



NORTHERN
DELTA-MENDOTA

Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 1:00 PM

IN PERSON

**Patterson City Council Office (Upstairs)
1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA**

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December 5, 2025

TO: Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee and Interested Parties

FROM: Bobby Pierce, Committee Chair

**RE: MEETING OF THE NORTHERN DELTA-MENDOTA REGION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 1:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee has been called for **Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 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 (Pierce)
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Pierce)
3. Committee to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as Authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq. (Pierce)
4. Opportunity for Public Comment (Pierce)

OPEN SESSION

Consent Calendar

5. Committee to Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar (Pierce)
 - a. Minutes of the November 5, 2025 Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Meeting
 - b. Budget to Actual Report

Action Items

6. Committee to Consider Ratification of Delta-Mendota Coordination Committee Action Authorizing Water Authority Staff to Execute First Amendment to Task Order 011-F26-AA63-TO001 with Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers (Blakslee)
7. Committee to review and consider recommendation that the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee and Board of Directors approve the draft FY27 budget for the Northern Delta-Mendota Management Region Activity Agreement (Fund 64) (Blakslee)
8. Committee to ratify recommendation of the Coordination Committee and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee and Board of Directors approve the draft FY27 budget for the Coordinated Delta-Mendota Management Region Activity Agreement (Fund 63) (Blakslee)
9. Committee to consider approval of Subbasin technical consultants to proceed with developing an optional Data Validation Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) (Palys)

Report Items

10. SGMA Round 1 Grant Implementation Activities (Dumas/Cochran)

11. Delta-Mendota Subbasin Budget (Blakslee)

12. JPA Status (Layne)

- a. Committee to discuss Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee transition following JPA adoption
- b. JPA schedule and status update

13. GSP Implementation Updates (Cochran/Dutton)

- c. Update on November Groundwater Level Monitoring Event (Cochran/Dumas)
- d. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan and GSP Implementation Tracking and Exceedance Reporting (Dutton/Mani)

14. Program Management Report (Palys)

- e. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items (Palys)
- f. Schedule of Key Milestones (Palys)

Closed Session

15. 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

16. Report from Closed Session (Layne)

17. Next Steps (Palys)

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

19. Next Meeting (Pierce)

20. Adjournment (Pierce)



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Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 1:00 PM
Patterson City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA

Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Members and Alternates Present

Bobby Pierce, Chair- West Stanislaus Irrigation District
Adam Scheuber, Alternate – Del Puerto Water District (DPWD)
Vince Lucchesi, Member – Patterson Irrigation District (PID)
Lacey McBride, Member – Merced County
Christy McKinnon, Member – Stanislaus County

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) Representative Present

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Others Present

Edith Martinez, City of Patterson
Kait Palys, INTERA
Larrisa Camara, City of Patterson
Margaret Califaris, TriHydro (Consultant for Stanislaus Co.)
Matt Garcia, Del Puerto Water District

Others Present via Zoom

Amir Mani, EKI
Caleb Stearns, WSID
John Brodie, Water & Land Solutions
Lauren Layne, Baker Manock & Jensen (BMJ)
Liam's Iphone
Maria Razo, Stanislaus County
Natalie Cochran, Woodard & Curran
Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group
Rob Kostlivi, Stanislaus County
Thomas Cleverdon

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chair Pierce led attendees in 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

No public comment was provided.

OPEN SESSION

Consent Calendar

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

- a. Minutes of the October 1, 2025 Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Meeting

Chair Pierce and Committee Member Scheuber made two notes to amend the October 1, 2025 minutes. First, they requested adding John Brodie to the list of attendees. *It was later noted that this proposed revision was not necessary.* They also requested changing under agenda item 6 (WSID Petition for Water Right Change), a portion of the City of Patterson is within the WSID Place of Use. Staff will make those changes immediately before posting meeting minutes to the website.

- b. Budget to Actual Report

Scott Petersen (San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority) stated that there will be a more updated budget report at next month's meeting, as the Authority has received more invoices from consultants.

Motion

Committee Member Vince Lucchesi provided the motion to approve the October 1, 2025 meeting minutes with amendments and the budget to actual report. Committee Member Adam Scheuber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

6. Committee to Revisit Format to Express Support for WSID's Petition for Water Rights Change to the State Water Resources Control Board

Chair Pierce stated that there were no updates on this item and tabled it for a later date.

Report Items

7. SGMA Round 1 Grant Implementation Activities

Natalie Cochran (Woodard & Curran) gave a summary of the key grant dates and status of deliverables. She stated that one final amendment will be prepared and submitted in December and that final submittals are due to DWR by November 28th. She reminded GSA representatives that Leslie and Ryan have templates for project monitoring plan and certificate of completion, and to reach out to them with questions on deliverables.

Chair Pierce asked to clarify that the work product needs to be complete, but they do not yet need to be in the receipt for the final invoice and Ms. Cochran confirmed that is correct.

8. Outreach & Engagement

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

Kait Palys (INTERA) stated that an interbasin meeting took place recently. Amir Mani (EKI) stated that there was a West Side basin meeting last week, with Jarrett Martin as Basin manager contact along with Steve Stadler, Chase Hurley, and Joe Hopkins present. During the meeting, the GSA representatives reviewed general comments and action items including sharing data across boundaries and furthering collaboration to address trends in water quality and subsidence in the region.

Chair Pierce asked if a future meeting is scheduled and Committee Member Lucchesi stated that they are still working with the Modesto/Turlock Subbasin for a meeting. He noted that a primary topic of concern in those conversations is collecting accurate data to better understand and manage interconnected surface waters in the region.

b. Well Mitigation Policy Outreach Direction from Coordination Committee

Ms. Palys provided an overview of the direction provided by the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee during the October 13, 2025 meeting regarding the well mitigation policy outreach including developing a press release, subbasin newsletter, flyers in English and Spanish, and GSAs posting user-friendly flyers and policy for all interested parties. She also stated that staff is exploring costs for a policy briefing workshop, which is being discussed at the communication subcommittee level and with the Coordination Committee.

9. Delta-Mendota Subbasin Budget

Scott Petersen (San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority) provided an update on the timeline for developing the draft subbasin budget for FY2026. He stated he anticipates presenting preliminary budgets and will adjust those draft budget items based on the feedback from the RFPs that went out. He also stated he will work with staff to disseminate the draft budget for Northern Committee review and can incorporate feedback received offline before being presented to the SLDMWA water resources committee meeting.

Chair Pierce asked if the draft budget will cover the entirety of Fiscal Year 2027. Mr. Petersen stated that it would cover all fiscal administrative services for that period. He added that depending on the administrative functions of JPA, the budget would be approved through the Water Authority to ensure sufficient resources to support all necessary functions in the transition to the JPA.

Mr. Petersen closed in saying he anticipates the Northern Committee will see a draft budget this month and will then share the budget with feedback to the Water Authority in December.

10. JPA Status

- a. Committee to discuss Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee transition following JPA adoption

Attendee Edith Martinez noted that the City of Patterson will approve JPA next week and Committee Member Lucchesi stated that his group was able to approve the JPA swiftly.

Legal Counsel Lauren Layne (Baker Manock & Jensen) presented an overview of the draft special project agreement to the NDM Committee, which was provided in the meeting packet.

Committee Member Lucchesi stated he will be sending the draft special project agreement to their attorney for review. Ms. Layne stated she could send a Word Document version of the draft agreement to be distributed to GSA representatives. Ms. Palys stated she will facilitate sending the draft agreement to the GSAs to be forwarded to their legal counsel teams for review.

Committee Member Scheuber asked if anyone attended the Coordination Committee meeting where this was discussed. Committee Member Lucchesi mentioned that there were concerns from Coordination Committee regarding the separation of costs and the concept that additional groups may be “attached” to the JPA.

Ms. Layne clarified that there may have been confusion around the idea of a committee, whereas the Northern would be considered a standing committee and no functions would change with that structure. She stated that there is an MOU amongst the Northern Delta-Mendota GSAs and is not currently operating as a separate JPA. As such, all GSAs in the Northern Committee would each need separate agreements with a CPA to help administer finances, for example. Therefore, under the special projects agreement, the Northern GSAs would be member agencies of the JPA who could contract through the Authority by the Joint Exercise of Powers Act.

Mr. Petersen stated that he anticipates the Central D-M Committee may move forward with a similar structure to the Northern D-M Committee as well and that the JPA Board would ultimately have to execute a special project agreement.

Ms. Layne stated she can explain that there would be no major complications at the next Coordination Committee meeting.

Committee Member Christy McKinnon asked what the other option is, if not joining the JPA. Ms. Layne responded that the Northern D-M GSAs could join a different JPA, or would all have to have agreements with contracting entities.

b. JPA schedule and status update

Ms. Layne requested that Northern D-M Committee Members review the draft special project agreement and provide feedback to her before December. She stated she will incorporate feedback from the committee and can present a finalized draft of the agreement to the JPA Board in December or January. Last, she clarified that the agreement would need to be executed by March 1, 2026.

Committee Member Lucchesi stated he will be advocating the Northern D-M committee current structure just to get bridged over to the JPA.

11. GSP Implementation Updates

a. Update on August Groundwater Level Monitoring and Groundwater Quality Sampling

Natalie Cochran (Woodard & Curran) provided an update and requested monitoring data from GSA representatives by December 12, 2025.

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

Amir Mani (EKI) gave an update on the wells in the GSA boundaries that are on the summer/fall water quality and groundwater level measurements watchlist, which was provided in the meeting packet. He also provided recommended actions for those wells. Lastly, he presented a water quality exceedance compliance decision tree, which

was also provided in the meeting packet. The decision flow chart helps to ensure that there is Basin-wide compliance with exceedance reporting and actions to address them. He noted it is especially important to determine if there is a correlation between the water quality exceedance and water levels, which may trigger pumping reduction commitments.

There was discussion on if August data was part of analysis and asked what the next step would be if there was no statistical relationship with water levels. Mr. Mani responded that a written statement of the lack of correlation between the exceedance and water levels should be provided as justification for no further pumping reduction actions.

Committee Member McKinnon then asked what the next steps would be if there is a TDS exceedance with statistical correlation between water quality and water level, but there are not 6 samples to affirm the correlation. Mr. Mani recommended increasing the monitoring to quarterly in this case and stated that the exceedance would still trigger PRP actions.

Committee Member McKinnon asked if “increasing trend of water levels” means recovery, and Mr. Mani confirmed that is the meaning.

Mr. Mani reminded GSA representatives of component 1-4 deadlines, which were included in the meeting packet.

12. Program Management Report

a. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items

Ms. Palys reminded GSA representatives to have their boards sign or adopt the following: Well Mitigation Policy Adoption, JPA Adoption, and the NDM Region Management Committee Cost Share Agreement.

Committee Member McKinnon asked if they need to wait until the JPA is signed before signing the letter agreement. She also stated that her Board will adopt the JPA during their November 18th meeting. Ms. Layne confirmed that the letter agreement (cost share agreement) should be signed as soon as possible.

Committee Member McBride asked if there will be major policy changes to the draft special project agreement and if she should hold off before sharing it with her legal counsel. Mr. Petersen advised that she wait until they receive feedback on the draft special project agreement from the Northern Committee in December.

b. Schedule of Key Milestones

Ms. Palys asked if there were any questions regarding the schedule of milestones. There were no comments or questions.

CLOSED SESSION

13. 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: (0 cases)

No closed session.

OPEN SESSION

14. Report from Closed Session

Nothing to report.

15. Next Steps

Ms. Palys to send out an email outlining next steps.

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

No reports were discussed under this item.

17. Next Meeting

Ms. Palys stated that the December 10, 2025 Northern Committee Meeting will take place at the Patterson City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA, but in room 229 rather than in the Council Chambers board room.

18. Adjourn

Committee Chair Pierce adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MARCH 1, 2025 - FEBRUARY 28, 2026
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT SERVICES AGREEMENT
ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS BUDGET TO ACTUAL
NORTHERN DELTA-MENDOTA REGION (FUND 64)
Report Period 3/1/25 - 10/31/25

EXPENDITURES	Annual Budget	Paid/ Expense	Amount Remaining	% of Amt Remaining	Expenses Through
<u>Legal:</u>					
Baker Manock & Jensen	\$ 35,000	\$ 7,887	\$ 27,114	77%	10/2/25
<u>Other Professional Services:</u>					
Contracts	\$ 363,028	\$ 119,298	\$ 243,730	67%	10/24/25
<u>Other:</u>					
Executive Director	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	100%	
General Counsel	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	100%	
Water Policy Director	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,459	\$ 15,541	78%	10/31/25
In-House Staff	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,551	\$ 949	38%	10/31/25
Hydrotech 3	\$ 24,423	\$ 12,016	\$ 12,407	51%	10/31/25
Conferences & Training	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	100%	
Travel/Mileage	\$ 2,000	\$ 73	\$ 1,927	96%	5/7/25
Group Meetings	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	100%	
Telephone	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	100%	
Total Expenditures	\$ 451,451	\$ 145,283	\$ 306,168	68%	



MEMORANDUM

TO: Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

FROM: Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

DATE: December 10, 2025

RE: Committee to Consider Ratification of Delta-Mendota Coordination Committee Action Authorizing Water Authority Staff to Execute First Amendment to Task Order 011-F26-AA63-TO001 with Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers

BACKGROUND

At the last Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee (“D-M CC”) meeting, the D-M CC considered authorizing Water Authority staff to execute the first amendment to Task Order 011-F26-AA63-TO001. The Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee (“North D-M”) has not taken action on this item to date.

As a reminder, in February, the D-M CC approved the Fund 63 budget and in March, the D-M CC and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (“Water Authority”) Board authorized execution of necessary agreements for SGMA Program implementation services, including construction management services necessary to implement the Interconnected Surface Water Monitoring Well installation associated with Component 8 of the Proposition 1, Round 1 grant awarded to the Delta-Mendota subbasin by the California Department of Water Resources.

Specifically, the FY 26 approved budget for Fund 63 includes \$504,455 for Component 8 – Data Gaps, which was originally scheduled for collections of funds needed to cover construction of Interconnected Surface Water Monitoring Wells and Continuous GPS stations that were ultimately not installed by the Water Authority. In March, the D-M CC recommended and the Water Authority Board approved the execution of a number of task orders for Staff Augmentation Support services necessary to implement SGMA in the D-M subbasin, using funds from the Staff Augmentation Support line item and the Interconnected Surface Water line item in the adopted FY26 budget.

Since that action, work has progressed on the installation of the Interconnected Surface Water Monitoring wells, under the existing Agreement and Task Order the Water Authority has with Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers (“LSCE”).

As a result of a number of changes to the scope and requirements for well installation and construction management, the services provided by LSCE for installation of ISW-1, ISW-2, and ISW-3 have grown in cost, and LSCE is requesting an increase of \$40,000 to the existing Task Order to complete work necessary with installation of these wells¹.

¹ See attached Budget Request letter.

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether the North D-M should ratify the D-M CC's approval to authorize execution of the First amendment to 011-F26-AA63-TO001 to increase the Task Order amount from \$49,607.34 to \$89,607.34.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the North D-M ratify the D-M CC's approval to authorize execution of the First amendment to 011-F26-AA63-TO001 to increase the Task Order amount from \$49,607.34 to \$89,607.34.

ANALYSIS

LSCE has adapted to changes in the requirements to implement Component 8 with professionalism and a willingness to address challenges as they arise. It is staff's opinion that the changes to scope are the major cost driver and that LSCE could not have done much to reduce costs resulting from changes in actual service delivery compared to estimates when the proposal was prepared.

Staff has prepared the following table detailing impacts on the adopted FY26 budget:

Service	Consultant	Task Order Amount	Projected Actual	Adopted FY26 Budget	Variance
Staff Augmentation Support	Water and Land Solutions	\$30,000	\$23,925	\$200,000	-\$275,925
	Hallmark Group	\$247,760	\$190,000		
	EKI Environment and Water	\$262,000	\$262,000		
Outside Counsel	Baker, Mannock, and Jensen	\$70,000	\$100,000	\$70,000	-\$30,000
Annual Report Preparation	Woodard & Curran (annual report)	\$149,675	\$149,675	\$149,675	\$--
Interconnected Surface Water	Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers	\$49,607	\$89,607 ²	\$504,455	\$414,848
Inadequate Determination Response	EKI Environment and Water	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$--
Net					\$108,923

² Proposed Increase in Task Order of \$40,000



Memo – First Amendment to LSCE ISW Construction Management Task Order
December 10, 2025

With the proposed increase in Task Order expenses, total expenditures for the budgeted activities are projected to come in under total budgeted amounts, largely as a result of the expenses of ISW well installation and subsidence monitoring equipment being purchased by GSA's directly and reimbursed by the SGMA grant directly, rather than through the Water Authority budget.

November 12, 2025

Project No. 24-2-003

J. Scott Petersen
Water Policy Director
San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

**SUBJECT: Request for Budget Increase – Interconnected Surface Water Monitoring Well
Construction Management (Task Order 011-F25-AA63TO01)**

Dear Mr. Petersen,

Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers (LSCE) respectfully requests a budget increase from the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) for construction management services under the above referenced task order.

The original budget table is provided below in **Table 1**. The original scope anticipated construction of three interconnected surface water (ISW) monitoring wells using a single competitively bid contract awarded to a single driller. Bradley and Son's, Inc. was originally awarded this work in November 2024. LSCE completed Tasks 2 (Environmental Compliance and Permitting) and 3 (Advertise, Bid, and Award) for all three sites prior to determination that SLDMWA funding could not be used for wells outside its boundaries.

Task.	Budget	Amount Billed
Task 1. Construction Management	\$48,205	\$45,188
Task 2. Environmental Compliance and Permitting	\$9,062	\$21,108
Task 3. Advertise Bid and Award	\$4,060	\$1,183
Task 4. Grant Administration	\$5,640	\$183
Task 5. Project Management	\$9,036	\$17,401
Total	\$75,999	\$85,063

The funding restriction necessitated separate procurement and permitting process for each well:

- ISW-1 - Stanislaus County
- ISW-2 - Patterson Irrigation District
- ISW-3 – Merced County (on California Department of Fish and Wildlife land)

Only PID was able to retain the original bidder (Bradley and Son's, Inc.). Stanislaus and Merced Counties required new bid packages due to their procurement process, and additionally, ISW-1 required the identification of a new site and re-submittal of environmental documentation.

Task 1. Construction Management

Based on the level of effort of ISW-2, which was the first well constructed, LSCE was on track to complete construction management for all three wells under the proposed budget of \$48,105. The following summarizes the expenses associated with construction of ISW-2 and ISW-3.

ISW-2 (PID)

- Constructed: March 3-13, 2025 (9 working days)
- Drilling Contract (Bradley & Son's): \$117,180
- LSCE Construction Management & Reimbursables: \$10,343.74
- Total Cost: \$127,523.74

ISW-3 (Merced County)

- Constructed: September 4 -25, 2025 (16 working days)
- Drilling Contract (Living Water Well Drilling): \$155,000
- Charged Standby Time: \$4,000
- LSCE Construction Management & Reimbursables: \$30,528.34
- Total Cost: \$189,528.34

Task 2. Environmental Compliance and Permitting

LSCE is currently over budget on this task due to the additional efforts required after LSCE was unable to use the originally selected well driller. The following bullet points identify those efforts

- Coordination with CDFW staff and Merced County for ISW-3
- Preparation of two NOEs for ISW-1
- Identification of new site for ISW-1 which included a site visit and meetings with representatives from Stanislaus County, Hallmark Group, and SLDMWA.

Task 3. Advertise Bid and Award

LSCE has not exceeded the budget for this task.

Task 4. Grant Administration

LSCE has not exceeded the budget for this task.

Task 5. Project Management

More time than originally anticipated has been spent on this task. The budget was developed for all work to be completed by November 2024. DWR granted an extension for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant through December 2025. In its original scope of work, LSCE identified attendance at a minimum of two coordination committee meetings. The progress of ISW well construction has been a standing item at all Coordination Committee meetings through 2025 which has required preparation of meeting materials.

Basis for Budget Increase

Construction of ISW-3 required 16 working days of on-site management due to extended drilling duration. Additional, LSCE submitted two NOEs for ISW-1 and required multiple meetings to coordinate with Stanislaus County, Merced County, and the Delta-Mendota Subbasin due to the change circumstances of this work. LSCE has already exceeded the original project budget by \$9,064.

While it is anticipated that drilling duration and oversight time will be less than ISW-3, to complete ISW-1 under similar conditions through well development and testing, LSCE requests an additional \$40,000 in construction management funds. This amount is based on the exceeded project budget and the time expected on ISW-3 and anticipates comparable effort for ISW-1.

We appreciate your consideration and are available to discuss the request at your convenience.

Sincerely,

LUHDORFF AND SCALMANINI
CONSULTING ENGINEERS



Andrew Francis, PG
Project Hydrogeologist

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

FOR

**SGMA Support – Construction Management for Well Installation for an Interconnected Surface
Water Monitoring Network**

Agreement No.: 011-F26-AA63-TO001

This First Amendment to Agreement No. 011-F26-AA63-TO001 is made and entered into effective December 18, 2025 by and between San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (“SLDMWA”) and Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers., (“Consultant”).

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, SLDMWA and Consultant entered into a Task Order Agreement Whereby Consultant would perform SGMA Support – Construction Management for Well Installation for an Interconnected Surface Water Monitoring Network; and

WHEREAS, the parties now agree that a First Amendment to said Task Order Agreement is advisable;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES ENTER INTO THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE CHANGES OUTLINED BELOW:

- 1. Increase Task Order 1 – SGMA Support – Construction Management for Well Installation for an Interconnected Surface Water Monitoring Network total budget maximum by \$40,000.00**
 - a. From: \$49,607.34**
 - b. To: \$89,607.34**

All other tasks, terms and conditions on original agreement remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment has been executed by and on behalf of the parties hereto, the day, month and year so indicated above. If Consultant is a corporation, partnership or limited liability company, documentation must be provided that the person signing below for Consultant has the authority to do so and to so bind Consultant to the terms of this Agreement.

<u>Consultant</u>	<u>San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority</u>
By: _____ Scott Lewis, PG President Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers	By: _____ Scott Petersen Water Policy Director San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

**SLDMWA – Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers
SGMA Support – Construction Management for Well Installation for an
Interconnected Surface Water Monitoring Network**

Task Order 011-F26-AA63-TO001

This Task Order is a continuation of remaining services pursuant to Task Order 011-F25-AA63-TO001.

TASK 1 – Construction Management

Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers (LSCE) will perform all aspects of construction management for the drilling of monitoring wells for an interconnected surface water (ISW) monitoring network. As construction manager, LSCE will ensure the monitoring wells are sited and installed per the November 2023 Basis for Design Report (Appendix A) and requirements of the grant agreement task specifications (Appendix B).

Subtask 1.1: Project Field supervision and Construction Oversight

LSCE will provide oversight and supervision of all work performed by the contractor during drilling and construction of the monitoring wells. Oversight and inspection of well drilling and construction will be overseen by a California Professional Geologist (PG) or someone working under the direct supervision of a PG. LSCE personnel will have the authority to stop work at any time if situations arise or identified as potential safety or property damage issues or if the contractor is out of compliance with permit, project specification(s), or site-specific restrictions.

Subtask 1.2: Monitoring Well Drilling and Installation

A subsurface investigation at each site will include test hole drilling, collection of lithologic samples, performing down-hole geophysical surveys, monitoring well construction, and piezometer development. Based on the information developed as part of the test hole investigation, LSCE will prepare monitoring well designs for final approval by an ad hoc subcommittee of the Coordination Committee. The ad hoc subcommittee will inform the Coordination Committee of any substantial changes. Monitoring well designs will adhere to California Department of Water Resources Water Well Standards as outlined in Bulletin 74-81 and 74-90 and the applicable local well permitting agency.

Each monitoring well will be completed at the surface with either an above-ground completion (lockable enclosure, concrete pad, bollards) or an at-grade completion (manhole with security bolts and concrete apron), depending on the site. All water generated during development will be contained and disposed of according to site-specific requirements.

Task 1 Deliverables:

- Construction field notes
- Photo documentation
- Lithologic and geophysical logs
- Well Completion Reports
- As-built monitoring well diagrams
- Development records

Online Document Accessibility: Consultant will provide electronic copies of documents and materials designated for public access on the Authority's public website consistent with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2 Level AA Conformance and/or current state and federal standards for accessibility. If Consultant has any question as to whether a deliverable is subject to these requirements, Consultant shall confirm with the Authority whether the deliverable is anticipated to be posted to the Authority website. Consultant may reference the California Department of Technology's Web Accessibility Assessment Checklist at [SIMM 25 IT Accessibility Resource Guide \(ca.gov\)](#) to help Consultant comply with State and WCAG standards and requirements. Consultant should ensure documents and materials created for the Authority are compatible with most major Internet browsers, including Chrome, Firefox, and Safari. The Authority reserves the right to return to Consultant for correction any deliverable that is required to be website accessible, and that the Authority determines not be compliance, in accordance with these standards. Any such modification shall be done at Consultant's cost and without further charge to the Authority.

This is a "Not to Exceed" Task Order. Consultant will not exceed its submitted budget estimate for the scope of work and tasks as detailed below without prior approval from SLDMWA. Consultant may request to amend the submitted budget of \$49,607.34 prior to the end of the fiscal year. If such a request is made, Consultant agrees to reimburse reasonable expenses incurred by SLDMWA in preparation of the Task Order Budget Amendment, including but not limited to: staff time, legal review, and scheduling and conducting special meetings and consultations with LPSs and GSAs.

Basis for Payment: Time and Materials

Budget Maximum: \$49,607.34

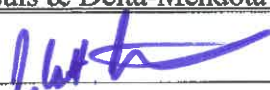
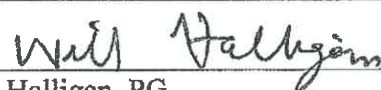
Estimate of Time Schedule: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

SLDMWA Project Lead: Scott Petersen scott.petersen@sldmwa.org

Consultant Project Lead: Scott Lewis slewis@lsce.com

Special Instructions: (1) All invoices should be sent to Project Lead, as well as Felicia Luna at accounts.payable@sldmwa.org pursuant to Article 6 of Exhibit B to the Agreement; (2) All invoices shall reference: **"0011-F26-AA63-TO001 SGMA Support – ISW Construction Management"**.

Accepted:

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority	Consultant
By:  Scott Petersen Water Policy Director San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority	By:  Will Halligan, PG Senior Principal Hydrologist, President Luhdorf & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers
Date: <u>3/1/25</u>	Date: <u>6-24-2025</u>



NORTHERN

DELTA-
MENDOTA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

FROM: Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

DATE: December 10, 2025

RE: Committee to review and consider recommendation that the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee and Board of Directors approve the draft FY27 budget for the Northern Delta-Mendota Management Region Activity Agreement (Fund 64)

BACKGROUND

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (“Water Authority”) prepares draft budgets for all Activity Agreements for the preliminary review of the relevant governance Committee (Water Resources or Finance and Administration) during its December meeting, which took place on December 8, 2025. Concurrent with the review of the SGMA Activity Agreements (Funds 63, 64, and 65) by the Water Resources Committee, staff is requesting review and soliciting the potential recommendation of approval of the Northern Region Management Committee on the preliminary draft budget for Northern Delta-Mendota Region Activities. The Water Authority Board workshop on the budget will be held on December 18, 2025, so feedback and potential recommendation of budget adjustments will be reflected in information presented to the Water Authority Board at that meeting, in advance of the Water Authority Board’s consideration of the full budget in January 2026.

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether the Management Committee should recommend that the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee and Board of Directors approve the FY27 budget for the Northern Delta-Mendota Management Region Activity Agreement (Fund 64)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Northern Region Management Committee recommend approval of the draft FY27 budget to the Water Resources Committee and Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

ANALYSIS

	Final FY25	Final FY26	Estimated FY26 Expenses	Draft FY27
Fund 64	\$482,287	\$451,451 ¹	\$329,662	\$412,500 ²

The FY26 Northern Management Region Activity Agreement budget (Fund 64) was approved for \$451,451, including \$100,000 in collections to add to reserved funds for a future Groundwater Sustainability Plan update. Projected actual expenditures are estimated at \$329,662, leaving \$121,789 remaining at the end of the year, against a projected \$100,000 remaining to include as reserved funds. This is an approximate overcollection between budget expenses and actual expenses of 4.8 percent.

Over the last three years, the Fund 64 budget has experienced an approximate \$30,000 reduction in anticipated expenses year over year between FY25 through the draft FY27 budget.

Staff believes this budget provides sufficient resources to perform all necessary activities for the Northern Region for FY27, while minimizing overcollections for estimated costs of program activities.

¹ Note that this line includes \$100,000 in collections for reserved funds for a future GSP update.

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SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MARCH 1, 2025 - FEBRUARY 28, 2026
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT SERVICES AGREEMENT
ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS BUDGET TO ACTUAL
NORTHERN DELTA-MENDOTA REGION (FUND 64)
FY26 Projections & FY27 Budget Draft
Draft 1

EXPENDITURES	Annual Budget	Paid/Expense	Additional Pending	Total Expenses	Amount Remaining	% of Amt Remaining	Expense Through	FY26 Projected Expenses	FY27 Draft
Legal:									
Baker Manock & Jensen	\$ 35,000	\$ 6,868	\$ -	\$ 6,868	\$ 28,132	80%	9/3/25	\$ 18,000	\$ 20,000
Other Professional Services:									
Contracts	\$ 363,028	\$ 76,369	\$ 35,872	\$ 112,241	\$ 250,787	69%	9/30/25	\$ 282,121	\$ -
Program Manager/Executive Director								\$ -	\$ 75,000
Technical Consultant								\$ -	\$ 80,000
Annual Report - Data Coordination								\$ -	\$ 75,000
Reserved Funds for GSP Update								\$ -	\$ 100,000
Contingency								\$ -	\$ 25,000
Other:									
Executive Director	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	100%		\$ -	\$ -
General Counsel	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	100%		\$ -	\$ -
Water Policy Director	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,023	\$ -	\$ 4,023	\$ 15,977	80%	9/30/25	\$ 10,000 C	\$ 7,500
Water Resources Program Manager	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		\$ -	
In-House Staff	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,277	\$ -	\$ 1,277	\$ 1,223	49%	9/30/25	\$ 2,190 B	\$ 5,000
Hydrotech 3	\$ 24,423	\$ 9,859	\$ -	\$ 9,859	\$ 14,564	60%	9/30/25	\$ 16,901 B	\$ 25,000
Los Banos Administrative Office (LBAO)	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	0%			
License & Continuing Education	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	0%			
Conferences & Training	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	100%		\$ - C	\$ -
Travel/Mileage	\$ 2,000	\$ 73	\$ -	\$ 73	\$ 1,927	96%	5/7/25	\$ 250 C	\$ -
Group Meetings	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	100%		\$ 200 C	\$ -
Telephone	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	100%		\$ -	\$ -
Equipment and Tools	\$ -								
Software	\$ -				incidentals				
Total Expenditures	\$ 451,451	\$ 98,469	\$ 35,872	\$ 134,341	\$ 317,110	70%		\$ 329,662	\$ 412,500
A=Based on Budget									
B=Simple Extrapolation									
C=Updated Information									



MEMORANDUM

TO: Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

FROM: Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

DATE: December 10, 2025

RE: Committee to ratify recommendation of the Coordination Committee and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee and Board of Directors approve the draft FY27 budget for the Coordinated Delta-Mendota Management Region Activity Agreement (Fund 63)

BACKGROUND

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (“Water Authority”) prepares draft budgets for all Activity Agreements for the preliminary review of the relevant governance Committee (Water Resources or Finance and Administration) during its December meeting, which will take place on December 8, 2025. Concurrent with the review of the SGMA Activity Agreements (Funds 63, 64, and 65) by the Water Resources Committee, staff is requesting review and soliciting the potential recommendation of approval of the Northern Region Management Committee on the preliminary draft budget for Coordinated Delta-Mendota Subbasin Activities.

Recommendations from the Coordination Committee will be incorporated into a revised budget to be presented to the Water Authority Board during its budget workshop on December 18, with final Water Authority Board consideration of the full FY27 budget during the January Board meeting.

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether the Management Committee should ratify the recommendations of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee that the Water Authority Board of Directors approve the FY27 budget for the Coordinated Delta-Mendota Activity Agreement (Fund 63)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Northern Region Management Committee ratify approval of the draft Fund 63 FY27 budget of the Coordination Committee and Water Resources Committee and recommend approval to the Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

ANALYSIS

	Final FY25	Final FY26	Estimated FY26 Expenses	Draft FY27
Fund 63	\$1,852,428	\$1,320,895 ¹	\$1,081,534	\$1,607,500 ²

The FY26 Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordinated Activity Agreement budget (Fund 63) was approved for \$1,320,895, including \$100,000 in collections to add to reserved funds for the Domestic Well Mitigation Program, \$504,455 in funds to cash flow the activities under Component 8 – Data Gaps (Interconnected Surface Water well installation and subsidence monitoring installation), and \$175,015 for Grant Management services for the Prop. 1 SGMA Grant held by Del Puerto Water District on behalf of the subbasin. This means that core program functions were estimated to be \$541,425.

Projected actual expenditures are estimated at \$1,081,534, including \$90,000 in funds to cash flow the activities under Component 8 – Data Gaps (Interconnected Surface Water well installation and subsidence monitoring installation), and \$175,015 for Grant Management services for the Prop. 1 SGMA Grant held by Del Puerto Water District on behalf of the subbasin. This means that core program functions, under the current structure, were delivered at a projected actual expense of \$816,519.

The difference in actual expenses vs. projected expenses can be attributed to program management transitioning from Water Authority staff to consultants, the development and implementation of Pumping Reduction Plans, including a dashboard, engagement necessary for engagement with the State Water Resources Control Board associated with a potential probationary designation for the Subbasin, and an unbudgeted groundwater model extension that is needed on an annual basis (approximately \$50,000). These previously unbudgeted items are included in the draft FY27 budget.

Despite the variances above, as a result of GSA's taking over the installation of interconnected surface water wells, projected actual expenses came in under the collected budget by \$239,361, against a projected \$100,000 remaining to include as reserved funds. This is an approximate overcollection between budget expenses and actual expenses of 10 percent.

Expenses included in this budget that are single-year expenses include:

- \$525,000 for groundwater model subsidence calibration,
- \$30,000 for completing the grant management for the SGMA Proposition 1 Round 1 Implementation grant, and
- \$100,000 in collections for the Domestic Well Mitigation Fund (year 2 of 3)

Staff believes this budget provides sufficient resources to perform all necessary activities for the Coordinated SGMA Program Activities for FY27 under the new Subbasin JPA.

¹ Note that this line includes \$100,000 in reserved collections for the Domestic Well Mitigation Fund and \$504,455 in funds to cash flow the activities under Component 8 – Data Gaps (Interconnected Surface Water well installation and subsidence monitoring installation) under the Prop. 1 SGMA Grant held by Del Puerto Water District on behalf of the subbasin.

² This includes \$100,000 in reserved collections for the Domestic Well Mitigation Fund and \$525,000 for Subbasin groundwater model subsidence calibration.

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

FY26 Projections & FY27 Budget Draft
Draft 1

	Annual Budget	Paid/ Expense	Additional Pending	Total Expenses	Amount Remaining	% of Amt Remaining	Expenses Through	FY26 Projected Expenses	FY27 Draft 1
EXPENDITURES									
Legal:									
Baker Manock & Jensen	\$ 70,000	\$ 49,228	\$ -	\$ 49,228	\$ 20,772	30%	9/3/25	\$ 100,000 C	\$ 130,000
Other Professional Services:									
GSP Implementation Contracts									
Coordinated Annual Report Activities (Common Chapter, Water Level Contouring)	\$ 149,675	\$ 126,894	\$ 6,726	\$ 133,620	\$ 16,055	11%	9/24/25	\$ 149,765 A	\$ -
DMS Hosting, Augmentation and Support	\$ 12,000	\$ 4,490	\$ -	\$ 4,490	\$ 7,510	63%	9/29/25	\$ 12,000 A	\$ -
GSP Approval - DWR Response to Comments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		\$ -	\$ -
Staff Augmentation Support	\$ 200,000	\$ 121,250	\$ -	\$ 121,250	\$ 78,750	39%	9/30/25	\$ 501,619 C	\$ -
DAC Outreach and Coordination	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	100%		\$ 2,000 C	\$ -
SGMA Implementation Grant Round 1 SPA (A9)	\$ 175,015	\$ 55,318	\$ -	\$ 55,318	\$ 119,697	68%	8/8/25	\$ 175,015 A	\$ 30,000
Inadequate Determination Response (EKI)	\$ 55,000	\$ 48,563	\$ -	\$ 48,563	\$ 6,437	12%	9/24/25	\$ 25,000 C	\$ -
Interconnected Surface Water	\$ 504,455	\$ 68,214	\$ -	\$ 68,214	\$ 436,242	86%	9/11/25	\$ 90,000 C	\$ -
Single GSP Development (EKI)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		\$ -	\$ -
Domestic Well Mitigation Funds	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	100%		\$ -	\$ 100,000
Program Manager/Executive Director									\$ 275,000
Annual Report									\$ 125,000
Technical Consultant(s) Support									\$ -
Data Management System Support									\$ 27,500
Outreach Support									\$ 35,000
Model Extension									\$ 50,000
GSP Implementation Support									\$ 250,000
Model Calibration (Optional)									\$ 525,000
Administrative Costs									
Insurance (D&O)									\$ 20,000
Audit (FY27)									\$ 10,000
Miscellaneous Startup (website, accounts, etc)									\$ 15,000
Other:									
Executive Director	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750	100%		\$ 750 A	\$ -
General Counsel	\$ 1,000	\$ 78	\$ -	\$ 78	\$ 922	92%	4/4/25	\$ 134 B	\$ 1,000
Water Policy Director	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,116	\$ -	\$ 14,116	\$ 5,884	29%	9/19/25	\$ 22,000 C	\$ 10,000
Water Resources Program Manager	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
In-House Staff	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,517	\$ -	\$ 1,517	\$ 1,483	49%	9/30/25	\$ 2,600 B	\$ 4,000
License & Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Los Banos Administrative Office (LBAO)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Conferences & Training	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	100%		\$ - C	\$ -
Travel/Mileage	\$ 1,500	\$ 70	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 1,430	95%	4/14/25	\$ 150 C	\$ -
Group Meetings	\$ 5,000	\$ 52	\$ -	\$ 52	\$ 4,948	99%	6/5/25	\$ 500 C	\$ -
Telephone	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	100%		\$ -	\$ -
Software	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Equipment and Tools	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	100%		\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,320,895	\$ 489,790	\$ 6,726	\$ 496,516	\$ 824,379	62%		\$ 1,081,534	\$1,607,500
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