



**Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors**

**Monday, October 12, 2026, 1:00 PM**

**Grassland Water District Board Room  
200 W Willmott Ave, Los Banos, CA 93635**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority has been called for **Monday, October 12, 2026, 1:00 PM**, on items listed on the attached agenda, which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

*Teleconference Locations:*

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 200 W Willmott Ave. | 948 Orange Ave      |
| Los Banos, CA 93635 | Patterson, CA 95363 |

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**AGENDA**

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

**Consent Calendar**

5. Consider Approval of the Consent Calendar ([Hurley](#))
  - a. Minutes of the September 21, 2026 Meeting
  - b. Budget to Actual Report

**Closed Session**

6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Layne)  
The Committee will meet in closed session to confer with legal counsel on significant exposure to anticipated litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case)

#### **Open Session**

7. Report from Closed Session (Layne)

#### **Action Items**

8. Direction on Public Comment Letters on the DM Subbasin GSP (Blakslee/Dutton)
9. Ratify Authorization of Budget Amendment with Woodard & Curran for DWR Grant Administration (Blakslee)
10. Direction on Grant Opportunities (Blakslee/Dutton)
11. Review and Consider Taking Action to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA to Use Teleconferencing as Authorized by the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Layne)
12. Consider Approval of an Operating Reserve Policy (Blakslee)

#### **Report Items**

13. Quarterly Update on the Domestic Well Mitigation Policy (Blakslee/Layne)
  14. Update on Model Phase 1 Schedule and Status of GSA Data Reporting (Blakslee/Mani)
  15. Update on the Development of the Water Year 2026 Annual Report (Blakslee/Mani)
  16. Update on PRP Implementation (Xie)
    - a. Q3 Exceedance Reporting by GSA
  17. Program Management Report and Update on Action Items (Blakslee)
  18. Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities (Beutler)
  19. Update on Water Blueprint Activities (Chedester) – *Verbal*
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20. Next Steps (Blakslee)
  21. Member Reports (Hurley)
  22. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) (Layne)
  23. Next Meeting(s): (Hurley)
    - a. Delta-Mendota JPA Board Meeting – Monday, November 16, 2026, Grassland Water District Boardroom
  24. Adjournment (Hurley)

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 5

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 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 September 21, 2026 Meeting (**Attachment 1**)
- b. Budget to Actual Report (**Attachment 2**)



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Monday, September 21, 2026, 1:00 PM

Grassland Water District Board Room  
200 W Willmott Ave, Los Banos, CA 93635

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**Board Directors**

Chase Hurley, Central DM GSA  
Jim Stilwell, Farmers GSA  
Joe Hopkins, Aliso Water District  
Augustine Ramirez, Fresno County A&B  
John Wiersma, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors  
Vince Lucchesi, Northern DM Region

**Others Present**

Adan Ortiz, Fresno County  
Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group  
Palmer McCoy, Mercy Springs Irrigation District  
Jarrett Martin, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors

**Present Via Zoom/Phone**

Amir Mani, EKI  
Adam Scheuber, Del Puerto Water District  
Alma Antua, Westlands Water District  
Andrew Francis, LSCE  
Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto Water District  
Antonio Solorio  
Brittany Harker, Stanislaus County  
Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County  
Ellen Wehr, Grassland Water District  
Ethan Andrews, Provost & Pritchard  
Gilbert Torres, Fresno County  
Holly Stanitsas, Stantec  
Jason Dean  
Juan Cadena  
Kathryn Dixon, Hallmark Group  
Lauren Layne, Legal Counsel, Baker Manock & Jensen  
Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District  
Maria Razo, Stanislaus County  
Matt Garcia, Del Puerto WD

Michael Miller  
Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District  
Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard  
Ric Ortega, Grassland Water District – *Call in from unnoticed location and unable to vote*  
Sarah Boogay, CA Department of Water Resources  
Steve Chedester, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors  
Steve Haze, Tranquillity Resource Conservation District  
Susan Xie, EKI  
Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Hurley led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as Authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.**

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda of items. However, the Board asked legal counsel to prepare a resolution for the next meeting that would allow for Board members to participate in meetings remotely due to an emergency, in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**4. Opportunity for Public Comment**

Chair Hurley opened the floor for public comments, and there were none provided.

**Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Minutes of the August 10, 2026 Meeting
- b. Budget to Actual Report

**MOTION**

Director Wiersma made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Lucchesi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with one Director absent.

**Closed Session**

**6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Layne)**

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: (1 case)  
*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: (1 case)

The Board entered closed session at 1:06 p.m.

**Open Session**

**7. Report from Closed Session**

The Board returned from closed session at 1:12 p.m. Legal counsel, Lauren Layne, stated that there was no reportable action.

### Action Items

**8. Direction on Public Comment Letters on the DM Subbasin GSP**

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that there were four public comment letters received during the 75-day public comment period for the DM Subbasin GSP. Blakslee stated two questions staff are looking for Board feedback on. Susan Xie with EKI explained a more detailed summary of who submitted those comment letters and their main concerns. Amir added that on DWR's website six comment letters are shown, but two of those are duplicates. Board members discussed whether or not to direct EKI to respond to the comment letters. Member Martin suggested reaching out to DWR contacts regarding this item to gain insight before directing EKI to fully repurpose task 4 funds.

The Board directed EKI to provide a cost estimate of task 4 funds that would be needed to review the comment letters and to present the estimate and scope to the Board at the October 12, 2026 meeting.

**9. Consider Authorization of Budget Amendment with Woodard & Curran for DWR for Grant Administration**

Blakslee introduced this item and stated this request was brought to the Board at the last meeting but that it had not yet gone through approval at the Northern DM Committee and Central DM GSA level. Blakslee stated W&C recently requested an additional \$10,000 for reasons presented, including continual coordination with DWR on component completion reports. Blakslee added that since the last meeting, it has come to his attention that an additional invoice package will need to be authorized and submitted by W&C to complete the benchmark work. He stated that if even if a second invoicing package is authorized by the Board, there is a chance W&C may come back with an additional budget request but they have stated they are confident they can complete it within the \$10,000 budget amendment. If it is not authorized, roughly \$90,000 of work would not be reimbursable.

Since not all members were able to participate in a vote that would impact the budget (required by the DM Subbasin JPA Agreement), the Board provided direction to approve the budget amendment with Woodard & Curran for an additional \$10,000, which would be considered for ratification by a vote of the full Board at the October 12, 2026 meeting.

**10. Direction on Grant Opportunities**

Blakslee introduced this item and EKI provided an overview of the upcoming grant opportunities that have been introduced to the Board at the last meeting. Blakslee stated staff is looking for clear direction on how the Board would like staff to proceed with these grants. Amir Mani (EKI) gave a detailed summary of staff's proposed action plan and the three upcoming grant opportunities, including DWR SGM grant program, DOC MLRP, and DWR watershed resilience grant program.

Chair Hurley asked if only a few projects should be applied for by the DM JPA, and Mani stated that there could be multiple projects included as part of one grant application on behalf of the Subbasin. Blakslee stated that no potential projects have been received from the GSAs and suggested a meeting with a representative of every entity to come up with a list of potential projects. Chair Hurley asked Board members if anyone had any projects they would like to include in a grant application and Member Lucchesi stated the City of Patterson may have one.

The Board directed staff to collect a list of the projects and management actions outlined in the DM Subbasin GSP and any other projects received from GSAs, and to present a clean list of projects for Board consideration at the next meeting.

#### **Report Items**

**11. Update on Model Phase 1 Schedule and Status of GSA Data Reporting**

Blakslee introduced this item and gave an update on information requested from GSA entities. GSAs should have received an email to access the shared folders for uploading information throughout the year, including data to inform the model calibration. EKI reminded the GSA representatives to upload well registration and pumping data for model calibration into Egnyte by November 30, 2026. Member Stilwell stated they have submitted information into the PRP dashboard and asked if EKI can pull that information into the Egnyte shared folder, so they do not need to submit it twice. Mani stated he will confirm if the information is there and will pull it into Egnyte. Andrew Francis also stated he uploaded information into the dashboard.

Member Hopkins stated that he will likely aggregate data and asked about data sharing confidentiality. EKI and legal counsel can work with Aliso WD offline to ensure granularity is appropriate for the PRP and model calibration efforts.

**12. Update on DWR Review of Water Year 2025 Annual Report**

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that the DM Subbasin Annual Report for Water Year 2025 was submitted to DWR by the April 1, 2025 deadline. On July 29, 2026 DWR staff provided their review of the annual report and stated there were 20 wells in the monitoring network missing seasonal low measurements and reminded the basin of the requirement to measure all wells. Blakslee stated staff has coordinated with DWR to reconcile any discrepancies in the monitoring network and has provided updates regarding those wells for DWR's awareness.

**13. Update on PRP Implementation**

**a. Q2 Exceedance Reporting by GSA**

Blakslee stated the action plans from the GSA entities with Q2 exceedances are provided in the packet and asked if there are any questions, to which there were none.

**b. Q3 Monitoring Event**

Mani provided a reminder of the wells with Q2 exceedances and those to watch for future exceedances. He reminded Members that Q3 sampling was to be conducted in August with results due to the DMS by September 30, 2026. Liddy provided a summary of the data that has been received from each member agency, and stated she is aware and tracking that many are waiting for water quality results to come back from the respective labs. Member Martin asked if edits can be more readily made in the DMS and flagged that there are cities with Title XXII efforts on water quality. Liddy stated she is urging Houston Engineering to make those overhaul changes after the Q3 upload event.

**14. Program Management Report and Update on Action Items**

Blakslee provided an overview of the action items that have been accomplished since the last DM Subbasin JPA Board meeting, along with updates on current action items. The Board did not have any questions regarding this report item. Additionally, Blakslee stated he would

recommend engaging the budget ad hoc to receive direction on upcoming budget development for fiscal year 2027, and Chair Hurley stated that members Hopkins, Stilwell, and Ramirez were on the budget ad hoc in the past, and he stated that if they are available to participate, that staff can schedule a budget ad hoc meeting. Lastly, Liddy provided an update regarding the cost share amongst the 5 remaining Subbasins for P&P's past proposal to monitor the USBR subsidence benchmark sites, as Westside Subbasin is conducting their own monitoring and does not want to duplicate efforts. Member Hopkins stated that to maintain the same cost share to the Subbasin (\$21,217), P&P reduced the number of monitored sites in the DM Subbasin from 25 to 18. Chair Hurley asked if the other Subbasins are comfortable with the modification to the benchmark locations and asked that Member Hopkins distribute the map of the original 25 locations, highlighting which sites would not be monitored to reduce costs. Then, Members can present any concerns to Member Hopkins if there are any.

**15. Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities**

Lisa Beutler (Stantec) was unable to attend the meeting, and Blakslee introduced this item and asked if there were any questions from the Board. There were none.

**16. Update on Water Blueprint Activities**

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that there may be a request from the Water Blueprint for the DM Subbasin to contribute up to \$10,000, and would like Board direction on what level the Subbasin should contribute. Member Lucchesi stated that Strategic Plan meeting of the Water Blueprint was on Wednesday and he understood that they may end up pushing off the ask for funding, knowing that there are several DM GSAs already contributing and SLDMWA contributing as well. The Board provided direction for staff to work with Steve Chedester (San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors) on scheduling an educational presentation once the Strategic Plan is completed. The Board also directed staff to work with the budget ad hoc to discuss if this contribution to the Water Blueprint should be part of the budgeting process, if the Board decides that the DM Subbasin would contribute as a whole, instead of individual DM GSAs contributing.

**17. Next Steps**

Mr. Blakslee listed the following next steps:

- Member Martin talk to DWR representative regarding the comment letters on the GSP.
- EKI to provide scope and estimated cost to review and provide recommendations for responding to comment letters.
- Present grant projects for Board consideration at the next meeting.
- Houston Engineering to make overhaul DMS changes.
- EKI include the San Joaquin River and DM Canal to the model and distribute.
- Staff schedule a budget ad hoc in October to inform the Fiscal Year 2028 budget development process.
- Member Hopkins distribute map of changes to the P&P subsidence benchmark monitoring sites.
- Schedule educational overview of the Unified Water Plan

**18. Member Reports**

Chair Hurley stated that Merced Subbasin technical consultants read through the DM Subbasin GSP and had questions regarding the 2 feet acceptable value for subsidence. Hurley stated he

wanted to follow protocol to inform the Board, and stated he would like to set up a meeting with some DM JPA Board members and technical consultants to address the technical questions that Merced Subbasin has regarding this topic.

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

Nothing to report.

**20. Next Meeting(s):**

- a. October 12, 2026, 1 p.m. PST, Grassland Water District Board Room

**21. Adjournment**

Chair Hurley adjourned the meeting at 2:23p.m.



**2026 DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN GSAs JPA BOARD MEETING DATES (*2nd Monday, unless otherwise listed*) - Grassland Water District Board Room**

November 16, 2026

December 14, 2026

**LIST OF ACRONYMS**

|               |                                                      |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CEQA</b>   | California Environmental Quality Act                 |
| <b>DMS</b>    | Data Management System                               |
| <b>DWR</b>    | California Department of Water Resources             |
| <b>FSS</b>    | Facilitation Support Services                        |
| <b>GSA</b>    | Groundwater Sustainability Agency                    |
| <b>GSP</b>    | Groundwater Sustainability Plan                      |
| <b>ISW</b>    | Interconnected Surface Water                         |
| <b>JPA</b>    | Joint Powers Authority                               |
| <b>MOA</b>    | Memorandum of Agreement                              |
| <b>MOU</b>    | Memorandum of Understanding                          |
| <b>MT</b>     | Minimum Threshold                                    |
| <b>PRP</b>    | Pumping Reduction Plan                               |
| <b>RMW</b>    | Representative Monitoring Wells                      |
| <b>SLDMWA</b> | San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority) |
| <b>SMC</b>    | Sustainable Management Criteria                      |
| <b>SWRCB</b>  | State Water Resources Control Board                  |



**Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority  
Financial Statements  
August 2026**

# Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority

## Combined Financial Statements

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Through August 31, 2026

#### Combined Statement of Net Position

##### Current Assets

|                                                                                             |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| JPA Chase Bank Checking Account ( <i>non-interest bearing</i> )                             | \$ 166,107 |
| JPA Chase Bank Savings Account - Domestic Well Mitigation Funds ( <i>interest bearing</i> ) | 150,003    |
| Northern Chase Bank Checking Account ( <i>non-interest bearing</i> )                        | 92,668     |
| Northern Chase Bank Savings Account - GSP Update Reserve Fund ( <i>interest bearing</i> )   | 50,001     |
| Accounts Receivable - JPA                                                                   | 1,085,022  |
| Accounts Receivable - Northern                                                              | 128,742    |
| Prepaid Insurance                                                                           | 4,012      |

##### Total Assets

**\$ 1,676,555**

##### Current Liabilities

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Accounts Payable - JPA      | \$ 57,700 |
| Accounts Payable - Northern | 16,502    |

##### Total Liabilities

**\$ 74,202**

##### Net Position

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Unrestricted | \$ 1,302,353 |
| Restricted   | 300,000      |

##### Total Net Position

**\$ 1,602,353**

#### Combined Statement of Change in Net Position

|                                          | Actual              |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                           |                     |
| Member Agency Funding                    | \$ 1,930,179        |
| Reserve For Domestic Well Mitigation     | (100,000)           |
| Reserve for GSP Updates                  | (100,000)           |
| Interest Income                          | 4                   |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                     | <b>\$ 1,730,183</b> |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                |                     |
| Legal Counsel                            | \$ 36,596           |
| SGMA Implementation Grant Administration | 72,736              |
| Program Manager/Executive Director       | 148,387             |
| Technical Consultants - Northern         | 32,640              |
| Annual Report                            | 3,515               |
| Data Management System Support           | 8,210               |
| GSP Implementation Support               | 106,265             |
| Model Calibration                        | 18,664              |
| Insurance                                | 802                 |
| Bank Service Charges                     | 15                  |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>          | <b>\$ 427,830</b>   |
| <b>Change in Net Position</b>            | <b>\$ 1,302,353</b> |

**Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority**  
*(Excludes Northern Committee)*  
**August 2026**

# Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority

## Financial Statements

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Through August 31, 2026

#### Statement of Net Position

|                                                                                         |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>                                                                   |                     |
| Chase Bank Checking Account ( <i>non-interest bearing</i> )                             | \$ 166,107          |
| Chase Bank Savings Account - Domestic Well Mitigation Funds ( <i>interest bearing</i> ) | 150,003             |
| Accounts Receivable                                                                     | 1,085,022           |
| Prepaid Insurance                                                                       | 3,329               |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                                                     | <b>\$ 1,404,461</b> |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                                                              |                     |
| Accounts Payable                                                                        | \$ 57,700           |
| Accrued Expenses                                                                        | -                   |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                                                                | <b>\$ 57,700</b>    |
| <b>Net Position</b>                                                                     |                     |
| Unrestricted                                                                            | \$ 1,146,761        |
| Restricted                                                                              | 200,000             |
| <b>Total Net Position</b>                                                               | <b>\$ 1,346,761</b> |

#### Statement of Change in Net Position

|                                          |                     |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                          | <b>Actual</b>       |
| <b>Revenue</b>                           |                     |
| Member Agency Funding                    | \$ 1,597,697        |
| Reserve For Domestic Well Mitigation     | (100,000)           |
| Interest Income                          | 3                   |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                     | <b>\$ 1,497,700</b> |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                |                     |
| Legal Counsel                            | \$ 27,956           |
| SGMA Implementation Grant Administration | 72,736              |
| Program Manager/Executive Director       | 112,092             |
| Annual Report                            | 3,515               |
| Data Management System Support           | 8,210               |
| GSP Implementation Support               | 106,265             |
| Model Calibration                        | 18,664              |
| Insurance                                | 665                 |
| Bank Service Charges                     | 15                  |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>          | <b>\$ 350,118</b>   |
| <b>Change in Net Position</b>            | <b>\$ 1,147,582</b> |

**Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority**  
**Receipts and Disbursements - Chase Bank Checking**  
**Fiscal Year-to-Date Through August 31, 2026**

| Transaction Date | Transaction Type | Name                                       | Amount               |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 04/14/26         | Payment Received | Del Puerto Water District <sup>1</sup>     | \$ 77,380.03         |
| 04/14/26         | Payment Received | Farmers Water District GSA                 | 76,621.43            |
| 04/14/26         | Payment Received | Patterson Irrigation District GSA          | 10,727.00            |
| 04/14/26         | Payment Received | West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA    | 12,259.43            |
| 04/27/26         | Payment Received | City of Patterson GSA <sup>1</sup>         | 28,036.24            |
| 04/27/26         | Payment Received | San Joaquin River Exchange CWA GSA         | 76,621.43            |
| 05/12/26         | Transfer         | Transfer to Northern Checking <sup>1</sup> | (76,606.62)          |
| 05/22/26         | Payment Received | Fresno County Mgmt Area GSA                | 76,621.43            |
| 05/22/26         | Payment Received | Merced County                              | 1,149.32             |
| 06/03/26         | Bill Payment     | Baker Manock & Jensen                      | (15,747.78)          |
| 06/03/26         | Bill Payment     | EKI Environment & Water                    | (32,373.90)          |
| 06/03/26         | Bill Payment     | Hallmark Group                             | (42,947.77)          |
| 06/05/26         | Payment Received | Aliso Water District GSA                   | 76,621.43            |
| 06/16/26         | Payment Received | Central Delta-Mendota GSA                  | 76,621.43            |
| 06/16/26         | Payment Received | San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority   | 100,000.00           |
| 06/19/26         | Transfer         | Transfer to Domestic Well Mitigation Funds | (150,000.00)         |
| 06/30/26         | Bill Payment     | Baker Manock & Jensen                      | (4,349.22)           |
| 06/30/26         | Bill Payment     | EKI Environment & Water                    | (16,355.30)          |
| 06/30/26         | Bill Payment     | Hallmark Group                             | (15,715.51)          |
| 06/30/26         | Bill Payment     | Houston Engineering, Inc                   | (4,188.00)           |
| 06/30/26         | Bill Payment     | Woodard & Curran                           | (12,797.50)          |
| 07/03/26         | Bill Payment     | Bank Service Charge                        | (7.50)               |
| 07/28/26         | Payment Received | Grassland GSA                              | 76,621.43            |
| 07/31/26         | Bill Payment     | Baker Manock & Jensen                      | (4,236.72)           |
| 07/31/26         | Bill Payment     | EKI Environment & Water                    | (33,197.50)          |
| 07/31/26         | Bill Payment     | Hallmark Group                             | (20,193.16)          |
| 07/31/26         | Bill Payment     | Woodard & Curran                           | (9,141.25)           |
| 07/31/26         | Bill Payment     | Golden State Risk Management Authority     | (4,815.00)           |
| 08/05/26         | Bill Payment     | Bank Service Charge                        | (7.50)               |
| 08/31/26         | Bill Payment     | Baker Manock & Jensen                      | (1,365.00)           |
| 08/31/26         | Bill Payment     | EKI Environment & Water                    | (61,875.00)          |
| 08/31/26         | Bill Payment     | Hallmark Group                             | (17,253.00)          |
|                  |                  |                                            | <b>\$ 166,107.37</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Two agencies paid both the JPA and Northern contributions on a single check that was deposited into the JPA checking account.  
On May 12, 2026, \$76,606.62 was transferred from the JPA Checking Account to the Northern Checking Account.

**Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority**  
**Accounts Receivable**  
**As of August 31, 2026**

| <b>Name</b>                             | <b>Current</b>      | <b>1 - 30</b> | <b>31 - 60</b> | <b>61 - 90</b> | <b>91 And Over</b> | <b>Total</b>        |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Aliso Water District GSA                | \$ 146,626          | \$ -          | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ -               | \$ 146,626          |
| Central Delta-Mendota GSA               | 159,226             | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 159,226             |
| Farmers Water District GSA              | 141,271             | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 141,271             |
| Fresno County Mgmt Area GSA             | 141,271             | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 141,271             |
| Grassland GSA                           | 154,501             | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 154,501             |
| Sab Joaquin River Exchange CWA GSA      | 159,226             | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 159,226             |
| Northern D-M Regional Mgmt Comm         |                     |               |                |                |                    |                     |
| City of Patterson GSA                   | 15,923              | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 15,923              |
| Del Puerto Water District               | 43,946              | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 43,946              |
| Merced County                           | 2,388               | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 2,388               |
| Oak Flat Water District                 | 3,821               | -             | -              | -              | 1,839              | 5,660               |
| Patterson Irrigation District GSA       | 22,292              | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 22,292              |
| Stanislaus County                       | 45,379              | -             | -              | -              | 21,837             | 67,216              |
| West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA | 25,476              | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 25,476              |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$ 1,061,346</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ 23,676</b>   | <b>\$ 1,085,022</b> |

**Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority**  
**Accounts Payable**  
**As of August 31, 2026**

| <b>Name</b>             | <b>Current</b>   | <b>1 - 30</b> | <b>31 - 60</b> | <b>61 - 90</b> | <b>91 And Over</b> | <b>Total</b>     |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Baker Manock & Jensen   | \$ 2,257         | \$ -          | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ -               | \$ 2,257         |
| EKI Environment & Water | 39,461           | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 39,461           |
| Hallmark Group          | 15,982           | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 15,982           |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$ 57,700</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 57,700</b> |

## Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority

*(Excludes Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee)*

### Remaining FY27 Budget Through August 31, 2026

| EXPENDITURES                                 | JPA<br>FY27 Budget  | JPA<br>FYTD Spend | Remaining<br>FY27 Budget |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Legal Counsel                                | \$ 130,000          | \$ 27,956         | \$ 102,044               |
| SGMA Implementation Grant Administration     | 30,000              | 72,736            | (42,736)                 |
| Domestic Well Mitigation Funds (Year 2 of 3) | 100,000             | 50,000            | 50,000                   |
| Program Manager/Executive Director           | 275,000             | 112,092           | 162,908                  |
| Annual Report                                | 125,000             | 3,515             | 121,485                  |
| Data Management System Support               | 27,500              | 8,210             | 19,290                   |
| Outreach Support                             | 35,000              | -                 | 35,000                   |
| Model Extension                              | 50,000              | -                 | 50,000                   |
| GSP Implementation Support                   | 250,000             | 106,265           | 143,735                  |
| Model Calibration                            | 525,000             | 18,664            | 506,336                  |
| Insurance                                    | 20,000              | 665               | 19,335                   |
| Audit                                        | 10,000              | -                 | 10,000                   |
| Bank Service Charges                         | -                   | 15                | (15)                     |
| Startup Costs                                | 15,000              | -                 | 15,000                   |
| In-House Staff                               | 5,200               | -                 | 5,200                    |
| <b>Total FY27 Expenditures</b>               | <b>\$ 1,597,700</b> | <b>\$ 400,118</b> | <b>\$ 1,197,582</b>      |
| Reserve Funds (Restricted Cash Deposits):    |                     |                   |                          |
| Domestic Well Mitigation Funds (Year 2 of 3) | 100,000             | 50,000            | 50,000                   |
| <b>Net FY27 Budget</b>                       | <b>\$ 1,497,700</b> | <b>\$ 350,118</b> | <b>\$ 1,147,582</b>      |

**Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee**  
**August 2026**

**Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Fiscal Year-to-Date Through August 31, 2026**

**Statement of Net Position**

|                                                                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>                                                            |                   |
| Chase Bank Checking Account ( <i>non-interest bearing</i> )                      | \$ 92,668         |
| Chase Bank Savings Account - GSP Update Reserve Fund ( <i>interest bearing</i> ) | 50,001            |
| Accounts Receivable                                                              | 128,742           |
| Prepaid Insurance                                                                | 683               |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                                              | <b>\$ 272,094</b> |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                                                       |                   |
| Accounts Payable                                                                 | \$ 16,502         |
| Accrued Expenses                                                                 | -                 |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                                                         | <b>\$ 16,502</b>  |
| <b>Net Position</b>                                                              |                   |
| Unrestricted                                                                     | \$ 155,592        |
| Restricted                                                                       | 100,000           |
| <b>Total Net Position</b>                                                        | <b>\$ 255,592</b> |

**Statement of Change in Net Position**

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                    | <b>Actual</b>     |
| <b>Revenue</b>                     |                   |
| Member Agency Funding              | \$ 332,482        |
| Reserve for GSP Updates            | (100,000)         |
| Interest Income                    | 1                 |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>               | <b>\$ 232,483</b> |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>          |                   |
| Legal Counsel                      | \$ 8,640          |
| Program Manager/Executive Director | 36,295            |
| Technical Consultants              | 32,640            |
| Insurance                          | 137               |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>    | <b>\$ 77,712</b>  |
| <b>Change in Net Position</b>      | <b>\$ 154,771</b> |

**Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee**  
**Receipts and Disbursements - Chase Bank Checking**  
**Fiscal Year-to-Date Through August 31, 2026**

| Transaction Date | Transaction Type | Name                                    | Amount                     |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 04/14/26         | Payment Received | Merced County                           | \$ 3,056.12                |
| 04/14/26         | Payment Received | West Stanislaus ID GSA                  | 32,598.56                  |
| 04/14/26         | Payment Received | Patterson Irrigation District GSA       | 28,523.74                  |
| 04/27/26         | Payment Received | Stanislaus County                       | 58,066.19                  |
| 05/12/26         | Transfer         | Transfer from JPA Checking <sup>1</sup> | 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 Received | Oak Flat Water District                 | 4,889.78                   |
| 06/24/26         | Transfer         | Transfer to 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)                 |
| 08/31/26         | Bill Payment     | Baker Manock & Jensen                   | (967.50)                   |
| 08/31/26         | Bill Payment     | EKI Environment & Water                 | (9,082.84)                 |
| 08/31/26         | Bill Payment     | Hallmark Group                          | (6,195.99)                 |
|                  |                  |                                         | <b><u>\$ 92,667.78</u></b> |

<sup>1</sup> Two agencies paid both the JPA and Northern contributions on a single check that was deposited into the JPA checking account. On May 12, 2026, \$76,606.62 was transferred from the JPA Checking Account to the Northern Checking Account.

**Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee**  
**Accounts Receivable**  
**As of August 31, 2026**

| <b>Name</b>                             | <b>Current</b>    | <b>1 - 30</b> | <b>31 - 60</b> | <b>61 - 90</b> | <b>91 And Over</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| City of Patterson GSA                   | \$ 12,874         | \$ -          | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ -               | \$ 12,874         |
| Del Puerto Water District               | 35,533            | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 35,533            |
| Merced County                           | 1,931             | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 1,931             |
| Oak Flat Water District                 | 3,090             | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 3,090             |
| Patterson Irrigation District GSA       | 18,024            | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 18,024            |
| Stanislaus County                       | 36,691            | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 36,691            |
| West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA | 20,599            | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 20,599            |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$ 128,742</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 128,742</b> |

**Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee**  
**Accounts Payable**  
**As of August 31, 2026**

| <b>Name</b>             | <b>Current</b>   | <b>1 - 30</b> | <b>31 - 60</b> | <b>61 - 90</b> | <b>91 And Over</b> | <b>Total</b>     |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Baker Manock & Jensen   | \$ 3,263         | \$ -          | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ -               | \$ 3,263         |
| EKI Environment & Water | 3,438            | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 3,438            |
| Hallmark Group          | 9,801            | -             | -              | -              | -                  | 9,801            |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$ 16,502</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 16,502</b> |

## Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee

### Remaining FY27 Budget Through August 31, 2026

| EXPENDITURES                              | Northern<br>FY27 Budget | Northern<br>FYTD Spend | Remaining<br>FY27 Budget |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Legal Counsel                             | \$ 20,000               | \$ 8,640               | \$ 11,360                |
| Program Manager/Executive Director        | 107,482                 | 36,295                 | 71,187                   |
| Technical Consultants                     | 80,000                  | 32,640                 | 47,360                   |
| Annual Report                             | 75,000                  | -                      | 75,000                   |
| Insurance                                 | -                       | 137                    | (137)                    |
| Reserve Fund For GSP Update               | 100,000                 | 50,000                 | 50,000                   |
| Contingency                               | 25,000                  | -                      | 25,000                   |
| <b>Total FY27 Expenditures</b>            | <b>\$ 407,482</b>       | <b>\$ 127,712</b>      | <b>\$ 279,770</b>        |
| Reserve Funds (Restricted Cash Deposits): |                         |                        |                          |
| Reserve Fund for GSP Update               | 100,000                 | 50,000                 | 50,000                   |
| <b>Net FY27 Budget</b>                    | <b>\$ 307,482</b>       | <b>\$ 77,712</b>       | <b>\$ 229,770</b>        |

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 8

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 2026

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

**Recommendation**

Direction to EKI on reviewing and responding to public comment letters.

**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).

On September 21, 2026, EKI presented a summary of the key concerns highlighted in the comment letters received from four different entities. They asked for Board direction regarding repurposing Task 4 funds (set aside for review of adjacent GSPs) to review and provide recommendations for responding to the comment letters. The Board directed staff to present a cost estimate and scope for reviewing and responding to comment letters at the next meeting. Therefore, a cost estimate and scope for reviewing the comment letters is provided as **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2** for Board consideration of approval.

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

1. Repurpose EKI Task 4 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.

05 October 2026

Board of Directors  
Delta-Mendota Subbasin Joint Power Authority

**Subject: Proposal to Repurpose Portions of Existing Contract Budget to Conduct Comment Letter Review**

During the 75-day public comment period for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (Basin) Single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (2024 GSP), four comment letters were submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The comment letters were submitted by Friant Water Authority (FWA), California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Pursuant to Contract No. F27-SAO-001, the Basin Joint Powers Authority (JPA) approved an agreement (Agreement) with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. (EKI) in February 2026 to support implementation of the 2024 GSP. The current Agreement does not include a specific task for reviewing public comments received on the 2024 GSP or evaluating potential responses to those comments.

To support the JPA in evaluating the comments and determining whether any follow-up actions or revisions to the 2024 GSP may be appropriate, EKI proposes to repurpose up to \$30,000 of the existing budget under *Task 4 – Evaluation of Subbasin GSPs, Annual Reports, and Periodic Evaluations* for the comment letter review described below. This proposal does not increase the total authorized contract amount.

## **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **Task 1 – Review Comment Letters**

EKI will review and evaluate the four comment letters submitted to DWR regarding the 2024 GSP and provide recommendations to the JPA regarding potential responses and follow-up actions. The work is anticipated to include the following activities:

- **Review and Categorization of Comments.** EKI will review the four comment letters and identify the substantive comments relevant to the 2024 GSP. EKI will organize and categorize the comments by topic and identify comments that are similar or overlapping across multiple letters.
- **Evaluation of Comments Relative to the 2024 GSP.** EKI will evaluate the substantive comments against the content, analyses, assumptions, and conclusions presented in the 2024 GSP and its supporting technical information. As appropriate, EKI will identify relevant sections of the 2024 GSP that address the issues raised and evaluate whether additional clarification, analysis, or documentation may be warranted.

- **Development of Recommended Responses and Actions.** Based on the review, EKI will develop recommended approaches for addressing the substantive comments. Recommendations may include providing clarification in the Water Year 2026 Annual Report, identifying supporting information or analyses that could be conducted, potential revisions or additions to the GSP through the Periodic Evaluation process, establishing a cadence for stakeholder engagement (e.g., quarterly meetings with CASP), or identifying issues that may be more appropriately addressed through ongoing GSP implementation or future updates.
- **Comment Tracking and Response Matrix.** EKI will prepare and maintain a comment tracking matrix summarizing the substantive comments, relevant GSP sections, EKI's evaluation, and recommended response or follow-up action. The matrix will be developed to facilitate review and discussion with JPA staff and participating agencies.

*Deliverables:*

- (1) Power point presentation and brief Technical Memorandum that summarizes the review with a comment tracking and response matrix.

*Assumptions:*

- Review of additional comment letters or other subsequently submitted materials is not included unless authorized by the JPA and accommodated within the available budget.
- EKI's review will focus on substantive technical and GSP-related comments and will not necessarily develop individual responses to every statement or comment contained in the four letters. Similar or overlapping comments may be grouped and addressed collectively.
- The scope does not assume that a formal response to each comment letter is required or that revisions to the 2024 GSP will be necessary.

**SCHEDULE**

EKI will begin executing the scope of services described above upon receipt of authorization to proceed from Client. We anticipate that this Scope of Work will be completed by December 2026.

**COMPENSATION**

EKI will perform the services described herein on a time and expense reimbursement basis in accordance with the attached current Schedule of Charges, subject to a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000. EKI will not exceed the \$30,000 authorized amount without prior written authorization from the Client.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

All work performed by EKI under this proposal will be pursuant to the Terms and Conditions and Schedule of Charges of our existing Agreement with Client.

If this Agreement meets with your approval, please sign where noted below and return a fully executed copy to our office to confirm your authorization to proceed. We look forward to working with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

We look forward to working with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

EKI Environment & Water, Inc.



Chief Executive Officer / Principal-In-Charge

**AUTHORIZATION**

Client

By \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*For discussion purposes only*

## GSP PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW SCOPE OF WORK

- Four letters were sent to DWR on the 2024 GSP during the 75-day public comment period.
- 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
- Comment letter review scope:
  - Review and categorize the comments
  - Evaluate comments relative to the 2024 GSP and its supporting technical information
  - Develop recommended responses and actions
  - Develop a technical memorandum that includes a tracking and response matrix and a summary presentation
  - SOW is budgeted as NTE \$30,000 and fits within the existing Task 4 budget (\$77,500)

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 9

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 2026

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

**Recommendation**

1. Ratify the authorization of a budget amendment with Woodard & Curran for Prop 68 grant administration for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
2. Ratify direction for W&C to submit a second, unbudgeted invoice package (No. 17).

**Discussion**

On September 21, 2026, this item was presented to the Delta-Mendota Subbasin JPA Board for consideration of approval. However, in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement, any item with potential budget impacts must receive approval by a full vote of the DM JPA Board (7 members). Since not all Board members were present, the Board was only able to provide direction to staff regarding this item. Therefore, the approval of this item needs to be ratified by a full vote of the Board on October 12, 2026. If ratified, W&C's new contract would total \$62,640.

**Contract Amendment Request (\$10,000)**

Woodard & Curran (W&C) 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 under invoice package 16 for approximately \$20,000. 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 the following:

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

**Additional Submittal of Un-Budgeted Invoice Package No. 17 to DWR**

W&C current scope of work included submittal of one invoice package to DWR which was completed by the August 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. However, the benchmark work has not been completed. To complete this project, W&C will need to submit an additional invoice package No. 17 that is not in their current or proposed scope of work. Staff asked if an additional invoice package could be covered under their proposed contract amendment and W&C expressed a high level of confidence that it could be covered under their proposed contract amendment.

**Benchmark Project Status**

Provost & Pritchard has selected eight (8) sites in Aliso Water District and completed the necessary environmental permitting and is ready to install the benchmarks and the locations of five (5) sites along the Delta Mendota Canal are being finalized with the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA). Once the five (5) sites are approved, the installation of these 13 benchmarks will be completed in approximately 2 weeks.

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 10

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Direction on Grant Opportunities

**Recommendation**

Board feedback needed on which projects should be pursued and at what level with upcoming grant opportunities.

**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. During the meeting, the Board agreed with the following approach to prepare for upcoming grant opportunities:

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

On September 21, 2026, the Board directed staff to collate the Projects and Management Actions outlined in the DM Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), along with the projects received by the DM Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). Therefore, a collated list of projects is provided as **Attachment 1** for Board consideration.

**Board direction needed:** Staff is seeking Board direction on which projects should be pursued and at what level with upcoming grant opportunities.

*For discussion purposes only*

## REMINDER OF UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Three upcoming grant opportunities
  1. DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program
  2. Department of Conservation (DOC) Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP)
  3. Department of Water Resources (DWR) Watershed Resilience Grant Program
- On 1 September 2026, DWR hosted a General Public Comment Workshop on the 2026 Draft SGM Program Guidelines, during which they stated that only projects identified as P/MAs in GSPs could be eligible for SGM funding.
- EKI plans to attend the upcoming DWR General Public Comment Workshop on 5 November 2026 to:
  1. Clarify this statement; and,
  2. If needed, submit a comment requesting that additional projects not explicitly identified in the GSPs but that support GSP implementation be considered eligible for SGM funding.

# POTENTIAL GRANT CANDIDATE REVIEW

- GSAs were asked to identify potential grant candidate projects by completing and uploading a Project Form to their shared GSA Egnyte folder by 30 September 2026.
- In addition to the projects identified by GSAs, EKI reviewed projects identified as P/MAs in the GSP and WY 2025 Annual Report (AR) to compile additional potential candidates.
- Project Candidate Review Considerations:
  - Reviewed Tier 1, 2, and 3 P/MAs\*;
  - Reviewed projects that were not completed or anticipated to be completed in 2026 (based on information in the WY 2025 AR);
  - Identified projects that potentially meet the criteria for at least one of the three upcoming grant opportunities; and
  - Reviewed projects submitted by GSAs through completed Project Forms in the shared GSA folders.

*\*The GSP defines four tiers of P/MAs. Tier 4 P/MAs are conceptual projects that will be implemented after 2040 or on an as-needed basis to meet sustainability after Tier 1, 2, and 3 P/MAs have been implemented..*

# IDENTIFIED CANDIDATE PROJECTS

| Project Name                                                            | Existing P/MA? <sup>1</sup> | GSA                     | EKI Identified <sup>2</sup> | GSA Identified <sup>3</sup> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| City of Los Banos Stormwater Management Master Plan                     | Yes (SJREC-12)              | City of Los Banos       | Yes                         | No                          |
| City of Patterson Percolation Ponds for Stormwater Capture and Recharge | Yes (NDM-10)                | City of Patterson       | Yes                         | No                          |
| North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program (NVRWP) Expansion          | Yes (GWD-4 / NDM-3)         | DM-II                   | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project                                     | Yes (NDM-11)                | DM-II, SJREC            | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| Little Salado Creek Groundwater Recharge and Flood Control Basin        | Yes (NDM-9)                 | NDM (Stanislaus County) | Yes                         | No                          |
| PID Groundwater Bank (Northside Groundwater Bank)                       | Yes (NDM-7)                 | PID                     | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| BB Limited Groundwater Recharge and Recovery                            | Yes (SJREC-11)              | SJREC                   | Yes                         | No                          |
| Ortigalita Creek Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project              | Yes (CDM-5)                 | Central DM              | Yes                         | No                          |
| Los Banos Creek Recharge and Recovery Project                           | Yes (CDM-4 / SJREC-9)       | Central DM, SJREC       | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| WSID Lateral 4 – South Recapture and Recirculation Reservoir            | Yes (NDM-6)                 | WSID                    | Yes                         | No                          |
| Farmers Water District Water Bank                                       | No                          | Farmers Water District  | No                          | Yes                         |

Notes:

1. The P/MA ID for existing P/MAs corresponds to the P/MA ID in the WY 2025 AR
2. Indicates projects identified by EKI as potential candidates for grant opportunities based on existing P/MAs in the 2024 GSP and WY 2025 AR
3. Indicates projects identified by the GSAs as potential candidates for grant opportunities either based on completion of the Project Form or verbally



# IDENTIFIED CANDIDATE PROJECTS (CONTINUED)

| Project Name                                                                          | Existing P/MA? <sup>1</sup> | GSA        | EKI Identified <sup>2</sup> | GSA Identified <sup>3</sup> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| San Luis WD – Construction Water Truck Fill Station                                   | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| San Luis WD – San Luis Canal Lateral Pipeline Project                                 | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| San Luis WD – Delta Mendota Lateral Pipeline Project                                  | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| Panoche WD – Lateral 2 Pipeline Project                                               | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| Panoche WD – Russell Turnout 13e Traveling Screen Project                             | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| Panoche WD – 10E2 Long-Crested Weir Project - New Ditch                               | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| Panoche WD – California Aqueduct Enhanced Subsidence Monitoring and Benchmark Project | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| Pacheco WD – New DMC Turnout                                                          | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| Pacheco WD – Lateral 6 Pipeline Conversion                                            | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| Brackish Groundwater Recovery Project                                                 | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| Flood Resilience and Drainage Infrastructure Project                                  | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| Westside Modernized Irrigation Conveyance System                                      | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |
| Renewable Energy and Agricultural Land Repurposing Project                            | No                          | Central DM | No                          | Yes                         |

Notes:

- 1. The P/MA ID for existing P/MAs corresponds to the P/MA ID in the WY 2025 AR
- 2. Indicates projects identified by EKl as potential candidates for grant opportunities based on existing P/MAs in the 2024 GSP and WY 2025 AR
- 3. Indicates projects identified by the GSAs as potential candidates for grant opportunities either based on completion of the Project Form or verbally



# PROPOSED ACTION PLAN

- ***Seeking direction as to whether JPA would like EKI to prepare a Task Order(s) to:***
  - Work with JPA to screen / rank / bolster projects for eligibility, readiness, benefits, and partnerships
  - Correlate projects with GSP and its P/MAs to ensure eligibility and potentially add new projects to Annual Report if that satisfies SGM requirements
  - Potential meetings with DWR
  - Use DWR workshops/comment periods strategically to clarify eligibility and strengthen positioning (example: comment on requirement for projects to be identified as P/MAs)
  - Prepare concept proposals / grant proposals

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Delta Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 11

**FROM:** Lauren D. Layne  
Fernando A. Almaraz

**DATE:** October 12, 2026

**RE:** Resolution Authorizing Board Member Participation by Teleconference Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.7

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### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority Authorizing Board Members to Participate in Teleconferencing for Eligible Multijurisdictional Bodies Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.7.

### **Background**

The Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code section 54950 *et seq.* (the “Brown Act”) generally requires meetings of the legislative bodies of local agencies to be open and public and establishes requirements governing the use of teleconferencing by members of those bodies.

Effective January 1, 2026, Senate Bill 707 (“SB 707”) amended the Brown Act and added several new teleconferencing provisions, including Government Code sections 54953.8 and 54953.8.7. Section 54953.8 establishes general requirements applicable when a legislative body utilizes one of the alternative teleconferencing procedures authorized by sections 54953.8.1 through 54953.8.7. Section 54953.8.7 specifically provides additional teleconferencing flexibility for an “eligible multijurisdictional body.”

An “eligible multijurisdictional body” includes an appointed multijurisdictional board, commission, or advisory body subject to the Brown Act. For purposes of the statute, a body is “multijurisdictional” if it includes representatives from more than one county, city, city and county, or special district, or if it is the legislative body of a joint powers entity (Gov. Code, § 54953.8.7(b).) Accordingly, the Authority’s Board may utilize section 54953.8.7, provided the statutory requirements are satisfied, including the adoption of a resolution that authorizes the Authority to use teleconferencing at a regular meeting in open session. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8.7(a)(1).) The attached Resolution would provide that authorization.

Section 54953.8.7 remains in effect only until January 1, 2030, unless subsequently extended or amended by the Legislature. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8.7(c).)

### **Analysis**

Adoption of the Resolution would provide Board members with an additional method of participating remotely in Authority meetings, including under the “Just Cause” provisions of section 54953.8.3. Importantly, section 54953.8.7 does not authorize fully remote Board meetings. The statute preserves an in-person component and establishes specific requirements intended to maintain meaningful public access.

1. **Physical Quorum Requirement.** At least a quorum of the Board must participate from one or more physical meeting locations that are open to the public and located within the territory over which the Authority exercises jurisdiction. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8.7(a)(2).)

2. **Compensated Board Members.** A member who receives compensation for service on the Board must participate from a physical location that is open to the public. Reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses is not considered “compensation” for purposes of this requirement. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8.7(a)(3).) This element does not apply to the Authority as no Board members are compensated.

3. **Requirements Applicable to a Remotely Participating Board Member.** A Board member utilizing section 54953.8.7 must satisfy several additional requirements. First, the meeting agenda must identify each Board member who intends to participate remotely under section 54953.8.7. Second, the remotely participating member must participate using both audio and visual technology. Third, the member’s remote location must be more than 20 miles each way from any physical meeting location from which the required quorum is participating. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8.7(a)(4)-(5).)

Unlike traditional Brown Act teleconferencing, the remote location itself does not need to be identified on the agenda or made accessible to the public when the member is participating pursuant to section 54953.8. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8(a), (g)(1).) Section 54953.8 also requires a remotely participating member, before any action is taken, to publicly disclose whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location and the general nature of the member’s relationship with those individuals. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8(e).)

4. **Annual Limits on Remote Participation.** Section 54953.8.7 also limits the number of meetings during a calendar year for which an individual member may rely on this procedure to participate solely by teleconference from a remote location. The applicable limit depends on how frequently the legislative body regularly meets. Specifically for the Authority, a Board member is permitted to rely on this procedure for up to two (2) meetings per year, so long as the Board continues to regularly meet at least once per month.

5. **Public Access and Participation Requirements.** In addition to the requirements specific to multijurisdictional bodies, meetings utilizing section 54953.8.7 must comply with the general requirements of section 54953.8. Among other requirements, the Authority must provide the public with a means to remotely hear and visually observe the meeting and remotely address

the Board. This may be accomplished through either a two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way telephone service combined with live webcasting. The agenda must provide notice of the means by which the public may remotely access the meeting and provide public comment. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8(b)(1)-(2).)

The Authority also must permit public comment in real time and may not require comments to be submitted in advance. If a disruption prevents the Authority from broadcasting the meeting or, in circumstances within the Authority's control, prevents the public from providing remote comment, the Board generally may not take further action on agenda items until remote public access is restored. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8(b)(3)-(4).) The Authority must also maintain procedures for promptly addressing requests for reasonable accommodation and provide notice of those procedures with its meeting notices and agendas. The minutes must identify any Board member participating remotely and the particular statutory provision relied upon for that remote participation. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8(b)(7)-(8).)

6. Effect of Adopting the Resolution. Adopting the Resolution does not require Board members to participate remotely or require the Authority to use section 54953.8.7 for any particular meeting. Rather, adoption makes the procedure available as an additional option when needed and when the applicable statutory requirements can be satisfied. The Brown Act's teleconferencing provisions are cumulative. Accordingly, the Authority may continue to use other teleconferencing procedures authorized by the Brown Act when the requirements for those procedures are met. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8(f).)

### **Budget Considerations**

Adoption of the Resolution is not anticipated to have a material fiscal impact on the Authority. The Authority may incur minor administrative costs associated with agenda preparation, tracking individual Board members' use of the teleconferencing provisions, maintaining appropriate audiovisual or telephonic technology, and ensuring continued compliance with the Brown Act's public-access requirements. These activities are expected to be absorbed within existing administrative resources.

**Attachment 1:** Resolution Authorizing Board Member Participation by Teleconference Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.7

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DELTA-MENDOTA  
SUBBASIN GSAs JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING BOARD MEMBERS  
TO PARTICIPATE BY TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE  
SECTIONS 54953.8 AND 54953.8.7**

A. **WHEREAS**, the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority (the “Authority”) is a joint powers authority formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, Government Code section 6500 *et seq.*; and

B. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Authority (the “Board”) is a legislative body subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54950 *et seq.*) (the “Brown Act”); and

C. **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 707 (Stats. 2025, ch. 327) amended the Brown Act, effective January 1, 2026, to establish additional procedures under which eligible multijurisdictional bodies may conduct meetings by teleconference; and

D. **WHEREAS**, Government Code section 54953.8 authorizes legislative bodies meeting the requirements of Government Code sections 54953.8.1 through 54953.8.7 to use teleconferencing without complying with certain otherwise applicable teleconferencing requirements of Government Code section 54953, provided the legislative body complies with the requirements of section 54953.8 and the applicable authorizing statute; and

E. **WHEREAS**, Government Code section 54953.8.7 defines an “eligible multijurisdictional body” to include an appointed board, commission, or advisory body that is subject to the Brown Act, and which includes representatives from more than one county, city, city and county, or special district, or is a legislative body of a joint powers entity; and

F. **WHEREAS**, the Board qualifies as an eligible multijurisdictional body within the meaning of Government Code section 54953.8.7 because the Authority is a joint powers entity formed pursuant to Government Code section 6500 *et seq.*, and its Board consists of appointed representatives from more than one county, city, city and county, or special district; and

G. **WHEREAS**, Government Code section 54953.8.7 authorizes an eligible multijurisdictional body to conduct teleconference meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8 after the body adopts a resolution authorizing the use of such teleconferencing at a regular meeting in open session; and

H. **WHEREAS**, the Board desires to authorize the use of teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code sections 54953.8 and 54953.8.7 to provide additional flexibility for Board member participation while maintaining meaningful public access and compliance with the Brown Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds and declares that the Authority and its Board constitute an eligible multijurisdictional body within the meaning of Government Code section 54953.8.7.

2. The Board hereby authorizes Board members to participate in meetings by teleconference pursuant to Government Code sections 54953.8 and 54953.8.7, subject to compliance with all applicable requirements of those sections and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

3. When a Board member participates remotely pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.7:

3.1 At least a quorum of the Board shall participate from one or more physical meeting location(s) that is open to the public and located within the territory over which the Authority exercises jurisdiction;

3.2 Any Board member receiving compensation for service on the Board shall participate from a physical location that is open to the public; provided, however, that reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses shall not constitute compensation for purposes of this requirement;

3.3 The meeting agenda shall identify each Board member who intends to participate remotely pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.7;

3.4 A remotely participating Board member shall participate through both audio and visual technology;

3.5 A Board member may participate from a remote location pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.7 only when the remote location is more than twenty (20) miles each way from any physical meeting location at which members of the Board are participating pursuant to subsection 3.1 above;

3.6 Remote participation pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.7 shall not exceed the annual limits prescribed by that section, based upon the frequency with which the Board regularly meets (i.e., two meetings per year, if the Authority continues to meet at least once per month); and

3.7 The meeting shall otherwise comply with Government Code section 54953.8, including applicable requirements concerning remote public access and public comment, meeting agendas, interruptions in remote public access, reasonable accommodations, disclosure by remotely participating Board members of other adults present at the remote location, and identification in the meeting minutes of each member participating remotely and the statutory authority relied upon for such participation.

4. Nothing in this Resolution shall prohibit the Authority or any Board member from utilizing any other teleconferencing or remote-participation procedure authorized by the Brown

Act when the requirements applicable to that procedure are satisfied. The teleconferencing provisions of Government Code sections 54953 and 54953.8 through 54953.8.7 are cumulative pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8(f).

5. Appropriate Authority staff are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to implement this Resolution and to ensure that meetings conducted pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.7 comply with all applicable requirements of the Brown Act.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall remain effective for so long as Government Code section 54953.8.7 remains in effect, unless earlier amended or rescinded by the Board. Government Code section 54953.8.7 is presently scheduled to be repealed effective January 1, 2030.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors at a duly noticed meeting held in open session on October 12, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chase Hurley, Chair  
Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA

**ATTEST:**

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Karlee Liddy, Secretary of the Board

## CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Karlee Liddy, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA, a joint powers authority created pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, Government Code section 6500 *et seq.*, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Authority at a regular open meeting thereof duly held on October 12, 2026, at which meeting a quorum of said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in whole or any part thereof, and remain in force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have executed this Certificate on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Karlee Liddy, Secretary of the Board  
Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 12

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of an Operating Reserve Policy

**Recommendation**

Approve the Operating Reserve Policy.

**Discussion**

On February 4, 2026, Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA (DM JPA) approved the Fiscal Year 2027 budget to fund activities of the DM JPA. On February 4, 2026, and August 10, 2026, upon Board approval, staff administered the first and second cash calls for FY 2027 to the member entities of the DM JPA.

On August 10, 2026, when presenting the cash flow analysis to inform the timing for the second FY 2027 cash call to the Board, staff recommended the Board establish a reserve policy ahead of FY 2028. The Board directed staff to draft a simple reserve policy at the October DM JPA Board meeting.

The draft reserve policy is included as **Attachment 1** for Board consideration of approval.

**Board 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?<br>a. If percent, what percent of the annual operating budget should the reserve cover?                                            | Include an operating reserve of 20% of the operating budget (~2.5 months of operations).  |
| 3    | Options for handling end of year cash balance:<br>a. Credit excess cash against next year assessment (report annually to Board during budgeting process)<br>b. Issue reimbursement checks to Members | Credit cash balance against next year's cash calls.                                       |



## Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority

### RESERVE FUND POLICY

#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this Reserve Fund Policy (this “Policy”) is to ensure The Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors (the “Board”) maintains adequate and proper reserve funding and to ensure the Board is a prudent steward of the funds it possesses. 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 Board to minimize significant fee fluctuations due to unforeseen and unexpected cash flow requirements and to ensure the Board can carry out its mission under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), including the implementation and administration of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”).

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

#### II. Authority to Impose Fees

Pursuant to the election by each of the Board’s members to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) and the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Agency Joint Powers Authority Agreement dated December 1, 2025 (the “Agreement”), the Board and its members are authorized to engage in those powers afforded to them, which include the collection of fees pursuant to the powers granted to the GSAs in SGMA. The relevant Water Code sections include 10723, 10725, 10727, 10730, and 10732, *et seq.*

#### III. Policy Statement

This Policy summarizes how the Board exercises its fiduciary responsibility to ensure the Board holds reserves and uses its funds in a prudent, judicious, and pragmatic manner, in accordance with the powers granted to the Board by its members through the Agreement and any Special Project Agreements, such as the Northern Delta-Mendota GSA Special Project Agreement dated March 1, 2026.

#### IV. Reserve Funds

The Board’s reserve funds are established, maintained, and set aside for specific, designated purposes. The Board may use reserve funds only for the reasonable costs of administering and implementing the GSP and carrying out the Board’s responsibilities pursuant to SGMA.

#### V. Specific Reserve Funds

The Board 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 Board member assessment revenues over expenditures and 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 Board to maintain the Operating Reserve at a minimum of [REDACTED] % 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, and assessment stabilization between fiscal years.

#### **B. Emergency Reserve**

- Purpose. The Emergency Reserve is to be used to cover only 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 Delta-Mendota Subbasin, or other unforeseen events requiring an immediate Board response not anticipated in the annual budget.
- Funding Source. Excess member assessment revenues over expenditures; interest earnings; and 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 Board to maintain the Emergency Reserve at a minimum of [REDACTED] % 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 (last day in February), 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 Board at the request of the Board.

#### **VI. Management of Reserve Funds**

The Board members, in consultation with the Executive Director or designated administrative staff, are responsible for managing the reserve funds. Board members must authorize the expenditure of money from all of the Board's reserve funds, except as otherwise provided in this Policy for emergencies. The Board shall annually review the balance of the reserve funds, work collaboratively with the Executive Director to ensure the accuracy of the annual financial report, 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 Board during the annual budget process. Transfers outside of the annual budget process must be authorized by Board action. Reserve fund levels shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated annually as part of the budget adoption process.

## **VII. Oversight and Reporting**

Reserve fund levels shall be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Board's designated financial staff or consultant. Reporting on reserve fund balances shall be provided to the Board at least annually in connection with the budget process, and may be provided more frequently as the Board may direct. The Board may waive policy requirements under emergency circumstances by Board action.

## **VIII. Annual Review**

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

## **IX. Amendment**

This Policy is subject to changes in the regular operation of the Board, as it may be revised from time to time by the Board.

## **X. Policy Review**

This Policy shall be reviewed by the Board regularly, but in no event less than once every three years.

Adopted by the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors on [DATE].

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 13

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Quarterly Update on the Domestic Well Mitigation Policy

**Recommendation**

None; information only.

**Discussion**

On August 11, 2025, the DM Subbasin JPA Board adopted the Domestic Well Mitigation Policy and on June 5, 2026, staff provided a public workshop for landowners to learn more about the policy and mitigation program.

According to the Public Outreach section of the policy, “discussion of the Policy status and implementation **will** be placed on the Subbasin [JPA Board] meeting agendas no less than quarterly during GSP implementation. Similarly, the Policy **may** be placed on each of the Subbasin GSAs’ governing bodies’ agendas at least semi-annually during the first year of single GSP implementation.”

Therefore, to meet the obligation as outlined in the policy, the Board and staff should discuss the domestic well mitigation policy implementation status. As a reminder to the Board, information on the Domestic Well Mitigation Policy, including the application for mitigation, can be found on the DM Subbasin website: [HS – Domestic Well Mitigation Program – Delta-Mendota SGMA](#).

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 14

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 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 information request forms DM JPA entities to provide well registration, meter registration, and pumping data and provided a **November 30, 2026**, deadline to fill out the forms and submit information via the Egnyte folders.

Additionally, EKI distributed a Request for Information on October 8, 2026 to help with the model calibration effort and the development of the Annual Report. A summary of the information requested is provided as **Attachment 1** and is **due to the Egnyte shared folders by November 13, 2026**.

An update on the status of the data collected from the DM Subbasin GSAs for the Model Phase 1 approach is provided below:

|   | DM JPA Entity       | Well Registration | Pumping Data (WY 2026) | Well / Meter Policies |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Aliso               | ●                 | ●                      | ●                     |
| 2 | Central             | ●                 | ●                      | ●                     |
| 3 | Farmers             | ●                 | ●                      | ●                     |
| 4 | Fresno County A & B | ●                 | ●                      | ●                     |
| 5 | Grassland           | ●                 | ●                      | ●                     |
| 6 | Northern            | ●                 | ●                      | ●                     |
| 7 | SJREC               | ●                 | ●                      | ●                     |

● No information received yet.

● Partial information received.

● Information received.

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## TECH AD-HOC MEETING: WORK TO DATE

- Tech Ad-hoc committee met on 9/24
- Work completed (Phase I, Task I):
  - Reviewed the existing CVHM2 model against Subbasin's overall objectives: water budgets, subsidence, ISW depletion, and PRP support
  - Evaluated key framework decisions: model domain, grid, layering, simulation period, and modeling platform
  - Compared two development pathways, both built on the CVHM2 foundation:

**Pathway 1:** Refined MODFLOW-OWHM

**Pathway 2:** New MODFLOW 6 model

*EKI recommendation*

**Primary Consideration:** Both pathways require refinements that are significant and similar in extent. Pathway 2 provides greater flexibility to address the Subbasin's varying data quality, local resolution needs, and future applications, at the expense of moving the Model from CVHM2 to a different platform.

*For discussion purposes only*

## TECH AD-HOC DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION

- Discussion and direction
  - Productive discussion on data quality, refinement level, and simulation accuracy, along with recommendations on available information and reports.
  - Members expressed overall support for EKI's recommendation of Pathway 2, with two GSAs contingent upon confirmation with the GSA managers.
- Next steps:
  - Confirm the direction from the two remaining GSAs
  - Issue RFI; develop proposed grid, layering, and initiate surface water budget
  - Present the proposed framework at the 2nd Ad-Hoc meeting (likely November)

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# HIGH-LEVEL PHASE 1 SCHEDULE (FOR REFERENCE)

| Task                                                                                                                   | 2026                  | 2027                        | Deliverables                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                        | Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec   | Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Task 1 - Technical Coordination, Data Review and Model Framework Refinement</b>                                     | Aug–Oct               |                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFI</li> <li>• TM documenting model platform and framework</li> <li>• Ad-Hoc meeting materials</li> </ul>                                        |
| <b>Task 2 - Hydrostratigraphic Framework, Well Inventory, Lithologic Interpretation, and Subsidence Representation</b> | Layering<br>I-D model |                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refined model packages</li> <li>• Refined Leapfrog</li> <li>• TM documenting analyses</li> <li>• Presentation of I-D modeling results</li> </ul> |
| <b>Task 3 - Refinement of Land Surface Inputs and Water Budget Representation</b>                                      | Oct–Feb               |                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality-controlled transient inputs for WY 2003 - WY 2026</li> <li>• Draft TM</li> <li>• Repeatable workflow for SW budgets</li> </ul>           |
| <b>Task 4 - Historical Model Development, Verification, and Calibration Plan</b>                                       |                       | Jan–Jul                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update historical model</li> <li>• Presentation of results and diagnostics</li> <li>• Calibration plan</li> </ul>                                |

**Final Deliverable:** A constructed, verified MODFLOW 6 model and calibration plan, ready for Phase 2 by July 2027.

For discussion purposes only

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- One RFI has been developed to request data needed for both the phased refinement of the model and the WY 2026 Annual Report.
- The RFI identifies:
  - Requested data categories (e.g., surface water supplies and deliveries, pumping data, land use information, P/MA updates)
  - Data descriptions; and
  - Preferred file types.
  - Data sharing templates, used in previous RFIs, will be provided to be used for sharing Excel data. **GSA's are strongly encouraged to use these templates to minimize the LOE needed for processing data.**
- The RFI was shared with GSAs earlier this week.
  - Data provided in response to the RFI should be uploaded to each GSA's shared Egnyte folder **by 13 November 2026.**
  - *Reminder: Well Registration has already been requested from all GSAs by November 30th*

For discussion purposes only

# GROUNDWATER MODEL: DATA REQUEST

- Historical records for WY 2003–2026, monthly and at the finest resolution available

## Existing models

Input/output files, documentation, and processing data

## Hydrogeology

Logs for wells over 200 ft, cross sections, aquifer tests, hydraulic properties

## Supply system layout

Shapefile of supply and use areas (parcels, districts, or GSAs)

## Groundwater levels

Monthly local data with well depth, screen, location, and aquifer

## Surface water

Source and use, delivery type, losses, drains, return flows, transfers

## Pumping

By well and aquifer, tied to well registration, with estimation method

## Recharge and banking

Source and recharge volumes, basin boundaries, recovery wells

## Land use and ET

Crop maps, local ET, crop coefficients, irrigation efficiency

## Subsidence

Benchmarks, CGPS, and extensometers with locations and records

## Streamflow and stage

Local gauges not in USGS or CDEC, stream surveys, lining, dry reaches

## Projects and actions

Project operations, demand reduction, and well mitigation updates

## How to submit

Due 13 Nov 2026 via GSA Egnyte Folders; please use EKI templates; skip public data

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 15

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on the Development of the Water Year 2026 Annual Report

**Recommendation**

None; information only.

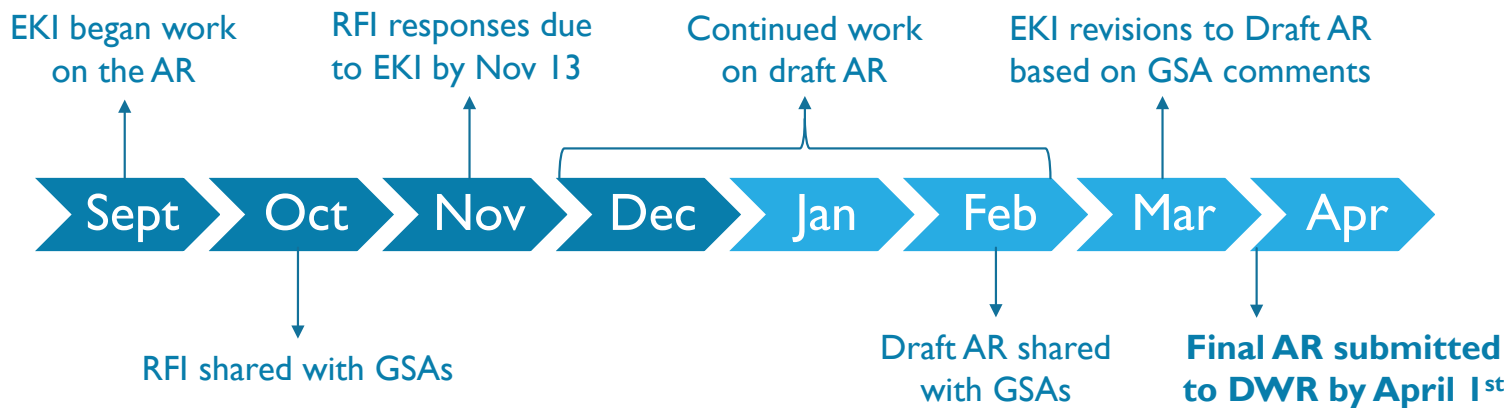
**Discussion**

Technical staff has begun the development of the Water Year 2026 Annual Report (covering October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026), which is due to DWR by **April 1, 2027**. Therefore, EKI has sent out a request for information to the DM Subbasin GSAs (due on **November 13, 2026**) to inform the drafting of the annual report and to allow ample time for review and feedback before submittal. An update on the progress of the annual report is provided as **Attachment 1**.

For discussion purposes only

## WY 2026 ANNUAL REPORT DEVELOPMENT

- Work has begun on the development of the WY 2026 AR, which is due to DWR **by 1 April 2027**.
  - An outline for the AR has been prepared, and general sections are currently being drafted.
  - Data provided in response to the RFI is due to EKI **by 13 November 2026**.
  - A draft AR will be provided to the GSAs for review in February 2027, and a final AR will be prepared upon addressing comments and submitted to DWR prior to the deadline.



# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- One RFI has been developed to request data needed for both the phased refinement of the model and the WY 2026 Annual Report
- See previous model RFI slide for details
- Data provided in response to the RFI should be uploaded to each GSA's shared Egnyte folder **by 13 November 2026.**

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 16

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on the PRP Implementation

**Recommendation**

None; information only.

**Discussion**

**a. Q3 Exceedance Reporting by GSA**

The target month for Q3 groundwater level and water quality sampling was August. An update on PRP Implementation, Q3 Monitoring Event and Exceedance Reporting is provided as **Attachment 1**.

The target month for the Q4 groundwater level monitoring event is October. Please conduct your groundwater level sampling by the end of the month, and have your data QA/QC and uploaded to the Data Management System by **November 30, 2026**.

# GWL AND WQ EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS: 2026 Q3

- Seven quarterly GWL and 17 WQ exceedances occurred during Q3 2026.
  - *EKI to reach out to GSAs with MT exceedances and follow up on the initial investigation.*
- No missing GWL measurements for Q3 2026.
- 21 WQ RMWs missed samples for at least one COC during Q3 2026 (see following slides).
- 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

## Q3 2026 – MISSING WQ SAMPLES

- 21 RMW-WQs are missing samples in the DMS for one or more COCs for Q3 2026 (see next slide).
  - For wells that were sampled but are still waiting on lab results, WQ data should be uploaded to the DMS as it is received.
  - *Hallmark Group to reach out to GSAs with missing measurements to follow up*
- Missing samples, although not triggers or MT exceedances, count as non-compliance and need to be explained to DWR in data uploads and in Annual Report.
- DWR has not viewed missed samples favorably.
- GSP outlines a commitment to bi-annual WQ sampling of all COCs.
  - If a well is unable to be sampled, the reasoning should be well documented and submitted to the DMS, as well as shared with EKI.

# Q3 2026 – MISSING WQ SAMPLES (CONTINUED)

| DMS ID | Local Name                | GSA                                        | Missing COC(s)                    |
|--------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 09-002 | I2S16E3IG00IM             | Aliso Water District GSA                   | All 6 COCs                        |
| 09-003 | I3S15E14M00IM             | Aliso Water District GSA                   | All 6 COCs                        |
| 09-005 | Aliso I                   | Aliso Water District GSA                   | All 6 COCs                        |
| 09-196 | Well 52                   | Aliso Water District GSA                   | All 6 COCs                        |
| 09-231 | North Upper               | Aliso Water District GSA                   | All 6 COCs                        |
| 09-232 | North Lower               | Aliso Water District GSA                   | All 6 COCs                        |
| 09-233 | South Lower               | Aliso Water District GSA                   | All 6 COCs                        |
| 07-007 | MC18-1                    | Central Delta-Mendota GSA                  | Lab is reanalyzing Nitrate sample |
| 07-425 | MC18-2                    | Central Delta-Mendota GSA                  | Lab is reanalyzing Nitrate sample |
| 12-006 | SPRECK-MW-32              | County of Fresno GSA                       | All 6 COCs                        |
| 13-011 | MWILA Planned             | County of Fresno GSA                       | All 6 COCs                        |
| 13-012 | MW1UA Planned             | County of Fresno GSA                       | All 6 COCs                        |
| 11-010 | IPL-I                     | Grasslands GSA                             | All 6 COCs                        |
| 11-018 | 3PU-I                     | Grasslands GSA                             | All 6 COCs                        |
| 19-002 | 2PU-I                     | County of Merced GSA - Delta-Mendota       | All 6 COCs                        |
| 19-004 | 2PU-4                     | County of Merced GSA - Delta-Mendota       | All 6 COCs                        |
| 14-024 | CCID 2723                 | San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors GSA | All 6 COCs                        |
| 14-025 | SDMW West - Lower Aquifer | San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors GSA | All 6 COCs                        |
| 14-026 | SDMW West - Upper Aquifer | San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors GSA | All 6 COCs                        |
| 23-003 | SDMW East - Lower Aquifer | County of Madera GSA - Delta-Mendota       | All 6 COCs                        |
| 23-004 | SDMW East - Upper Aquifer | County of Madera GSA - Delta-Mendota       | All 6 COCs                        |

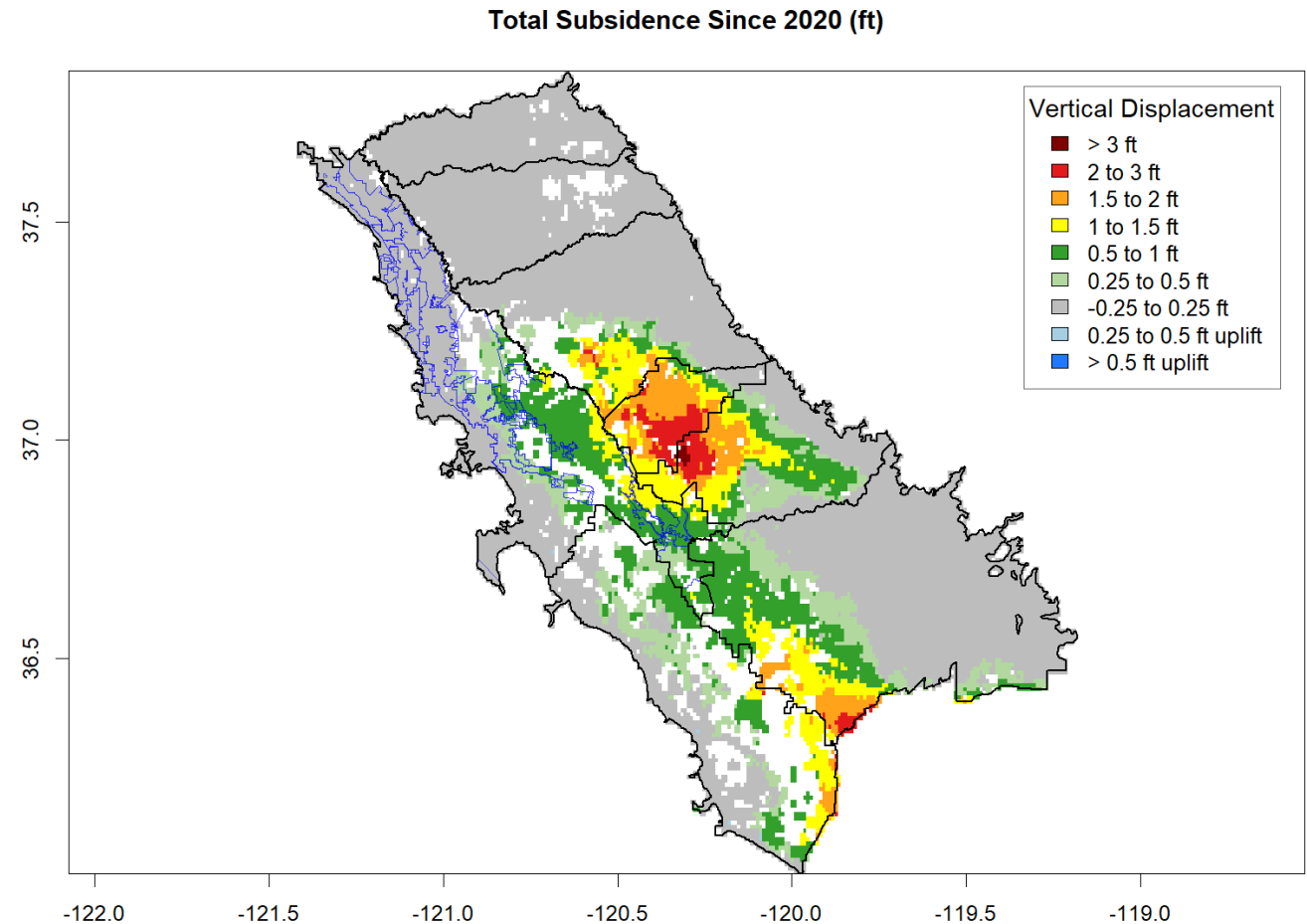


# PRP REMINDER #1: MONITORING & REPORTING

- Q4 WL sampling should be completed **by October 31<sup>st</sup>**, with data QAQC and upload to the DMS **by November 30<sup>th</sup>**
- 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

# PRP REMINDER #2: SUBSIDENCE AVOIDANCE

- Updates on actions taken by the GSAs were due to the Dashboard by August 31st
  - GSAs who did not upload actions should do so *as soon as possible*
- 2030 Subsidence IM = 1.5 ft since 2020
- 2040 Subsidence MT = 2 ft since 2020
- Maximum subsidence between Jan 2020-April 2026 within Delta-Mendota Subbasin = 1.66 ft
- Remaining allowed subsidence from MT ~ 0.34 ft (26 months → June 2028)



# PRP REMINDER #2: SUBSIDENCE AVOIDANCE



# PRP REMINDER #3: WELL REGISTRATION AND OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

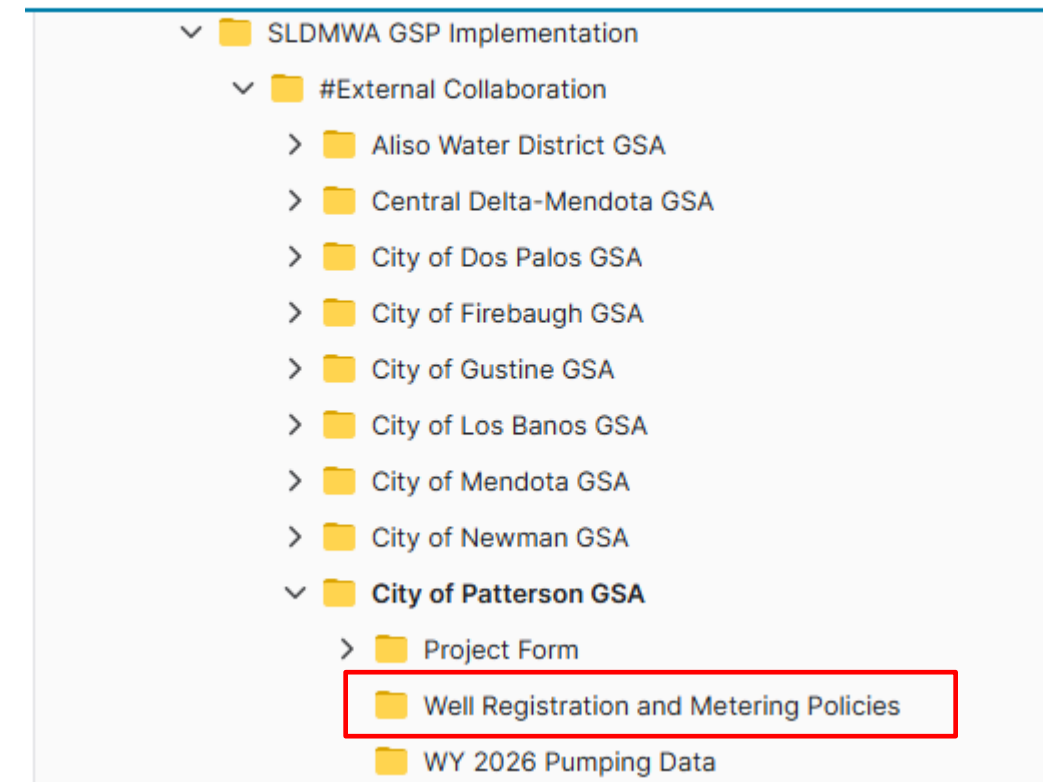
## ■ Component #1: Monitoring & Reporting

- Well registration and Well Metering deadline was January 2026
- *Please upload your well registration and metering resolutions to your shared Egnyte 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.*

 Collaborate |  eki environment & water EKI File Server



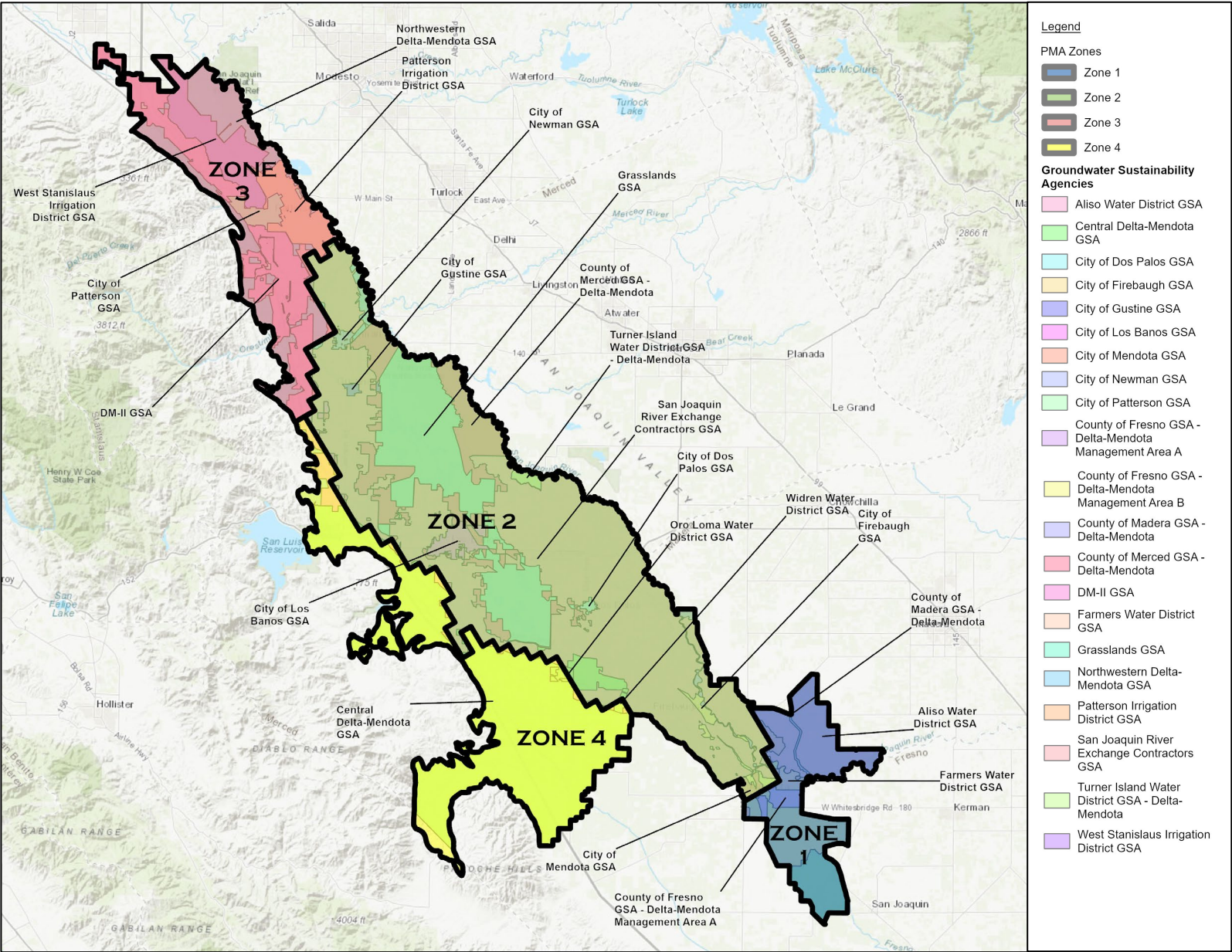
# COMPONENT #2: OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

Required Reduction for Overdraft Mitigation by  
end of WY 2030

|        | Upper Aquifer<br>Reduction (AFY) | Lower Aquifer<br>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<br>(AFY) | Lower Aquifer<br>(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                |



# COMPONENT #2: OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

- Overdraft reduction planned based on projecting 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 VWL and Subsidence targets.

|                                                              | 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                 |

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 17

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Program Management Report and Update on Action Items

**Recommendation**

None; information only.

**Discussion**

An update on the status of action items is provided as **Attachment 1**.

## Delta-Mendota Subbasin

| Meeting Date | Agenda Item | Action Item                                                                                                             | Assigned             | Due Date   | Status      | Status & Notes                                                                                            |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11/10/2025   | 11d         | Staff to coordinate with GSAs on initial exceedance reports and action plans.                                           | K. Liddy             | Ongoing    | Ongoing     | Continue tracking and notifying GSAs of exceedances to prepare initial reports and action plans.          |
| 4/13/2026    | 14          | Work with GSA representatives to provide an update on the status of compliance with registration and metering policies. | Hallmark Group       | 11/30/2026 | In Progress | GSAs to provide data to EKI by November 30, 2026.                                                         |
| 5/19/2026    | 6           | EKI begin Phase 1 of the model calibration.                                                                             | EKI                  | Ongoing    | In Progress | Staff received feedback from the technical ad hoc on 9/24/2026 . Goal to hold second meeting in November. |
| 8/10/2026    | 8           | Staff to draft a reserve policy to present at the October meeting.                                                      | Hallmark Group       | 10/12/2026 | Done        | Board to consider approval on October 12.                                                                 |
| 8/10/2026    | 12          | Staff to work with GSAs to update wells missing RPEs.                                                                   | Hallmark Group       | 11/30/2026 | In Progress | GSAs to provide missing RPE information.                                                                  |
| 8/10/2026    | 12          | GSAs to conduct Q3 sampling and submit results to the DMS.                                                              | GSAs                 | 9/30/2026  | In Progress | GSAs conducted sampling and uploading results.                                                            |
| 8/10/2026    | 13          | GSAs to complete project solicitation form and submit to Egnyte.                                                        | GSAs                 | 9/30/2026  | In Progress | GSAs to fill out forms and submit to Egnyte.                                                              |
| 9/21/2026    | 3           | Legal counsel develop resolution allowing Board members to vote virtually.                                              | Legal                | 9/21/2026  | Done        | Board to consider approval on October 12.                                                                 |
| 9/21/2026    | 8           | EKI develop cost estimate and scope to present at the October meeting.                                                  | EKI                  | 9/21/2026  | Done        | Board to consider approval on October 12.                                                                 |
| 9/21/2026    | 9           | Staff to agenda ratification to approve the budget amendment for Woodard & Curran at the October meeting.               | Hallmark Group       | 9/21/2026  | Done        | Board to ratify approval on October 12.                                                                   |
| 9/21/2026    | 10          | Staff to collate P/MAs and projects received from GSAs to present at October meeting.                                   | Hallmark Group / EKI | 9/21/2026  | Done        |                                                                                                           |
| 9/21/2026    | 11          | GSAs upload well registration and pumping data for model calibration into Egnyte.                                       | GSAs                 | 11/30/2026 | In Progress | GSAs upload information.                                                                                  |
| 9/21/2026    | 15          | Coordinate Modesto/Turlock interbasin meeting upon release of the ISW BMPs.                                             | L. Beutler           | 11/30/2026 | In Progress |                                                                                                           |
| 10/12/2026   | 14          | GSAs to upload data in response to the model calibration and Annual Report RFIs to Egnyte.                              | GSAs                 | 11/13/2026 | In Progress | GSAs upload information.                                                                                  |
| 10/12/2026   | 16          | GSAs to conduct Q4 GWL sampling in October and upload to the DMS by November 30.                                        | GSAs                 | 11/30/2026 | In Progress | GSAs conduct sampling and upload results.                                                                 |

TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 18

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities

**Recommendation**

None; information only.

**Discussion**

An update is provided as **Attachment 1**.

# Outreach October Update

## Outreach Documentation

### Recap

- Outreach is a GSA SGMA Requirement
- Best practice is tracking outreach. A simple tally is acceptable
- Outreach report will be included (as in the past) as an attachment to the Annual Report

### Status

- Facilitator provided a simple form to the subbasin GSA points of contact to compile results
- Form distribution September 30, 2026
- Form completion November 1, 2026
- Some forms already completed!

# Outreach - October Update

## INTERBASIN COORDINATION

| Completed           |                                                             |          |                  |        |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|--------|
| Tracy Subbasin      | Chowchilla                                                  | Westside | East San Joaquin | Madera |
| Merced              | Kings (June 9)                                              |          |                  |        |
| Remaining           |                                                             |          |                  |        |
| Modesto/<br>Turlock | Will be tied to the release of Interconnected Surface Water |          |                  |        |

## COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

- October work will focus on annotated outline for review by Communications Committee
- Document is an attachment to the GSP