

**Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Thursday, August 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PST**

In Person:

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

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August 21, 2026

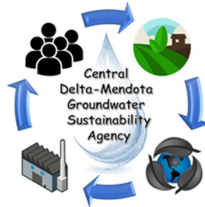
TO: Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Alternates, and Interested Parties

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

RE: MEETING OF THE CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, **Thursday, August 27, 2026, 10:00 AM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency has been called for **Thursday, August 27, 2026, 10:00 AM**, at the **Grassland Water District** on items listed on the attached agenda, which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

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Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Thursday, August 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PST

AGENDA

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

Consent Calendar

5. Review and Take Action on Consent Calendar ([Barcellos](#))
 - a. Minutes of the July 23, 2026 Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota GSA
 - b. Budget to Actual Report

Action Items

6. Public Hearing Regarding Miscellaneous Fee Schedule
 - a. Review of Miscellaneous Fee Schedule
 - b. Adopt Resolution 2026-05 Establishing a Misc. Fee Schedule ([Blakslee/Layne](#))
7. Update on Well Registration Compliance and Consider Assessing Penalty Fees ([Blakslee/Layne](#))
8. Approve Inactive Well Exemption Form from Metering Requirement ([Blakslee/Layne](#))
9. Authorize a Budget Amendment with Woodard & Curran for DWR Grant Administration ([Blakslee](#))
10. Direction on Grant Opportunities ([Blakslee/Mani](#))
11. Direction on Public Comment Letters on the DM Subbasin GSP ([Blakslee/Dutton](#))
12. Direction on Water Blueprint Funding Request ([Blakslee](#)) – *Verbal*

Report Items

13. Update on DWR Review of WY 2025-26 Annual Report ([Blakslee/Dutton](#))
14. Update on Model Phase 1 Schedule and Status of GSA Data Reporting ([Blakslee](#))
15. Update on Meter Registration Policy Implementation ([Blakslee](#))
16. Report on the Use of a Volumetric Component for Future Fees ([Blakslee](#))
17. Report from the Central DM GSA Representative to the DM JPA Board ([Hurley](#))
18. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) Implementation and Exceedance Reporting ([Mani](#))
19. Program Management Report ([Blakslee](#))
20. Next Steps ([Blakslee](#))
21. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) ([Layne](#))

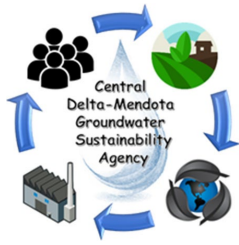
Closed Session

22. 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)

Open Session

23. Report from Closed Session ([Layne](#))
24. Future Meetings ([Barcellos](#))
 - a. Central Delta-Mendota GSA
 - i. Thursday, September 24, 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 September 21, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. PST (Grassland Water District)
25. Adjournment ([Barcellos](#))



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 5

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 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 July 23, 2026, Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota GSA (**Attachment 1**)
- b. Budget to Actual Report through July 2026 (**Attachment 2**)

Attachment 1

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

Thursday, Jul 23, 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
Amy Montgomery, Director – Santa Nella County Water District
Brian Silva, Alternate – San Luis Water District
Damian Aragona, Director – Widren Water District
Danny Wade, Director – Tranquillity Irrigation District and Fresno Slough 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
Fresno County
Oro Loma Water District

Others Present

Adan Ortiz – Fresno County
Gilbert Torres – Fresno County
Karlee Liddy – Hallmark Group
Rachel Alstrom – Baker Manock & Jensen

Others Present Via Zoom

Amir Mani – EKI
Hailey Rowbatham – EKI
Juan Cadena – Panoche Water District
Kathryn Dixon – Hallmark Group
Lauren Layne – Baker Manock & Jensen (BMJ)
Taylor Blakslee – Hallmark Group

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
Chair Barcellos called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
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**
5. **Review and Take Action on Consent Calendar**
 - a. Minutes for the June 29, 2026 Special Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota GSA
 - b. Budget-to-Actual Report
Motion:

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

6. Well Registration Project

a. Update from Staff Regarding Well Registration Policy Implementation

Taylor Blakslee introduced this item and stated that the well registration missing information deadline is November 30, 2026. Wells with missing data will be assumed to be pumping from lower aquifer.

b. Extend Well Registration Deadline

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that during last meeting, a few of the GSA member agency representatives expressed the need for an additional 30-45 days to get wells registered in their districts. He added that the Board had agreed that no penalty fees would be incurred for the additional 30-45-day period and the Board would consider an August 27, 2026 deadline. He asked for an update from each of those member agencies regarding the status of the well registration compliance in their districts.

Gilbert Torres (Fresno County) stated that mailers were sent out to landowners regarding the well registration requirement and confirmed that Fresno County can meet the deadline of August 27, 2026. Director Silva (San Luis Water District) stated that Director Hurley (Pacheco Water District) found a few wells that are not yet registered, but that the SLWD will be able to meet the well registration deadline. Lastly, Director Montgomery (Santa Nella County Water District) stated that three Volta wells (of 11 total in SNCWD) need to be registered and that she can meet the August 27 deadline.

Motion:

Director Miles made a motion to approve the August 27, 2026 deadline for all wells in the CDMGSA to be registered. The motion was seconded by Director Western and passed unanimously.

7. Well Metering Project

a. Update from Staff on Meter Registration Policy Implementation

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that in following up with SNCWD and SLWD, it was made clear that while well registration data was compiled in the past from the member agencies, well meter data was not collected. He asked that the CDMGSA entities fill out well meter registration form and ensure that the access statement is signed by each landowner. Layne confirmed that intent of requiring landowners to sign an access agreement (in the well metering and reporting policy) was for individual CDMGSA member agencies to have access to the wells, which is already included in the Water Code and considered in the Central DM GSA JPA Agreement whereby CDMGSA has all powers granted to GSAs, including under Chapter 5 of the Water Code, therefore making it not entirely necessary to gain signatures from all landowners regarding access. Therefore, staff will not enforce the signature requirement, but each member agency can fill out the meter registration form for all wells and will enforce access if issues come up in the future.

b. Direction on Metering of Inactive Wells

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that on June 29, 2026 the requirement to meter inactive wells was discussed and there was a request to define or remove “inactive well” from the policy requirement. Blakslee recommended that the Board allow for an appeals process to handle special requests from landowners of CDMGSA representatives for exemption on a case-by-case basis.

Chair Barcellos asked which body the individual would appeal to, and Layne stated that the full CDMGSA Board would need to hear the case for potential exemption. The Board agreed that staff should work with legal to develop an appeals form stating reason for exemption and requesting photos to prove wells are not hooked up to power for pumping. Director Montgomery stated some wells deemed abandoned and Layne stated there are specific requirements at the county level to abandon a well and to follow up on those wells.

The Board provided direction to develop a simple appeals form for individuals wishing to deem their well exempt from the meter registration and reporting requirements.

c. Establish a Well Meter Registration Deadline

Blakslee introduced this item and stated that the Board floated a September 1 deadline during the last meeting and would reconsider this deadline for metering requirement compliance.

Director Montgomery stated that she needs more time to meter the three remaining Volta wells that were annexed from the Merced County white area. She added that letters were sent to landowners at the beginning of July, which stated landowners had 60 days to meter their wells. Last, she added that she does not anticipate that the three remaining wells are pumping more than de minimis values and recommended an additional 30-60 days to meet this requirement.

Chair Barcellos recommended October 1, 2026 as the well meter registration compliance deadline, noting that the August 27, 2026 meeting date is the proposed date for the public hearing to adopt a well meter registration compliance miscellaneous fee schedule.

Motion:

Director Miles made a motion to approve October 1, 2026 as the deadline for all well meters in the CDMGSA to be installed and registered. The motion was seconded by Director McCoy and passed unanimously.

d. Direction to Update the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule to Include Meter Penalty and Set a Public Hearing for August 27, 2026 to Adopt a Miscellaneous Fee Schedule.

Layne introduced this item and stated that she would simply amend the existing miscellaneous fee schedule to include language for landowners that fail to install and register their meters with the CDMGSA. Blakslee presented the draft fee schedule based on that developed for well registration requirements, and Chair Barcellos stated he is okay with \$1,000 per well for failure to register. Director Western recommended amending the fee schedule to include a \$1,000 fee for each additional month that a landowner fails to install and register a meter with the CDMGSA.

Motion:

Director McCoy made a motion to set the public hearing date for August 27, 2026, to adopt a miscellaneous fee schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Western and passed unanimously.

e. Consider Options to Utilize Metered Data as a Component of 2026/27 Fee Collection

Blakslee introduced this item and reminded the Board that this item ties into the desire of the Board to have 50% of the cash call based on pumping of each of the 12 member agencies of the CDMGSA. He highlighted the challenges to using a 6-month period to inform the cash call, including: heavy irrigation, not all entities are fully metered, etc. He then proposed solutions to those challenges, including a reconciliation process, adjusting the

fee calculation to the nearest full 12-month period, and estimating groundwater pumping by using crop factors for those entities that are not fully metered.

Chair Barcellos stated that based on past conversations, he thought the fee percentages would be based on the previous year's use. He added that there should be a true-up process for those entities that estimate pumping. There was a discussion regarding the reported meter data in the WY 2025 Annual Report from the Central DM GSA versus the land surface estimate that EKI performed.

Chair Barcellos asked about the budget development and cash call process for next fiscal year (2028). Blakslee stated that the first cash call for FY2027-28 would be likely in January or February of 2027 and recommended that the data used for the second cash call of FY 2027 be January 2026- June 2026 with a reconciliation process. Director Montgomery stated that for the annual report, the pumping data used is from October 1 through September 30, which may be easier to align the data used for the cash call to the water year instead of the calendar year. Blakslee stated that regardless of the chosen timeline, staff could efficiently calculate fees for each of the 12 member agencies.

The Board discussed a recommendation to base the first cash call for FY 2028 on January 1 – December 31, 2026 pumping data. Blakslee reminded the Board that the approach is to help define an appropriate volumetric pumping percentage of each member agency cost share. Chair Barcellos expressed concern for fees being based on the prior water year, noting that hydrological conditions may change and cause more pressure to pump.

Director Aragona iterated that the concept and approach for a volumetric component to the cost share is sound, and expressed concern that the pumping data is not yet complete. Chair Barcellos recommended maintaining the current 1/12th cost share split for the second cash call and performing a true-up in FY2027-28 based on the actual pumping data from January 1- December 31, 2026. He also asked that staff create a graphic timeline for ongoing fee collection / cash calls to be presented at the next Board meeting.

8. Authorize a Second Cash Call to Cover Central DM GSA and Delta-Mendota GSA Subbasin JPA Activities for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2027

Motion:

Director Montgomery made a motion to approve the second cash call for FY26-27 at the current 1/12th per entity cost share split with the intent to perform a true-up for the first cash call of FY27-28 based on January 1- December 31, 2026 actual pumping data. The motion was seconded by Director Aragona and passed unanimously.

9. Approve a Directors and Officers Insurance Policy

Karlee Liddy (Hallmark Group) introduced this item and stated that the policy with GRSMA totaled \$5,212. Director McCoy asked about the exemption of subsidence and Layne stated that it may not be possible to insure against litigation regarding subsidence.

Motion:

Director Western made a motion to approve the D&O policy with GRSMA for \$5,212. The motion was seconded by Director Miles and passed unanimously.

Report Items

10. Report from the Central DM GSA Representative to the DM JPA Board

Director Hurley was not present, but Blakslee provided an overview of the July DM Subbasin JPA Board meeting, highlighting the effort to create a project list to readily apply for future grant

opportunities. Amir Mani (EKI) stated that Subsidence and GSP Review meetings with DWR went well.

11. **Update on Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP) Implementation and Exceedance Reporting**
Amir Mani (EKI) provided a summary of the groundwater level and quality monitoring schedule and SGMA reporting requirements to improve PRP implementation across the GSAs. He highlighted the deadline to upload Q3 groundwater level and water quality to the DMS is September 30th, with August being the target month for taking samples.

Chair Barcellos flagged concern for landowners that take on the pumping charges for collecting water quality samples and recommended that staff bring this up for discussion in future meetings.

12. **Program Management Report**
Blakslee provided an overview of the action items completed since the last meeting, and the Board did not have any questions.

13. **Next Steps**

1. Staff to finalize minutes and post to website.
2. CDMGSA entities to provide missing information on the well census (including total depth and perforation depth) by November 30, 2026. Wells with missing data after this date will be assumed to be pumping from the lower aquifer.
3. CDMGSA entities to register all wells within their jurisdiction by August 27, 2026.
4. Staff develop appeals form for review and consideration of approval on August 27.
5. Develop penalty fee schedule for inactive well noticing.
6. CBGSA entities fill out well meter registration form by October 1, 2026.
7. Staff draft fee schedule with \$1,000 per well for failure to register their meter by October 1. \$1,000 per month of continued failure to register.
8. Work with legal counsel to ensure proper noticing of public hearing.
9. Staff to model future timelines for fee collection / cash calls for next Board meeting.
10. Staff administer the 2nd cash call for remainder of FY26-27 activities (totaling \$287,601) at the 1/12th per entity split.
11. GSA entities remit payment by September 30, 2026.
12. Staff execute policy with GRSMA.
13. GSA entities collect groundwater level and quality samples in August, upload to DMS by September 30, 2026.

14. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)**
There were no reports provided.

Closed Session

15. **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 11:37 a.m.*

Open Session

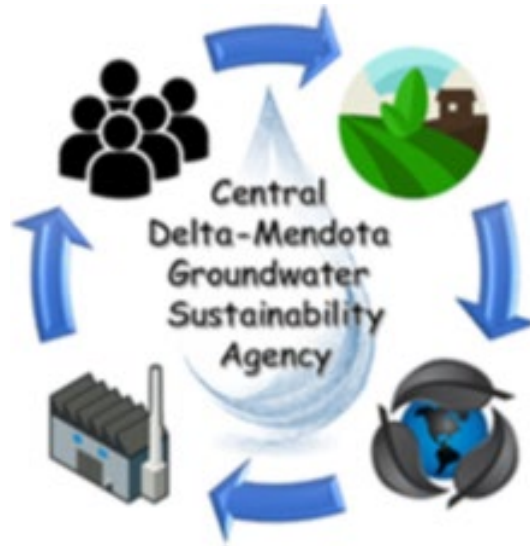
16. **Report Out of Closed Session**
The Board returned from closed session at 11:46 a.m. and Chair Barcellos stated there was no reportable action.

17. **Future Meetings**

- a. Central Delta-Mendota GSA
 - i. Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. PST (Santa Nella County Water District)

- b. Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee
 - i. Monday, August 10, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. PST (Grassland Water District)
- 18. **Adjournment**
Chair Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m. PST.

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

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Financial Statements

Fiscal Year-to-Date Through July 31, 2026

Statement of Net Position

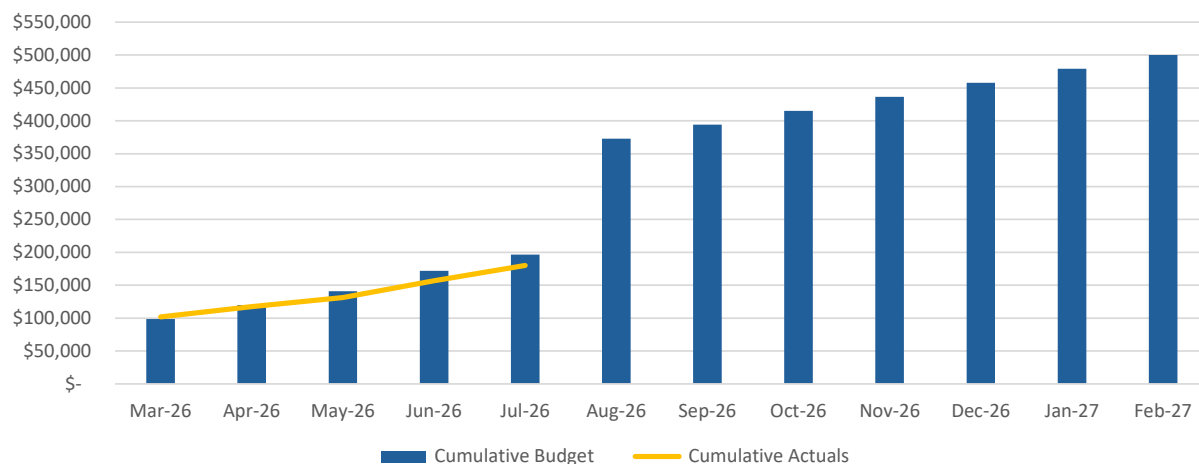
Current Assets	
Cash - JP Morgan Chase (<i>non-interest bearing checking</i>)	\$ 38,587
Cash - Wells Fargo (<i>interest bearing checking</i>)	48,718
Accounts Receivable	305,318
Total Assets	\$ 392,623
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 23,071
Accrued Expenses	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 23,071
Net Position	
Unrestricted	\$ 369,552
Total Net Position	\$ 369,552

Statement of Change in Net Position With Budget Variance

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue			
Member Agency Funding	\$ 500,203	\$ 212,601	\$ 287,602
Interest Income	2	-	2
Total Revenue	\$ 500,205	\$ 212,601	\$ 287,604
Operating Expenses			
DM Subbasin GSAs JPA Cost Share	\$ 76,621	\$ 76,621	\$ -
Legal Counsel	18,068	14,585	3,483
Program Manager/Executive Director	45,876	45,580	296
Technical Consultants	36,278	33,335	2,943
Audit	-	7,000	(7,000)
D&O Insurance	-	6,000	(6,000)
Website	978	1,110	(132)
Office and Admin Expense	2,288	1,835	453
Contingency	-	10,415	(10,415)
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 180,109	\$ 196,481	\$ (16,372)
Change in Net Position	\$ 320,096	\$ 16,120	\$ 303,976

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency

FYTD Budget-to-Actual

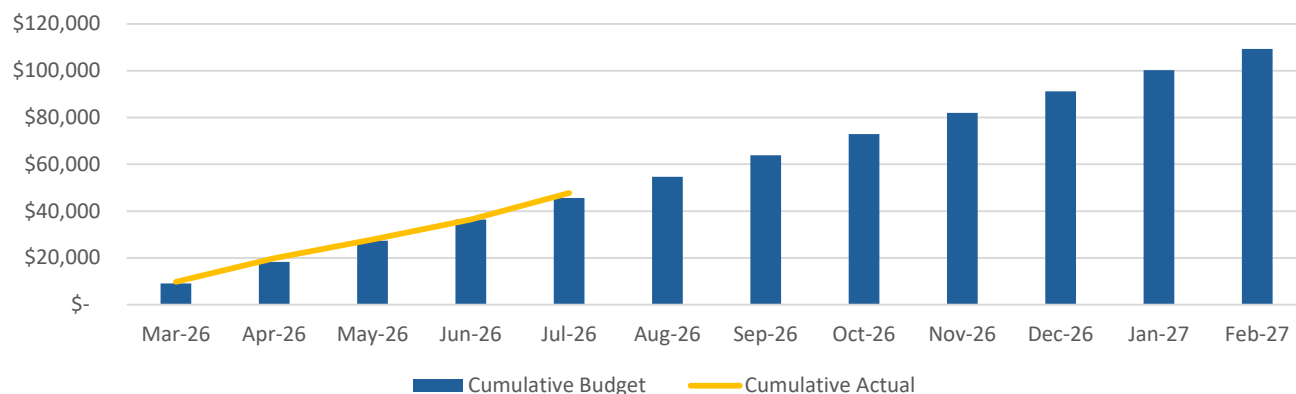


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Primary Contracts

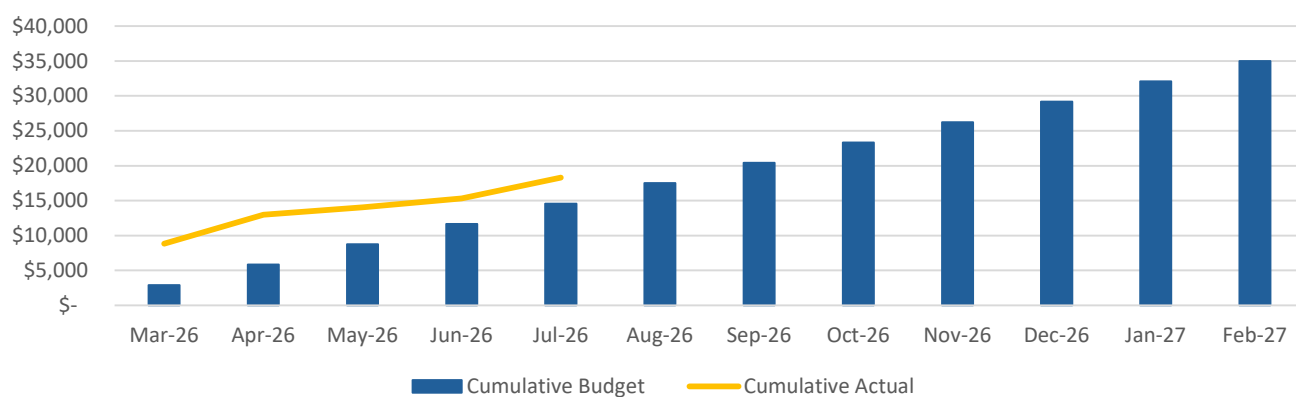
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FYTD Budget-to-Actual



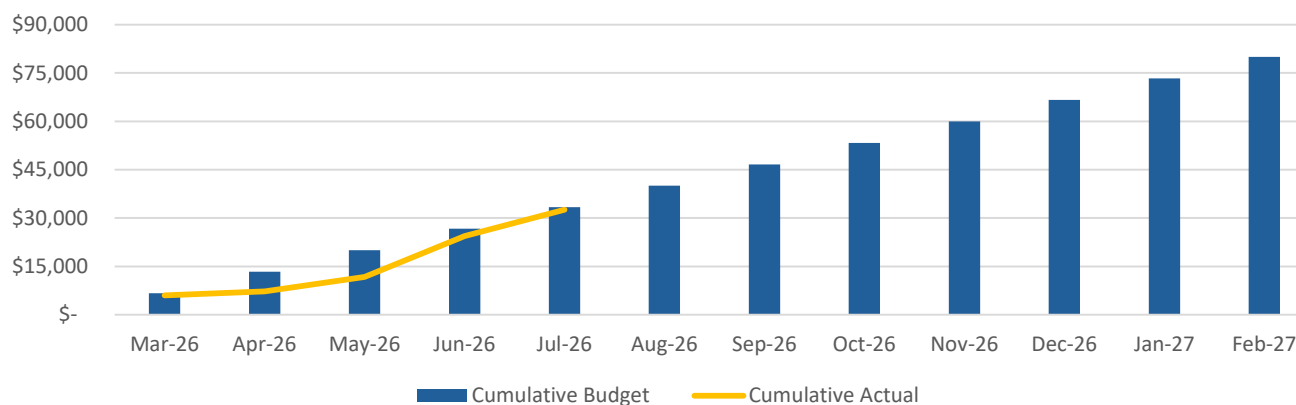
Baker Manock & Jensen

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 July 31, 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	Payment	ACH	Wells Fargo	0.45
04/11/2026	Bill Payment	ACH	Network Solutions	(79.49)
04/30/2026	Payment	ACH	Wells Fargo	0.44
05/13/2026	Payment	43414	Panoche Water District	17,716.79
05/13/2026	Payment	17038	Santa Nella Water District	17,716.79
05/13/2026	Payment	7772	Pacheco Water District	17,716.79
05/13/2026	Payment	1532	Tranquillity Irrigation District	17,716.79
05/22/2026	Payment	1710489	County of Merced	17,716.79
05/22/2026	Payment	1044	San Luis Water District	17,716.79
05/31/2026	Payment	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	Payment	2518	Widren Water District GSA	17,716.79
06/10/2026	Payment	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	Payment	3590	Eagle Field Water District	17,716.79
06/30/2026	Payment	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	Payment	218	Oro Loma Water District	17,716.79
07/28/2026	Payment	1643	Mercy Springs Water District	17,716.79
07/31/2026	Payment	ACH	Wells Fargo	0.41
				\$ 33,636.25

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Accounts Receivable
As of July 31, 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
Eagle Field Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Fresno Slough Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Mercy Springs Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Oro Loma Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Pacheco Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Panoche Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
San Luis Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Santa Nella Water District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Tranquillity Irrigation District	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Widren Water District GSA	23,967	-	-	-	-	23,967
Total	\$ 287,601	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,717	\$ 305,318

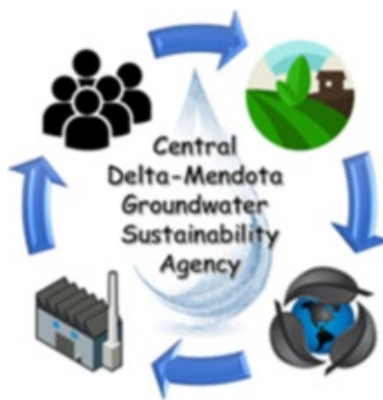
Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Accounts Payable
As of July 31, 2026

Name	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 And Over	Total
Baker Manock & Jensen	\$ 2,996	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,996
EKI Environment & Water	8,193	-	-	-	-	8,193
Hallmark Group	11,330	-	-	-	-	11,330
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group	552	-	-	-	-	552
Total	\$ 23,071	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,071

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency FY27 Annual Budget

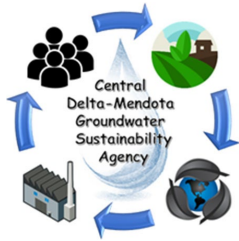
EXPENDITURES	FY27 Budget	YTD Spend Mar-Jul 2026	Remaining Budget
DM Subbasin GSAs JPA Cost Share	\$ 228,243	\$ 76,621	\$ 151,622
Legal Counsel	35,000	18,068	16,932
Program Manager/Executive Director	109,390	45,876	63,514
Technical Consultants	80,000	36,278	43,722
Audit	10,500	-	10,500
D&O Insurance	6,000	-	6,000
Website	1,670	978	692
Office and Admin Expense	4,400	2,288	2,112
Contingency	25,000	-	25,000
Total FY27 Expenditures	\$ 500,203	\$ 180,109	\$ 320,094

Attachment 2



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

Vendor/Consultant	Invoice Billing Period	Invoice Total
Baker Manock & Jensen	July 2026	\$2,995.52
EKI Environment & Water	July 2026	\$8,193.38
Hallmark Group	July 2026	\$11,329.66
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group	July 2026	\$552.40
Total		\$23,070.96



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 6

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Hearing Regarding Miscellaneous Fee Schedule

Recommendation

Hold a public hearing to review the miscellaneous fee schedule. Board adopt Res. 2026-05 establishing a miscellaneous fee schedule.

Discussion

On March 26, 2026, the CDMGSA Board adopted Res. 2026-02, which resolved Board approval of the Well Census and Registration Policy, including the fee schedule for well owners for failing to register active, inactive, abandoned, monitoring and production wells in the CDMGSA region.

On March 26, 2026, the CDMGSA Board adopted Res. 2026-03, which resolved Board approval of the Well Metering and Reporting Policy. However, the policy did not include a fee schedule for well owners for failing to meter new and existing production wells, inactive, and standby wells pursuant to the policy.

Therefore, On July 23, 2026, staff presented a draft fee schedule based on the schedule adopted in the Well Census and Registration policy and the Board provided feedback. The Board also directed staff to present the final fee schedule for consideration of approval at the August meeting. Legal counsel stated that the fee schedule for well owners failing to meter production wells could be included in the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule for the CDMGSA. However, a public hearing would need to be held before the Board could consider adoption of the miscellaneous fee schedule. Therefore, the Board directed staff to provide proper noticing for the public hearing and Board meeting on August 27, 2026.

The draft miscellaneous fee schedule (including penalty fees for failure to meter production wells in the CDMGSA) is provided in Exhibit A of Res. 2026-05, which is provided as **Attachment 1** for Board consideration of approval.

CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

ADOPTING THE MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE

A. **WHEREAS**, effective August 28, 2019, certain entities whose boundaries overlie a portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin number 5-22.07 of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin identified in the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) Bulletin 118, formed a joint powers authority known as the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the “CDMGSA”), which replaced a prior multi-agency groundwater sustainability agency. In 2026, two additional agencies joined the CDMGSA. The current 12 members of the CDMGSA are: Eagle Field Water District, Fresno Slough Water District, Mercy Springs Water District, Oro Loma Water District, Pacheco Water District, Panoche Water District, San Luis Water District, Santa Nella County Water District, Tranquillity Irrigation District, Widren Water District, the County of Fresno, and the County of Merced (was a “Member Agency”); and

B. **WHEREAS**, the CDMGSA is a groundwater sustainability agency (“GSA”) formed pursuant to the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Agreement, as amended, and the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code §§ 6500, *et seq.*) for the purpose of implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) within the Central Delta-Mendota Region of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (the “Subbasin”); and

C. **WHEREAS**, in March 2023, DWR determined the Subbasin’s prior Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”) to be inadequate, and the GSAs subsequently developed and adopted a single Delta-Mendota Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“D-M Subbasin GSP”), which was finalized in November 2024 and supersedes and replaces the prior GSPs; and

D. **WHEREAS**, the GSAs entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) to coordinate Subbasin-wide implementation and, effective December 1, 2025, formed the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority (“DM Authority”) to provide administrative, financial, and technical coordination for implementation of SGMA within the Subbasin; and

E. **WHEREAS**, the D-M Subbasin GSP includes management actions and programs, including a Domestic Well Mitigation Program and regional Pumping Reduction Plans (“PRPs”), including a Central PRP, which require accurate and reliable measurement and reporting of groundwater extractions; and

F. **WHEREAS**, accurate groundwater extraction data is necessary to evaluate basin conditions, prevent undesirable results such as chronic lowering of groundwater levels, and implement management actions, including pumping reductions and mitigation measures; and

G. **WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2026, the CDMGSA adopted Administrative Policy Number One – Well Census and Registration (the “Registration Policy”) to obtain and maintain accurate and comprehensive information from all users of groundwater wells within CDMGSA. On March 26, 2026, the CDMGSA adopted Administrative Policy Number Two – Well Metering and Reporting (the “Reporting Policy”; collectively, the “Policies”) to establish requirements for

measurement and reporting of groundwater extractions consistent with SGMA and the D-M Subbasin GSP; and

H. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article XIII C of the California Constitution, also referred to as Proposition (“Prop. 26”), the CDMGSA is authorized to establish fees and charges imposed for a specific benefit conferred or privilege granted, or a government service or product provided directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged, so long as the fees and charges do not exceed the reasonable costs to the CDMGSA of conferring the benefit or granting the privilege, or providing the service or product; and

I. **WHEREAS**, California Water Code section 10730 provides that a GSA may impose fees to cover costs of a groundwater sustainability program, including fees to fund the costs for investigations, inspections, and enforcement for compliance with SGMA; and

J. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Water Code section 10730(b)(2), the CDMGSA member agencies received notice of the time and place of the meeting held to adopt the fees, by posting notice on the Internet Web side of the CDMGSA and mailing notice to any interested party who filed a written request; and

K. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Water Code section 10730(b)(3), the CDMGSA made available to the public data upon which the proposed fee is based more than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting held to adopt the fees; and

L. **WHEREAS**, the CDMGSA now seeks to impose fees and penalties related to non-compliance with its Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency finds as follows:

1. The facts stated in the Recitals above are true and correct and the Board of Directors so finds, orders, and determines.

2. It is prudent and necessary for CDMGSA to implement fines and penalties related to non-compliance with its Policies in order to effectuate the purpose of the Policies and ensure compliance with those requirements in the D-M Subbasin GSP.

3. The CDMGSA hereby adopts the fines and penalties as set forth in the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

4. Fines and penalties may be imposed by the CDMGSA upon landowners and water users in accordance with the Policies and the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, and such fines and penalties are exempt under Proposition 26 at non-taxes.

5. This Miscellaneous Fee Schedule replaces and supersedes the fee schedules identified in its Policies.

6. The Board hereby finds and determines that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.

7. The Board of Directors authorizes its member agencies and the CDMGSA's consultants to take such other actions as necessary to implement the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Aaron Barcellos, Chairman

Attest:

Taylor Blakslee, Secretary

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I, Taylor Blakslee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, held on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this ____ day of _____, 2026.

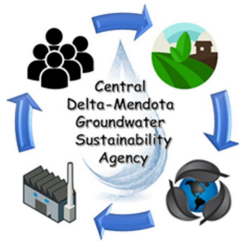
Taylor Blakslee, Secretary
Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater
Sustainability Agency

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EXHIBIT “A”

Miscellaneous Fee Schedule

Well Registration	
Registration of Domestic/Monitoring Wells	
Failure to register by 8/27/2026	\$100 per unregistered well
Continual failure to register	\$100 per well; first day of each quarter
Registration of Non-Operational Wells (Inactive, Standby, and Abandoned Wells)	
Failure to register by 8/27/2026	\$100 per unregistered well
Continual failure to register	\$500 per well; first day of each quarter
Registration of Production Wells (New and Existing)	
Failure to register by 8/27/2026	\$1,000 per unregistered well
Continual failure to register	\$90 per day; beginning 2nd quarter
Maximum per day	\$1,800 daily fee 100% each quarter
A well owner may petition the Central Delta-Mendota GSA Board of Directors to reduce the fee if a pump test performed by a third party, demonstrates maximum flow rate using the following formula: $\$900 \times \text{max (cfs)} \times \text{days late} \times \text{quarters}/10$	
Metering of Production Wells (New and Existing Production Wells, Inactive, and Standby Wells Included)	
Failure to register by 10/1/2026	\$1,000 per unregistered meter for each well
Continual failure to register	\$1,000 per month, per unregistered meter for each well
A well owner may petition the Central Delta-Mendota GSA Board of Directors to seek an exemption from installing a meter on an inactive well, which the Board may allow in its sole discretion.	
Failure to Provide Notice of Change in Status of Well	
Failure to provide notice of a change in status from inactive and non-metered to active 30 days prior to the status change.	\$1,000 penalty



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 7

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Well Registration Compliance and Consider Assessing Penalty Fees

Recommendation

Consider assessing penalty fees for any wells that are potentially still not registered in the CDMGSA by the adopted August 27, 2026 deadline.

Discussion

Update on Well Registration Compliance

On April 23, 2026, staff presented the Well Census Report from Provost & Pritchard (P&P) to the Board and staff distributed the report for GSAs to add any remaining wells that needed to be registered.

On June 29, 2026, the updated Well Census Report was presented to the Board and several CDMGSA entities reported that they needed an additional 30-45 days to register remaining wells in their area. The Board directed staff that no penalty fees would be incurred for wells not registered in the CDMGSA for another 30-45 days and asked staff to agendize an action item to extend the deadline.

On July 23, 2026, staff recommended setting August 27, 2026 as the new well registration deadline before penalty fees are assessed for well owners failing to register wells. The penalty fee schedule was provided to the Board for reference, and the Board approved the August 27, 2026 deadline.

Therefore, staff followed up with the GSAs that had requested additional time to register wells, and those GSA representatives confirmed that all wells in their district are now included in the CDMGSA Well Census Report. Staff will continue to work with GSA representatives to ensure all well information (including well depth and perforation depths) is provided by **November 30, 2026**. ***Note that wells with missing data after this deadline will be assumed to be pumping from the lower aquifer.*

Consideration of Assessing Fees for Remaining Unregistered Wells

Since the Board approved the August 27, 2026 deadline for well registration, **does the Board want to consider assessing fees for any wells that remain unregistered in the CDMGSA** pursuant to the fee schedule in Exhibit A of Res. 2026-05 **at this time?**



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 8

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Approve Inactive Well Exemption Form from Metering Requirement

Recommendation

Approve the appeals form for landowners seeking exemption from the well metering requirement.

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.

During the June 29, 2026 meeting, the requirement to meter inactive wells (pursuant to the Well Metering and Reporting Policy) was discussed and at least one Board member requested that “inactive well” be defined or removed from the requirement. The Board directed staff to work with legal counsel to consider addressing this issue in the policy.

On July 23, 2026, staff presented a few options to the Board for addressing this policy concern, and recommended the Board consider an appeals process for landowners seeking exemption from the well metering requirement. Ultimately, the Board directed staff to draft an appeal/exemption form for individual landowners or GSA representatives on behalf of landowners seeking exemption from the metering requirement.

The draft appeals form is provided as **Attachment 1** for Board consideration of approval.



CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Well Metering Exemption Request

Submitted Pursuant to Administrative Policy Number Two – Well Metering and Reporting (Adopted March 26, 2026)

This form is to be completed in its entirety by a well owner requesting that the CDMGSA Board of Directors consider an exemption from the metering requirement for an inactive production well. Submission of this form does not guarantee approval. Please attach current photographs of the well and wellhead as indicated below, and submit the completed form to administration@cdm-gsa.com or by mail to Santa Nella County Water District, 12931 CA-33, Gustine, CA, 95322.

1. Landowner / Well Owner Information

Name of Well Owner:

Member Agency:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

2. Well Identification

Well ID / Registration No.:

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):

County:

Latitude / Longitude (if known):

Physical Location / Address of Well (if known):

3. Well Pumping History

Date the well was last used to pump groundwater (month/year, or "unknown"):

Date the well was installed (if known):

Approximate total period of time the well has been inactive:

Attachment 1

Describe the historical use of the well prior to becoming inactive (e.g., irrigation, domestic, stock watering) and reason pumping stopped:

4. Current Condition and Status of the Well

Describe the current physical condition of the well and wellhead (e.g., capped, sealed, disconnected from pump/power, condition of casing):

- ☐ Well is physically capable of pumping if reconnected
- ☐ Well is disconnected from pump and/or power source
- ☐ Well is capped or sealed
- ☐ Well owner intends to formally abandon/destroy the well (attach details, if applicable)

Does the Well Owner intend to use this well in the future? If so, describe anticipated use and timeframe:

5. Basis for Requested Exemption

Explain why this well should be exempted from the Well Metering Policy's metering requirement (e.g., cost burden, well status, alternative means of verifying non-use):

6. Required Attachments

- ☐ Photograph(s) of the wellhead showing current condition (required)
- ☐ Any supporting documentation (e.g., prior correspondence with CDMGSA, well destruction report, power disconnection records)

7. Certification

Attachment 1

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the information provided in this request, including all attachments, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the CDMGSA Board of Directors retains sole discretion to grant, deny, or condition any exemption, and that the CDMGSA or its agents may inspect the well to verify the information provided.

☐ Pursuant to Res. 2026-05 Adopting the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, I certify that I will provide notice to the CDMGSA of any change in status from inactive and non-metered to active at least 30 days prior to any change in status.

Signature of Well Owner:

Date:

Printed Name:

Title (if applicable):

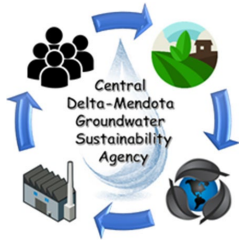
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Date Received:

Staff Reviewer:

☐ Referred to Board of Directors for consideration — Meeting Date:

Board Action: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Approved with Conditions



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 9

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Authorize Budget Amendment with Woodard & Curran for DWR Grant Administration

Recommendation

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

Discussion

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

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

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

Therefore, if approved, W&C's new contract would total \$62,640. W&C's contract amendment was presented to the DM Subbasin JPA Board on August 10, 2026, and GSA representatives vouched for the justification for the requested additional funds. However, the contract amendment had not yet been presented to or approved by the Northern DM Committee nor the Central DM GSA Board. Therefore, the DM Subbasin JPA Board directed staff to present this item to the Northern DM and Central DM GSA Groups to provide official recommendation for approval at the next DM Subbasin JPA Board meeting.

The W&C contract amendment is provided as **Attachment 1**, and staff is seeking Board direction on recommending authorization of the additional \$10,000 to complete Prop 68 grant administration.

Via Electronic Mail

August 4, 2026



Taylor Blakslee
Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Power Authority
5260 North Palm Ave., Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93704

Re: Request for Budget Amendment for Proposition (Prop) 68 Grant Administration

Dear Taylor:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

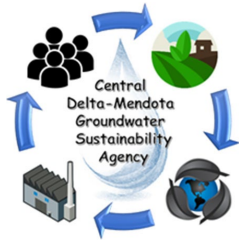
Please feel free to contact me at (916) 999-8778 or via email at ldumas@woodardcurran.com with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Woodard & Curran, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Dumas".

Leslie Dumas, PE
Senior Technical Leader



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 10

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Direction on Grant Opportunities

Recommendation

Board feedback needed on:

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

Discussion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Staff recommendation:

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

2. Should the DM JPA Apply for Three Specific Upcoming Grant Opportunities?

Several grant funding opportunities are expected to be available starting as early as fall 2026 and a presentation describing three (3) of those grants and next steps is provided as **Attachment 1**.

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

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

3. What Level Should the Basin Participate in the SLDMWA Regional Grant Program?

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

Program Overview:

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

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

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

Staff recommendation:

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

For discussion purposes only

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

DWR SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (SGM) GRANT PROGRAM

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

Eligible Applicants

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

Program Priorities

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

Eligible Projects

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

DOC MULTIBENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM (MLRP)

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

Eligible Applicants

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

Program Priorities

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

Eligible Projects

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

DWR WATERSHED RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM

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

Eligible Applicants

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

Program Priorities

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

Eligible Projects

Early Action Implementation

- Water conservation projects and watershed resilience implementation projects

Planning + Solicitation

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

PROPOSED ACTION PLAN

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

DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN PROJECT INFORMATION FORM



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

DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

AFFECTED SUSTAINABILITY INDICATOR (check all that apply):

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

TYPE (check all that apply):

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

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

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| ☐ Water Demand Reduction | ☐ Conservation | ☐ Land / Water Use Changes |
| ☐ Infrastructure / Capital Project | ☐ Policy Project | |
| ☐ Data Gap Filling / Monitoring | ☐ Water Quality Improvement | |
| ☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text. | | |

COSTS & FUNDING SOURCE(s):

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE / TIMING:

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

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

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

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

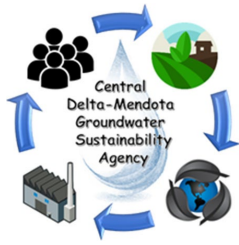
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE / PERMITTING STATUS (CEQA/NEPA status; anticipated permits and agencies): Click or tap here to enter text.

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

**DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN
PROJECT INFORMATION FORM**

ENTITIES LIKELY TO PROVIDE LETTER(S) OF SUPPORT: Click or tap here to enter text.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS (as necessary): Click or tap here to enter text.



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 11

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Public Comment Letters on the GSP

Recommendation

None; Information only.

Discussion

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

To ensure public input in decisions impacting groundwater, and to ensure accountability and transparency, DWR opened the DM Subbasin GSP up for a 75-day public comment period (which ended on August 15, 2026). A summary of the entities from which public comments were received is provided below.

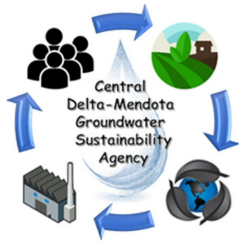
No.	Submitted By	Entity Name	Date Submitted	Number of Pages
1	Annette Tenneboe	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	8/12/2026	34
2	Adam Weinberg	California Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 4	8/12/2026	34
3	David Sarkisian	State Water Project	8/14/2026	37
4	Johnny Amaral	Friant Water Authority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

Board feedback needed: While in the current budget and scope for EKI, EKI is **seeking Board feedback regarding developing a more detailed summary of the comment letters**, including a recommendation for incorporating those comments and responding to agencies.

GSP PUBLIC REVIEW COMMENTS RECEIVED

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

Commenting Entity	Main Concerns
Friant Water Authority (FWA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subsidence and critical infrastructure: 2024 GSP does not adequately protect the Delta-Mendota Canal from further subsidence or sufficiently evaluate the causes, thresholds, management actions, and monitoring needed to protect the canal.
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ISW protection and monitoring: 2024 GSP does not adequately address sustainable yield, protection from depletion of interconnected surface waters, surface water monitoring, or compliance with public trust and unreasonable use doctrines.
State Water Project (SWP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subsidence and critical infrastructure: 2024 GSP allows additional subsidence that could further impact the San Luis Canal before Undesirable Results are triggered.
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental and ecosystem impacts: 2024 GSP does not adequately address groundwater-dependent ecosystems, interconnected surface waters, critical infrastructure, water quality, or environmental beneficial uses and users of groundwater.



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 13

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

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

Recommendation

None; Information only.

Discussion

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

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

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



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July 29, 2026

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

Dear Jarrett Martin,

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

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

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

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

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

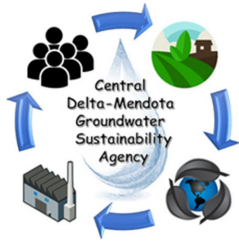
The Department's Monitoring Network Module indicates that the Subbasin did not perform monitoring on 20 of the representative monitoring site (RMS) locations for either the seasonal low period in Water Year 2025, which represents 20% of the total RMS network. Additionally, four (4) RMS locations have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

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

Thank You,



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



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 14

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

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

Recommendation

None; Information only.

Discussion

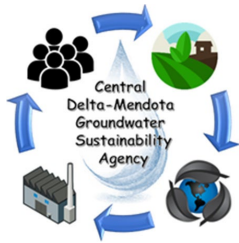
On June 8, 2026, the DM Subbasin JPA Board authorized the cost share allocation for EKI to perform a phased model calibration. During the July and August Committee and Board meetings, EKI requested well registration and pumping data from the GSAs to inform the model calibration effort. On July 16, staff 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.

Board feedback needed: Does the Board want Hallmark Group to collect all information from the CDMGSA entities and upload the information to the Egnyte portal?

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

CDMGSA Entity	Well Registration	Well Census Missing Info. (depths)	Pumping Data (WY 2026)
Eagle Field WD	✓	✓	No Pumping*
Fresno County WD	✓	Fresno White Area Wells Missing Data	No Pumping
Fresno Slough WD	✓	✓	Not yet received
Merced County WD	✓	✓	No Pumping
Mercy Springs WD	✓	Missing Data	Not yet received
Oro Loma WD	✓	✓	No Pumping
Pacheco WD	✓	Missing Data	Not yet received
Panoche WD	✓	Missing Data	Not yet received
San Luis WD	✓	Missing Data	Not yet received
Santa Nella County WD	✓	Missing Data	Not yet received
Tranquillity	✓	✓	Not yet received
Widren	✓	✓	✓

*Standby charges; pumping only to obtain representative monitoring samples.



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 15

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Meter Registration Policy Implementation

Recommendation

None; Information only.

Discussion

The Well Metering and Reporting Policy requires that all wells have a meter installed and that monthly data from the meter be available for review and be reported to CDMGSA on an annual basis. On June 29, 2026, several CDMGSA entity representatives stated that they recalled providing meter registration data to San Luis Water District (SLWD) and Provost & Pritchard (P&P) staff in the past and directed Hallmark staff to follow up with these entities to determine where that information may have been stored. Staff followed up with both groups and learned that while there was a process for providing well registration information to San Luis Water District or Santa Nella County Water District staff, there was no official process by which the GSA entities submitted meter registration data. Therefore, meter registration data needs to be collected for all CDMGSA entities.

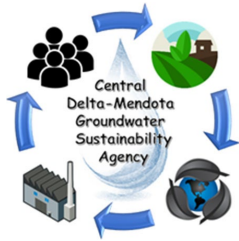
On June 29, the Board directed staff to agendize the decision to consider a meter registration deadline of September 1, 2026 at the July Board meeting.

On July 23, 2026, staff provided a simplified meter registration form and an excel template for reporting monthly groundwater extraction volumes. Both forms were distributed to CDMGSA members and posted on the CDMGSA website. During the meeting, **the Board approved October 1, 2026 as the meter registration deadline before well owners incur penalty fees.**

An update on the status of meter registration by CDMGSA entity is provided below:

CDMGSA Entity	Meter Registration
Eagle Field	Not yet received.
Fresno County	Not yet received.
Fresno Slough	Not yet received.
Merced County	Not yet received.
Mercy Springs	Not yet received.
Oro Loma	Not yet received.

Pacheco	Not yet received.
Panoche	Not yet received.
San Luis	Not yet received.
Santa Nella County	Not yet received.
Tranquillity	Not yet received.
Widren	✓



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 16

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Report on the Use of a Volumetric Component for Future Fees

Recommendation

Board feedback needed on the pumping period for ongoing assessment true up.

Discussion

Background

On July 23, 2026, staff reported that several Central Delta-Mendota GSA (CDMGSA) Members would need to estimate their water use since they are not fully metered yet. Due to this, the Board directed staff to invoice the second cash call on a per entity split but to true up for Fiscal Year 2027-2028. The Board also directed staff to illustrate what incorporating a volumetric component to the cash calls would be on an ongoing basis.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 True Up

a. Calculation

The true-up for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 was developed using the following steps:

1. Determine what each Member was invoiced in FY 26-27.
2. Calculate what each Member should have been invoiced assuming 50% was based on pumping.
3. Calculate the difference between these two for each Member to determine credit(s)/debit(s).
4. Apply the credit(s)/debit(s) to the FY 27-28 invoices.

Attachment 1 illustrates these steps, however, staff made the below two assumptions for illustration purposes and *notes that this is a conceptual model to show how the credit(s)/debit(s) work and should not be relied upon to determine what each Members FY 27-28 invoice will be at this time.*

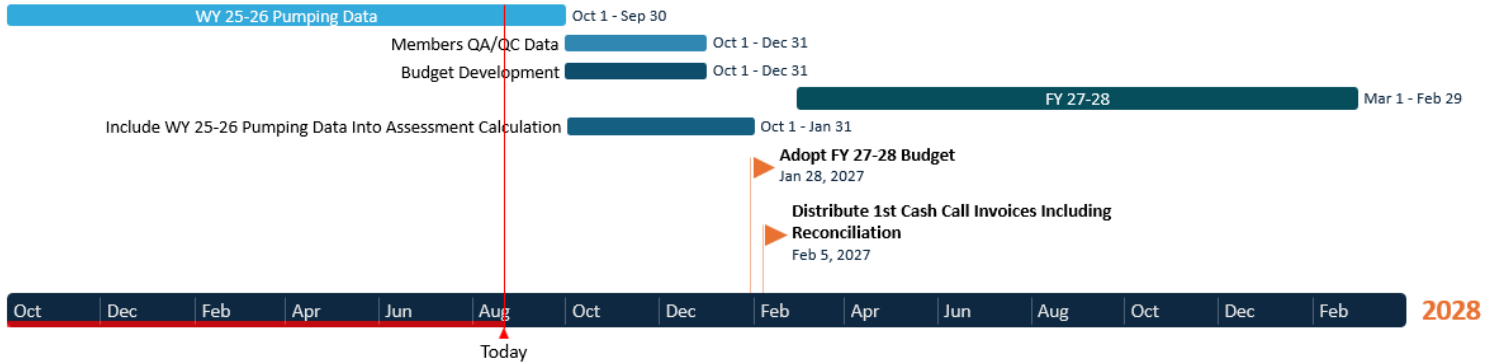
Assumptions:

1. **Pumping estimates:** Staff used Water Year 2024-2025 reported pumping and Member estimates for this period but will update to the WY 25-26 period prior to the reconciliation.

2. **FY 2027-2028 Budget Estimate:** For illustrative purposes, staff assumed the FY 27-28 budget at \$500,000 which is similar to the current budget.

b. True Up Timing

The FY 26-27 true-up is anticipated to follow the below schedule.



Including 50% Volumetric Component for Ongoing Invoicing

Staff propose to use the prior Water Year pumping data for the following Fiscal Year period which is illustrated above. Using the previous Water Year period will provide the appropriate time for Members to QA/QC the data prior to incorporating in the invoice calculations, whereas using the calendar year period would not provide for sufficient review by Members prior to the need to issue initial Fiscal Year cash calls.

Board Feedback Needed: Does the Board agree to using the Water Year period for purposes of the following Fiscal Year invoice/cash call calculations?

Attachment 1

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Central Delta-Mendota GSA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Assessments True Up

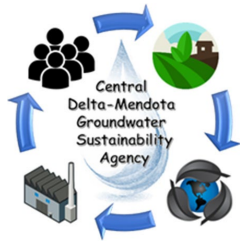
Conceptual, for Illustrative Purposes Only

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
			What Members Paid for FY 2027 (No Volumetric)			True-Up to Account for FY 2027 Cash Calls Including 50% Volumetric Component									
			Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Invoiced			WY 2024-2025 ¹	Pumping %	FY 27 Cash Call Calculation (w/ 50% Pumping)			Credit/Debit	FY 27-28 Example Fee + FY 27 Cash Call True-Up			
			1st Cash Call	2nd Cash Call	Total			Pumping (50%)	Entity (50%)	Total	Adj.	Entity (50%)	Pumping (50%)	Total ²	FY 27-28 Invoice w/ FY 26-27 Credits/Debits Applied ³
1	Eagle Field	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 20,842	\$ 20,842	\$ (20,842)	\$ 20,833	\$ -	\$ 20,833	\$ (8)
2	Fresno Slough	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 20,842	\$ 20,842	\$ (20,842)	\$ 20,833	\$ -	\$ 20,833	\$ (8)
3	County of Fresno	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 20,842	\$ 20,842	\$ (20,842)	\$ 20,833	\$ -	\$ 20,833	\$ (8)
4	County of Merced	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 20,842	\$ 20,842	\$ (20,842)	\$ 20,833	\$ -	\$ 20,833	\$ (8)
5	Mercy Springs	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	1,400	7.40%	\$ 18,516	\$ 20,842	\$ 39,358	\$ (2,326)	\$ 20,833	\$ 18,509	\$ 39,342	\$ 37,017
6	Oro Loma	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	-	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 20,842	\$ 20,842	\$ (20,842)	\$ 20,833	\$ -	\$ 20,833	\$ (8)
7	Pacheco	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	23	0.12%	\$ 304	\$ 20,842	\$ 21,146	\$ (20,538)	\$ 20,833	\$ 304	\$ 21,137	\$ 600
8	Panoche	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	6,139	32.46%	\$ 81,194	\$ 20,842	\$ 102,035	\$ 60,352	\$ 20,833	\$ 81,161	\$ 101,994	\$ 162,346
9	San Luis WD	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	8,527	45.09%	\$ 112,777	\$ 20,842	\$ 133,619	\$ 91,935	\$ 20,833	\$ 112,731	\$ 133,565	\$ 225,500
10	Santa Nella County WD	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	141	0.75%	\$ 1,865	\$ 20,842	\$ 22,707	\$ (18,977)	\$ 20,833	\$ 1,864	\$ 22,697	\$ 3,721
11	Traquillity ID	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	2,575	13.62%	\$ 34,057	\$ 20,842	\$ 54,898	\$ 13,215	\$ 20,833	\$ 34,043	\$ 54,876	\$ 68,091
12	Widren WD	8.3%	\$ 17,717	\$ 23,967	\$ 41,684	105	0.56%	\$ 1,389	\$ 20,842	\$ 22,230	\$ (19,453)	\$ 20,833	\$ 1,388	\$ 22,221	\$ 2,768
		100.00%	\$ 212,601	\$ 287,601	\$ 500,202	18,910	100.00%	\$ 250,101	\$ 250,101	\$ 500,202	\$ (0)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

¹ Pumping data to be updated to Water Year 2025-2026 once available and QA/QC'd by Members.

² Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Budget estimated at \$500,000 for illustration purposes only.

³ Fiscal Year 2027-2028 invoice with FY 26-27 credits/debits applied is for illustrative purposes only and should not be used to estimate Member invoices for FY 27-28.



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 18

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 2026

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

Recommendation

None; information only.

Discussion

An update on PRP Implementation and Exceedance Reporting is provided as **Attachment 1**.

Please note that the target month for Q3 water level and water quality monitoring is August 2026. This memo is a reminder to **please conduct your sampling by August 31, 2026**, and have both groundwater level and water quality data uploaded to the DMS by **September 30, 2026**.

For groundwater quality sampling, it is imperative that analyses for all 6 constituents of concern are conducted by your respective labs. The 6 COC's are Arsenic; nitrate; 1,2,3-TCP; gross alpha radioactivity; TDS; and hexavalent chromium.

PRP REMINDER #1: MONITORING & REPORTING

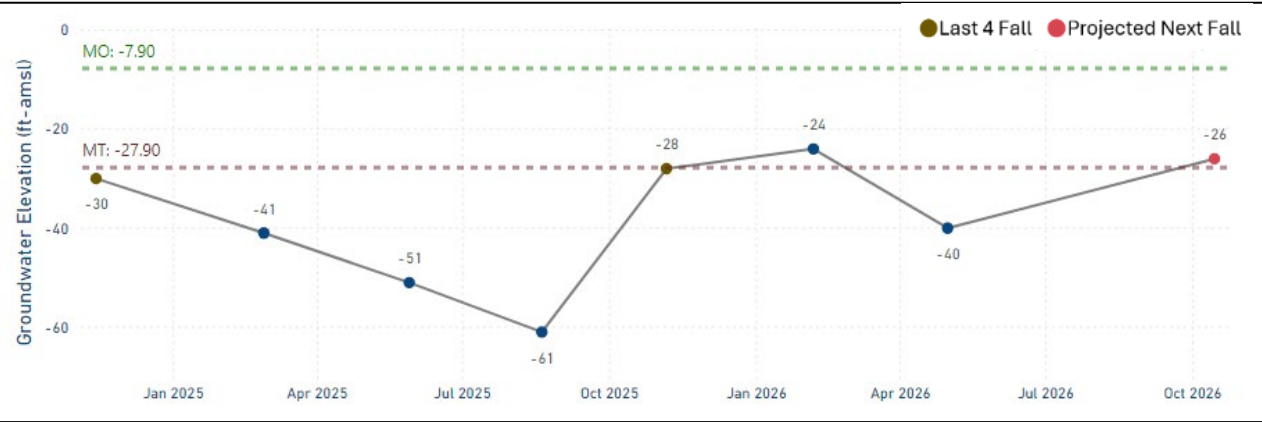
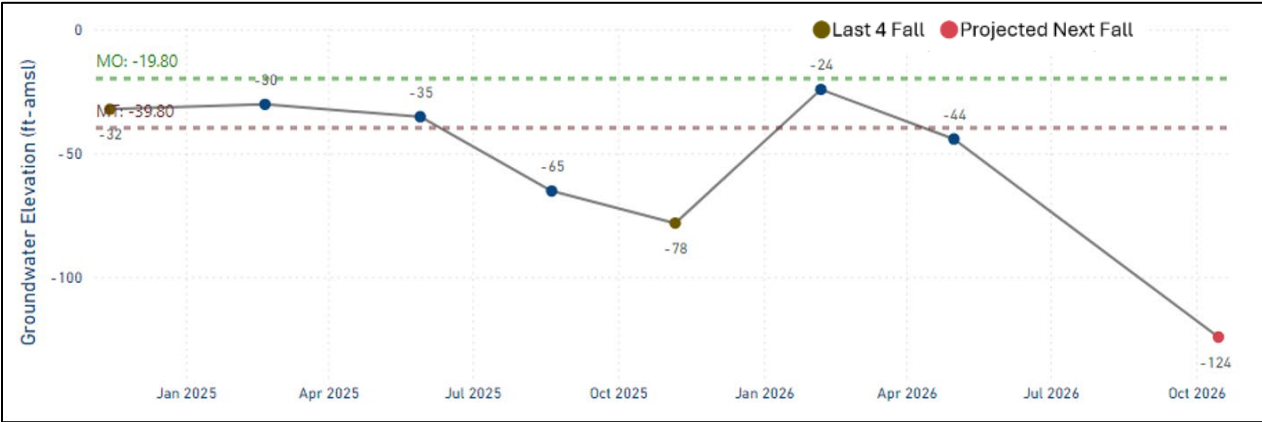
- Q3 sampling (WL and WQ) should be completed **by August 31st**, with data QAQC and upload to the DMS **by September 30th**
- Data should be collected and uploaded to the DMS **on time** to ensure adequate time for QAQC and timely PRP updates
- Continue with pending investigation or required actions: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

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

DMS Site Name	Local Well Name	Aquifer	Trigger Reason	Investigation Status	Q2 Results
07-189	Well 18	Lower	PRP triggered last Fall, MT exceedance again this Fall and in Q2 2026	Investigation completed; monthly VWL monitoring is being conducted → Staff to conduct landowner outreach to provide supplemental water and reduce pumping.	MT Exceedance
07-212	Well 31	Lower	MT Exceedance in Fall 2025/ PRP Trigger	Investigation completed; monthly VWL monitoring is being conducted → Staff to conduct landowner outreach to provide supplemental water and reduce pumping.	MT Exceedance

Well 18 (07-189)

Well 31 (07-212)



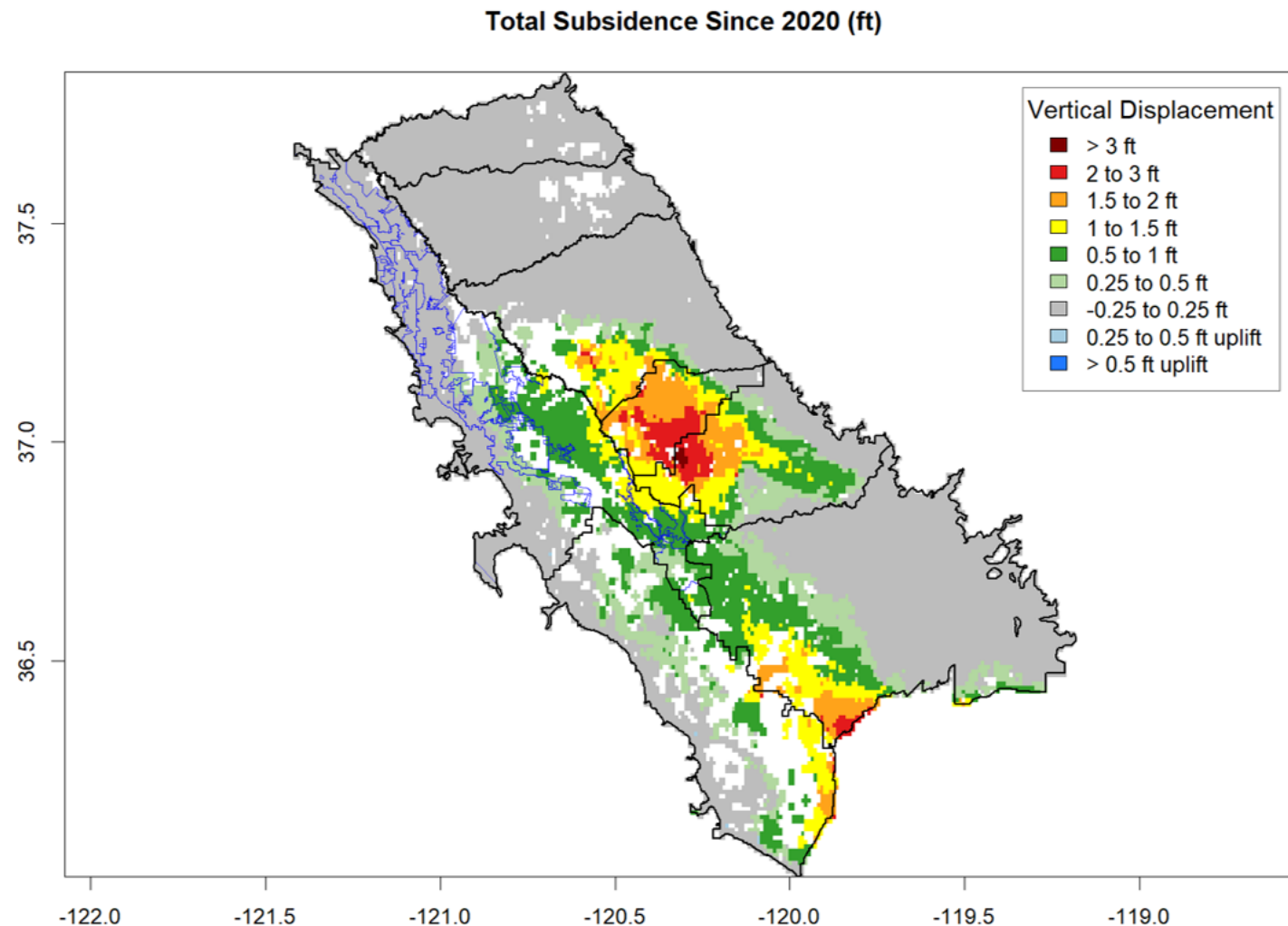
GWQ EXCEEDANCES & TRIGGERS: 2026 Q1 (FEB)

- Per MOA, investigation and reporting of verified exceedances is needed within 60 days.
- RMW-VVQs that triggered PRP investigation in August 2025 require more frequent monitoring (quarterly) unless recommended otherwise by the investigation and approved by JPA and Subbasin technical consultant.

DMS Site Name	COC	Local Well Name	GSA	Aquifer	August 2025 Trigger Reason	Q1 (Feb 2026) Results
07-028	TDS	MP093.27L	CDM GSA	Lower	Investigation triggered, pumping reduction not required due to insufficient samples	MT Exceedance, declined since Aug
07-032	TDS	CDMGSA-01D	CDM GSA	Lower	Investigation triggered, pumping reduction not required due to insufficient samples	MT Exceedance, increased since Aug
07-031	TDS	CDMGSA-01C	CDM GSA	Upper	Investigation triggered, pumping reduction not required due to insufficient samples	MT Exceedance, declined since Aug
07-036	TDS	PWD Well 20	CDM GSA	Lower	Investigation triggered, pumping reduction not required due to insufficient samples	MT Exceedance, declined since Aug
07-034	TDS	MP092.20R	CDM GSA	Lower	Possible Future Trigger	MT Exceedance, not sampled in Aug
07-033	TDS	TW-4 Upper	CDM GSA	Upper	Possible Future Trigger	MT Exceedance, increased since July

PRP REMINDER #2: SUBSIDENCE AVOIDANCE

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



PRP REMINDER #3: WELL REGISTRATION AND OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

■ Component #1: Monitoring & Reporting

- Well registration and Well Metering deadline was January 2026
- Need to replace composite or production wells used as RMWs by 2030.

■ Component #2: Overdraft Reduction

- Zones are required to reduce pumping by the totals provided as part of the PRP →
Updates should be tracked by GSAs.

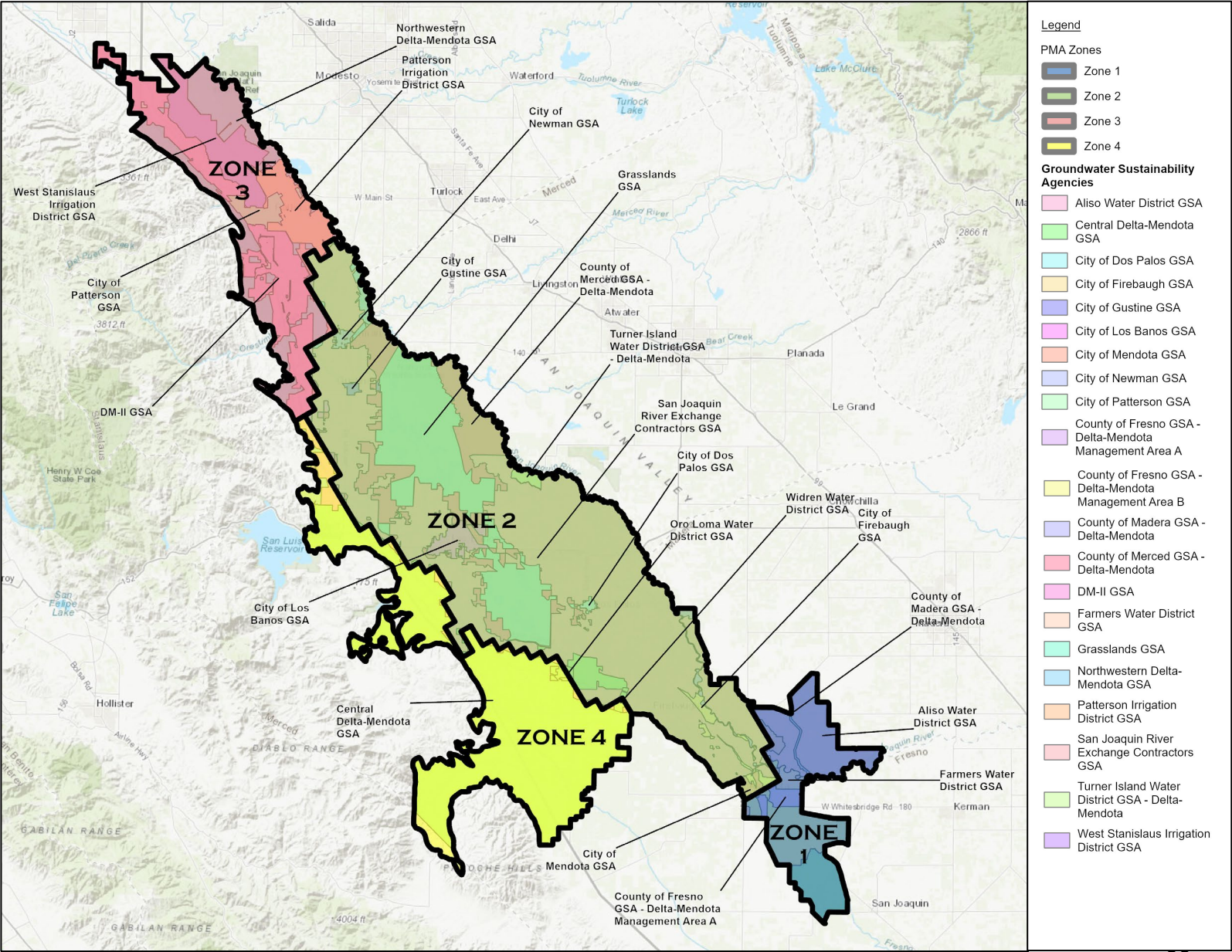
COMPONENT #2: OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

Required Reduction for Overdraft Mitigation by
end of WY 2030

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

“Allowable” Pumping in WY 2026

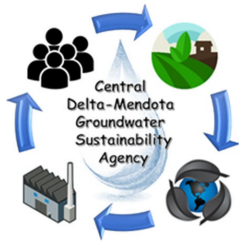
	Upper Aquifer (AFY)	Lower Aquifer (AFY)
Zone 1	87,022	15,073
Zone 2	129,293	13,408
Zone 3	27,522	49,555
Zone 4	31,787	84,683
Basin	275,624	162,720



COMPONENT #2: OVERDRAFT REDUCTION

- Overdraft reduction planned based on 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.

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 ⁶¹



TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 19

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: August 27, 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**. A timeline with key deadlines for various data requests and budget items is provided as **Attachment 2**.

Attachment 1

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action Item	Assigned	Due Date	Status	Status & Notes
3/26/2026	12	Email entities regarding well registration and metering compliance, distribute reporting forms, post the policies and reporting forms on the website.	K. Liddy	7/23/2026	Done / In Progress	Staff coordinating with GSA entities to finalize well census and metering compliance updates.
5/28/2026	9	All CDMGSA entities submit missing Q1 and Q2 GWL data for DMS upload.	K. Liddy	6/29/2026	Done	Staff coordinating with GSA entities to upload missing Q1 data and Q2 GWL.
6/29/2026	7	Work with legal counsel on language in the Well Metering and Reporting Policy, define inactive wells versus abandoned wells.	Hallmark Group	8/27/2026	Done	Discussed appeals option at 7/23 meeting.
6/29/2026	7	Coordinate with Montgomery regarding County well permitting and metering requirement.	Hallmark Group	Ongoing	In Progress	Staff to coordinate asap.
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	7b	Develop penalty fee schedule for inactive well noticing.	Hallmark Group	8/27/2026	Done	
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	7d	draft fee schedule with \$1,000 per well for failure to register their meter by October 1. \$1000 per month of continued failure to register. Set public hearing for fee adoption.	Hallmark Group	8/27/2026	Done	Board considered adopting the miscellaneous fee schedule on 8/27, and a public hearing was held.
7/23/2026	7e	Staff to model future timelines for fee collection / cash calls for next Board meeting.	Hallmark Group	8/27/2026	Done	

7/23/2026	8	Administer the 2nd cash call for remainder of FY26-27 activities (totaling \$287,601) at the 1/12th per entity split.	Hallmark Group	8/1/2026	Done	Entities remit payment by September 30, 2026.
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.
7/23/2026	9	Execute D&O insurance policy with GSRMS for \$5,212	Hallmark Group	8/1/2026	Done	Chair signed policy and no known losses letter on 7/28/2026.
7/23/2026	11	GSA entities collect groundwater level and quality samples in August, upload data to DMS by September 30, 2026.	CDMGSA Entities	9/30/2026	In Progress	Staff tracking data upload.

Key Deadlines for the CDMGSA

