Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 1:00 PM

In person:
Patterson City Council Chambers
1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA 95363

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee has been called for **Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 1:00 PM**, on items listed on the attached agenda, which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

Teleconference Locations:

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Patterson, CA 95363

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (Pierce)
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Pierce)
3. 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)

Consent Calendar

5. Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar (Pierce)

a. Minutes of the August 5, 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 (Layne)
The Committee will meet in closed session to confer with legal counsel on significant exposure to anticipated litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case)

Open Session

8. Report from Closed Session (Layne)

Action Items

9. Direction on Public Comment Letters on the DM Subbasin GSP (Liddy/Dutton)
10. Consider Authorization of Budget Amendment with Woodard & Curran for DWR Grant Administration (Liddy)
11. Consider Approval of an Operating Reserve Policy for the Northern DM Region Management Committee (Liddy)
12. Direction on Grant Opportunities (Liddy/Dutton)
13. Direction on Water Blueprint Funding Request (Liddy) – *Verbal*

Report Items

14. Update on DWR Review of WY 2025-26 Annual Report (Liddy/Dutton)
15. Update on Model Phase 1 Schedule and Status of GSA Data Reporting (Liddy/Dutton)
16. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) Implementation, Q3 Monitoring Event, and Exceedance Reporting (Dutton)
17. Program Management Report (Liddy)
18. Next Steps (Liddy)
19. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) (Layne)
20. Next Meeting(s): (Pierce)
    a. Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 1 p.m. PST, Patterson City Council Chambers
21. Adjournment (Pierce)

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TO: Northern DM Region Management Committee
Agenda Item No. 5

FROM: Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group

DATE: September 2, 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 August 5, 2026 Northern DM Region Management Committee Meeting (**Attachment 1**).
b. Budget to Actual Report (**Attachment 2**).

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Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 1:00 PM
Patterson City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA 95363

Draft Meeting Minutes

In-Person Attendees (Members):
Vince Lucchesi, Patterson Irrigation District – *Call in from Noticed Location*
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 1:07pm*

Other Attendees:
Brittany Harker, Stanislaus County
Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group
Matt Garcia, Del Puerto Water District

Online Attendees:
Amir Mani, EKI
Chris Heppner, EKI
Debbie Gavaghan
Kathryn Dixon, Hallmark Group
Lauren Layne, Baker Manock & Jensen
Michael Miller, WaterOne
Rachel Alstrom, Baker Manock & Jensen
Wes Henson, EKI
Sarah Boogey, California Department of Water Resources
Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
Member Lucchesi called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm PST.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
Member Lucchesi 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 July 1, 2026 Meeting
b. Budget to Actual Report

Member McBride entered the meeting in person at 1:07 pm.

Motion:

Member Scheuber made a motion to approve the consent calendar, which was seconded by Member McKinnon and passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Closed Session

6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The Committee entered closed session at 1:09 p.m.

Open Session

7. Report from Closed Session

The Committee returned from closed session at 1:27 p.m. with no reportable action.

Action Items

8. Direct the DM Subbasin JPA to Administer the Second Cash Call on Behalf of the Northern DM Committee

Karlee Liddy (Hallmark Group) provided background on this item, stating that staff conducted a cash flow analysis for both the Northern DM Committee and the DM Subbasin JPA to inform the timing of the second cash call for FY2026. She stated that based on the analysis provided in the meeting packet, staff recommended collecting funds by the end of September for the total amount of $362,910. The cost share split for the Northern DM member agencies, pursuant to the Northern DM Special Project Agreement, was also provided in the packet for Committee reference. Liddy stated staff has three topics for which she seeks Committee feedback.

First, the Northern DM Budget for FY2026 includes a line item for "Annual Report- Data Collection" for the amount of $75,000. When conducting the cash flow analysis for the Northern DM, staff assumed the Committee would collect for the full budgeted amount, including the $75,000, but would not spend for that item since the annual report data is collected and drafted at the DM Subbasin JPA level. Blakslee added that he assumed the annual report budget item may have been carried over from when the Subbasin was operating under six separate GSPs. Since there is no current reserve policy, Blakslee recommended maintaining that item.

Second, if Northern DM Committee directs staff to collect the entire remaining amount of the Northern DM Budget, there will be a cash balance at end of Feb 2027 of ~$92,000. Given there is

currently no reserve policy for the Northern DM Budget, staff asked the Committee if collecting the full amount of the remaining Northern DM budget for FY2026 ($203,741) is appropriate.

Last, staff seeks direction regarding administering the cash call as a single invoice with two separate line items for Northern DM Committee budget and the Northern DM GSA Group contribution (1/7th cost share) to the DM Subbasin JPA Budget or two separate invoices.

Member Lucchesi asked the directors for their opinions on the Annual Report – Data Collection budget item for $75,000. Amir Mani (EKI) confirmed that this amount is not an EKI budget item. As long as the item is not part of processing and uploading data for DWR, the Board approves removing the $75,000 item, which would lead to a cash balance of ~$17,000 at the end of FY2026 (Feb 28, 2026).

Member McBride asked if any money left over would be reimbursed or redistributed and recommended the Northern DM Group develop a long-standing policy for consistent procedure to either redistribute any surplus each fiscal year or to debit/credit GSAs against the next year's budget.

The Committee also directed staff to develop a reserve policy. Blakslee recommended a reserve policy to cover a minimum of 2 months of operational needs and that the Committee may consider an item in the reserve policy to cover potential emergencies.

Additionally, the Committee directed staff to administer a single invoice with two separate line items for Northern DM Committee budget and the Northern DM GSA Group contribution (1/7th cost share) to the DM Subbasin JPA Budget.

Lastly, the Committee provided direction to the Northern DM representative to the DM JPA Board to recommend the DM JPA Board collect funds for the full remaining budget amount of ($1,061,350). Blakslee stated that staff will be recommending the DM JPA Board adopt a reserve policy (percent of budget or fixed amount), as well.

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 the PRP and GSP. EKI developed a DM Subbasin well registration form and requests GSAs complete the well registration forms and submit resolutions for any policies regarding well registration and metering to EKI by November 30, 2026. The Committee provided direction to collect existing well registration and metering policies on a GSA level.

Member McBride stated that Merced County will be able to develop and adopt a policy by November 30 and asked how to best determine if a well is in the upper or lower aquifer. Mani stated he can work with Member McBride offline on determining the aquifer location and stated that EKI will distribute a ShareFolder link for GSAs to submit their information.

Member Scheuber asked if well metering information is to be collected on well-specific or GSA level and Mani confirmed that the by-meter information would be used only internally to inform the model, and that metering data at the GSA level would be used for Subbasin reports.

10. Direction on Soliciting Projects for Potential Grant Funding

Liddy introduced this item and stated that EKI developed a call for grant projects form that was provided in the meeting packet to ensure the Subbasin is ready to apply for grant opportunities to assist in the execution of priority projects. She added that the DM Subbasin JPA Board will consider the level at which the Subbasin would apply for projects (full JPA or individual GSA scale).

Blakslee added that the Water Authority is partnering with the Ferguson Group to provide technical assistance at a discounted rate for member agencies to apply for potential grant opportunities. Member Lucchesi stated that the level at which the Subbasin applies for grant opportunities would be on a case-by-case basis. Blakslee specified that the Subbasin may want to consider applying to upcoming Prop 4 funding.

Member McKinnon stated that the CA state preference to award grants may be at the Subbasin scale and expressed interest in securing funding to help meet demand reduction at the county level. She cited the Multi-benefit Land Repurposing Program as a top interest. Member Encinas stated that City of Patterson is looking to apply for a water quality project through Prop 4 funding to address Chromium 6 and to improve drinking water. She expressed concern that she would be competing with the Subbasin for funding as there would be two separate applications.

Mani gave an outline of the upcoming grant opportunities and asked for feedback from the Committee regarding building out a potential projects database for the Subbasin. He stated that EKI can work with Member McKinnon regarding a potential application to the MLRP funding.

The Committee provided direction to the Northern DM representative to the DM JPA Board to support DM JPA applying to grant opportunities but participating GSAs cover the application and grant administration costs.

Report Items

11. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) Implementation, Q3 Monitoring Event 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, and reaching out to technical staff if GSAs have concerns regarding access to an RMW or regarding an anomalous measurement in Q3.

Mani provided an overview of the watchlist wells and provided a subsidence avoidance PRP reminder, and a reminder on well registration and overdraft reduction which were provided in the meeting packet.

12. Update on the Representative Monitoring Network

Blakslee introduced this item and highlighted that there are different lists of the monitoring network. EKI is working with the GSAs to reconcile the RMN and confirm all representative monitoring wells have the correct reference point elevation and ground surface elevation to ensure accurate and consistent reporting.

13. 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.

14. Next Steps

Liddy outlined the following next steps to the Committee:

- Staff to develop a long-standing policy for a consistent procedure on handling end of fiscal year cash balances.
- Staff to develop a reserve policy to be presented at the next meeting.
- EKI to work with Member McBride on identifying wells in the upper and lower aquifer, and work with Member McKinnon on potential application to the MLRP funding.
- GSAs to fill out well registration form and send any existing policies/resolutions regarding well registration and metering to EKI and HG by November 30, 2026.
- Staff continue working with GSA representatives to upload Q3 data to the DMS and follow up on any exceedances.

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

Nothing to report.

16. Next Meeting(s):

The next meeting of the Northern DM Region Management Committee is scheduled for September 2, 2026, at 1 p.m. PST at Patterson City Council.

17. Adjournment

Member Lucchesi adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

Report on Financial Transactions
August 26, 2026

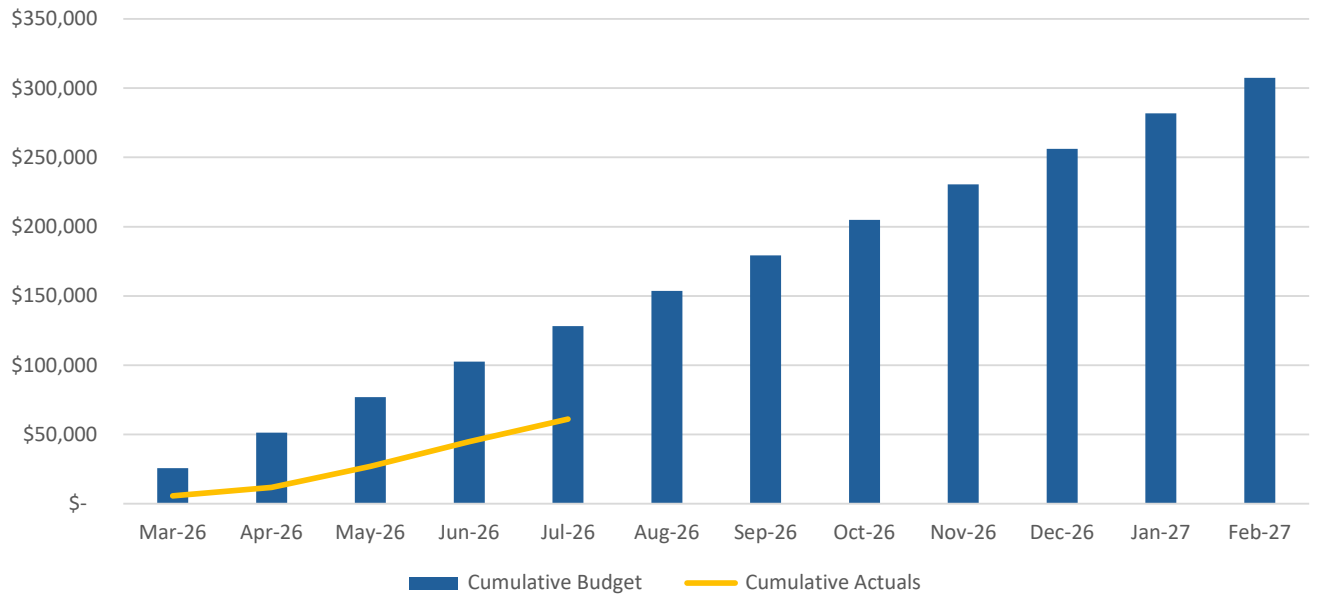
Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
Budget Variance Report
Fiscal Year-to-Date Through August 26, 2026

Operating Expenses	Actual	Budget	Variance
Legal Counsel	$ 5,377	$ 8,333	$ (2,956)
Program Manager/Executive Director	26,494	44,784	(18,290)
Technical Consultants	29,202	33,333	(4,131)
Annual Report	-	31,250	(31,250)
Contingency	-	10,417	(10,417)
Total Operating Expenses	**$ 61,073**	**$ 128,118**	**$ (67,045)**

FY27 Operating Budget

	FY27 Budget	FYTD Actual	Remaining Budget
Legal Counsel	$ 20,000	$ 5,377	$ 14,623
Program Manager/Executive Director	107,482	26,494	80,988
Technical Consultants	80,000	29,202	50,798
Annual Report	75,000	-	75,000
Reserve Fund for GSP Update	100,000	100,000	-
Contingency	25,000	-	25,000
Subtotal	**$ 407,482**	**$ 161,073**	**$ 246,409**
Reserve Funds (Restricted Cash Deposits):			
Reserve Fund for GSP Update	100,000	100,000	-
Net Total	**$ 307,482**	**$ 61,073**	**$ 246,409**

Cumulative Budget-to-Actual



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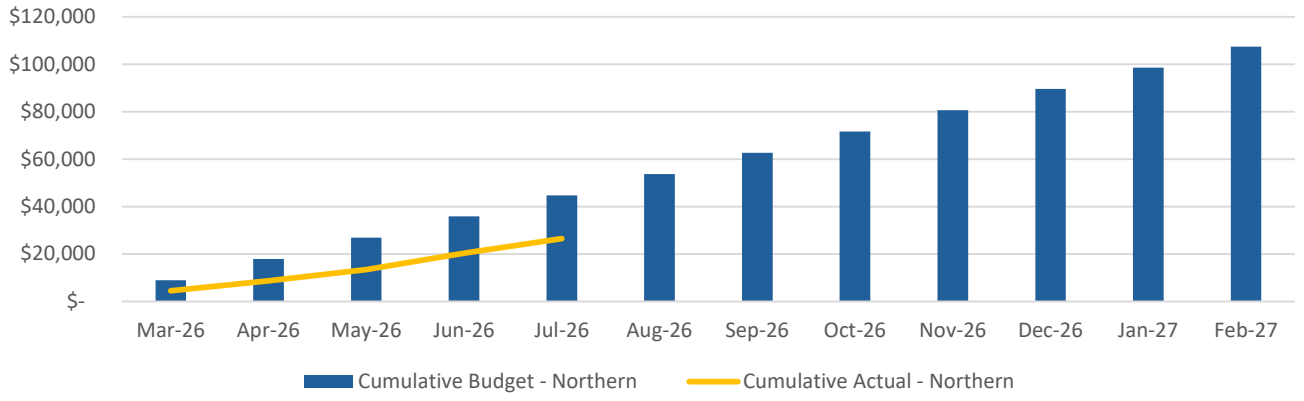
Primary Contracts

Hallmark Group
Cumulative Budget-to-Actual



Baker Manock & Jensen
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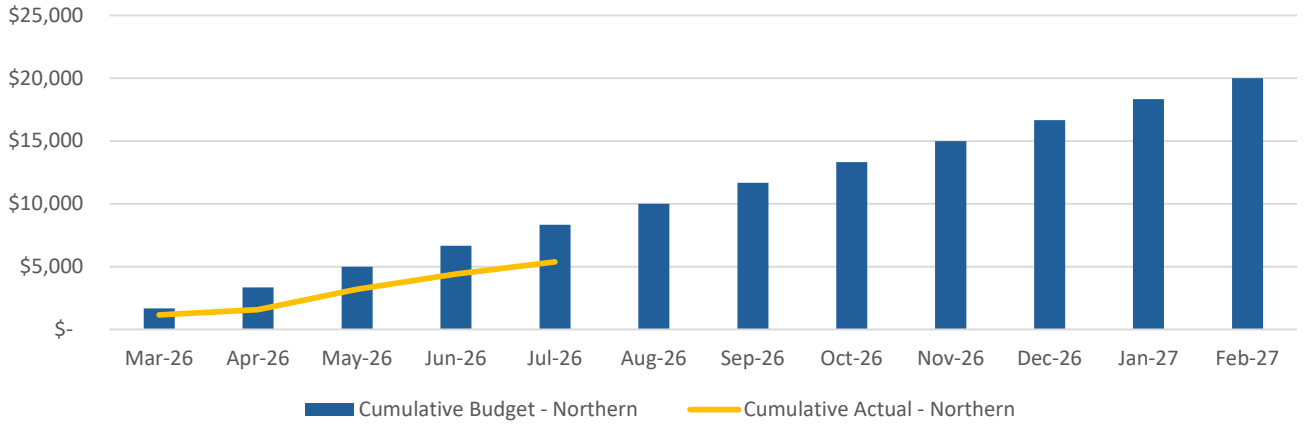
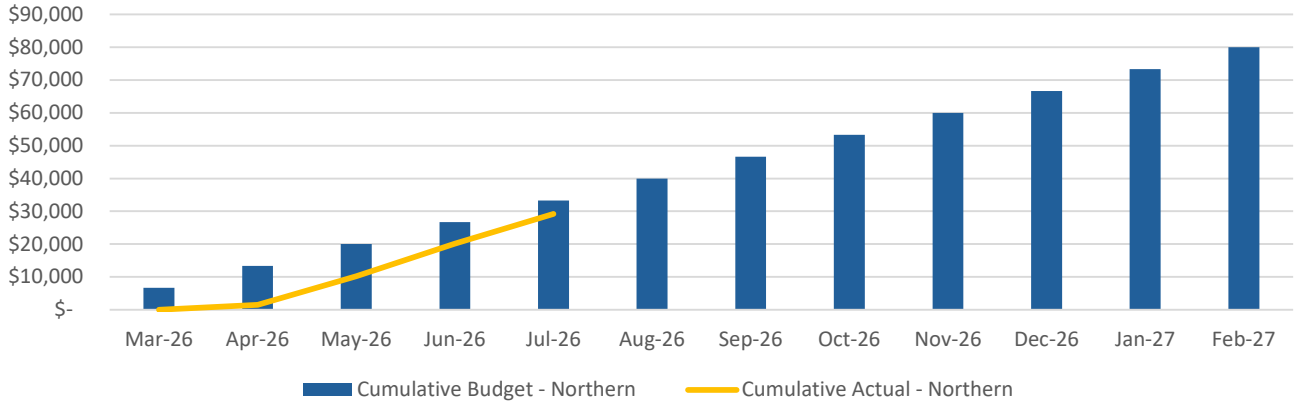


EKI Environment & Water
FYTD Budget-to-Actual



Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
Receipts and Disbursements - Checking Account
Fiscal Year-to-Date Through August 26, 2026

Transaction Date	Transaction Type	Name	Amount
04/14/26	Payment	Merced County	$ 3,056.12
04/14/26	Payment	West Stanislaus ID GSA	32,598.56
04/14/26	Payment	Patterson ID GSA	28,523.74
04/27/26	Payment	Stanislaus County	58,066.19
05/12/26	Transfer	Transfer From JPA to Northern[1]	76,606.62
05/29/26	Bill Payment	Baker Manock & Jensen	(1,575.00)
05/29/26	Bill Payment	EKI Environment & Water	(1,487.98)
05/29/26	Bill Payment	Hallmark Group	(8,689.06)
06/16/26	Payment	Oak Flat Water District	4,889.78
06/24/26	Transfer	Fund Northern GSP Update Reserve	(50,000.00)
06/30/26	Bill Payment	Baker Manock & Jensen	(1,627.50)
06/30/26	Bill Payment	EKI Environment & Water	(8,720.14)
06/30/26	Bill Payment	Hallmark Group	(4,809.92)
07/31/26	Bill Payment	Baker Manock & Jensen	(1,207.50)
07/31/26	Bill Payment	EKI Environment & Water	(9,911.20)
07/31/26	Bill Payment	Hallmark Group	(6,798.60)
			$ 108,914.11

[1] *Two Member Agencies paid JPA and Northern initial cash calls on a single check. Checks were deposited into the JPA checking account and the appropriate Northern funds were subsequently transferred to the Northern checking account.*

As of August 26, 2026, the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee checking account balance at JPMorgan Chase Bank was $108,914.11 and the Committee's GSP Update Reserve account balance was $50,000.

Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
Member Agency Contribution Invoicing - Second Cash Call
As of August 26, 2026

The invoices below were sent to Member Agencies on August 13, 2026 and are due September 30, 2026.

Agency	Invoice Total
City of Patterson GSA	$ 28,796.70
Del Puerto Water District	79,478.90
Merced County	4,319.51
Oak Flat Water District	6,911.20
Patterson Irrigation District GSA	40,315.38
Stanislaus County	82,070.60
West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA 1	46,074.72
Total	**$ 287,967.01**

Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
Summary of Invoices Memo
As of August 26, 2026

The invoices below have been reviewed and approved for payment by the Executive Director and are expected to be paid by August 31, 2026.

Vendor/Consultant	Billing Period	Invoice Total
Baker Manock & Jensen	Jul-26	$ 967.50
EKI Environment & Water	Jul-26	9,082.84
Hallmark Group	Jul-26	6,195.99
Total		**$ 16,246.33**

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TO: Northern DM Region Management Committee
Agenda Item No. 9

FROM: Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group

DATE: September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Direction on Public Comment Letters on the DM Subbasin GSP

Recommendation
None; Information only.

Discussion
In June 2026, Hallmark Group uploaded the single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Delt-Mendota Subbasin to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Portal.

To ensure public input in decisions impacting groundwater, and to ensure accountability and transparency, DWR opened the DM Subbasin GSP up for a 75-day public comment period (which ended on August 15, 2026). A summary of the entities from which public comments were received is provided below. Additionally, EKI has provided a slide summarizing the key points of each comment letter, which is provided as **Attachment 1.**

No.	Submitted By	Entity Name	Date Submitted	Number of Pages
1	Annette Tenneboe	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	8/12/2026	34
2	Adam Weinberg	California Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 4	8/12/2026	34
3	David Sarkisian	State Water Project	8/14/2026	37
4	Johnny Amaral	Friant Water Authority	8/14/2026	25
5	Nathaniel Kane	California Sportfishing Protection Alliance	8/14/2026	113
6	Mia Swenson	Friant Water Authority	8/15/2026	25

Committee feedback needed: While in the current budget and scope for EKI, EKI is seeking Committee feedback on whether to:

1. Repurpose EKI funds to fully review and/or respond to letters or
2. Wait until DWR reviews the GSP and only respond to the questions they pose.

GSP PUBLIC REVIEW COMMENTS RECEIVED

- Four comment letters were received on the 2024 GSP during the 75-day public comment period.
  - Comments received will require review to determine which can be addressed through clarification and which may require additional analysis or work.
- EKI recommends repurposing the JPA's existing Task 4 (Evaluation of Subbasin GSPs, Annual Reports, and Periodic Evaluations) to review the comments and develop recommendations for addressing them → *Initial recommendations to be presented at the September JPA meeting*

Commenting Entity	Main Concerns
Friant Water Authority (FWA)	• **Subsidence and critical infrastructure**: 2024 GSP does not adequately protect the Delta-Mendota Canal from further subsidence or sufficiently evaluate the causes, thresholds, management actions, and monitoring needed to protect the canal.
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA)	• **ISW protection and monitoring**: 2024 GSP does not adequately address sustainable yield, protection from depletion of interconnected surface waters, surface water monitoring, or compliance with public trust and unreasonable use doctrines.
State Water Project (SWP)	• **Subsidence and critical infrastructure:** 2024 GSP allows additional subsidence that could further impact the San Luis Canal before Undesirable Results are triggered.
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	• **Environmental and ecosystem impacts:** 2024 GSP does not adequately address groundwater-dependent ecosystems, interconnected surface waters, critical infrastructure, water quality, or environmental beneficial uses and users of groundwater.

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TO: Northern DM Region Management Committee
Agenda Item No. 10

FROM: Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group

DATE: September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Authorization of Budget Amendment with Woodard & Curran for DWR Grant Administration

Recommendation

Authorize a budget amendment with Woodard & Curran for Prop 68 grant administration for an amount not to exceed $10,000.

Discussion

Woodard & Curran has been contracted to perform the Prop 68 grant administration. The Fiscal Year 2027 budget was approved for $30,000. On March 9, 2026, the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA Board approved additional costs for W&C to extend the grant to allow the completion of Component 8 projects and finalization of component completions reports for approximately $20,000 and a contract was executed on March 13, 2026, for $52,640.

Recently, W&C let staff know they require an additional $10,000 to complete the grant administration due to the following:

1. Invoices submitted by participants do not meet required criteria.
2. Un-anticipated coordination with the California Department of Water Resources regarding invoice packets and grant deliverables.

W&C's contract amendment is provided as **Attachment 1**, and staff is seeking Committee direction on approval of the $10,000 contract amendment. If approved, W&C's new contract would total $62,640.

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Via Electronic Mail

August 4, 2026

Taylor Blakslee
Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Power Authority
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Re: Request for Budget Amendment for Proposition (Prop) 68 Grant Administration

Dear Taylor:

Woodard & Curran entered into contract with Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Power Authority on March 1, 2026 for the completion of two additional quarterly progress reports and reimbursement requests under Prop 68 grant funding, plus all documents required to close out the Grant Agreement Number 4600014644 between the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Del Puerto Water District (DPWD). Work completed as of July 25, 2026 includes:

- Completion and submittal of Invoice 15 package
- Responses to questions and requests from DWR
- Completion and submittal of component completion reports (including deliverables) for Components 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13
- Initial draft of the required Grant Completion Report

With this work, approximately $13,000 remains in the authorized contract budget. Based on our experience, we estimate that it will take $23,600 in funding to do the following:

- Completed data and materials gathering for Invoice Package 16
- Complete component completion reports for Components 8 and 11
- Complete the grant completion report
- Assemble the final invoicing package
- Respond to any comments or requests from DWR on Invoice Package 16

In general, grant administration has taken more time than anticipated for a number of reasons, including:

- Invoicing received from the Local Project Sponsors (LPS) do not meet the approval criteria. For example, some invoices contained expenses that were not allowable (e.g., travel, markups) and/or had insufficient detail prompting DWR to ask for more

information and clarification on specific invoices and resulting in resubmittal of the invoicing packages.

- DWR has been asking more questions about the invoicing packages as we near completion of the grant. It's not clear why, but there appears to have been an internal shift in the overall review of the submittals resulting in a higher level of scrutiny that may be related to the pending closure of the grant agreement and the retainage.
- DWR has not been consistent in their requests. For example, for Component 3, they asked for more detail on the certification of completion, when they did not ask for that level of detail on other components. Rather than risk DWR asking for additional details on the components that they've already accepted, we opted to work with the Component 3 LPS to add the required detail.

Therefore, as we previously discussed, we will require a budget amendment to ensure that we have sufficient authorized funding to cover these costs. As such, we are requesting a budget increase of $10,000 to our currently authorized budget such that the new authorized budget will total $62,640. As before, all work will be completed on a time and materials basis. At present, we remain on schedule with the final invoicing package due to DWR by August 30, 2026.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 999-8778 or via email at ldumas@woodardcurran.com with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Woodard & Curran, Inc.

Leslie Dumas

Leslie Dumas, PE
Senior Technical Leader

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TO: Northern DM Region Management Committee
Agenda Item No. 11

FROM: Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group

DATE: September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of a Reserve Policy for the Northern DM Region Management Committee

Recommendation

Approve the reserve policy for the Northern DM Region Management Committee.

Discussion

In January 2026, the Northern DM Committee approved the budget for FY 2027 to fund activities of the Northern DM Committee. On March 2, 2026 and August 12, 2026, upon Committee approval, staff administered the first and second cash calls for FY 2027 to the member entities of the Committee.

On August 5, 2026, when presenting the cash flow analysis to inform the timing for the FY 2027 second cash call to the Committee, staff recommended the Committee establish a reserve policy ahead of FY 2028. The Committee directed staff to draft a simple reserve policy, and requested staff provide options for how to handle cash balances at the end of each fiscal year and the draft policy includes language to address this issue.

The draft reserve policy is currently under legal counsel review and is included as **Attachment 1** for Committee consideration of approval.

Committee Feedback Needed:

Item	Reserve Policy Consideration	Staff Recommendation
1	Include operating and emergency reserve funds?	Include only operating reserve funds. Do not include emergency reserve fund at this time.
2	Use a percent of the annual operating budget or fixed sum method? a. If percent, what percent of the annual operating budget should the reserve cover?	Include an operating reserve of 20% of the operating budget (~3 months of operations).
3	Options for handling end of year cash balance: a. Credit excess cash against next year assessment (report annually to Committee during budgeting process b. Issue reimbursement checks to Members	Credit cash balance against next year's cash calls.

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Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

DRAFT RESERVE FUND POLICY

I. Purpose

Prudent financial planning and fiscal responsibility include anticipating and preparing for future funding requirements as well as unforeseen and unexpected events. These reserve funds enable the Committee to minimize significant fee fluctuations due to unforeseen and unexpected cash flow requirements and to ensure the Committee can carry out its mission under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including the implementation and administration of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

This Reserve Fund Policy is intended to ensure that the Committee accumulates, manages, maintains, and uses certain financial resources only for specified purposes consistent with the Committee's budget and legal obligations.

II. Reserve Funds

The Committee's reserve funds are established, maintained, and set aside for specific, designated purposes and therefore are restricted in the way they can be used. The Committee may use reserve funds only for the reasonable costs of administering and implementing the GSP and carrying out the Committee's responsibilities under SGMA.

III. Specific Reserve Funds

The Committee maintains the following reserve fund(s) [Two options, but recommended at least keeping Operating Reserve]:

A. Operating Reserve

- Purpose. The Operating Reserve is to be used only to cover cash flow shortages caused by a short-term, unexpected disruption of anticipated revenue or when expenses become due before anticipated revenue to pay those expenses is received, and for day-to-day operational continuity.
- Funding Source. Excess Member assessment revenues over expenditures; interest earnings. Interest earned on reserve funds remains subject to the same use restrictions as the principal from which such interest is derived.
- Funding Level. It is the goal of the Committee to maintain the Operating Reserve at a minimum of _____% of the annual operating budget, adjusted annually when the budget is adopted [alternatively can set as a lump sum amount].
- Permissible Use. The Operating Reserve may be used for day-to-day, non-emergency expenditures including but not limited to: budget deficits; short-term cash flow management; assessment stabilization between fiscal years.

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B. Emergency Reserve

- Purpose. The Emergency Reserve is to be used only to cover unplanned and extraordinary expenses that arise from events outside the normal course of operations, including but not limited to unanticipated legal proceedings, regulatory actions, natural disasters affecting the Northern DM Region, or other unforeseen events requiring an immediate Committee response not anticipated in the annual budget.
- Funding Source. Excess Member assessment revenues over expenditures; interest earnings; grants or reimbursements designated for emergency response. Interest earned on reserve funds remains subject to the same use restrictions as the principal from which such interest is derived.
- Funding Level. It is the goal of the Committee to maintain the Emergency Reserve at a minimum of _____% of the annual operating budget [or set as lump sum amount].
- Permissible Use. Unplanned emergency expenditures, emergency legal proceedings, extraordinary regulatory compliance costs, and other unforeseen expenses not anticipated in the annual budget. Funds may not be used for routine or anticipated operating costs.

  At the end of each fiscal year (February 28), monies in excess of this reserve funding level would be:
  - Retained to fund subsequent year's budget or
  - Refunded to the member agencies of the Northern at the request of the Committee.

IV. Management of Reserve Funds

The Committee Members, in consultation with the Executive Director or designated administrative staff, is responsible for managing the reserve funds. Committee Members must authorize the expenditure of money from all of the Committee's reserve funds, except as otherwise provided in this Policy for emergencies. The Committee shall annually review the balance of the reserve funds, work collaboratively with the Executive Director to ensure the accuracy of the annual financial report, and evaluate the goals and purposes of each reserve fund and recommend adjustments as may be necessary or desirable.

Transfers into or between reserve funds shall be approved by the Committee during the annual budget process. Transfers outside of the annual budget process must be authorized by Committee action. Reserve fund levels shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated annually as part of the budget adoption process.

V. Oversight and Reporting

Reserve fund levels shall be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Committee's designated financial staff or consultant. Reporting on reserve fund balances shall be provided to the Committee at least annually in connection with the budget process, and may be provided more

frequently as the Committee may direct. The Committee may waive policy requirements under emergency circumstances by Committee action.

VI. Annual Review

The Committee will review and update this Reserve Fund Policy at least annually during the budget process to ensure conformance with the Committee's strategic goals and legal obligations, and to comply with material changes in risk exposures, legal requirements, regulations, or standards. As part of each annual review, the Committee will make an affirmative finding that reserve fund levels remain reasonably necessary and proportional to the costs of the Committee's regulatory program.

VII. Constitutional Compliance

The Committee will interpret and administer this Policy in conformance with Article XIII C and Article XIII D of the California Constitution. Nothing in this Policy authorizes the accumulation or expenditure of reserve funds in a manner that would cause Member assessments to exceed the reasonable cost of the regulatory activity for which they are imposed.

Adopted by the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee on [DATE]

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TO: Northern DM Region Management Committee
Agenda Item No. 12

FROM: Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group

DATE: September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Direction on Grant Opportunities

Recommendation

Committee feedback needed on:

1. What is the DM JPA's role in applying for future grants?
2. Should the DM JPA apply for three specific upcoming grant opportunities?
3. What level should the basin participate in the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority regional grant program?

Discussion

On August 10, 2026, staff provided an update on upcoming grant opportunities, had a discussion on the Delta-Mendota Joint Power Authority's (DM JPA) role in applying for grants, and reviewed the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority's (SLDMWA) new regional grant management program.

The DM JPA Board supported the development of a project list for potential grant funding but did not provide direction on the DM JPA's role for three upcoming grants, or future grant opportunities.
Staff is seeking Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CDMGSA) Board feedback on the following items:

1. What is the DM JPA's role in applying for future grants?
2. Should the DM JPA apply for three specific upcoming grant opportunities?
3. What level should the basin participate in the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority regional grant program?

1. What is the DM JPA's Role in Applying for Future Grants?

In preparation for upcoming grant opportunities, several questions have been raised regarding what the DM JPA's role should be in applying for grants versus grants being pursued at the GSA or water district level.

Several considerations are provided below to assist the Committee on addressing this topic.

- **Benefit.** Should the DM JPA only be involved in grants that have a basin-wide benefit? (e.g. monitoring wells, model improvements, addressing data gaps, etc.).
- **Eligibility/Competitiveness.** If a grant benefits a subset of GSAs, but applying as a basin increases competitiveness, or is an eligibility requirement, should the DM JPA consider applying as long as costs are shared among project beneficiaries?
- **Inter-basin Competition.** If a GSA or water district informs the DM JPA that they are applying for a grant, should that preclude the DM JPA from applying for the grant to avoid local competition?
- **Relationship with Existing Regional Efforts.** How does DM JPA involvement interact with grants being pursued through regional entities like SLDMWA

Committee direction needed: Should the DM JPA Board apply for grants?

Staff recommendation:

1. Complete the grant project survey (due September 30th).
2. Staff to monitor grant opportunities and present them on a case-by-case basis to the DM JPA (governed by feedback by the Board on the above policy questions).
3. DM JPA Board directs staff on which, if any, grants to apply for.

2. Should the DM JPA Apply for Three Specific Upcoming Grant Opportunities?
Several grant funding opportunities are expected to be available starting as early as fall 2026 and a presentation describing three (3) of those grants and next steps is provided as **Attachment 1.**

Committee direction needed: Staff is seeking Committee direction to recommend the DM JPA apply for any of these three (3) grant opportunities.

Reminder: At the direction of the DM Subbasin JPA Board, EKI developed a standard form to solicit projects from the DM Subbasin GSA representatives and interested parties. The project solicitation form is provided as **Attachment 2** and is due to EKI by **September 30, 2026.**

3. What Level Should the Basin Participate in the SLDMWA Regional Grant Program?
In late July 2026, the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) announced a regional grant program, and staff attended a program kick-off meeting on July 28, 2026. SLDWMA reported that they retained the Ferguson Group to help manage the SLDMWA regional grant program and key program details are summarized below.

Program Overview:

1. Service provided to SLDMWA members and other interested parties implementing water projects within the scope of SLDMWA's role as Regional Water Management Group for the Westside-San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM).
2. Goal: assist SLDMWA in getting a comprehensive understanding of water project types that interested parties are pursuing in the IRWM Region by compiling a list, assist SLDMWA in packaging what project types are being pursued and total funding needs by relevant project types to assist in SLDMWA advocacy efforts on behalf of the IRWM Region, to assist SLDMWA members and interested parties in increasing preparation for and awareness of upcoming grant opportunities, and to provide a resource for interested parties to explore for pursuing grant opportunities.
3. Key Program components:
    a. Compile a comprehensive list of projects in the IRWM Region

b. Use that list to identify and aggregate grant opportunities for projects on the list
c. Upon request and separate contracting, assist members and interested parties develop a funding plan for projects
d. Keep members informed on grant opportunities (full search of State and federal funding)
e. Provide the following services:
    i. Weekly grant updates
    ii. Office hours
    iii. Ability to review previous successful grant applications
    iv. Grant training
    v. Grant writing discount for full grant services (if limited internal resources)

Committee direction needed: What level should the DM JPA Board participate in the SLDMWA regional grant program?

Staff recommendation:

1. Once developed, share the DM JPA grant project list with SLDMWA.
2. Staff to present any relevant grant opportunities being tracked by the Ferguson Group for DM JPA Board consideration.
3. Collaborate with SLDMWA to ensure potential DM JPA and SLDMWA grant efforts are coordinated.

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UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Three upcoming grant opportunities:
  1. DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Office (SGMO) funding opportunities
  2. Department of Conservation (DOC) Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP)
  3. Department of Water Resources (DWR) Watershed Resilience Grant Program

*Draft guidelines have **NOT** been released yet, so specifics and final schedules are still unknown*

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DWR SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (SGM) GRANT PROGRAM

Program Information	
Funding	~$386M (Prop.4) $193M – SGMA Implementation $193M – Conjunctive Use & Groundwater Recharge
Draft Guidelines	Early Fall 2026
Application Process	Two-Step (Concept Proposal + Full Application by Invitation)
Cost Share	None required
Advance Payment	Up to 25% of award
Timeline	Concept Proposals due Early 2027; Full application in Summer 2027 (anticipated)

Eligible Applicants

- GSAs and local/public agencies, Special districts and JPAs, Tribes, Nonprofits, Public utilities and mutual water companies

Program Priorities

- Implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) within a subbasin
- Increase groundwater storage and banking
- Advance conjunctive use and groundwater recharge
- Improve regional watershed management and climate resilience
- Deliver multi-benefit projects through regional collaboration

Eligible Projects

- Groundwater recharge and conjunctive use projects
- Conveyance improvements
- Subsidence BMP implementation actions
- Agricultural land adaptation projects
- Projects addressing DWR corrective actions
- Other GSP implementation activities

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DOC MULTIBENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM (MLRP)

Program Information	
Funding	~$200M (Prop.4)
Draft Guidelines	August 2026
Applications Open	Fall 2026
Awards	Winter 2026–2027
Application Process	Single Application
Cost Share	None Required
Grant Term	3-5 years

Eligible Applicants

- Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), public agencies and local governments, Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs), California Native American Tribes, nonprofit organizations and other GSA partners

Program Priorities

- Support SGMA implementation across a groundwater basin
- Prioritize Critically Overdrafted (COD), High-, and Medium-Priority groundwater basins
- Advance regional collaboration (variety of program partners) and multi-benefit projects
- Benefits to disadvantaged communities

Eligible Projects

- Groundwater recharge and floodplain restoration
- Agricultural land transitions and alternative land uses
- Recropping to less water-intensive crops
- Habitat restoration and water quality improvements
- Community resilience and regional implementation strategies

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DWR WATERSHED RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM

Program Information	
Funding	~$152M (Prop.4) *Amount for each solicitation is to be determined
Draft Guidelines	**Conservation Implementation:** Early Fall 2026 **Watershed Resilience Planning+:** Winter 2026-27
Application Process	Two-Step (Concept Proposal + Full Application by Invitation)
Cost Share	None required
Advance Payment	Up to 25% of award
Timeline	**Conservation Implementation:** Concept Proposals due Early 2027; Full application in Spring 2027 (anticipated) **Watershed Resilience Planning+:** Concept Proposals due Late 2027; Full application to follow (anticipated)

Eligible Applicants

- Collaborative groups led by eligible public agencies, local agencies and special districts, tribes, nonprofit organizations, regional partnerships and watershed collaboratives

Program Priorities

- Improve watershed-scale climate resilience and adaptation
- Support integrated regional water management
- Advance regional collaboration and community partnerships
- Increase water conservation and watershed resilience
- Implement high-priority watershed projects

Eligible Projects

Early Action Implementation

- Water conservation projects and watershed resilience implementation projects

Planning + Solicitation

- Watershed Resilience Plans, implementation of high-priority projects, and expand or update existing watershed plans

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PROPOSED ACTION PLAN

- Under EKI's existing Task 1.2:
  - Develop Project Information Template to GSAs
    - Active P/MAs: EKI will prefill forms based on Annual Report information on P/MAs and provide to GSAs to complete
    - Additional Projects: GSAs to complete
    - **Deadline for GSAs to complete Project forms is September 30th.**
  - Send additional information once Guidelines are released
  - Develop project catalogue by grant program using Project forms→ Potential meetings with GSAs and project leads
- Subject to specific task orders:
  - Work with JPA to screen / rank projects for eligibility, readiness, benefits, and partnerships.
  - Potential meetings with DWR
  - Identify opportunities to bolster project competitiveness through partnerships, further development of project design/concept, etc.
  - Use DWR workshops/comment periods strategically to clarify eligibility and strengthen positioning
  - Prepare concept proposals / grant proposals

DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

PROJECT CONTACT	
PROJECT CONTACT'S NAME Click or tap here to enter text.	**PROJECT CONTACT'S INFORMATION** Enter email address here.
GSA(s) Click or tap here to enter text.	
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY(IES)/PROJECT PROPONENT(S): Primary/Lead: Click or tap here to enter text. Supporting: Click or tap here to enter text.	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
PROJECT NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.	
IS THIS AN EXISTING/ONGOING PROJECT/MANAGEMENT ACTION (P/MA)? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", P/MA ID: Click or tap here to enter text.	
SUMMARY DESCRIPTION: Click or tap here to enter text.	
LOCATION: ☐ Check here if GSA-wide Township / Range: Click or tap here to enter text. Coordinates (Latitude / Longitude): Click or tap here to enter text. Description: Click or tap here to enter text.	
ALIGNMENT WITH GRANT PRIORITIES (Please identify the key program priorities outlined in Attachment A that the Project aligns with): Click or tap here to enter text.	
QUANTITATIVE MEASURED/EXPECTED ANNUAL BENEFIT (demand reduction, annual recharge, or supply augmentation, in acre-feet per year): Click or tap here to enter text.	

DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

QUALITATIVE ESTIMATED/EXPECTED ANNUAL BENEFIT (water quality improvement, flood control, water management flexibility/efficiency, data gap filling/monitoring etc., benefits to disadvantaged/vulnerable communities, described in detail):
Click or tap here to enter text.

AFFECTED SUSTAINABILITY INDICATOR (check all that apply):

☐ Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels ☐ Reduction of Groundwater Storage
☐ Seawater Intrusion ☐ Degraded Water Quality
☐ Land Subsidence ☐ Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water

TYPE (check all that apply):

☐ Water Supply Augmentation
- ☐ Surface Water ☐ Groundwater (Recharge) ☐ Recycled Water
- ☐ Transfer ☐ Stormwater ☐ Other

Source of Outside Water (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

☐ Water Demand Reduction
- ☐ Conservation ☐ Land / Water Use Changes

☐ Infrastructure / Capital Project ☐ Policy Project
☐ Data Gap Filling / Monitoring ☐ Water Quality Improvement
☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

COSTS & FUNDING SOURCE(s):

Capital / Up-front ($): Click or tap here to enter text.

Source(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

O&M / On-going ($ per year): Click or tap here to enter text.

Source(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

STATUS (conceptual, % design completion, shovel-ready, ongoing, etc.): Click or tap here to enter text.

SCHEDULE / TIMING:

Timetable for Initiation (for existing/ongoing P/MA): Click or tap here to enter text.

Timetable for Completion: Click or tap here to enter text.

Timeframe to Accrue Expected Benefits: Click or tap here to enter text.

LAND TENURE / SITE CONTROL (ownership, lease, easement, etc.): Click or tap here to enter text.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE / PERMITTING STATUS (CEQA/NEPA status; anticipated permits and agencies): Click or tap here to enter text.

WATER SOURCE / HOW THE PROJECT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED: Click or tap here to enter text.

DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

ENTITIES LIKELY TO PROVIDE LETTER(S) OF SUPPORT: Click or tap here to enter text.
ADDITIONAL DETAILS (as necessary)**:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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TO: Northern DM Region Management Committee
Agenda Item No. 14

FROM: Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group

DATE: September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on DWR Review of WY 2025-26 Annual Report

Recommendation
None; Information only.

Discussion
On April 1, 2026, Woodard & Curran submitted the Annual Report for Water Year (WY) 2025 (October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on behalf of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.

On July 29, 2026, DWR staff provided their review of the WY 2025 Annual Report which is provided as **Attachment 1**.

In the review, DWR staff notes they are not able to fully assess the basins sustainability goals since they are currently reviewing the basin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). They do note ~20 wells with missing groundwater level and quality data from WY 2025. On August 10, 2026, staff met with DWR to identify any potential discrepancies in the Representative Monitoring Network that had been assessed. Staff has identified the GSAs with the wells missing information, and a table of those wells and status is provided as **Attachment 2.**

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July 29, 2026

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RE: Review of Annual Report for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, Water Year 2025

Dear Jarrett Martin,

As the basin point of contact for the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (Subbasin), this letter is to inform you that the Department of Water Resources (Department) has completed the review of the annual report for the Subbasin for Water Year 2025.

Following the adoption of a GSP and annually thereafter, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires that an annual report be submitted to the Department by April 1 (Wat. Code § 10728). Once an annual report has been submitted, the Department is required to notify the submitting groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) of receipt within 20 days, review the information to determine whether the basin's GSP is being implemented in a manner likely to achieve its established sustainability goal, and notify the submitting agency in writing if additional information is required (23 CCR § 355.8). However, due to the current status of the GSP for the basin, the basin does not yet have a sustainability goal that is part of an approved Plan. As a result, the Department cannot independently evaluate whether information in the annual report indicates that the Plan is being implemented in a manner that will likely achieve the sustainability goal for the basin at this time, but that determination will be included in the Department's forthcoming evaluation of the Plan.

The Department noted that the annual report provided an update on all the applicable sustainable management criteria for the Subbasin, as required by GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 356.2). SGMA requires that the submitting agency continue to include this information in the next annual report, including a description of progress towards implementing the GSP for each of the applicable sustainability indicators.

The Department requires that the submitting agency provide implementation updates on the SGMA Portal Projects and Management Actions (PMA) Module during each water year, as required by GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 356.2). The Department will require that the submitting agency continue to provide implementation updates on the SGMA Portal PMA Module during each water year. Implementation updates provide a

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way to report and track progress such as status, accrued benefits, and funding updates on the implementation of the basin's PMAs. Reporting accurate, detailed, and measurable information in the SGMA Portal PMA Module (such as current status, a time-table for the accrual of benefits, and funding updates on implementation) clearly demonstrates any progress in implementing projects and management actions to the Department since the previous annual report.

The Department's Monitoring Network Module indicates that the Subbasin did not perform monitoring on 20 of the representative monitoring site (RMS) locations for either the seasonal low period in Water Year 2025, which represents 20% of the total RMS network. Additionally, four (4) RMS locations have not reported any groundwater level measurements for either Water Year 2024 or 2025 (Site Codes: 367134N1202421W001, 367134N1202421W002, 368612N1205104W001, and 370807N1208308W001). To ensure reliable evaluation of basin conditions, the GSA should maintain consistent data collection across its monitoring network by collecting groundwater elevation measurements twice per year, as required by the GSP Regulations (23 CCR 354.34 (c)(1)(B)). Absence of monitoring data from RMS locations may affect a GSA's ability to evaluate whether undesirable results are occurring and could affect a GSA's ability to assess or demonstrate whether implementation is meeting the sustainability goal.

Please contact the assigned Department basin point-of-contact or sgmps@water.ca.gov if you have questions about this notice or the annual reporting process. The Department looks forward to receiving your Water Year 2026 Annual Report by April 1, 2027.

Thank You,

Keith Wallace

Keith Wallace, P.E.
Assistant Deputy Director
Sustainable Water Management

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DWR REVIEW OF WY 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Wells Identified by DWR as Missing WY 2025 Seasonal Low (Oct-Nov 2024) Measurements

DMS ID	Local Well ID	GSA Group	GSA / Entity	In Current RMN?	Has WY 2025 Seasonal Low?	Comments	Measured in Q1/Q2 2026
13-011	TR-LA-565	Fresno County	County of Fresno GSA	Yes	No	Well was drilled in Feb 2025	Yes
13-012	TR-UA-315	Fresno County	County of Fresno GSA	Yes	No	Well was drilled in Feb 2025	Yes
11-019	3PL-2	Grassland	Grasslands GSA	Yes	No	Well was pumping in Nov 2024	Yes
11-022	1PL-4	Grassland	County of Merced GSA	Yes	No	Well was pumping in Nov 2024	Yes
02-109	Floragold Well	NDM	City of Patterson GSA	No		Not in RMN	
17-001	Mendota City #7	SJREC Water Authority	City of Mendota GSA	Yes	Yes		Yes
14-022	Elrod #4 Well #21	SJREC Water Authority	SJREC GSA	Yes	Yes		Yes
14-023	26B	SJREC Water Authority	SJREC GSA	Yes	Yes		Yes
14-024	CCID 2723	SJREC Water Authority	SJREC GSA	Yes	No	Well has no measurements	No
14-025	SDMW West - Lower Aquifer	SJREC Water Authority	SJREC GSA	Yes	No	Well under construction in Nov 2024	Yes
14-026	SDMW West - Upper Aquifer	SJREC Water Authority	SJREC GSA	Yes	No	Well under construction in Nov 2024	Yes
14-027	CLB Well #10	SJREC Water Authority	SJREC GSA	Yes	Yes		Yes
16-001	CLB Well #12	SJREC Water Authority	City of Los Banos GSA	Yes	Yes		Yes
20-001	TIWD #17	SJREC Water Authority	Turner Island Water District GSA	Yes	No	No reading taken	Yes
15-001	Firebaugh Well #17	SJREC Water Authority	City of Firebaugh GSA	Yes	No	No reading taken	Yes
22-001	Gustine City #5	SJREC Water Authority	City of Gustine GSA	Yes	No	No reading taken	Yes
22-002	Gustine City #6	SJREC Water Authority	City of Gustine GSA	Yes	No	No reading taken	Yes
18-001	Newman City #6	SJREC Water Authority	City of Newman GSA	Yes	Yes		Yes
18-002	Newman City #8	SJREC Water Authority	City of Newman GSA	Yes	Yes		Yes
16-002	CLB Well #8	SJREC Water Authority	City of Los Banos GSA	No		Not in RMN	

- *Grey highlights indicate wells no longer in the RMW-WL network.*

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TO: Northern DM Region Management Committee
Agenda Item No. 15

FROM: Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group

DATE: September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Model Phase 1 Schedule and Status of GSA Data Reporting

Recommendation
None; Information only.

Discussion
On June 8, 2026, the DM Subbasin JPA Board authorized the cost share allocation for EKI to perform a phased model calibration. During the July and August Committee and Board meetings, EKI requested well registration and pumping data from the GSAs to inform the model calibration effort. On July 16, staff sent out an information request forms for the CDMGSA entities to provide well registration, meter registration, and pumping data. On July 23, EKI reminded the Central DM GSA Board of this request, and provided a **November 30, 2026** deadline to fill out the forms and submit information via the Egnyte platform.

Committee feedback needed: Does the Committee want Hallmark Group to collect all information from the Northern DM member agencies and upload the information to the Egnyte portal?

An update on the data collected for the Model Phase 1 approach is provided below:

Northern DM Entity	Well Registration (Bulk Form)	RMN Confirm RPE	Pumping Data WY 2026	Well / Meter Policies
City of Patterson	•	-	•	•
DM II - Del Puerto WD	•	Verifying	•	•
DM II - Oak Flat	•	Verifying	•	•
Northwestern DM - Merced County	•	-	•	•
Northwestern DM - Stanislaus County	•	-	•	•
Patterson ID	•	-	•	•
West Stanislaus ID	•	•	•	•

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TO: Northern DM Region Management Committee
Agenda Item No. 16

FROM: Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group

DATE: September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) Implementation, Q3 Monitoring Event and Exceedance Reporting

Recommendation
None; Information only.

Discussion
The target month for Q3 groundwater level and water quality sampling was August. Please collect groundwater levels and water quality samples for all 6 Contaminants of Concern (COCs) and upload results to the DMS by **September 30, 2026**.

The 6 COC's are Arsenic; nitrate; 1,2,3-TCP; gross alpha radioactivity; TDS; and hexavalent chromium.

An update on PRP Implementation, Q3 Monitoring Event and Exceedance Reporting is provided as **Attachment 1.**

A list of the Northern DM Representative Monitoring Wells and their Q3 data upload status will be provided during the Northern DM meeting presentation.

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PRP REMINDER #1: MONITORING & REPORTING

- Q3 sampling (WL and WQ) should have been completed **by August 31st**, with data QAQC and upload to the DMS **by September 30th**
  - Any RMWs missed during the August sampling event should be sampled ***as soon as possible***
  - Data should be collected and uploaded to the DMS ***on time*** to ensure adequate time for QAQC and timely PRP updates
- Continue with pending investigation or required actions:
  - Submit your investigations to the PRP Dashboard within 60-day investigation period
  - Submit monthly pumping volumes (reduction) if pumping reduction is triggered and required; provide quarterly updates on other courses of action determined by investigation
  - Conduct required higher frequency monitoring for WQ Exceedance Mitigation based on Fall 2025 samples, unless investigation resulted in finding of no GSA cause

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GWL EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS: 2026 Q2 (APR/MAY)

- **No quarterly GWL exceedances occurred during Q2 2026.**
- Well 01-128 in DM-II GSA triggered investigation in spring.
  - Investigation is already ongoing by the GSA.
  - RMW lacks enough historical data to establish a Spring target and is triggering based on a declining trend and comparison with previous year's Spring measurement.
  - No significant cause for concern, EKI will continue to review data and coordinate with the GSA to ensure compliance.

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GWQ EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS: 2026 Q1 (FEB)

- RMWs to watch

DMS Site Name	COC	Local Well Name	GSA	Aquifer	Reason to Watch
01-002	TDS	MP033.71L	DM-II GSA	Lower	Exceeded Last August/No exceedance in February
02-002	TDS	WELL 02 - NORTH 5TH ST	City of Patterson GSA	Lower	Exceeded Last August; Well collapsed, watch its proxy
01-001	TDS	MP030.43R	DM-II GSA	Lower	Statistically significant increasing trend.
01-008	TDS	MP051.66L	DM-II GSA	Lower	Statistically significant increasing trend.
06-001	TDS	P259-1	Northwestern Delta-Mendota GSA	Lower	Statistically significant increasing trend.
01-004	Nitrate	MC10-2	DM-II GSA	Upper	Exceeded Last August/Increased in February
01-008	Nitrate	MP051.66L	DM-II GSA	Lower	Exceeded in February
05-124	Nitrate	6S8E3405124U	Northwestern Delta-Mendota GSA	Upper	Exceeded in February
01-001	Nitrate	MP030.43R	DM-II GSA	Lower	Statistically significant increasing trend.

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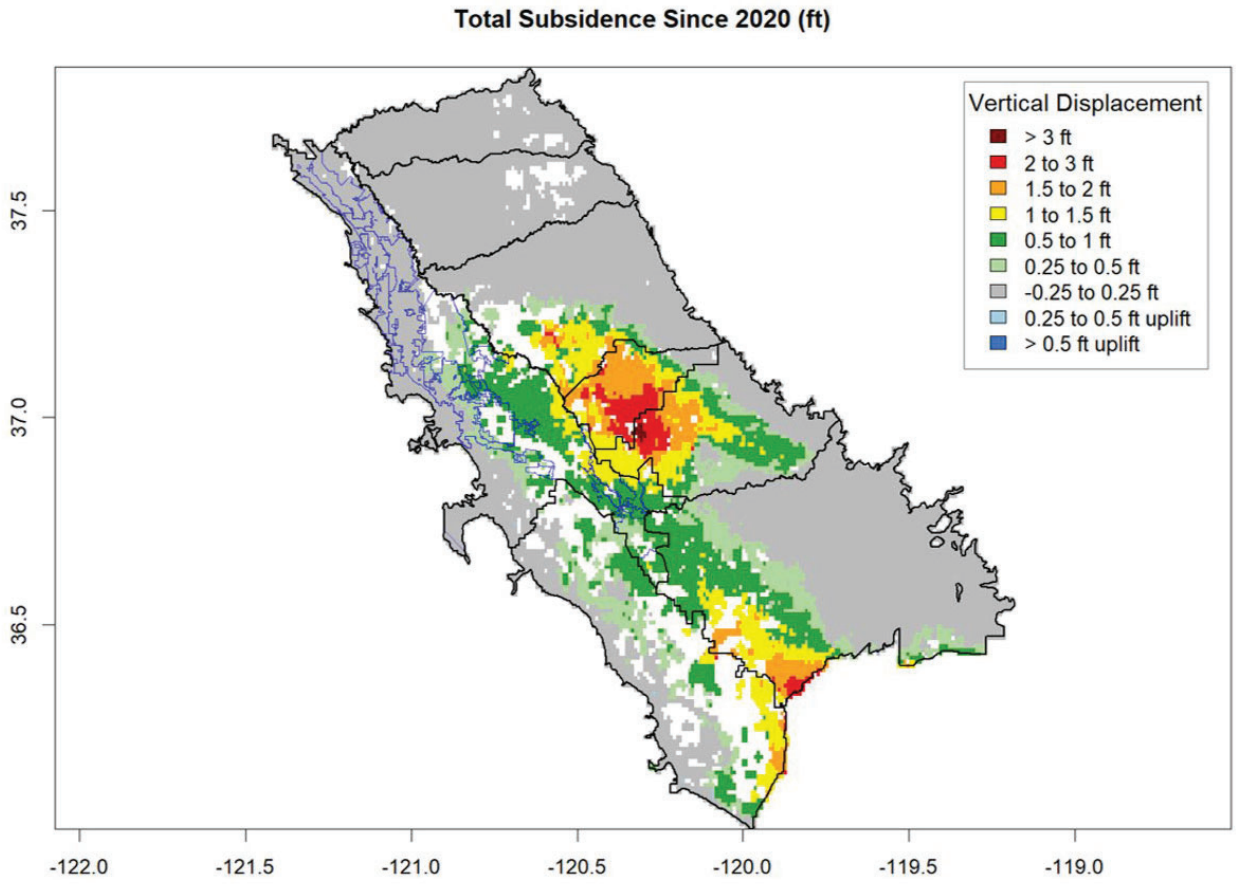
PRP REMINDER #2: SUBSIDENCE AVOIDANCE

- **GSAs to provide an update on actions taken to Dashboard by August 31st.**
- 2030 Subsidence IM = 1.5 ft since 2020
- 2040 Subsidence MT = 2 ft since 2020
- Maximum subsidence between Jan 2020-Jan 2026 within Delta-Mendota Subbasin = **1.66 ft**
- Remaining allowed subsidence from MT ~ 0.34 ft (26 months→ June 2028)



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PRP REMINDER #2: SUBSIDENCE AVOIDANCE

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PRP REMINDER #3: WELL REGISTRATION AND OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

- **Component #1: Monitoring & Reporting**
  - Well registration and Well Metering deadline was January 2026
  - *Please upload your well registration and metering resolutions to your shared folders.*
  - Need to replace composite or production wells used as RMWs by 2030
- **Component #2: Overdraft Reduction**
  - Zones are required to reduce pumping by the totals provided as part of the PRP → *Updates should be tracked by GSAs.*

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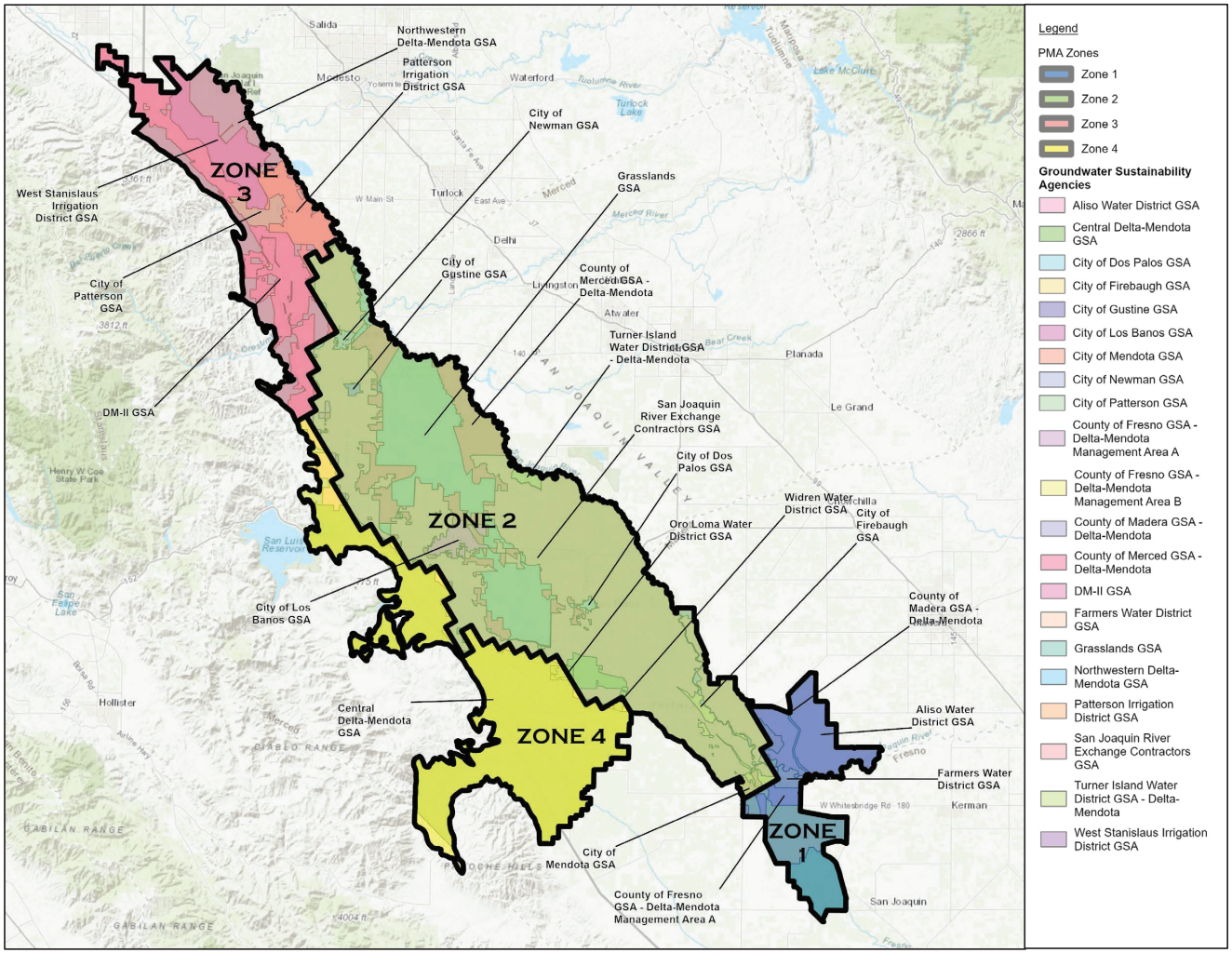
COMPONENT #2: OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

Required Reduction for Overdraft Mitigation by end of WY 2030

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

"Allowable" Pumping in WY 2026

	Upper Aquifer (AFY)	Lower Aquifer (AFY)
Zone 1	87,022	15,073
Zone 2	129,293	13,408
Zone 3	27,522	49,555
Zone 4	31,787	84,683
Basin	**275,624**	**162,720**



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COMPONENT #2: OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

- Overdraft reduction planned based on projected implementation of effective P/MAs in the Basin.
- Additional pumping reduction after 2030, or a modification of annual reductions, may be required depending on Basin's progress towards its WL and Subsidence targets.

Required Reduction and Allowable Pumping Per Aquifer for Overdraft Mitigation by end of WY 2030

Year	Upper Aquifer		Lower Aquifer	
	Total Reduction (AFY)	Allowable Pumping(AFY)	Total Reduction (AFY)	Allowable Pumping(AFY)
Zone 1 (Aliso WD, Farmers WD, Fresno County, Tranquility ID)				
2026	560	87,022	577	15,073
2027	1,119	86,462	1,154	14,496
2028	1,679	85,902	1,732	13,919
2029	2,238	85,343	2,309	13,342
2030	2,798	84,783	2,886	12,764
Zone 2 (SJREC, Grasslands, Merced County)				
2026	924	129,293	628	13,408
2027	1,848	128,369	1,256	12,781
2028	2,771	127,445	1,883	12,153
2029	3,695	126,521	2,511	11,525
2030	4,619	125,597	3,139	10,897
Zone 3 (Northern DM)				
2026	161	27,522	1,805	49,555
2027	321	27,362	3,609	47,750
2028	482	27,201	5,414	45,946
2029	642	27,041	7,218	44,141
2030	803	26,880	9,023	42,336
Zone 4 (Central DM)				
2026	261	31,787	3,488	84,683
2027	521	31,527	6,976	81,195
2028	782	31,266	10,464	77,707
2029	1,042	31,006	13,952	74,219
2030	1,303	30,745	17,440	70,731

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NORTHERN
DELTA-MENDOTA

TO: Northern DM Region Management Committee
Agenda Item No. 17

FROM: Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group

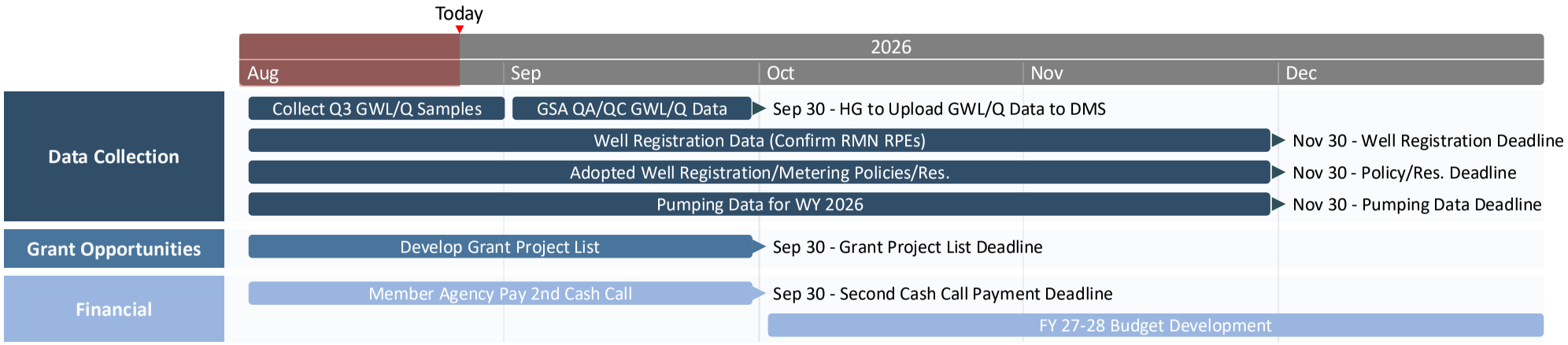
DATE: September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Program Management Report

Recommendation
None; Information only.

Discussion
An update on the action items carried out since the last Northern DM Region Management Committee Meeting is provided below.

Action item	Responsible	Status / Deadline
Remove the $75,000 item and administer one invoice for the 2nd cash call.	Hallmark	Complete
Develop a reserve policy and long-standing policy for end of FY cash balance.	Hallmark	Complete
Complete well registration and metering forms, send existing policies/ resolutions to EKI by **November 30, 2026.**	GSA entities	In Progress
Upload Q3 groundwater levels and water quality data to DMS by **September 30, 2026**.	GSA entities	In Progress
Fill out project solicitation form and submit to EKI by **September 30, 2026**.	GSA entities	In Progress

A timeline with key deadlines for providing information is provided as **Attachment 2**.

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