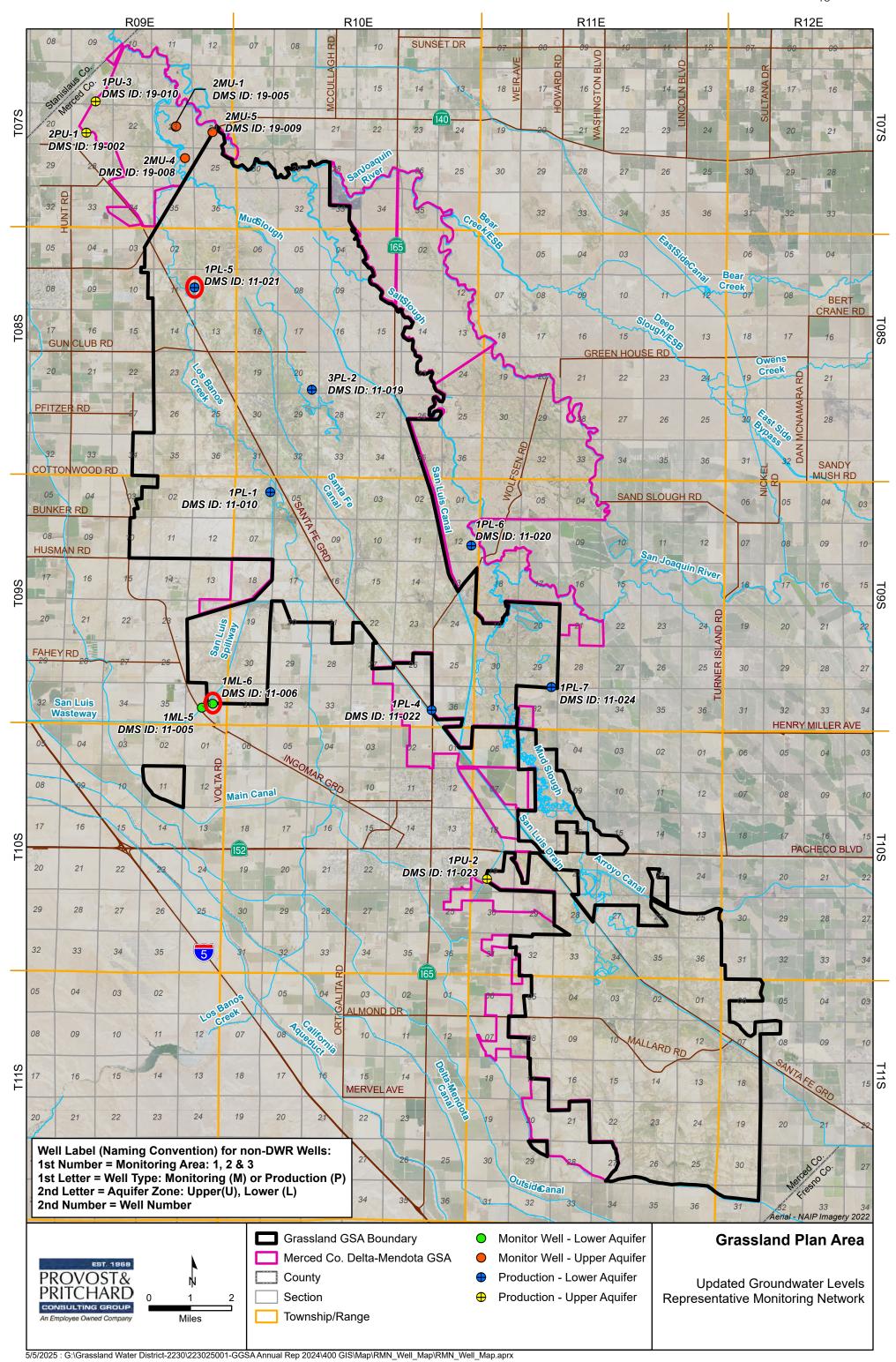
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DMS staff will coordinate with GSA representatives of their action plan, which is expected for the mailout of the Coordination Committee meeting following the initial exceedance report from GSA representatives.

The GSAs' plan of action emphasizes continued data collection, monitoring of recovery trends, and identifying potential replacement wells. The wells with MT exceedances Updated monitoring results and mitigation progress will be included in the Coordination Committee mailout following this initial exceedance report.

Plan of Action

- 11-006: Continue monthly monitoring through the next quarter to confirm sustained recovery with reduced production at processing plant.
- 11-021: Remove well from monitoring network and coordinate and identify potential well replacement options.





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GSA Entity	Grassland GSA, and Count of Merced GSA (D-M)
GSA Representative	Ric Ortega, Lacey McBride

Please attach:

1. A map of the well(s) with exceedance(s).

11-018 Upper, 19-004 (Merced) Upper

Please provide additional background on the well(s) with exceedance(s). (Example: is the well in the lower/upper aquifer, Corcoran clay location, well depth).

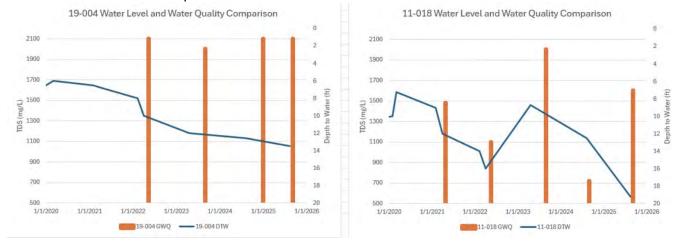
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For Groundwater Quality Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well Number	Constituent (1,2,3-TCP, As, NO3, NO2, TDS, Uranium)	Quarter in which exceedance was observed (Q1= Jan-Mar, Q2= Apr-Jun, Q3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-Dec)	How long has the well been in exceedance? (months)	Is an Action Plan Already Being Implemented?	Measured Value (mg/L)	MT Value (mg/L)
11-018	TDS	3	2mo	No	1,600	1,000
19-004	TDS	3	2mo	No	2,100	2,100

Please provide any additional details you feel are appropriate to share with the DMS Coordination Committee (potential cause(s) of the exceedance(s), any landowner outreach, etc.)

Below are the water quality data for wells 11-018 (GWD16) and 19-004 (GWD3), dating back to 2021/2022. Since these wells are designated as RMW-WQs, we haven't received any groundwater level measurements for them this year. We can prepare hydrographs to compare with the TDS concentrations to evaluate potential correlations.



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Date November 10, 2025

GSA Entity Central Delta-Mendota GSA (Panoche Water District)

GSA Representative Patrick McGowan

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1. A map of the well(s) with exceedance(s).

Please provide additional background on the well(s) with exceedance(s). (Example: is the well in the lower/upper aquifer, Corcoran clay location, well depth).

Well #07-189 Lower Aquifer/350'-400'; Well Depth 1,220'

Well #07-212 Lower Aquifer/350'-400'; Well Depth 1,030'

Well #07-036 Lower Aquifer/350'-400'; Well Depth 882'

For Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well	Quarter in which exceedance	How long	Is an Action	Measured	Minimum
Number	was observed (1= Jan-Mar, 2=	has the well	Plan Already	Value (ft	Threshold
	Apr-Jun, 3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-	been in	Being	from	(ft from
	Dec)	exceedance?	Implemented?	ground	ground
		(months)		surface)	surface)
07-189	Q3	2 months	Yes	295	261.8
07-212	Q3	2 months	Yes	285	259.6

For Groundwater Quality Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well Number	Constituent (1,2,3-TCP, As, NO3, NO2, TDS, Uranium)	Quarter in which exceedance was observed (Q1= Jan-Mar, Q2= Apr-Jun, Q3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-Dec)	How long has the well been in exceedance? (months)	Is an Action Plan Already Being Implemented?	Measured Value (mg/L)	MT Value (mg/L)
07-036	TDS	Q3	2 months	Yes	1,700	1,400
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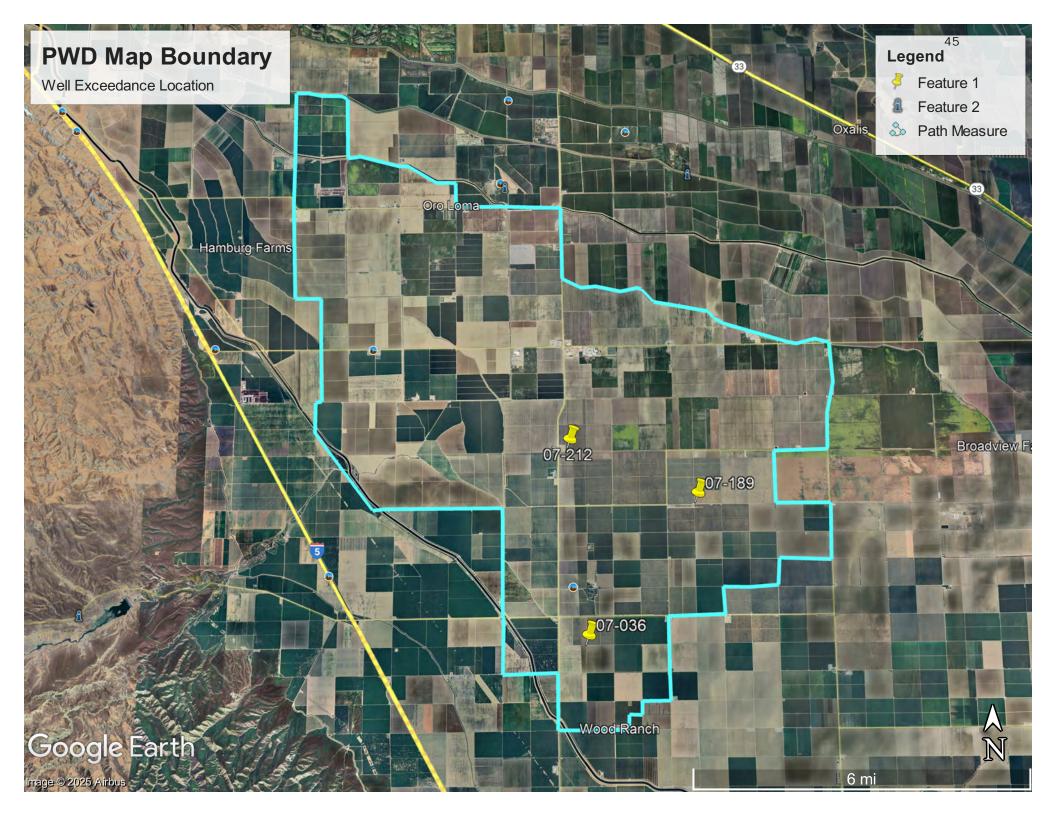
Landowner Outreach- Provide Supplemental Water

Well #07-036 has not pumped in this season (just to collect a water sample)

The 2-mile radius for each well, indicates less than 0.25 acre-foot per acre in this area

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency Exceedance Action Plan

Date November 10, 2025

GSA Entity Panoche WD GSA, Central D-M Group

GSA Representative Patrick McGowan, Juan Cadena

We began our investigation within hours of being notified of the exceedances. Each affected landowner was contacted and brought up to speed on the Subbasins Pumping Reduction Plan. PWD is fully compliant with the Central Delta Mendota GSA Well Registration and Metering Policy – meters are read monthly. Our investigation highlighted that between 6/1/24 – 6/1/25 our growers pumped approximately 0.24 acre feet per acre within the 8,000 acres. Our district worked with our growers and implemented a Pumping Reduction Program of 1.0 acre foot per acre within the Zone of Influence (2-mile radius) of the exceedance at Representative Monitoring Well #18 on June 27th, 2025. Pumping at the time was significantly less than the 1.0 acre feet implemented within the PRP however, the district wanted to get out in front of this to ensure that pumping rates didn't increase throughout the summer. We are now monitoring groundwater levels monthly. We provide supplemental water to any grower within our service area.

We began gathering groundwater levels at RMW #18 in November of 2024. Contour maps were utilized to set the MT due to lack of data. This RMW is a candidate for adjustment to the MT. I am in discussions with our neighboring Subbasins to gain knowledge of their Groundwater Sustainability Plan and specifically pumping practices along our shared boundary. I am certain that groundwater level trends within Panoche are being influenced by factors outside our control.



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Date	November 10, 2025
GSA Entity	San Luis Water District, Central Delta-Mendota GSA
GSA Representative	Chase Hurley -Report Prepared by Steven Stadler

Please attach:

1. A map of the well(s) with exceedance(s).

Please provide additional background on the well(s) with exceedance(s). (Example: is the well in the lower/upper aquifer, Corcoran clay location, well depth).

Well is a dedicated monitoring well constructed by DWR Technical Services. It is completed
In multiple aquifers.

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Well	Quarter in which exceedance	How long	Is an Action	Measured	Minimum
Number	was observed (1= Jan-Mar, 2=	has the well	Plan Already	Value (ft	Threshold
	Apr-Jun, 3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-	been in	Being	from	(ft from
	Dec)	exceedance?	Implemented?	ground	ground
		(months)		surface)	surface)

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	4= Oct-Dec)				
TDS	Q2		No	1,900	1,500
TDS	Q2		No	2,200	1,500
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Please provide any additional details you feel are appropriate to share with the DMS Coordination Committee (potential cause(s) of the exceedance(s), any landowner outreach, etc.)

The minimum threshold (MT) values for the monitoring wells have been set at an arbitrary value and without consideration to existing background water quality in the region or scientifically accepted statistical principles. No water quality degradation is evidenced by the reported values. While San Luis Water District (SLWD) understands that the MT values were set to comply with State Board administrative mandates while the Delta-Mendota subbasin in in "intervention", the process used to set the MT values has no logical or administrative basis under the SGMA regulations and best management practices. SLWD respectfully requests that the Coordination Committee reconsider this flawed approach to monitoring water quality at an appropriate time and establish appropriate MT values once a statistically meaningful set of data is collected and an appropriate exceedance value can be calculated based on background water quality and statistical principles.

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Date	November 10, 2025
GSA Entity	Santa Nella County WD, Central D-M Group
GSA Representative	Amy Montgomery

Please attach:

1. A map of the well(s) with exceedance(s).

Please provide additional background on the well(s) with exceedance(s). (Example: is the well in lower/upper aquifer, Corcoran clay location, well depth).						

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	Dec)	exceedance?	Implemented?	ground	ground		
		(months)		surface)	surface)		
N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-		

For Groundwater Quality Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well	Constituent	Quarter in	How long	Is an Action	Measured	MT
Number	(1,2,3-TCP,	which	has the well	Plan Already	Value (mg/L)	Value
	As, NO3,	exceedance was	been in	Being		(mg/L)
	NO2, TDS,	observed	exceedance?	Implemented?		
	Uranium)	(Q1= Jan-Mar,	(months)			
		Q2= Apr-Jun,				
		Q3= Jul-Sep,				
		4= Oct-Dec)				
	TDS				200	500

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The Santa Nella County Water District (District) provides drinking water to the community of Santa Nella. Well No. 1, which is the groundwater supply, has always had high TDS. This is a secondary drinking water standard and regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW). The District blends the groundwater with treated surface water and then distributes the blended water to M&I customers. The blending reduces TDS mg/L in the finished water. The District tests for TDS on a weekly basis and during the General/Mineral testing, which occurs every 36 months and in compliance with our drinking water permit. As long as our finished, blended water maintains TDS below 500 mg/L, which is the result after blending with surface water, DDW does not have a concern with the higher TDS at the source site. To date, the District has not received any drinking water violations as to TDS.

Also attached was the District's Consumer Confidence Report for 2024, not included here.

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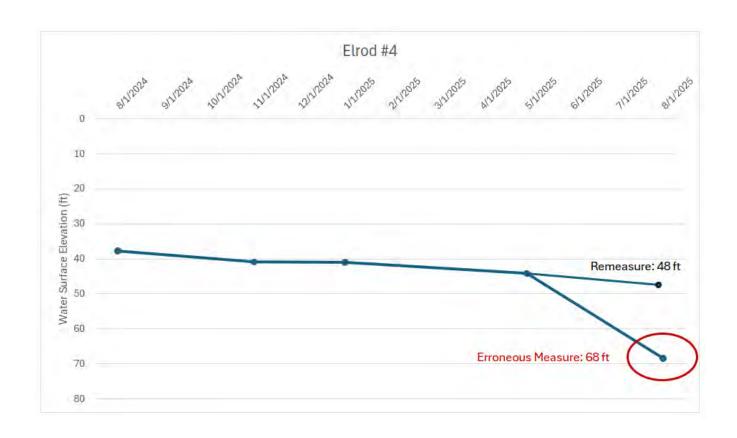
Date	November 10, 2025
GSA Entity	SJREC
GSA Representative	Jarrett Martin/John Wiersma

Please attach:

1. A map of the well(s) with exceedance(s).

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Well	Quarter in which exceedance	How long	Is an Action	Measured	Minimum
Number	was observed (1= Jan-Mar, 2=	has the well	Plan Already	Value (ft	Threshold
	Apr-Jun, 3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-	been in	Being	from	(ft from
	Dec)	exceedance?	Implemented?	ground	ground
		(months)		surface)	surface)
14-022	N/A	error			



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Well Number	Constituent (1,2,3-TCP, As, NO3, NO2, TDS, Uranium)	Quarter in which exceedance was observed (Q1= Jan-Mar, Q2= Apr-Jun, Q3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-Dec)	How long has the well been in exceedance? (months)	Is an Action Plan Already Being Implemented?	Measured Value (mg/L)	MT Value (mg/L)
14-005	TDS	Q2	Pre-2015	No	1,100	1,000
14-007	TDS	Q2	Pre-2015	No	1,200	1,200
14-027	TDS	Q2	2023	No	1,100	1,000
22-002	TDS	Q2	2025	No	1,100	1,000

Please provide any additional details you feel are appropriate to share with the DMS Coordination Committee (potential cause(s) of the exceedance(s), any landowner outreach, etc.)

14-022: The water level exceedance was just a bad data point. The well is located in CCC where there is negligent groundwater extractions. Any decline in water level is caused by something other than GSA actions. This is an upper aquifer well.

14-005: The TDS exceedance is in the historical shallow saline groundwater area with TDS exceedances dating back prior to 2015. This is an upper aquifer well. Water level is above the MT.

14-007: The TDS exceedance is in the historical shallow saline groundwater area with TDS exceedances dating back prior to 2015. This is an upper aquifer well. Water level is above the MT.

14-027: This is a City of Los Banos Well. The TDS in 2014 was 980. This well hovers around 1,000 TDS. All reporting and compliance for this well is subject to Title 22 drinking water quality standards independent but more comprehensive than the PRP. Water level is above the MT.

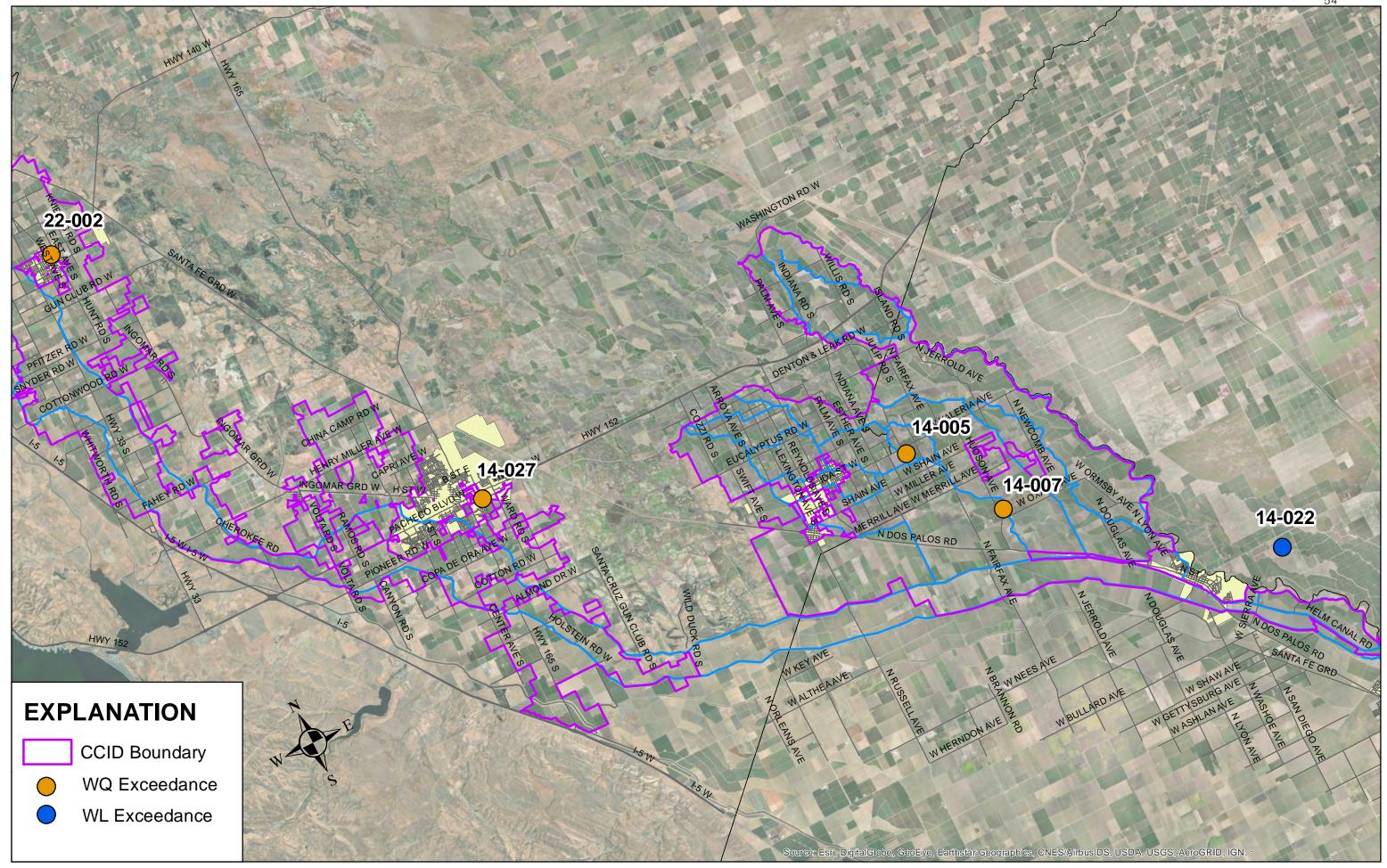
22-002: This is a City of Gustine Well. The TDS in 2011 was about 900 and the well has been slowly degrading over time. All reporting and compliance for this well is subject to Title 22 drinking water quality standards independent but more comprehensive than the PRP. Water level is above the MT.

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DMS staff will coordinate with GSA representatives of their action plan, which is expected for the mailout of the Coordination Committee meeting following the initial exceedance report from GSA representatives.

No further action required.





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Date	November 10, 2025
GSA Entity	Widren Water District GSA
GSA Representative	Damian Aragona

Please attach:

1. A map of the well(s) with exceedance(s). Monitoring Well # 08-002 is on the existing maps.

Please provide additional background on the well(s) with exceedance(s). (Example: is the well in the lower/upper aquifer, Corcoran clay location, well depth).

The monitoring well with the water quality exceedance is in the upper aquifer above the
Corcoran Clay. The depth of the well is 393 feet.

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08-002	TDS	Q3	1 month	No	3,230	3,210

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Upon initiating a preliminary investigation of the water quality exceedance, Widren has found that there does not appear to be a direct correlation between the August water quality MT exceedance and declining water levels along with annual groundwater pumping levels. Over the past three years there has been minimal pumping from the well in question and a static to upward trend in the groundwater levels. It is felt that the lands within the boundaries of Widren are impacted by drainage issues and the water quality of the upper aquifer has traditionally been high in TDS and other constituents. Widren has data that indicates the TDS fluctuates throughout the year regarding this well. It is believed that the MT for this well should be set higher to cushion these fluctuations. Widren will continue to perform additional water quality analysis annually to confirm these fluctuations.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Delta Mendota Coordination Committee Members

Aliso Water District GSA -

Joe Hopkins and Ethan Andrews

Subject: 09-001 Q3 GWL-MT Exceedance Evaluation

Date: October 13, 2025

This memo documents the investigation that was conducted to evaluate the water level MT exceedances observed in 09-001 and to determine whether an area surrounding 09-001 should be designated as an MT "hotspot" as outlined in Section 4 of the Aliso Water District GSA's (AWDGSA) Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) - Groundwater Levels Minimum Threshold Avoidance Plan, in accordance to Section 16.1.1. of the Delta Mendota Subbasin's (Subbasin) 2024 Single GSP.

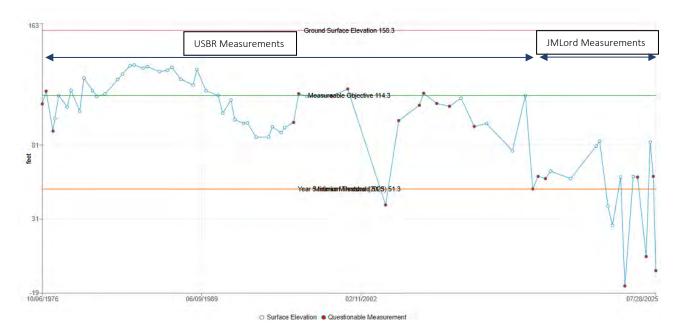
Background

The AWDGSA's RMW-WL 09-001 is an active Upper Aquifer production well positioned near the northwest corner of the AWDGSA boundary (**Exhibit A**). Starting in Quarter 4 of 2024, 09-001 has experienced water levels fluctuating above and below its assigned MT (107 feet depth to water). **Table 1** summarizes the depth-to-water observed in 09-001, associated measurement comments, and SMC statuses for those measurements.

Table 1 Summary of Quarterly Water Level Measurements Compared to SMCs (09-001)

Month/Year	Quarter	Depth to Water (ft below top of casing)	Status	Measurement Comment
Oct/2024	4	152.68	Below MT	Tape hangs up
Jan/2025	1	97.45	Below Trigger	
Feb/2025	1	75.42	Below MO	
Apr/2025	2	121.83	Below MT	
May/2025	2	98.43	Below Trigger	Grease in casing
Jun/2025	2	96.31	Below Trigger	Grease in casing
Jul/2025	3	162.11	Below MT	Tar in casing
Aug/2025	3	168.44	Below MT	Tar in casing

^{*}The AWDGSA's PRP defines RMW-WL-specific groundwater level triggers as halfway between the MO and MT. In the case of 09-001, this is 75.54 feet depth to water.



Evaluation of Questionable Measurements

RMW-WL 09-001 has almost 50 years of data, making it an ideal candidate for an RMW-WL. However, historical in-field data collecting entities and measurement comments raise suspicion in monitoring inconsistencies. An observable change in measurements occurred after the change of monitoring entities, as shown in the hydrograph above. Measurement comments include: "inaccessible due to damage", "sounder hangs up in well", "oil or foreign substance in casing", "temporarily inaccessible", and "grease/tar in casing". JMLord recently informed the AWDGSA that their field staff encountered "roofing tar" during the July-August measurement. Given the persistent measurement complications and the recurring MT exceedances experienced at 09-001, the AWDGSA should question the confidence in the recent measurements and consider removing 09-001 from the representative monitoring network for water levels (RMN-WL).

Investigation of Surrounding Wells

The persistent measurement complications and the recurring MT exceedances experienced at 09-001, may result in removing 09-001 from the RMN-WL and replacing it with a nearby well. However, before assuming the MT exceedances are not representative of hydrogeologic conditions within the AWDGSA, further investigation was conducted.

As outlined in the AWDGSA PRP, following the exceedance of a GWL-MT, projected exceedance of a GWL-MT, or the exceedance of a RMW-WL trigger point, the AWDGSA will conduct a GWL-MT investigation, which consists of comparing the water levels in the suspect RMW-WL to neighboring wells to verify that the data is not an anomaly. As tabulated in **Table 2**, and further visualized in **Exhibit B**, water levels from two nearby wells, located within 0.5 miles of 09-001, are compared to conditions observed in 09-001. These wells are generally screened in the same aquifer zone as 09-001, which is perforated from 162 to 328 feet below ground surface. Assuming similar reference point elevations, water levels in the comparison wells average 9 to 44 feet higher than those in 09-001, which do not appear to be unusual or drastically different than 09-001. However, due to limited surrounding data, it is not possible to confirm whether measurements from 09-001 are entirely anomalous, aside from the consistent difficulties encountered when measuring the well. For this reason, replacing 09-001 with the recently installed Upper Aquifer monitoring well is recommended.

Table 2 Summary of Observed Water Levels in Wells Neighboring 09-001

Neighboring Well (AWDGSA ID)	Month/Year	Quarter	Depth to Water (ft below top	Difference from 09-001
00.450	0 1/2024	_	of casing)	40.65
09-152	Oct/2024	4	112.03	+40.65
Perforations: 228-498	Jan/2025	1	103.38	-5.93
 Composite 	Feb/2025	1	103.07	-27.65
	Apr/2025	2	97.86	+23.97
	May/2025	2	99.76	-1.33
	Jun/2025	2	122.13	-25.82
	July/2025	3	130.51	+31.6
	Aug/2025	3	128.61	+39.83
			Average:	+9
09-126	Oct/2024	4	78.13	+74.55
 Perforations: Unknown 	Jan/2025	1	75.51	+21.94
 Assumed Upper 	Feb/2025	1	75.08	+0.34
	Apr/2025	2	75.57	+46.26
	May/2025	2	75.87	+22.56
	Jun/2025	2	77.97	+18.34
	July/2025	3	79.08	+83.03
	Aug/2025	3	80.96	+87.48
		·	Average:	+44

Action

- 1) In response to questionable data we will evaluate whether to keep this well in our network.
- 2) In response to water level decline we will continue to watch and see if this is an exceedance in the fourth quarter, to compare to seasonal low. However, we have recently adopted a pumping limit policy, and have reduced pumping limits in the District for the coming year.
- 3) In response to accountability We are investigating if there is influence from neighboring subbasin.



TO: Coordination Committee

Agenda Item No. 12a-b

FROM: Lisa Beutler, Stantec

DATE: November 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities

Recommendation

Direction requested on the domestic well mitigation policy "briefing" option.

Discussion

a. Update on Domestic Well Mitigation Policy "Briefing"

On August 11, 2025, the Coordination Committee recommended the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) adopt the domestic well mitigation policy, and GSAs are currently adopting this at their respective Board meetings.

During a recent facilitation outreach meeting, a discussion was held regarding the level of outreach to support the domestic well mitigation program. Outreach commitments outlined in the domestic well mitigation policy and options for additional outreach were presented to the Coordination Committee on October 13, 2025, and the Committee directed outreach consultant Lisa Beutler to implement the first four outreach items (press release, newsletter, posting informational flyers, and coordinating the translation of those fliers for online access). The Committee asked Ms. Beutler to review the costs and approach for a mitigation policy "briefing" (the fifth presented option) which is provided as **Attachment 1** for Committee direction.

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

An overview of the interbasin basin meetings being scheduled and the status of those meetings and other outreach activities is provided as **Attachment 2**.

- Policy Press Release Coordinate with Press Release on JPA Formation
- Policy Briefing
 - Timing Spring, prior to SWRCB meeting
 - Format Public Briefing Approx. 20 Minutes (Presentation Only)
 - Moderated by Facilitator

- Recorded for posting on Website
- Questions submitted to email
- Spanish Translation
- Content –Policy Overview, How to Contact Appropriate GSA
- Resources Facilitator to Manage (covered by FSS funds)
 - Prepares PPT, Meeting Notices, Arranges for Language Services

Other Costs Associated with Staff Time

- Ad Hoc Committee and Legal to provide review of PPT content and Meeting Notices in advance
- Subbasin Representative(s) as speaker As a policy presentation no technical team support would be required.

DOMESTIC WELL OUTREACH STRATEGY

INTERBASIN COORDINATION

Completed	
Tracy Subbasin	Coordination Meeting July 9, 2025
Chowchilla	Coordination Meeting August 19, 2025
Madera	Subbasin has requested to continue coordination through existing State Water Contractor discussions
Westside	Coordination Meeting October 30, 2025
East San Joaquin	Participated in Tracy meeting July 9, 2025
Remaining	
Merced	Chase Hurley provided follow-up with the Plan Manager. Merced to send proposed new dates.
Modesto/Turlock	Still coordinating schedules for multiple participants.
Kings	Will be scheduled later in the year or early January.

INTERBASIN COORDINATION

Present: Chase Hurley, Steve Stadler, John Wiersma, Jarret Martin, Joe Hopkins, Anona Dutton, Amir Mani, Kiti Campbell, Will Halligan, Nick Watterson

Discussion Topics

- Overview of adopted DM GSP
- Locations of subsidence of mutual concern
- Tools for projecting and finding causality of subsidence
- Collaboration on grant opportunities, particularly for improvement of modeling tools and monitoring networks
- Opportunities for Data Sharing

- Suggestion to look at pairing of monitoring wells
- Discussed differences in MTs in boundary areas and potential alignment of MTs if necessary to address undesirable results
- Agreed to continue with direct calls from individual GSAs with any specific concerns, such as one identified by Tranquility
- Technical team check-in on data in mid/late April timeframe