



Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 1:00 PM

Patterson City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA 95363

Meeting Minutes

In-Person Attendees (Members):

Adam Scheuber, Del Puerto Water District
Maria Encinas, City of Patterson
Joel Andrews, City of Patterson
Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County
Lacey McBride, County of Merced – *Joined in-person at 1:10pm*

Other Attendees:

Brittany Harker, Stanislaus County
Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group
Larrisa Camara, City of Patterson
Matt Garcia, Del Puerto Water District

Online Attendees:

Amir Mani, EKI
Anona Dutton, EKI
Lauren Layne, Baker Manock & Jensen
Lea Emmons, City of Tracy
Maria Razo, Stanislaus County
Michael Miller, WaterOne
Rachel Alstrom, Baker Manock & Jensen
Sarah Boogey, California Department of Water Resources

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
Member Scheuber called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm PST.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
Member Scheuber led the Committee in the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as Authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.**
No corrections or additions were made.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public at this time.

Consent Calendar

5. Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of the June 3, 2026 Meeting
- b. Budget to Actual Report

Motion:

Member McKinnon made a motion to approve the consent calendar, which was seconded by Member Encinas and passed unanimously.

Closed Session

6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The Committee did not enter closed session.

Open Session

7. Report from Closed Session

The Committee did not enter closed session.

Action Items

8. Direction on the P&P Proposal to Continue Monitoring Subsidence Benchmarks

Karlee Liddy (Hallmark Group) provided background on this item, stating that in March, many of the Subbasin GSAs sent a letter to Department of Water Resources (DWR) requesting that the US Bureau of Reclamation subsidence monitoring sites continue to be monitored. The Department highlighted the investment in InSAR data to help GSAs inform subsidence conditions, but many GSAs rely on the ground-truthing method of the semi-annual monitoring events that the Bureau was performing. Therefore, P&P prepared a proposal for a one-time monitoring event for the subsidence benchmarks in 2026, with an estimated cost of \$127,300 per event, which was presented to the Committee for consideration of approval. Liddy noted that this cost was not originally included in the approved Fiscal Year 2027 budget and if authorized, would require an adjustment to the upcoming second cash call for the Subbasin.

Liddy added that July was originally proposed as the date of the first subsidence monitoring event, but technical consultants in neighboring Subbasins have approved the one-time monitoring event to occur in December 2026. Importantly, she noted P&P staff has recommended an equal cost share of the monitoring work across the six major Subbasins of the San Joaquin Valley (equating to \$21,216 per Subbasin).

Member Scheuber asked if some of the other Subbasins did not all agree to equal cost share, if the remaining Subbasins would need to take on the extra cost, and Liddy responded that would be the case.

The Committee provided direction to the Northern DM representative to the DM Subbasin JPA Board to recommend approval of the P&P proposal to perform one monitoring event of the USBR subsidence sites in 2026.

9. Direction on Well Registration and Metering Compliance

Liddy introduced this item and stated that staff seeks direction on how to ensure accountability to well registration and metering commitments that were made in various documents, including the annual report. For the Northern DM GSA Group, the WY2025 annual report stated that 80% of their wells are metered, with a target to reach 100% metered by year end 2026. Amir Mani (EKI) provided details on the well registration and metering requirements as outlined in the GSP and Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP), including hosting and maintaining a well inventory, along with each GSA or GSA group adopting policies to implement these requirements.

Mani recommended EKI provide a template for GSAs by the end of July to provide well registration and metering information by November 30, 2026. He emphasized the importance of the data to inform the Subbasin model and to verify information for the WY2026 annual report. Lastly, he stated that monthly pumping data for each well would be most preferred, and Member Scheuber expressed concern that landowners may be hesitant to provide well-specific information and recommended that the pumping data be consolidated by entity.

The Committee approved staff's approach to ensure the Northern DM GSA Group compliance with the well registration and metering requirements, directed staff to distribute the template requesting information, and approved the deadline of November 30, 2026 to provide that information.

Report Items

10. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) Implementation, Q2 Groundwater Level Data and Exceedance Reporting

Mani provided a summary of the PRP implementation and exceedance reporting requirements and stated that the target month for water level and water quality monitoring for Q3 is August. He emphasized the importance of collecting the data and uploading it to the DMS by September 30, 2026. For Q2, he stated that he has already reached out to Del Puerto Water District regarding a well that needs more data to better understand the MT and declining conditions. Member Scheuber stated that monitoring of that well began in Fall of 2024 and believes it is influenced by a creek about 80 feet from the well site. Staff will work with the district to continue monitoring.

Mani added that EKI will work with the GSAs to confirm the representative monitoring wells for the Subbasin and will confirm the reference point elevation for specific wells in the network. Lastly, Mani highlighted the watchlist wells in the Northern DM region, and identified wells triggered for nitrate which are being investigated by the respective Northern DM entities.

Member Encinas stated there may be an accessibility concern for a well in the City of Patterson jurisdiction for Q3 monitoring, and Mani stated he can work with her to identify a proxy well.

11. Update on Scope of Work for the Phased Approach to the DM Subbasin Model Calibration

Mani introduced this item and presented the model calibration budget and associated tasks with and without the USBR WaterSMART grant award. He confirmed this would be presented at the DM Subbasin JPA Board and there were no questions from the Committee.

12. Program Management Report

Liddy provided a summary of the action items completed since the last Northern DM Region Management Committee meeting and stated she will continue to work with the GSAs to ensure data for Q3 is uploaded in a timely manner. There were no additional questions from the Committee.

13. Next Steps

Liddy outlined the following next steps to the Committee:

- Northern DM representative to the DM JPA Board to recommend approval of the P&P proposal as directed by the Committee.
- EKI to send out template for well registration and meter compliance to GSAs in July and GSAs to fill out by November 30.
- GSAs send any existing policies/resolutions regarding well registration and metering to EKI and HG by November 30, 2026.
- EKI work with M. Encinas regarding accessibility concern for obtaining sample for Q3 at a specific monitoring well.
- Staff continue working with GSA representatives to upload Q3 data to the DMS and follow up on any exceedances.

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

Nothing to report.

15. Next Meeting(s):

The next meeting of the Northern DM Region Management Committee is scheduled for August 5, 2026 at 1 p.m. PST at Patterson City Council.

16. Adjournment

Member Scheuber adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.