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

Monday, November 16, 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, November 16, 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.
Los Banos, CA 93635

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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 October 12, 2026, Meeting
    b. Budget to Actual Report

Action Items

6. Approval of EKI Scope of Work to Develop a Concept Proposal for the DWR SGM Grant (Blakslee/Dutton)
7. Direction on Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Components for the DM Subbasin JPA (Blakslee)
8. Direction on Fiscal Year 2028 Draft Budget for the Northern DM Region Management Committee (Blakslee)
9. Approve the 2027 DM Subbasin JPA Board Meeting Calendar (Blakslee)

Report Items

10. Update on Model Phase 1 Schedule and Status of GSA Data Reporting (Blakslee/Mani)
11. Update on the Development of the Water Year 2026 Annual Report (Blakslee/Mani) –
12. Update on PRP Implementation (Xie)
    a. Q3 Exceedance Reporting by GSA
    b. Q4 Monitoring Event Update
13. Program Management Report and Update on Action Items (Blakslee).
14. Update on Water Blueprint Activities (Chedester/Ewell)

Closed Session

15. 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)

16. 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.

Open Session

17. Report from Closed Session (Layne)

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18. Next Steps (Blakslee)
19. Member Reports (Hurley)
20. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) (Layne)
21. Next Meeting(s): (Hurley)
    a. Delta-Mendota JPA Board Meeting – Monday, December 14, 2026, Grassland Water District Boardroom
22. Adjournment (Hurley)

DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 5

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 16, 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 October 12, 2026 Meeting (**Attachment 1**)
b. Budget to Actual Report (**Attachment 2**)

Attachment 1

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
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
Ric Ortega, Grassland Water District
Vince Lucchesi, Northern DM Region – called in from a noticed meeting location

Others Present
Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group
Kathryn Dixon, Hallmark Group
Lauren Layne, Legal Counsel, Baker Manock & Jensen
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
Adan Ortiz, Fresno County
Alma Antua, Westlands Water District
Andrew Francis, LSCE
Anona Dutton, EKI
Brittany Harker, Stanislaus County
Ellen Wehr, Grassland Water District
Ethan Andrews, Provost & Pritchard
Gilbert Torres, Fresno County
Kiti Campbell
Lisa Beutler, Stantec
Maria Razo, Stanislaus County
Matt Brady
Matt Garcia, Del Puerto WD
Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Rachel Alstrom, Baker Manock & Jensen

Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard
Sam Cunningham, Provost & Pritchard
Scott Petersen, San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Steve Chedester, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors
Susan Xie, EKI
Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group
WaterOne AI

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.

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 September 21, 2026 Meeting
- **b.** Budget to Actual Report

MOTION
Director Wiersma made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Ramirez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

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

Open Session

7. Report from Closed Session
The Board returned from closed session at 1:16 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 on September 1, the Board directed EKI to develop a scope of work to review and recommend potential responses to public comments on the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). He reminded the Board that the GSP is still under review by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Member

Martin stated that in his conversation with a DWR representative, he was told that the GSP would likely not be reviewed until Q1 2027 and that responses to comment letters are not required by DWR at this time.

Chair Hurley stated that he understands EKI needed to estimate costs to review and potentially respond to comment letters and added that he was expecting a lower cost estimate but wants to hear from the DM JPA Board members. Member Wiersma stated that he generally agrees and Jarrett Martin highlighted that there were some comments on subsidence that he would recommend focusing on a planned response. Member Hopkins stated that he would like to understand if funds for task 4 are being repurposed, if there is anything that would then not be completed under task 4. Member Ortega stated that he is not sure the level of hours required to review the letters but proposed that perhaps EKI could lower the amount not to exceed the scope. Member Stilwell stated that he feels that EKI does not need to conduct a deep dive review of the comments at this time

The Board provided direction to EKI to present the top 5-10 issues from the comment letters at next Board meeting.

MOTION

Director Wiersma made a motion to approve EKI to repurpose no more than $30,000 from Task 4, but requested only an initial analysis be conducted by the November Board meeting. Director Lucchesi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via roll call vote.

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

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that the Board provided direction on this item at the last meeting, but a full Board vote was not possible at that time due to a quorum issue.

MOTION

Director Wiersma made a motion to authorize the $10,000 budget amendment with Woodard & Curran. Director Hopkins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via roll call vote.

10. Direction on Grant Opportunities

Blakslee introduced this item and reminded the Board of the September 30, 2026, deadline for list of potential projects from GSAs, and stated that the list of potential projects and Project and Management Actions from the DM Subbasin GSP is included in the packet. Chair Hurley proposed that the list could be separated into projects to be pursued at the Basin level and GSA level respectively. Member Ortega stated that he feels some projects should be pursued perhaps down to the district level. Anona Dutton (EKI) stated that she would recommend applying as a Subbasin for grant opportunities, as it would potentially be a stronger application.

Member Hopkins asked if there are Subbasin-wide projects recommended by EKI and EKI stated that replacing some wells in the RMW, subsidence technical studies, ISW studies, addressing State Board comments, and the model itself could be Subbasin-wide benefit projects. He added that he would like to see those basin-wide projects incorporated into the project list for future consideration of approval by the Board.

The Board provided direction to staff for grants to be submitted on behalf of subbasin but with a project activity agreement for GSAs that benefit from a project. Member Ramirez added that in the past, cost sharing agreements were based on the proportion of the grant money that each GSA received. Member Hopkins asked about a timeline and Mani stated that SGM grant draft guidelines have been provided by DWR and are open for public comment by December and will be finalized in February of 2027. Mani estimated that concept papers would be due in early summer 2027. Lastly, he stated that staff can continue to work at GSA level for projects that consultants can present at upcoming meetings.

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 introduced this item and stated that under the JPA, budget items require unanimous approval and reminded the Board that they directed staff to draft this resolution to allow for additional teleconference voting consistent with the Brown Act, exercising the emergency exemption.

MOTION

Director Ortega made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the DM JPA Board to use teleconferencing for emergency cases. Director Hopkins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via roll call vote.

12. Consider Approval of an Operating Reserve Policy

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that a draft reserve policy was included in the packet for Board consideration of approval. He added that staff does not see a need for an emergency reserve fund, but recommends a 20% operational reserve policy. Member Lucchesi informed the Board that the Northern DM Committee adopted a similar policy and Member Ramirez stated that he feels 20% is high and would recommend a lower amount. Member Stilwell stated he would recommend a fixed reserve fund amount. The Board provided direction to staff to implement a fixed amount for the reserve fund and to bring this item back to the Board for approval in a subsequent meeting. Jarrett Martin suggested $140,000 as a starting point for the reserve fund to be considered by the Board during the budget development process for FY 2028, after being considered by the budget ad hoc.

Blakslee reminded the Board that the budget development process is conducted in a 2-step approach, first listing out the budget components and then presenting cost estimates on those budget components. He added that the budget ad hoc committee convened on October 6, 2026, and those components will be reviewed at the Central DM GSA and Northern Committee meetings.

Report Items

13. Quarterly Update on the Domestic Well Mitigation Policy

Blakslee stated that the Domestic Well Mitigation Policy requires that the Board discuss any updates on the implementation of the policy on a quarterly basis. There were no questions from the Board regarding this item.

14. 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 and the Chair opened the floor to those who were on the technical ad hoc meeting regarding the model calibration recommendations. Member Stilwell expressed concern that the technical committee may not have authority to give direction to the ad hoc but rather give a recommendation to the DM JPA. Director Wiersma stated that he feels that the technical ad hoc should have the authority to make nitty-gritty decisions, while some of the broader items should be brought to the Board.

Member Ramirez stated that he would only be concerned for the ad hoc making decisions that may have an impact on the budget and Mani stated that in the scope that was approved in July at the DM JPA Board outlines the model platform being a major first decision by the ad hoc. Jarrett Martin expressed that he is comfortable with the ad hoc making recommendations and decisions that continue progress on the model calibration and Member Lucchesi agreed. Member Stilwell asked if the scope of work needs to change at all for the model calibration and Mani stated that he feels the scope should not need to change, as the decision regarding the model platform was included in the original scope that was approved by the Board in July. Staff will work with the model calibration technical ad hoc and will bring any points they feel are appropriate for Board-level discussion to the DM JPA Board.

15. Update on the Development of the Water Year 2026 Annual Report

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that data is due November 13, with a goal to get a draft Annual Report to the Board for review and discussion in February 2027. Chair Hurley asked if this would be the first or second year for PRP reporting, and Mani confirmed this year would be the second annual report with PRP implementation and reporting included.

16. Update on PRP Implementation

a. Q3 Exceedance Reporting by GSA

Blakslee stated that GSAs did a great job getting groundwater level data for Q3 uploaded to the DMS, with only some water quality results missing at this time. Staff will follow up with GSAs that are still waiting for water quality results to be provided by the respective labs. Susan Xie (EKI) reminded the Board that Q4 groundwater level data should be sampled in October with a deadline of November 30, 2026 to QA/QC and upload the results.

17. 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.

18. Update on Facilitation Support Services Outreach Activities

Lisa Beutler (Stantec) stated that she has requested that GSAs compile their outreach statistics to be included in an appendix for the annual report. She added that a form was sent to the Subbasin GSA points of contact to review and add any missing information by November 1, 2026. She stated that she will plan the Modesto/Turlock Subbasin meeting once the interconnected surface water BMPs are released. Member Hopkins stated that several of the interbasin coordination meetings from earlier in the year require follow up, and Blakslee stated

that the next outreach ad hoc meeting is to take place in November. A list of those basins and decisions on next steps will be provided at a subsequent Board meeting.

19. Update on Water Blueprint Activities

Steve Chedester (SJREC) stated that the advisory committee is convening this month and is planning to get draft of the United Water Plan to the Board for review by the end of this month. Blakslee stated that staff will coordinate with Chedester to schedule an educational presentation in either November or December.

20. Next Steps

Mr. Blakslee listed the following next steps:

- EKI draft a list of 5-10 top concerns from the GSP comment letters.
- Authorize W&C budget amendment and advise them to submit final grant application and finish subsidence benchmark work.
- Staff continue to work on grant priorities and provide information to the Board once eligibility and guidelines are released.
- Staff revise reserve policy to incorporate $140,000 fixed amount, discuss at the budget ad hoc, and bring back to the Board during budget discussion.
- Staff to use discretion with the technical ad hoc on what should be brought back to the Board for consideration.
- Staff to communicate with GSAs for data submission for the RFI due to Egnyte by November 13, 2026.
- Staff to continue to work with Houston to make DMS updates.
- Staff to work with interbasin outreach subcommittee to discuss a plan for interbasin meetings and present to the Board.
- Staff to work with Steve Chedester to determine when to have Blueprint presentation at the Board.

21. Member Reports

Chair Hurley stated that he and Jarrett Martin met with the technical consultants for the Merced Subbasin to provide more details on the 2-foot subsidence limit for the Subbasin. There were no other reports provided by Members.

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

Nothing to report.

23. Next Meeting(s):

a. November 16, 2026, 1 p.m. PST, Grassland Water District Board Room

24. Adjournment

Chair Hurley adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.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

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



Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority
Financial Statements
September 2026

Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority
Combined Financial Statements
Fiscal Year-to-Date Through September 30, 2026

Combined Statement of Net Position

Current Assets		
JPA Chase Bank Checking Account *(non-interest bearing)*	$	371,836
JPA Chase Bank Savings Account - Domestic Well Mitigation Funds (*interest bearing*)		150,004
Northern Chase Bank Checking Account *(non-interest bearing)*		151,480
Northern Chase Bank Savings Account - GSP Update Reserve Fund (*interest bearing*)		50,001
Accounts Receivable - JPA		821,573
Accounts Receivable - Northern		53,428
Prepaid Insurance		3,611
Total Assets	**$**	**1,601,933**
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable - JPA	$	96,335
Accounts Payable - Northern		13,827
Total Liabilities	**$**	**110,162**
Net Position		
Unrestricted	$	1,191,771
Restricted		300,000
Total Net Position	**$**	**1,491,771**

Combined Statement of Change in Net Position

		Actual
Revenue		
Member Agency Funding	$	1,930,179
Reserve For Domestic Well Mitigation		(100,000)
Reserve for GSP Updates		(100,000)
Interest Income		5
Total Revenue	**$**	**1,730,184**
Operating Expenses		
Legal Counsel	$	41,094
SGMA Implementation Grant Administration		72,735
Program Manager/Executive Director		174,440
Technical Consultants - Northern		37,481
Annual Report		6,607
Data Management System Support		12,306
GSP Implementation Support		130,623
Model Calibration		61,889
Insurance		1,204
Bank Service Charges		35
Total Operating Expenses	**$**	**538,414**
Change in Net Position	**$**	**1,191,770**

Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority

(Excludes Northern Committee)

September 2026

Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority
Financial Statements
Fiscal Year-to-Date Through September 30, 2026

Statement of Net Position

Current Assets		
Chase Bank Checking Account *(non-interest bearing)*	$	371,836
Chase Bank Savings Account - Domestic Well Mitigation Funds (*interest bearing*)		150,004
Accounts Receivable		821,573
Prepaid Insurance		2,996
Total Assets	**$**	**1,346,409**
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	$	96,335
Accrued Expenses		-
Total Liabilities	**$**	**96,335**
Net Position		
Unrestricted	$	1,050,074
Restricted		200,000
Total Net Position	**$**	**1,250,074**

Statement of Change in Net Position

		Actual
Revenue		
Member Agency Funding	$	1,597,697
Reserve For Domestic Well Mitigation		(100,000)
Interest Income		4
Total Revenue	**$**	**1,497,701**
Operating Expenses		
Legal Counsel	$	31,419
SGMA Implementation Grant Administration		72,735
Program Manager/Executive Director		130,194
Annual Report		6,607
Data Management System Support		12,306
GSP Implementation Support		130,623
Model Calibration		61,889
Insurance		999
Bank Service Charges		35
Total Operating Expenses	**$**	**446,807**
Change in Net Position	**$**	**1,050,894**

Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority
Receipts and Disbursements - Chase Bank Checking
Fiscal Year-to-Date Through September 30, 2026

Transaction Date	Transaction Type	Name	Amount
04/14/26	Payment Received	Del Puerto Water District[1]	$ 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[1]	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[1]	(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	(61,874.70)
08/31/26	Bill Payment	Hallmark Group	(17,253.40)
09/03/26	Service Charge	Chase Bank	(20.00)
09/24/26	Payment Received	Oak Flat Water District	1,838.91
09/24/26	Payment Received	Aliso Water District GSA	146,626.00
09/29/26	Bill Payment	Baker Manock & Jensen	(2,257.50)
09/29/26	Bill Payment	EKI Environment & Water	(39,461.24)
09/29/26	Bill Payment	Hallmark Group	(15,982.11)
09/30/26	Payment Received	Stanislaus County	21,837.11
09/30/26	Transfer	Transfer From Northern to JPA[2]	93,147.21
			$ 371,835.65

[1] *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.*

[2] *Member Agency payments received for JPA and Northern on a single check. Checks are deposited into the Northern checking account as received and the appropriate JPA funds are subsequently transferred to the JPA checking account.*

Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority
Accounts Receivable
As of September 30, 2026

Name	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 And Over	Total
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
San 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	-	-	-	-	3,821
Total	**$ 821,573**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 821,573**

Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority
Accounts Payable
As of September 30, 2026

Name	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 And Over	Total
Baker Manock & Jensen	$ 3,462	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,462
EKI Environment & Water	70,674	-	-	-	-	70,674
Hallmark Group	18,103	-	-	-	-	18,103
Houston Engineering	4,096	-	-	-	-	4,096
Total	**$ 96,335**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 96,335**

Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority

(Excludes Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee)

Remaining FY27 Budget Through September 30, 2026

EXPENDITURES	JPA FY27 Budget	JPA FYTD Spend	Remaining FY27 Budget
Legal Counsel	$ 130,000	$ 31,419	$ 98,581
SGMA Implementation Grant Administration	30,000	72,735	(42,735)
Domestic Well Mitigation Funds (Year 2 of 3)	100,000	50,000	50,000
Program Manager/Executive Director	275,000	130,194	144,806
Annual Report	125,000	6,607	118,393
Data Management System Support	27,500	12,306	15,194
Outreach Support	35,000	-	35,000
Model Extension	50,000	-	50,000
GSP Implementation Support	250,000	130,623	119,377
Model Calibration	525,000	61,889	463,111
Insurance	20,000	999	19,001
Audit	10,000	-	10,000
Bank Service Charges	-	35	(35)
Startup Costs	15,000	-	15,000
In-House Staff	5,200	-	5,200
Total FY27 Expenditures	**$ 1,597,700**	**$ 496,807**	**$ 1,100,893**
Reserve Funds (Restricted Cash Deposits):			
Domestic Well Mitigation Funds (Year 2 of 3)	100,000	50,000	50,000
Net FY27 Budget	**$ 1,497,700**	**$ 446,807**	**$ 1,050,893**

Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee
September 2026

Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee
Financial Statements
Fiscal Year-to-Date Through September 30, 2026

Statement of Net Position

Current Assets		
Chase Bank Checking Account *(non-interest bearing)*	$	151,480
Chase Bank Savings Account - GSP Update Reserve Fund (*interest bearing*)		50,001
Accounts Receivable		53,428
Prepaid Insurance		615
Total Assets	**$**	**255,524**
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	$	13,827
Accrued Expenses		-
Total Liabilities	**$**	**13,827**
Net Position		
Unrestricted	$	141,697
Restricted		100,000
Total Net Position	**$**	**241,697**

Statement of Change in Net Position

		Actual
Revenue		
Member Agency Funding	$	332,482
Reserve for GSP Updates		(100,000)
Interest Income		1
Total Revenue	**$**	**232,483**
Operating Expenses		
Legal Counsel	$	9,675
Program Manager/Executive Director		44,246
Technical Consultants		37,481
Insurance		205
Total Operating Expenses	**$**	**91,607**
Change in Net Position	**$**	**140,876**

Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee
Receipts and Disbursements - Chase Bank Checking
Fiscal Year-to-Date Through September 30, 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[1]	76,606.62
05/29/26	Bill Payment	Baker Manock & Jensen	(1,575.00)
05/29/26	Bill Payment	EKI Environment & Water	(1,487.98)
05/29/26	Bill Payment	Hallmark Group	(8,689.06)
06/16/26	Payment 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)
09/11/26	Payment Received	West Stanislaus ID GSA	46,074.72
09/24/26	Payment Received	Patterson Irrigation District GSA	40,315.38
09/29/26	Bill Payment	Baker Manock & Jensen	(3,262.50)
09/29/26	Bill Payment	EKI Environment & Water	(3,437.98)
09/29/26	Bill Payment	Hallmark Group	(9,801.14)
09/30/26	Payment Received	Stanislaus County	82,070.60
09/30/26	Transfer	Transfer From Northern to JPA[2]	(93,147.21)
			$ 151,479.65

[1] *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.*

[2] *Member Agency payments received for JPA and Northern on a single check. Checks are deposited into the Northern checking account as received and the appropriate JPA funds are subsequently transferred to the JPA checking account.*

Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee
Accounts Receivable
As of September 30, 2026

Name	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 And Over	Total
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
Total	**$ 53,428**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 53,428**

Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee
Accounts Payable
As of September 30, 2026

Name	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 And Over	Total
Baker Manock & Jensen	$ 1,035	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,035
EKI Environment & Water	4,841	-	-	-	-	4,841
Hallmark Group	7,951	-	-	-	-	7,951
Total	**$ 13,827**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 13,827**

Northern Delta-Mendota Regional Management Committee
Remaining FY27 Budget Through September 30, 2026

EXPENDITURES	Northern FY27 Budget	Northern FYTD Spend	Remaining FY27 Budget
Legal Counsel	$ 20,000	$ 9,675	$ 10,325
Program Manager/Executive Director	107,482	44,246	63,236
Technical Consultants	80,000	37,481	42,519
Annual Report	75,000	-	75,000
Insurance	-	205	(205)
Reserve Fund For GSP Update	100,000	50,000	50,000
Contingency	25,000	-	25,000
Total FY27 Expenditures	**$ 407,482**	**$ 141,607**	**$ 265,875**
Reserve Funds (Restricted Cash Deposits):			
Reserve Fund for GSP Update	100,000	50,000	50,000
Net FY27 Budget	**$ 307,482**	**$ 91,607**	**$ 215,875**

DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 6

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of EKI Scope of Work to Develop a Concept Proposal for the DWR SGM Grant

Recommendation

Approve EKI scope of work for an amount not to exceed $30,000 to develop and submit a concept proposal for the DWR SGM grant.

Discussion

The Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSA's JPA is considering applying for the upcoming California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management grant.

A draft scope of work from EKI to prepare for, develop and submit a concept proposal for the DWR SGM grant is provided as **Attachment 1** and is for a not-to-exceed amount of $30,000. This scope also includes submitting a comment letter to DWR on the draft grant guidelines that were recently released.

The proposed project prioritization approach and grant concept proposal details is provided as **Attachment 2**.

Board feedback needed:

Does the DM JPA Board want to approve EKI's scope of work to develop a concept proposal and related tasks for the DWR SGM grant?

Attachment 1

27 October 2026

To: Taylor Blakslee
Delta-Mendota Subbasin Joint Powers Authority / Hallmark Group Capital Project Management
4900 California Avenue,
Tower B, 2nd Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Subject: Task Order for Proposition 4 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Application Concept Proposal Support
(EKI C50346.07)

Dear Mr. Blakslee:

EKI Environment & Water, Inc. (EKI) is pleased to provide this proposal to provide grant application support services to the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (Basin) Joint Powers Authority (JPA, Client) for Proposition 4 (Prop 4) funding through the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program. Because final program guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) have not been released, the scope follows the Draft Guidelines released on 5 October 2026, and emphasizes activities that will remain useful as program details develop, including: organizing and prioritizing the JPA's project portfolio, developing reusable project concepts, and preparing the SGM Concept Proposal. Support for a Full Application, if DWR invites the JPA to submit one, will be scoped under a separate task order.

BACKGROUND

Under EKI's existing agreement with the JPA, EKI prepared a Project Form to solicit information on upcoming projects within the Basin that may be eligible for funding through the SGM Grant Program. EKI reviewed Tier 1 through 3 Projects and Management Actions (P/MAs) identified in the Basin's 2024 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and Water Year (WY) 2025 Annual Report to identify projects with potential grant eligibility and prepared a Project Form for each identified project. In August 2026, EKI distributed the Project Form to GSAs through the GSAs' shared Egnyte folders to solicit additional projects not identified as Tier 1 through 3 P/MAs that GSAs are actively pursuing. GSAs were requested to submit completed forms by 30 September 2026, and several GSAs submitted projects for consideration prior to the deadline.

The proposed Scope of Work outlined below will build on these efforts to identify and prioritize Basin-wide and GSA-led projects for inclusion in the SGM Concept Proposal, prepare project concept summaries, and complete and support submitting the SGM Concept Proposal to DWR.

SCOPE OF WORK

Task 1 - Grant Program Monitoring and Coordination

EKI will monitor DWR's development of the SGM Grant Program and provide grant-specific coordination needed to keep the JPA informed and ready to act. Services performed under Task 1 will include, but are not limited to:

- Review released Draft and Final guidelines, PSPs, schedules, frequently asked questions, and related DWR program materials.
- Attend up to two (2) DWR workshops or webinars and summarize material requirements, changes, decisions, and near-term JPA actions.
- Prepare and submit a comment letter to DWR by the 4 December 2026 public comment deadline, summarizing key concerns and considerations relevant to the Basin.
- Maintain a grant action schedule identifying anticipated program milestones, required JPA decisions, information needs, and responsible parties.

Task 1 Deliverables

- Brief written guidance and workshop summaries and/or presentation materials, as warranted by program developments.
- Meeting and presentation material.
- Comment letter on the Draft Guidelines.

Task 1 Key Assumptions

- EKI will present meeting materials and presentations prepared under Task 1 as agenda items at regularly scheduled JPA Board meetings, as needed.
- The comment letter will be submitted to DWR via email by the 4 December 2026 deadline for public comment.
- All meetings under this proposal are held remotely unless otherwise noted.

Task 2 - Basin-wide Project Identification, Prioritization, and Concept Development

EKI will build on the information in the 2024 GSP, WY 2025 Annual Report, and completed Project Forms shared by GSAs via their shared Egnyte folders to develop a project portfolio of the top priority projects within the Basin for consideration of inclusion in the SGM Concept Proposal. Based on the Draft Guidelines released by DWR, it is understood that there is a one-application-per-basin requirement for SGM Concept Proposal and Full Application submittal. As such, the portfolio will include both Basin-wide and GSA-led projects for consideration by the JPA.

Under Task 2, EKI will identify high-priority Basin-wide projects to address data gaps identified in the 2024 GSP, such as expanding existing monitoring networks to improve spatial coverage, updating the Basin's hydrogeologic conceptual model, calibration of the Basin's numerical groundwater flow model, conducting special studies, and filling gaps in well construction information for wells in the Basin's existing monitoring networks. Services performed under Task 2 will include:

- Review Section 16.1.3 (Data-Gap Filling Efforts) of the 2024 GSP and other applicable sections to identify up to five (5) Basin-wide projects for consideration of inclusion in the SGM Concept Proposal.
- Complete Project Forms for the five (5) identified top priority Basin-wide projects.
- Conduct up to two (2) one-hour remote working sessions with a technical ad-hoc committee to obtain feedback and confirm any missing project-specific information for Basin-wide projects.

- Present a summary of the proposed Basin-wide projects (up to five [5]) at a regular JPA Board meeting to obtain feedback and identify final Basin-wide projects for inclusion in the SGM Concept Proposal.
- Following JPA confirmation of Basin-wide projects for inclusion in the SGM Concept Proposal, prepare concise, reusable project concept summaries for up to five (5) prioritized Basin-wide projects. Number of projects can be increased or decreased based on mutual agreement between the JPA and EKI.

Task 2 Deliverables

- Up to five (5) standardized Basin-wide project concept summaries suitable for adaptation to the applicable grant program forms.

Task 2 Key Assumptions

- The JPA and GSAs will assist, as needed, in providing existing project descriptions, cost information, schedules, benefit estimates, maps, and supporting materials in a timely manner.
- EKI will compile, evaluate, and improve existing information but will not prepare new feasibility studies, designs, engineering cost estimates, modeling, environmental documentation, or other technical studies under this task.

Task 3 - GSA-led Project Portfolio Screening, Prioritization, and Concept Development

As noted above, EKI prepared Project Forms for existing Tier 1 through 3 P/MAs that may be eligible for SGM funding. GSAs also completed and submitted Project Forms for existing P/MAs and additional projects for consideration. Under Task 3, EKI will identify and prioritize GSA-led projects for consideration in the SGM Concept Proposal, in addition to the Basin-wide projects identified under Task 2. Services performed under Task 3 will include:

- Coordinate with GSAs to confirm their interest in pursuing SGM funding for P/MAs identified by EKI but not submitted by GSAs through a completed Project Form.
- Review completed Project Forms submitted by GSAs to assess project eligibility for SGM funding.
- Screen candidate GSA-led projects against available and, when released, final eligibility and ranking criteria, including GSP nexus, applicant and partner eligibility, readiness, cost and schedule, permitting status, water source and quantifiable benefits, regional benefits, and benefits to disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations.
- Present the ranked GSA-led projects to a technical ad-hoc committee to identify up to three (3) GSA-led projects for inclusion in the SGM Concept Proposal (single one-hour ad-hoc meeting).
- Recommend project priorities, the most appropriate primary funding track, and potential project packaging; identify overlapping opportunities while avoiding duplicate funding or duplicate-benefit claims.
- Conduct up to three (3) thirty-minute remote working sessions with lead GSAs to resolve priority data and information gaps.
- Prepare concise, reusable project concept summaries for up to three (3) prioritized GSA-led projects. Number of projects can be increased or decreased based on mutual agreement between the JPA and EKI.

Task 3 Deliverables

- GSA-led project screening and prioritization matrix.
- Up to three (3) standardized GSA-led project concept summaries suitable for adaptation to the applicable grant program forms.

Task 3 Key Assumptions

- The JPA and GSAs will provide existing project descriptions, cost information, schedules, benefit estimates, maps, and supporting materials in a timely manner.
- EKI will compile, evaluate, and improve existing information but will not prepare new feasibility studies, designs, engineering cost estimates, modeling, environmental documentation, or other technical studies under this task.

Task 4 - SGM Concept Proposal Preparation

Following release of the applicable SGM PSP, EKI will support the JPA in preparing one (1) SGM Concept Proposal. The proposal is assumed to include a prioritized bundle of up to five (5) Basin-wide and three (3) GSA-led projects. Services performed under Task 4 will include:

- Confirm the proposed lead applicant, project bundle, requested funding amount, and application strategy with the JPA after review of the final PSP.
- Develop the proposal narrative and assemble a consolidated grant budget, schedule, benefit summary, and supporting-document checklist using information provided by the JPA and GSAs.
- Prepare one template draft letter of support.
- Prepare draft resolution to be adopted by the applicant's governing body designating an authorized representative to submit the application and execute an agreement with the State of California for the SGM grant application.
- Assist the JPA with the self-certification forms, as needed.
- Prepare for and attend up to two (2) one-hour remote proposal working meetings with the JPA staff and/or the designated lead applicant.
- Provide an administrative draft for JPA review, incorporate one (1) consolidated set of comments, and coordinate with the designated lead applicant on submission-ready files and submittal logistics.

Task 4 Deliverables

- Administrative Draft and Final SGM Concept Proposal package, including the narrative, consolidated budget and schedule, benefit summary, and supporting-document checklist required by the released PSP.

Task 4 Key Assumptions

- The scope assumes one (1) SGM Concept Proposal on behalf of the JPA, consistent with DWR's one-application-per-basin requirement. More than eight (8) total projects or additional review cycles will require a task order amendment. The number of project concept summaries may be adjusted by mutual agreement, subject to the authorized budget.

- The designated lead applicant will complete applicant certifications and formally submit the proposal; EKI will provide submission support but will not execute certifications on the applicant's behalf.

Overall Assumptions and Exclusions

- This scope is based on program information available as of the date of this Task Order. Final eligibility, scoring, application limits, required forms, and solicitation schedules may differ from current expectations.
- Work is limited to the Proposition 4 SGM Program. Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program and Watershed Resilience Program application preparation is excluded, except for coordination needed to avoid conflicting or duplicative funding requests.
- Preparation of the SGM Full Application is excluded from this Task Order. If DWR invites the JPA to submit a Full Application, EKI will provide a separate task order for that work.
- The JPA will designate decision-makers and a lead applicant, establish needed agreements for administering projects from different member agencies and entities, provide timely access to existing information, and provide one consolidated set of comments for each deliverable.
- Unless otherwise authorized, meetings will be remote. Public outreach, landowner engagement, legal review, negotiation of interagency or cost-sharing agreements, new technical studies, design, California Environmental Quality Act or National Environmental Policy Act documentation, and post-award services are excluded.

SCHEDULE

EKI will initiate performance immediately upon receipt of written authorization to proceed. The Task Order will follow the existing contract term and will remain in effect through 28 February 2027, or until the $30,000 authorized budget is expended, whichever occurs first. Work will be sequenced to respond to DWR deadlines as follows:

- Tasks 1, 2, and 3 will begin upon authorization. EKI will target completion of the initial screening and prioritization deliverables within eight (8) weeks, subject to timely receipt of the JPA and GSA information.
- Task 4 will follow the SGM solicitation schedule (Concept Proposals anticipated to open in early 2027).

For JPA budgeting purposes, this authorization covers services and deliverables through 28 February 2027, the end of the JPA's current fiscal year. Any services or deliverables required after that date, including work resulting from a delayed solicitation, will require separate written authorization from the Client, even if funds remain under the $30,000 not-to-exceed amount.

COMPENSATION

Inasmuch as the exact level of effort cannot be known before final grant guidelines and PSPs are released, EKI proposes to perform the work on a time-and-materials expense-reimbursement basis in accordance with the Schedule of Charges applicable under the existing agreement. The total compensation for this Task Order will not exceed $30,000 without additional written authorization. The planning allocation by task is provided in **Table 1**. EKI's standard Schedule of Charges is provided in **Attachment A**. EKI's rates

will be adjusted at the beginning of 2027 in accordance with its annual rate adjustment within the authorized Task Order budget.

Table 1. Budget

Task	Estimated Cost
Task 1 - Grant Program Monitoring and Coordination	$3,000
Task 2 - Basin-wide Project Identification, Prioritization, and Concept Development	$8,400
Task 3 - GSA-led Project Portfolio Screening, Prioritization, and Concept Development	$3,200
Task 4 - SGM Concept Proposal Preparation	$15,400
TOTAL	**$30,000**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All work performed by EKI under this proposal will be pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of our existing Agreement with the JPA, executed on 24 February 2026. A separate agreement will be needed if a member agency is designated by the JPA to pursue the grant.

If you approve of this Agreement, 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 us with any questions.

Very truly yours,

EKI Environment & Water, Inc.



Anona L. Dutton, PG, CHg
Chief Executive Officer

AUTHORIZATION
Delta-Mendota Subbasin Joint Powers Authority

By_____

Title_____

Date_____

Attachments

Attachment A – EKI 2026 Schedule of Charges

ATTACHMENT A

EKI 2026 Schedule of Charges

Proposal/Agreement Date: Oct 27, 2026 **EKI Proposal/Project # C50346.07**

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER, INC. **1 January 2026**

Personnel Classification	Hourly Rate (2026)	Hourly Rate (2027 estimate)
Officer and Chief Engineer-Scientist	366	377
Principal Engineer-Scientist	353	364
Supervising I, Engineer-Scientist	343	353
Supervising II, Engineer-Scientist	329	339
Senior I, Engineer-Scientist	315	324
Senior II, Engineer-Scientist	304	313
Associate I, Engineer-Scientist	291	300
Associate II, Engineer-Scientist	275	283
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 1	255	263
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 2	241	248
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 3	221	228
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 4	199	205
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 5	175	180
Engineer-Scientist, Grade 6	152	157
Project Assistant	143	147
Technician	137	141
Senior GIS / Database Analyst	180	185
CADD Operator / GIS Analyst	157	162
Senior Administrative Assistant	172	177
Administrative Assistant	136	140
Secretary	114	117

Direct Expenses

Reimbursement for direct expenses, as listed below, incurred in connection with the work will be at cost plus fifteen percent (15%) for items such as:

a. Maps, photographs, reproductions, printing, equipment rental, and special supplies related to the work.

b. Consultants, soils engineers, surveyors, drillers, laboratories, and contractors.

c. Rented vehicles, local public transportation and taxis, travel, and subsistence.

d. Special fees, insurance, permits, and licenses applicable to the work.

e. Outside computer processing, computation, and proprietary programs purchased for the work.

A Communication charge for e-mail access, web conferencing, cellphone calls, messaging and data access, file sharing, local and long distance telephone calls and conferences, facsimile transmittals, standard delivery U.S. postage, and incidental in-house copying will be charged at a rate of 4% of labor charges. Large volume copying of project documents, e.g., bound reports for distribution or project-specific reference files, will be charged as a project expense as described above.

Reimbursement for use of personal vehicles will be at the federally allowed rate plus fifteen percent (15%). Reimbursement for company-owned vehicles used in connection with the work will be at the federally allowed rate. There will be an additional charge of thirty dollars ($30.00) per day for company-owned vehicles used for field work.

CADD and other specialized software computer time will be charged at twenty dollars ($20.00) per hour. In-house material and equipment charges will be in accordance with the current rate schedule or special quotation. Excise taxes, if any, will be added as a direct expense.

Rate for professional staff for legal proceedings or as expert witnesses will be at a rate of one and one-half times the Hourly Rates specified above.

The foregoing Schedule of Charges is incorporated into the Agreement for the Services of EKI Environment & Water, Inc. and may be updated annually.

For discussion purposes only

TAKEAWAYS FROM 5 NOVEMBER SGM WORKSHOP

- DWR hosted a Public Comment Workshop and provided several helpful clarifications:
  - Only one application can be submitted per basin, but multiple projects can be submitted per application.
  - Projects must be consistent with GSP goals but do not need to be explicitly defined as P/MAs. → *If proposed projects are not in the GSP, they can be added via Periodic Evaluations and Annual Reports.*
  - The Grant Program has a goal of 40% of funds benefiting DAC/SDAC. → *Not every project has to have this percent benefit.*
  - Projects must be completed within five years of award; shovel-ready projects earn more points, but planning costs can be funded. Projects should be already in design and permitting.
  - Application lives or dies as a package, so project selection is important.
  - GSP Planning/Implementation costs should be tied to projects or addressing recommended corrective actions to be eligible.

Concept Proposals Open **Feb 2027**

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Full Applications Open **Summer 2027**

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Awards **Late 2027**

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EKI TASK ORDER – SGM PROP 4 CONCEPT PROPOSAL

- EKI Task Order for support in preparing and submitting the Basin's SGM Concept Proposal is included in your packet.
- Total budget: $30,000
- Scope:
  - Attend DWR SGM General Workshop on 5 November 2026 to clarify eligibility and strengthen positioning
  - Identify Basin-wide projects based on identified data gaps in the GSP for inclusion in the Concept Proposal
  - Work with JPA and tech ad-hoc to screen / rank / identify GSA-led projects for inclusion in the Concept Proposal
  - Preparation of and assistance in submittal of the Concept Proposal

NEXT STEPS

- At this meeting, EKI is seeking the JPA's input on:
  - Approval of the EKI Task Order; and
  - Identification of a tech ad-hoc committee to support selection of Basin-wide and GSA-led projects.
- At the Ad-hoc meeting:
  - Review proposed Basin projects developed by EKI and share feedback/direction
  - Review the list of eligible and ranked projects and share feedback to select a subset for JPA consideration and inclusion in the grant.
- At the December JPA Meeting:
  - Identify grant lead;
  - Determine cost allocation framework for GSAs with projects included in the Concept Proposal; and
  - Adopt a resolution for the grant.

BASIN-WIDE PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

- EKI will identify up to five potential Basin-wide projects, such as:
  - Expanding the Basin's existing monitoring networks to improve spatial coverage;
  - Conducting facility-specific freeboard and critical infrastructure assessments, and evaluating the spatial influence of pumping, supported by the calibrated model to evaluate projected conditions and assess impacts;
  - Evaluating pumping-induced ISW depletion at a finer spatial and temporal resolution, supported by the calibrated model; and
  - Filling gaps in well construction information for existing RMWs.
- EKI will complete Project Forms for the identified Basin-wide projects and present identified projects to the JPA for approval of inclusion in the Concept Proposal.

DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 7

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Direction on Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Components for the DM Subbasin JPA

Recommendation

Approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 budget components for the DM JPA.

Discussion

On August 10, 2026, staff presented a cash flow analysis to the Board to help inform the timing and amount of the second cash call for FY 2027. During the meeting, the Board directed staff to administer the second cash call for FY 2027.

On September 21, 2026, staff stated that as they begin the budget development process for FY 2028 (March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2028), they would like to convene the budget ad hoc to review draft budget components and to receive feedback before presenting budget components to the DM JPA Board for feedback.

On October 6, the budget ad hoc (Directors Hopkins, Ramirez, Stilwell) reviewed and provided feedback on the draft budget components for FY 2028, which are provided as **Attachment 1** for Board review and feedback.

Once the DM JPA Board provides feedback on the budget components, staff will price items out and bring back a draft budget for consideration of approval at a subsequent Board meeting.

Board feedback needed:

1. Should any budget components be added or removed before staff prices items out?

Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority

DRAFT Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Budget Components

March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2028

Green text represents potential new budget categories for FY 2028

	FISCAL YEAR 2028	Assumptions/Notes:
	ADMINISTRATIVE	
1	Legal Counsel - Baker Manock & Jensen	Budget for potential litigation?
2	Grant Development*	Budget for 1-2 grants each year? *May be cost-shared by Special Activities Agreement.
3	Grant Admin*	*Likely funded by Special Activities Agreement
4	Grant Project Implementation	Only if JPA manages grant project (basin-wide item, etc.) and costs required up-front.
5	Program Manager/Executive Director (Hallmark Group)	Public meeting faciliation, inter-basin coordination, outreach support, consultant mgmt./contracting, financial reporting, audit coordination, website updates, POC/DWR coordination, DMS quarterly upload support and semiannual DWR upload support, domestic well mitigation support.
6	Outreach Activities	Budget for outreach outside of Stantec? Mailers, etc.?
7	Insurance (D&O)	
8	Audit	Cost share with Northern.
9	Website/Email Hosting	
10	Membership Contributions	Participation in regional funding requests.
	TECHNICAL	
	Technical Support Services (EKI)	
12	Annual Report and Model Extension	Including model extension, SMC review, monitoring network evaluation.
13	Model Calibration	
14	Meeting Support	
15	PRP Implementation and Monitoring Network Support	Dashboard and DMS support, SMC review/evaluation, confirm GSA data support needs.
16	Response to DWR Corrective Actions	
17	Actions, Technical Studies and Response to Stakeholder Comments on GSP	Coordination/meetings with CASP, DM Pool, etc., FWA
18	ISW Approach Development	Pending DWR BMP.
19	GSP Implementation	Regulatory support, P/MA and Domestic Well mitigation support
20	Interbasin Coordination	Outreach with neighboring basins, reivew of annual reports/periodic evals, review DWR determinations
21	Data Management System Support (Houston)	
22	USBR Subsidence Benchmark Monitoring	Continue participation in regional cost share for benchmark surveys? 1-2 times per year?
	OTHER	
23	Domestic Well Mitigation Funds	Final year (3rd) of collection of $300,000.
	SUBTOTAL	
24	Operational Reserve	Pending JPA direction.
	TOTAL	

DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 8

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Direction on Fiscal Year 2028 Draft Budget for the Northern DM Region Management Committee

Recommendation

Provide direction on the Fiscal Year 2028 draft budget for the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee.

Discussion

On October 12, 2026, staff presented the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee (Northern DM Committee) Fiscal Year 2028 budget components for Board feedback. The draft Fiscal Year 2028 (March 1, 2027 – February 28, 2028) budget for the Northern DM was presented to the Northern DM Committee on November 12, 2026, for feedback and consideration of approval, and is provided as **Attachment 1** for Board review/approval.

One significant omission from the draft budget is the Northern DM's share of the Subbasin JPA costs. The basin costs are still being developed, and once approved by the DM Subbasin GSA JPA Board, they will be updated in the Northern DM budget.

Board feedback needed: Does the Board approve the FY 2028 Northern DM budget as drafted, with Subbasin costs added once approved by the DM JPA Board?

Attachment 1

Northern DM Committee

DRAFT Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Budget

March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2028

	Budget Item	Approved 2/09/2026 FY 26-27 Budget	FY 26-27 Est. Actual	FY 27-28	%	Notes
	Operational Budget					
1	Cost Share of DM Subbasin JPA FY 2028 Budget (1/7th)			*To be updated when available*		1/7th cost share was maintained separately from the Northern DM budget for FY 2027, includes model cal. Committee approved including this item on 10/7/2026.
2	Legal Counsel (Baker Manock & Jensen)	$ 20,000	$ 14,811	$ 22,000	10%	General Counsel services; remote attendance at committee meetings; litigation coordination
3	Program Manager/Executive Director (Hallmark Group)	$ 107,482	$ 62,220	$ 80,000	-26%	Monthly Meetings, DMS upload, Financial reporting.
4	Technical Consultant (EKI)	$ 80,000	$ 55,954	$ 84,000	5%	Meeting support, PRP Implementation, DMS Support, P/MA and well mitigation program support, SMC and RMN support, ISW and data gap evaluations to address comment letters, Project management
5	Annual Report - Data Coordination	$ 75,000	$ -	$ -	-100%	Committee direction to remove this item on 8/5/2026, covered in DM JPA costs. Approved to remove by Committee on 10/7/2026.
6	Administrative Expenses			$ 7,000		Northern share of insurance/audit fees/bank fees, etc.
7	Contingency	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -	-100%	
	Total Operational Budget	**$ 307,482**		**$ 193,000**	-37%	
	Reserve Funds (Restricted)					
8	Reserved Funds for GSP Update	$ 100,000	$ -	$ 100,000	0%	
9	Operational Reserve (20% operational budget)	-	-	$ 38,600		20% operational reserve policy adopted from Committee on 9/2/2026. Approved by Committee on 10/7/2026. Reserve policy at DM JPA level already cost split.
	Total	**$ 407,482**	**$ 132,986**	**$ 331,600**	-19%	

DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 9

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Approve the 2027 DM Subbasin JPA Board Meeting Calendar

Recommendation
Approve the 2027 Delta-Mendota Subbasin Joint Powers Authority (DM JPA) Board Meeting Calendar.

Discussion
The DM JPA Board currently meets on the second Monday of each month. Staff has drafted a DM JPA Board meeting calendar for 2027, maintaining that cadence. For any holiday conflicts, staff has recommended the next available Monday, which is denoted by a red outline in **Attachment 1** for Board consideration of approval.

Board feedback needed: Does the Board want to keep a monthly meeting cadence?

Attachment 1

Delta-Mendota Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors
Meeting Calendar 2027

Board Meeting Holiday

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	**11**	12	13	14	15	16
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31						

February

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April

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June

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December

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DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 10

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 16, 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 13, EKI presented an information request to the DM JPA Board to provide well registration, meter registration, and pumping data by **November 30, 2026.** In July, staff sent out the information request forms to submit information via the Egnyte platform.

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.**

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PROGRESS TO DATE

- Model tech ad-hoc met on 10/24; direction on Model platform, grid, and structure confirmed at JPA's October meeting
- Work completed (Phase 1, Task 1):
  - Model development pathway established
  - Model grid and resolution are set up and will be delivered to Tech Ad-Hoc for review
  - Model layering and lithology is established and undergoing final review; will be delivered to Tech Ad-Hoc for review
  - SW budget framework is established through a Technical Memorandum and will be delivered to Tech Ad-Hoc for review
  - RFI has progressed with short calls with GSAs / Districts to optimize level of effort and data quality
  - Tech Ad-Hoc meeting will be set up after delivering materials for review, likely in early December and after ACWA

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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 (AR).
- 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.
- The deadline for uploading data in response to the RFI to each GSA's shared Egnyte folder was ***13 November 2026.***
  - If you are still in the process of uploading RFI materials to your folder, please notify EKI that your upload is ongoing.
  - Please also let us know if a short call would be helpful to align efforts in responding to the RFI.

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RFI RESPONSE TRACKING

- Status as of 11/11 based on data uploaded to the shared Egnyte folders

GSA	RFI Materials	Well Metering / Registration Policies
Aliso Water District GSA	Not started	Not started
Central Delta-Mendota GSA	Partial	Completed
City of Dos Palos GSA	Not started	Not started
City of Firebaugh GSA	Not started	Not started
City of Gustine GSA	Not started	Not started
City of Los Banos GSA	Not started	Not started
City of Mendota GSA	Not started	Not started
City of Newman GSA	Not started	Not started
City of Patterson GSA	Not started	Not started
County of Madera GSA - DM	Not started	Not started
County of Merced DM GSA	Not started	Completed
DM-II GSA	Not started	Not started
Farmers Water District GSA	Not started	Completed
Fresno County – Management Area A GSA	Not started	Not started
Fresno County – Management Area B GSA	Not started	Not started
Grassland GSA	Partial	Not started
Northwestern Delta-Mendota GSA	Not started	Completed
Patterson Irrigation District GSA	Partial	Completed
San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors GSA	Partial	Not started
Turner Island Water District-2 GSA	Not started	Not started
West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA	Partial	Not started

DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 11

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 16, 2026

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

Recommendation
None; information only.

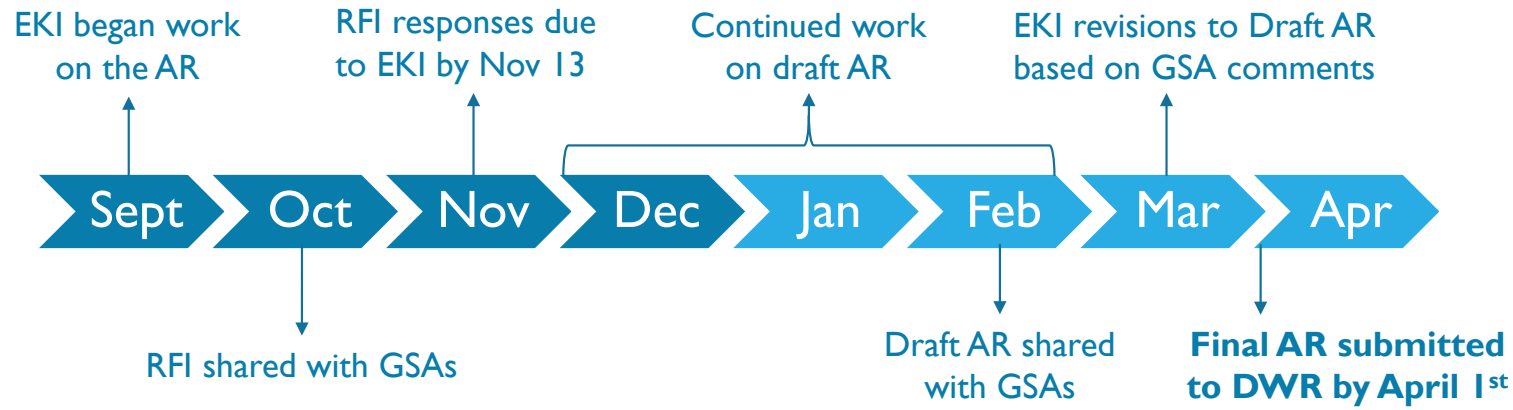
Discussion
Technical staff has begun the development of the Water Year 2026 Annual Report (covering October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026), which is due to DWR by April 1, 2027.

EKI distributed a request for information to the DM JPA entities and is due November 13, 2026, and an update on the progress of the annual report is provided as **Attachment 1.**

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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***.
  - Seasonal high and low contours are in progress.



DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 12

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 16, 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 Exceedances is provided as **Attachment 1**. Additionally, initial exceedance reports and action plans are provided as **Attachment 2**.

b. Q4 Monitoring Event Update
Fourth quarter groundwater level measurements for October are required to be uploaded to the Data Management System (DMS) by November 30, 2026. An update on the DMS upload status of Q4 groundwater level data is provided in the table below.

	DM JPA Entities	Q4 GWL Data Uploaded
1	Aliso WD	No
2	Central DM GSA	Partial
3	Farmers WD	No
4	Fresno County	No
5	Grassland WD	No
6	Northern DM Region	Partial
7	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors	No

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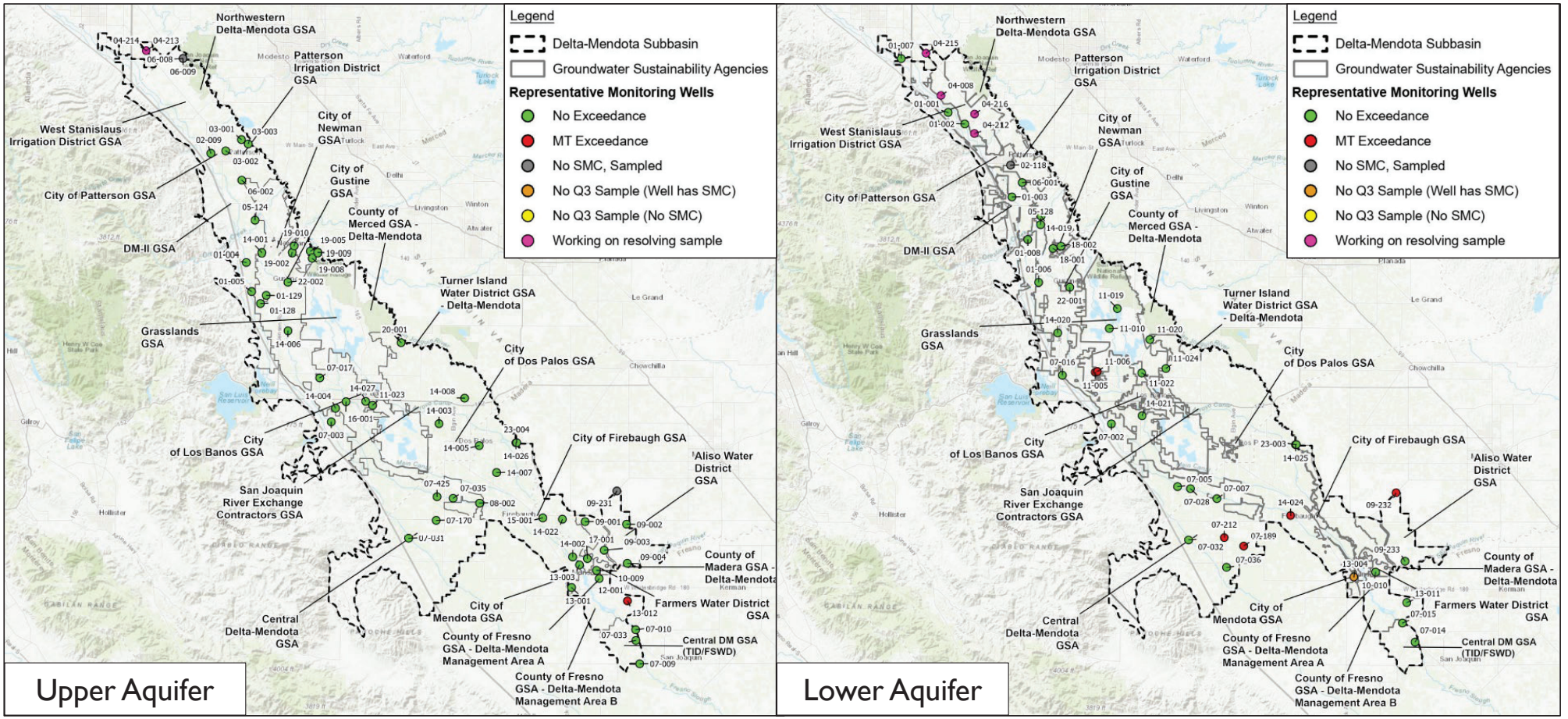
GWL EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS: 2026 Q3

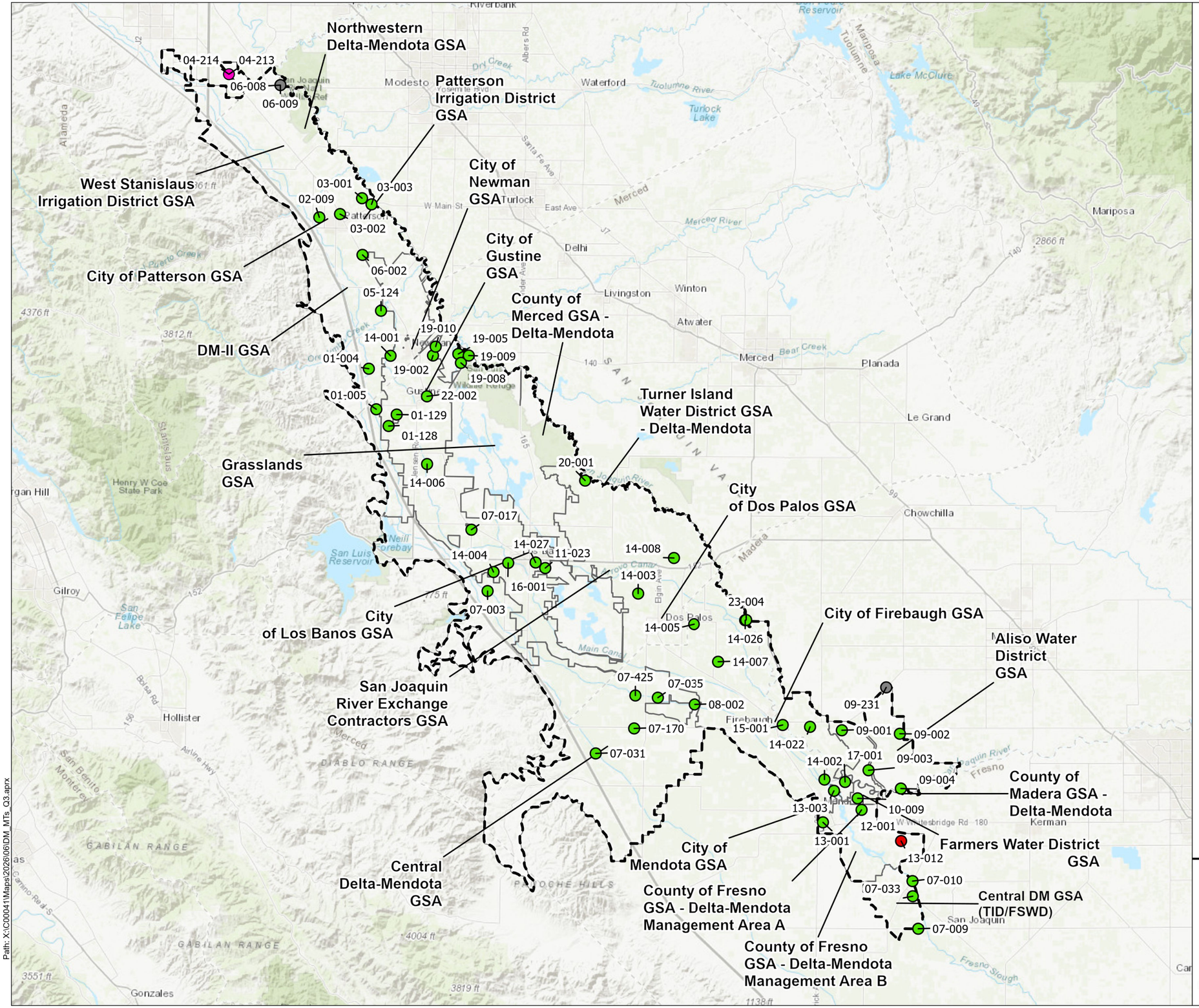
- Seven quarterly GWL exceedances occurred during Q3 2026.
  - *Action plans for wells with exceedances are included in your packet.*

DMS Site Name	Local Well Name	GSA	Aquifer	Q3 Result
07-189	Well 18	CDM GSA	Lower	**MT Exceedance**
07-212	Well 31	CDM GSA	Lower	**MT Exceedance**
09-232	North Lower	Aliso Water District GSA	Lower	**MT Exceedance**
11-005	1ML-5	County of Merced GSA	Lower	**MT Exceedance**
11-006	1ML-6	County of Merced GSA	Lower	**MT Exceedance**
13-012	MW1UA Planned	County of Fresno GSA	Upper	**MT Exceedance**
14-024	CCID 2723	SJREC GSA	Lower	**MT Exceedance**

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Q3 WL MT EXCEEDANCES





Legend

- Delta-Mendota Subbasin
- Groundwater Sustainability Agencies

Representative Monitoring Wells

- No Exceedance
- MT Exceedance
- No SMC, Sampled
- No Q3 Sample (Well has SMC)
- No Q3 Sample (No SMC)
- Sampled, Not yet in DMS

Abbreviations

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GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP = Groundwater Sustainability Plan
Q3 = Quarter 3 (Aug-Sept 2026)
RMW = Representative Monitoring Well
SMC = Sustainable Management Criteria

Notes

1. Measurements for the West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA's RMWs have been collected, and the data will be uploaded and evaluated once resolved.

Sources

1. GSA boundaries. California Department of Water Resources. August 25, 2023.
2. Groundwater basins and subbasins. California Department of Water Resources, August 25, 2023.

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Delta-Mendota RMW MT Exceedances
Upper Aquifer
Quarter 3 (August-September 2026)

Delta-Mendota Subbasin
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Figure 1

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Northwestern Delta-Mendota GSA
Patterson Irrigation District GSA
City of Newman GSA
City of Gustine GSA
County of Merced GSA - Delta-Mendota
Turner Island Water District GSA - Delta-Mendota
City of Dos Palos GSA
City of Firebaugh GSA
Aliso Water District GSA
County of Madera GSA - Delta-Mendota
Farmers Water District GSA
Central DM GSA (TID/FSWD)
County of Fresno GSA - Delta-Mendota Management Area B
County of Fresno GSA - Delta-Mendota Management Area A
City of Mendota GSA
Central Delta-Mendota GSA
San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors GSA
City of Los Banos GSA
Grasslands GSA
DM-II GSA
City of Patterson GSA
West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA
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Delta-Mendota RMW MT Exceedances
Lower Aquifer
Quarter 3 (August-September 2026)

Delta-Mendota Subbasin
October 2026
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Figure 2

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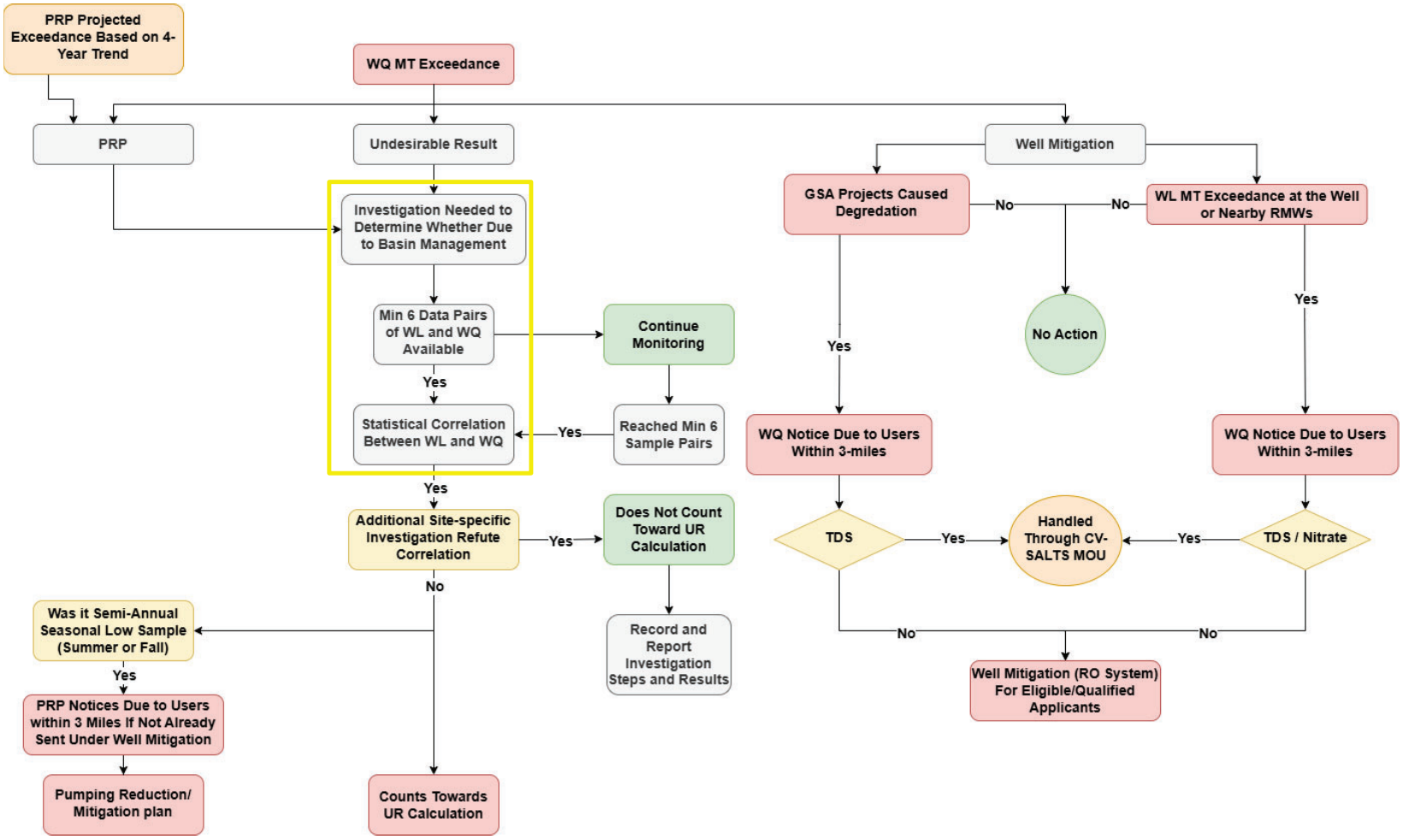
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GWQ EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS

- **19 WQ exceedances** occurred during Q3 2026 (see following slides).
  - *Note that the number of WQ exceedances has increased since the previous JPA meeting due to additional data uploaded to the DMS.*
  - **13 TDS exceedances**, including seven repeat exceedances and six new exceedances
  - **Three Nitrate exceedances**, including two repeat exceedances and one new exceedance
  - **Two new Cr6 exceedances**
  - **One new gross alpha exceedance**
- Eight additional RMW-WQs on the watchlist for Q1 2027 sampling event (see following slides).
- Investigation required for WQ exceedances/triggers needs to answer whether those exceedances are caused by GSA management or implementation of P/MAs. As part of the PRP Support Task for 2027, EKI proposes including an automatic statistical investigation of GWL/WQ correlation when there's a quarterly exceedance or PRP triggers similar to policies included in PRPs for Zones 2, 3 and 4.

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WQ EXCEEDANCE COMPLIANCE FLOWCHART



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GWQ EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS

- RMWs with MT exceedances in Q3 2026 to watch/investigate

DMS ID	COC	Local Well Name	GSA	Aquifer	Reason to Watch
01-128	TDS	Merc_9	DM-II GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
07-016	TDS	Well 01	CDM GSA	Lower	Q3 sample exceeded MT
07-028	TDS	MP093.27L (Well 500)	CDM GSA	Lower	Q3 sample exceeded MT
07-031	TDS	CDMGSA-01C	CDM GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
07-032	TDS	CDMGSA-01D	CDM GSA	Lower	Q3 sample exceeded MT
07-034	TDS	MP092.20R	CDM GSA	Lower	Q3 sample exceeded MT
07-036	TDS	PWD Well 20	CDM GSA	Lower	Q3 sample exceeded MT
14-003	TDS	1006	SJREC GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
14-005	TDS	1011	SJREC GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
14-007	TDS	1043	SJREC GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
14-027	TDS	CLB Well #10	SJREC GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
22-001	TDS	Gustine City #5	City of Gustine GSA	Lower	Q3 sample exceeded MT
11-018	TDS	3PU-1	Grassland GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
01-004	Nitrate	MC10-2	DM-II GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
01-128	Nitrate	Merc_9	DM-II GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
07-031	Nitrate	CDMGSA-01C	CDM GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
04-212	Cr6	ARRA 120	WSID GSA	Lower	Q3 sample exceeded MT
05-124	Cr6	6S8E3405124U	NDM GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT
09-002	Gross Alpha	12S16E31G001M	Aliso Water District GSA	Upper	Q3 sample exceeded MT

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GWQ EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS

- Additional watchlist RMWs for Q1 2027 (did not exceed in Q3 2026)

DMS ID	COC	Local Well Name	GSA	Aquifer	Reason to Watch
01-008	TDS	MP051.66L	DM-II GSA	Lower	*Watchlist only;* Statistically significant increasing trend
14-002	TDS	1005	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors GSA	Upper	*Watchlist only;* Statistically significant increasing trend
07-034	Nitrate	MP092.20R	CDM GSA	Lower	*Watchlist only;* Statistically significant increasing trend
01-002	Nitrate	MP033.71L	DM-II GSA	Lower	*Watchlist only;* Statistically significant increasing trend
05-124	Nitrate	6S8E3405124U	Northwestern Delta-Mendota GSA	Upper	*Watchlist only;* Exceeded in Q1
09-005	Nitrate	Aliso 1	Aliso Water District GSA	Upper	*Watchlist only;* Statistically significant increasing trend
09-231	Nitrate	North Upper	Aliso Water District GSA	Upper	*Watchlist only;* Statistically significant increasing trend
01-002	Cr6	MP033.71L	DM-II GSA	Lower	*Watchlist only;* Statistically significant increasing trend

Q3 2026 – MISSING WQ SAMPLES

- 10 RMW-WQs are missing samples in the DMS for one or more COCs for Q3 2026.
  - Hallmark Group followed up with GSAs with missing Q3 2026 WQ samples.
    - Five wells "are not suitable" for WQ sampling and need to be replaced in the network. One well has logistical concerns regarding sampling that are anticipated to be resolved by Q2 2027.
  - *For wells that were sampled but are still waiting on lab results, WQ data should be uploaded to the DMS as it is received.*

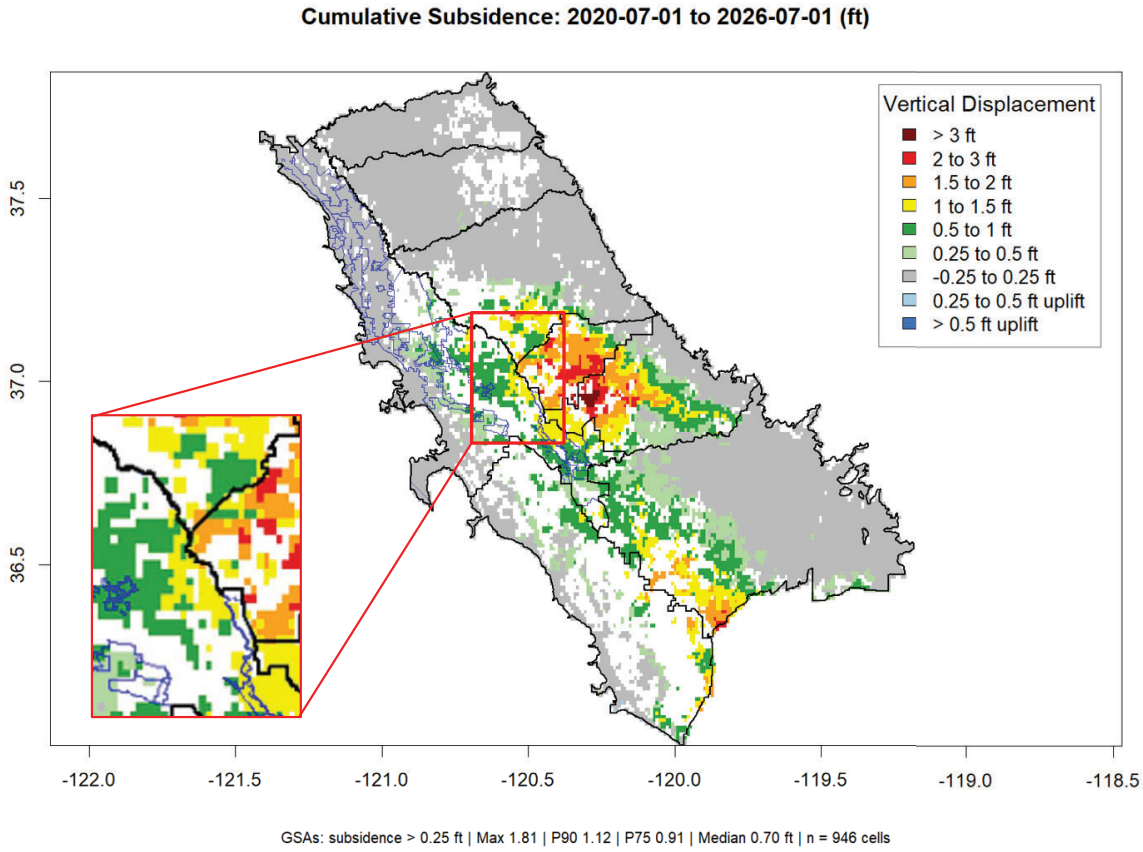
DMS ID	Local Name	GSA	Missing COC(s)	Status
07-007	MC18-1	Central Delta-Mendota GSA	Lab is reanalyzing Nitrate sample	HG followed up with GSA on status
07-425	MC18-2	Central Delta-Mendota GSA	Lab is reanalyzing Nitrate sample	HG followed up with GSA on status
13-011	MW1LA Planned	County of Fresno GSA	All 6 COCs	HG followed up with GSA on status
13-012	MW1UA Planned	County of Fresno GSA	All 6 COCs	HG followed up with GSA on status
19-002	2PU-1	County of Merced GSA - DM	All 6 COCs	Logistical issues; anticipated to be resolved by Q2 2027
14-024	CCID 2723	SJREC GSA	All 6 COCs	To be removed from WQ MN; Need to identify alternate wells
14-025	SDMW West - Lower Aquifer	SJREC GSA	All 6 COCs	
14-026	SDMW West - Upper Aquifer	SJREC GSA	All 6 COCs	
23-003	SDMW East - Lower Aquifer	County of Madera GSA - DM	All 6 COCs	
23-004	SDMW East - Upper Aquifer	County of Madera GSA - DM	All 6 COCs	

PRP REMINDER #1: MONITORING & REPORTING

- Q4 WL sampling should have been completed **by October 31st**, with data QAQC and upload due to the DMS **by November 30th**
- 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

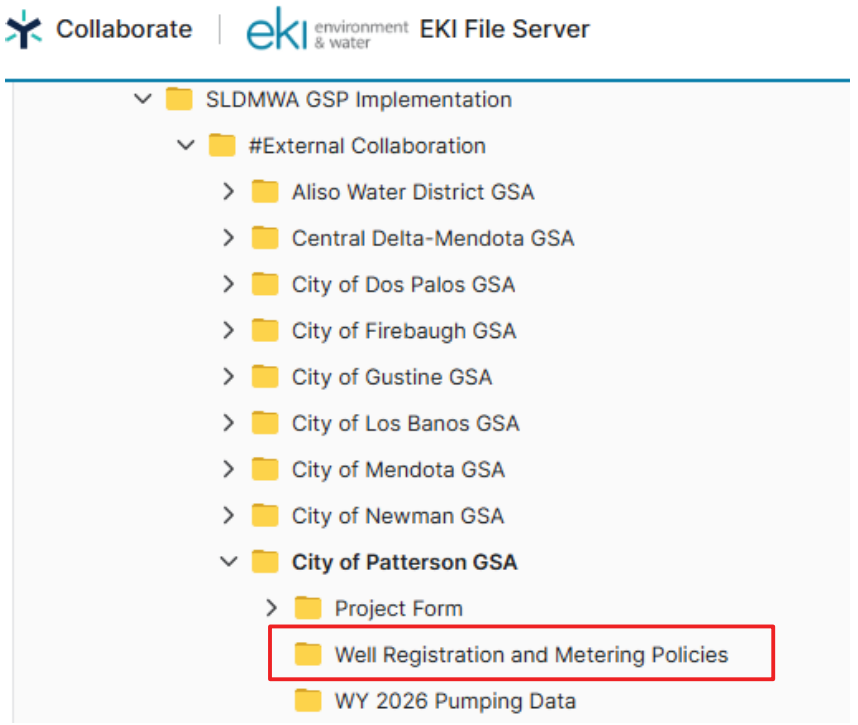
- **Updates on actions taken by the GSAs were due to the Dashboard by August 31st**
  - **GSAs who did not upload actions should do so *as soon as possible***
- 2030 Subsidence IM = 1.5 ft since 2020
- 2040 Subsidence MT = 2 ft since 2020
- Maximum subsidence between Jan 2020-July 2026 within Delta-Mendota Subbasin = **1.81 ft**
- Remaining allowed subsidence from MT ~ 0.19 ft (22 months→ June 2028)



**May-July 2026 InSAR exhibits a greater number of spatial data gaps compared to preceding monthly datasets, which may result in an underestimation of subsidence across the Basin. EKI is still evaluating the refinements DWR made to InSAR in this latest batch and will update the GSAs accordingly.*

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.*



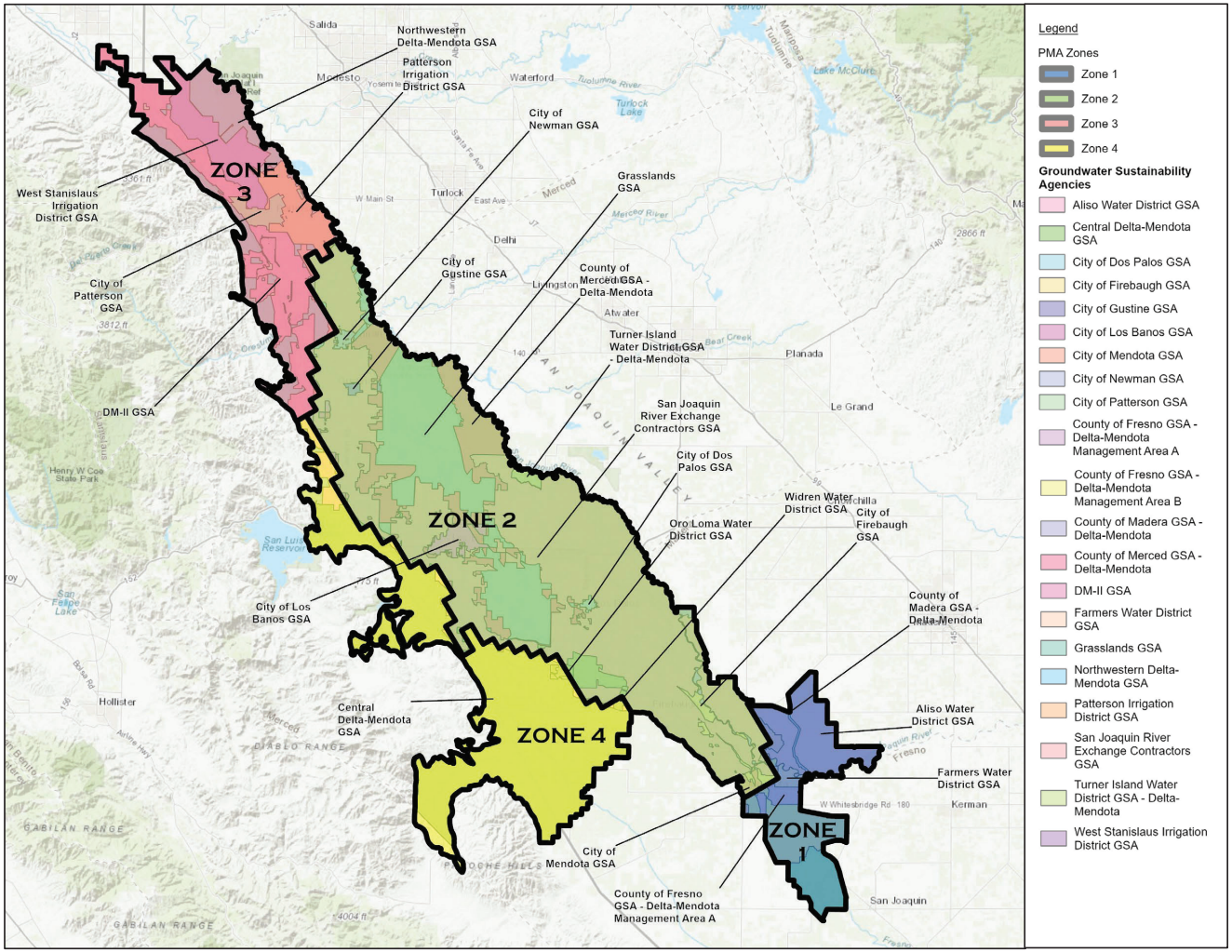
COMPONENT #2: OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

Required Reduction for Overdraft Mitigation by end of WY 2030

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

"Allowable" Pumping in WY 2026

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



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 WL and Subsidence targets.

(for reference)

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

	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

Attachment 2

PANOCHE WATER DISTRICT

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BOARD MEETING
MEMORANDUM

TO: CENTRAL DELTA MENDOTA GSA

FROM: PWD GENERAL MANGAER, PATRICK MCGOWAN

SUBJECT: GROUNDWATER LEVELS EXCEEDANCES

DATE: NOVEMBER ,2026

Our District has become aware of trends to potentially exceed Minimum Thresholds (MT) set for Groundwater Levels. Panoche's Representative Monitoring Network (RMN) lacks long-term data on historic groundwater levels and water quality sampling results. Groundwater level trends for our Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) were based on contour maps in our service area - due to insufficient data coverage. Adjusting Minimum Thresholds (MT'S) is the best option currently to ensure we have an accurate representation of water quality and level trends moving forward.

Groundwater Level Exceedances

Panoche Water District became aware of the declining trend in groundwater levels (GWL) during the Spring 2025 sampling period. Following this observation, a Zone of Impact, defined as a 2-mile radius surrounding RMW #18 and 31, was identified, and all landowners within the designated area were notified.

In response to the declining groundwater levels, the District elected to implement a Pumping Reduction Plan for the affected area, establishing a reduction target of 1.0 AF/acre. However, the District's internal investigation and review of pumping records indicated that growers within the Zone of Impact had historically pumped approximately 0.25 AF/acre across the approximately 8,000 acres within the area.

Data collection for RMW #18 and 31 began in November of 2024. To improve the understanding of groundwater-level trends and establish a more robust monitoring record, the District has increased the frequency of groundwater-level measurements to monthly.

Due to the limited historical groundwater-level data available for RMW #18 and 31, this well is considered a candidate for adjustment to the Minimum Threshold (MT). The additional monthly monitoring data will provide a stronger basis for evaluating the groundwater-level trend and determining whether an adjustment to the MT is appropriate.

RMW#18

- **November 14, 2024** – 264 feet
- **February 27, 2025** – 275 feet
- **June 29, 2025** – 285 feet
- **August 20, 2025** – 295 feet
- **November –** 262 feet
- **February 6, 2026 –** 258 feet
- **May 6, 2026** - 274 feet
- **October 1, 2026** – 309 feet
- **August 1, 2026** - 316
- **November 1, 2026** - 307 feet

RMW #31

- **November 14, 2024** – 252 feet
- **February 20, 2025** – 250 feet
- **June 29, 2025 –** 255 feet
- **August 20, 2025** – 285 feet
- **November 6, 2026 –** 298 feet
- **February 6, 2026** – 244 feet
- **May 1, 2026** – 264 feet
- **October 1, 2026** – 268 feet
- **August 1,2026 –** 288 feet
- **November 1, 2026** – 266 feet

Next Steps

- Re-measuring after an adequate shutoff period to allow groundwater levels to stabilize
- Measuring water levels in nearby wells to identify trends for comparison
- Analyzing pumping activities in the surrounding area to determine whether they deviate from typical practices
- Decrease pumping in the surrounding area

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Date	11/11/2026
GSA Entity	Aliso Water District
GSA Representative	Joe Hopkins, Ethan Andrews

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Well ID(s)	
Exceedance Type (GWL/GWQ)	GWQ

Below, please describe actions the GSA is taking or plans to take to address the exceedance and in what timeframe.

- 09-002 – Gross alpha analysis did not exclude uranium contributions; the extent of uranium's influence on the results is unknown and will be evaluated during the next sampling event. No drinking water users are impacted; therefore, no Action Plan is warranted.
- 09-232 – Monitoring well 09-232 was constructed in 2024 and assigned temporary SMCs based on modeled data. SMCs will be reset once baseline conditions and seasonal trends are established. Exceedances will not require Action Plans/further investigation until then.
- 11-018 – TDS exceedance investigation found no apparent correlation with groundwater levels, which have remained relatively stable since 2014. No Action Plan is warranted. No nearby drinking water users; TDS remains below the wetland standard (2,500 mg/L).

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Date	November 16, 2026
GSA Entity	Merced County Delta-Mendota GSA
GSA Representative	Lacey McBride

Please attach:

1. *A map of the well(s) with exceedance(s).*

Please provide additional background on the well(s) with exceedance(s). (*Example: is the well in the lower/upper aquifer, Corcoran clay location, well depth*).

11-005 and 11-006 are both Lower aquifer representative monitoring wells in the same area.

For Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well Number	Quarter in which exceedance was observed (1= Jan-Mar, 2= Apr-Jun, 3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-Dec)	How long has the well been in exceedance? (months)	Is an Action Plan Already Being Implemented?	Measured Value (ft from ground surface)	Minimum Threshold (ft from ground surface)
11-005	Q3	August	Yes	102.1	98.6
11-006	Q3	August	Yes	103.4	96.4

For Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold exceedances, please also include a Hydrograph for each well.

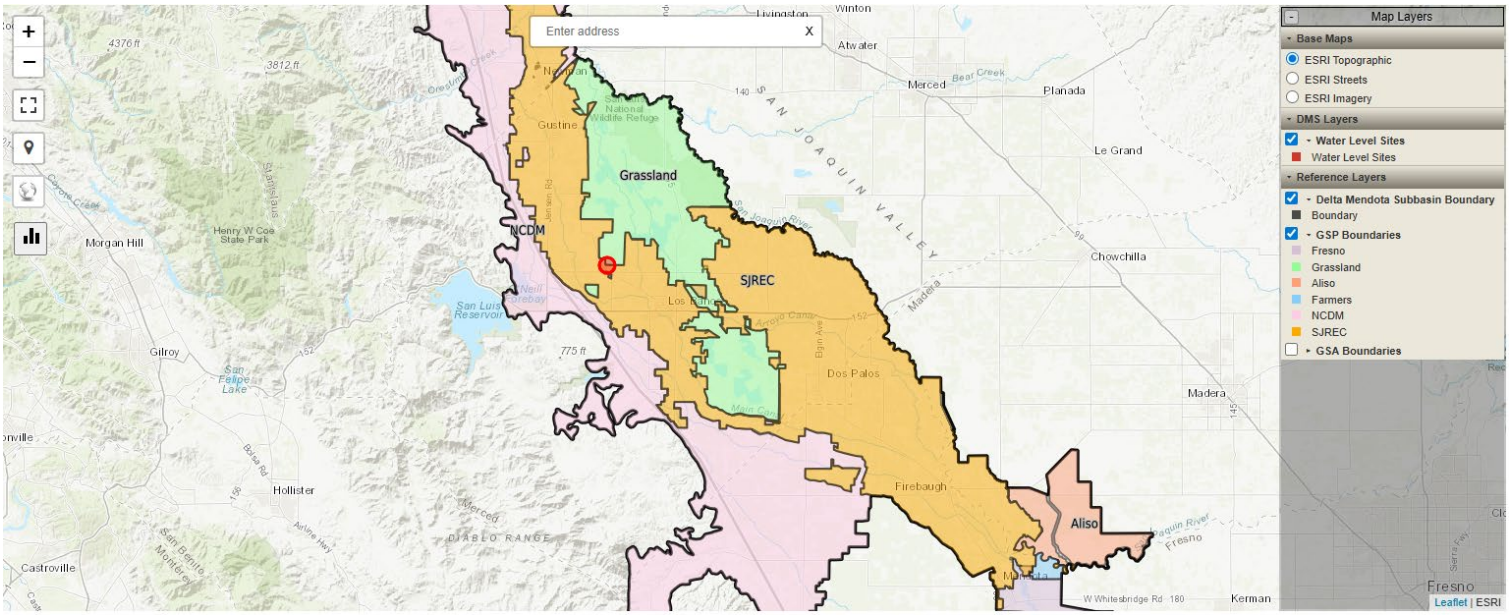
For Groundwater Quality Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well Number	Constituent (1,2,3-TCP, As, NO3, NO2, TDS, Uranium)	Quarter in which exceedance was observed (Q1= Jan-Mar, Q2= Apr-Jun, Q3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-Dec)	How long has the well been in exceedance? (months)	Is an Action Plan Already Being Implemented?	Measured Value (mg/L)	MT Value (mg/L)
00-000	TDS	Q3	1 month	No	3,250	3,210

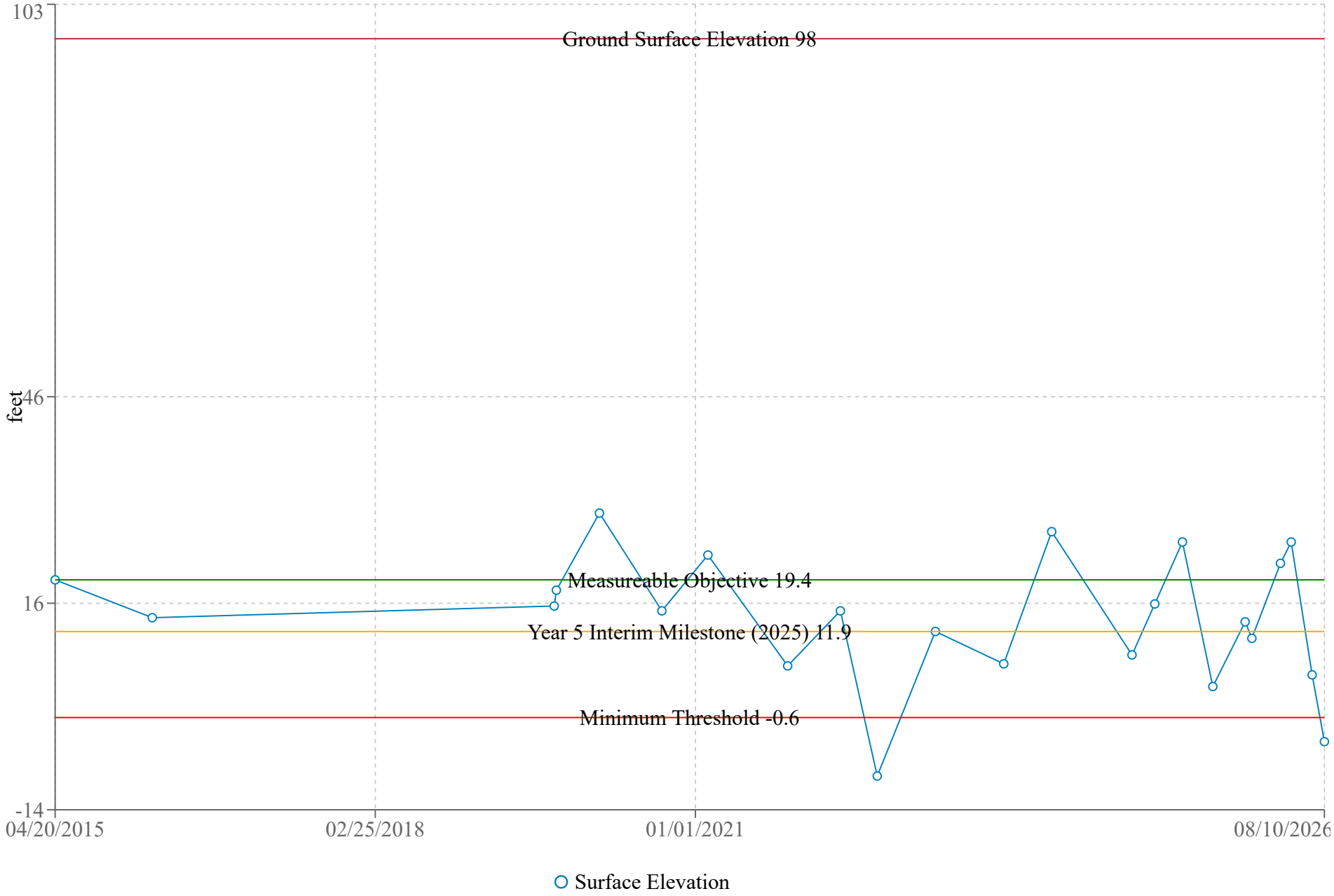
Please provide any additional details you feel are appropriate to share with the DMS Coordination Committee *(potential cause(s) of the exceedance(s), any landowner outreach, etc.)*
These wells are influenced by the deep pumping of the nearby tomato processing plant, Liberty Packing Company. This is not representative of a static water level. Liberty's processing season is July through October. Measurements taken during processing season will be influenced by the nearby pumping.

What is the GSA's Responsibility / Next Report to the Coordination Committee?
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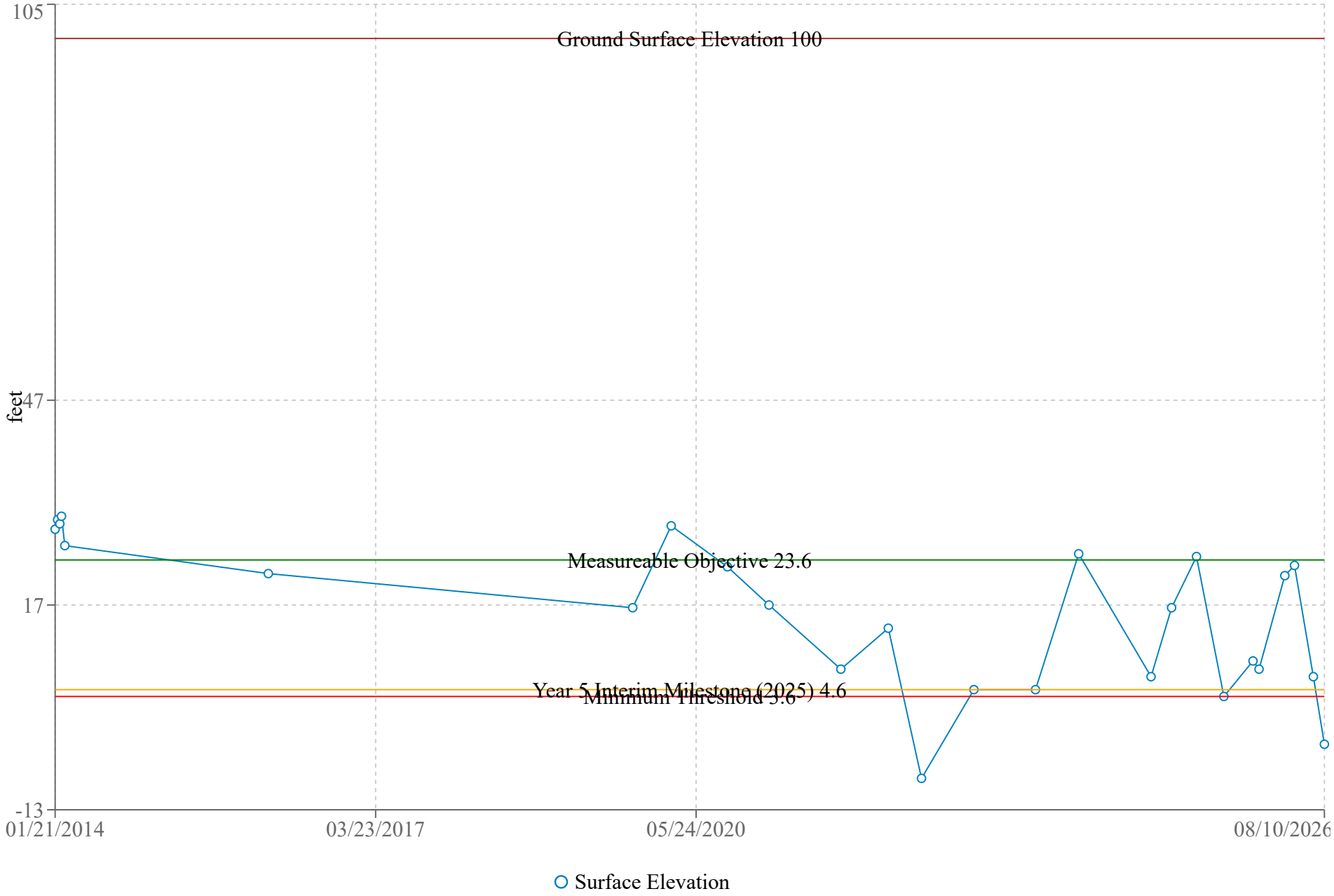
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GSA Entity	Merced County Delta-Mendota GSA
GSA Representative	Lacey McBride

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Well ID(s)	11-005 & 11-006
Exceedance Type (GWL/GWQ)	GWL

Below, please describe actions the GSA is taking or plans to take to address the exceedance and in what timeframe.

Lower aquifer monitoring wells 11-005 and 11-006 are within close proximity to the Liberty Packing Company tomato processing plant. During the processing season, July through October, the packing plant runs multiple deep wells impacting groundwater levels. In order to avoid the impacts of the processing season on groundwater levels during the quarterly groundwater monitoring events, the Zone 2 GSAs agreed that the measurements of these two wells would take place in early July for 3rd Quarter and November for 4th Quarter. By timing the measurements to take place before the processing season starts and after the processing season ends, the GSAs intend to collect a more representative lower aquifer water level for this area. In August 2026 a measurement was inadvertently taken during

the processing season and uploaded into the Delta-Mendota DMS showing a pumping influenced exceedance of the minimum threshold. We anticipate the November 4th Quarter measurement to show the recovered, non-pumping, water level above the minimum threshold.

The Action Plan in place is to ensure the monitoring timing accommodates the packing season, during the impacted quarters. Should the groundwater level trend in the future indicate that the static, non-pumping groundwater level will exceed the minimum threshold, a new Action Plan will be considered.

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Date	11/05/2026
GSA Entity	Fresno County Management Area B
GSA Representative	Augustine Ramirez

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Well ID(s)	MW1UA Planned (13-012)
Exceedance Type (GWL/GWQ)	GWL

Below, please describe actions the GSA is taking or plans to take to address the exceedance and in what timeframe.

Upper Aquifer RMS monitoring well "MW1UA Planned" (13-012) had a reported MT exceedance of 63.00 feet msl below the established MT value of 89.4 feet msl for Q3 2026. This well was constructed in December of 2024 after completion of the July 2024 GSP. Location for this site is presented in Figure 1. The first measurement for this site was collected in February 2025 (Q1) This site was assigned an MT using method #6 for GWE MTs which applied to wells without any groundwater elevation measurements. Method #6 assigned MTs with using an interpolated 2015 high water level – 20 feet. This well is located east of the Mendota Wildlife Area which was previously a data gap area without any historic water level measurements. Over the past two years this site has seen consistent seasonal variation without spring-to-spring decline.

The GSA at this time had determined that no additional action is needed. Prior to the reported MT exceedance, the GSA intended to equip this site and all other RMS with pressure transducers to collect more frequent groundwater elevation measurements. Under the current monitoring plan, the GSA will continue to collect quarterly groundwater elevation measurements. **The GSA anticipates to have this site equipped with a pressure transducer by the Q1 2027 groundwater level monitoring event**.

It is recommended that the MT for this site be updated after three full years of data collection. If year-to-year decline is observed for three consecutive years, the GSA will investigate to determine if this location should be designated as an MT "hotspot". The process for an MT "hotspot" investigation is described in section 3 of the *Fresno County Management Area A&B Pumping Reduction Plan*.

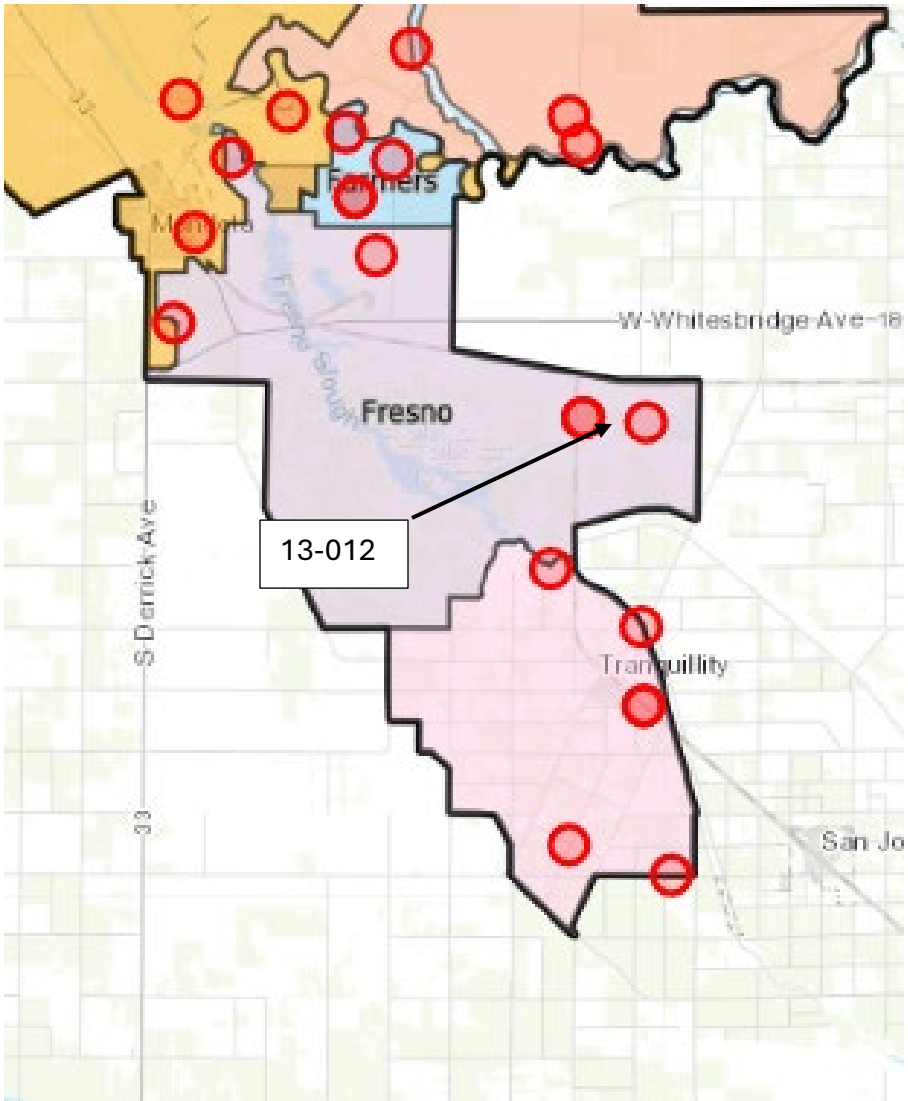


Figure 1. "MW1UA Planned" (13-012) Location

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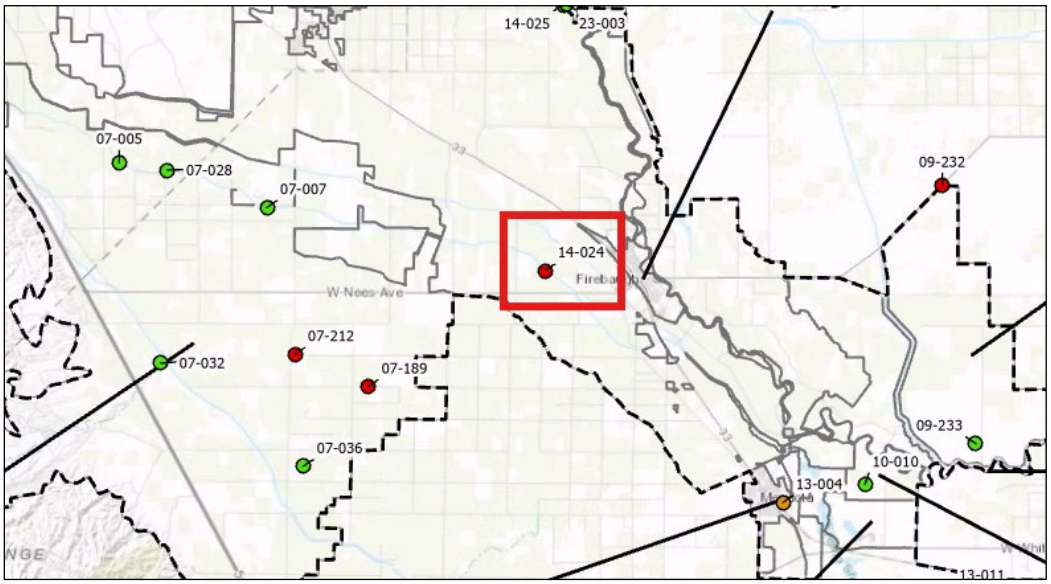
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GSA Representative	Jarrett Martin, Kyle Hill

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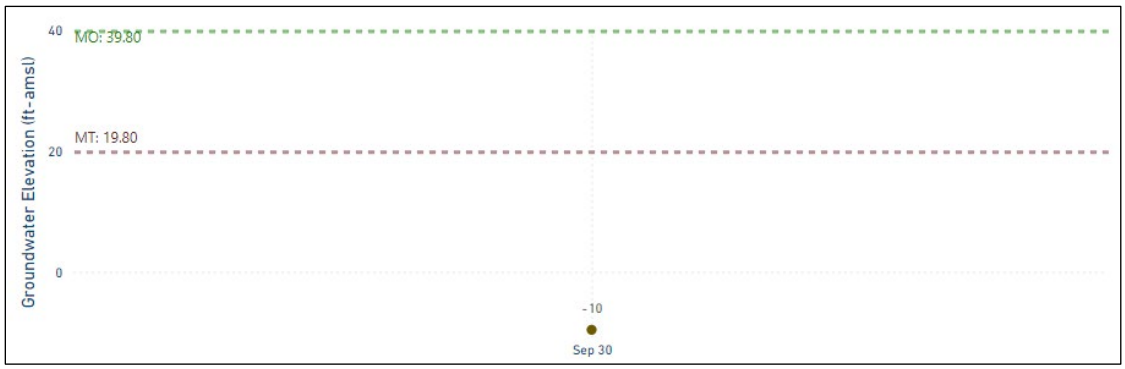
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- **CCID 2723 (DMS ID: 14-024)** – The well is a single-completion well, located in the SJREC GSA, with a GSE of 157.478 ft and an RPE of 158.228 ft. The well is a Lower Aquifer RMW with a total depth of 720 ft (with perforated intervals at 450-530ft, 530-610ft, 610-690ft, and 690-700ft).

For Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold exceedances, please fill out the table below with the appropriate information for all wells.

Well Number	Quarter in which exceedance was observed (1= Jan-Mar, 2= Apr-Jun, 3= Jul-Sep, 4= Oct-Dec)	How long has the well been in exceedance? (months)	Is an Action Plan Already Being Implemented?	Measured Value (ft from ground surface)	Minimum Threshold (ft from ground surface)
14-024	Q3	Unknown / one month (well was not sampled in previous quarters)	No	167.4	138.4

For Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold exceedances, please also include a Hydrograph for each well.



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- Previously, water level measurements were unable to be taken from the well, and as such, no historic groundwater elevations were available for the well. However, for this Q3 2026 sampling event, the well was able to be sounded successfully, and a water level measurement was taken for the well.

  Since the well does not have any historical groundwater elevation measurements, the MO and MT were established using MT Development Method 6, as described in Section 13.1.2.1 of the 2024 GSP. Under this method, the *"MO for the well was set as the spatially interpolated 2015 High at the RMW-WL location. The MT was set as the MO minus the minimum margin of operational flexibility (20 ft)."*

  Because the MO and MT were established using the 2015 High raster at the well location, the spatially interpolated value may not accurately represent actual groundwater conditions at the well, potentially resulting in an MT exceedance. As described in the well's action plan, the MO

and MT will be reevaluated once sufficient groundwater level measurements have been collected to establish an appropriate baseline water level for the well.

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Well ID(s)	CCID 2723, DMS ID: 14-024
Exceedance Type (GWL/GWQ)	GWL

Below, please describe actions the GSA is taking or plans to take to address the exceedance and in what timeframe.

- As noted in the Exceedance Reporting Form for this well, given that the well does not have any historical groundwater elevation measurements, the MO and MT were established using MT Development Method 6, as described in Section 13.1.2.1 of the 2024 GSP. Under this method, the *"MO for the well was set as the spatially interpolated 2015 High at the RMW-WL location. The MT was set as the MO minus the minimum margin of operational flexibility (20 ft)."*

  It is further clarified that *"Groundwater level MTs set using this method are preliminary and will be revised based on data collected at each RMW-WL during GSP implementation."*

  Based on the investigation, no other Lower Aquifer pumping wells were identified in the vicinity, and the exceedance does not appear to be attributable to GSA management actions.

Because the MO and MT were established using the 2015 High raster at the well location, the spatially interpolated value may not accurately represent actual groundwater conditions at the well, potentially resulting in an MT exceedance. Given that only one groundwater level measurement is currently available for the well, it is unclear whether the observed water level is indicative of a declining trend that warrants concern or whether the MT exceedance is simply the result of a non-representative raster value.

As such, the MO and MT will be reevaluated once sufficient groundwater level measurements have been collected to establish an appropriate baseline for the well (~2-3 years to capture at least one wet and one dry hydrologic cycle).

DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 13

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 16, 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

HALLMARK GROUP Capital Program Management

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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 December.
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	9	Woodard & Curran submit final invoicing package and GSAs complete subsidence benchmark work.	Woodard & Curran/GSAs	Ongoing	*In Progress*	Woodard & Curran submit final invoicing package and GSAs complete subsidence benchmark work.
10/12/2026	10	Staff to add potential basin-wide projects to grant list.	Hallmark Group	11/16/2026	Done	Staff to add basin-wide projects to the grant list.
10/12/2026	10	Staff to present information on eligibility and grant guidelines once released.	Hallmark Group	Ongoing	*In Progress*	Staff to present grant guidelines once released.
10/12/2026	11	Staff to finalize teleconferencing resolution.	Hallmark Group	11/16/2026	Done	Staff finalize teleconferencing resolution.
10/12/2026	12	Staff to adjust reserve policy for fixed amount of $140,000 and present to the Board during FY28 budget discussions.	Hallmark Group	Ongoing	*In Progress*	Staff to present to the budget ad hoc for recommendation.
10/12/2026	14/15	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.
10/12/2026	18	GSAs fill out outreach from from Lisa Beutler.	GSAs	11/1/2026	*In Progress*	GSAs fill out outreach form and return to Lisa.
10/12/2026	18	Staff schedule November communications ad hoc meeting and discuss interbasin coordination meetings.	Hallmark Group	12/1/2026	*In Progress*	Staff to coordinate with Lisa Beutler to schedule ad hoc.
10/12/2026	19	Staff to coordinate with Steve Chedester to schedule Blueprint presentation at November or December meeting.	Hallmark Group	1/1/2027	Done	Staff to coordinate with Steve Chedester to schedule presentation.

DELTA-MENDOTA SGMA

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 14

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Water Blueprint Activities

Recommendation
None; information only.

Discussion
A short presentation will be given by Austin Ewell and provided as **Attachment 1**.