



**Special Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Monday, November 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PST**

In Person:

Santa Nella County Water District
12931 CA-33, Gustine, CA 95322

Zoom Webinar Link:

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October 28, 2026

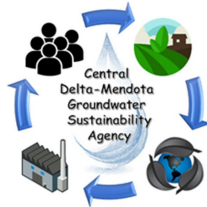
TO: Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Alternates, and Interested Parties

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

RE: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, **Monday, November 2, 10:00 AM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency has been called for **Monday, November 2, 2026, 10:00 AM**, at the **Santa Nella County Water District** on items listed on the attached agenda, which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

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Special Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Monday, November 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PST

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call ([Barcellos](#))
2. Pledge of Allegiance ([Barcellos](#))
3. Opportunity for Public Comment ([Barcellos](#))

Consent Calendar

4. Review and Take Action on Consent Calendar ([Barcellos](#))
 - a. Minutes of the August 27, 2026 Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota GSA
 - b. Budget to Actual Report

Action Items

5. Update on Meter Registration Policy Implementation and Consider Assessing Penalty Fees ([Blakslee/Layne](#))
6. Consider Approval of Inactive Well Exemption Forms ([Blakslee/Layne](#))
7. Approval of the CDMGSA Fiscal Year 2026-27 Audit Report ([Montgomery](#))
8. Direction on CDMGSA Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Components ([Blakslee](#))
9. Approval of the CDMGSA Reserve Policy ([Blakslee](#))
10. Direction on DM Subbasin JPA Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Components ([Blakslee](#))
11. Approve the 2027 Central Delta-Mendota GSA Meeting Calendar ([Blakslee](#))
12. Direction on Review of Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSP Public Comments ([Dutton](#))
13. Approval of a Scope of Work with EKI to Develop and Submit a DWR SGM Grant Concept Proposal ([Blakslee/Dutton](#))

Report Items

14. Report from the Central DM GSA Representative to the DM JPA Board ([Hurley](#))
15. Update on Model Phase 1 Schedule and Status of GSA Data Reporting ([Blakslee/Mani](#))
16. Update on Water Year 2025-2026 Annual Report ([Mani](#))
17. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) Implementation and Exceedance Reporting ([Mani](#))
18. Program Management Report ([Blakslee](#))
19. Next Steps ([Blakslee](#))
20. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) ([Layne](#))

Closed Session

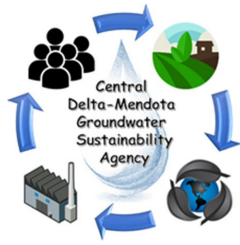
21. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1 case) ([Layne](#))
The GSA will meet in closed session to confer with legal counsel on significant exposure to anticipated litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case)
22. Conference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

The Board 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

23. Report from Closed Session ([Layne](#))
24. Future Meetings ([Barcellos](#))
 - a. Central Delta-Mendota GSA
 - i. Thursday, December 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. PST (Santa Nella County Water District)
 - b. Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors
 - i. Monday, November 16, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. PST (Grassland Water District)
25. Adjournment ([Barcellos](#))



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 4

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar

Recommendation

Approve the consent calendar.

Discussion

The documents below are included in the consent calendar for consideration of approval:

- a. Minutes of the August 27, 2026, Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota GSA (**Attachment 1**)
- b. Budget to Actual Report through September 2026 (**Attachment 2**)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Thursday, August 27, 2026, 10:00 AM

Grassland Water District
200 W Willmott Ave., Los Banos, CA

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency Directors and Alternates Present

Aaron Barcellos, Director – Pacheco Water District
Auggie Ramirez, Director – Fresno County
Brian Silva, Alternate – San Luis Water District
Damian Aragona, Director – Widren Water District
Palmer McCoy, Director – Mercy Springs Water District
Randall Miles, Director – Eagle Field Water District
Wayne Western, Director – Panoche Water District

Absent

County of Merced
Oro Loma Water District
Santa Nella County Water District
Tranquillity Irrigation District
Fresno Slough Water District

Others Present

Adan Ortiz – Fresno County
Gilbert Torres – Fresno County
Karlee Liddy – Hallmark Group
Patrick McGowan – Panoche Water District

Others Present Via Zoom

Anona Dutton – EKI
Joe Hopkins – Provost & Pritchard
John Brodie
Juan Cadena – Panoche Water District
Kathryn Dixon – Hallmark Group
Lauren Layne – Baker Manock & Jensen (BMJ)
Michael Miller – WaterOne
Rachel Alstrom – Baker Manock & Jensen
Taylor Blakslee – Hallmark Group
Will Halligan – LSCE

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
Chair Barcellos called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Chair Barcellos led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Committee to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.**
No corrections or additions were made.

4. **Opportunity for Public Comment - None**

5. **Review and Take Action on Consent Calendar**

- a. Minutes for the July 23, 2026 Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota GSA
- b. Budget-to-Actual Report

Motion:

Director McCoy made a motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Miles and passed unanimously.

6. **Public Hearing Regarding Miscellaneous Fee Schedule**

- a. Review of Miscellaneous Fee Schedule
- b. Adopt a Resolution 2026-05 Establishing a Misc. Fee Schedule

Chair Barcellos opened the public hearing at 10:03 a.m. Lauren Layne (BMJ) introduced this topic and stated that there were a few updates to the miscellaneous fee schedule to include penalty fees for failure to meter wells by the October 1, 2026 deadline, and for failure to notice the CDMGSA Board of wells that change in status from inactive to active. Chairman Barcellos asked for any public comment during the hearing, but there were no public comments provided. Chairman Barcellos closed the Public Hearing at 10:06 a.m.

Motion:

Director Miles made a motion to adopt the Resolution 2026-05, establishing a Miscellaneous Fee Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Aragona and passed unanimously.

7. **Update on Well Registration Compliance and Consider Assessing Penalty Fees**

Blakslee introduced this item and reminded the Board of the 30-day noticing and metering requirement for any wells that change in status from inactive to active, as outlined in the Resolution adopted in the previous item. He stated that at this time, to the best of staff's and the GSA representatives' knowledge, all wells in the CDMGSA have been registered and staff will continue to work with GSA representatives to register new wells.

8. **Approve Inactive Well Exemption Form from Metering Requirement**

Blakslee introduced this topic and stated that staff was directed to draft an exemption form for well owners seeking exemption for inactive wells from the metering requirement. The Board reviewed the draft exemption form and did not have any comments or corrections to be made. Chair Barcellos asked to confirm that wells that change in status from inactive to active must be metered, and Layne stated that is correct.

Director Silva asked about wells that could be exempt but have no plans to use the well in the future. Layne stated that wells with no plan to be used in the future would either be considered abandoned and need to follow County policies for capping the well, etc. or would need to fill out an exemption form. She added that staff can track those wells that could potentially be leveraged as monitoring wells in the future, if appropriate.

Motion:

Director Miles made a motion to approve the well exemption form. The motion was seconded by Director Western and passed unanimously.

9. **Authorize a Budget Amendment with Woodard & Curran for DWR Grant Administration**

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that the DM Subbasin JPA Board approved a budget amendment in March for \$20,000 for W&C to extend the SGMA Round 1 Grant and outlined the reasoning for an additional amendment request for \$10,000. The Board directed the CDMGSA representative to the DM Subbasin JPA Board to recommend approval of the budget amendment request at the DM JPA Board meeting in September.

Motion:

Director Ramirez made a motion to approve the budget amendment with W&C totaling \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Director Miles and passed unanimously.

10. Direction on Grant Opportunities

Blakslee outlined the Board feedback needed, including the DM JPA's role in applying for future grants, if the DM Subbasin JPA should apply to three upcoming grant opportunities, and at what level the DM JPA should partake in the SLDMWA grant support opportunities.

Chair Barcellos asked if the Grant funds are being used by all entities or just a few and Blakslee stated that he believes Component 8 (interconnected surface water and subsidence benchmark projects) was a Basin-wide effort. Director McCoy asked if staff monitoring grant opportunities and presenting them to the DM JPA Board on a case-by-case basis is already included in the current budget and Blakslee responded that those items can be covered under current budget, and Dutton agreed, adding that there may need to be budget amendments or potential redistribution of existing budget across tasks for applying to grant opportunities.

Director Western stated that staff presenting grant opportunities on a case-by-case basis would be helpful and felt that if a GSA is applying for a grant, which should preclude the entire DM JPA applying to reduce local competition. The Board provided direction to their DM JPA representative that the DM JPA should apply for grants as appropriate.

Dutton introduced three upcoming grant opportunities as outlined in the Board materials, and Blakslee stated that Multi-benefit Land Repurposing Program has the closest deadline, and that there is currently no budget for EKI to help the Subbasin or GSAs apply.

Director Western asked if Prop 4 grant funding could be used for the DM Subbasin model calibration effort and Dutton stated that this could be another opportunity for model calibration, should the DM Subbasin application to the WaterSMART grant be unsuccessful. The Board provided direction to the CDMGSA representative to the DM JPA Board to the three grant opportunities, with discussions on budget for submitting applications.

Blakslee provided a summary of the SLDMWA Grant support program with Ferguson group and asked if there was feedback. The Board approved the staff recommendation to share the DM JPA grant list with SLDMWA, present relevant grant opportunities being tracked by Ferguson Group to DM JPA Board and to collaborate with SLDMWA to coordinate grant efforts.

11. Direction on Public Comment Letters on the DM Subbasin GSP

Blakslee provided background on this item and stated that staff seeks Board feedback on whether to repurpose EKI funds to fully review and/or respond to letters or to wait until DWR reviews the GSP and only respond to the questions that they pose. Dutton added that while the DM Subbasin is only beholden to responding to DWR, she feels that it could be valuable to respond to some of the groups who submitted public comment letters – repurpose funds under JPA task 4 to conduct technical report of adjacent subbasin GSPs and Annual Reports in order to read through and provide recommendation for next steps.

Chair asked for clarification on the benefit of having EKI do this and Dutton stated that being proactive could help the Subbasin anticipate potential feedback from DWR and engagement. Western recommended prioritizing the comments and perhaps focusing responses on top-priority topics. Further, she stated that CASP and Friant will certainly continue to stay engaged in what the Subbasin is doing regarding SGMA implementation.

Chair asked if EKI anticipates a budget amendment in the future for adjacent GSP review, Dutton stated that she feels responding to comment letters should take priority over reviewing adjacent Subbasin GSPs. The Board provided direction to the CDMGSA representative to the DM Subbasin JPA Board to approve EKI using task 4 funds for reviewing comment letters and to provide recommendations for responding. The DM Subbasin JPA Board will discuss this topic during their meeting on September 21, 2026.

12. Direction on Water Blueprint Funding Request

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that staff is anticipating a request for up to \$10,000 from the Water Blueprint and asked for Board direction to the CDMGSA rep to the DM JPA Board to approve having a representative from the Water Blueprint attend and present to the DM JPA Board regarding this topic.

The Chairman took items out of order and entered closed session before the report items. Therefore, the Chairman took agenda item 13 out of order, and the Board entered closed session at 11:04 a.m.

Closed Session

13. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1 case)

The GSA 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 11:04 a.m.

Open Session

14. Report Out of Closed Session

The Board returned from closed session at 11:16 a.m. and Chair Barcellos stated there was no reportable action.

Director Ramirez left the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Report Items

15. Update on DWR Review of WY 2025-26 Annual Report

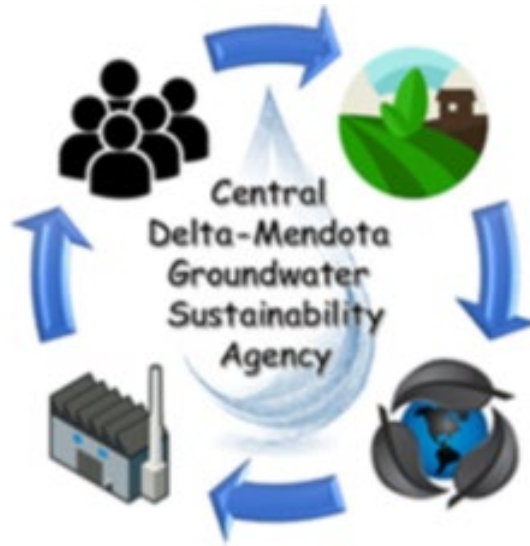
Blakslee introduced this item and stated that the letter identified 20 wells missing data for WY 2024-2025 and Blakslee provided an update on the status of the wells missing those data.

16. Update on Model Phase I Schedule and Status of GSA Data Reporting

Blakslee provided an overview of the information due to EKI to help inform the model calibration and asked if the Board would like to have Hallmark Group as the point of contact for submitting all information on behalf of the Central DM into the Egnyte share folders by November 30, 2026.

The Board directed Hallmark Group staff to collate all data requested from the CDMGSA member agencies and to upload it into the Egnyte folders.

17. **Update on Meter Registration Policy Implementation**
Blakslee provided an overview of GSAs that have submitted well meter registration forms and those who have not yet submitted. He reminded the Board that the well meter registration deadline is October 1, 2026. There were no questions from the Board.
18. **Report on the Use of a Volumetric Component for Future Fees**
Blakslee provided an overview of the methodology for calculating the estimated cost share with allocations based on a 50% volumetric pumping component. He stated the assumptions including estimating pumping based on WY 2024-2025 reported pumping data. The Board directed staff to use the water year period (October 1 through September 30 the following year) for the volumetric pumping component for future cash calls.
19. **Report from the Central DM GSA Representative to the DM JPA Board**
Director Hurley was not present and Blakslee stated there was no report needed.
20. **Update on Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) Implementation and Exceedance Reporting**
Dutton provided a summary of the timing for Q3 sampling, Q2 exceedances under investigation, and the importance of following sampling procedures. The Chair asked if EKI is tracking all water quality in all zones and EKI stated that they report water quality data in the annual report, but that they can verify that there is a TDS component reported.
21. **Program Management Report**
Blakslee provided an overview of the action items completed since the last meeting, and the Board did not have any questions. Blakslee also provided an overview of the key deadlines for information and policy compliance for the CDMGSA member agencies.
22. **Next Steps**
 - Post miscellaneous fee schedule online, finalize and post inactive well metering exemption form.
 - Member entities to get well registration, metering, and pumping data to Hallmark Group by November 30, 2026.
 - Member entities to collect Q3 water level and quality data and submit to the data management system by September 30, 2026.
 - Verify reporting of TDS over time.
23. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)**
There were no reports provided.
24. **Future Meetings**
 - a. Central Delta-Mendota GSA
 - i. Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. PST (Santa Nella County Water District)
 - b. Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee
 - i. Monday, September 21, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. PST (Grassland Water District)
25. **Adjournment**
Chair Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m. PST.



**Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Financial Statements
September 2026**

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Financial Statements

Fiscal Year-to-Date Through September 30, 2026

Statement of Net Position

Current Assets

Cash - JP Morgan Chase (non-interest bearing checking)	\$	129,201
Cash - JP Morgan Chase (interest bearing savings)		80
Cash - Wells Fargo (interest bearing checking)		48,719
Accounts Receivable		161,518
Prepaid Expenses		3,844

Total Assets

\$ 343,362

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	172,640
Accrued Expenses		-

Total Liabilities

\$ 172,640

Net Position

Unrestricted	\$	170,722
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Total Net Position

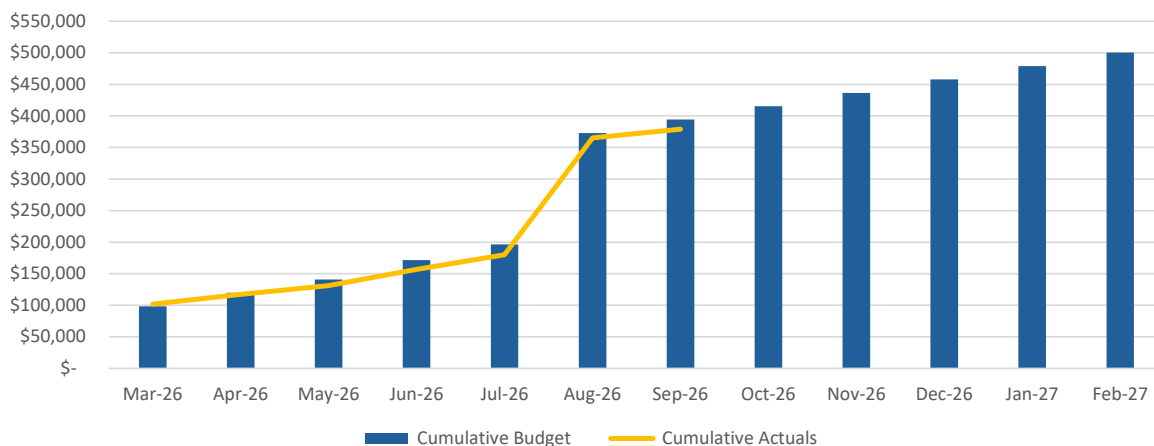
\$ 170,722

Statement of Change in Net Position With Budget Variance

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue			
Member Agency Funding	\$ 500,203	\$ 500,203	\$ -
Interest Income	2	-	2
Total Revenue	\$ 500,205	\$ 500,203	\$ 2
Operating Expenses			
DM Subbasin GSAs JPA Cost Share	\$ 235,847	\$ 228,243	\$ 7,604
Legal Counsel	26,260	20,419	5,841
Program Manager/Executive Director	67,802	63,812	3,990
Technical Consultants	46,716	46,669	47
Audit	-	10,500	(10,500)
Insurance	854	6,000	(5,146)
Website	1,058	1,270	(212)
Office and Admin Expense	403	2,569	(2,166)
Contingency	-	14,581	(14,581)
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 378,940	\$ 394,063	\$ (15,123)
Change in Net Position	\$ 121,265	\$ 106,140	\$ 15,125

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency

FYTD Budget-to-Actual

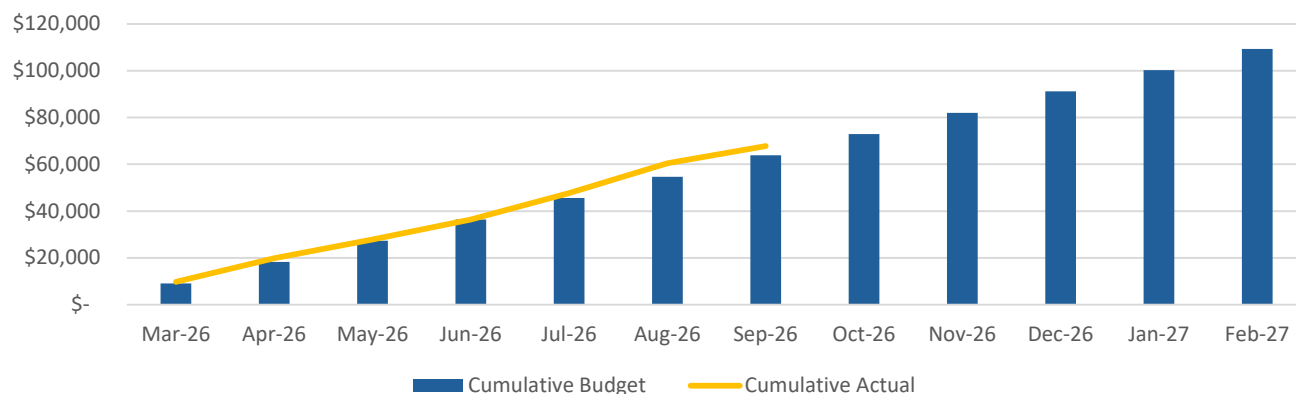


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Primary Contracts

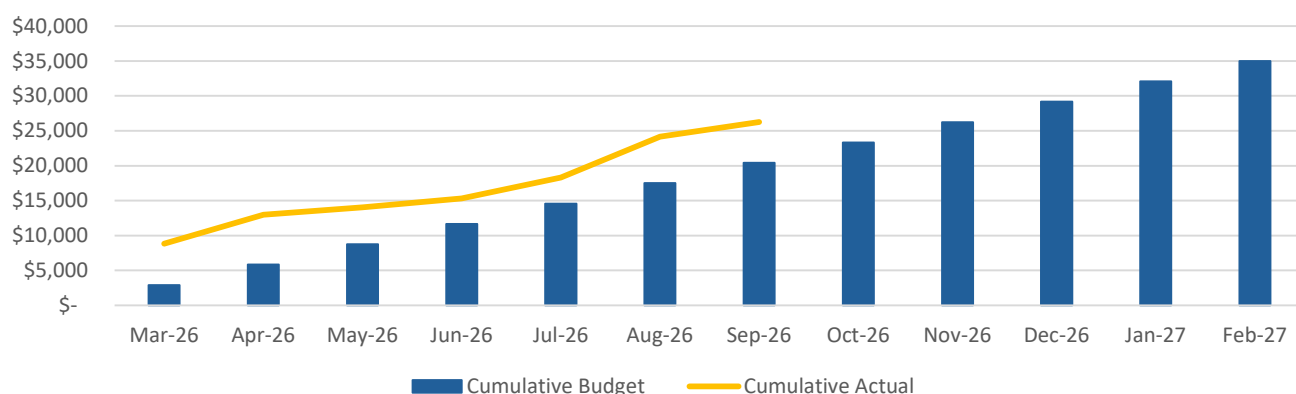
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FYTD Budget-to-Actual



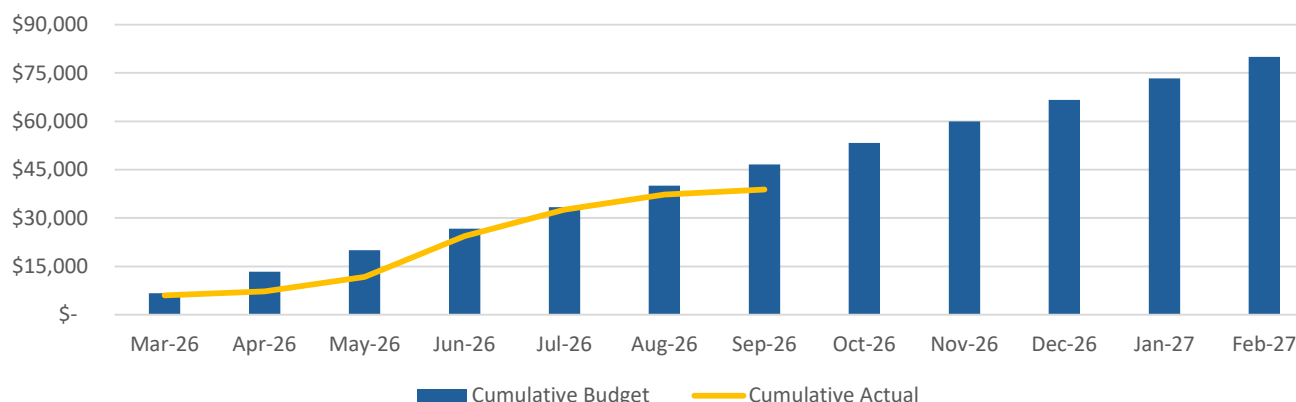
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FYTD Budget-to-Actual



EKI Environment & Water

FYTD Budget-to-Actual



Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Receipts and Disbursements
Fiscal Year-to-Date Through September 30, 2026

Transaction Date	Transaction Type	Number	Name	Amount
03/03/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Network Solutions	\$ (89.88)
03/11/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Network Solutions	(79.49)
03/31/2026	Bill Payment	1043	San Luis & Delta-Mendota WA	(4,704.29)
03/31/2026	Interest	ACH	Wells Fargo	0.45
04/11/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Network Solutions	(79.49)
04/30/2026	Interest	ACH	Wells Fargo	0.44
05/13/2026	Cash Receipt	43414	Panoche Water District	17,716.79
05/13/2026	Cash Receipt	17038	Santa Nella Water District	17,716.79
05/13/2026	Cash Receipt	7772	Pacheco Water District	17,716.79
05/13/2026	Cash Receipt	1532	Tranquillity Irrigation District	17,716.79
05/22/2026	Cash Receipt	1710489	County of Merced	17,716.79
05/22/2026	Cash Receipt	1044	San Luis Water District	17,716.79
05/31/2026	Interest	ACH	Wells Fargo	0.52
06/05/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Baker Manock & Jensen	(12,992.18)
06/05/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	EKI Environment & Water	(7,247.50)
06/05/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Hallmark Group	(19,859.81)
06/05/2026	Cash Receipt	2518	Widren Water District GSA	17,716.79
06/10/2026	Cash Receipt	2093	Fresno Slough Water District	17,716.79
06/11/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA	(76,621.43)
06/16/2026	Cash Receipt	3590	Eagle Field Water District	17,716.79
06/30/2026	Interest	ACH	Wells Fargo	0.40
07/02/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Baker Manock & Jensen	(1,050.00)
07/02/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	EKI Environment & Water	(4,476.68)
07/02/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Hallmark Group	(8,413.67)
07/27/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Baker Manock & Jensen	(1,260.00)
07/27/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	EKI Environment & Water	(12,668.50)
07/27/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Hallmark Group	(8,568.04)
07/27/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Provost & Pritchard Consulting	(3,139.70)
07/28/2026	Cash Receipt	218	Oro Loma Water District	17,716.79
07/28/2026	Cash Receipt	1643	Mercy Springs Water District	17,716.79
07/31/2026	Interest	ACH	Wells Fargo	0.41
08/05/2026	Service Charge	ACH	Bank Fees	(10.00)
08/31/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Baker Manock & Jensen	(2,995.52)
08/31/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	EKI Environment & Water	(8,193.38)
08/31/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Hallmark Group	(11,329.66)
08/31/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Golden State RMA	(4,698.00)
08/31/2026	Cash Receipt	1647	Mercy Springs Water District	23,966.79
08/31/2026	Cash Receipt	17265	Santa Nella Water District	23,966.79
08/31/2026	Cash Receipt	43644	Panoche Water District	23,966.79
09/03/2026	Service Charge	ACH	Bank Fees	(17.50)
09/11/2026	Cash Receipt	1802	Tranquillity Irrigation District	23,966.79
09/24/2026	Cash Receipt	3602	Eagle Field Water District	23,966.79
09/29/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Provost & Pritchard Consulting	(2,410.00)
09/29/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Baker Manock & Jensen	(5,882.45)
09/29/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	EKI Environment & Water	(4,658.94)
09/29/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Hallmark Group	(12,891.37)
09/30/2026	Cash Receipt	2529	Widren Water District GSA	23,966.79
09/30/2026	Interest	ACH	Wells Fargo	0.41
09/30/2026	Service Charge	ACH	Chase Bank (credit pending)	(20.00)
				\$ 124,330.58

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Accounts Receivable
As of September 30, 2026

Name	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 And Over	Total
County of Fresno	\$ 23,967	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,717	\$ 41,684
County of Merced	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Fresno Slough Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Oro Loma Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Pacheco Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
San Luis Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Total	\$ 143,801	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,717	\$ 161,518

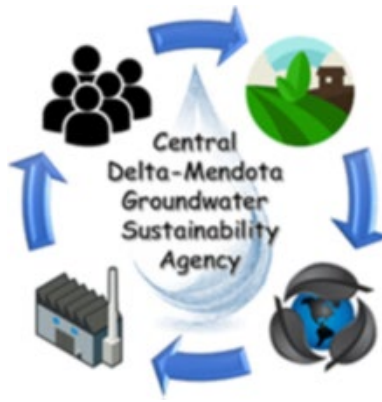
Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Accounts Payable
As of September 30, 2026

Name	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 And Over	Total
Baker Manock & Jensen	\$ 2,080	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,080
Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA	159,226	-	-	-	-	159,226
EKI Environment & Water	1,606	-	-	-	-	1,606
Hallmark Group	7,411	-	-	-	-	7,411
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group	2,317	-	-	-	-	2,317
Total	\$ 172,640	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 172,640

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency FY27 Annual Budget

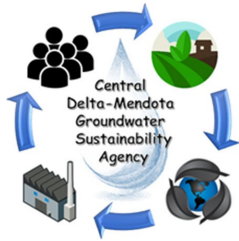
EXPENDITURES	FY27 Budget	YTD Spend Mar-Sep 2026	Remaining Budget
DM Subbasin GSAs JPA Cost Share	\$ 228,243	\$ 235,847	\$ (7,604)
Legal Counsel	35,000	26,260	8,740
Program Manager/Executive Director	109,390	67,802	41,588
Technical Consultants	80,000	46,716	33,284
Audit	10,500	-	10,500
Insurance	6,000	854	5,146
Website	1,670	1,058	612
Office and Admin Expense	4,400	403	3,997
Contingency	25,000	-	25,000
Total FY27 Expenditures	\$ 500,203	\$ 378,940	\$ 121,263

Attachment 2



Summary of invoices presented for Board consent. Invoices are expected to be paid by October 31, 2026.

Vendor/Consultant	Invoice Billing Period	Invoice Total
Baker Manock & Jensen	September 2026	\$2,080.00
Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs JPA	August 2026	\$159,226.00
EKI Environment & Water	September 2026	\$1,606.28
Hallmark Group	September 2026	\$7,411.30
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group	September 2026	\$2,316.40
Total		\$172,639.98



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 5

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Meter Registration Policy Implementation and Consider Assessing Penalty Fees

Recommendation

Board feedback needed on:

1. Direction on assessing penalty fees for unregistered meters.
2. Direction on process to change well status.

Discussion

Direction on Assessing Penalty Fees for Unregistered Meters

The Central Delta Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CDMGSA) Well Metering and Reporting Policy requires that all production wells, including inactive wells, are metered, and the Board established a registration deadline of October 1, 2026.

Seventy-one of the expected 266 meters were registered by the October 1, 2026 deadline, and a remaining potential of 56 wells were not registered by the deadline. CDMGSA members continue to submit data to staff, and staff is working to verify registered meters and process exemption forms for consideration of Board approval.

A detailed summary of registered wells by CDMGSA entity is included in the below table.

Staff is requesting Board direction on whether to implement penalty fees for meter registrations submitted after October 1, 2026, or not received yet.

These totals do not include domestic well types, as they were assumed to be de minimis (pursuant the Well Metering and Reporting Policy, de minimis domestic wells do not need to be metered).

CDMGSA Entity	# Wells Requiring Meters	# Meter Registration Forms Received	# Exemption Forms Received (pending Board approval)	# Change in Well Status (Inactive → Abandoned)	# Unregistered Meters
Eagle Field	2	0	2	0	0
Fresno County	4	3	0	0	1

Fresno Slough	14	8	5	1	0
Fresno White Area	10	0	1	0	9 ¹
Merced County	0	0	0	0	0
Mercy Springs WD	12	0	0	0	12
Oro Loma WD	1	0	0	0	1
Pacheco WD	10	7	0	3	0
Panoche WD	64	44	5	0	15
San Luis WD	109	51	5	50	3
Santa Nella County WD	8	5	2		1 ¹
Tranquillity ID	28	7	14	5	2 ¹
Widren WD	4	2	2	0	0
CDMGSA Totals	266	127	36	59	44

¹Some remaining wells labeled as outside of the GSA.

Direction on Process for Change in Well Status

To manage meter registrations, staff used the recently completed well census report to 1) ensure the appropriate well types had meter registrations forms submitted, 2) track any inactive wells that had meter exemption forms submitted.

However, during CDMGSA member submittal of meter registrations, staff received numerous requests to update a well's status from active/inactive to abandoned outside of an exemption form (which also requires photos of the well).

While the meter exemption form provides a mechanism to exempt an inactive well from the metering requirement, we do not currently have a process in place to change the existing status of a registered well.

What level of verification is required to change a well's status?

1. No/Limited Verification:
 - a. CDMGSA member emails staff and staff updates census report.
 - b. CDMGSA member emails staff, and staff to present summary of changes at Board meetings prior to updating well census report.
2. Verification
 - a. Develop change in well type form (Include bulk form? Require photos?)
 - b. Other?



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 6

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Inactive Well Exemption Forms

Recommendation

Approve the inactive well metering exemption forms received.

Discussion

On March 26, 2026, legal counsel presented the updated Central Delta-Mendota GSA (CDMGSA) Well Metering and Reporting Policy to the Board, which was adopted as Resolution Number 2026-03.

On June 29, 2026, the Board discussed the requirement to meter inactive wells pursuant to Resolution 2026-03, and a request was made to exempt certain inactive wells from the metering requirement. The Board directed staff to draft an exemption form which was approved on August 27, 2026.

Staff distributed the approved form and requested forms to be submitted ahead of the October 1, 2026 meter registration deadline. A summary of the exemption request forms received by CDMGSA entity is provided as **Attachment 1** for Board review and consideration of approval.

Board feedback needed:

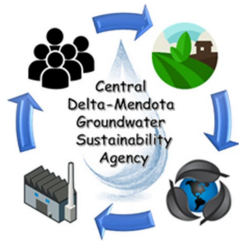
Does the Board approve the Inactive Well Metering Exemption Forms included as Attachment 1?

Attachment 1

Central Delta-Mendota Inactive Well Metering Exemption Forms Summary 2026

No.	Database ID	CDMGSA Entity	Entity Name	Date Last Active	Historical Use	Current Condition	Reason for Exemption	Photo?
1	07-006	Eagle Field	Eagle Loma Farms	At least 2-3 years ago	Irrigation	Inactive	Landowner stopped pumping due to water quality	☒
2	07-028	Eagle Field	JFB Ranch, Inc.	2 years ago	Irrigation/Municipal	Inactive	Monitoring well, not used for irrigation in over 2 years	☒
3	07-174	Panoche WD	Hammons Ranch, Inc.	60 years ago	Domestic	Destroyed	Destroyed years ago, will never be reused.	☒
4	07-204	Panoche WD	A-Bar Farms, Inc.	about 20 years	Irrigation	Abandoned	Well failed and was capped	☒
5	07-233	Panoche WD		Unknown	Irrigation	No power or pump	No intension to use in the future.	☐
6	07-240	Panoche WD			Domestic		Domestic Well	☒
7	UNK	Panoche WD	Hanza Farms	9 years ago	Unknown	Unused	Surface water available,	☐
8	07-306	San Luis WD	Riverdale Ranch LLC	about 6 years	Irrigation	Bowls need to be repaired or replaced.	Inactive due to high cost for reconstruction and metering.	☐
9	07-340	San Luis WD	Gilardi Farms	2014	Irrigation	Disconnected from power	Inactive due to water quality and cost of power.	☒
10	07-341	San Luis WD	Gilardi Farms	2014	Irrigation	Disconnected from power	Inactive due to water quality and cost of power.	☒
11	07-347	San Luis WD		about 5 years ago	Irrigation	Inactive and rundown.	Would require a rebuild and landowner has no plans to use in the future.	☒
12	07-350	San Luis WD		about 8 years ago	Irrigation	Well is seized with no power.	Would require a rebuild and landowner has no plans to use in the future.	☒
13	07-134	Santa Nella County WD	Santa Nella County WD	2014	Test Well	Abandoned	Abandoned in 2023	☐
14	07-135	Santa Nella County WD	Santa Nella County WD	Unknown	Domestic	Hole in concrete slab, no pump or power	Hole in concrete slab, no pump or power	☒
15	07-136	Santa Nella County WD	Santa Nella County WD	Unknown	Domestic	No pump or power. Sealed and filled with concrete.	Abandoned but extremely costly to completely abandon well.	☒
16	07-141	Santa Nella County WD	Santa Nella County WD	Unknown	Domestic	Sealed and filled with concrete.	Sealed and filled with concrete.	☒
17	07-142	Santa Nella County WD	Santa Nella County WD	Unknown	Domestic	Capped, no pump or power.	Capped, no pump or power.	☒
18	07-395	Santa Nella County WD	Santa Nella County WD	Unknown	Irrigation/Domestic	No pump or power.	No pump and power to area is abandoned.	☐
19	07-449	Santa Nella County WD	Santa Nella County WD	Unknown	Domestic	Pump not connected, no power.	Pump not connected, no power.	☒
20	07-450	Santa Nella County WD	Santa Nella County WD	Unknown	Domestic	No power to pump house.	No visible pump and no power to pump house.	☐
21	07-101	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	Unknown	Irrigation	Disconnected from diesel engine	Not intended to operate the well based on the PRP and availability of surface water.	☒
22	07-102	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	7/1/2021	Irrigation	Disconnected from diesel engine	Not needed with recent water supply and increased operational costs to operate diesel pump.	☒
23	07-103	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	7/1/2021	Irrigation	Disconnected from diesel engine	Not needed with recent water supply and increased operational costs to operate diesel pump.	☒
24	07-104	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	9/1/2022	Irrigation	Disconnected from diesel engine	Not needed with recent water supply and increased operational costs to operate diesel pump.	☒
25	07-107	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	11/1/2022	Irrigation	Connected to electrical power but non-operational	Not needed with recent water supply.	☒
26	07-115	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	10/1/2022	Irrigation	Disconnected from diesel engine	Not needed with recent water supply and increased operational costs to operate diesel pump.	☒
27	07-398	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	2020	Irrigation	Disconnected from diesel engine	Not intended to operate the well based on the PRP and availability of surface water.	☒
28	07-399	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	2020	Irrigation	Disconnected from diesel engine	Not intended to operate the well based on the PRP and availability of surface water.	☒
29	07-400	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	2020	Irrigation	Disconnected from diesel engine	Not intended to operate the well based on the PRP and availability of surface water.	☒
30	07-401	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	9/1/2022	Irrigation	Disconnected from diesel engine	Not needed with recent water supply and increased operational costs to operate diesel pump.	☒
31	07-402	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	9/1/2022	Irrigation	Disconnected from diesel engine	Not needed with recent water supply and increased operational costs to operate diesel pump.	☒

32	07-403	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	8/1/2020	Irrigation	Connected to diesel engine but non-operational	Not needed with recent water supply and increased operational costs to operate diesel pump.	☒
33	07-406	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	7/1/2021	Irrigation	Connected to electrical power but non-operational	Not needed with recent water supply.	☒
34	07-415	Tranquillity ID	Tranquillity ID	6/1/2022	Municipal	Connected to power but non-operational	Not needed to meet demand.	☒
35	07-458	Widren WD	Widren, LLC	4/1/2021	Irrigation	Inactive, well casing broke.	Plans to formally abandon when economically feasible.	☐
36	07-459	Widren WD	Widren, LLC	1994	Irrigation	Capped and sealed.	Capped and sealed. No intention to use in future.	☐



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 7

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of the CDMGSA Fiscal Year 2026-27 Audit Report

Recommendation

Approve the annual audit report for FY 2027.

Discussion

The Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements dated February 28, 2026 is provided as **Attachment 1** for consideration of approval.

**CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Santa Nella, California

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("the Agency"), as of and for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2026 and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Agency, as of February 28, 2026 and the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Agency, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Agency's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Agency's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.



Fresno, California
September 25, 2026

CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION FEBRUARY 28, 2026

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash	\$	53,669
Prepaid expenses		<u>491</u>
Total current assets		<u>54,160</u>
Total assets		<u>54,160</u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities

Accounts payable		<u>4,704</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>4,704</u>
Total liabilities		<u>4,704</u>

NET POSITION

Unrestricted		<u>49,456</u>
Total net position	\$	<u><u>49,456</u></u>

CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Operating Revenues

Member fees	\$ 40,000
Total operating revenues	<u>40,000</u>

Operating Expenses

Legal expense	14,169
Audit fees	9,750
Office expense	<u>2,738</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>26,657</u>
Operating income/(loss)	<u>13,343</u>

Nonoperating Revenues/(Expenses)

Interest income	<u>6</u>
Total nonoperating revenues/(expenses)	<u>6</u>

Change in Net Position

13,349

Net Position

Beginning of year	<u>36,107</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 49,456</u>

CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Operating Activities

Receipts from member agencies	\$ 40,000
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	<u>(40,766)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(766)</u>

Investing Activities

Interest received	<u>6</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>6</u>

Net Decrease in Cash (760)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Beginning of year	<u>54,429</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 53,669</u></u>

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Operating income (loss)	\$ 13,343
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
(Increase) Decrease in prepaid expenses	(491)
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	<u>(13,618)</u>

Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities \$ (766)

CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to enterprise funds of governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the Agency are described below:

Reporting Entity

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency is a California joint powers authority created in August of 2019. As of February 28, 2026, the Agency's Joint Powers Agreement voting members consisted of the following local water districts and counties: Eagle Field Water District, County of Fresno, Fresno Slough Water District, County of Merced, Mercy Springs Water District, Pacheco Water District, Panoche Water District, San Luis Water District, Santa Nella County Water District, and Tranquility Irrigation District (collectively the Parties). The Agency is separate from and derives no financial support from its members. The Agency is governed by a Board of Directors whose membership is composed of appointed officials representing each of the voting members.

The Agency was created to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements and achieve the sustainability goals provided in SGMA by developing, adopting, submitting, implementing, enforcing, and revising a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Central Delta-Mendota Region, which may be part of a broader GSP coordinated with other GSAs in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, and to exercise all powers and authorities of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under SGMA.

In August and September 2014, the California Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, respectively, legislation creating SGMA to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority, technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater. SGMA provides that each groundwater basin or subbasin may be regulated by one or more GSAs. Groundwater sustainability is achieved through GSPs and the Agency has fully participated in development of a GSP for the Central Delta-Mendota Region.

Basis of Accounting

The Agency accounts for its operations in an enterprise fund using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. A fund is an accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts established to record the financial position and results of operations of a specific government activity. The activities of enterprise funds closely resemble those of ongoing businesses in which the purpose is to conserve and add to basic resources while meeting operating expenses from current revenues. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Accounting (continued)

The Agency's Enterprise Fund financial statements report business-type activities financed in whole or in part by member fees. Enterprise Funds account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges such as member fees.

The Agency distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the Agency's principal on-going operations. The principle operating revenues of the Agency are member fees. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include consulting and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Financial Statement Amounts

Cash and Cash Equivalents – For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Agency considers all highly liquid investments including cash to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable – Billed, but unpaid, services provided to individuals or non-governmental entities are recorded as accounts receivable. The Proprietary Funds include a year end accrual for services through the end of the fiscal year which have not yet been billed. As of February 28, 2026, there was no balance.

Accounts Payable – As of February 28, 2026, the accounts payable balance was \$4,704, which consisted of services, and/or goods received but have not been paid.

Unearned Revenues – Unearned revenue is that for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met. The Agency typically records unearned revenue related to revenues received but not earned. As of February 28, 2026, there was no balance.

Net Position – The financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as invested capital assets (net of related debt), restricted and unrestricted.

- **Net Investment in Capital Assets** – This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets reduce the balance in this category.
- **Restricted Net Position** – This category presents external restrictions on net assets imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Unrestricted Net Position** – This category represents net position of the Agency not restricted for any project or other purpose.

CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 – Cash and Investments

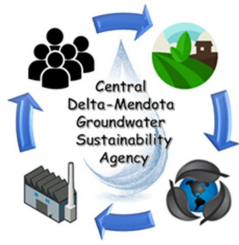
Cash and investments as of February 28, 2026 consist of the following:

Deposits with financial institutions	\$ 53,669
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 53,669</u>

The Agency's bank deposits at year end totaled \$53,669 in demand deposits and were fully insured.

Note 3 – Subsequent Events

The Agency evaluated subsequent events for recognition and disclosure through September 25, 2026, the date which these financial statements were available to be issued. Management concluded that no material subsequent events have occurred since February 28, 2026 that required recognition or disclosure in such financial statements.



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 8

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Direction on CDMGSA Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Components

Recommendation

Provide direction on the Fiscal Year 2028 budget components for the Central DM GSA.

Discussion

The draft Fiscal Year 2028 (March 1, 2027 – February 28, 2028) budget component list for the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CDMGA) is provided as **Attachment 1** for Board review/approval.

Once the 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?

Attachment 1

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency

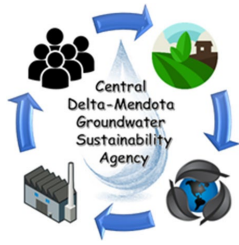
Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Budget Components

March 1, 2027 - February 28, 2028

Green text indicates new recommended budget items for FY 2028.

	Budget Item	Notes
1	Cost Share of DM Subbasin GSAs JPA FY 2027 Budget (1/7th)	Will include model calibration cost share split at the percentages outlined in Exhibit B of the single-GSP MOA
2	General Counsel (Baker Manock & Jensen)	General Counsel services; remote attendance at committee meetings; litigation coordination
3	Program Manager/Executive Director (Hallmark Group)	Meeting facilitation, DMS Upload, Financial reporting, Policy implementation and tracking.
4	Technical Consultant (EKI)	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	Board direction to remove this item from the budget on 03/26/2026
6	Reserved Funds for GSP Update	Board direction to remove this item from the budget on 3/26/2026, as already captured in DM JPA Budget
7	Contingency	
8	Insurance (D&O)	Based on quote from HUB through DM JPA effort.
9	Auditor	Under current 3-year contract with auditors.
10	Website Hosting and Support	Annual fee for domain and hosting, \$80/ month for email/ website support.
11	Office Supplies	FY 2027 Board Direction to maintain printing estimated at ~\$200 per meeting, 12 meetings.
12	Incidental Office and Administrative Costs	Recommend deleting this item.
13	Operational Reserve Funds	Depends on Board direction at 11/2/2026 meeting. 20% operational budget recommended.

Note: GSA/ District consideration for Domestic Well Mitigation



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 9

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of the CDMGSA Reserve Policy

Recommendation

Approve the Operating Reserve Policy.

Discussion

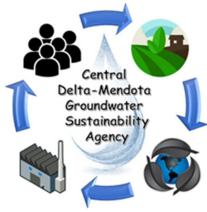
On February 26, 2026, the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Central DM GSA) approved the Fiscal Year 2027 budget to fund activities of the Central DM GSA. On February 26, 2026, and July 23, 2026, upon Board approval, staff administered the first and second cash calls for FY 2027 to the member entities of the Central DM GSA.

On July 23, 2026, when presenting the cash flow analysis to inform the timing for the second FY 2027 cash call to the Board, staff recommended the Board establish a reserve policy as part of the FY 2028 budget development process. The Board directed staff to draft a simple reserve policy at the October Central DM GSA Board meeting.

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

Board Feedback Needed:

Item	Reserve Policy Consideration	Staff Recommendation
1	Include operating and emergency reserve funds?	Include only operating reserve funds. Do not include emergency reserve fund at this time.
2	Use a percent of the annual operating budget or fixed sum method? a. If percent, what percent of the annual operating budget should the reserve cover?	Include an operating reserve of 20% of the operating budget (~2.5 months of operations).
3	Options for handling end of year cash balance: a. Credit excess cash against next year assessment (report annually to Board during budgeting process) b. Issue reimbursement checks to Members	Credit cash balance against next year's cash calls.



Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency

RESERVE FUND POLICY

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Reserve Fund Policy (this “Policy”) is to ensure the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“CDMGSA”) Board of Directors (the “Board”) maintains adequate and proper reserve funding and to ensure the Board is a prudent steward of the funds it possesses. Prudent financial planning and fiscal responsibility include anticipating and preparing for future funding requirements as well as unforeseen and unexpected events. These reserve funds enable the Board to minimize significant fee fluctuations due to unforeseen and unexpected cash flow requirements and to ensure the Board can carry out its mission under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), including the implementation and administration of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”).

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

II. Authority to Impose Fees

Pursuant to the election by each of the member agencies of the CDMGSA to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) and the CDMGSA Joint Powers Agreement dated August 28, 2019, as amended (the “Agreement”), the Board and its members are authorized to engage in those powers afforded to them, which include the collection of fees pursuant to the powers granted to the GSAs pursuant to SGMA. The relevant Water Code sections include 10723, 10725, 10727, 10730, and 10732, *et seq.*

III. Policy Statement

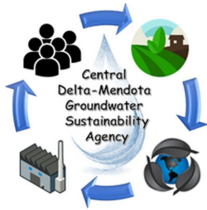
This Policy summarizes how the Board exercises its fiduciary responsibility to ensure the Board holds reserves and uses its funds in a prudent, judicious, and pragmatic manner, in accordance with the powers granted to the Board by its members through the Agreement.

IV. Reserve Funds

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

V. Specific Reserve Funds

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



A. Operating Reserve

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

B. Emergency Reserve

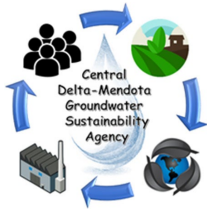
- Purpose. The Emergency Reserve is to be used to cover only unplanned and extraordinary expenses that arise from events outside the normal course of operations including, but not limited to, unanticipated legal proceedings, regulatory actions, natural disasters affecting the Delta-Mendota Subbasin,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

At the end of each fiscal year (last day in February), monies in excess of this reserve funding level would be:

- Retained to fund subsequent year's budget or
- Refunded to the member agencies of the Board at the request of the Board.

VI. Management of Reserve Funds

The Board members, in consultation with the designated administrative staff/consultant, are responsible for managing the reserve funds. Board members must authorize the expenditure of



money from all of the Board's reserve funds, except as otherwise provided in this Policy for emergencies. The Board shall annually review the balance of the reserve funds, work collaboratively with administrative staff/consultant to ensure the accuracy of the annual financial report, evaluate the goals and purposes of each reserve fund, and recommend adjustments as may be necessary or desirable.

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

VII. Oversight and Reporting

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

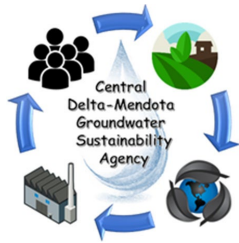
VIII. Annual Review

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

IX. Amendment

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

Adopted by the CDMGSA Board on [DATE].



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 10

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

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

Recommendation

Provide direction on the Fiscal Year 2028 budget components for the DM Subbasin JPA.

Discussion

The draft Fiscal Year 2028 (March 1, 2027 – February 28, 2028) budget component list for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies JPA is provided as **Attachment 1** for Board review/approval.

Once the 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?

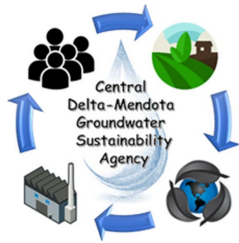
Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority

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 facilitation, 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, review 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		



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 11

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Approve the 2027 Central Delta-Mendota GSA Meeting Calendar

Recommendation

Approve the 2027 Central Delta-Mendota GSA Meeting Calendar.

Discussion

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

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors Meeting Calendar 2027



CDMGSA Board



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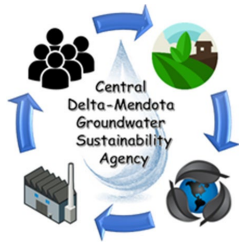
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Recommended Date Due to Holiday Conflict



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 13

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of a Scope of Work with EKI to Develop and Submit a DWR SGM Grant Concept Proposal

Recommendation

Direction to the Subbasin JPA on a scope of work with EKI 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 Board direct the CDMGSA representative to the DM JPA Board to approve EKI's scope of work to develop a concept proposal and related tasks for the DWR SGM grant?

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 Egnite 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

<u>Personnel Classification</u>	<u>Hourly Rate (2026)</u>	<u>Hourly Rate (2027 estimate)</u>
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:

- Maps, photographs, reproductions, printing, equipment rental, and special supplies related to the work.
- Consultants, soils engineers, surveyors, drillers, laboratories, and contractors.
- Rented vehicles, local public transportation and taxis, travel, and subsistence.
- Special fees, insurance, permits, and licenses applicable to the work.
- 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.

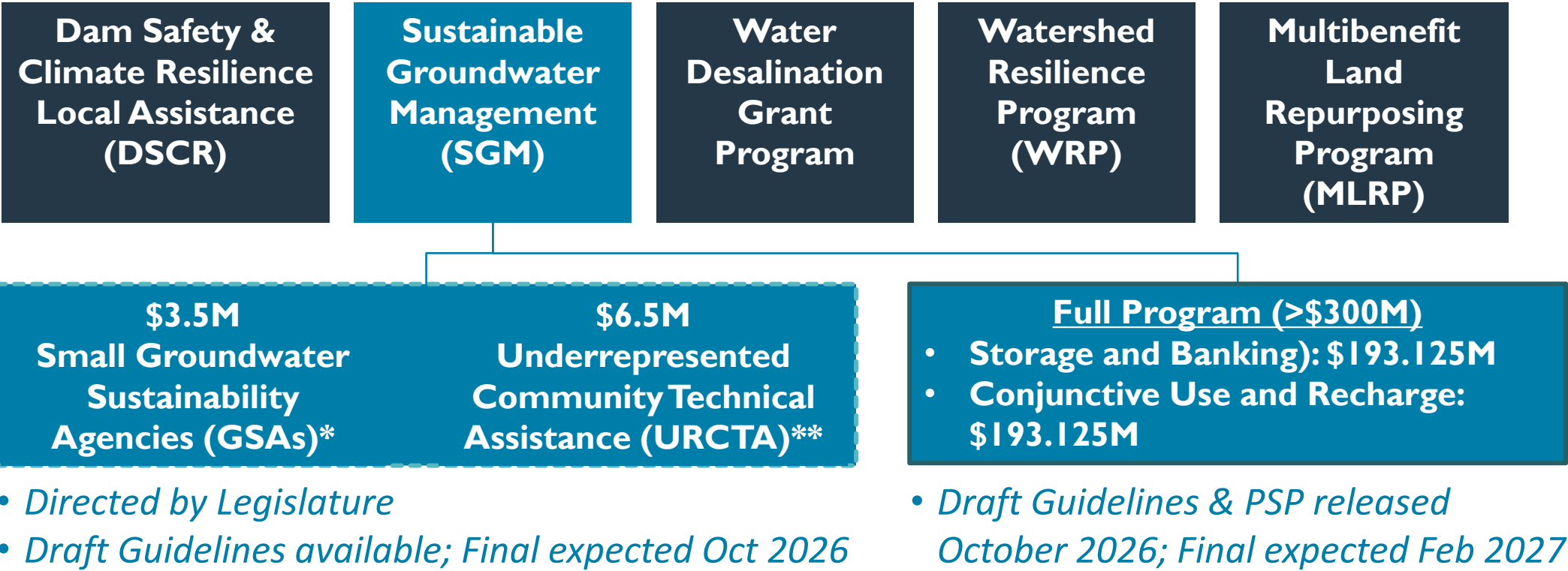
Reimbursement for use of personal vehicles will be at the federally allowed rate plus fifteen percent (15%). Reimbursement for company-owned vehicles used in connection with the work will be at the federally allowed rate. There will be an additional charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per day for company-owned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

REMINDER OF UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



**Small GSA: average annual pumping <10,000 acre-feet (basin-level).*
***Underrepresented community: includes DAC, SDAC, Vulnerable Populations, Tribes, & more*

SGM FULL PROGRAM – OVERVIEW

Full Program Funding	
Total	\$386.25M (Prop 4), split equally
Storage & Banking	\$193.125M – increase or improve groundwater storage, or groundwater banking; support SGMA
Conjunctive Use & Recharge	\$193.125M – must provide watershed, drought/climate, and fish/stream flow benefits
Max Request	\$15M per proposal (multiple projects allowed)
Project Duration	Complete within 5 years of award
Cost Share	None required
Advance Payment	Up to 25% of award
DAC / SDAC	≥40% to DAC/vulnerable; ≥10% to SDAC

Scoring (36 points)

- Project Readiness – 15
- Project Benefits – 10
- Preferences (non-State funds, Tribal benefit, Conservation Corps, vulnerable communities) – 9
- Complete & eligible – 2

Eligibility

- GSA, GSA member, entity representing a GSA(s), or agency with an Alternative in a medium- or high-priority basin
- All applicants must have an adopted GSP that has been submitted to DWR for review and deemed complete by DWR (posted to the SGMA Portal by DWR) or an approved Alternative
- **One application per basin; GSA authorization and letter(s) of support required**
- Basins adjudicated before Jan 1, 2015 are not eligible; probationary basins remain eligible

Eligible Projects

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

SGM – CONCEPT PROPOSAL & TIMELINE

Step 1 – Concept Proposal

- Submitted via webpage (link to be provided in final Proposal Solicitation Package [PSP])
- Applicant Info: Organization, point of contact, proposal name, total request
- For each project:
 - Name, Local Project Sponsor, grant request
 - Description (≤ ½ page)
 - Quantified benefit toward GSP goals (e.g., AFY recharged)
 - Progress to date (design, site control, CEQA, permits)
 - Completion date and collaborative group
- Attachment 1: Governing body authorization, GSA letter(s) of support, eligibility self-certification

Step 2 – Full Application

- By invitation only; submitted in GRanTS (PSP “P4SGM”)

Program Timeline	
Draft Amended Guidelines & PSP	Oct 2026
Public Comment Workshop	Nov 5, 2026
Tribal Public Comment Workshop	Nov 17, 2026
Final Guidelines & PSP	Feb 2027
Concept Proposals Open	Early 2027
Full Applications	Summer 2027
Review Period	TBD
Award Announcement / Execution	TBD

DWR reviews each concept for eligibility and program fit, then invites a full proposal, asks for revisions, or declines (and may refer to other programs).

SGM DRAFT GUIDELINES REVIEW

- Per the 2026 SGM Grant Proposal PSP, “only one application will be accepted per basin.”
 - Proposals may be made up of multiple projects, including basin-wide projects and projects from individual GSAs.
 - The total maximum request is \$15M/proposal.
- Questions to clarify with DWR:
 - Confirm eligibility for Basin given DWR process;
 - Clarify whether all projects included in the Basin’s application must fall under the same funding category (i.e., Storage and Banking or Conjunctive Use and Recharge); and
 - During the previous workshop, DWR indicated that only existing P/MAs were eligible for SGM funding. However, this restriction is not explicitly stated in the draft guidelines or PSP.
 - Clarify whether projects that are not explicitly defined as P/MAs but support the GSP’s goals are eligible for funding.

SGM CONCEPT PROPOSAL SUPPORT

- Task Order for support in preparing and submitting the Basin's SGM Concept Proposal has been prepared and is included in your packet.
- Scope:
 - Attend DWR SGM General Workshop on 5 November 2026 to clarify eligibility and strengthen positioning
 - Prepare and submit a comment letter to DWR, if needed, identifying main questions and concerns regarding the SGM Draft Guidelines
 - Identify Basin-wide projects based on identified data gaps in the GSP for inclusion in the Concept Proposal (see next slide)
 - 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

BASIN-WIDE PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

- As Task 2 of the scope, EKI will review the GSP to identify up to five potential projects to fill existing data gaps, such as:
 - Expanding the Basin's 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 (ex. Subsidence and ISW); and
 - Filling gaps in well construction information for existing RMWs.
- Under Task 2, 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.

GSA-LED PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

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

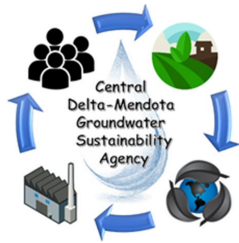
**The GSP defines four tiers of P/MAs. Tier 4 P/MAs are conceptual projects that will be implemented after 2040 or on an as-needed basis to meet sustainability after Tier 1, 2, and 3 P/MAs have been implemented..*

IDENTIFIED GSA-LED PROJECTS IN CDM

Project Name	Existing P/MA? ¹	GSA	EKI Identified ²	GSA Identified ³
Ortigalita Creek Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project	Yes (CDM-5)	Central DM	Yes	No
Los Banos Creek Recharge and Recovery Project	Yes (CDM-4 / SJREC-9)	Central DM, SJREC	Yes	Yes
San Luis WD – Construction Water Truck Fill Station	No	Central DM	No	Yes
San Luis WD – San Luis Canal Lateral Pipeline Project	No	Central DM	No	Yes
San Luis WD – Delta Mendota Lateral Pipeline Project	No	Central DM	No	Yes
Panoche WD – Lateral 2 Pipeline Project	No	Central DM	No	Yes
Panoche WD – Russell Turnout 13e Traveling Screen Project	No	Central DM	No	Yes
Panoche WD – 10E2 Long-Crested Weir Project - New Ditch	No	Central DM	No	Yes
Panoche WD – California Aqueduct Enhanced Subsidence Monitoring and Benchmark Project	No	Central DM	No	Yes
Pacheco WD – New DMC Turnout	No	Central DM	No	Yes
Pacheco WD – Lateral 6 Pipeline Conversion	No	Central DM	No	Yes
Brackish Groundwater Recovery Project	No	Central DM	No	Yes
Flood Resilience and Drainage Infrastructure Project	No	Central DM	No	Yes
Westside Modernized Irrigation Conveyance System	No	Central DM	No	Yes
Renewable Energy and Agricultural Land Repurposing Project	No	Central DM	No	Yes



1. The P/MA ID for existing P/MAs corresponds to the P/MA ID in the WY 2025 AR
2. Indicates projects identified by EK1 as potential candidates for grant opportunities based on existing P/MAs in the 2024 GSP and WY 2025 AR
3. Indicates projects identified by the GSAs as potential candidates for grant opportunities either based on completion of the Project Form or verbally



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 15

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

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

Recommendation

None; Information only.

Discussion

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

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.**

For discussion purposes only

TECH AD-HOC MEETING: WORK TO DATE

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

Pathway 1: Refined MODFLOW-OWHM

Pathway 2: New MODFLOW 6 model

EKI recommendation

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

TECH AD-HOC DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION

- Discussion and direction
 - Productive discussion on data quality, refinement level, and simulation accuracy, along with recommendations on available information and reports.
 - Members expressed overall support for EKI's recommendation of Pathway 2, with two GSAs contingent upon confirmation with the GSA managers.
- Next steps:
 - Confirm the direction from the two remaining GSAs → Direction confirmed at JPA meeting
 - Issue RFI; develop proposed grid, layering, and initiate surface water budget → RFI issued, model development in progress
 - Present the proposed framework at the 2nd Ad-Hoc meeting (likely November) → On track to hold second ad-hoc meeting toward the end of Nov and Early December

HIGH-LEVEL PHASE 1 SCHEDULE (FOR REFERENCE)

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

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

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- One RFI has been developed to request data needed for both the phased refinement of the model and the WY 2026 Annual Report.
- The RFI identifies:
 - Requested data categories (e.g., surface water supplies and deliveries, pumping data, land use information, P/MA updates)
 - Data descriptions; and
 - Preferred file types.
 - Data sharing templates, used in previous RFIs, will be provided to be used for sharing Excel data. **GSA's are strongly encouraged to use these templates to minimize the LOE needed for processing data.**
- The RFI was shared with GSAs on 10/12 via email and the shared Egnyte folders.
 - Data provided in response to the RFI should be uploaded to each GSA's shared Egnyte folder **by 13 November 2026.**
 - *Reminder: Well Registration has already been requested from all GSAs by November 30th.*

GROUNDWATER MODEL: DATA REQUEST

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

Existing models Input/output files, documentation, and processing data	Hydrogeology Logs for wells over 200 ft, cross sections, aquifer tests, hydraulic properties	Supply system layout Shapefile of supply and use areas (parcels, districts, or GSAs)	Groundwater levels Monthly local data with well depth, screen, location, and aquifer
Surface water Source and use, delivery type, losses, drains, return flows, transfers	Pumping By well and aquifer, tied to well registration, with estimation method	Recharge and banking Source and recharge volumes, basin boundaries, recovery wells	Land use and ET Crop maps, local ET, crop coefficients, irrigation efficiency
Subsidence Benchmarks, CGPS, and extensometers with locations and records	Streamflow and stage Local gauges not in USGS or CDEC, stream surveys, lining, dry reaches	Projects and actions Project operations, demand reduction, and well mitigation updates	How to submit Due 13 Nov 2026 via GSA Egnyte Folders; please use EKI templates; skip public data

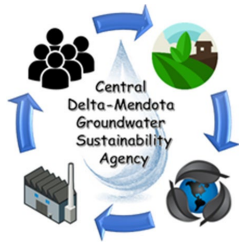
RFI RESPONSE TRACKING

RFI Item	Eagle Field WD	Fresno County	Fresno Slough WD & Tranquillity ID	Merced County	Oro Loma WD	Pachecho WD	Panoche WD & Mercy Springs WD	San Luis WD	Santa Nella County WD	Widren WD
Pumping Data	Missing	Missing	Missing	Missing	Missing	Completed	Missing	Missing	Completed	Missing
Other RFI Requests	Missing	Missing	Missing	Missing	Missing	Missing	Missing	Missing	Missing	Missing

- In addition to the pumping data identified in the table above, data responsive to the remaining RFI requests has not yet been received for CDM. These requests include:
 - Existing Groundwater Models and Supporting Files
 - Hydrogeologic and Hydrostratigraphic Information
 - Water Supply System Layout
 - Groundwater Level Data (Additional to DMS Data)
 - Surface Water Supplies, Deliveries, and Operations
 - Recharge and Groundwater Banking Data
 - Crop/Land Use Data
 - Subsidence Monitoring
 - Interconnected Surface Water Data
 - Projects and Management Actions (PMA) Update

* Note that not all RFI items are expected to be applicable to every district.





TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 16

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Water Year 2025-2026 Annual Report

Recommendation

None; Information only.

Discussion

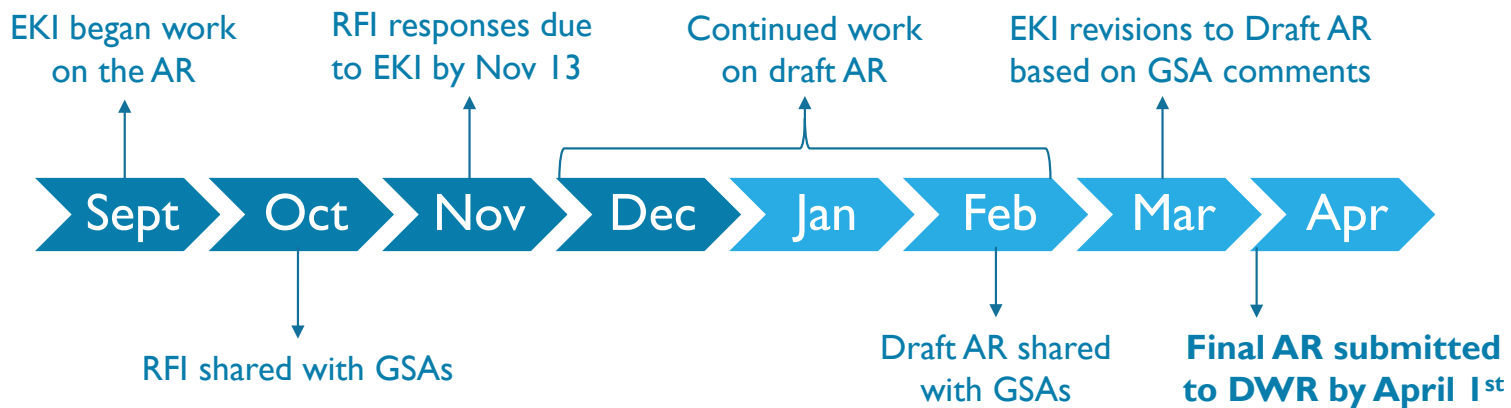
Technical staff has begun the development of the Water Year 2026 Annual Report (covering October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026), which is due to DWR by April 1, 2027.

EKI distributed a request for information to the Central DM GSA 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**.
 - A draft AR will be provided to the GSAs for review in February 2027, and a final AR will be prepared upon addressing comments and submitted to DWR prior to the deadline.





TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 17

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) Implementation and Exceedance Reporting

Recommendation

None; information only.

Discussion

The target month for Q3 groundwater level and water quality sampling was August. An update on PRP Implementation, Q3 Monitoring Event and Exceedance Reporting is provided as **Attachment 1**, and groundwater level exceedance maps are provided as **Attachment 2**.

Fourth quarter groundwater level measurements for October are required to be uploaded to the Data Management System (DMS) by November 30, 2026.

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GWL AND WQ EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS: 2026 Q3

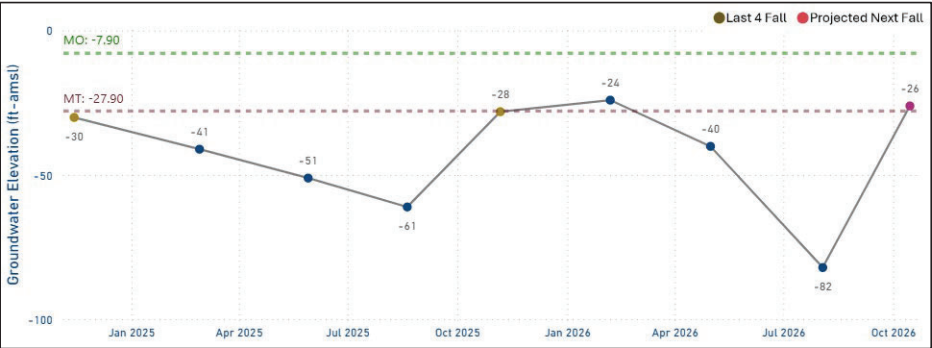
- **Two** quarterly GWL exceedances occurred during Q3 2026.
- **Six TDS** exceedances (five repeat and one new) and **one new** nitrate exceedance occurred during Q3 2026.
- No GWL measurements or WQ samples were missed for Q3 2026.
 - Nitrate samples for two CDM wells were taken but are being reanalyzed by the lab.
 - ***Appreciate GSA's diligence and Hallmark Group's coordination; well done!***
- Q4 WL sampling should have been completed **by October 31st**, with data QAQC and upload to the DMS **by November 30th**
- Continue with pending investigation or required actions:
 - **Dashboard now sends automated notifications of exceedances and triggers. GSA will receive a notification regardless of the RMW status in previous quarters.**
 - **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

GWL EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS: 2026 Q3 (AUG)

- Both exceeded RMWs show a continued downward trend in GWLs. Unless levels recover meaningfully in Fall and the post-irrigation season, staff recommend further evaluation and action.

DMS Site Name	Local Well Name	Aquifer	Trigger Reason	Investigation Status	Q3 Results
07-189	Well 18	Lower	MT Exceedance in Fall 2025/ PRP Trigger; Exceeded in Q2 and Q3	Investigation completed; monthly VWL monitoring is being conducted → Staff to conduct landowner outreach to provide supplemental water and reduce pumping. SMC is preliminary and subject to update.	MT Exceedance
07-212	Well 31	Lower	MT Exceedance in Fall 2025/ PRP Trigger; Exceeded in Q2 and Q3	Investigation completed; monthly VWL monitoring is being conducted → Staff to conduct landowner outreach to provide supplemental water and reduce pumping. SMC is preliminary and subject to update	MT Exceedance
07-017	Well I	Upper	Watchlist; Summer 2026 Quarterly Sample below 20% of Operational Flexibility	Watchlist; Investigation not needed	No MT Exceedance

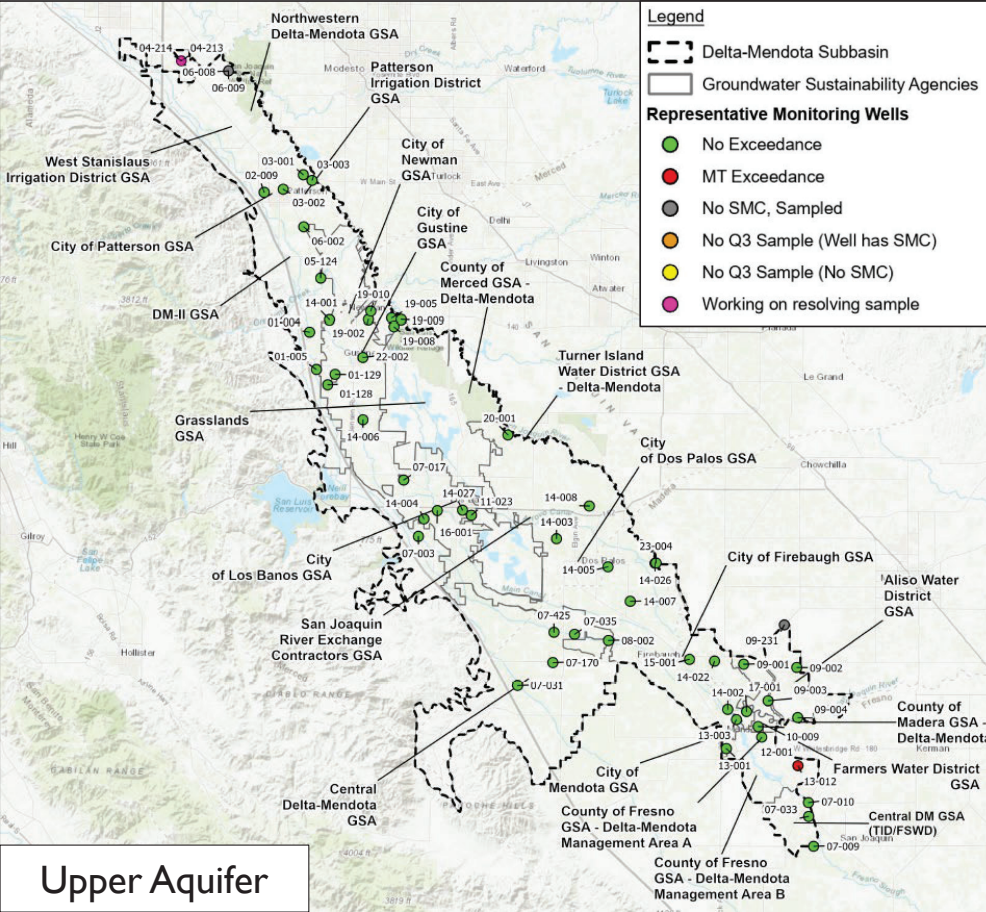
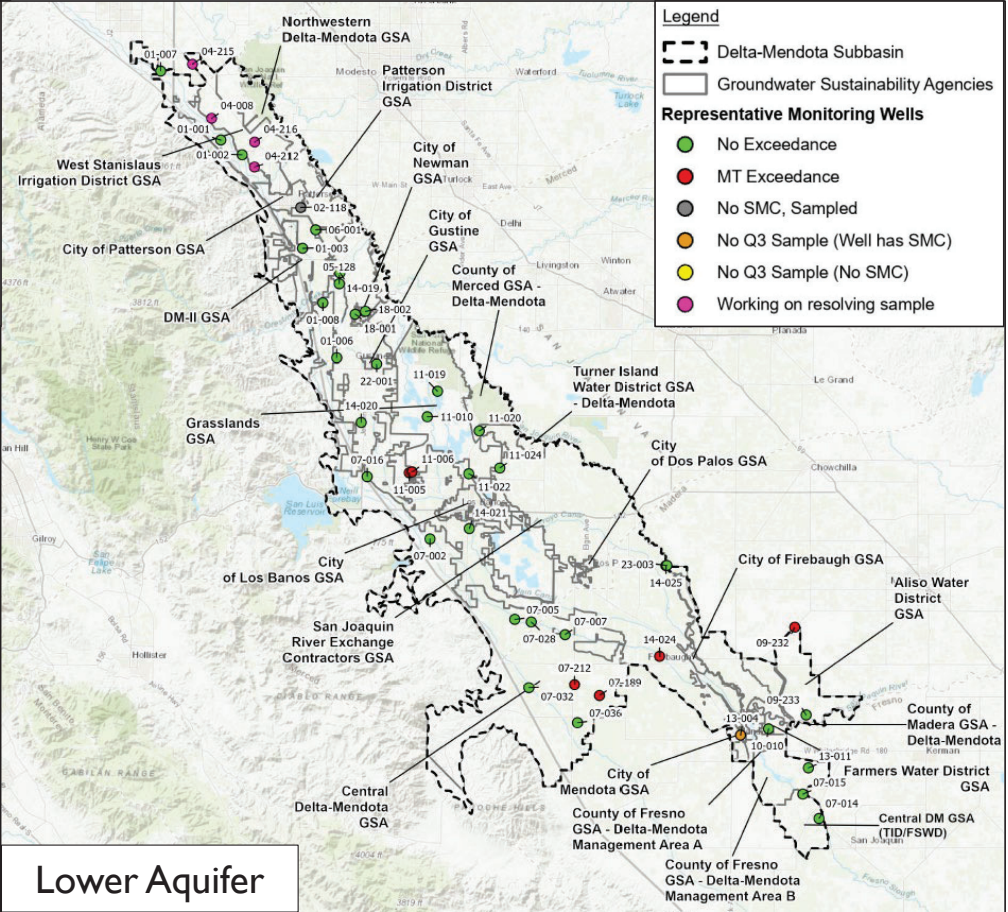
Well 18 (07-189)



Well 31 (07-212)



Q3 WL MT EXCEEDANCES



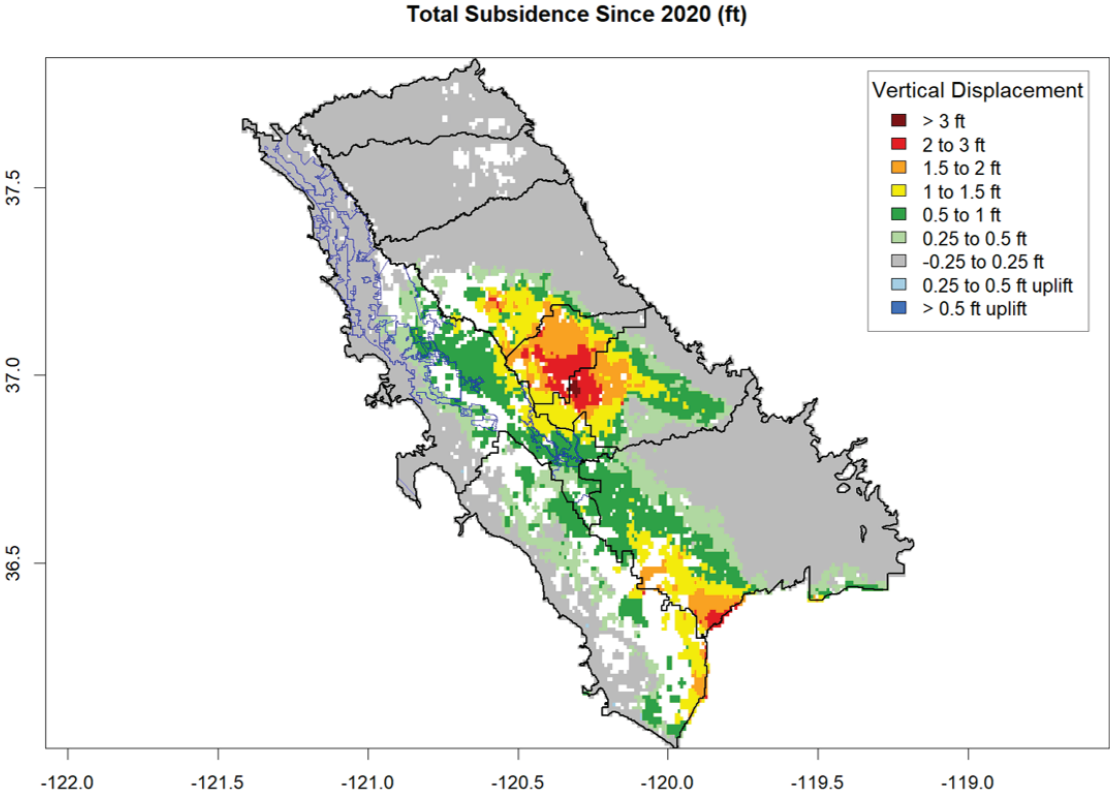
GWQ EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS: 2026 Q3 (AUG)

- Per MOA, investigation and reporting of verified exceedances is needed within 60 days.
- RMW-WQs that triggered PRP investigation in August 2026 require more frequent monitoring (quarterly) unless recommended otherwise by the investigation and approved by JPA and Subbasin technical consultant.
- Although not correlated with GWLs at this time, more than half of the triggers show increased concentration since February.

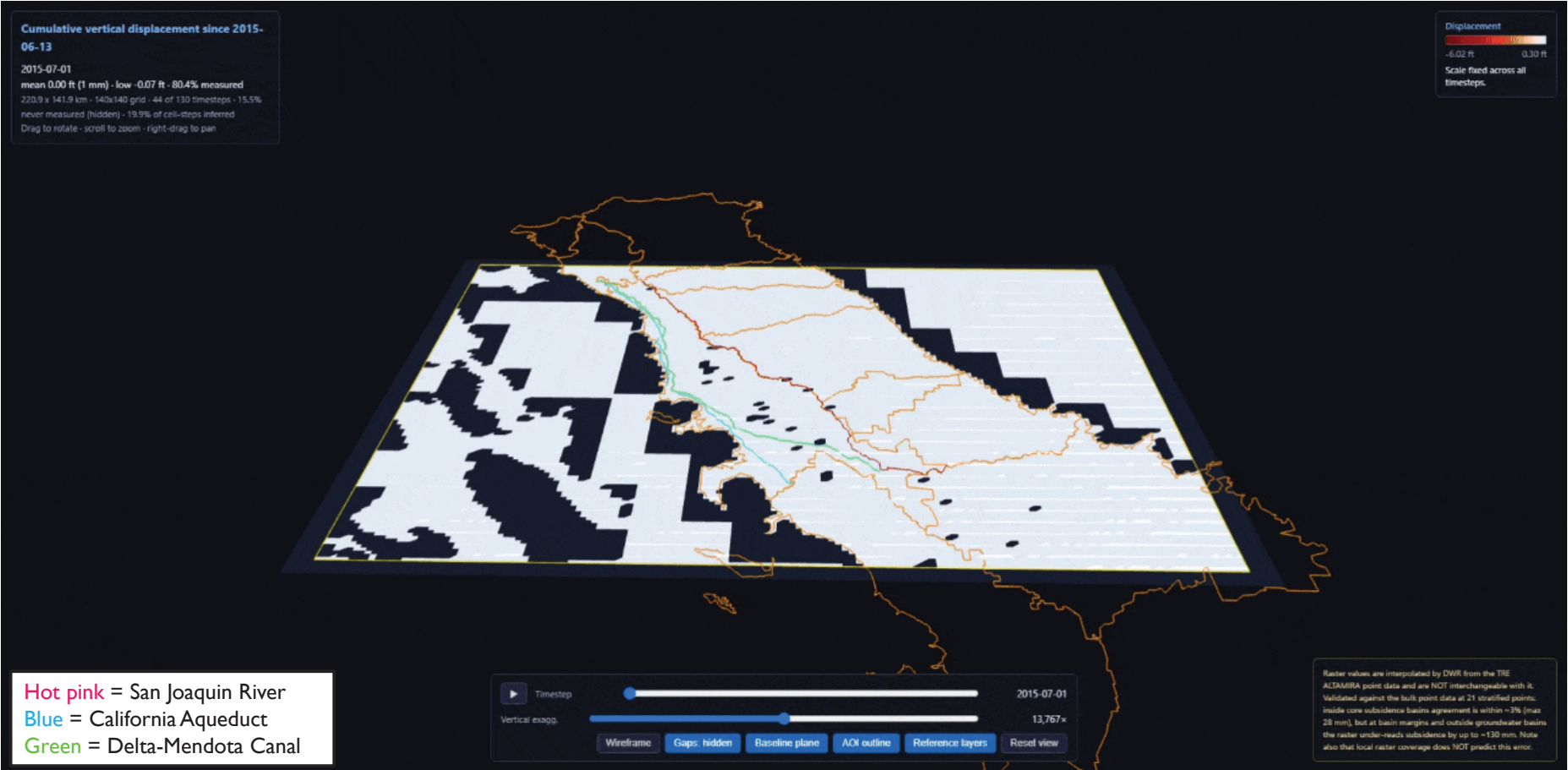
DMS ID	COC	Local Well Name	Aquifer	Aug 2026 Trigger Reason	Q3 Results
07-031	TDS	CDMGSA-01C	Upper	Investigation triggered; PRP not required due to insufficient samples	MT Exceedance; Increased since Q1
07-016	TDS	Well 01	Lower	Investigation triggered; PRP not required because no statistical correlation was identified between GWL and WQ	MT Exceedance; Increased since Q1
07-028	TDS	MP093.27L (Well 500)	Lower	Investigation triggered; PRP not required due to insufficient samples	MT Exceedance; Increased since Q1
07-032	TDS	CDMGSA-01D	Lower	Investigation triggered; PRP not required because no statistical correlation was identified between GWL and WQ	MT Exceedance; Decreased since Q1
07-034	TDS	MP092.20R	Lower	Investigation triggered; PRP not required because no statistical correlation was identified between GWL and WQ	MT Exceedance; Decreased since Q1
07-036	TDS	PWD Well 20	Lower	Investigation triggered; PRP not required due to insufficient samples	MT Exceedance; Decreased since Q1
07-031	Nitrate	CDMGSA-01C	Upper	Investigation triggered, PRP not required due to insufficient samples	MT Exceedance; Increased since Q1
07-034	Nitrate	MP092.20R	Lower	Statistically significant increasing trend	Watchlist; Did not exceed in Q3

PRP REMINDER #1: SUBSIDENCE AVOIDANCE

- July InSAR data has not yet been released by DWR as of 27 October 2026.
- Updates on actions taken by the GSAs were due to the Dashboard by August 31st
 - Only one update was received by CDM. Additional updates on actions should be uploaded to the Dashboard **as soon as possible**.
- 2030 Subsidence IM = 1.5 ft since 2020
- 2040 Subsidence MT = 2 ft since 2020
- Maximum subsidence between Jan 2020-April 2026 within Delta-Mendota Subbasin = 1.66 ft
- Remaining allowed subsidence from MT ~ 0.34 ft (26 months→ June 2028)



PRP REMINDER #1: SUBSIDENCE AVOIDANCE



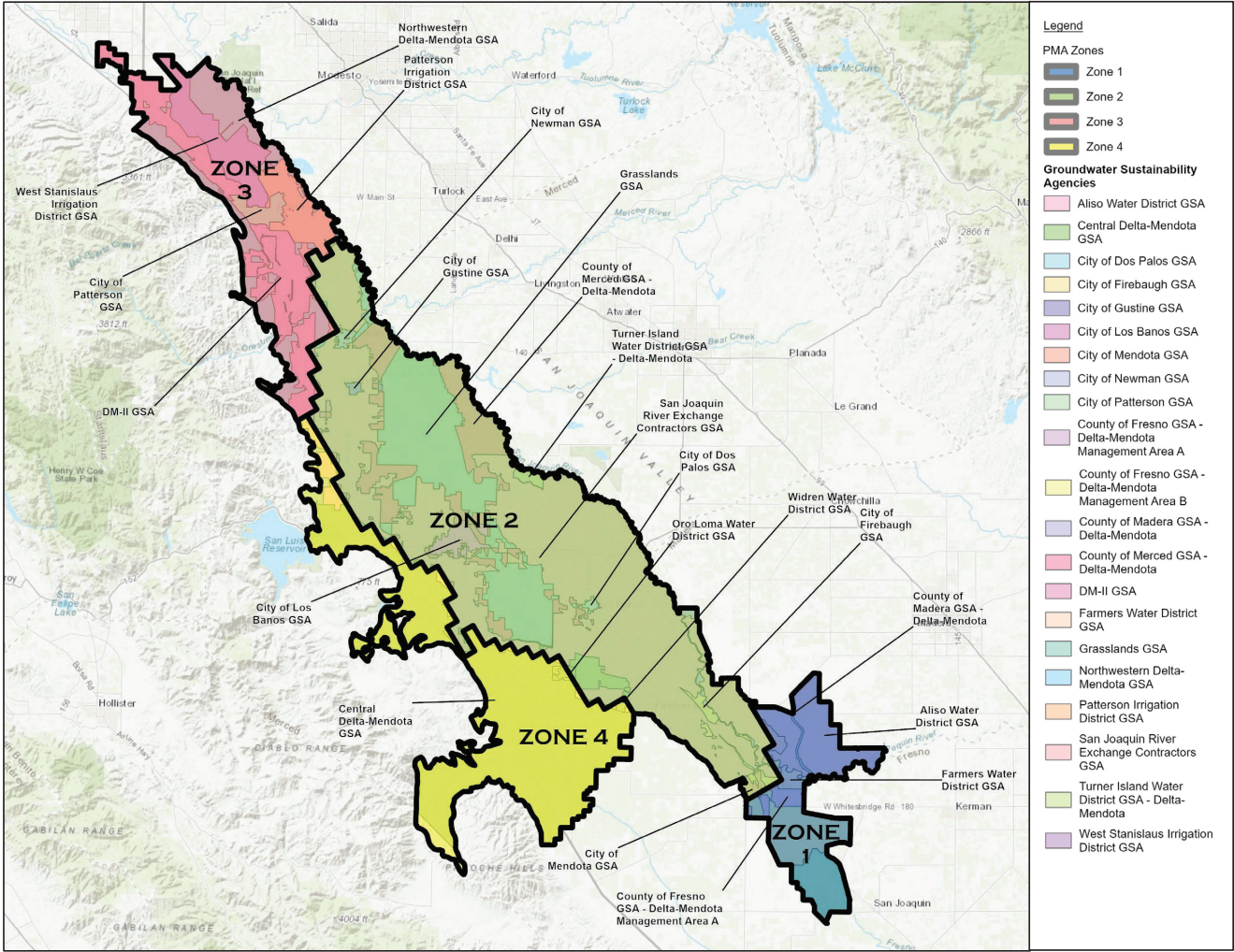
PRP REMINDER #2: OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

Required Reduction for Overdraft Mitigation by
end of WY 2030

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

“Allowable” Pumping in WY 2026

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



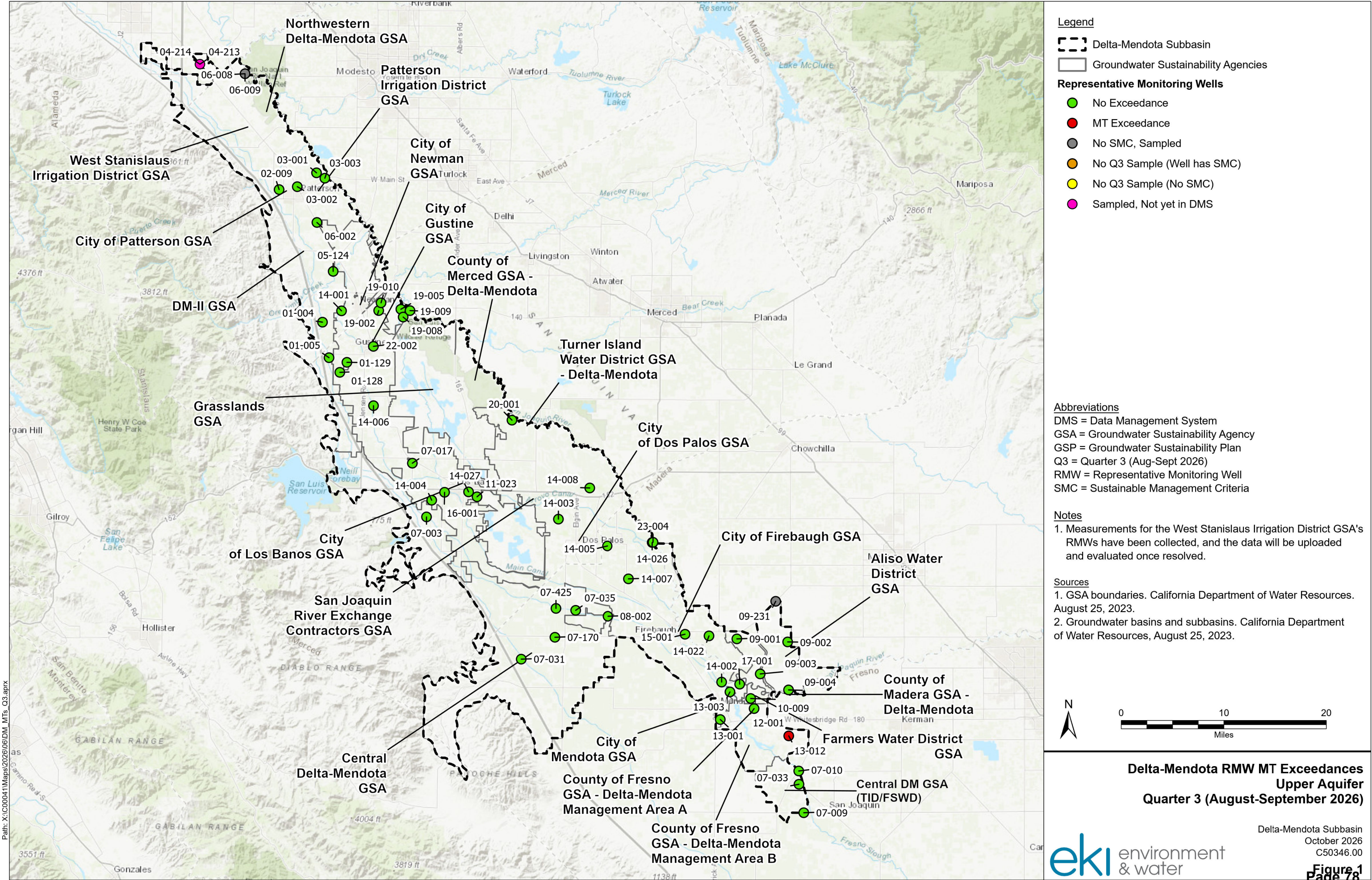
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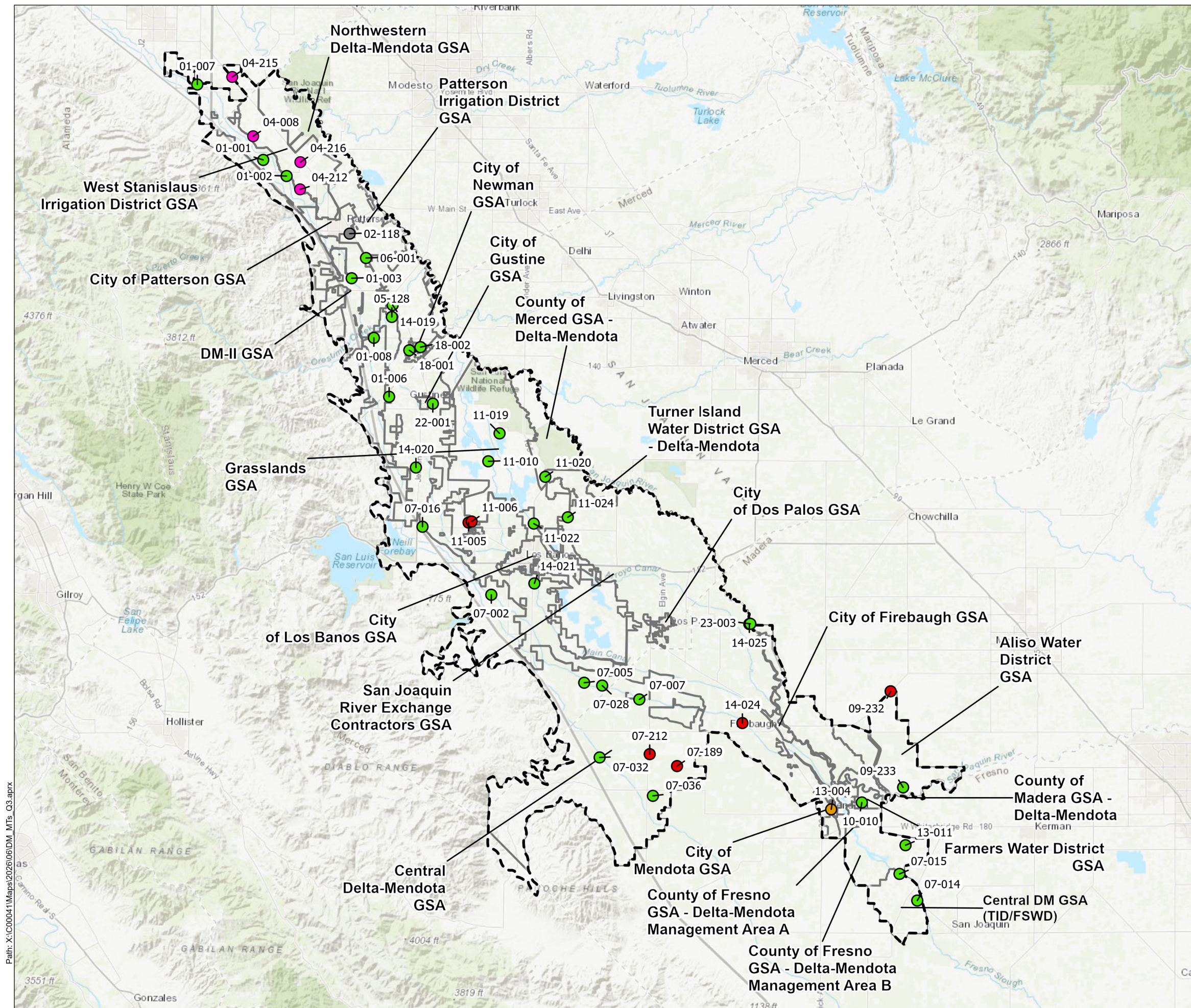
- Zones are required to reduce pumping by the totals provided as part of the PRP → *Updates should be tracked by GSAs.*
- Overdraft reduction planned based on projected implementation of effective P/MAs in the Basin.
- Additional pumping reduction after 2030, or a modification of annual reductions, may be required depending on Basin’s progress towards its VWL and Subsidence targets.



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

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





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

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

Notes

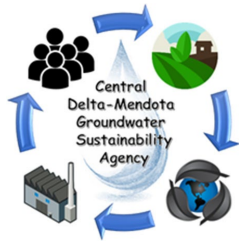
- Measurements for the West Stanislaus Irrigation District GSA's RMWs have been collected, and the data will be uploaded and evaluated once resolved.

Sources

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



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



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 18

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Program Management Report

Recommendation

None; Information only.

Discussion

An update on the action items for the Central DM GSA is provided as **Attachment 1**.

Attachment 1

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action Item	Assigned	Due Date	Status	Status & Notes
Ongoing	12	Well registration and meter registration tracking.	K. Liddy	7/23/2026	In Progress	Staff coordinating with GSA entities to finalize well census and metering compliance updates.
7/23/2026	6a	Provide missing information on the well census (including total depth and perforation depth).	CDMGSA Entities	11/30/2026	In Progress	**Wells with missing data after this date will be assumed to be pumping from the lower aquifer.
7/23/2026	6b	Register all wells within their jurisdiction by August 27, 2026.	CDMGSA Entities	8/27/2026	Done / In Progress	Board considered assessing fees for wells still not registered on 8/27.
7/23/2026	7c	Fill out well meter registration form for all wells and submit to staff.	CDMGSA Entities	10/1/2026	In Progress	
7/23/2026	8	1st cash call of FY2028 to be based on 50% volumetric pumping and 50% per entity split.	Hallmark Group	2/27/2027	In Progress	Staff working with GSAs to gather pumping data and present options to include in 2nd cash call.
8/27/2026	6b	Adopt the Miscellaneous Schedule Resolution 2026-05	Hallmark Group	8/27/2026	Done	Staff to post Miscellaneous Fee Schedule online and distribute to CDMGSA entities.
8/27/2026	8	Approve the Inactive Well Exemption Form	Hallmark Group	8/27/2026	Done	Staff to finalize and post the Inactive Well Exemption Form online and distribute to the CDMGSA entities.
8/27/2026	9	Approve the budget amendment with Woodard & Curran totaling \$10,000.	CDMGSA Representative	9/21/2026	Done	CDMGSA representative to recommend approval of the budget amendment to DM JPA Board.
8/27/2026	10	GSA entities complete project list form.	CDMGSA Entities	9/30/2026	Done	GSA entities complete and submit project form by September 30.
8/27/2026	11	Recommend to DM JPA Board that EKI use task 4 funds for GSP comment letter review/recommendation at September Board meeting.	CDMGSA Representative	9/21/2026	Done	CDMGSA representative to provide recommendation at September DM JPA Board meeting.
8/27/2026	12	CDMGSA representative to recommend allowing a Blueprint rep. to present funding request at DM JPA Board meeting.	CDMGSA Representative	9/21/2026	Done	CDMGSA representative to provide recommendation at September DM JPA Board meeting.
8/27/2026	13	Staff to follow up with DWR on status of RMN wells.	Hallmark Group/EKI	Ongoing	Done	Staff followed up with DWR.