



**Joint Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority
and Coordination Committee**

Monday, February 9, 2026, 1:00 PM

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Joint Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority and Coordination Committee has been called for **Monday, February 9, 2026, 1:00 PM**, on items listed on the attached agenda, which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

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| Los Banos, CA 93635 | Patterson, CA 95363 |

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AGENDA

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

Consent Calendar

5. Committee to Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar ([Hopkins](#))
 - a. Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Meeting
 - b. Budget to Actual Report

Closed Session

6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (1 case)
The Committee will meet in closed session to confer with legal counsel pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Validity of the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Regions Groundwater Sustainability Plan, et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court, Case No. CV-20-001748, Merced County Superior Court, Case No. 21CV-01691.
7. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1 case)
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

8. Report from Closed Session (Layne)

Action Items

9. Consider Authorizing EKI to Expand PRP Dashboard Data to All GSAs, Beyond Current Zone Restrictions (Blakslee)
10. Approval of the Northern DM Regional Management Committee FY 2027 Budget and Authorize Initial Cash Call (Blakslee)

Report Items

11. Program Management Report (Blakslee)
 - a. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items
 - b. Schedule of Key Milestones
 - c. Update Regarding SLDWMA Authorization of Additional Funds to Hallmark Group
12. GSP Implementation Updates
 - a. Update on Q4 Groundwater Levels and DMS Upload (Cochran/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)
13. Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities (Beutler)
 - a. Update on Status of Meetings with Adjoining Subbasins Regarding Comment Letters on Periodic Evaluations (Beutler)
14. SWRCB Updates
 - a. Update on SWRCB Coordination (Martin/Hurley/Dutton) – Verbal
15. 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

16. Next Steps (Blakslee)
17. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) (Layne)
18. Next Meeting(s): (Hopkins)
 - a. Joint DM Authority JPA Board / Coordination Committee Meeting - March 9th, 2026, Grassland Water District Board Room
19. Adjournment (Hopkins)



2026 DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN JPA BOARD MEETING DATES (2nd Monday, unless otherwise listed)

March 9, 2026
April 13, 2026
May 18, 2026
June 8, 2026
July 13, 2026
August 10, 2026
September 21, 2026
October 12, 2026
November 16, 2026
December 14, 2026

LIST OF ACRONYMS

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|---------------|--|
| 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: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 5

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: 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 January 12, 2026 Coordination Committee Meeting (**Attachment 1**)
- b. Budget to Actual Report through December 2025 (**Attachment 2**)



Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

Monday, January 12, 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, Fresno County A&B
John Wiersma, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors
Lacey McBride, Central DM Region
Jim Stilwell, Farmers GSA
Ric Ortega, Grassland Water District – Call in from noticed San Luis Obispo location
Christy McKinnon, Northern DM Region – Call in from noticed Modesto Location

Others Present

Lauren Layne, Legal Counsel, Baker Manock & Jensen
Kait Palys, INTERA
Juan Cadena, Panoche Water District
Palmer McCoy, Mercy Springs Water District
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District

Present Via Zoom/Phone

Amir Mani, EKI
Anona Dutton, EKI
Andrew Francis, LSCE
Ethan Andrews, Provost & Pritchard
Gilbert Torres, Fresno County
Jacinta Cabral, Madera County
Jason Dean
John Brodie
Liam's iPhone
Lisa Beutler Stantec
Leslie Dumas, Woodard & Curran
Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard

Ryo Takanashi, Water One
Sarah Boogay, California Department of Water Resources
Thomas Cleverdon
Will Halligan, LSCE

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Committee 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 comments, and no public comments were provided.

Consent Calendar

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

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

MOTION

Committee Member Wiersma made a motion to approve the consent calendar, including the December 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes and Budget to Actual Report. Committee Member Ramirez seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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: (0 cases)

The Committee did not meet in closed session.

Open Session

7. Report from Closed Session - None

Action Items

8. Committee to Ratify the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Coordinated Delta-Mendota Management Region Activity Agreement (Fund 63) and Authorize Staff to Execute Relevant Consultant Contracts

Taylor Blakslee (Hallmark Group) provided a summary of staff actions to incorporate previous feedback from the Committee on the FY27 Budget. He also provided background information regarding the execution of consultant contracts on behalf of Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director for the San Luis- Delta Mendota Water Authority.

Members Stilwell and Ramirez expressed concern from the budget and contracts ad hoc committee regarding their limited engagement beyond reviewing and ranking the proposals received under the SLDWMA Request for Proposals in November. Chair Hopkins directed staff to work with the Authority to draft and distribute a staff report outlining the proposals received to the Committee before the February 9, 2026 meeting.

Leslie Dumas (Woodard & Curran) brought to the attention of the Committee that their contract ends on February 28, 2026, but that the Annual Report they are working to draft is due to Department of Water Resources (DWR) on April 1, 2026. Therefore, she suggested a potential amendment to the contract may need to be drafted and Chair Hopkins directed staff to work with the Water Authority to discuss the potential amendment.

MOTION

Committee Member Wiersma made a motion to ratify the budget with the condition that the technical ad hoc review model calibration approach and that the Coordination Committee reconvenes before any funds are spent on the model calibration. He added that the Committee will need to revisit the relevant consultant contracts before authorizing staff to execute relevant consultant contracts. Committee Member Stilwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

9. Committee to Consider Authorizing EKI to Expand PRP Dashboard Data to All GSAs, Beyond Current Zone Restrictions

Committee Member McBride noted that the Central DM Committee did not take action to approve this item during their last meeting and stated she would therefore abstain from voting on this item.

Member Stilwell directed staff to include Tranquillity Irrigation District in Zone 1 and 4 maps and to have them represented in the Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) Dashboard. He clarified that GSA representatives should have the ability to view all GSA data, but not to the edit data of other GSAs.

The Committee directed staff to table this action item for the February meeting, and to share relevant materials with the Central DM Committee to take action to approve the expansion of the PRP data access during their January 22, 2026 meeting.

10. Update on status of Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority

Lauren Layne, Legal Counsel, Baker Manock & Jensen provided an update on the status of GSA adoption of the JPA, noting that Oro Loma Water District GSA committed to sign. She also stated that Widren Water District GSA has officially signed on to become a part of the Central DM GSA, and that Oro Loma Water District GSA has also expressed interest in joining the Central DM GSA. Lastly, she stated that once all signatures of the JPA are received, staff will work to set up a Special Joint Meeting of the Coordination Committee and the Initial JPA Board.

Chair Hopkins asked if there is a checklist of priority items for the Committee and the Water Authority to successfully transition to the JPA. Ms. Layne confirmed that she is working through a list of items to be discussed at the Special Joint Meeting of the Coordination Committee and the Initial JPA Board.

Report Items

11. Program Management Report

a. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of action items, highlighting that Kait Palys (INTERA) will draft the first iteration of the Groundwater Monitoring Data SOP/guidance document, which will receive technical feedback from EKI.

Chair Hopkins opened the floor for public comment.

Steve Stadler (San Luis Water District) suggested that staff review the SOP language that exists in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and to consider referencing the new guidance in the GSP for the purpose of maintaining record of new best practices in a defensible policy platform.

Rick Iger (Provost and Pritchard) iterated the importance of standardizing the way in which data is QA/QC'd, as all GSAs have different technical staff that collect the groundwater data.

b. Schedule of Key Milestones

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

12. GSP Implementation Updates

a. Update on Q4 Groundwater Levels and Groundwater Quality and DMS Upload

Leslie Dumas, Woodard & Curran (W&C), gave an update on the groundwater level data received from GSAs, noting that some data was still missing. Chair Hopkins asked if there is a timeline for receiving the missing data, and Member

Stilwell stated that Farmers and Fresno GSAs uploaded the data that morning. Member Wiersma stated that he will track this and get back to the group.

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

Anona Dutton and Amir Mani (EKL) provided a summary of the wells with groundwater level exceedances.

Member Ortega stated concern to reconcile pumping to support wildlife habitat and simultaneously avoiding pumping exceedances. He stated that historically, the wells rebound, and that Grassland GSA is looking to establish TSS monitoring well in the summer which may help with tracking the standing water levels.

Ms. Dutton iterated the urgency of receiving GWL data to be uploaded to the DMS and asked GSA representatives to complete PRP trigger investigations as soon as possible.

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 and submitting the report to DWR. He highlighted the urgency with which GSA representatives should respond to data and information requests to ensure a timely submittal.

Ms. Dumas provided an update regarding the contouring maps being developed, and Will Halligan (LSCE) stated that they received lower aquifer GWL data and will get contouring information to W&C later this week.

d. Report from GSAs with Exceedances

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of any exceedances, noting that staff is in the process of QA/QCing the data from two wells.

13. Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities

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

Lisa Beutler (Stantec) stated that the approach for the 2026 meetings will be to focus on topic areas like interconnected surface waters.

14. SWRCB Updates

a. Update on SWRCB Coordination

Ms. Dutton and Member Wiersma stated Jarrett Martin has a meeting with SWRCB staff on January 27, 2026.

15. 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. He stated that drilling began today and that all construction should be completed by January 23, 2026 to get invoices submitted to W&C by January 30, 2026.

b. Update on Status of Subsidence Monitoring Project

Chair Hopkins stated that subsidence monitoring sites have been identified, the survey equipment has been purchased, and that they are drafting a Notice of Exemption on the remaining benchmark points.

c. Update on Status of All Grant Projects

Ms. Dumas stated that GSAs should submit final invoices, deliverables, and component completion reports to W&C as soon as possible. Chair Hopkins asked if any templates need to be shared, and Ms. Dumas stated templates have been distributed to GSAs, with examples available from Components 4 and 10.

Ms. Dumas added that any GSAs conducting construction projects will need to submit a project monitoring plan to demonstrate benefits of the project to DWR. Last, she reminded GSAs that for any construction project, monthly data collection and annual reporting to DWR will be required for the next three years.

Chair Hopkins asked if there is any risk of money not being spent. Ms. Dumas responded that GSAs have expressed the money can be spent, and to let her know as soon as possible if that is not the case.

16. Next Steps

- Staff to work with Mr. Petersen to draft and distribute a staff report regarding consultant contracts, including proposals received and rankings from the ad hoc.
- Staff to share materials regarding the expansion of PRP Dashboard data access with the Central DM Committee to consider at their January 22, 2026 meeting.
 - Staff to agendize this action for the February 9, 2026 Coordination meeting.
 - EKI to include Tranquility GSA in Zone 1 and 4 maps in the PRP.
- Staff to schedule a Special Joint Meeting of the JPA Board and Coordination Committee.
- GSAs to upload Fall well measurements to the DMS.
- GSAs to provide responses to W&C and EKI/ Hallmark regarding PMAs and Subsidence avoidance plans.
- INTERA to draft the Groundwater Monitoring Data SOP and receive technical feedback from EKI.

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

Nothing to report.

18. Next Meeting(s):

- a. February 9, 2026, 1 – 4 p.m. PST, SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635

19. Adjournment

Chair Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.



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

LIST OF ACRONYMS

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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 - 12/31/25

| EXPENDITURES | Annual Budget | Paid/ Expense | Amount Remaining | % of Amt Remaining | Expenses Through |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Legal:</u> | | | | | |
| Baker Manock & Jensen | \$ 70,000 | \$ 67,229 | \$ 2,771 | 4% | 12/2/25 |
| <u>Other Professional Services:</u> | | | | | |
| GSP Implementation Contracts | | | | | |
| Coordinated Annual Report Activities (Common Chapter, Water Level Contouring) | \$ 149,675 | \$ 134,250 | \$ 15,425 | 10% | 11/13/25 |
| DMS Hosting, Augmentation and Support | \$ 12,000 | \$ 4,490 | \$ 7,510 | 63% | 9/29/25 |
| Staff Augmentation Support | \$ 200,000 | \$ 190,417 | \$ 9,583 | 5% | 12/31/25 |
| DAC Outreach and Coordination | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ 20,000 | 100% | |
| SGMA Implementation Grant Round 1 SPA (A9) | \$ 175,015 | \$ 74,782 | \$ 100,233 | 57% | 11/13/25 |
| Inadequate Determination Response (EKI) | \$ 55,000 | \$ 50,868 | \$ 4,132 | 8% | 10/29/25 |
| Interconnected Surface Water | \$ 504,455 | \$ 104,565 | \$ 399,890 | 79% | 12/15/25 |
| Domestic Well Mitigation Funds | \$ 100,000 | \$ - | \$ 100,000 | 100% | |
| <u>Other:</u> | | | | | |
| Executive Director | \$ 750 | \$ - | \$ 750 | 100% | |
| General Counsel | \$ 1,000 | \$ 78 | \$ 922 | 92% | 4/4/25 |
| Water Policy Director | \$ 20,000 | \$ 19,009 | \$ 991 | 5% | 11/26/25 |
| In-House Staff | \$ 3,000 | \$ 2,147 | \$ 853 | 28% | 12/12/25 |
| Conferences & Training | \$ 1,000 | \$ - | \$ 1,000 | 100% | |
| Travel/Mileage | \$ 1,500 | \$ 70 | \$ 1,430 | 95% | 4/14/25 |
| Group Meetings | \$ 5,000 | \$ 52 | \$ 4,948 | 99% | 6/5/25 |
| Telephone | \$ 500 | \$ - | \$ 500 | 100% | |
| Equipment and Tools | \$ 2,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,000 | 100% | |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 1,320,895 | \$ 647,956 | \$ 672,939 | 51% | |

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 9

FROM: Taylor Blakslee

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Authorizing EKI to Expand PRP Dashboard Data to All GSAs, Beyond Current Zone Restrictions

Recommendation

Authorize EKI to expand PRP Dashboard data access to all GSAs for all Zones.

Discussion

During the December 8, 2025 Coordination Committee meeting, GSA access to the Pumping Reduction Plan Dashboard data was discussed, and members expressed support for GSAs to be able to view all data from all GSA Zones. The Committee directed staff to send a notice to all Subbasin GSA representatives stating that they would consider authorizing EKI to expand GSA access to view data beyond the current "Zones" during their next meeting.

During the January 12, 2026 Coordination Committee meeting, the Committee directed staff to table this action for the February meeting, to allow time for the Central DM Regional Management Committee to consider the PRP data access expansion. Notably, from a budget standpoint, this effort can be executed within EKI's existing scope of work and approved funds.

On January 22, 2026, the Central DM Regional Management Committee made a motion to recommend that the Coordination Committee authorize this effort.

Staff is requesting Board direction on whether to authorize EKI to expand data access to all GSAs in the PRP Dashboard across all Zones.

GSA Zones:

Zone 1: Aliso, Farmers, Tranquillity and Fresno GSA Groups

Zone 2: Grassland, and SJREC GSA Groups

Zone 3: Northern DM GSA Group

Zone 4: Central DM GSA Group

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 10

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of the Northern Delta-Mendota GSAs Group FY 2027 Budget and Authorize Initial Cash Call

Recommendation

Adopt the Northern Delta-Mendota GSAs Group Budget for the Fiscal Year starting March 1, 2026 and authorize the initial cash call to cover 6-months of projected expenses.

Discussion

On December 10, 2025, the Northern DM Regional Management Committee recommended the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) approve the Fiscal Year 2027 budget (beginning on March 1, 2026) for Fund 64 to cover Northern DM Committee expenses totaling \$412,500. On January 8, 2026, the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority adopted Fiscal Year 2027 budgets, including Fund 64, which totaled \$381,500. The revised Northern DM Committee budget totals \$407,482 and as provided as **Attachment 1** for consideration of Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority (DM Authority) approval*.

Staff is also seeking Board approval to authorize an initial cash call to fund 6-months of Northern Delta-Mendota GSAs Group activities and the contribution of members as outlined in Exhibit B of the Special Activities Agreement is provided in table 1 below.

Table 1: Initial Cash Call

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|---|--|-------|-------------------|---------|
| FY2027 Budget | | | \$ | 407,482 |
| 6-Months of Costs for Initial Cash Call | | | \$ | 203,741 |
| | | | Initial Cash Call | |
| 1 | Patterson Irrigation District GSA | 14% | \$ | 28,524 |
| | Patterson ID | | | |
| | Twin Oaks ID | | | |
| 2 | West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA1 | 16% | \$ | 32,599 |
| | West Stanislaus ID | | | |
| 3 | DMII GSA | 30% | \$ | 61,122 |
| | Del Puerto WD | | | |
| | Oak First WD | | | |
| 4 | City of Patterson GSA | 10% | \$ | 20,374 |
| | City of Patterson | | | |
| | Northwestern Delta-Mendota GSA | | | |
| 5 | Merced County | 1.5% | \$ | 3,056 |
| 6 | Stanislaus County | 28.5% | \$ | 58,066 |
| | | 100% | \$ | 203,741 |

**On February 4, 2026, the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority executed a special activities agreement with the Northern Delta-Mendota GSAs Group to assist them in coordinating administrative, financial, and technical management on a regional basis for the GSAs in the Northern Delta-Mendota Subbasin and the agreement requires a Northern Delta-Mendota GSAs Group budget be presented annually to the Board for approval.*

Attachment 1

Northern Delta-Mendota GSAs Group
Fiscal Year 2027 Budget
March 1, 2026 - February 28, 2027

| Legal | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|---------|
| 1 | Baker Manock & Jensen | \$ | 20,000 |
| Other Professional Services | | | |
| 2 | Program/Executive Director | \$ | 107,482 |
| 3 | Technical Consultant | \$ | 80,000 |
| 4 | Annual Report - Data Coordination | \$ | 75,000 |
| 5 | Reserve Funds for GSP Update | \$ | 100,000 |
| 6 | Contingency | \$ | 25,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$ | 407,482 |

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 11

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: February 9, 2026

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
- c. Update Regarding SLDWMA Authorization of Additional Funds to Hallmark Group

In May 2025, the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) and Hallmark Group (Hallmark) entered into Agreement No. 031F26-AA63. Under this Agreement, Task Order 031-F26-AA63-TO001 was issued with a not to exceed budget maximum of \$253,689.00 to provide SGMA Program Management Support for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee. Under this Task Order, a 60% cap was established requiring separate authorization for amounts exceeding \$152,213.00.

On January 20, 2026, Hallmark sent a letter to SLDMWA requesting additional funds outside of the 60% cap that was established. The request letter is provided as **Attachment 2**.

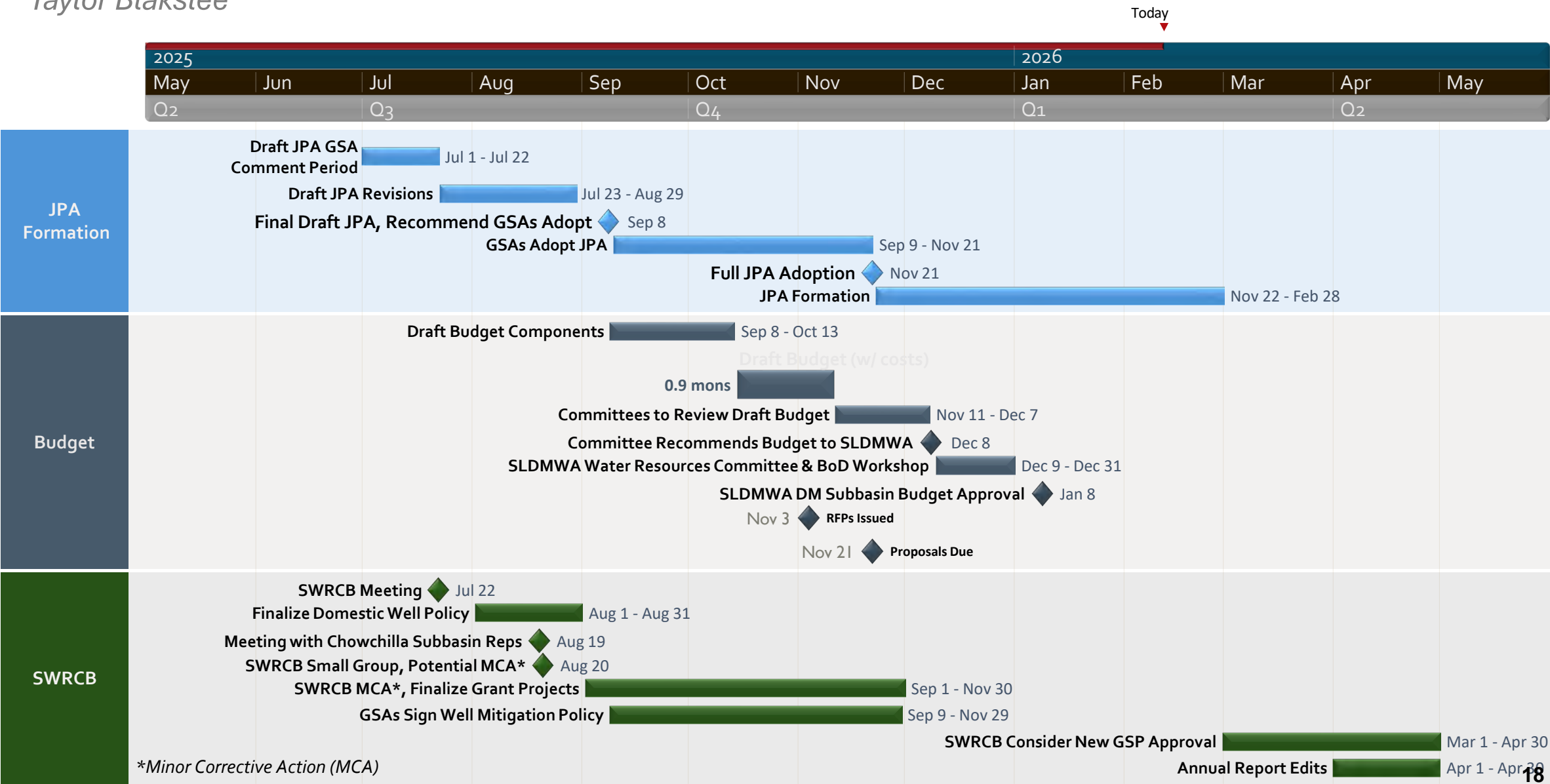
11a. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items

Taylor Blakslee

| Meeting Date | Agenda Item | Action Item | Assigned | Due Date | Status | Status & Notes |
|--------------|-------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| - | 8 | GSAAs to adopt the JPA by November 21, 2025. | K. Liddy | 11/21/2025 | Done | All 23 GSAs signed effective January 23, 2026. |
| 11/10/2025 | 11d | Staff to coordinate with GSAs on initial exceedance reports and action plans. | K. Liddy | 11/21/2025 | In Progress | Continue tracking reporting, notifying GSAs with time to write initial exceedance report |
| 11/10/2025 | 12 | Staff to develop a policy briefing outline/ presentation for review by the communication ad hoc committee. | L. Beutler | Spring 2026 | In Progress | Staff to coordinate on delivering a policy briefing draft. |
| 11/10/2025 | 14a | Continue to monitor the ISW completion deadline and agenda anticipated overages for the December 8, 2025 meeting. | K. Liddy / Consultants | 12/8/2025 | Done | K. Liddy to check on status with A. Frances for LSCE anticipated overages statement (~\$30k). Collected responses from EKI and W&C. |
| 12/8/2025 | 8 | Technical ad hoc committee to review model calibration approach [J. Wiersma, J. Martin, J. Hopkins, J. Stilwell, R. Iger, W. Halligan or A. Francis, E. Andrews]. | K. Liddy / Ad hoc | 1/12/2026 | In Progress | First ad hoc meeting was held on 1/26- 1/27 |
| 12/8/2025 | 10 | Staff to develop the Groundwater Monitoring Data SOP for final committee review and feedback. | K. Palys | 1/12/2025 | In Progress | |
| 12/8/2025 | 12a | GSA representatives respond to Woodard & Curran request for non-PRP information by December 19, 2025. Upload Q4 data to DMS by December 31, 2025. | GSA Reps | 12/19/2025 | In Progress | Hallmark working with Woodard & Curran to ensure all data is uploaded and shared for the AR. |
| 1/12/2026 | 8 | Staff to coordinate with S. Petersen and the ad hoc committee to develop a staff report regarding consultant contracts. | K. Liddy | asap | Done | Staff report was shared with Coordination ad hoc committee on January 15, 2026 and was considered for approval by the Central DM group on January 22, 2026. |
| 1/12/2026 | 9 | Central DM and Northern DM Committees to consider approval of EKI expanding GSA access to the PRP before the February 9, 2026 Coordination meeting. | Central and Northern DM Groups | 2/9/2026 | Done | Approved by Committees on January 22, 2026. |

11b. Delta-Mendota Coordination Committee Schedule of Key Milestones

Taylor Blakslee



January 20, 2026

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority
842 6th Street
Los Banos, CA 93635

Re: Request to Authorize \$30,000 in Additional Funds Under Hallmark Group's Existing
SGMA Program Management Support Contract for the Delta Mendota Subbasin
Coordination Committee

Dear Mr. Petersen,

In May 2025, the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) and Hallmark Group (Hallmark) entered into Agreement No. 031F26-AA63. Under this Agreement, Task Order 031-F26-AA63-TO001 was issued with a not to exceed budget maximum of \$253,689.00 to provide SGMA Program Management Support for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee. Under this Task Order, a 60% cap was established requiring separate authorization for amounts exceeding \$152,213.00.

As of December 31, 2025, Hallmark billed \$139,473 with \$12,740 remaining under the 60% cap. We anticipate needing \$41,000 for January and February 2026 to address the monthly meetings, coordination on joint powers authority activities and the monitoring standard operation procedure. Therefore, we request an additional authorization of \$30,000 to complete these efforts through February 28, 2026.

Please contact me at (661) 477-3385, or tblakslee@hgcpm.com, if you have any questions. Thank you for considering this request and the opportunity to serve the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.

Sincerely,



Taylor Blakslee
Project Manager
Hallmark Group

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 12

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: GSP Implementation Updates

Recommendation

None; information only.

Discussion

a. Update on Q4 Groundwater Levels and DMS Upload

Groundwater levels for the fourth quarter (October-December) were due December 31, 2025, and measurements are still being updated in the data management system.

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 monitoring are below:

| Groundwater Level Monitoring | Groundwater Quality Monitoring |
|------------------------------|--|
| February | February |
| May | August |
| August | |
| November | *Constituents: arsenic; nitrate; 1,2,3-TCP; gross alpha radioactivity; TDS; and hexavalent chromium. |

GSAs are required to collect at least one measurement/sample during each target month at each representative monitoring site. Please provide your February monitoring data by **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

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

An update on PRP and GSP Implementation Tracking and Exceedance Reporting is provided as **Attachment 1**. Maps of the MT exceedance status for the DM Representative Monitoring Wells in the Lower and Upper aquifer are provided as **Attachment 2** and **Attachment 3**, respectively.

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.

A verbal update will be provided on the status of exceedances.

For discussion purposes only

GWL-MT EXCEEDANCE AVOIDANCE COMPONENT

- PRP Requirements: Exceedances triggers investigation within 60 days
 - Submit investigation status and results using Dashboard information forms
 - Designate the RMW with exceedance as a hotspot if the investigation fails to provide evidence to refute exceedance, and implement pumping cutbacks per PRP
 - Report investigation and compliance status to the Coordination Committee as required under PRP at February meeting

| DMS Site Name | Local Well Name | GSA | Aquifer | Trigger/Past Trigger | Investigation Status |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|--|---|
| 09-001 | 2480-72 | Aliso WD | Upper | Exits Fall 2024 MT Exceedance → Triggers Projected Fall 2026 MT Exceedance | Renewed investigation or confirmation of previous one is needed |
| 09-232 | North Lower | Aliso WD | Lower | Exits Fall 2024 MT Exceedance | Investigation completed in 2024 and did not exceed MT in Fall 2025 |
| 07-189 | Well 18 | Central DM | Lower | PRP triggered last Fall, MT exceedance again this Fall → SMC to be updated | Investigation completed in 2024 and voluntary actions taken consistent with PRP |
| 07-212 | Well 31 | Central DM | Lower | MT Exceedance | Investigation ongoing, continued monitoring, well recovered |
| 11-010 | IPL-1 | Grassland | Lower | MT Exceedance | Running well sample, not representative, continued monitoring |
| 11-019 | 3PL-2 | Grassland | Lower | MT Exceedance | Running well sample, not representative, continued monitoring |
| 11-021 | IPL-5 | Grassland | Lower | MT Exceedance | RMW to be replaced. Video logging showed casing ruptures |
| 14-025 | SDMW West - Lower Aquifer | SJREC | Lower | Watchlist: Projected Fall Elevation to Fall Below 10% of Operational Flexibility | Not Required |
| 18-002 | Newman City #8 | SJREC | Lower | Watchlist: Last Fall Sample below 20% of Operational Flexibility | Not Required |

FALL WL MONITORING: PRP/GSP COMPLIANCE

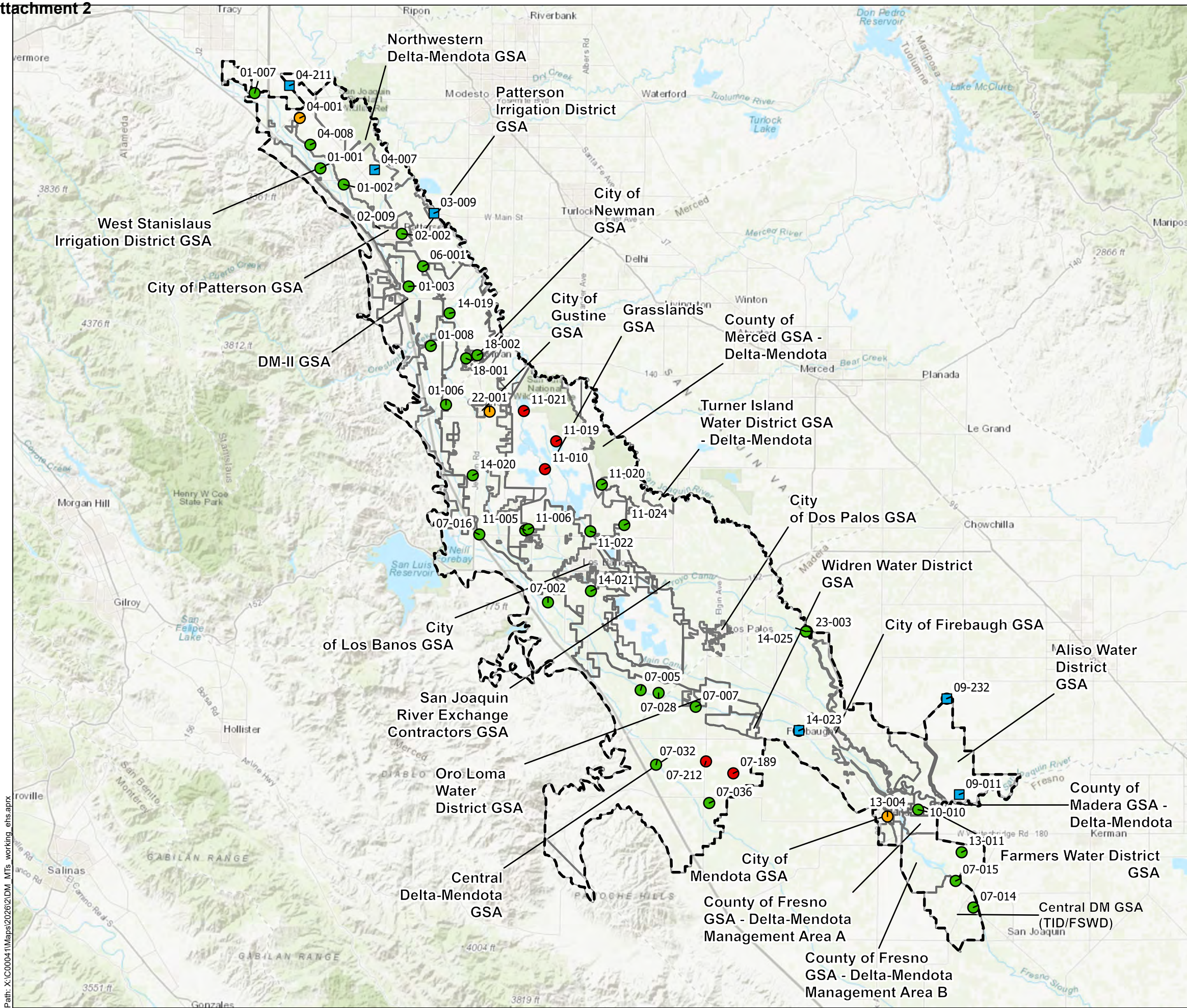
- Several wells are missing GWL measurements for Fall 2025 based on DMS
- We are aware of changes to Monitoring Network, but recently drilled wells (including ISW wells) do not show measurements in DMS.


| DMS Site Name | Local Well Name | GSA | Aquifer | Last Sample Date |
|---------------|------------------|---|---------|------------------|
| 07-018 | WSJ001 | Central Delta-Mendota GSA | Upper | 7/14/2025 |
| 22-001 | Gustine City #5 | City of Gustine GSA | Lower | 8/16/2025 |
| 22-002 | Gustine City #6 | City of Gustine GSA | Upper | 8/17/2025 |
| 17-001 | Mendota City #7 | City of Mendota GSA | Upper | 8/15/2025 |
| 13-004 | USGS-31J6 | City of Mendota GSA | Lower | 6/10/2025 |
| 02-109 | Floragold Well | City of Patterson GSA | Upper | 5/8/2025 |
| 11-008 | 1MU-2 | Grasslands GSA | Upper | 2/21/2023 |
| 19-003 | 2PU-3 | Grasslands GSA | Upper | 2/21/2023 |
| 20-001 | TIWD #17 | Turner Island Water District GSA | Upper | 8/15/2025 |
| 04-001 | 121 | West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA | Lower | 11/30/2024 |
| 04-006 | Grayson Well 274 | West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA | Upper | 8/4/2025 |


PRP REMINDERS: 2026 DEADLINES

- **Component #1: Monitoring & Reporting**
 - Well registration and Well Metering deadline is January 2026→
 - Coordination Committee Framework on tracking compliance?
 - Current data gap:Accuracy of reporting of GW pumping for WY 2026 Annual Report
 - Need to replace composite or production wells used as RMWs by 2030.
- **Component #2: Overdraft Reduction**
 - Establish tracking and reporting mechanism to the Coordination Committee






| GSA Groups / Zone | 2026 Target (AFY) | 2030 Target (AFY) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Aliso, Farmers, Fresno (Zone 1) | 1,140 | 5,700 |
| Grassland and SJREC (Zone 2) | 1,552 | 7,758 |
| Northern DM (Zone 3) | 1,805 | 9,023 |
| Central DM (Zone 4) | 3,749 | 18,743 |



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 Groundwater Sustainability Agencies

Representative Monitoring Wells

-  No Exceedance
-  No SMC
-  MT Exceedance
-  No Fall 2025 Sample
-  Planned RMW

GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency
RMW = Representative Monitoring Well

Sources

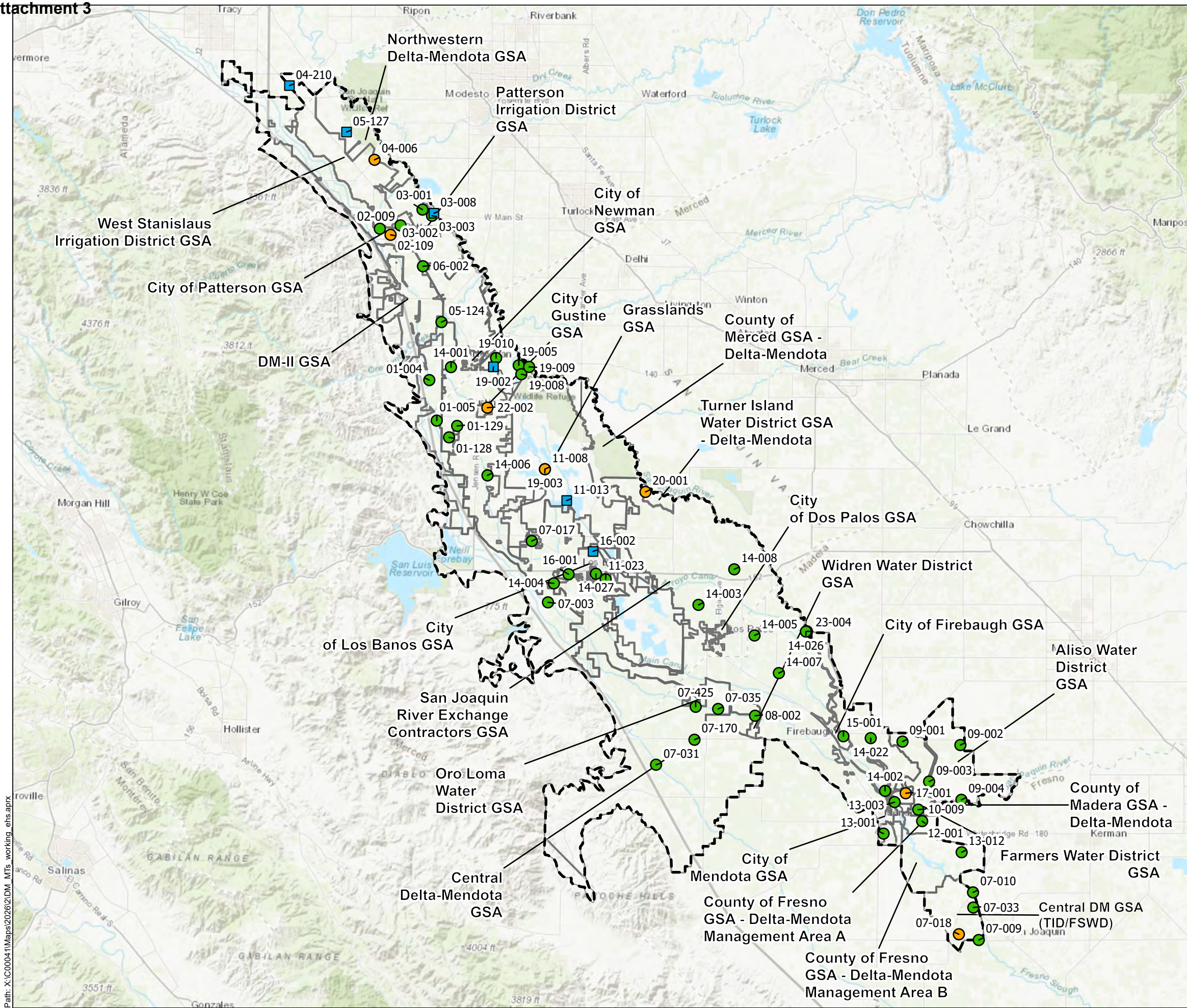
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Delta-Mendota RMW MT Exceedances Lower Aquifer Fall 2025

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TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 13

FROM: Lisa Beutler, Stantec

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities

Recommendation

None; information only.

Discussion

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

An overview of the interbasin meetings being scheduled and the status of those meetings and other outreach activities is provided below and will be verbally presented.

1. Interbasin Meetings Status

- New invitations issued to Merced, Modesto, Kings and Turlock Subbasins.

2. Policy Briefing on Domestic Well Policy

- Timing – Spring, prior to SWRCB meeting
- Format – Public Briefing Approx. 30 Minutes (Presentation Only)

FACILITATION TEAM

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 15

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant


Recommendation

None; information only.

Discussion

- a. Update on Status of Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Well Construction Project**
LSCE Project Hydrogeologist Andrew Francis has provided a project update included in **Attachment 1**.
- b. Update on Status of Subsidence Monitoring Project**
Grant-funded equipment has been purchased and a verbal update will be provided.
- c. Update on Status of All Grant Projects**
A verbal update will be provided.

Attachment 1

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| Client: SLDMWA | | Lat/Long: 37.631174/-121.227495 | | <div><div>Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers</div></div> | |
| Project Name: ISW Monitoring Wells | | Well Name: ISW-1 | | | |
| LSCE #: 24-2-003 | | Drill Date: 1/12/2026 - 1/14/2026 | | | |
| Location: Vernalis, CA | | Drilling Method: Direct Mud Rotary | | | |
| Geologist: N. Plascencia | | Driller: Living Water | | | |
| Depth (ft bgs) | Lithologic Description | Strat-Column | Depth (ft bgs) | 16" ohm.m | SP mV |
| | | | | 0 50 | 300 500 |
| | | | | 64" ohm.m | SPT ohms |
| | | | | 0 50 | 0 30 |

