

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.

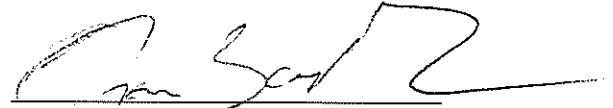
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency this 27th day of August 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Aragona, Barcellos, McCoy, Miles, Ramirez, Silva, Western

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McBride, Montgomery, Sloan, Wade


Aaron Barcellos, Chairman

Attest:



Taylor Blakslee, Secretary

Date: August 27, 2026

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 27th day of August, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 27th day of August, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Taylor Blakslee".

Taylor Blakslee, Secretary
Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater
Sustainability Agency

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