



REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, California

TUESDAY, December 16, 2025

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

12:00PM

CLOSED SESSION:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1):
 - 1. SWRCB Kern River.
 - 2. Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District, et al. v. Kern County Water Agency, et al. (CVC).
 - 3. Kern Delta Water District et al. v. Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District, et al. (Onyx Ranch CEQA).
 - 4. Bring Back the Kern, et al. v. City of Bakersfield, et al.
 - 5. Sierra Club v. California Department of Water Resources (Delta Conveyance Project Validation).
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2),(e)(1):
 - 1. Two Matter.

REGULAR SESSION:

1:00PM

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC

- I. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any matter not on the agenda, but absent extraordinary circumstances, the Board may not act on such matters. Members of the public may address items of interest that are listed on the agenda prior to the Board's decision on such items.)
- II. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (The Board will consider various non-controversial routine items and issues relating to matters which are of interest to the District. Any Board Member may request that any or all items be considered and acted upon independently of the others.)
 - A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2025.
 - B. Approval of November/December District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) Disbursements.
 - C. Approval of November/December District Disbursements.
- III. **BUSINESS AND FINANCE** (The Board will consider various items and issues relating to financial matters which are of interest to the District.)
 - A. Business & Finance Committee Report – December 11, 2025.
 - i. Approval of November 2025 Financial Reports.

- IV. OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS** (The Board will consider various items and issues relating to matters which have been, or will be, considered by committees of the Board and which are of interest to the District.)
- A. Operations and Projects Committee Report – December 2, 2025 (Canceled).
 - i. District Encroachment Permit Report.
 - ii. District Facility and Banking Maintenance Report.
 - iii. Pending Development Projects.
 - iv. Sunset Groundwater Banking Project Update.
 - v. Update on Shutdown Projects.
 - B. Review and Approval of Agreement with Dobitz Construction, Inc. for District Shop Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$595,276.
- V. WATER RESOURCES REPORT** (The Board will consider various items and issues relating to the Kern River of interest to the District.)
- A. District Watermaster Report.
 - i. State Water Project – 2026 SWP Allocation 10%.
 - ii. Kern River Runoff Forecast April – July.
 - iii. Water Management Update.
 - B. Kern River Watermaster Report.
 - C. District Groundwater Manager Report.
- VI. MANAGER'S REPORT** (The General Manager will discuss, and the Board will consider various items and issues relating to the ongoing and future operations of the District which are of interest to the Board)
- A. Verbal.
 - i. SGMA Update – SWRCB Letter to DWR Returning Kern Subbasin to DWR.
 - ii. Land IQ Update – Daily ET and Precipitation Tool.
 - B. External Agency Report.
 - C. Water Banking Projects Report.
- VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT** (Legal Counsel will discuss, and the Board will consider items and issues of legal interest to the District.)
- A. Upcoming Board Training and Election of Board Officers.
 - B. Valley Ag Water Coalition 2025 Annual Report.
- VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** (This item provides Board Members with an opportunity to make announcements or provide general comments.)
- IX. ADJOURN**

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Tab II





To: Kern Delta Water District Board of Directors

From: Steven Teglia – General Manager

Date: December 16, 2025

Re: Agenda Item II – Consent Calendar

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve items A through C listed under Agenda Item II – Consent Calendar.

DISCUSSION:

Consent Calendar items are non-controversial routine matters. Board Members may request that any or all items listed under the Consent Calendar be moved to the regular agenda to be discussed and voted on separately. Otherwise, all items will be approved through one motion and vote.

II A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2025 (attached).

II B. Approval of November/December District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) Disbursements totaling \$251,432.50* (attached), recommended for approval by the Business and Finance Committee.

II C. Approval of November/December District Disbursements (attached).

**The December 2, 2025 Operations and Projects Committee meeting was canceled. As a result, the District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) invoices were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Business and Finance Committee on December 11, 2025.*



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 18, 2025

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 12:04PM– 2:53PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Palla, Mendonca, Antongiovanni, Tillema, Garone, Spitzer, Fanucchi, and Kaiser.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Borba.

STAFF PRESENT: General Manager Teglia, Assistant General Manager Bellue, General Counsel Iger, Controller Duncan, Hydrographer Hyatt, and Groundwater Manager Marquez.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Allen, and Justin Abidayo.

CLOSED SESSION DECLARED AT 12:04PM

President Palla called to order the Closed Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 12:04PM regarding the following agenda items:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1):

1. SWRCB Kern River.
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4. Bring Back the Kern, et al. v. City of Bakersfield, et al.
5. Sierra Club v. California Department of Water Resources (Delta Conveyance Project Validation).

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2),(e)(1):

1. Two Matters.

Closed Session concluded at 1:31PM.

REGULAR SESSION DECLARED AT 1:36PM

President Palla called to order the Regular Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 1:36PM.

Closed Session Report: District General Counsel Iger reported the following:

Item A: No reportable action.

Item B: No reportable action.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC

Those listed as others present were introduced.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (Garone/Spitzer) (yes-8, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Borba absent, the Board approved and authorized items II A through II D of the Consent Calendar.

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 4, 2025.
- B. Approval of October/November District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) Disbursements.
- C. Approval of October/November District Disbursements.
- D. Approval of District 2026 Meeting Calendar.

III. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. - A(i). Public Hearing: Consideration of Resolution 2025-05 Levying Special Assessments Within Zones of Benefit: Following summary comments by staff, President Palla opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone present wanting to comment on the item. Seeing none, President Palla closed the Public Hearing and returned the item to the Board for discussion and action.

M/S/C (Mendonca/Kaiser) (yes-8, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Borba absent, the Board adopted Resolution 2025-05 Levying Special Assessments Within Zones of Benefit as presented.

B. Business & Finance Committee Report – November 13, 2025: District Controller Duncan provided a report from the November Business & Finance Committee Meeting.

B(i). Approval of October 2025 Financial Reports: Mr. Duncan presented the October District and Water Banking Project(s) Financial Statements, Treasurer's Reports, and District Delinquency Report.

M/S/C (Antongiovanni/Tillema) (yes-8, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Borba absent, the Board approved the October District and Water Banking Project(s) Financial Statements, Treasurer's Reports, and Delinquency Report as presented.

IV. OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS

A. - A(i-iv). Operations and Projects Committee Report – November 4, 2025: Assistant General Manager Bellue reported on several items, including District maintenance activities, recent encroachment permit requests, pending development projects impacting District facilities, and a status update related to the Sunset Groundwater Banking project.

B. Review and Approval of Agreement with IWS, Inc. for Installation of Traveling Screens – Eastside Canal at DiGiorgio Weir, in an amount not to exceed \$352,750 (Recommended for approval by the Operations and Projects Committee): Staff provided an overview of the proposal from IWS, Inc for the installation of travelling screens at the DiGiorgio Weir on the Eastside Canal. This will be the second such

installation of screens following the installation of travelling screens on the Central Canal several years ago, which have shown to be a benefit to canal operations. Following a brief discussion, the board approved the agreement with IWS, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$352,750.

M/S/C (Antongiovanni/Kaiser) (yes-8, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Borba absent, the Board approved the Agreement with IWS, Inc. for installation of traveling screens – Eastside Canal at DiGiorgio Weir, in an amount not to exceed \$352,750.

V. WATER RESOURCES REPORT

A. - A(i-iii). District Watermaster Report: Staff reviewed and discussed the water supplies of the District for the months of October and early November. Approximately 9,461 acre-feet of water was diverted in District during the month of October. Staff also provided information related to current precipitation totals and future forecasts. It was noted that the current SWP allocation stood at 50% and the B-120 April through July Kern River runoff for 2025 was 73%. Staff provided a brief update regarding current water management activities.

B. Kern River Watermaster Report: The November Kern River Watermaster Report was included in the Board packet.

C. District Groundwater Manager Report: Groundwater Manager Marquez provided verbal comments supplementing graphical information regarding depth to groundwater at various monitoring locations throughout the District.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. - A(i-ii). Verbal/SGMA Update/2024 District Crop Report: Mr. Teglia stated staff are working on a couple of efficiency projects, including providing customers with the option to receive monthly water invoices via email instead of hardcopy mail; and adjusting the annual water application process to increase compliance and provide a confirmation opportunity for landowners.

Mr. Teglia also provided an update regarding local SGMA efforts, including the continuing work the Kern Subbasin is engaged in given the recent action of the SWRCB.

Mr. Teglia also highlighted the inclusion of the 2024 District Crop Report in the Board package for review. Special acknowledgment was given to District Staff Engineer Daniel Deleon for his work in producing the report.

B. External Agency Report: Mr. Teglia provided verbal comments supplementing a memorandum included in the Board package which provided information on the meetings and activities of various external agencies. These agencies include, but are not limited to, the Kern County Water Agency, Kern Fan Authority, Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority, Kern Water Collaborative, Kern Non-Districted Land Authority, Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the South Valley Water Resources Authority, the Water Association of Kern County, and the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Mr. Teglia specifically highlighted recent information provided by the Kern County Water Agency regarding the Lower River and Yuba Programs as well as concerns regarding the appearance of Golden Mussels in Kern County facilities.

C. Water Banking Projects Report: Mr. Teglia provided verbal comments supplementing a memorandum included in the Board package which provided information on water banking project activity on the Kern Fan as well as District water banking project activities.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Administration of Oaths of Office for Divisions 1, 2, 4 & 7. Mr. Iger administered the oaths of office for the Directors of divisions 1,2,4 & 7.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

It was noted under Board member comments that the December 2nd Operations and Projects Committee and the December 2nd Board meeting would be canceled.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Palla adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:53PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steven Teglia, General Manager

Approved by Board,



Richard Tillema, Board Secretary

KERN DELTA WATER BANKING PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS
RECOMMENDED BY THE OPERATIONS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 2, 2025

#	PAYEE		AMOUNT	CHECK
1	PGE - KB6	Well Utilities	26.34	EFT
2	PGE - AE4	Well Utilities	109.86	EFT
3	PGE - KD1	Well Utilities	26.62	EFT
4	PGE - KD2	Well Utilities	241.35	EFT
5	PGE - FR3	Well Utilities	28.05	EFT
6	PGE - AE3	Well Utilities	30.95	EFT
7	PGE - KB4	Well Utilities	26.34	EFT
8	PGE - BV4	Well Utilities	29.21	EFT
9	PGE - BV5	Well Utilities	29.21	EFT
10	PGE - BV3	Well Utilities	29.21	EFT
11	PGE - BV2	Well Utilities	29.21	EFT
12	TARGET SPECIALTY	Top Deck	46,439.14	4091
13	KCWA	2026 1st Quarter CVC O&M	203,337.00	4092
TOTAL			250,382.49	

**The December 2nd, 2025, Operations and Projects Committee was canceled, the above will be reviewed at the December 11th, 2025 Business and Finance Committee meeting.*

SUNSET WATER BANKING PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS
RECOMMENDED BY THE OPERATIONS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 2, 2025

#	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHECK
1	AMAROK Security Fence	1,050.01	59
TOTAL		1,050.01	

**The December 2nd, 2025, Operations and Projects Committee was canceled, the above will be reviewed at the December 11th, 2025 Business and Finance Committee meeting.*

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT
DISBURSEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 11, 2025

NOVEMBER 2025 SUB TOTAL \$ 317,853.59

# PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHECK
1 PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC - 09/10/25-10/09/25 Shop	24.64	EFT
2 PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC - 10/10/25-11/07/25 Shop	62.33	EFT
3 STERLING ADMINISTRATION - HRA Admin	125.00	EFT
4 CITIZENS CARDMEMBER SERVICES - Lunch, Training, Office Supplies	7,503.85	EFT
5 CINTAS - Uniforms, Towels, Mats	1,090.78	EFT
6 STERLING ADMINISTRATION - HRA Funding	19,440.00	EFT
7 PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE - 12/01/25-12/31/25	5,909.84	EFT
8 PROGRESSIVE TECHNOLOGY, INC. - Phone Service	460.50	EFT
9 UNITED AG BENEFIT TRUST - 12/2025 Medical Premium	40,833.14	EFT
10 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES - Paper Towels, Copy Paper	351.45	48431
11 AMERICAN BUSINESS MACHINES - Service Contract	769.59	48432
12 B&B SURPLUS, INC. - Drive Through Gates At Casa Loma	214.34	48433
13 CASH - 12/2025 Emp Xmas 2025	3,700.00	48434
14 CHRISTENSEN, INC. - Fuel	7,839.26	48435
15 CITY OF BAKERSFIELD - Krgsa Cash Call 11/2025	50,000.00	48436
16 CUMMINS WEST, INC. - Water Pump #324	243.51	48437
17 DANIELS TIRE SERVICE - Tires #322	447.74	48438
18 FLOYD'S - Parts	68.67	48439
19 GRAINGER - Moly Lube	567.23	48440
20 JIM BURKE FORD - Filters, Gasket, Starter	1,816.28	48441
21 KERN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - Dump Fees	2,758.48	48442
22 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS - Zip Ties, Lights, Shocks, Coolant	284.80	48443
23 RELIABLE JANITORIAL - Cleaning Service	1,185.00	48444
24 TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS, INC. - 2-10" Meters	3,534.85	48445
25 WIENHOFF AND ASSOCIATES, INC. - Annual Consortium Fee	850.00	48446
26 Payroll #24	81,079.60	EFT
27 EFT-IRS P/R #24	23,554.04	EFT
28 Edd-State P/R #24	5,361.84	EFT
29 CASDU	801.68	EFT
30 FTB	353.47	EFT
31 Payroll People #24	193.89	EFT
32 Lincoln Life - Retirement Program	13,661.84	EFT
33 Lincoln Life - Deferred Comp.	3,474.00	EFT
34 Empower - Deferred Comp.	698.00	EFT
NOVEMBER 2025 TOTAL		597,113.23

# PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHECK
1 CITIZENS CARDMEMBER SERVICES - Lunch, Training, Subs.	4,064.63	EFT
2 VERIZON - Cell Service	605.12	EFT
3 PITNEY BOWES - Rental 09/2025-12/2025	253.31	EFT
4 ZENITH INSURANCE COMPANY - Installment 8	6,764.00	EFT
5 PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC - 10/24/25-11/22/25 Lights	14.52	EFT
6 SPECTRUM - Internet Service	404.81	EFT

7 VERIZON CONNECT - GPS Service	578.30	EFT
8 CENTRALIZE HR, LLC. - HR Support	1,895.00	EFT
9 CAREFREE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT, LLC. - IT Support	5,750.00	EFT
10 CINTAS - Uniforms, Towels, Mats	1,290.93	EFT
11 LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCOUNT - Lumber, Barb, Bolts	16,308.55	EFT
12 AFFINITY TRUCK CENTER - Air Manifold	99.42	48447
13 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES - Safety Triangles, Tank	603.16	48448
14 AMERICAN HYDROTECH - Lawn Maintenance	325.00	48449
15 B&B SURPLUS, INC. - Cat Walks	552.08	48450
16 Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP - Professional Services	27,573.12	48451
17 BSE RENTS - Concrete	723.25	48452
18 CHRISTENSEN, INC. - Fuel	6,458.28	48453
19 COMMERCIAL TRUCK MOBILE TESTING - Carb Test	560.00	48454
20 GREENFIELD COUNTY WATER DIST. - Office Utilities	228.32	48455
21 JERRY AND KEITH'S - Air Valves, Switch, Plugs	146.75	48456
22 JIM BURKE FORD - Clock Spring #322	414.40	48457
23 KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY - 2026 Statement of Charges	2,730,010.74	48458
24 MARCOM GROUP - Website Hosting	95.00	48459
25 McMURTREY, HARTSOCK, WORTH - Professional Services	2,000.00	48460
26 MCWANE PLANT AND INDUSTRIAL LLC - Gates	11,236.68	48461
27 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS - Relay, Marker Lights, Fuses	572.78	48462
28 POPS TEST ONLY SMOG - Smog	120.00	48463
29 PRICE DISPOSAL - Waste Removal	164.96	48464
30 RELIANCE FENCE - Gate Hinges	190.20	48465
31 SCHWEBEL PETROLEUM - Oil	1,400.92	48466
32 STERICYCLE, INC. - Shred Service	117.16	48467
33 SWEEPING CORP OF AMERICA - Parkinglot Maintenance	510.00	48468
34 TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS - Torpedo	769.45	48469
35 WESTAIR GASES & EQUIPMENT, INC. - Welding Supplies	189.57	48470
36 WESTCOAST HYDRAULICS, INC. - Hydraulic Hose, Lift Ram	502.27	48471
37 WIENHOFF AND ASSOCIATES, INC. - Excessive Collection Fee	15.00	48472
38 Payroll #25	83,811.91	EFT
39 EFT-IRS P/R #25	23,747.49	EFT
40 Edd-State P/R #25	5,538.80	EFT
41 CASDU	801.68	EFT
42 FTB	353.47	EFT
43 Payroll People #25	193.89	EFT
44 Lincoln Life - Retirement Program	13,815.13	EFT
45 Lincoln Life - Deferred Comp.	3,474.00	EFT
46 Empower - Deferred Comp.	698.00	EFT
DECEMBER 2025 SUBTOTAL		2,955,942.05

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT**Anticipated Disbursements - Month End - December 2025**

Payee	Reason	December 2025 Estimated
AG SPRAY EQUIPMENT	spray parts	150.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	office supplies	575.00
B & B SURPLUS	canal maintenance materials	175.00
BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER et al	professional services	35,000.00
CAREFREE TECH MANAGEMENT	IT support and security	5,750.00
CHRISTENSEN/(Amerifuel)	gas/diesel fuel	7,898.00
CINTAS	uniform/laundry service	1,600.00
CITIZENS CARDMEMBER SERV	misc expenses	8,000.00
CITY OF BAKERSFIELD	clearing account, Isabella accounting	45,000.00
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	vehicle tires/repair	750.00
EMPOWER	deferred comp contributions	698.00
GRAINGER	safety materials	600.00
HOME DEPOT	maintenance materials	250.00
HUGHES SURVEYING	property boundary work	2,500.00
JERRY & KEITH'S	truck maintenance/repair	150.00
JIM BURKE	truck maintenance/repair	1,950.00
KERN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS	waste disposal	2,800.00
LINCOLN FINANCIAL	pension/deferred comp contributions	16,950.00
LOWE'S	maintenance materials	1,000.00
MARCOM GROUP	district web site support	95.00
McMURTREY, HARTSOCK et al	professional services	2,000.00
MOSSMAN'S	catering	600.00
NORTH KERN WSD	weather modification	1,650.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	vehicle repair parts	325.00
P.G.&E.	district office utilities	3,000.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE INS.	dental/vision/life insurance premium	5,910.00
PROGRESSIVE TECH.	phones	460.50
QUINN	heavy equipment parts/repair	500.00
RELIABLE JANITORIAL	janitor service	1,185.00
SPECTRUM	internet access	404.80
SSD SYSTEMS	office alarm monitoring	1,300.00
STERLING ADMINISTRATION	medical insurance - annual fees	125.00
STINSON'S	office supplies	300.00
TARGET	weed control chemicals	20,000.00
UNITED AG	medical insurance premium	40,833.14
VERIZON	cell phones and service	606.00
WANGER, JONES, & HELLSLEY	professional services	75,000.00
WESTCOAST HYDRAULICS	T14 service/repair	250.00
WHITE CAP	maintenance peripherals	350.00
		<u>286,690.44</u>

Tab III





BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

**501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, CA**

**THURSDAY December 11, 2025
10:00AM**

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Public Comment Period**
- 3. Approve Minutes of November 13, 2025, Business & Finance Committee Meeting**
- 4. Financial Reports and Disbursements:**
 - a. Approve November and December District and Banking Project(s) Disbursements
 - b. Approve November 2025 Financial Reports
- 5. District Controller's Report:**
 - a. Review of District Investments Portfolio
- 6. Committee Comments**
- 7. Adjourn**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Duncan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Bryan Duncan
District Controller**

**Posted: Monday, December 8, 2025
Bakersfield, California**

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MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 11, 2025

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Antongiovanni, Kaiser, and Garone

OTHERS PRESENT: From KDWD: General Manager Teglia, Assistant General Manager Bellue, Controller Duncan

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Antongiovanni called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

- a. **M/S/C (Garone/Kaiser) (yes – 3, no – 0):** The Business & Finance Committee approved the minutes of the Business & Finance Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2025, as presented.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

- a.-b. Approval of November 2025 and December 2025 Disbursements and November 2025 Financial Reports.
M/S/C (Kaiser/Garone) (yes – 3, no – 0): The Business & Finance Committee recommends the Board approve the November 2025 and December 2025 District Disbursements, the December 2025 Water Banking Projects' Disbursements, the anticipated December 2025 end of month Disbursements, and the November 2025 District and Water Banking Projects' Financial Statements, Treasurer's Reports, and Delinquency Report as presented.

5. DISTRICT CONTROLLER'S REPORT

- a. Staff reviewed the status of the District's investment portfolio. The following action was taken.
M/S/C (Garone/Kaiser) (yes – 3, no – 0): The Business & Finance Committee directed staff to move \$3,000,000 of the District's funds held in the CAMP Liquid Investment Fund to the CAMP Term Investment Fund for the maximum period of 365 days and a fixed rate of interest of 3.71%.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

7. ADJOURN

Director Antongiovanni adjourned the meeting at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Antongiovanni – Chair

**Kern Delta Water District
Balance Sheet
As of November 30, 2025**

	<u>11/30/2025</u>	<u>10/31/2025</u>	<u>Month-to-Month Variance</u>
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	36,610,183	36,184,270	425,912
Accounts Receivable	511,756	914,591	(402,834)
Inventory & Prepaid Expenses	497,705	520,370	(22,666)
Total Current Assets	<u>37,619,644</u>	<u>37,619,231</u>	<u>412</u>
Net Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets			
District Structures, Rights of Way	18,327,531	18,484,599	(157,066)
CVC Expansion	8,795,338	8,795,337	0
Machinery & Equipment	4,024,778	4,120,610	(95,832)
Fixed Assets	<u>31,147,647</u>	<u>31,400,546</u>	<u>(252,898)</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(9,125,633)</u>	<u>(9,158,597)</u>	<u>32,964</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>22,022,014</u>	<u>22,241,949</u>	<u>(219,934)</u>
Investment in Joint Powers Authority	<u>41,918</u>	<u>41,918</u>	<u>0</u>
Investment in Banking Project	<u>9,527,537</u>	<u>9,527,537</u>	<u>0</u>
Investment in Sunset Banking Program	<u>1,676,725</u>	<u>1,676,725</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>70,887,838</u>	<u>71,107,360</u>	<u>(219,522)</u>
Liabilities & Equity			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	189,269	285,937	(96,668)
Deposits Held for Others	26,500	26,500	0
Other Liabilities	213,984	214,189	(204)
Total Current Liabilities	<u>429,753</u>	<u>526,626</u>	<u>(96,872)</u>
Long Term Liabilities			
Bonds & COP Debt	2,815,000	2,815,000	0
Bonds Premium & Costs	82,500	82,500	0
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>2,897,500</u>	<u>2,897,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Equity From Past Years	66,358,552	66,358,551	0
Accumulated Equity - Current Year	<u>1,202,033</u>	<u>1,324,683</u>	<u>(122,650)</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>70,887,838</u>	<u>71,107,360</u>	<u>(219,522)</u>

Kern Delta Water District
Cash Variance Analysis
November 30, 2025

Cash Received:

Accounts Receivable Collections	763,930
Property Tax Receipts	135,543
Interest Received	66,033
	<u>965,506</u>

Cash Disbursed:

Target/UPL - Weed Chemicals	(102,282)
Medical/Dental Monthly Insurance Premiums	(66,183)
Professional Services	(57,566)
City of Bakersfield - Cash Call	(50,000)
Diesel/Gas for Fleet	(16,506)
Citizens Credit Card - Office Supplies/Catering	(7,504)
Zenith Insurance - Workers' Comp	(6,764)
Progressive Tech/Carefree Tech - Cyber Security, Tech	(5,750)
Other Disbursements	(29,807)
	<u>(342,362)</u>
Payrolls Paid	(255,200)
	<u>(597,562)</u>

Positive/(Negative) Cash Variance Before FMV Adjustment

367,944

FMV Adjustment

57,969

Adjusted Positive/(Negative) Cash Variance

425,912

Kern Delta Water District
Accounts Receivable Variance Analysis
November 30, 2025

Revenue Added to Accounts Receivable:

KDWBP - Reimbursed KDWD 50% of Stenderup Property	157,067
Seepage Revenue - billed through Sept 2025	145,106
Water Sales - Utility Water	43,041
Sale of Vehicles	11,000
Annual Billboard Revenue	2,400
Penalties/Interest/Adjustments	1,132
WKS Restaurant Parking Lot Rental	500
Encroachment Permits	500
Pumping Permit	350
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	361,096
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Cash Received:

Water Payments	(97,492)
Misc Payments	(662,188)
Assessments Payments	(4,250)
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	(763,930)
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Net positive/(negative) variance	(402,834)
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Kern Delta Water District
Inventory/Prepays Variance Analysis
November 30, 2025

Additions to Accounts:

Weed Control Chemicals Purchased	-
Prepaid Additions	26,204
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	26,204
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Usage/Amortization:

Chemicals Consumed During Month	(15,236)
Amortization of Prepaid Accounts	(33,634)
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	(48,870)
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Net positive/(negative) variance	(22,666)
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Kern Delta Water District
Statement of Operating Results
Through the Period Ended November 30, 2025

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u> KDWD Budget 2025	<u>YTD as %age of Budget (Target is 92%)</u>	<u>Budget Remaining</u>
REVENUE					
State Water Sales	0	947,275	1,102,239	86 %	(154,964)
Utility Water Sales	43,041	2,853,766	3,214,296	89 %	(360,530)
Seepage Revenue	145,106	835,757	800,000	104 %	35,757
Equalization	0	9,275	9,040	103 %	235
Assessments	0	976,874	979,626	100 %	(2,752)
Property Tax	135,543	3,763,809	6,583,337	57 %	(2,819,528)
Interest Revenue	67,165	867,424	1,001,575	87 %	(134,151)
Other Revenue	1,848	444,729	250,000	178 %	194,729
Water Transfer Charges	0	1,057,328	1,000,000	106 %	57,328
Expense Reimb From Banking	0	0	150,000	0 %	(150,000)
Total Revenue	<u>392,703</u>	<u>11,756,237</u>	<u>15,090,113</u>	<u>78 %</u>	<u>(3,333,876)</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Source of Supply					
State Water Costs	0	3,209,759	4,000,000	80 %	(790,241)
Exchange Fees	0	65,150	63,750	102 %	1,400
Watermaster, City, Isabella	0	271,747	560,600	48 %	(288,854)
Grower Recharge Program Costs	0	0	0	0 %	0
Miscellaneous Source Costs	0	16,830	950,000	2 %	(933,170)
Total Source of Supply	<u>0</u>	<u>3,563,486</u>	<u>5,574,350</u>	<u>64 %</u>	<u>(2,010,865)</u>
Transmission and Distribution					
Labor	245,917	2,839,033	3,116,654	91 %	(277,620)
Employee Benefits	95,985	1,027,439	1,144,450	90 %	(117,012)
Maintenance & Repairs	55,868	1,284,860	1,791,380	72 %	(506,520)
Total Transmission and Distribution	<u>397,770</u>	<u>5,151,332</u>	<u>6,052,484</u>	<u>85 %</u>	<u>(901,152)</u>
Administrative & Other Costs					
Engineering Consultants	0	(109,509)	50,000	(219) %	(159,509)
Legal Expense	0	948	10,000	9 %	(9,052)
Special Legal/Engineering	30,162	781,886	900,000	87 %	(118,114)
Office Operations	19,843	362,665	486,256	75 %	(123,591)
Insurance	22,046	251,531	232,145	108 %	19,386
Special Expenses	0	47,014	1,151,000	4 %	(1,103,986)
Kern River GSA & SGMA	50,000	174,059	300,000	58 %	(125,941)
Construction Expense - Peripheral	0	0	0	0 %	0
Bond Interest Expense	0	106,955	98,180	109 %	8,776
FMV Adjustment	(57,968)	(364,663)	0	0 %	(364,663)
Depreciation	53,500	588,500	0	0 %	588,500
Total Administrative & Other	<u>117,583</u>	<u>1,839,386</u>	<u>3,227,581</u>	<u>57 %</u>	<u>(1,388,194)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>515,353</u>	<u>10,554,204</u>	<u>14,854,415</u>	<u>71 %</u>	<u>(4,300,211)</u>
Net Fav/(Unfav) Operating Results	<u>(122,650)</u>	<u>1,202,033</u>	<u>235,698</u>	<u>510 %</u>	<u>966,335</u>

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT
Labor and Benefits Tracker
2025

Actual Cost	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL 2025
Wages & Salaries	254,608	235,150	266,663	253,830	273,321	269,382	270,305	264,960	256,373	248,524	245,917		2,839,033
Payroll Taxes - Employer Paid	19,125	17,675	20,059	19,068	20,556	20,271	20,337	18,253	16,868	15,776	15,059		203,047
Medical/Dental/Vision - Cost	46,520	41,160	43,678	50,334	43,995	44,683	43,197	45,597	42,661	44,201	48,743		494,769
Medical/Dental/Vision - Employee Withheld	(4,978)	(4,450)	(4,835)	(5,092)	(5,103)	(4,837)	(4,940)	(4,817)	(4,669)	(4,818)	(4,681)		(53,220)
Vacation Accrual - Incr/(Decr)	(10,411)	8,939	288	2,364	13,924	818	(6,499)	(555)	6,863	598	(204)		16,125
Workers' Comp Insurance	6,976	6,976	2,049	6,976	6,976	6,976	4,749	5,969	5,969	5,969	5,969		65,554
Life/LTD/AD&D	1,705	1,668	1,375	1,829	1,741	1,682	1,682	1,682	1,682	1,682	1,682		18,410
Retirement Plan	21,907	19,790	21,712	21,494	23,175	22,774	23,445	23,114	22,468	23,034	22,899		245,812
Uniforms and Other Benefits	1,186	1,895	7,863	2,291	2,696	1,773	2,549	1,741	2,607	5,824	6,518		36,943
Total Benefits	82,030	93,653	92,189	99,264	107,960	94,140	84,520	90,984	94,449	92,266	95,985	-	1,027,439
Total Labor and Benefits	336,638	328,803	358,852	353,094	381,281	363,522	354,825	355,944	350,822	340,790	341,902	-	3,866,473

Budgeted Cost													
Wages & Salaries	260,825	235,954	259,573	251,255	271,092	260,313	271,092	269,146	262,879	269,313	248,370		2,859,812
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Payroll Taxes - Employer Paid	19,953	18,050	19,858	19,221	20,869	20,041	20,869	19,682	18,428	18,074	16,235		211,280
Medical/Dental/Vision - Cost	43,113	43,113	43,113	43,113	43,113	43,113	43,113	43,113	43,113	43,113	43,113		474,243
Medical/Dental/Vision - Employee Withheld	(4,992)	(4,992)	(4,992)	(4,992)	(4,992)	(4,992)	(4,992)	(4,992)	(4,992)	(4,992)	(4,992)		(54,912)
Vacation Accrual - Incr/(Decr)	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250		13,750
Workers' Comp Insurance	6,858	6,858	6,858	6,858	7,407	7,407	7,407	7,407	7,407	7,407	7,407		79,281
Life/LTD/AD&D	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650		18,150
Retirement Plan	24,512	22,173	24,399	23,617	25,562	24,555	25,562	25,387	24,786	25,402	24,800		270,755
Uniforms and Other Benefits	2,270	2,270	3,220	2,270	2,270	3,220	2,270	3,220	3,220	2,270	2,270		27,820
Total Benefits	94,614	90,372	95,356	92,987	97,129	96,244	97,129	95,767	94,862	94,174	91,733	-	1,040,367
Total Labor and Benefits	355,439	326,326	354,929	344,242	368,221	356,557	368,221	364,913	357,741	363,487	340,103	-	3,900,179

Budget vs Actual Variance - Fav/(Unfav)													
Wages & Salaries	6,217	804	(7,090)	(2,575)	(2,229)	(9,069)	787	4,186	6,506	20,789	2,453	-	20,779
Payroll Taxes - Employer Paid	828	375	(201)	153	313	(230)	532	1,429	1,560	2,298	1,176	-	8,233
Medical/Dental/Vision - Cost	(3,407)	1,953	(565)	(7,221)	(882)	(1,570)	(84)	(2,484)	452	(1,088)	(5,630)	-	(20,526)
Medical/Dental/Vision - Employee Withheld	(14)	(542)	(157)	100	111	(155)	(52)	(175)	(323)	(174)	(311)	-	(1,692)
Vacation Accrual - Incr/(Decr)	11,661	(7,689)	962	(1,114)	(12,674)	432	7,749	1,805	(5,613)	652	1,454	-	(2,375)
Workers' Comp Insurance	(118)	(118)	4,809	(118)	431	431	2,658	1,438	1,438	1,438	1,438	-	13,727
Life/LTD/AD&D	(55)	(18)	275	(179)	(91)	(32)	(32)	(32)	(32)	(32)	(32)	-	(260)
Retirement Plan	2,605	2,383	2,687	2,123	2,387	1,781	2,117	2,273	2,318	2,368	1,901	-	24,943
Uniforms and Other Benefits	1,084	375	(4,643)	(21)	(426)	1,447	(279)	529	613	(3,554)	(4,248)	-	(9,123)
Total Benefits	12,584	(3,281)	3,167	(6,277)	(10,831)	2,104	12,609	4,783	413	1,908	(4,252)	-	12,928
Total Labor and Benefits	18,801	(2,477)	(3,923)	(8,852)	(13,060)	(6,965)	13,396	8,969	6,919	22,697	(1,799)	-	33,706

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT

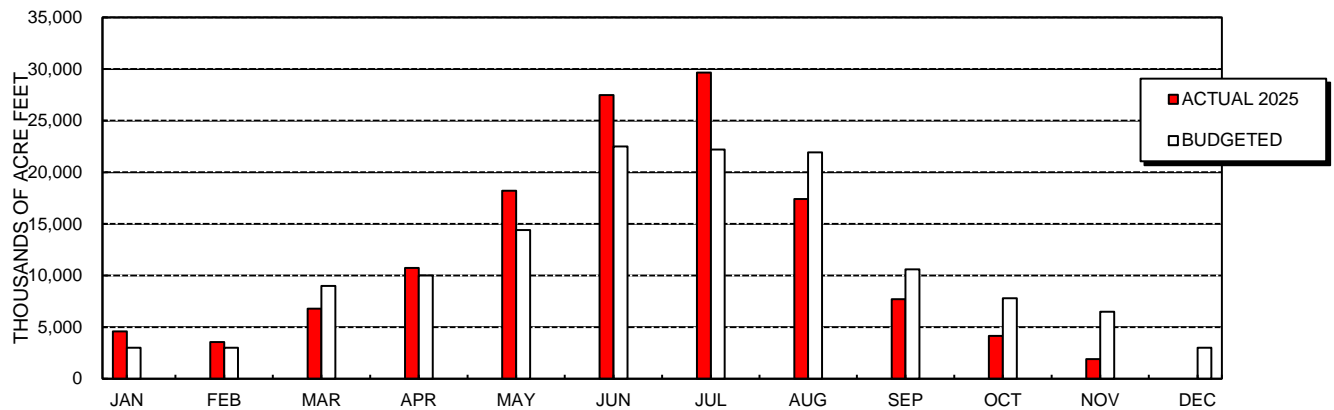
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November 2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Cash & Securities on hand - November 1, 2025	\$ 36,184,270	\$ 33,340,362	\$ 24,784,217	\$ 22,182,182
Add: November receipts	1,023,475	3,120,166	1,190,367	134,179
Less: November disbursements	(597,562)	(2,983,952)	(580,916)	(764,942)
Cash & Securities on hand - November 30, 2025	\$ 36,610,183	\$ 33,476,576	\$ 25,393,668	\$ 21,551,419
Petty Cash \$ 500				
Citizens Business Bank 850,456				
Kern County Treasury 185,053				
CAMP 7,292,538				
LPL Financial 28,281,635				
\$ 36,610,183				
Restricted Reserves:				
Restricted Reserve Fund - Water Resources Manager	\$ (0)	\$ (176,538)	\$ (240,417)	\$ (300,000)
Unrestricted Reserves:				
Pipeline Maintenance	(434,524)	(311,912)	(311,912)	(216,912)
Water Rights Protection & Litigation Reserve	(3,408,358)	(3,408,358)	(3,168,358)	(3,168,358)
2015-A COP Reserve Fund	(2,815,000)	(3,075,000)	(3,565,000)	(3,565,000)
Operating Reserve	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Capital Reserve	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
Groundwater Program Reserve	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)
Kern River GSA Well Mitigation Reserve	(250,000)	(250,000)	-	-
Total Reserves	\$ (17,407,883)	\$ (17,721,808)	\$ (17,785,687)	\$ (17,750,270)
Cash Available - November 30, 2025	\$ 19,202,300	\$ 15,754,768	\$ 7,607,981	\$ 3,801,149

**Kern Delta Water District
Monthly Water Sales Volume
in Acre Feet**

	2024	2025										
	Actual (Accum- ulated)	Budgeted		Actual								
		Monthly	(Accum- ulated)	Monthly				Accumulated				% of Budget
				Utility	State	Contracts	Total	Utility	State	Contracts	Total	
JAN	2,343	3,000	3,000	4,416	0	162	4,579	4,416	0	162	4,579	153%
FEB	3,814	3,000	6,000	3,324	0	239	3,562	7,740	0	401	8,141	136%
MAR	8,100	9,000	15,000	6,416	0	363	6,780	14,157	0	764	14,921	99%
APR	17,534	10,000	25,000	10,354	0	381	10,735	24,511	0	1,145	25,656	103%
MAY	36,200	14,400	39,400	16,619	1,204	383	18,206	41,130	1,204	1,528	43,862	111%
JUN	67,457	22,500	61,900	23,665	3,352	473	27,490	64,795	4,556	2,001	71,352	115%
JUL	99,268	22,200	84,100	26,385	2,788	485	29,659	91,180	7,344	2,486	101,010	120%
AUG	122,845	21,929	106,029	14,593	2,451	366	17,411	105,774	9,795	2,852	118,421	112%
SEP	131,585	10,600	116,629	7,384	0	320	7,704	113,157	9,795	3,172	126,125	108%
OCT	135,465	7,800	124,429	4,005	0	143	4,148	117,163	9,795	3,315	130,273	105%
NOV	137,766	6,500	130,929	1,793	0	107	1,901	118,956	9,795	3,422	132,174	101%
DEC	138,164	3,000	133,929				0				0	0%



KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT

Aged Accounts Receivable

Past Due Accounts

December 16, 2025

Account	Name	0-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	Over 90 Days	Total Past Due
592	Costa, Joe & Mary	519.66	1,482.22	-	-	2,001.88
897	Poncetta, David	767.00	36.07	-	-	803.07
994	Giannelli Farms	556.87	-	-	-	556.87
2362	Tesch, Greg	45.90	45.23	2,206.34	808.70	3,106.17
2437	Upple, Shinda	326.40	321.58	8,935.89	1,503.04	11,086.91
4986	Buoni, Gino	41.14	40.53	2,701.85	-	2,783.52
5050	Underwood Ranches	714.49	17.22	-	-	731.71
5868	Duran, Ruben G et al	7.01	6.90	460.10	-	474.01
5889	Bautista, Esteban	23.29	22.94	22.60	1,506.96	1,575.79
5938	Prestige Ranch LLC	70.21	69.17	860.15	3,751.44	4,750.97
6061	Agromex Inc	1,412.34	-	-	-	1,412.34
6073	Kamal, Roop & Gurmeet Singh	105.56	5.36	82.32	275.27	468.51
6074	M&M Ag Enterprises, LLC	1,218.25	-	-	-	1,218.25
6112	Bolthouse Fresh Foods	7,834.83	-	-	-	7,834.83
	OTHER	360.17	274.08	81.10	97.05	812.40
		14,003.12	2,321.30	15,350.35	7,942.46	39,617.23

**Kern Delta Water Banking Project
Balance Sheet
As of November 30, 2025**

	<u>11/30/2025</u>	<u>10/31/2025</u>	<u>Month-to-Month Variance</u>
Total Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6,348,286	6,519,200	(170,915)
Other Receivables	0	17,239	(17,238)
Inventory and Prepaids	78,623	32,184	46,439
Total Current Assets	<u>6,426,909</u>	<u>6,568,623</u>	<u>(141,714)</u>
Fixed Assets			
CVC Expansion	16,672,371	16,672,371	0
All Other Structures	48,314,173	48,153,506	160,666
Machinery and Equipment	598,823	598,824	0
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(14,110,117)</u>	<u>(14,057,117)</u>	<u>(53,000)</u>
Fixed Assets Net of Depreciation	<u>51,475,250</u>	<u>51,367,584</u>	<u>107,666</u>
Other Assets			
Investment in Sunset Banking Project	1,676,725	1,676,725	0
Total Other Assets	<u>1,676,725</u>	<u>1,676,725</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>59,578,884</u>	<u>59,612,932</u>	<u>(34,048)</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	0	538	(538)
Total Current Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>(538)</u>
Equity			
Capital Contributions From KDWD	9,527,537	9,527,537	0
Equity From Past Years	50,804,028	50,804,028	0
Accumulated Equity - Current Year	<u>(752,681)</u>	<u>(719,171)</u>	<u>(33,510)</u>
Total Equity	<u>59,578,884</u>	<u>59,612,394</u>	<u>(33,510)</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>59,578,884</u>	<u>59,612,932</u>	<u>(34,048)</u>

Kern Delta Water Banking Project
Cash Variance Analysis
November 30, 2025

Cash Received:

Received From ID#4 - Baffle Walls	17,239
Interest Received	16,581
	<u>33,820</u>

Cash Disbursed:

KDWD - Reimburse for 50% of Stenderup Property	(157,067)
Weed Chemicals Purchased	(46,439)
Hughes Surveying - Stenderup Surge Pond	(3,600)
PG&E - Well Power	(752)
Equipment Maintenance	(616)
	<u>(208,473)</u>

Positive/(Negative) Cash Variance Before FMV Adjustment	(174,653)
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FMV Adjustment	3,739
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Adjusted Positive/(Negative) Cash Variance	(170,915)
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**Kern Delta Water Banking Project
Inventory/Prepays Variance Analysis
November 30, 2025**

Additions to Accounts:

Chemicals Purchased	46,439
Prepaid Additions	-
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Usage/Amortization:

Chemicals Consumed During Month	-
Amortization of Prepaid Accounts	-
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Net positive/(negative) variance

46,439

**Kern Delta Water Banking Project
Statement of Operating Results
As of November 30, 2025**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
REVENUE:		
Interest Revenue	16,581	217,153
Total Revenue	<u>16,581</u>	<u>217,153</u>
EXPENSES		
Other Costs		
Power Cost - Wells	646	19,760
CVC Operating Costs	0	147,452
CVC Power Costs	0	5,745
Spreading OM&R	183	225,480
Wells OM&R and Other	0	4,984
FMV Adjustment	(3,739)	(16,587)
Depreciation	53,000	583,000
Total Other Costs	<u>50,090</u>	<u>969,834</u>
Total All Expenses	<u>50,090</u>	<u>969,834</u>
Favorable/(Unfavorable) Operating Results	<u>(33,509)</u>	<u>(752,681)</u>

KERN DELTA WATER BANKING PROJECT

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Cash & Securities on hand - November 1, 2025	\$ 6,519,200	\$ 6,828,940	\$ 6,265,623	\$ 6,505,475
Add: November receipts	37,559	27,650	169,908	582,664
Less: November disbursements	(208,473)	(29,143)	(519,673)	(525,807)
Cash & Securities on hand - November 30, 2025	\$ 6,348,286	\$ 6,827,448	\$ 5,915,858	\$ 6,562,332
Citizens Business Bank \$ 311,830 Kern County Treasury 53,286 CAMP 4,935,445 LPL Financial 1,047,725 <u>\$ 6,348,286</u>				
Restricted Cash included in above: OM&R Spreading	\$ (15,236)	\$ (183,714)	\$ (220,393)	\$ (129,098)
OM&R Extraction	(232,928)	(388,214)	(594,914)	(647,434)
Take/Put Fees	(1,884,119)	(1,884,119)	(2,014,124)	(3,900,399)
Total Restricted	\$ (2,132,283)	\$ (2,456,047)	\$ (2,829,431)	\$ (4,676,931)
Cash Available for Construction - November 30, 2025	\$ 4,216,002	\$ 4,371,401	\$ 3,086,427	\$ 1,885,401

**Sunset Water Banking Project
Balance Sheet
As of November 30, 2025**

	<u>11/30/2025</u>	<u>10/31/2025</u>	<u>Month-to-Month Variance</u>
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	433,160	434,206	(1,045)
Total Current Assets	<u>433,160</u>	<u>434,206</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>
Fixed Assets			
Construction in Progress	6,199,331	6,199,330	0
Total Fixed Assets at Cost	<u>6,199,331</u>	<u>6,199,330</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>6,199,331</u>	<u>6,199,330</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>6,632,491</u>	<u>6,633,536</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>
Liabilities & Equity			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	0	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Equity			
Contributions to Equity - KDWD	1,627,928	1,627,928	0
Contributions to Equity - KDWBP	1,627,929	1,627,929	0
Contributions to Equity - AEWS	3,255,856	3,255,856	0
Equity From Past Years	118,425	118,425	0
Accumulated Equity - Current Year	2,353	3,398	(1,045)
Total Equity	<u>6,632,491</u>	<u>6,633,536</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>6,632,491</u>	<u>6,633,536</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>

**Sunset Water Banking Project
Statement of Operating Results
As of November 30, 2025**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenue		
Interest Revenue	<u>5</u>	<u>10,895</u>
Total Revenue	<u>5</u>	<u>10,895</u>
Expenses		
Ops, Maintenance, & Repair Costs	1,050	11,134
FMV Adjustment	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,592)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,050</u>	<u>8,542</u>
Fav/(Unfav) Operating Results	<u>(1,045)</u>	<u>2,353</u>

SUNSET BANKING PROJECT

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Cash & Securities on hand - November 1, 2025	\$ 434,206	\$ 939,511	\$ 2,522,920	\$ 1,987,359
Add: November receipts	5	1,715	27,340	312
Less: November disbursements	(1,050)	(5,573)	(751,283)	(50,104)
Cash & Securities on hand - November 30, 2025	\$ 433,160	\$ 935,653	\$ 1,798,977	\$ 1,937,567
Citizens Business Bank 308,059				
Kern County Treasury 125,101				
\$ 433,160				
Unrestricted Reserves:				
Cash From Operations	(7,917)	(20,040)		
Total Reserves	\$ (7,917)	\$ (20,040)	\$ -	\$ -
Cash Available - November 30, 2025	\$ 425,243	\$ 915,613	\$ 1,798,977	\$ 1,937,567

Kern Delta Water District Summary of Invested Cash Reserves
US Treasury Investment Summary
As of November 30, 2025

CUSIP	Acquisition Date	Maturity Date	Quantity (Q)	Par Value (PV)	Customer Price (P)	Principal (Prin) (Q x P)	Accrued Interest (AI)	Service Charge	Net Money (NM) (Prin + AI)	Coupon Rate (CR)	Coupon Interest (Cou)	Discount Returned (Disc) (PV - Prin)	Estimated Total Yield (Y) (Cou + Disc)	YTM
912796ZL6	10/28/2022	1/24/2023	999	999,000	991.61	990,615.59	-	5	990,621	0.000%	-	8,384	8,384	3.511%
912796S34	10/28/2022	1/26/2023	999	999,000	991.32	990,328.68	-	5	990,334	0.000%	-	8,671	8,671	3.551%
912796XQ7	10/28/2022	7/13/2023	1,000	1,000,000	971.80	971,803.96	-	5	971,809	0.000%	-	28,196	28,196	4.105%
912796XY0	10/28/2022	8/10/2023	1,000	1,000,000	968.43	968,427.19	-	5	968,432	0.000%	-	31,573	31,573	4.161%
9128285D8	10/14/2022	9/30/2023	1,000	1,000,000	987.39	987,390.00	1,105.77	5	988,501	2.875%	27,647	12,610	40,257	4.240%
912828T26	10/14/2022	9/30/2023	1,000	1,000,000	972.49	972,490.72	528.85	5	973,025	1.375%	13,223	27,509	40,732	4.355%
91282CDA6	10/14/2022	9/30/2023	1,000	1,000,000	961.80	961,803.13	96.15	5	961,904	0.250%	2,404	38,197	40,601	4.390%
912828B66	11/7/2022	2/15/2024	3,000	3,000,000	975.38	2,926,130.00	18,831.52	5	2,944,967	2.750%	105,103	73,870	178,973	4.801%
912828X70	11/7/2022	4/30/2024	3,000	3,000,000	962.00	2,886,005.00	1,160.22	5	2,887,170	2.000%	88,603	113,995	202,598	4.754%
91282CDB4	10/14/2022	10/15/2024	1,000	1,000,000	929.20	929,205.00	3,107.92	5	932,318	0.625%	12,106	70,795	82,901	4.606%
9128283D0	10/14/2022	10/31/2024	1,000	1,000,000	960.50	960,507.24	10,210.60	5	970,723	2.250%	44,568	39,493	84,061	4.418%
912828YM6	10/14/2022	10/31/2024	1,000	1,000,000	945.55	945,553.94	6,807.07	5	952,366	1.500%	29,712	54,446	84,158	4.493%
9128283V0	7/26/2023	1/31/2025	2,000	2,000,000	964.10	1,928,191.18	24,309.39	5	1,952,506	2.500%	76,027	71,809	147,836	4.946%
91282CEH0	7/26/2023	4/15/2025	2,000	2,000,000	962.15	1,924,305.00	14,631.15	5	1,938,941	2.625%	90,369	75,695	166,064	4.993%
91282CAB7	8/16/2023	7/31/2025	1,000	1,000,000	916.08	916,084.79	108.70	5	916,198	0.250%	4,850	83,915	88,765	5.067%
91282CFP1	10/18/2023	10/15/2025	3,000	3,000,000	985.27	2,955,829.07	1,045.08	5	2,956,879	4.250%	253,258	44,171	297,429	5.052%
91282CJV4	2/20/2024	1/31/2026	3,000	3,000,000	995.00	2,985,005.00	7,005.50	5	2,992,016	4.250%	253,258	14,995	268,253	4.512%
91282CCF6	5/24/2024	5/31/2026	3,505	3,505,000	923.54	3,237,023.67	12,640.98	5	3,249,670	0.750%	52,216	267,976	320,192	4.966%
912828YD6	8/22/2024	8/31/2026	3,000	3,000,000	950.08	2,863,166.03	19,616.17	5	2,882,787	1.375%	83,630	129,380	213,010	3.735%
912828YU8	8/22/2024	11/30/2026	2,000	2,000,000	951.70	1,910,434.38	7,370.22	5	1,917,810	1.625%	64,556	76,071	140,627	3.696%
91282CJT9	8/22/2024	1/15/2027	2,000	2,000,000	1,003.60	2,007,044.38	8,260.87	5	2,015,310	4.000%	192,219	(44,614)	147,605	3.692%
912828ZN3	11/21/2024	4/30/2027	4,000	4,000,000	4,360.00	3,993,398.50	1,264.64	5	3,994,668	0.500%	48,767	281,835	330,602	4.156%
912828ZV5	1/23/2025	6/30/2027	2,184	2,184,000	2,184.00	1,999,469.62	693.81	5	2,000,168	0.500%	26,567	140,020	166,587	4.183%
91282CAY7	2/18/2025	11/30/2027	2,198	2,198,000	2,195.00	1,993,065.00	3,015.11	5	1,996,085	0.625%	33,422	131,850	165,272	4.163%
9128283W8	10/17/2025	2/15/2028	3,000	3,000,000	2,961.00	2,961,305.00	14,796.20	5	2,976,106	2.750%	192,575	38,965	231,540	3.350%
9128284N7	10/23/2025	5/15/2028	3,000	3,000,000	2,966.00	2,965,672.82	37,968.75	5	3,003,647	2.875%	206,764	34,327	241,091	3.391%
						27,887,000	26,915,584.40							

Fixed Income CDs Investment Summary
As of November 30, 2025

CUSIP	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Days to Maturity	Quantity/ Price	Service Charge	Net Amount	YTM	Expected Interest
15987UBT4	5/18/2023	11/5/2024	537	250,000	5	250,000.04	5.050%	18,574
33749VBQ0	5/23/2023	11/22/2024	549	250,000	5	250,000.29	4.850%	18,237
12547CBK3	5/25/2023	11/25/2024	550	250,000	5	250,001.68	5.100%	19,212
200339FT1	5/25/2023	11/25/2024	550	250,000	5	250,001.68	5.050%	19,024
337158AX7	5/26/2023	11/26/2024	550	250,000	5	250,001.69	5.050%	19,024
09784RCC5	5/30/2023	11/29/2024	549	250,000	5	250,000.29	4.950%	18,613
87164DWD8	5/19/2023	2/19/2025	642	250,000	5	250,000.15	4.850%	21,327
20347MAP6	5/31/2023	4/30/2025	700	250,000	5	250,000.23	4.750%	22,774
227563CJ0	5/19/2023	5/19/2025	731	250,000	5	250,000.13	4.850%	24,283
73317ACD2	5/24/2023	5/22/2025	729	250,000	5	250,000.17	4.850%	24,217
2546735C6	5/24/2023	5/23/2025	730	250,000	5	250,000.17	4.850%	24,250
300185MA0	5/26/2023	5/26/2025	731	250,000	5	250,000.19	4.650%	23,282
02589AEU2	5/24/2023	5/27/2025	734	250,000	5	250,000.20	4.850%	24,383
05600XQK9	5/24/2023	5/27/2025	734	250,000	5	250,000.20	4.850%	24,383
89388CGT9	5/30/2023	5/30/2025	731	250,000	5	250,000.22	4.950%	24,784
74824XDK9	6/2/2023	6/2/2025	731	250,000	5	250,000.02	4.850%	24,283
028501AR5	5/24/2024	6/5/2026	742	250,000	5	250,001.33	5.000%	25,411
06051XDY5	5/24/2024	6/1/2026	738	250,000	5	250,001.31	5.000%	25,274
						500,000	500,002.64	401,336

Total Invested Funds at Cost	27,415,587.04
Cash Balance	161,037.69
Cost Basis	27,576,624.73
Unrealized Gain/Loss	705,010.35
Market Value	28,281,635.08

Kern Delta Water Banking Project
US Treasury Investment Summary
As of November 30, 2025

CUSIP	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Quantity (Q)	Par Value (PV)	Customer Price (P)	Principal (Prin) (Q x P)	Accrued Interest (AI)	Service Charge	Net Money (NM) (Prin + AI)	Coupon Rate (CR)	Coupon Interest (Cou)	Discount Returned (Disc)	Estimated Total Yield (Y)	YTM
912796YU7	11/4/2022	4/13/2023	999	999,000	981.93	980,949.74	-	5	980,955					
912796V48	11/4/2022	4/20/2023	999	999,000	980.82	979,840.12	-	5	979,845					
912796YV5	11/4/2022	4/27/2023	999	999,000	979.89	978,907.61	-	5	978,913					
91282CAB7	8/22/2024	7/31/2025	2,000	2,000,000	962.30	1,926,725.00	298.91	5	1,927,029	0.250%	9,932	73,275	163,750	4.267%
912828ZN3	11/21/2024	4/30/2027	1,000	1,000,000	1,090.00	998,271.32	316.16	5	998,592	0.500%	12,158	70,554	82,712	4.160%

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Fixed Income CDs Investment Summary
As of November 30, 2025

CUSIP	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Days to Maturity	Quantity/ Price	Service Charge	Net Amount	YTM	Expected Interest
564759SS8	5/31/2023	12/2/2024	551	250,000	5	250,000.02	5.100%	19,247
61690U6Z8	5/31/2023	12/2/2024	551	250,000	5	250,000.02	5.100%	19,247
61768EUL5	5/31/2023	12/2/2024	551	250,000	5	250,000.02	5.100%	19,247
309175DY0	5/30/2023	5/30/2025	731	250,000	5	250,000.21	4.850%	24,283
654062LL0	5/31/2023	5/30/2025	730	250,000	5	250,000.22	4.950%	24,750

Total Invested Funds at Cost	998,271.32
Cash Balance	3,330.29
Cost Basis	1,001,601.61
Unrealized Gain/Loss	46,123.08
Market Value	1,047,724.69

Tab IV





**OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, CA

TUESDAY December 2, 2025

CANCELED

The December 2, 2025 Operations and Projects Committee Meeting has been canceled



To: Kern Delta Water District Board of Directors

From: Daniel Deleon

Date: December 16th, 2025

Re: Encroachment Permit Applications & Easement Requests

DISCUSSION:

The following are the organizations that have applied for an encroachment permit with Kern Delta Water District and a summary of their intended locations and purposes for encroaching.

Organization: Landmark Irrigation, Inc.

Location: Central Branch Canal, Adobe Road

Purpose: Connect into new turnout.

Anticipated Start Date: TBD

Organization: Countryside Construction

Location: Branch One Canal at Taft Highway

Purpose: Pipeline and realignment of the Branch Once Canal.

Anticipated Start Date: November 17th, 2025

Organization: Sierra Construction & Excavation, Inc.

Location: Kern Island Canal at Hosking Avenue

Purpose: Extend existing box culvert ~280 ft south, and line portion of canal.

Anticipated Start Date: December 5th, 2025.

Maintenance Report

November 2025

1. **Structure and Turnout Repairs.** The following jobs were completed during the month.
 - a. Cleaned water filter on traveling screens on the Central.
 - b. Replace and relocated backup structure 527 on the BV.
 - c. Placed screens in Stine at California Ave on the 11th and removed them on the 21st.
 - d. Repaired trash screen on turnout #259 on Eastside Canal.
 - e. Repaired meter on #187 on BV.
 - f. Prepared for shut down by placing turnout boxes and pipe at installation sites. Also enlarged a turnout box from 24" to 36" opening.
 - g. Dredged the BV Canal from weir #527 to the floating weir.
2. **Shop.** The following jobs were completed during the month;
 - a. Normal service and repairs on District vehicles and equipment.
 - b. Replace starter and flywheel on truck #229.
 - c. Replace water pump and belt on truck #324.
 - d. Serviced transmission (new fluid and filter) on truck # 326.
 - e. Replace rear shocks on truck #222.
 - f. Had the front ram repaired on truck lift.
 - g. Replaced clock spring and repaired air leaks on truck #322.
 - h. Repaired a taillight short on truck #330.
 - i. Repaired turnout #241 with a refurbished flapper and adjusting stops.
3. **District Wells.**
 - a. Monthly service and inspection of all District wells, clean well pads as needed.
4. **Motor Grader # 403** The following canals were sloped, and roads graded;
 - a. No sloping was done this month.
5. **Backhoe # 402** The following jobs were completed this month;
 - a. Assist in back filling weir #527 on the BV.
 - b. Dug up and removed PVC irrigation pipe at the former Stenderup property (future Eastside Canal Surge Pond).
6. **Backhoe # 404** The following jobs were completed this month;
 - a. Load dirt to haul to Kern Island at Calcutta Dr.
 - b. Dug up and removed irrigation lines at the former Stenderup property.
 - c. Dredged the outer edges of the Kern Island below Bear Mtn.
 - d. Repair wash in and erosion area on the lower Kern Island.
7. **Backhoe # 408** The following jobs were completed this month;
 - a. Load dirt for weir #527 on the BV.
 - b. Repair banks on the Kern Island at Calcutta Dr.
 - c. Dredged the outer edges of the Kern Island below Bear Mtn.

8. **Weed Spraying.** The following canals were sprayed during the month;
 - a. Sprayed outside banks on the Eastside Canal.
 - b. Sprayed the Kern Island from 99 north.
 - c. Spot sprayed lower parts of the BV Canal.
9. **Aquatic Treatments.** Treatments including surface spraying for algae mats and injection treatments for control of algae or vascular aquatic weeds;
 - a. No aquatic treatments this month.
10. **Rodent Control**
 - a. Filled bait stations throughout the District.
11. **Trash Removal.**
 - a. Clean trash racks throughout the KI, Stine, and BV systems.
 - b. Removed trash left behind from homeless encampments.
12. **Fence Repairs.** Fences and Gates were repaired at the following locations;
 - a. Central Canal – Brundage and Wilson.
 - b. Kern Island Canal – Calcutta, White Ln, and Columbus.
 - c. East Branch- Casa Loma (built double gate).
13. **Safety Meetings.** Weekly tailgate safety topics were;
 - a. Safety is Everyone's Responsibility - Employers are not the only ones responsible for safety on the job, employees also have responsibility for maintaining a safe working environment.
 - b. Common Contributing Factors for Workplace Injuries - Unsafe conditions and unsafe acts are often the root cause of why injuries occur.
 - c. How Observant are you - Between stressors and distractions of our environments, it is easy to glance over small details. Missing small details at work means we begin to lose focus on addressing hazards that can lead to injuries.
 - d. Eliminating Hazards on the Job - The hierarchy of controls to mitigate hazards in the workplace, Identify Hazards, Eliminate Hazards, Substitute Hazards, Implement Engineering Controls, Adopt Administrative Controls, Personal Protective Equipment.
14. **Water Banking Activities.** The following jobs were completed during the month;
 - a. Repaired fence at DiGiorgio Basins.
15. **Future Projects**
 - a. Get quotes for well repairs;
 - a. FR-1 and ST-1 - perform pump tests.
 - b. KI-8 - troubleshoot soft start issue.
 - c. KB-1 - troubleshoot VFD issue.
 - b. Screen Improvements at Head of Stine in City Corp Yard – The City public works department is arranging for the electric fence around the screen location to be repositioned to allow for better access. Staff are working with City staff in modifying the design. Construction is expected to begin in April. 2026.



Project No.	Tract	Developer/Owner	Facility	Location	Engineer/Contractor	Status	Project Description
1	7405	Balfanz	Central Branch	North of Planz	Porter & Associates, Inc.	A	Fencing, PG&E Pole Relocation
2	7136	Deertrail/D.R. Horton	Stine Canal	North of McCutchen	McIntosh & Associates	A	Canal realignment.
3	N/A	KDWD	Sunset Basins	Sunset Basins	Zeiders Consulting	A	Pump installation/testing.
4	6880	Lennar	Branch II Canal	West of Gosford Road	McIntosh & Associates	A	Swale and storm drain inlet boxes remain.
5	N/A	Crimson	20-ft	Intersection of Smith Judd & 20-ft	Anacapa	A	Permit Complete.
6	N/A	Crimson	Farmers Canal	Ashe Road	Anacapa	A	Pending plan review
7	N/A	Pilot Truck Stop	Branch One Canal	Taft Highway	LAV//Pinnacle	A	Canal realignment and pipeline.
8	N/A	MPS Construction Mgm	Kern Island Canal	South of Hosking Ave	Dewalt	A	Southerly box culvert extension.
9	N/A	BCSD	Eastside Canal	34th Street	Porter & Associates, Inc.	P	Fencing/block wall along western right-of-way on Eastside Canal.
10	N/A	Ripple Fiber	15 Ditch	Stine Road	Ridgeline Telecom	P	Install fiber crossing.
11	N/A	Zarch	Central Branch	Adobe Road	Landmark Irrigation	P	Connect to new turnout
12	N/A	Caballero	Eastside Canal	South of Panama Ln	-	P	Install bridge crossing on Eastside Canal
13	N/A	Caltrans	Multiple	Multiple	Caltrans	P	Culvert extensions of multiple District canals along Taft Highway.
14	N/A	East Niles	Eastside Canal	Shirley Lane	AECOM	P	Install discharge into canal.
15	N/A	Bakersfield Play Center	Eastside Canal	Kentucky Street	TBD	P	Install block wall
16	N/A	City of Bakersfield	Hersfield Pipeline	North of McKee		P	Traffic light relocation
17	N/A	Five Rivers Investment	Stine Canal	SE Corner of Panma Ln and Gosford		P	Comercial project
18	7136	Deertrail/D.R. Horton	Stine Canal	North of McCutchen	CVPE	P	Install fiber crossing.
19	N/A	KDWD	Eatside Canal	North of Di Giorgio	TBD	P	Install traveling water screens and line portion of canal.
20	N/A	KDWD	Kern Island Canal	North of Hwy 178	TBD	P	Replace/modify trash screen.
21	N/A	KDWD	Kern Island Canal	South of Berkshire	TBD	P	Replace weir 03-00-601 steel.
22	N/A	KDWD	Stine Canal	City Corp Yard	TBD	P	Modify trash screen.
23	N/A	FBT Trucking	15 Ditch	North of Pacheco	-	P	Access agreement; canal crossing
24	N/A	Grow Schools	East Branch Canal	Casa Loma		P	Future School site at end of Casa Loma
25	N/A	HP LLC	Multiple	Multiple	HP LLC	P	Fiber line crossing, two locations.
26	N/A	KDWD	Old River Basins	Old River Basins	Zeiders Consulting	P	New recovery well.
27	N/A	Panama BVUSD	Randall Ditch	East of Stine Road	Michael Dhaneens Arch.	P	Proposed development within canal right-of-way
28	N/A	PG&E	Kern Island Canal	34th Street	PG&E	P	Install underground electric power lines.
29	N/A	PG&E	Central Branch	Ming Avenue	PG&E	P	Waiting on plans.
30	N/A	PG&E	Kern Island Canal	Belle Terrace	PG&E	P	Install gas pipeline underneath canal.
31	N/A	PG&E	Farmers Canal	Old River Road	PG&E	P	Plans reviewed. Waiting on insurance and permit fee.
32	N/A	PG&E	Central Branch	Panama Lane	PG&E	P	Requesting easement for existing pole line, north of Panama Lane
33	6410	S&S Homes	Burnes Ditch	North of Taft Hwy	McIntosh & Associates	P	Taft Highway culvert extension and new culvert at future City street.
34	N/A	Samco	Branch One Canal	Wible and Harris	Landmark	P	CUA, Plan review
35	N/A	Unknown	Kern Island Canal	22nd Street	QK	P	Storm drain discharge. Waiting on plans.
36	N/A	Panama BVUSD	Randall Ditch	Stine Road	PG&E	C	Gas pipeline.
37	N/A	AEWSD	FFP/Eastside Canal	Eastside Canal	Provost & Pritchard	C	Overhead power and modifications to intertie.
38	N/A	Bidart Dairy	14 Ditch	Head of 14 Ditch	Bakersfield W&P	C	Overhead power installation.
39	N/A	Panama BVUSD	Randall Ditch	Stine Road	A-C Electric	C	Install underground electric power line.
40	N/A	City of Bakersfield	Kern Island Canal	North of Berkshire		C	Sidwalk issue/concerns

A-Active, in Construction
P - Pending
C - Complete



To: Kern Delta Water District Board of Directors

From: Chris Bellue

Date: December 16, 2025

Re: Shop Improvement Proposals

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend selecting Dobitz Construction for the shop improvements project.

DISCUSSION:

Shop improvements primarily consist of replacing roof sheathing over the entire shop building and enclosing the back bay. The back bay is currently open on all three sides and when enclosed it will be used for metal fabrication activities. Other components of the project include slab replacement in the back bay and south apron, extending utilities for the future welding bay, new roll up and a walk door in the new bay, new sky lights throughout the shop, a roof catwalk for servicing the swamp coolers, new swamp coolers, and replacement and/or repair of rusted roof purlins.

QUOTES FOR SHOP IMPROVEMENTS:

The District contracted with Skarphol Frank Associates to design the project, collect proposals, and manage construction. The open market procedure was used to solicit proposals for the project. Two of the four contractors did not provide proposals for various reasons. The quotes are summarized below and attached for reference.

Company	Cost
Dobitz Construction	\$595,276.00
Excel Construction Solutions	\$614,812.15
S&L Builders Inc	N/A
Diamond Peak Construction	N/A

**KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT
SERVICES CONTRACT 2025-09**

This Contract, made and entered into by and between the Kern Delta Water District, hereinafter referred to as "District" and Dobitz Construction, Inc. hereinafter referred to as "Contractor."

District and Contractor agree as follows:

- 1) SCOPE OF WORK: Contractor will reroof the shop and enclose a bay as described in Attachment A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2) ASSIGNMENT TO CONTRACTOR: In the performance of the services requested under this Agreement, Contractor shall report to and receive written assignments from the General Manager or such other person or officer who the General Manager may designate. Contractor shall not perform any services without a written assignment from the District.
- 3) TIME FOR COMPLETION: The Scope of Work shall be completed within by June 30, 2025.
- 4) COMPENSATION: Compensation under this Contract shall not exceed \$595,276.00 in total without written authorization from the District.
- 5) PAYMENTS: Charges shall be billed monthly to the District and payment by the District shall be made within 30 days of receipt of each undisputed invoice. Detailed invoices shall be submitted to the Kern Delta Water District, 501 Taft Highway, Bakersfield, CA 93307. Contractor shall keep adequate records of all services and charges to the District and make them available if requested by the District.
- 6) PREVAILING WAGE: Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1720 *et seq.* and 1770 *et seq.*, Contractor shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Prevailing wage schedules for Kern County are available from the Department of Industrial Relations - Division of Labor Statistics and Research via the Internet at www.dir.ca.gov. A prevailing wage scale is also on file in the office of the District and copies may be obtained upon request. Should Contractor intend to use a craft or classification not shown on the prevailing rate determinations, Contractor may be required to pay the rate of the craft or classification most closely related to it.
- 7) DIR REGISTRATION: Contractor shall be registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.
- 8) CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The complete agreement of the parties includes this Contract, the Proposal Plans, the Quoting Procedure and Contract Award (Exhibit "A"), Contractor's proposal (Exhibit "B"), and any supplemental agreements between the District and Contractor.
- 9) CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS: Contractor makes the following representations:
 - a. Contractor has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents and the other related data provided to the Contractor related to the Scope of Work;
 - b. Contractor visited the project site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local, and site conditions that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Scope of Work;
 - c. Contractor is familiar with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations that may affect

cost, progress, and performance of the Scope of Work;

- d. Contractor is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by District and others at the project site that related to the Scope of Work as indicated in the Contract Documents;
 - e. Contractor has correlated the information known to Contractor, information and observations obtained from visits to the project site, reports, and drawings identified in the Contract Documents, and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data within the Contract Documents;
 - f. Contractor has given Architect written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Contractor has discovered in the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by Architect is acceptable to Contractor;
 - g. The Contract Documents are sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performing the Scope of Work.
- 10) INDEMNITY: To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall hold harmless, defend at its own expense, and indemnify District, its directors, officers, and employees against any and all liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, arising from all acts or omissions of Contractor or its officers, agents, or employees in rendering services under this contract; excluding, however, such liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses arising from District's sole negligence or willful acts.
- 11) INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the Contractors, his agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors. Coverage shall be at least as broad as the following:
- a. Commercial General Liability Insurance, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, personal and advertising injury with limit of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence or the full per occurrence limits of policies available, whichever is greater. District shall be named as Additional Insured with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractors including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. Contractor's insurance shall be primary and not contribute with any insurance maintained by District.
 - b. Auto Liability covering all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per each accident.
 - c. Workers' Compensation – as required by the State of California with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability insurance with a limit no less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury or disease.

If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the District requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds more than the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the District.

The general liability policy must contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured Status:** District, its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers are to be given insured status (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 10 01), with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations.
2. **Primary Coverage:** For any claims related to this project, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects to the District, its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the District.

Self-Insured Retentions - Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the District. The District may require the Contractor to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or District.

Acceptability of Insurers - Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII or as otherwise approved by District.

Verification of Coverage – Contractor shall furnish the District with certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the District before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The District reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including policy Declaration pages and Endorsement pages.

Subcontractors - Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that District its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers are an additional insured on Commercial General Liability Coverage.

- 12) **COMPLIANCE WITH LAW; PERMITTING:** Contractor will comply with all local, state, and federal regulations and statutes including Cal/OSHA requirements and its applicable guidelines to COVID-19 relating to essential work permitted by the State of California. Any permits required by governmental authorities will be obtained at Contractor's expense.
- 13) **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** This Agreement calls for Contractor's performance of the Scope of Work as an independent contractor. Contractor is not an agent or employee of District for any purpose and is not entitled to any of the benefits provided by District to its employees. This Agreement shall not be construed as forming a partnership or any other association with Contractor other than that of an independent contractor.
- 14) **DIRECTION:** Contractor retains the right to control or direct the manner in which the services described herein are performed.
- 15) **EQUIPMENT:** Contractor will supply all equipment, tools, materials and supplies necessary to

perform the services under this Agreement.

- 16) NOTICE: Any notice or instrument required to be given or delivered by this Contract may be given or delivered by personal delivery or by depositing the same in a United States Post Office, registered or certified, postage prepaid, addressed to:

DISTRICT: Kern Delta Water District
501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93307
ATTN: Chris Bellue

CONTRACTOR: Dobitz Construction, Inc.
9205 Totem Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93312

This Contract is executed by the District pursuant to (an action of its Governing Body or its Purchasing Policy) authorizing the same, and Contractor has caused this Contract to be duly executed.

DISTRICT

CONTRACTOR

Steven L. Tegli
General Manager

Dated: _____, 2025

Approved as to Form:

Richard Iger
General Counsel

Exhibit A

QUOTING PROCEDURES & CONTRACT AWARD
November 10, 2025

Kern Delta Water District

Shop Bay Enclosure
501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, California



Skarphol/Frank Associates
925 17th Street
Bakersfield, California

QUOTING PROCEDURES & CONTRACT AWARD

1. In accordance with their Board approved purchase policy, Kern Delta Water District is requesting quotes through the open market process and has selected Skarphol/Frank Associates as their Authorized Agent to solicit quotes. Even though the word "Quote" and "Bid" are used interchangeably in this request it is understood that this is not a formal bid procedure as referenced in Kern Delta's purchase policy. Interested parties may obtain project related documents from:

Architect: Skarphol/Frank Associates
925 17th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Contact: Ross Sweet
Tel: 661-334-2741
Email: ross@skarpholfrank.com

On **Monday, December 1, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** documents will be issued to each interested party via email. One (1) set of plans will be provided to each interested party, upon request, by contacting Skarphol/Frank Associates. Additional prints can be made by each contractor at their expense as required.

2. Plans, Specifications and Proposal forms will only be issued to those contractors who have the following qualifications:
 - A. Valid State Contractor's License of the type required to perform the work of this contract.
 - B. Written proof of ability to provide the required Bonds and Insurance.
 - C. A generally recognized record for satisfactory execution of contracts of equivalent size and character.
3. Quoters shall examine the documents provided consisting of:
 - A. Quoting Procedures and Contract Award
 - B. Construction drawings consisting of the documents named in Exhibit '1'.
 - C. Contractor's Rules and Regulations per the building owner requirements and named in Exhibit '2'.
4. Before submitting a quote, carefully examine the provided documents, visit the site, and become fully acquainted with all existing conditions and limitations applying to the work. Propose to take the site as it shall be found on the proposal due date and include in the proposal a sum sufficient to cover all items, whether they are or are not specifically shown or noted, but which are nevertheless implied or required to attain the complete conditions indicated by the Contract Documents.
 - A. At the sole discretion of the architect, future change orders may not be approved for failure of the contractor, or anyone employed by the contractor, to conduct a site visit and become fully acquainted with the existing conditions prior to providing a proposal.
 - B. Site visits are to be scheduled through the Architect. **DO NOT** contact the Building Owner.
5. Proposal Submittal shall include the following:
 - A. Name of Insurance Company and particulars of Contractor's General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1M per occurrence, Auto Insurance in the amount of \$1M per occurrence, Workers Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$1M per occurrence, Umbrella Insurance in the amount of \$1M per occurrence, and All Risks Insurance in the amount of \$5M per occurrence in effect at time of bid. Amounts listed are minimum requirements. The successful party shall include Building Owner and Building Owner's consultants, and Owner and Owner's consultants as additional insured prior to commencement of construction and furnish an endorsement to each party.

- B. Proposal must include all labor, materials, general conditions, fees, plant, temporary work (including protection of existing improvements), and everything else necessary for construction, completion, and warranties for the works in accordance with the construction agreement. **Provide a cost breakdown on the attached excel spreadsheet format. The spreadsheet must be emailed to the architect along with the Proposal Submittal. In addition, the Proposal may also be formatted on the contractor's letterhead, but the excel spreadsheet shall govern.** Also include a list of your subcontractors and a description of their portion of work to be performed.
 - C. Pricing for alternatives shall be clearly indicated in the proposal documents.
 - D. Include an **estimate of the time (in calendar days) required to complete the work in this contract.**
 - E. Include a date when construction can begin, assume the building permit has been approved at the date of bidding submittal.
 - F. Permit Fees, Public Works Fees, etc., if needed, **are to be excluded** from this proposal. Once these fees are determined they shall be added to the Final Contract Sum.
6. Interested parties shall submit documents comprising quote, proposed construction schedule, schedule of quantities, sub-contractor roster, insurance particulars and all other explanatory or descriptive material required to fully document the interested party's proposal via fax, in person, or emailed to ross@skarpholfrank.com to be delivered no later than **Friday, November 28, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.** to the Architect's office.
7. Questions and interpretation of drawings shall be resolved as follows:
- A. **All questions shall be submitted in writing to the Architect.** All questions shall be submitted no later than seven (7) working days prior to Friday, November 28, 2025. Architect shall issue a reply to all interested parties. Do not contact Owner.
 - B. If in doubt as to the interpretation of any part of the drawings or specifications, contact the Architect who will make the interpretation or issue a written addendum as required. Any written interpretation or addenda will be issued to all interested parties, shall automatically become a part of the documents, and must be acknowledged on the proposal form submitted by the Contractor. Do not assume any method or material different from that specified will be acceptable without specific approval from the Architect.
8. All Contractors submitting Proposals for work under this contract shall have included all Federal, State, and Local taxes of whatever nature. Absolutely no extras will be allowed for such by the Owner.
9. Permit, Inspection, Assessment and Utility Responsibilities:
- A. The Contractor, under the Agreement to be executed for this Contract, shall obtain, and pay for all permits required, in addition to the provided building permit, for the complete execution of the work and for all inspections that are required by State or Local (City and County) laws and / or ordinances. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary permits and inspections in excess of the provided building permit as needed.
 - B. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents, it shall be the responsibility of the respective contractors to make an exhaustive search to ascertain any and all utility service, sewer and water district assessments, connection fees, reimbursement fees, etc., which may be charged and include payment for same in his proposal. Future requests for extra reimbursement due to charges of this nature will not be recognized.
 - C. All gas, water, sanitation, and telephone facilities for construction purposes shall be provided and paid for by the General Contractor as required until acceptance of the improvement by the Owner. It shall be the responsibility of the respective Contractors to ascertain and include in their proposal any and all fees which may be assessed by the serving utility to provide said service until completion of the contract.
 - D. The Contractor shall exclude all costs associates with Special Tests and Inspections. This shall be the responsibility of the Owner, but all inspections shall be coordinated by the general contractor.

10. Any party may withdraw their proposal, either personally or by telegraphic or written request received by the Owner, at any time prior to the scheduled time for the awarding of the Contract. Neither the owner nor his representative shall be held liable for failure to receive such notice of withdrawal. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all proposals.
11. The Authorized Agent is not required to select the lowest cost proposal but may select the vender that best serves the needs of the District by considering factors including but not limited to, quality, experience, timing, compatibility with current operations and price.
12. Any proposal may be rejected and there will be no obligation to accept the lowest or any proposal. No expenses or losses incurred by interested parties in the preparation of this proposal shall be reimbursed.
13. All work performed under this contract shall conform with all applicable codes.
14. Equipment and items indicated as not being included in the Contract shall be verified with the Owner's representative as to size, shape, and utility service requirements to insure complete and proper facilities to receive same.
15. Arithmetical errors in the proposal may be adjusted with the party's consent during the proposal evaluation phase.
16. All recipients of documents, whether they submit a proposal or not, shall treat the details of the documents as the private property of the Owner and Architect.
17. After the proposal submission date, no proposals for corrections to proposals shall be considered.
18. Proposals must be signed by one authorized to do so.
19. Alterations to the proposals must be initialed by the party.
20. the successful party will enter into an agreement with Kern Delta Water District to perform the work.
21. The successful party shall guarantee materials and workmanship for a minimum of one (1) year after the date of the Architect's Certification of Completion. Any written warranties beyond one year for materials or equipment purchased for the purposes of the work shall be assigned to the Owner.
22. The selected General Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the performance of the contract.
23. Interested parties shall satisfy themselves as to the sources, locations, and availability of materials and to the method and procedure by which they expect to commence and complete the work, including final clean up, so they will comply with the requirements of the documents.
24. **Failure to follow these Procedures may result in elimination from contention.**

EXHIBIT '1'

- 1) Construction Documents dated July 5, 2022.
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- 2) The project will be contracted through the owner. Prevailing Wage is required per Labor Code S 1720.2.
- 3) Green Building Practices shall be used as follows, but not limited to:
 1. Contractor shall implement a Construction Waste Management Plan that will maintain a minimum standard percentage of diversion of construction waste from landfills required by applicable codes in force at the time of permitting. Contractor shall submit Construction Waste Management Plan to the Architect/Building Owner/State for review prior to commencement of construction and a Construction Waste Management Worksheet upon project completion. Refer to the California Green Building Standards Code for examples of a Construction Waste Management Plan and Construction Waste Management Worksheet.
- 4) Waste Disposal and Pollutant Control Notes:
 - 1) General contractor shall establish a construction-waste management plan for the diverted materials, or meet local construction and demolition waste management ordinance, whichever is more stringent.
 - 2) Construction Waste Management Plan. Where a local jurisdiction does not have a construction and demolition waste management ordinance, submit a construction waste management plan for approval by the enforcement agency that:
 - a) Identifies the materials to be diverted from disposal by efficient usage, recycling, reuse on the project or salvage for future use or sale.
 - b) Determines if materials will be sorted on-site or mixed.
 - c) Identifies diversion facilities where material collected will be taken.
 - d) Specifies that the amount of materials diverted shall be calculated by weight or volume, but not by both.
 - 3) Documentation shall be provided by the contractor to the enforcing agency which demonstrates compliance with the construction waste management plan items 1 thru 4 above. The waste management plan shall be updated as necessary and shall be accessible during construction for examination by the enforcing agency.
 - 4) Construction waste reduction of at least 65%. Recycle and/or salvage for reuse a minimum of 65% of the non-hazardous construction and demolition debris or meet a local construction and demolition waste management ordinance, whichever is more stringent. Calculate the amount of materials diverted by weight or volume, but not by both.

Exceptions:

- 1) Excavated soil and land-clearing debris.
- 2) Alternate waste reduction methods developed by working with local agencies if diversion or recycle facilities capable of compliance with this item do not exist.
- 3) Excavated soil and land clearing debris. 100% of trees, stumps, rocks and associated vegetation and soils resulting primarily from land clearing shall be reused or recycled. For a phased project, such material may be stockpiled on site until the storage site is developed.
- 4) Composite wood and agrifiber products used on the interior of a building must contain no added urea-formaldehyde resins.

5) All adhesives shall not exceed the volatile organic compound (voc) content as set forth in table 5.504.4.17.

6) All architectural coatings shall not exceed the volatile organic compound (voc) content as set forth in table 5.504.4.38.

EXHIBIT '2'

CONTRACTOR'S RULES & REGULATIONS

Contractors working within 501 Taft Highway, Bakersfield, CA (the "Building") are required to observe the following guidelines and to be aware of written security and safety directives enforced by Building Management and Security. Contractors should consider these requirements when estimating their project costs.

Nothing in the guidelines is intended to interfere with your work or make it more difficult. They are intended to protect the Building and its users. Failure to follow these guidelines has cost previous contractors, unfamiliar with the Building, time and money. All of the guidelines are subject to some flexibility, as long as the proposed alternative procedure provides equivalent protection for the Building.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The Building is a general fire alarm building and every effort should be made to eliminate any potential activations.
2. The Building is open for normal occupancy from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
3. Any inspection that requires activation of building fire alarm system must be complete by 7 a.m. M-F. 5 day advanced notification inspection shall be provided to the Owner.
4. All work to the Building fire panel must be completed by the current building fire alarm system maintenance /testing contractor. Any relocation or addition of devices must be programmed by the building contractor into the building fire panel at the General Contractor's cost.
5. Contractor shall supply owner with a copy of all approved drawings for review prior to the start of any alterations.
6. All breakers in electrical panels must be clearly marked/labeled using a labeling machine.
7. Any work involving HVAC system must be air balanced and copy of report must be included in close out package.
8. The interruption of any service within the building (i.e., power, fire sprinkler protection, fire alarms, etc.) must be scheduled with the Owner five (5) days in advance and may not be permitted during working hours.
9. At least one week prior to commencement of any construction in the building or on its grounds, all contractors must provide the Owner with proof of adequate liability insurance coverage that must include the Owner as additionally insured.
10. All required building permits must be posted on the job site during construction.
11. It shall be the responsibility of the General Contractor to inform their subcontractors of these guidelines, so that everyone is knowledgeable of these requirements.
12. It shall be the responsibility of all contractors to provide the Owner with a written schedule of their intended work hours, and the names of all subcontractors and job site supervisors. This

schedule shall be updated whenever changes in the schedule occur.

13. Contractor must submit a list of emergency after-hour contacts to the Owner with all applicable numbers including cell, and home phone numbers.
14. All painting not using low VOC paint must be done after normal business hours. This includes any staining or any painting of metal with oil-based paints.
15. Every effort should be made to use low VOC paints and adhesives to prevent odors and particulate generating practices in the facility especially during normal business hours.
16. All contractors are responsible for the prompt removal from the building of all demolition refuses, debris, and other disposable materials, after 5:00 p.m. daily or on Saturday and Sunday. The contractor will furnish all containers for the removal of such materials.
17. The building dumpster is not to be used for disposing of construction debris at any time.
18. Contractors are responsible for providing the proper type of fire extinguisher on the construction site at all times.
19. Contractors are responsible for leaving their work areas free of all safety or fire hazards upon the completion of their work each day. Contractors shall follow all fire safety codes and maintain emergency evacuation routes as required. Should any such problems be found, the Owner has the right to eliminate said problems at the contractor's expense.
20. Contractors shall notify the Owner before any demolition, welding, soldering or any other smoke or dust-producing procedure begins. The contractor shall protect all HVAC equipment, smoke detectors and other sensors from damage by dust. For welding operations, a fire watch is required which involves active monitoring of the immediate area during and after the welding, until the fire hazard has passed.
21. All contractors must exercise great care when working near any overhead sprinkler devices. All water damage caused by contractor carelessness will become the financial responsibility of the contractor.
22. Contractor will be responsible for keeping stairways free of dust, trash, and material on a daily basis. Stairwells must not be utilized for storage.
23. Should contractors be involved in a long-term working program in the building, the contractors and the Owner's team shall hold meetings on a regular basis to review priorities and make plans for needed changes.
24. During the duration of the project the General Contractor's representative must be on site while any/all work is ongoing and will be required to sign in/out.
25. Smoking in the Building is strictly prohibited.
26. These guidelines are subject to change without prior notice.

HOUSEKEEPING

1. General cleaning of the building is performed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Unusual removal of trash by the building staff (especially plaster tracking and restroom cleaning) caused by the contractor's workers or the contractor will pay for neglect.
2. The contractor is responsible for final cleaning at the end of construction, unless other provisions have been made with the tenant, and Building Management has been informed of such decisions.
3. Upon completion of work, but no later than prior to punch list being requested contractor shall vacuum all perimeter fan coils, including removal of covers and ensure that all construction debris in and around units has been picked up.
4. Any extra cleaning caused by the contractor and not taken care of by said contractor will be completed by the owner and charged to the contractor.
5. Contractors will be responsible for providing their own wet/dry vacs, walk-off mats, floor brooms and other cleaning materials as may be needed to keep their work area in clean condition.
6. Any finishes must be protected at all times with appropriate protection and should protection become damaged it is the contractors' responsibility to replace.

CLOSE OUT / COMPLETION

1. Upon completion of work the General Contractor must complete a close out binder which includes but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Certificate of Occupancy
 - b. Copies of all operation and maintenance manuals for all equipment incorporated into project
 - c. Warranty Letter from General Contractor and all subcontractors
 - d. Two copies of all as built drawings for all trades in hard copy and electronic CADD and PDF format
 - e. Air Balance Report

Dobitz Construction, Inc.

9205 Totem Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93312
License #880929

PROPOSAL

DATE	PROPOSAL #
12/1/2025	25-74 R-1

NAME / ADDRESS
Kern Delta Water District Chris Bellue 501 Taft Highway Bakersfield, CA 93307

TERMS	PROJECT
TBD Bid	Shop Bay Enclosure

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
<p>Dobitz Construction is pleased to submit this proposal per your request. Work to be performed shall be:</p> <p>Provide all labor, tools, equipment, materials and supervision as needed to complete The Shop Bay Enclosure for Kern Delta Water District located at 501 Taft Highway in Bakersfield, CA . All work to be as per plans drawn by Skarphol/Frank Associates dated 11/7/2025.</p> <p>Prevailing Wage IS figured for this project.</p> <p>Includes all trash removal for construction waste.</p> <p>Includes rental of portable toilet and handwash station during construction.</p> <p>All work to be coordinated with Kern Delta Operations to minimize disruption of daily work.</p> <p>Includes the following:</p> <p>CONCRETE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Remove sloped concrete slab in open bay. 2) GPR scan floor at existing columns to locate and protect hairpins. 3) Remove concrete slab south of open bay. 4) Place and finish new 6" slab w/ rebar, 2" sand, 10 mil poly, cont. footings w/ rebar, dowels into existing concrete and cut/cure slab control joints. 5) Place and finish approx. 1280SF apron slab w/ rebar same as slab. Match to existing asphalt at 3 sides. 	534,176.00
DIR #1000003653	<i>TOTAL</i>

Phone #

661-589-5793

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661-589-8615

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TERMS	PROJECT
TBD Bid	Shop Bay Enclosure

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
<p>METAL BUILDING:</p> <p>1) Remove existing roof panels, roof line trim and insulation.</p> <p>2) Provide and install new 26ga. "Polar White" roof panels, 3" WMP-10 roof insulation, roof line trim, gable trim, gutters and downspouts.</p> <p>3) Provide and install 8 ea. Skylight panels.</p> <p>4) Provide and install 36" wide "Gratesafe" walkway system without handrails.</p> <p>5) Provide and install metal building components, 8" 16ga. girts and roll up door framing in lieu of 6" metal stud framing at open bay infill.</p> <p>6) Provide and install new 26ga. wall panels with 3" WMP-10 wall insulation, base, door and corner trims. Color to match existing as close as possible.</p> <p>7) Provide and install 3 ea. 12' x 14' roll up doors, 2500 Series with chain hoist, standard color.</p> <p>8) Provide and install 1 ea. 3' x 7' man door unit with Mortise Lock and Latch Guard.</p> <p>9) Includes roof framing for new unit at bay enclosure.</p> <p>10) Includes \$10,000.00 allowance for potential structural purlin concealed damage.</p> <p>11) Install 8' high, 3/4" AC Plywood on interior side of new South bay enclosure wall. Plywood to be painted. Color TBD.</p> <p>M & E:</p>	
DIR #1000003653	<i>TOTAL</i>

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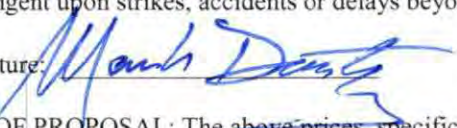
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TBD Bid	Shop Bay Enclosure

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
1) Disconnect, remove, reinstall and reconnect all roof mounted equipment for roof panel replacement. 2) Includes new corrugated roof curbs for reinstalled equipment. 3) Remove existing exhaust fan and replace like for like. 4) Provide and install new fans and cooler as per plan. 5) Includes 2 trips for crane. 6) Add new power outlets and lighting fixtures as per plans. EXCLUDES any permit fees. ALTERNATE ADD: Provide and Install "Gratesafe" handrails on 1 side only. Down hill side.	61,100.00
DIR #1000003653	TOTAL \$595,276.00

All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs, will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above this proposal. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire and other necessary insurance.

Authorized Signature: 

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL: The above prices, specifications, and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payments will be made as outlined above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone # 661-589-5793 Fax # 661-589-8615

Tab V



KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT

December 12, 2025

	12/12/2025	Last Year
KERN RIVER 3 DAY MEAN INFLOW	398 CFS	457 CFS
KERN RIVER MEAN OUTFLOW	413 CFS	413 CFS
ISABELLA RESERVOIR STORAGE	183,732 ACFT	154,504 ACFT
REQUESTED OUTFLOW	412 CFS	413 CFS

Estimated: (CFS)

KDWD DAILY DIVERTED: (DECEMBER 12, 2025)	@HEAD	STATE	XCHNG	BANKING
KERN ISLAND	0	0	0	0
EASTSIDE	0	0	0	0
BUENA VISTA -LEVEE	0	0	0	0
STINE	0	0	0	0
OTHER - River Channel	0	0	0	0
K.I. / A.E. Exchange Gate	0	0	0	0
STINE / A.E. Exchange Gate	0	0	0	0
EASTSIDE / A.E. Intertie	0	0	0	0
Total CFS	0	0	0	0

Estimated: (Acre Feet)

DIVERTED (NOVEMBER 2025)	UTILITY	STATE	PURCHASE	BANKING
KERN ISLAND	3,711	0	0	0
EASTSIDE	0	0	0	0
C.O.B. Misc.	0	0	0	0
BUENA VISTA	474	0	0	0
STINE	567	0	0	0
FARMERS	3,864	0	0	0
SOUTH FORK	0	0	0	0
West Side State Sale	0	0	0	0
MONTHLY TOTAL	8,616	0	0	0
YEAR TO NOVEMBER 30, 2025	209,362 ACFT	12,259	0	0

Year to November 30, 2025 Utility - State - Banking 221,621 ACFT

ACFT. STORAGE BALANCE AS OF:	11/30/2025	Estimate 12/12/2025	Max Storage
KERN ISLAND	2,153	2,145	2,500
BUENA VISTA	1,224	1,224	1,500
STINE	1,366	1,366	1,500
FARMERS	1,410	1,410	1,500
STATE (24) Carryover	0	0	N/A
STATE (25) Contract	5,995	5,995	N/A
RRBWSO STORAGE	18,805	18,805	N/A
PIONEER PROJECT STORAGE (ODC)	24,972 (100,523)	24,972 (100,523)	N/A
TOTAL ACFT.	55,925	55,917	

K.D.W.D. CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATION:

<u>43</u>	MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	<u>45</u>
<u>47</u>	MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	<u>70</u>
<u>43</u>	PRESENT TEMPERATURE	<u>45</u>
<u>0.00</u>	PRECIPITATION - 24 HR. DAY	<u>0.00</u>
<u>0.03</u>	PRECIPITATION - MONTH	<u>0.45</u>
Seasonal <u>3.00</u>	YEAR TO DATE PRECIP.	<u>4.24</u> Seasonal

ISABELLA CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATION:ISABELLA RESEVOIR:

LAKE ELEVATION (FT.)	2,562.66	NOVEMBER AC. FT. INFLOW	29,207
STORAGE ACFT.	183,732	NOVEMBER AC. FT. OUTFLOW	30,024
GROSS STORAGE CAPACITY	568,075	ACCUMULATIVE ACFT. INFLOW (25-26)	48,568
% OF CAPACITY	32%	ACCUMULATIVE ACFT. OUTFLOW	79,080
SEASONAL STORAGE CAPACITY	170,000	% OF SEASONAL CAPACITY	108%

Summary of Utility Water Diverted Year to Date: 11/30/2025

	Utility	North Kern	Other Exchanges
January	10,889	0	0
February	9,611	0	0
March	16,294	0	0
April	19,006	2,000	0
May	26,801	541*	0
June	36,831	0	0
July	39,245	0	0
August	20,675	0	0
September	11,933	0	0
October	9,461	0	0
November	8,616	0	0
December			
Total	209,362	2,541*	0

Summary of Other Water Diverted Year to Date: 11/30/2025

	State	Purchase	3rd Party Banking
January	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	34	0	0
April	71	0	0
May	1,208	0	0
June	3,416	0	0
July	3,300	0	0
August	4,230	0	0
September	0	0	0
October	0	0	0
November	0	0	0
December			
Total	12,259	0	0

*2,459 acre-feet that was previously delivered in 2018 was applied against this year's delivery.

Water owed to K.D.W.D as of: 11/30/2025

B.V.W.S.D. 2024 State Carryover*:	5,504
2025 State Contract: Table A	12,750

Summary of Total State Water Used Year to Date: 11/30/2025

	(OWED)	(USED)
2024 Contract	0	5,504
2025 Contract	5,995	6,755
Total	5,995	12,259

Quantities in acft. TOTAL 18,254

Net Owed to KDWD TOTAL 18,254

Maximum Annual State Carryover Balance: 6,000 acre feet

DISTRICT BANKING OPERATIONS

Friday, December 12, 2025

KERN ISLAND PROJECTS

Branch 1:	-	CFS
Kern Island Met:	-	CFS
Other:	-	CFS
Total:	-	CFS

BUENA VISTA PROJECTS

BV North Basins:	-	CFS
Buena Vista I5:	-	CFS
Other:	-	CFS
Total:	-	CFS

FARMERS PROJECTS

Romero:	-	CFS
Stonefield:	-	CFS
Church:	-	CFS
Other:	-	CFS
Total:	-	CFS

EASTSIDE PROJECTS

Digiorgio:	-	CFS
Sunset:	-	CFS*
Other:	-	CFS
Total:	-	CFS

STINE PROJECTS

Old River:	-	CFS
Bladder & Triangles:	-	CFS
Other:	-	CFS
Total:	-	CFS

BANKING SUPPLIES

KDWD Utility:	-	CFS
AEWSD Project:	-	CFS*
Other:	-	CFS
Total In District:	-	CFS

Estimated: (Acre Feet)

<u>DIVERTED FOR BANKING (NOVEMBER 2025)</u>	<u>UTILITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>PURCHASE</u>	<u>3RD PARTY</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL</u>
				<u>BANKING</u>	<u>RECHARGE</u>
KERN ISLAND	0	0	0	0	1,952
EASTSIDE	0	0	0	0	0
BUENA VISTA	0	0	0	0	222
STINE	0	0	0	0	326
FARMERS	0	0	0	0	1,299
MONTHLY TOTAL	0	0	0	0	3,799
YEAR TO NOVEMBER 30, 2025	8,229 ACFT	0	0	0	79,630
Year to November 30, 2025 All Supplies		87,859 ACFT			

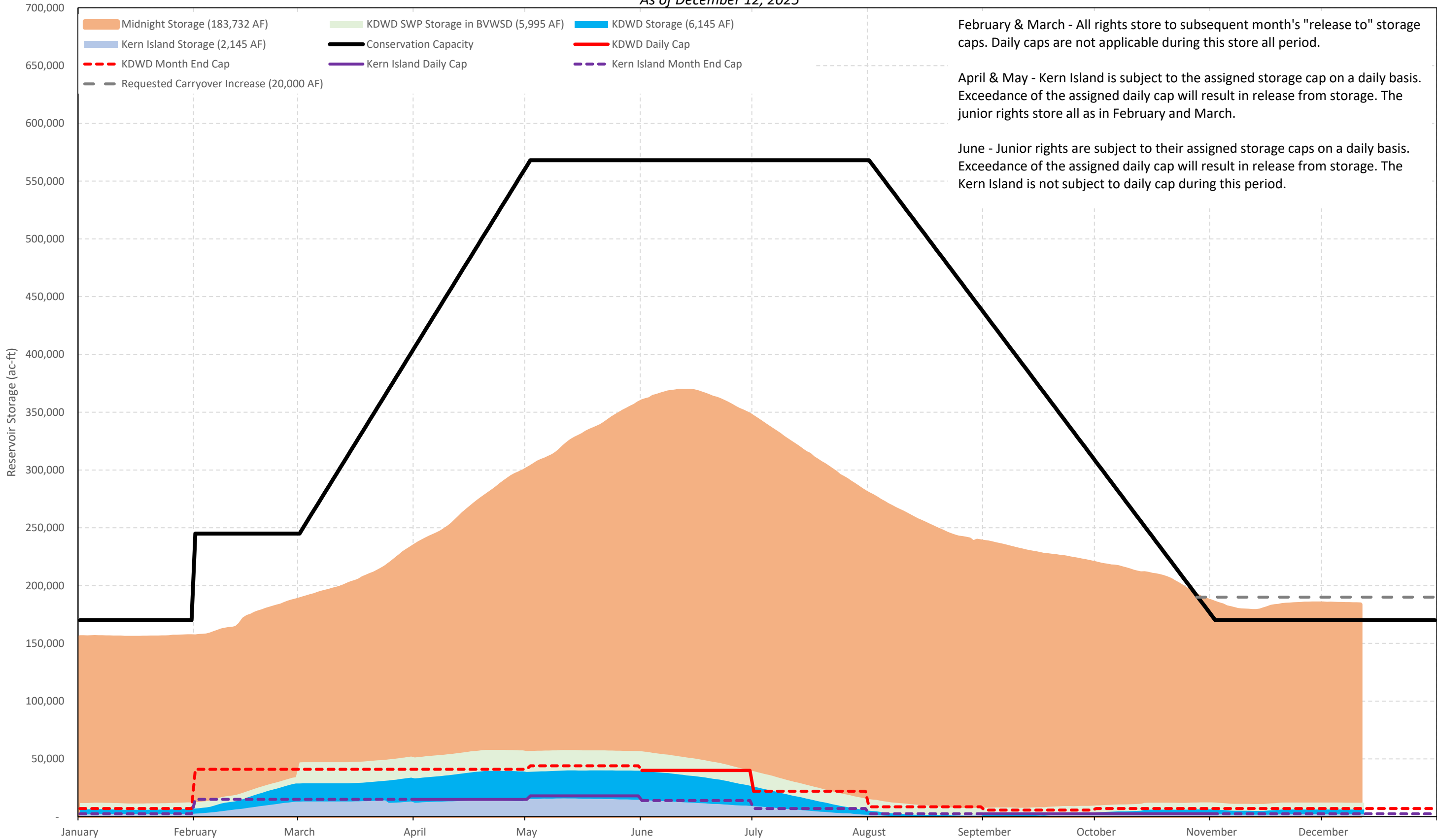
Summary of Spreading Year to Date: 11/30/2025

	<i>Utility</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Purchase</i>	<i>3 Pty Bk</i>	<i>Op. Re.</i>
January	1,850	0	0	0	4,371
February	810	0	0	0	5,277
March	3,031	0	0	0	6,579
April	1,728	0	0	0	6,534
May	294	0	0	0	10,641
June	0	0	0	0	12,706
July	0	0	0	0	12,882
August	0	0	0	0	7,739
September	0	0	0	0	4,228
October	516	0	0	0	4,874
November	0	0	0	0	3,799
December					
Total	8,229	0	0	0	79,630

Facility Flow Rate Quick Reference

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>Fill (CFS)</u>	<u>Operational (CFS)</u>		<u>Acreage</u>
		<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>	
Kern Island Met:	60	25	20	175
Branch 1:	18	18	5	75
Digiorgio:	30	15	10	70
Sunset:	TBD	TBD	TBD	140
BV North:	65	55	20	240
Buena Vista I5:	40	25	15	65
Old River:	40	30	TBD	145
Bladder & Triangles:	30	20	10	40
Romero:	45	40	15	170
Stonefield:	25	15	10	80
Church:	4	1	1	5
Total	357	244	106	1205

Midnight Lake Isabella Storage and Pool Restrictions
As of December 12, 2025

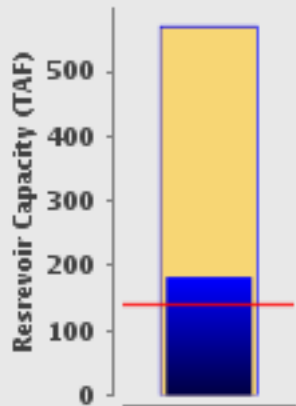


CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS



Isabella Lake Conditions

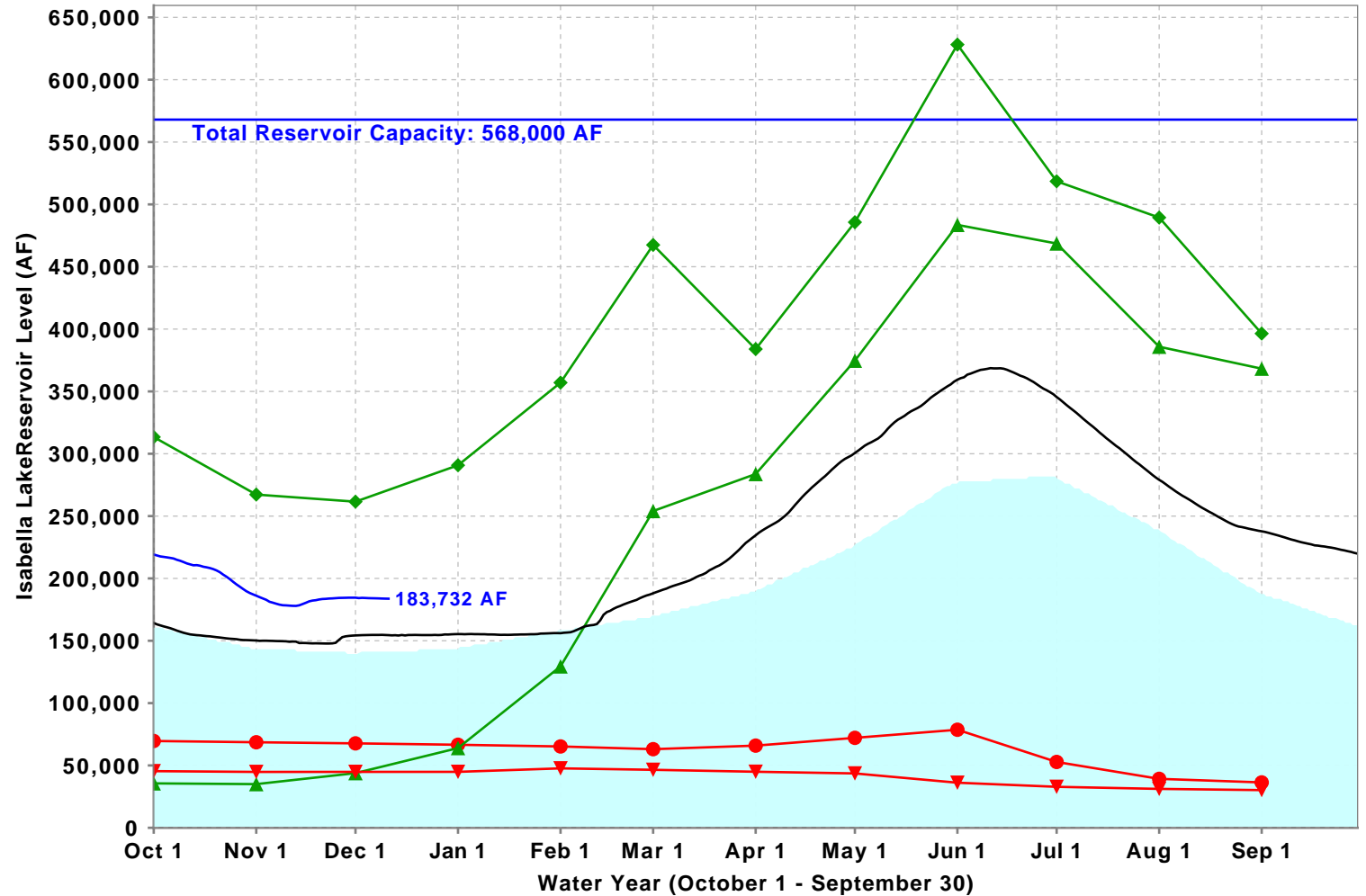
(as of Midnight - December 11, 2025)



Current Level: 183,732 AF

32% (Total Capacity) | 131% (Historical Avg.)

Isabella Lake Levels: Various Past Water Years and Current Water Year, Ending At Midnight December 11, 2025



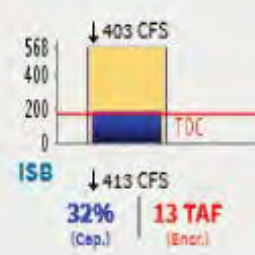
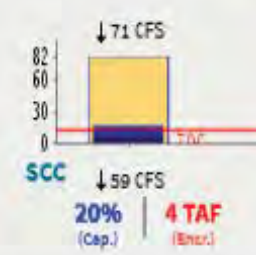
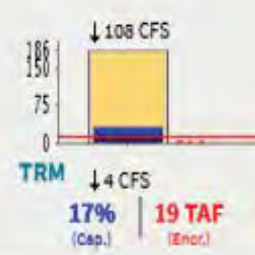
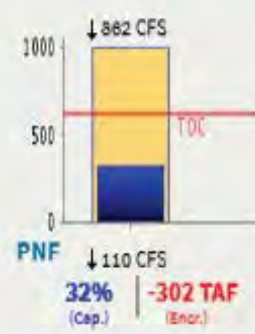
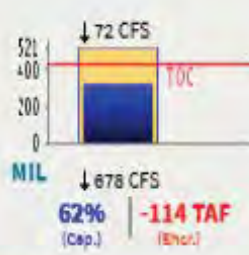
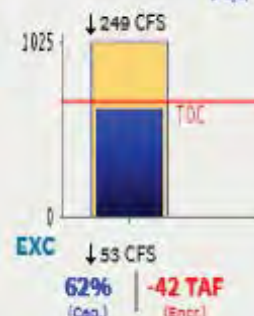
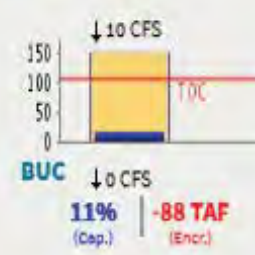
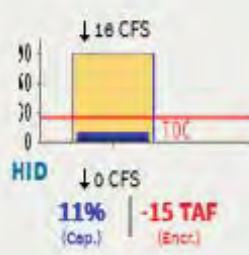
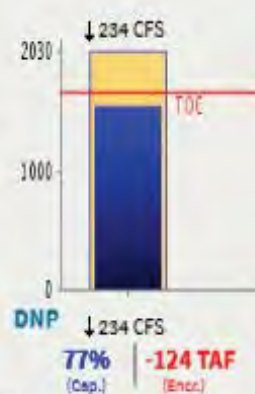
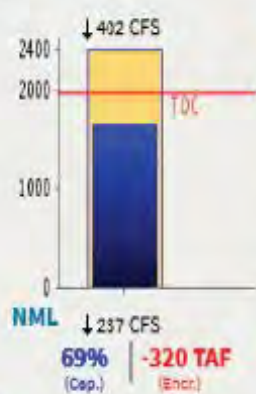
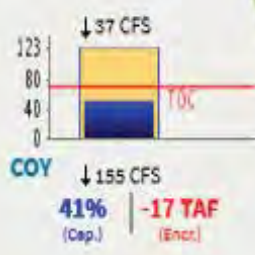
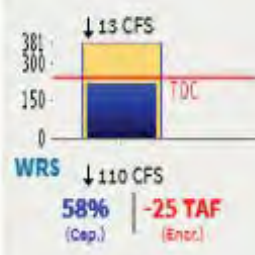
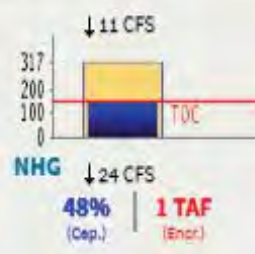
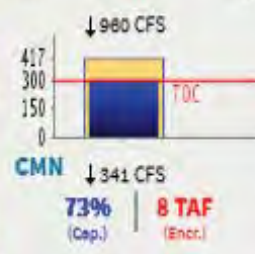
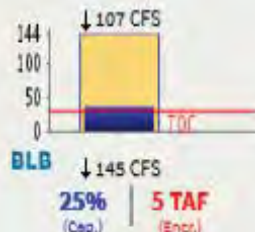
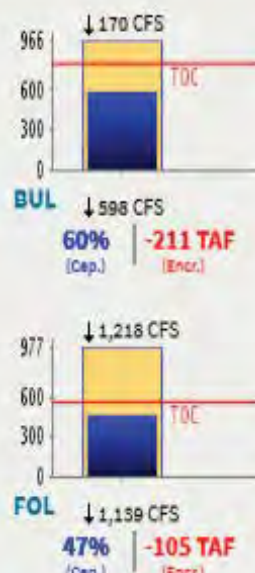
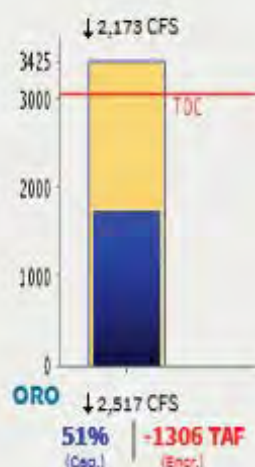
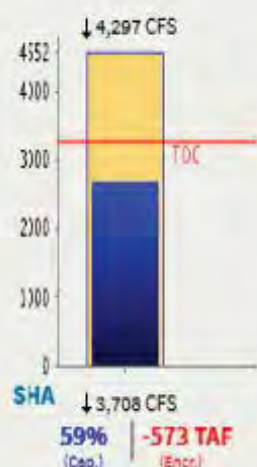
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TOP OF CONSERVATION CONDITIONS:

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Change Date: 11-Dec-2025

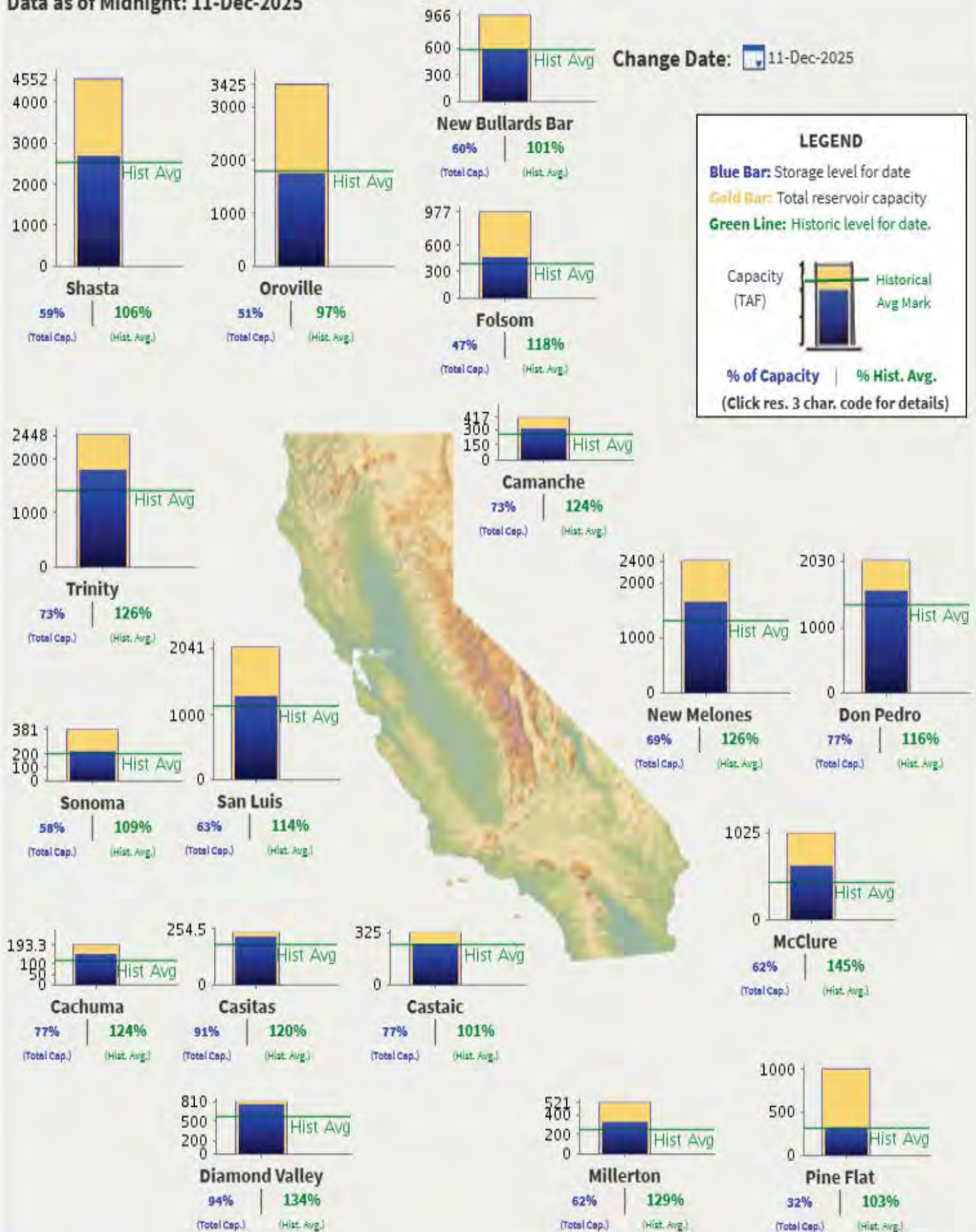


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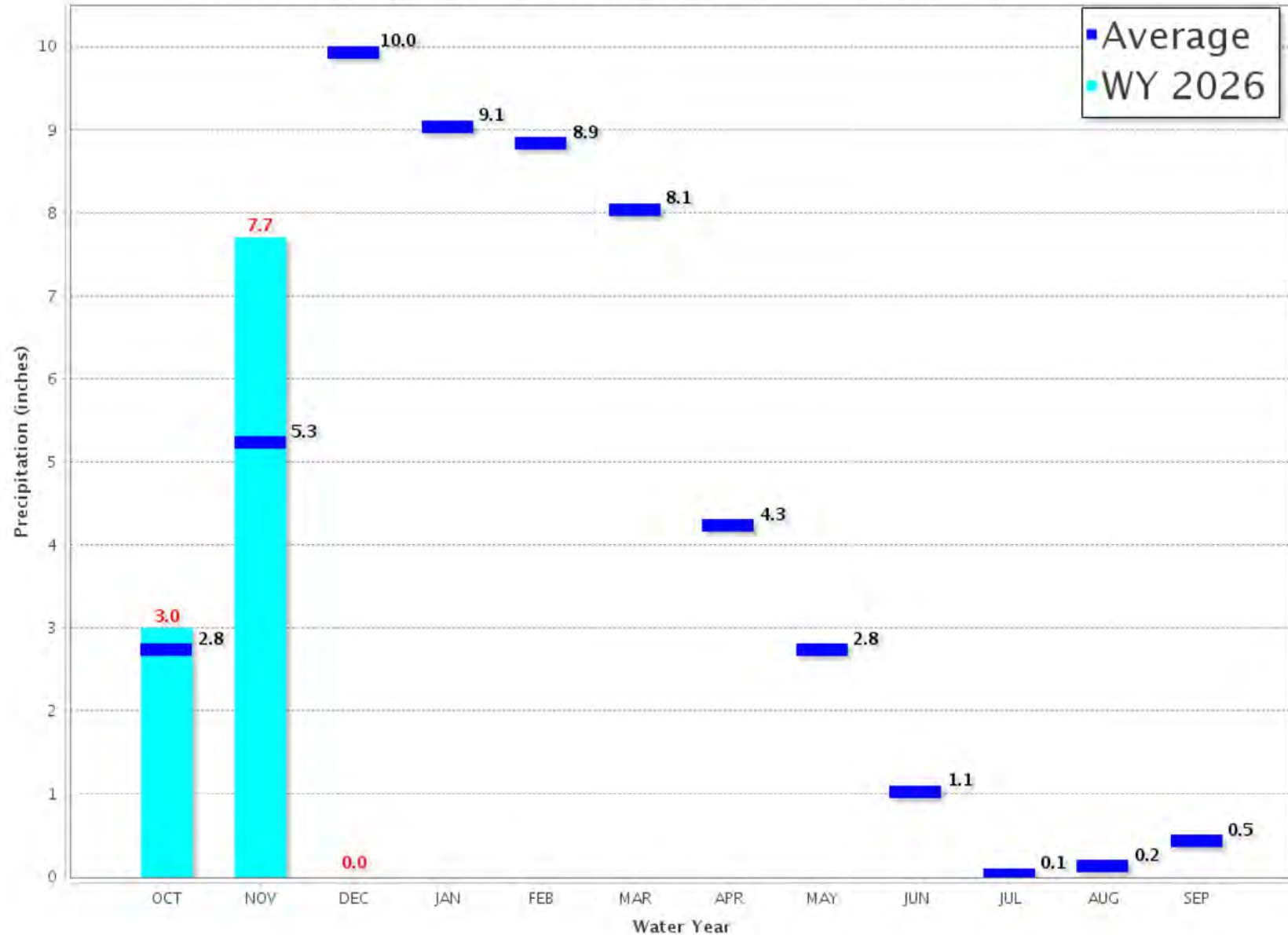


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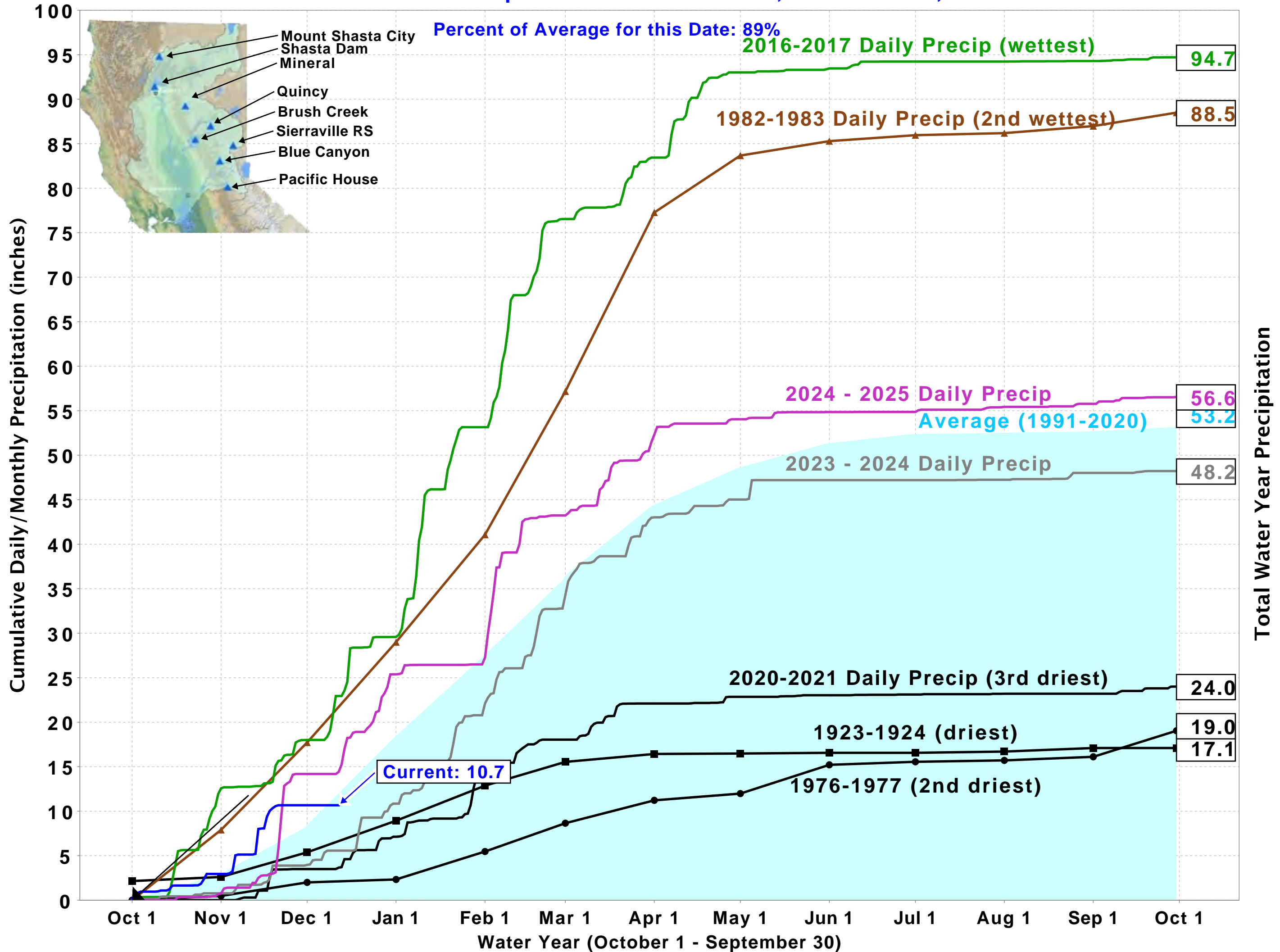
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Northern Sierra Precipitation: 8-Station Index, December 12, 2025



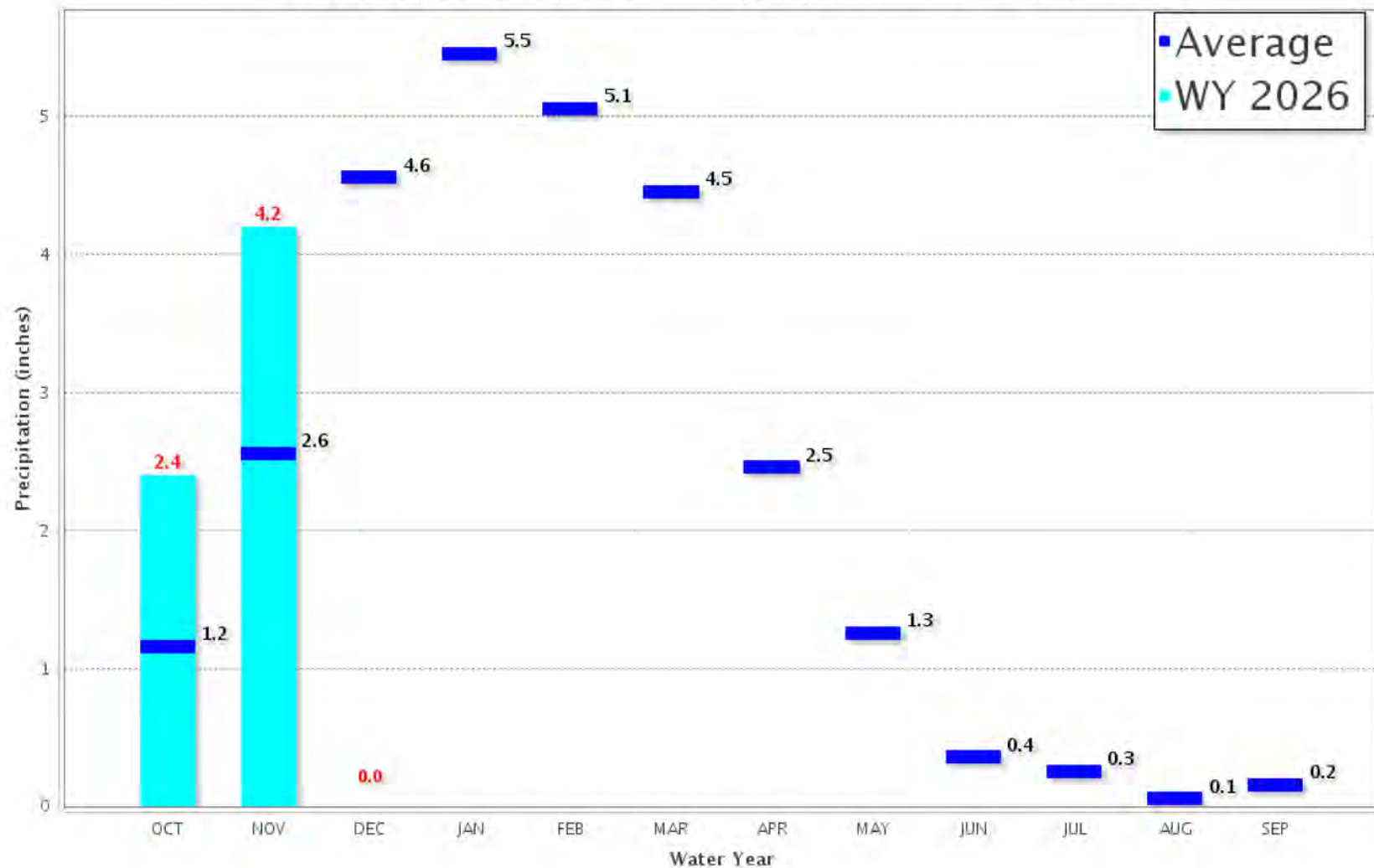


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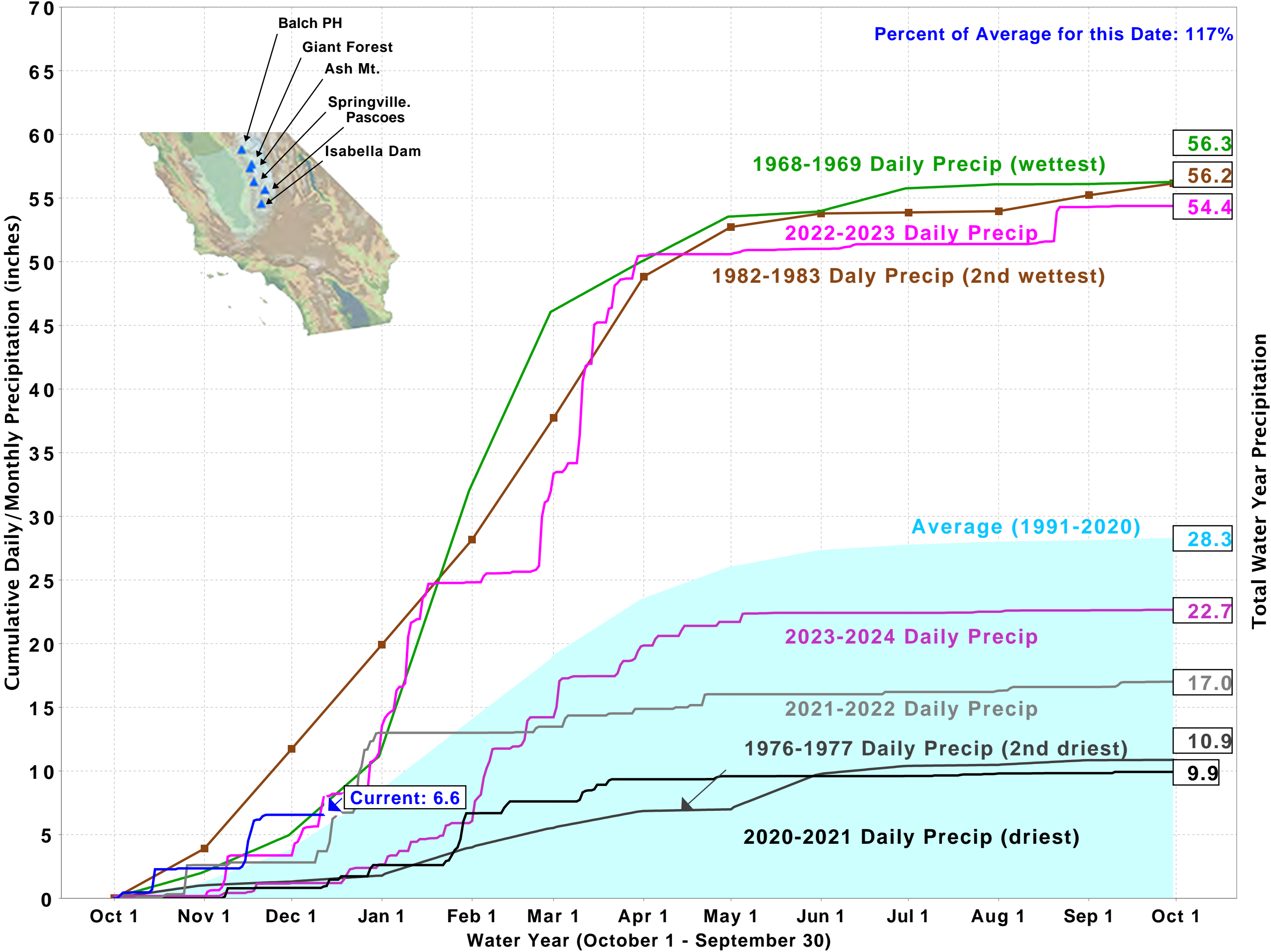
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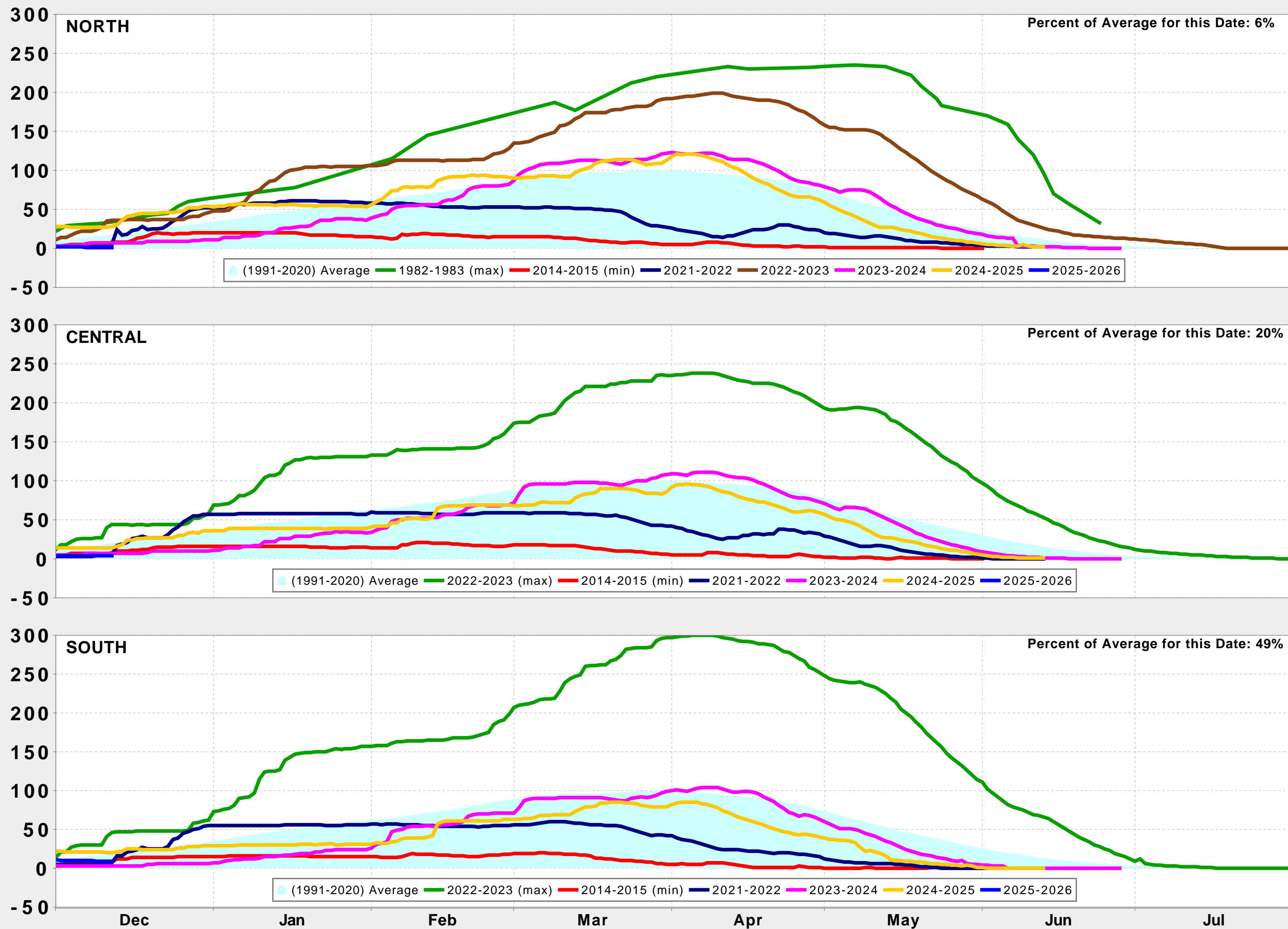
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Tulare Basin Precipitation: 6-Station Index, December 12, 2025



California Snow Water Content, December 12, 2025, Percent of April 1 Average



Statewide Percent of April 1: 4.0%

Statewide Percent of Average for Date: 21.0%



STATEWIDE SNOW WATER CONTENT

CURRENT REGIONAL SNOWPACK FROM AUTOMATED SNOW SENSORS

% of April 1 Average / % of Normal for This Date



NORTH

Data as of December 12, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	33
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	0.3
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	1
Percent of normal for this date (%)	6

CENTRAL

Data as of December 12, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	55
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	1.1
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	4
Percent of normal for this date (%)	20

SOUTH

Data as of December 12, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	24
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	2.3
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	9
Percent of normal for this date (%)	49

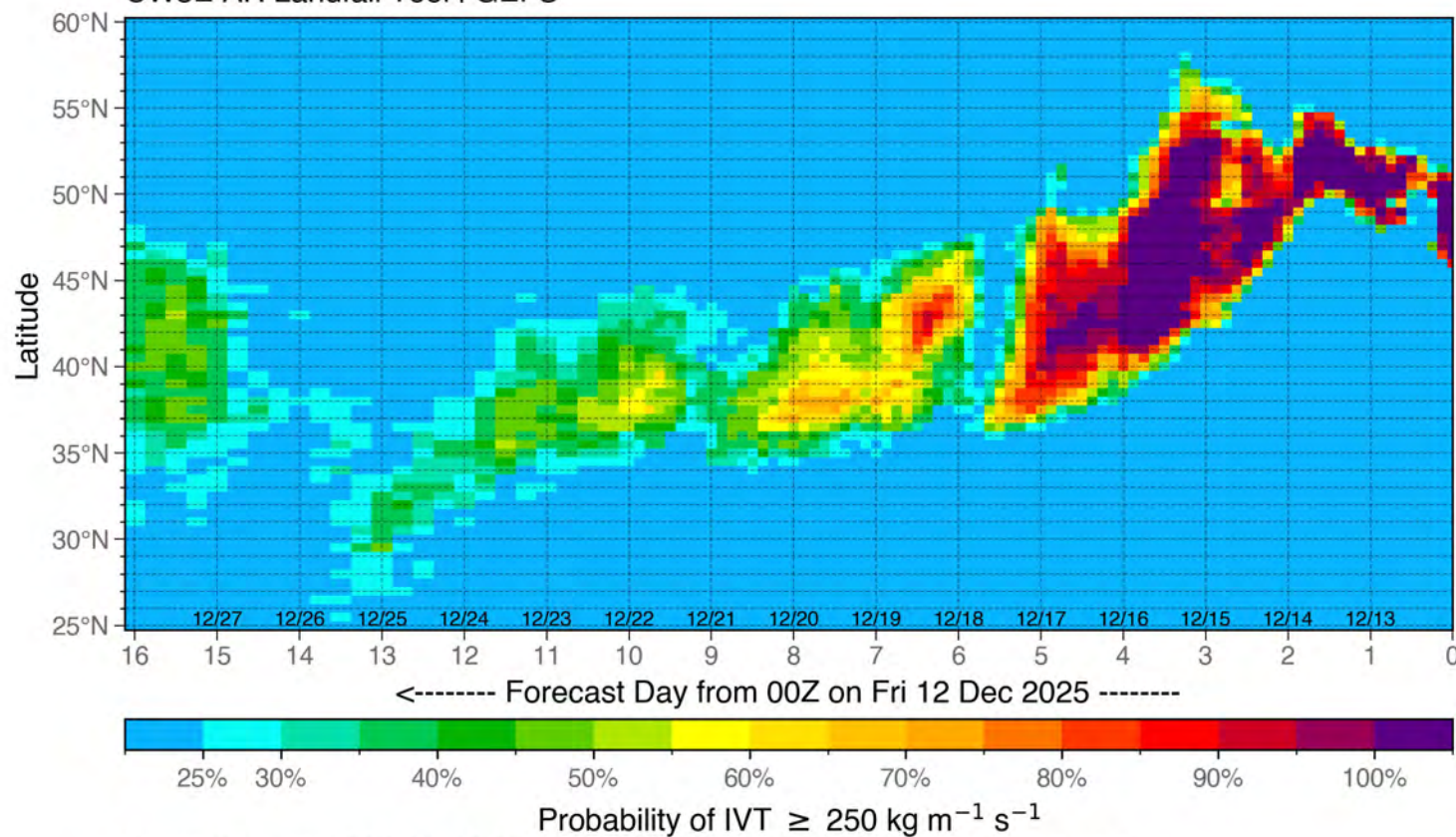
STATE

Data as of December 12, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	112
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	1.1
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	4
Percent of normal for this date (%)	21

Statewide Average: 4% / 21%

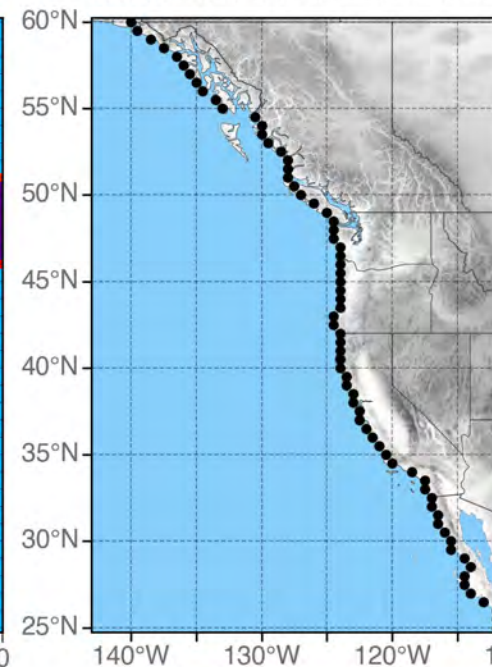
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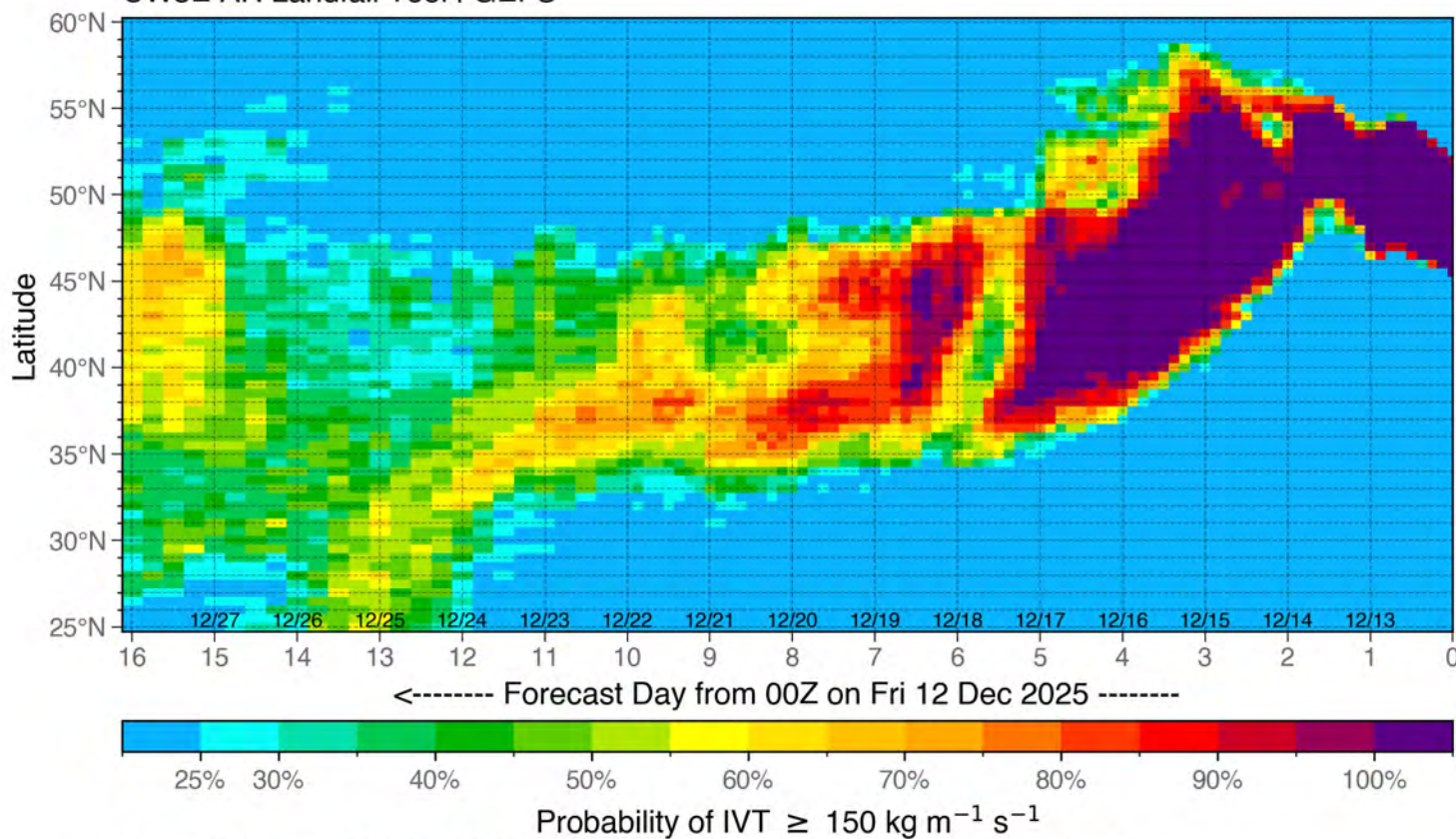
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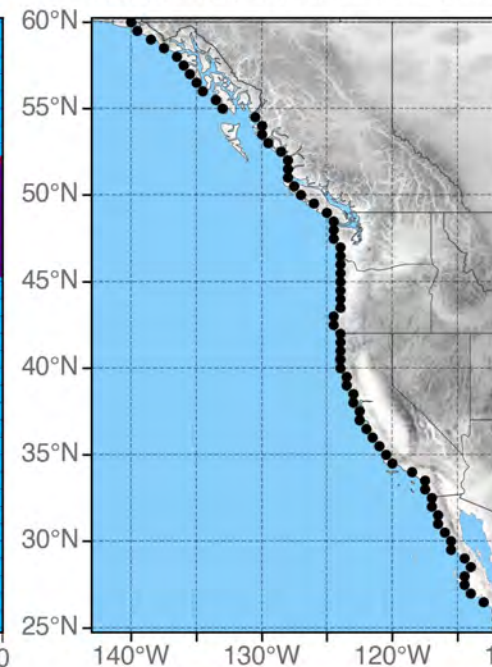
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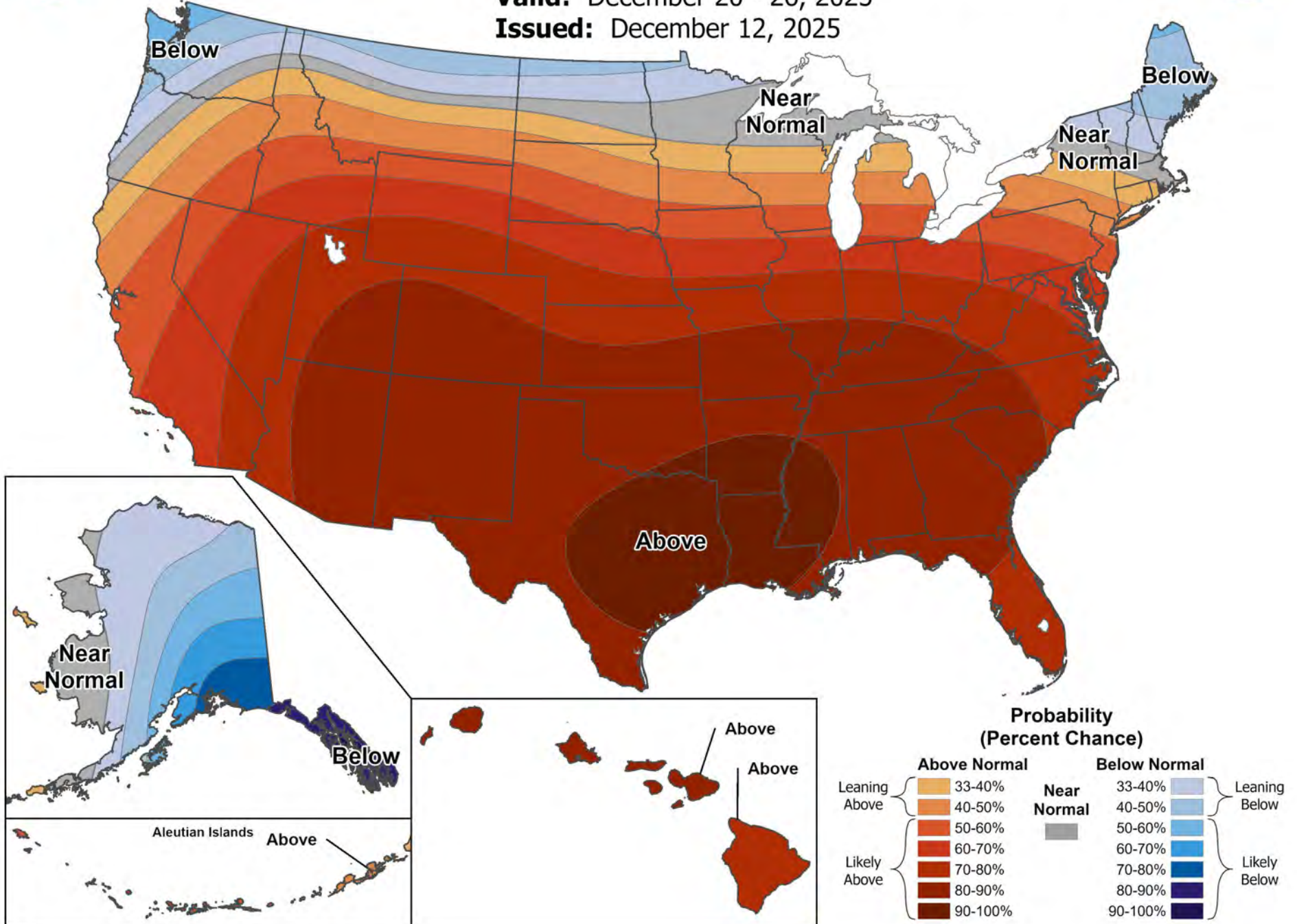
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8-14 Day Temperature Outlook

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Issued: December 12, 2025



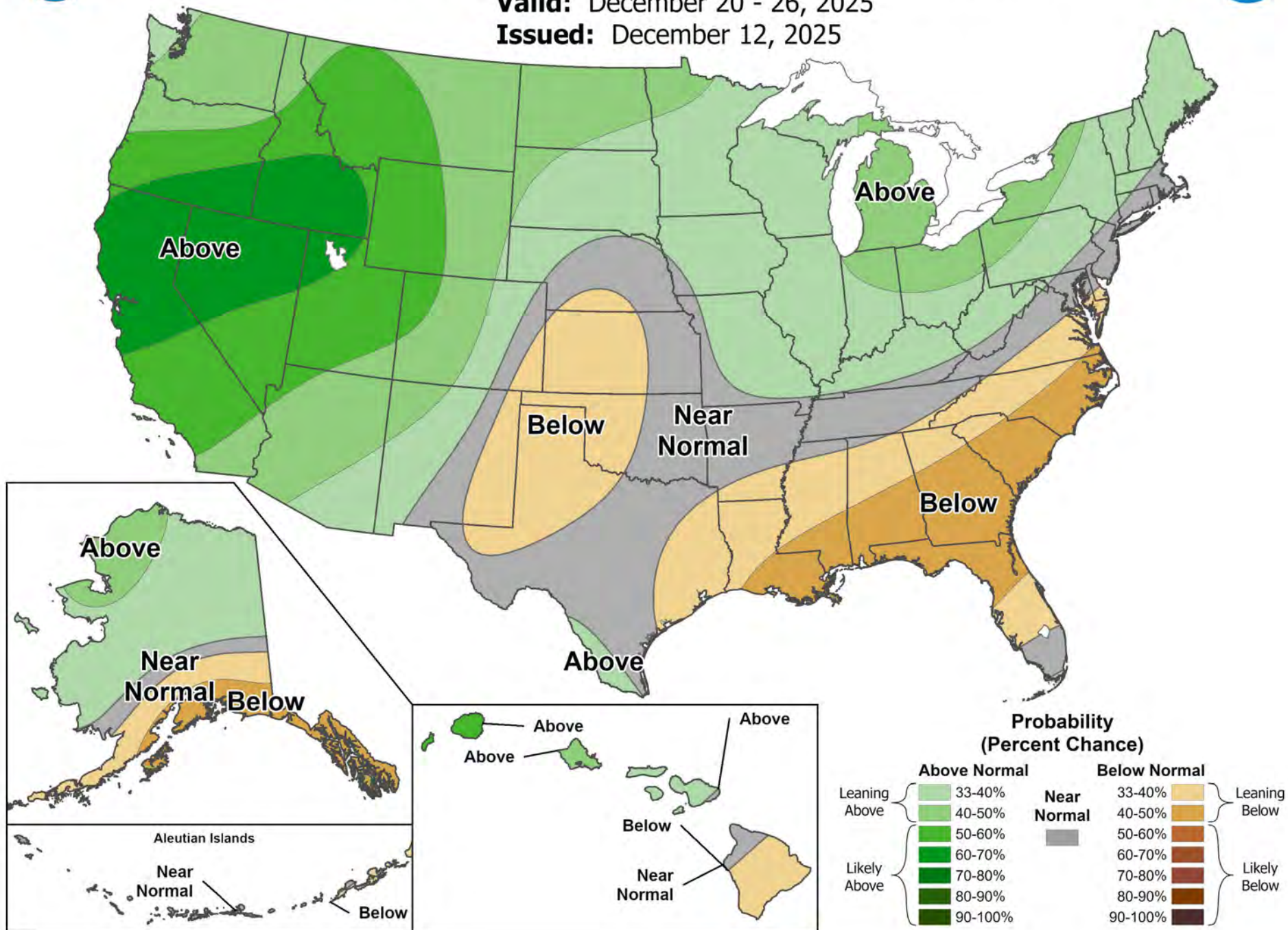


8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook



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KERN RIVER WATERMASTER

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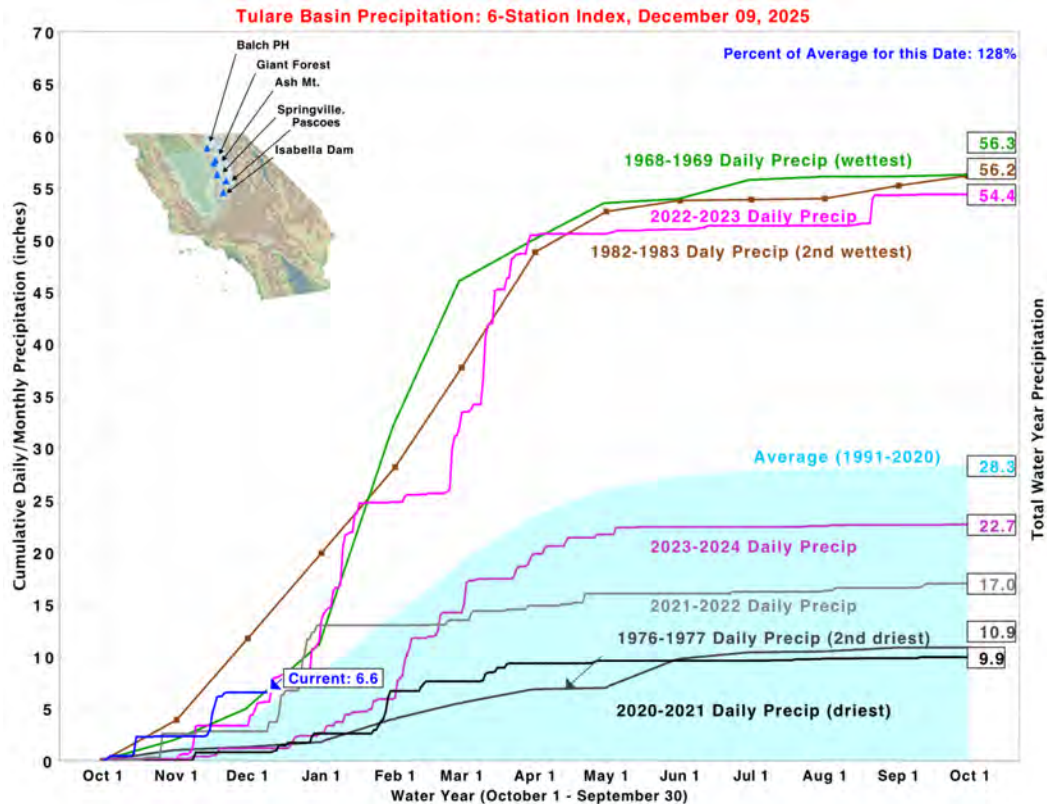
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December 9, 2025

From: Art Chianello
Kern River Watermaster

RE: Report of Recent Activities

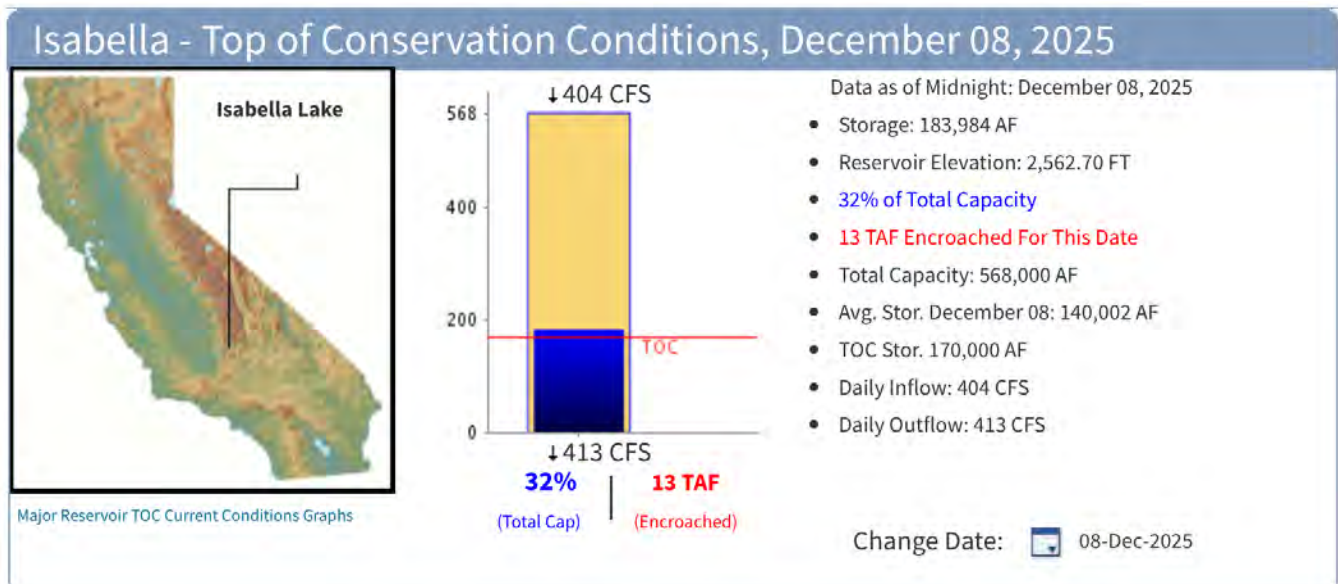
Tulare Basin Precipitation - Accumulated year to date precipitation for Water Year 2026 is currently at 128% of average.



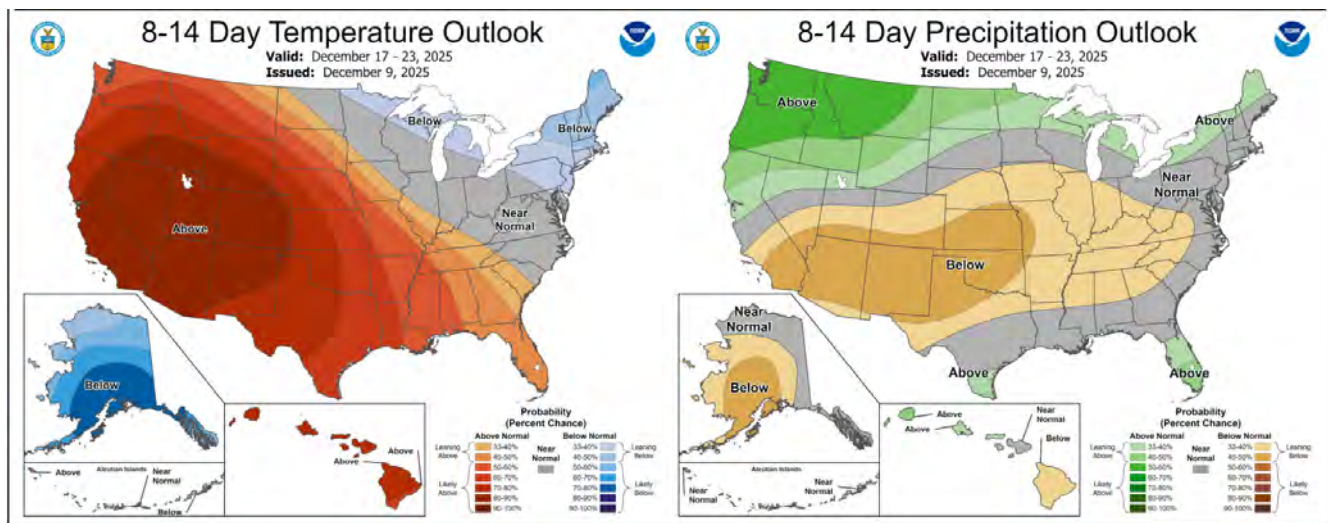
Kern River Watershed Runoff - According to DWR's Water Supply Index Forecast Report, the Kern River's unimpaired flow in percent of average for Water Year 2026 to date as of December 8, 2025 is:

River	Oct	Nov	Dec (Month to Date)
Kern	137	150	98

Isabella Reservoir Storage - The storage at midnight on December 8th was 183,984 ac-ft. The average storage for this date is 140,002 ac-ft.



Short Term Forecast - The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center shows likely above probability for temperature and normal/leaning below probability for precipitation.

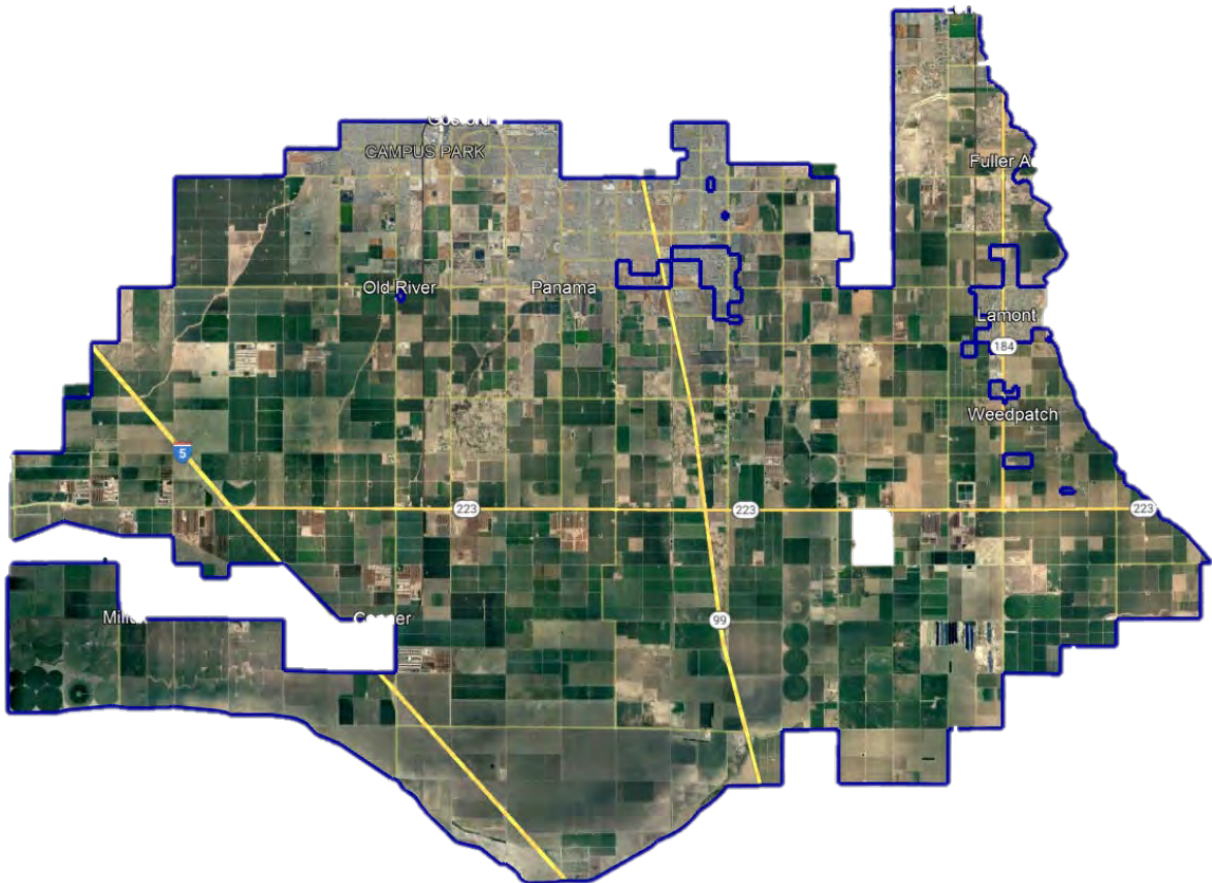


Army Corps Communications and Coordination - I routinely update the Corps with the latest Isabella Dam and Reservoir routing forecast and California-Nevada River Forecast Center's 10-day forecast volume.

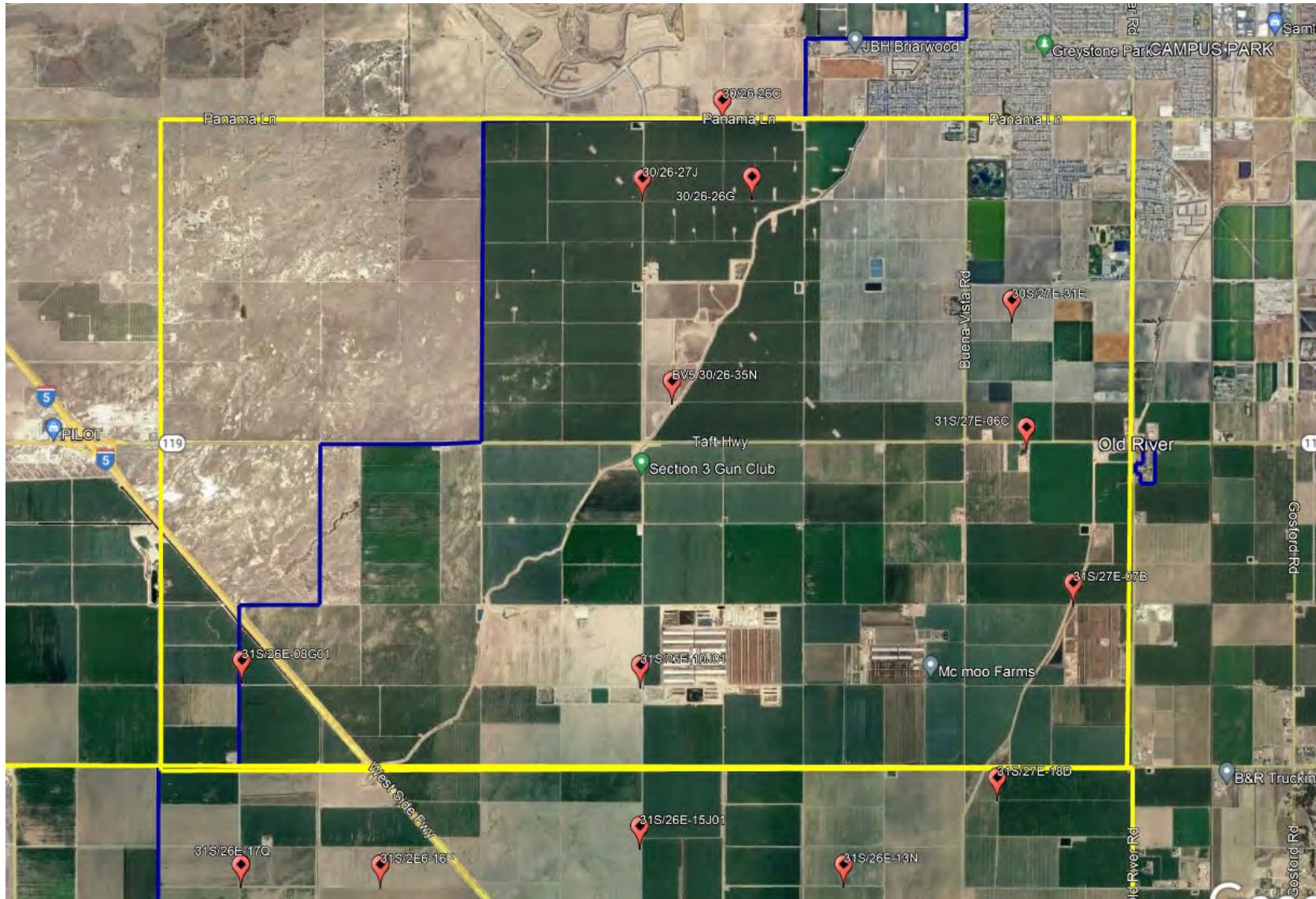
Record Keeping - I continue to coordinate with Central Records and review daily and monthly reports.



Monthly Groundwater Report



December 2025



2025

		JAN 2021	JAN 2022	JAN 2023	JAN 2024	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	APR 2025	MAY 2025	JUN 2025	JUL 2025	AUG 2025	SEP 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 2025	DEC 2025	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	AVERAGE
Northwest Quadrant	30/26-26C	G	G	207	194	204	202	204	202	R	204	201	201	R	201	202	207	207	194	202
	30/26-26G	G	G	G	201	178	179	182	185	R	R	188	189	194	188	187	180	201	178	187
	30/26-27J	G	G	218	196	202	201	202	179	R	R	200	182	R	200	203	201	218	179	198
	30/26-35N	169	185	217	184	180	176	173	178	176	186	184	187	194	189	182	177	217	169	184
	30/27-31E	201	224	228	209	209	202	200	201	201	201	R	223	232	224	222	219	232	200	213
	31/26-08G	205	200	NR	168	203	165	171	176	175	187	201	201	R	200	202	202	205	165	189
	31/26-10J	203	205	216	201	205	190	193	185	196	R	R	211	220	207	200	201	220	185	202
	31/27-06C	203	215	228	210	209	211	205	212	232	233	238	238	247	247	219	212	247	203	223
	31/27-07B	NR	235	207	197	184	187	185	193	207	205	208	214	229	229	194	186	235	184	205
	MONTHLY AVG	196	211	217	196	197	191	191	190	198	203	203	205	219	209	201	198			
	MAXIMUM DEPTH TO WATER NW (running average for all data last 5 years)																		247	
	MINIMUM DEPTH TO WATER NW (running average for all data last 5 years)																		165	
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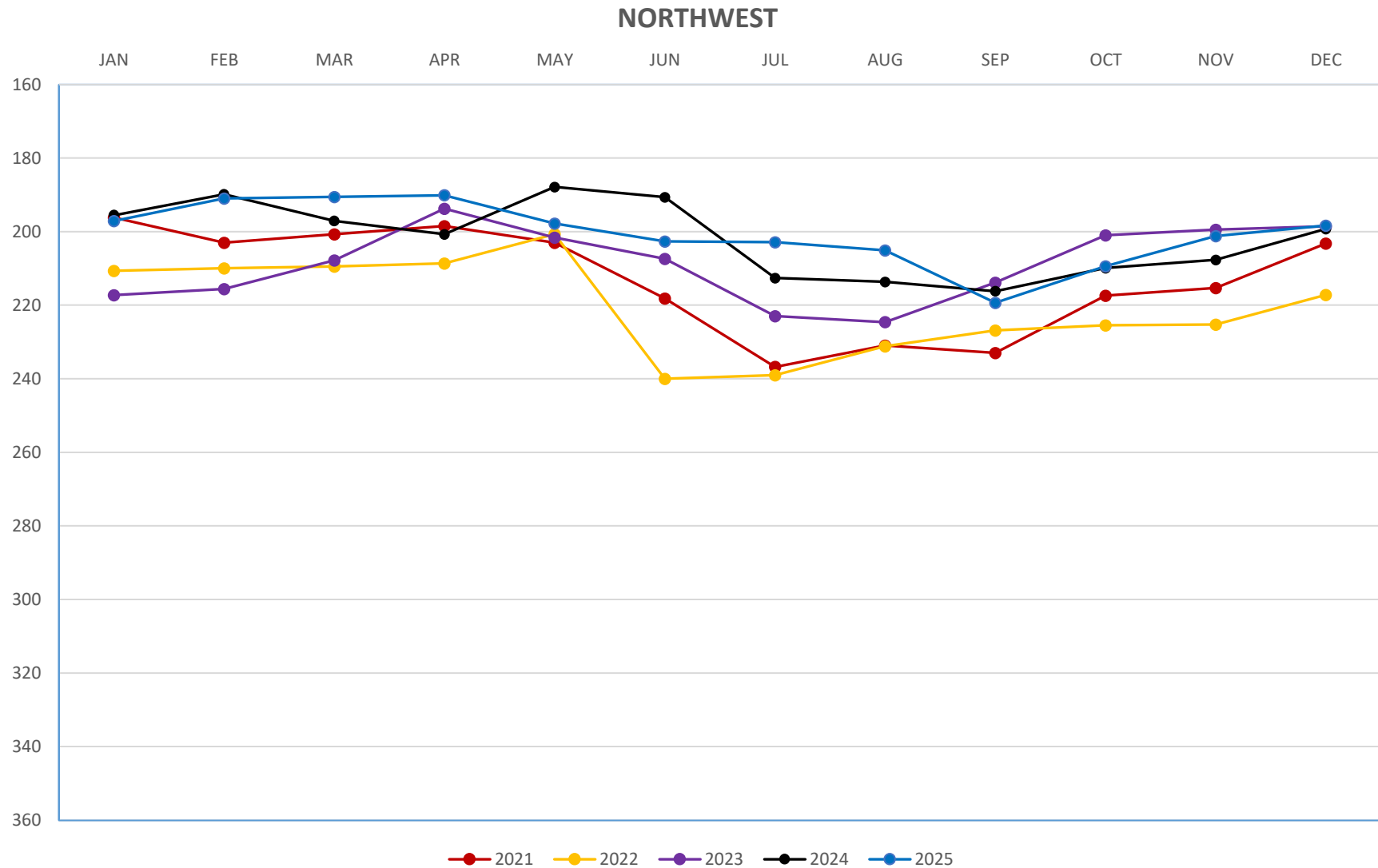
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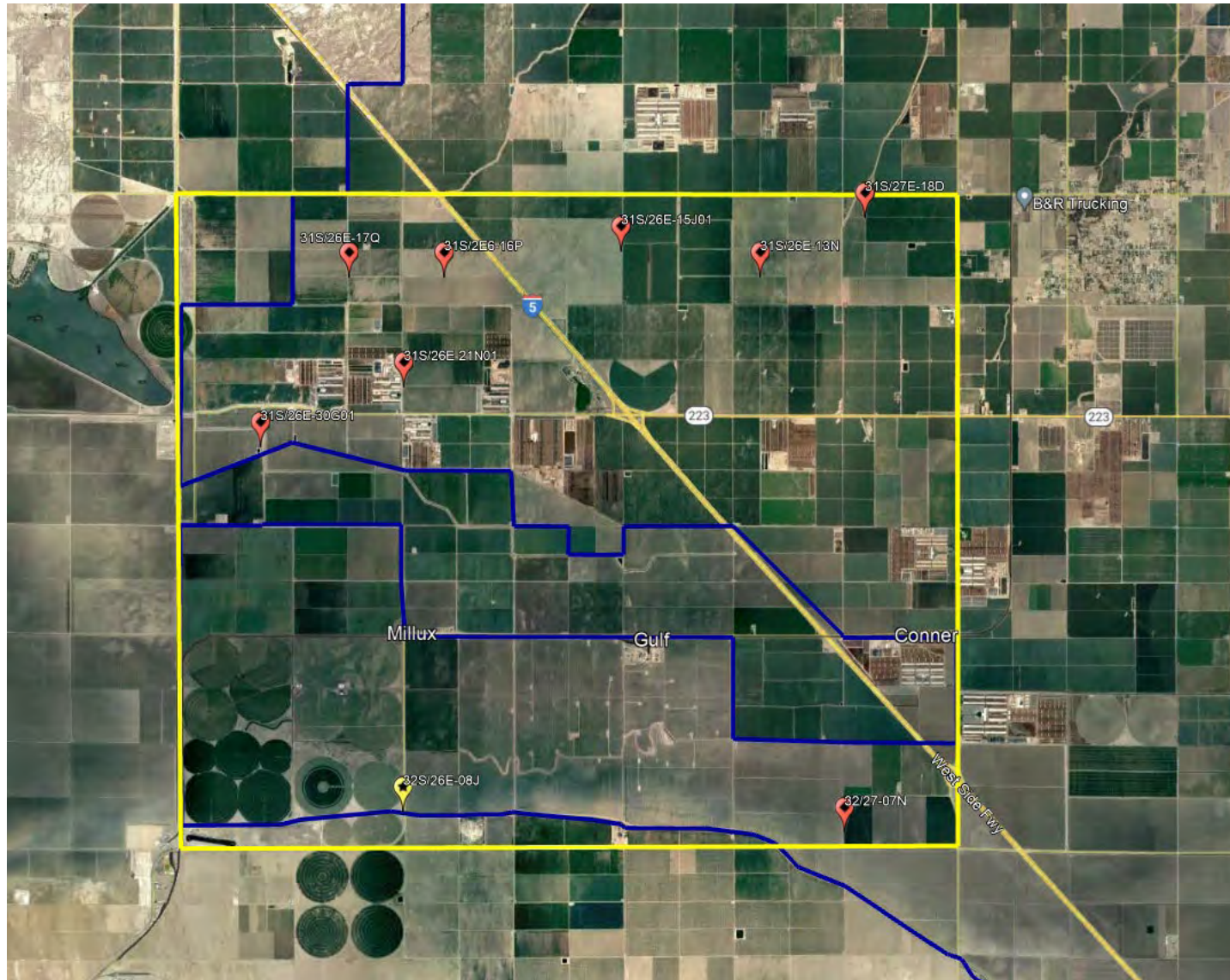


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Southwest Quadrant	31/26-13N	NR	206	215	191	203	202	197	205	215	226	226	237	248	238	202	208	248	191	215
	31/26-15J	201	205	211	186	203	194	189	197	193	R	R	225	R	227	200	202	227	186	203
	31/26-16P	202	200	207	181	201	187	188	202	202	212	R	217	R	210	202	202	217	181	201
	31/26-17Q	219	202	NR	188	211	221	R	203	206	196	R	223	213	213	201	202	223	188	208
	31/26-21N	204	228	215	180	206	207	R	213	216	233	239	239	239	250	202	205	250	180	218
	31/26-30G	203	234	200	152	203	188	R	201	201	R	208	217	231	228	213	226	234	152	208
	31/27-18D01	203	222	222	190	201	208	208	209	208	208	232	R	R	237	217	205	237	190	212
	32/26-08J	212	200	213	NR	200	221	221	221	221	220	220	222	200	201	203	205	222	200	212
	32/27-07N	200	201	NR	160	200	204	200	201	201	185	207	215	221	221	202	202	221	160	201
	MONTHLY AVG	206	211	212	179	203	204	201	206	207	211	222	224	225	225	205	206			
	MAXIMUM DEPTH TO WATER SW (running average for all data last 5 years)																		250	
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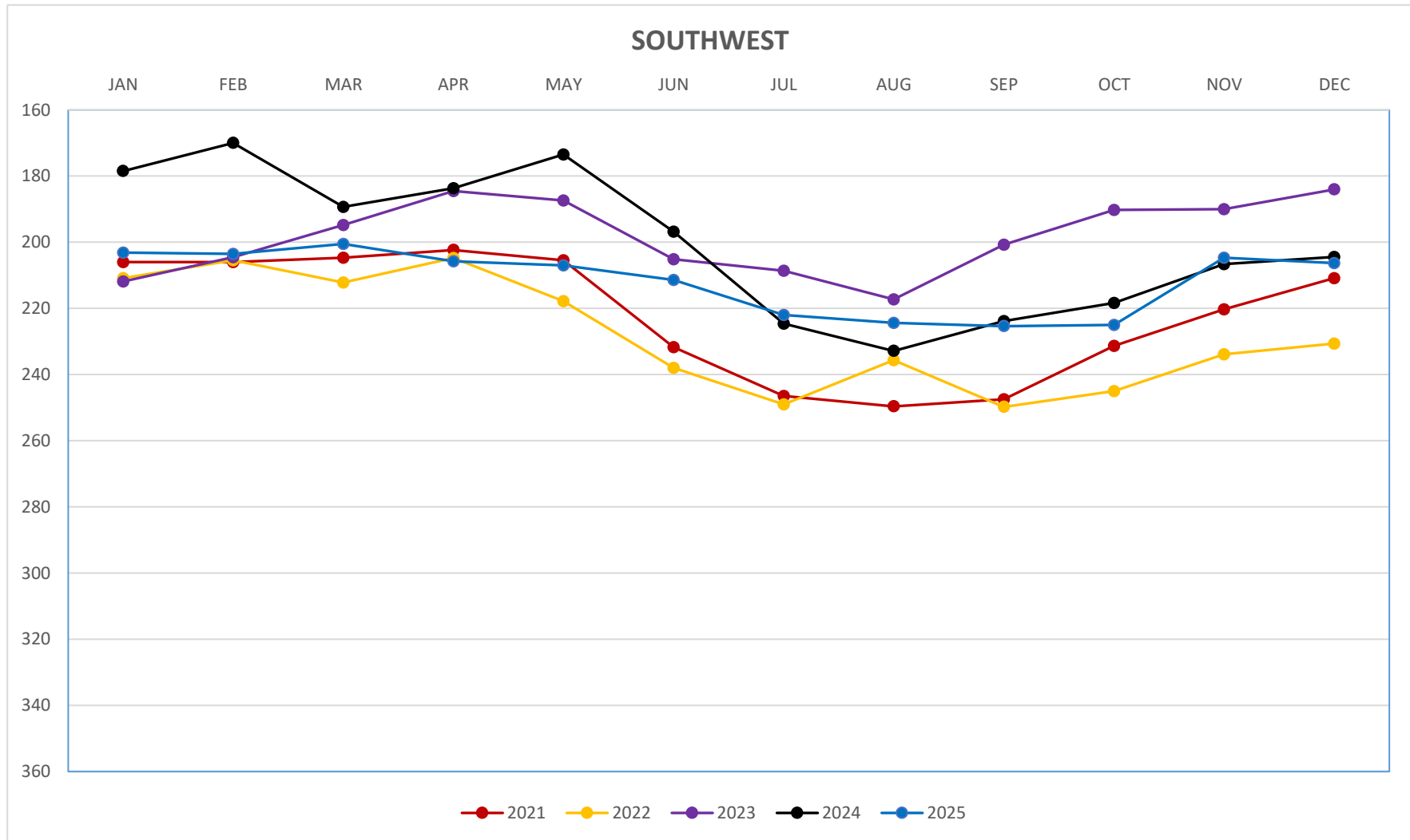
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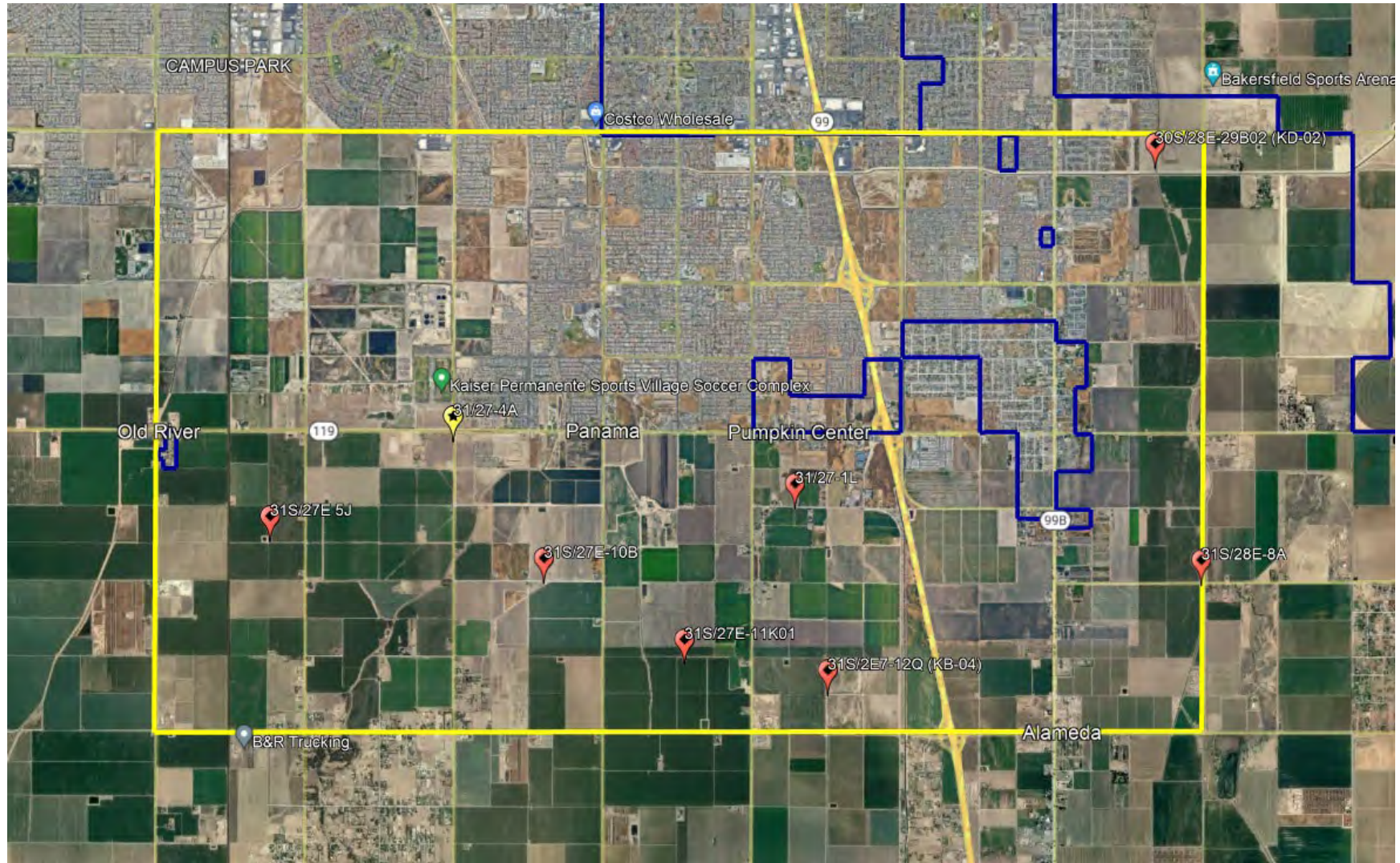


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	31/27-01L	219	170	219	212	205	227	217	215	222	229	228	232	233	230	224	217	233	170	219
	31/27-04A	179	182	186	174	168	169	169	168	168	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	186	168	174
	31/27-05J	207	230	214	209	206	210	210	215	218	228	232	235	248	233	220	207	248	206	221
	31/27-10B	208	210	210	208	204	209	212	204	R	204	206	R	R	229	213	204	229	204	210
	31/27-12Q	141	174	172	149	140	140	140	138	141	141	145	146	145	145	145	141	174	138	147
	31/28-08A	249	264	256	232	250	253	249	249	248	267	271	274	275	270	261	254	275	232	258
	MONTHLY AVG	204	209	214	197	200	206	205	203	204	218	221	227	229	226	217	210			
	MAXIMUM DEPTH TO WATER N-C (running average for all data last 5 years)																		275	
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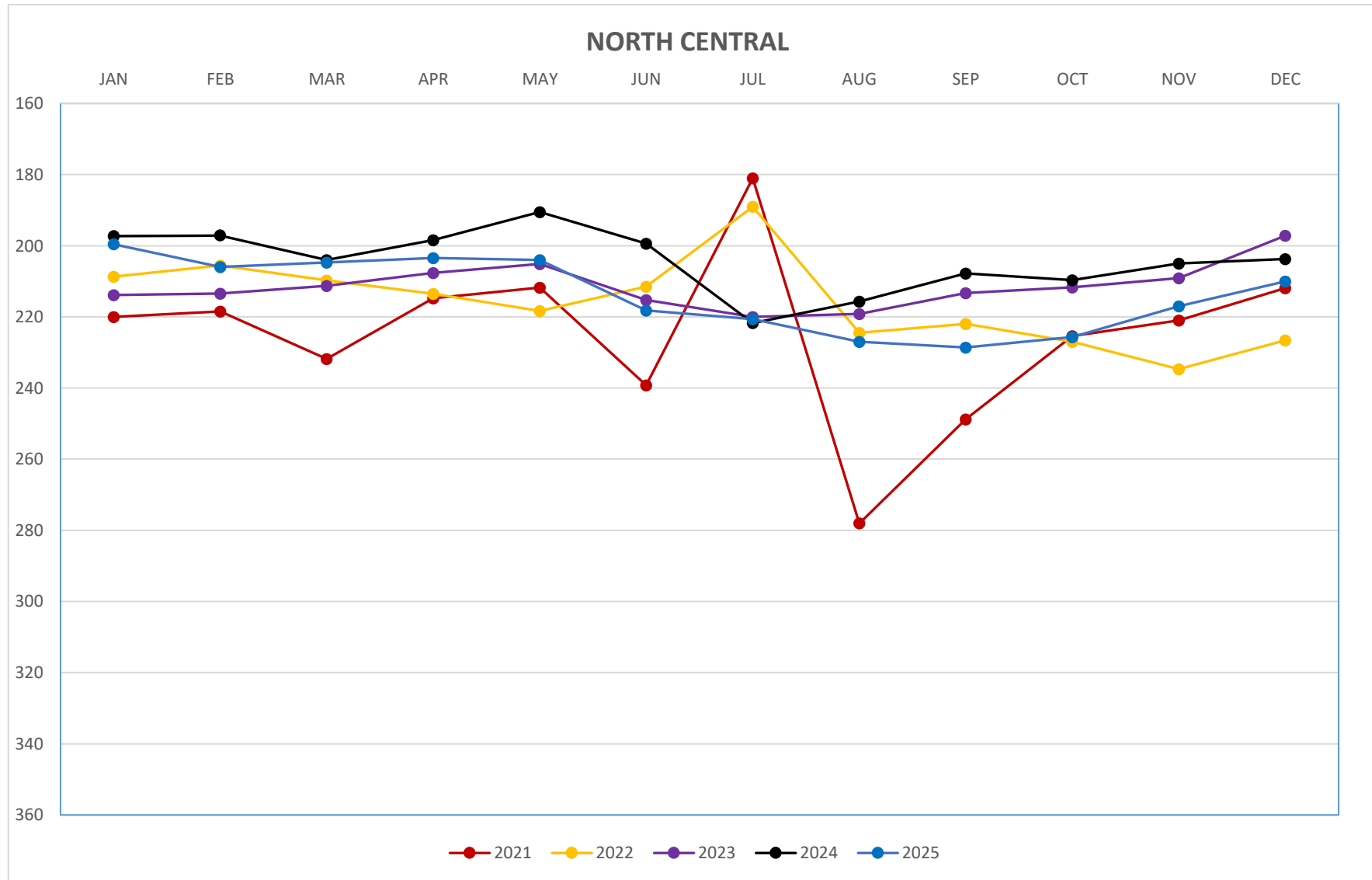
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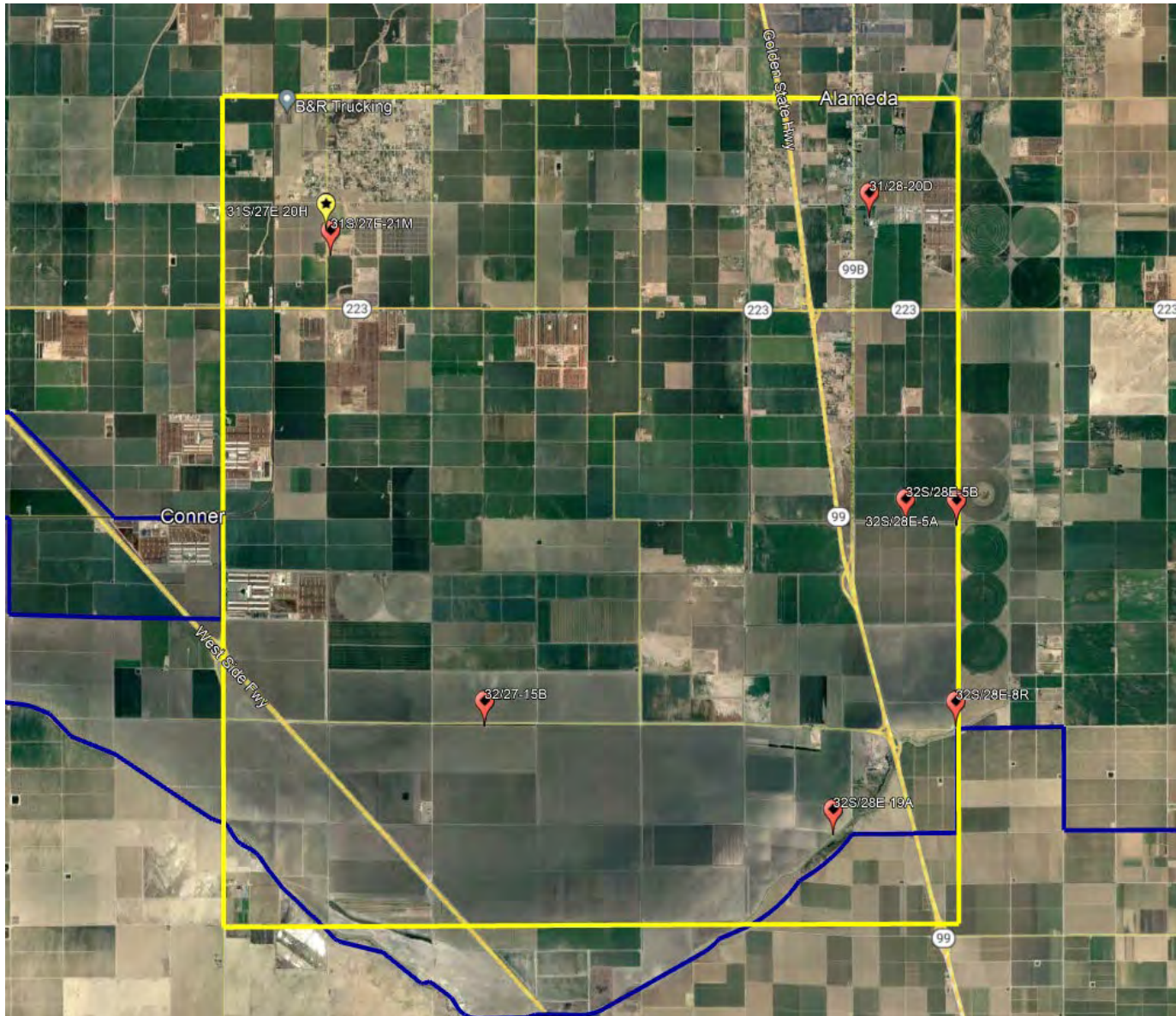


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South-Central Quadrant	31/27-20H	NR	213	203	162	189	165	165	165	167	200	203	179	185	187	202	190	213	162	185
	31/27-21M	NR	220	NR	189	189	190	202	203	202	207	230	R	R	254	210	207	254	189	209
	31/28-20D	R	202	203	NR	278	274	276	275	275	R	277	277	R	276	NR	278	278	202	261
	32/27-15B	200	201	338	NR	225	224	231	225	231	235	240	253	241	235	238	240	338	200	237
	32/28-19A	222	255	NR	242	230	229	227	224	227	236	236	244	271	274	256	257	274	222	241
	32/28-05A	220	214	243	217	223	208	208	224	220	242	265	287	283	283	267	253	287	208	240
	32/28-05B	205	221	215	210	205	202	201	215	210	235	261	268	255	254	238	217	268	201	226
	32/28-08R	222	255	NR	235	222	231	224	220	234	259	271	284	279	274	268	271	284	220	248
	MONTHLY AVG	214	223	240	209	220	215	217	219	221	231	248	256	252	255	240	239			
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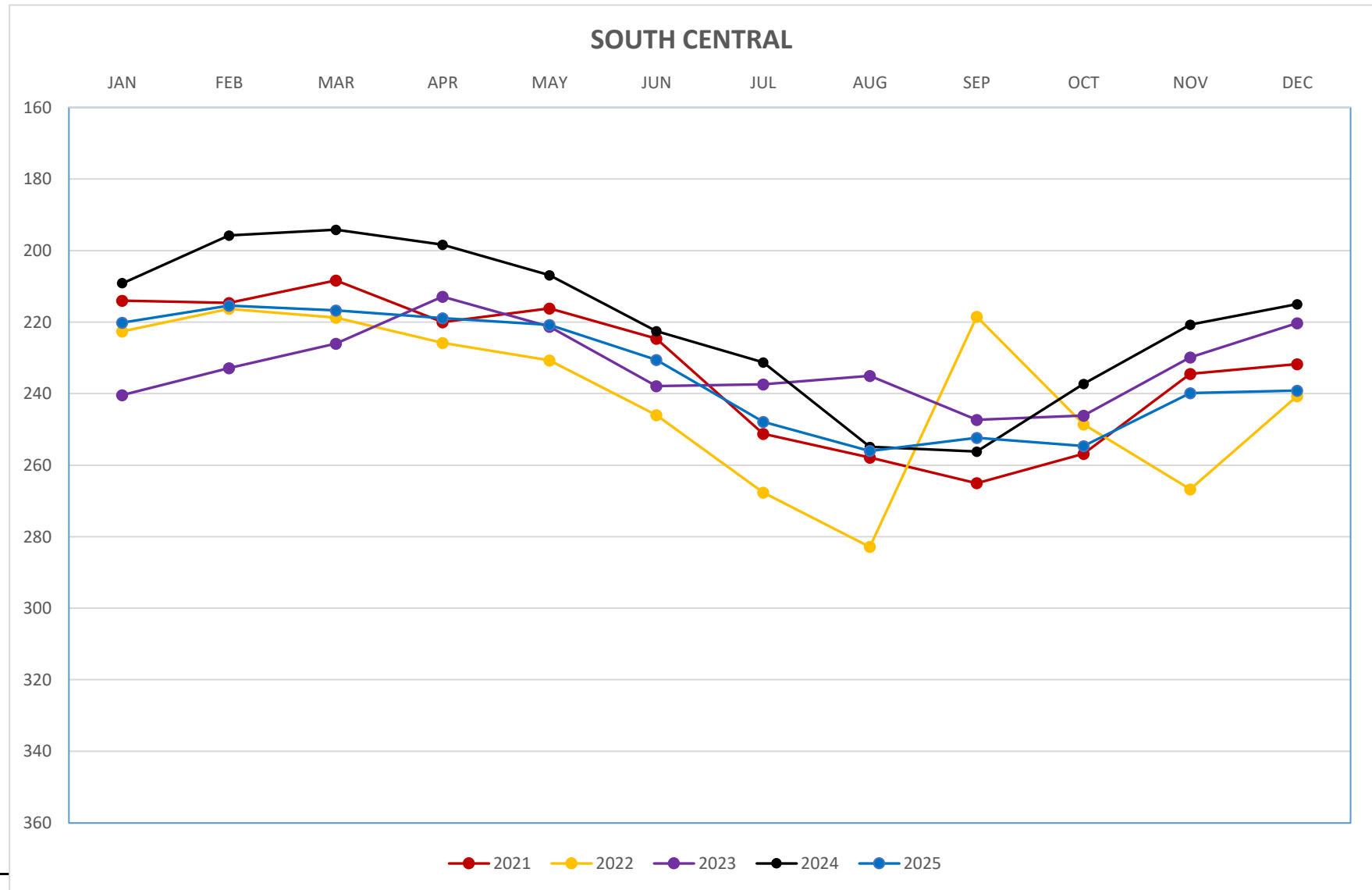
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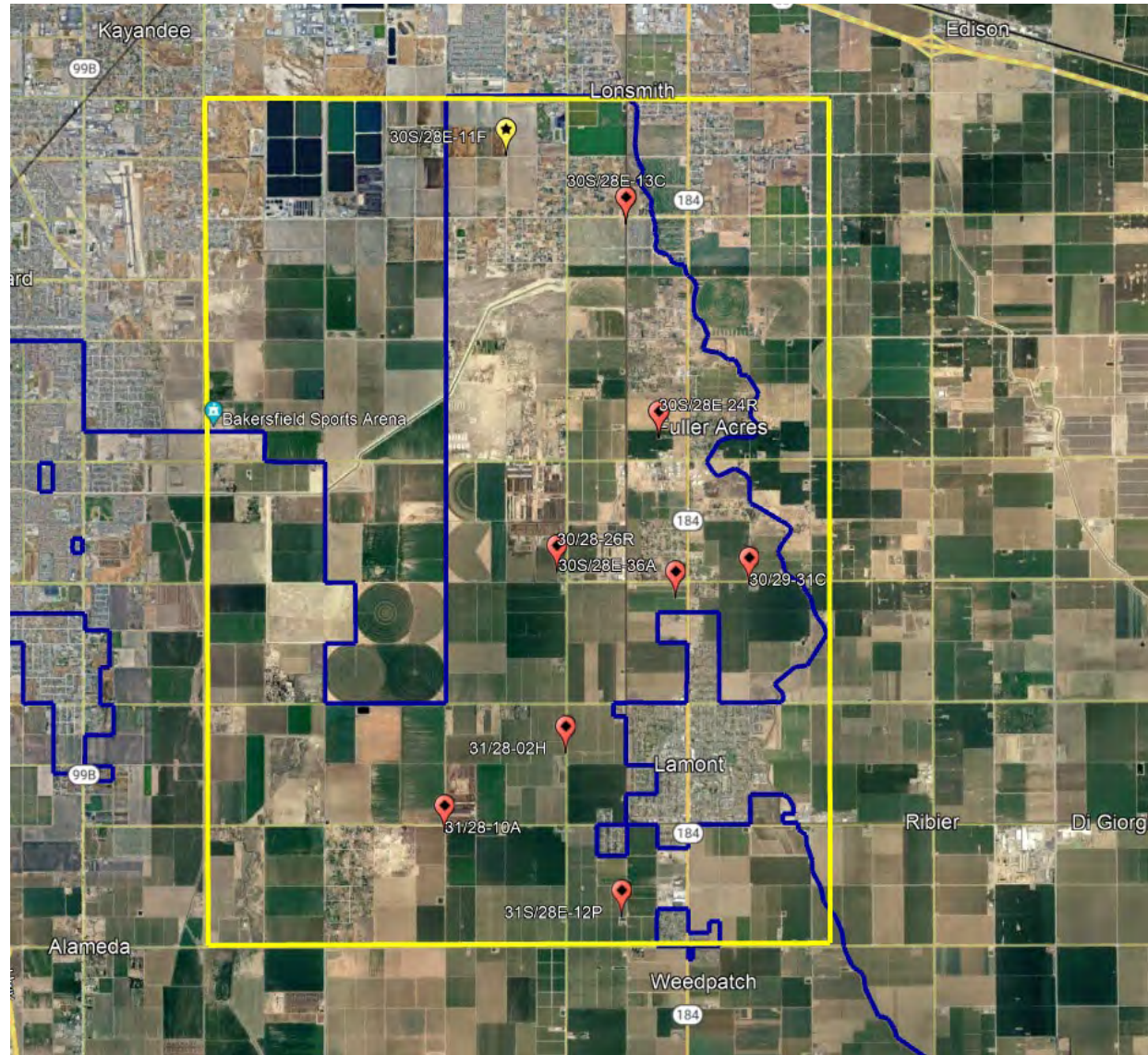


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Northeast Quadrant	30/28-11F	264	272	NR	280	277	276	275	277	276	276	286	285	285	286	279	NR	286	264	278
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	30/29-31C	330	344	347	344	337	338	335	337	337	339	343	344	R	R	344	343	347	330	340
	31/28-02H	295	326	310	NR	293	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	326	293	306
	31/28-10A	258	265	269	265	259	260	258	260	263	273	276	274	276	272	269	264	276	258	266
	31/28-12P	NR	NR	302	NR	291	303	294	294	298	304	312	309	R	308	304	302	312	291	302
	MONTHLY AVG	296	305	313	308	301	302	299	300	301	306	311	312	292	304	308	310			
	MAXIMUM DEPTH TO WATER NE (running average for all data last 5 years)																		347	
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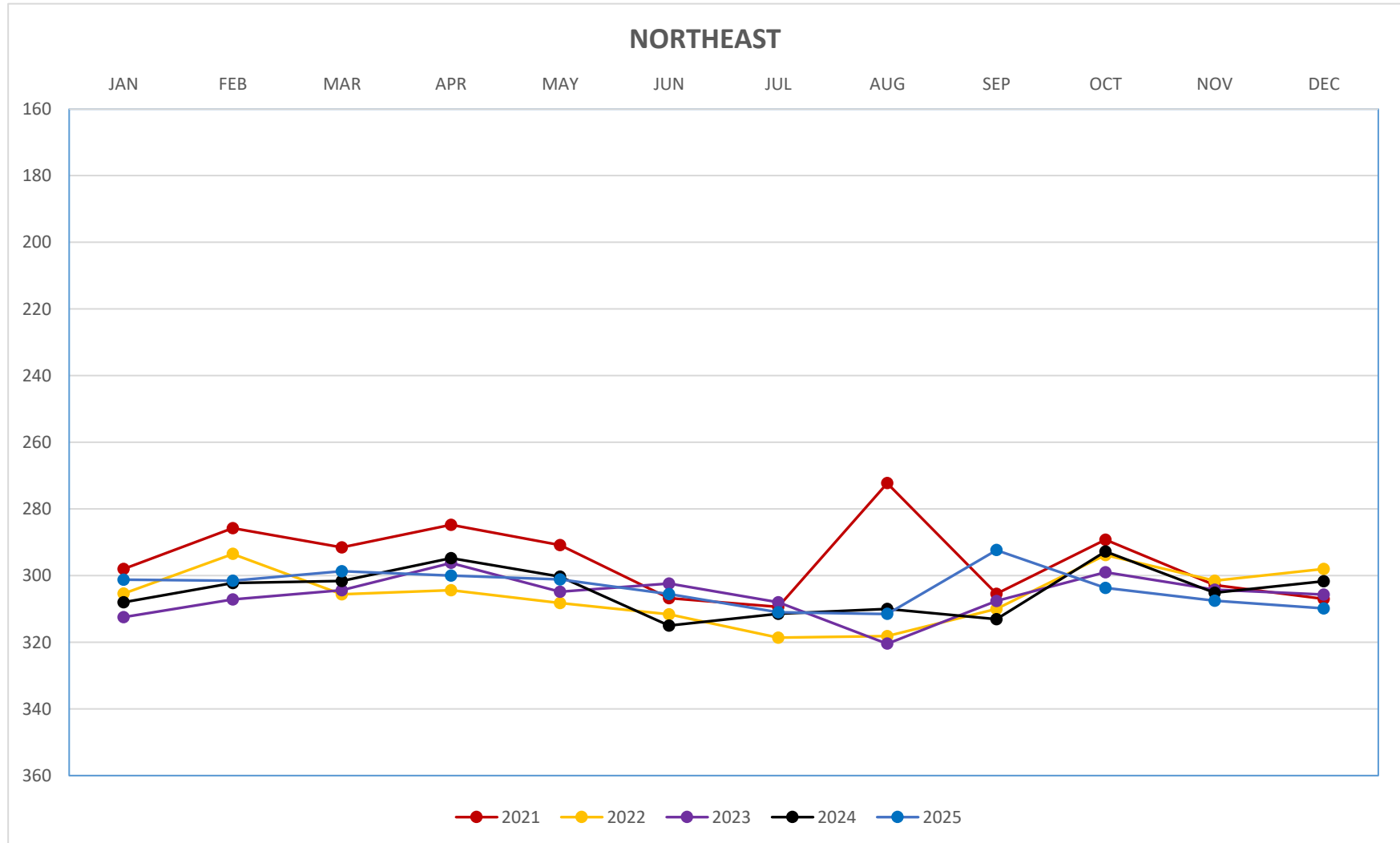
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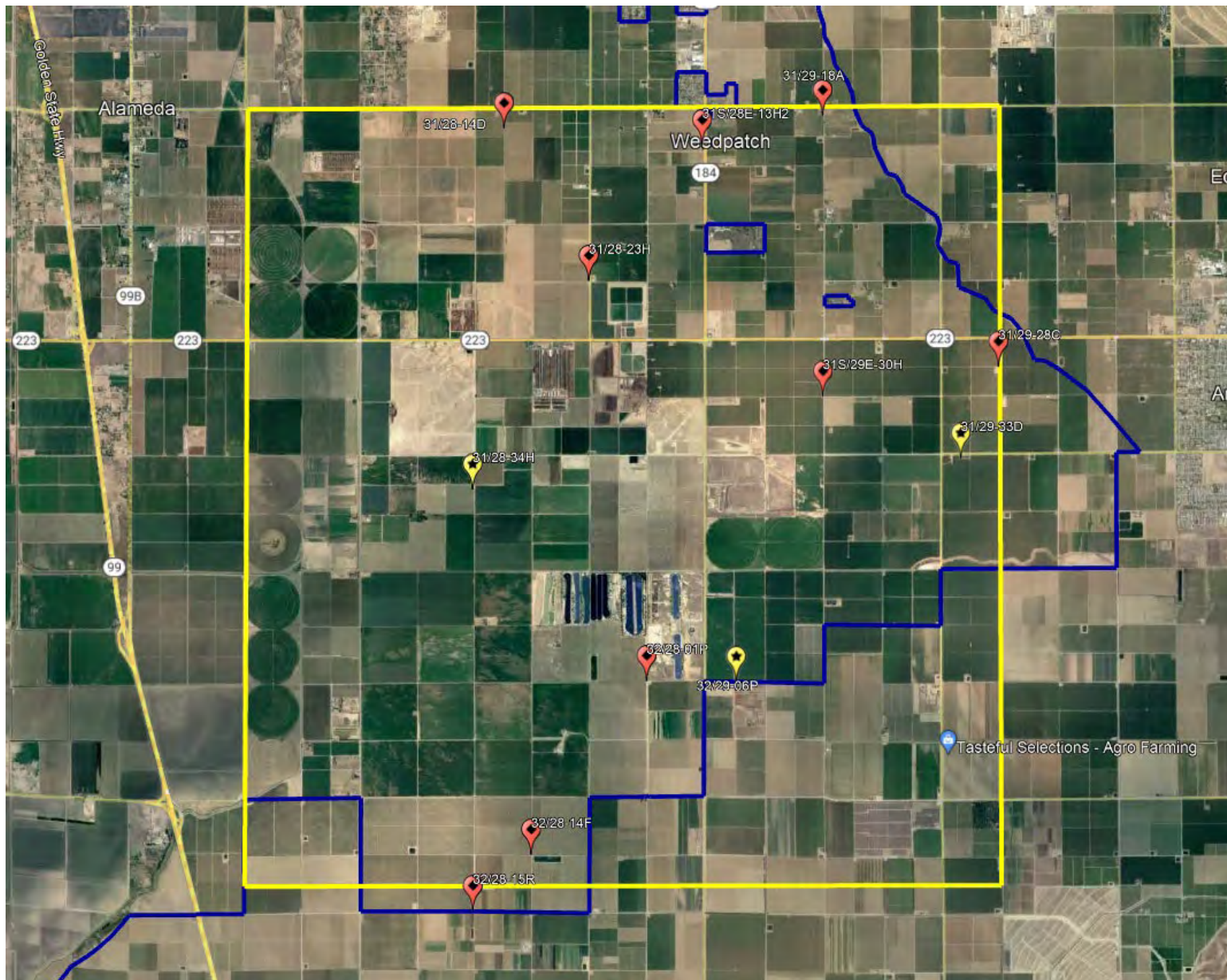


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Southeast Quadrant	31/28-13H2	NR	290	299	296	285	279	284	278	277	278	282	282	283	283	282	281	299	277	284
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	31/28-23H	275	276	313	300	314	307	293	272	276	R	280	R	R	R	R	R	314	272	291
	31/28-34H	204	203	213	224	216	221	208	210	224	245	247	NR	245	245	232	232	247	203	225
	31/29-28C	NR	NR	201	NR	NR	200	204	205	202	202	204	207	R	R	201	201	207	200	203
	31/29-30H	331	353	333	324	325	328	322	R	335	334	354	R	343	345	335	323	354	322	335
	31/29-33D	338	239	347	341	338	335	332	337	337	342	346	350	347	345	345	340	350	239	335
	32/28-14F	241	NR	NR	243	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	243	241	242
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	MONTHLY AVG	265	266	272	262	261	258	257	247	267	272	275	263	273	282	263	259			
	MAXIMUM DEPTH TO WATER SE (running average for all data last 5 years)																		354	
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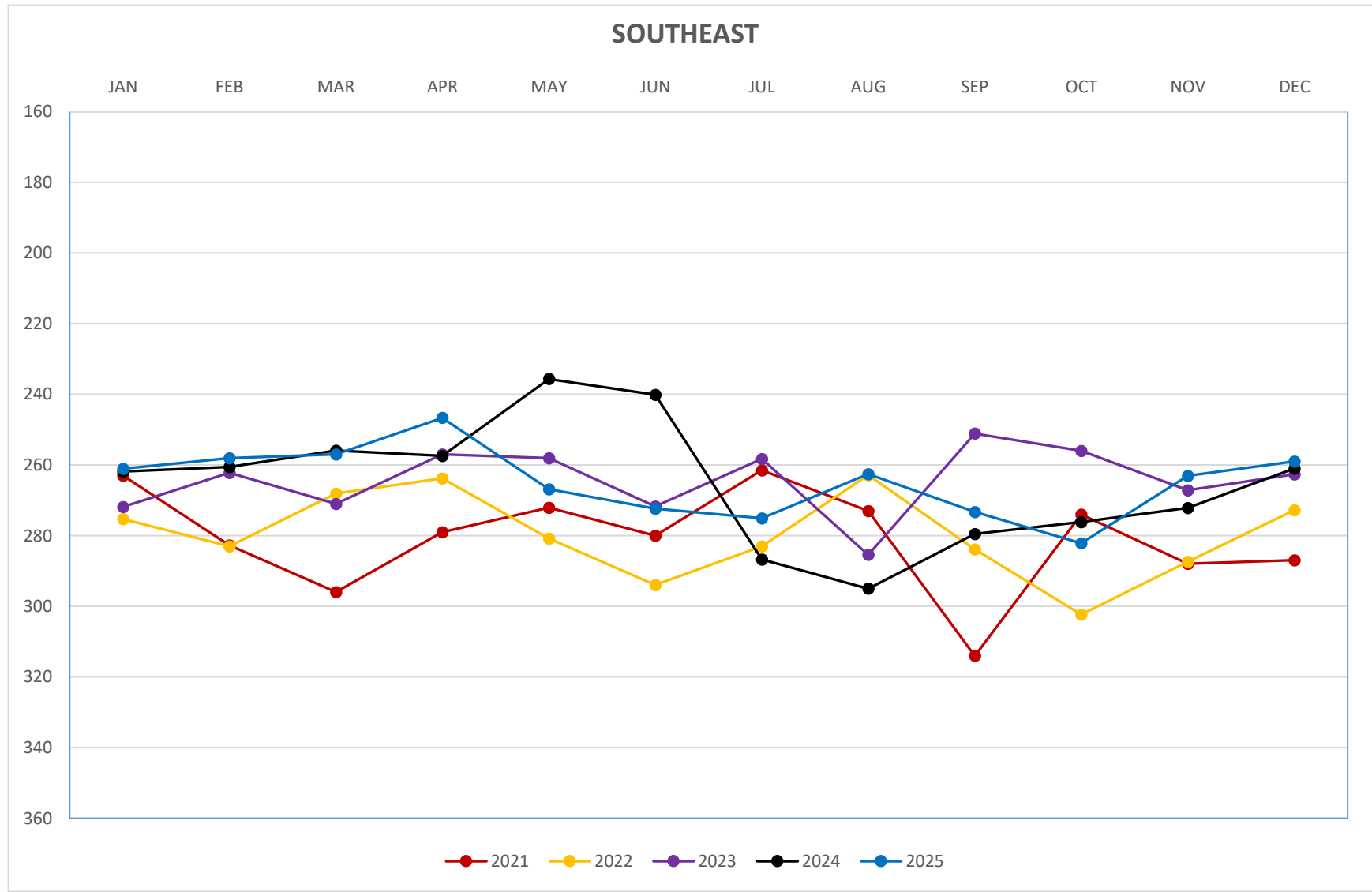
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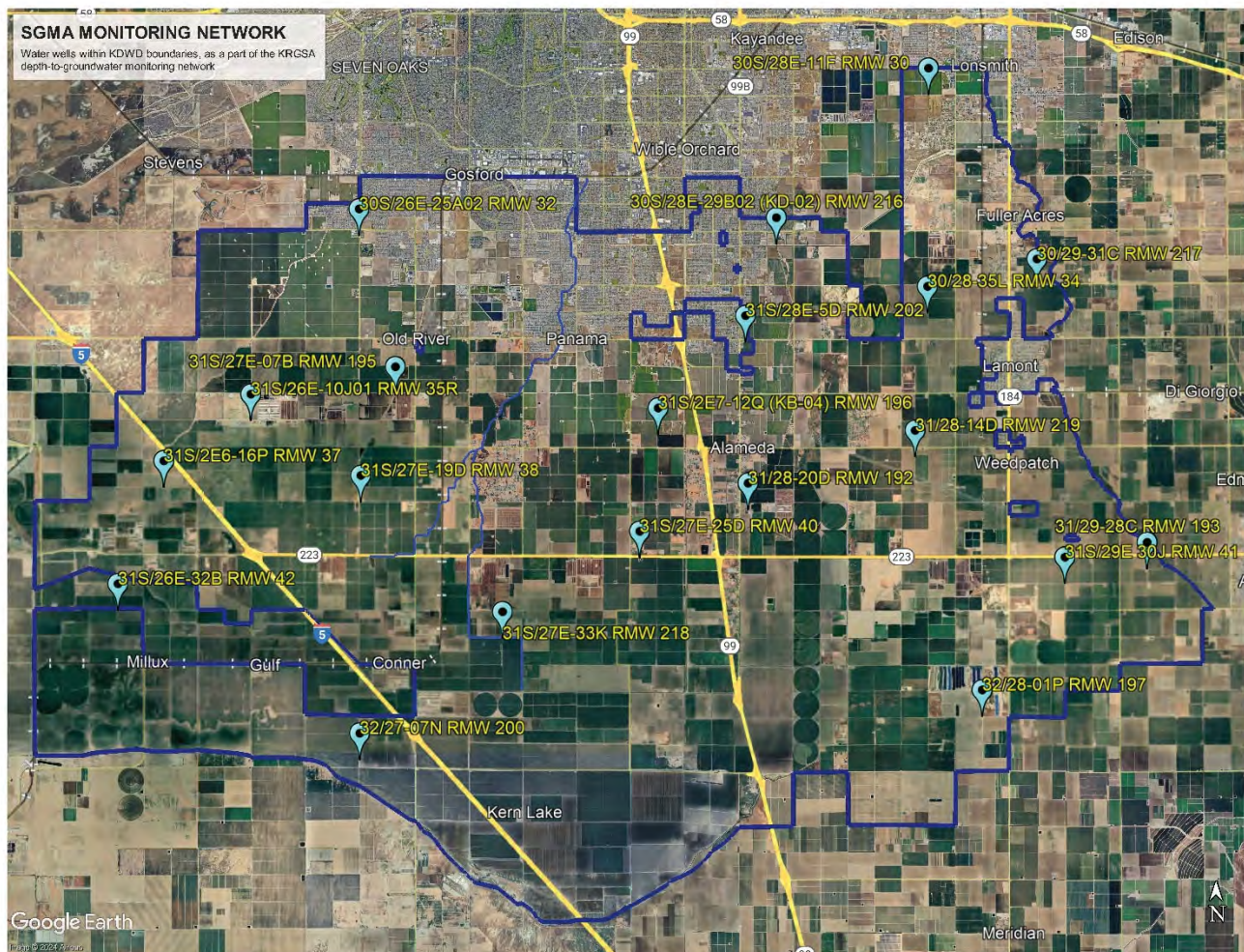
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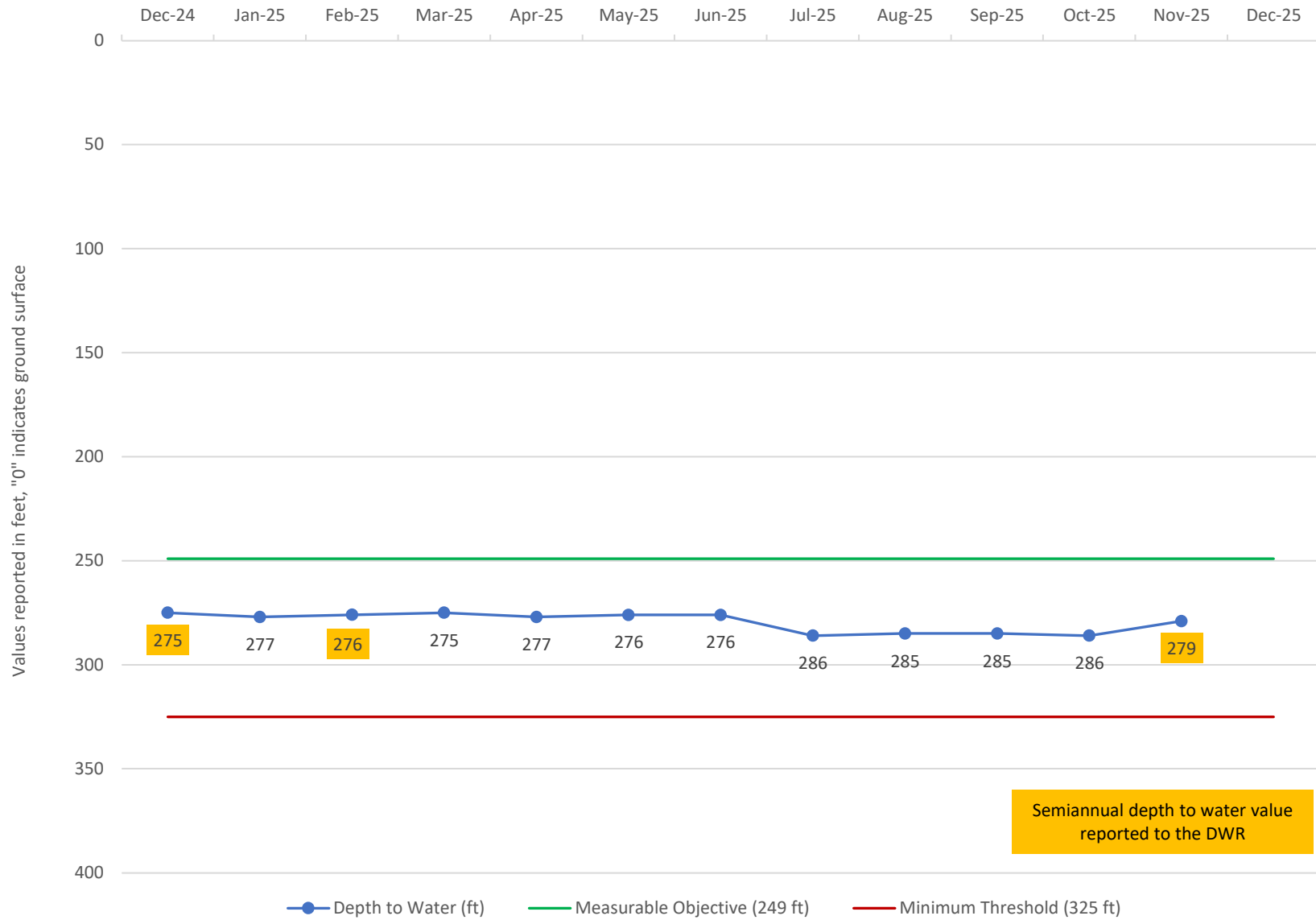


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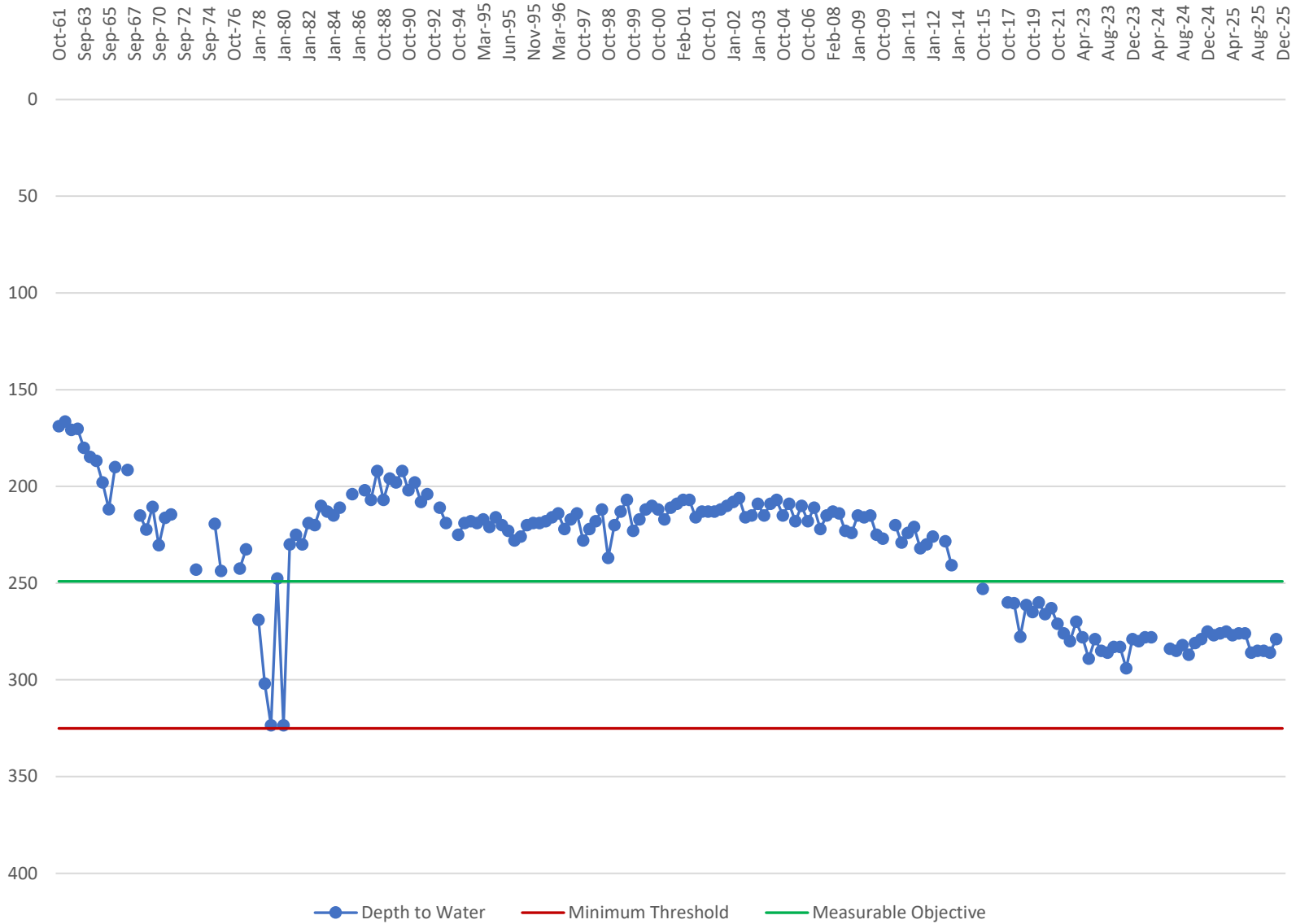
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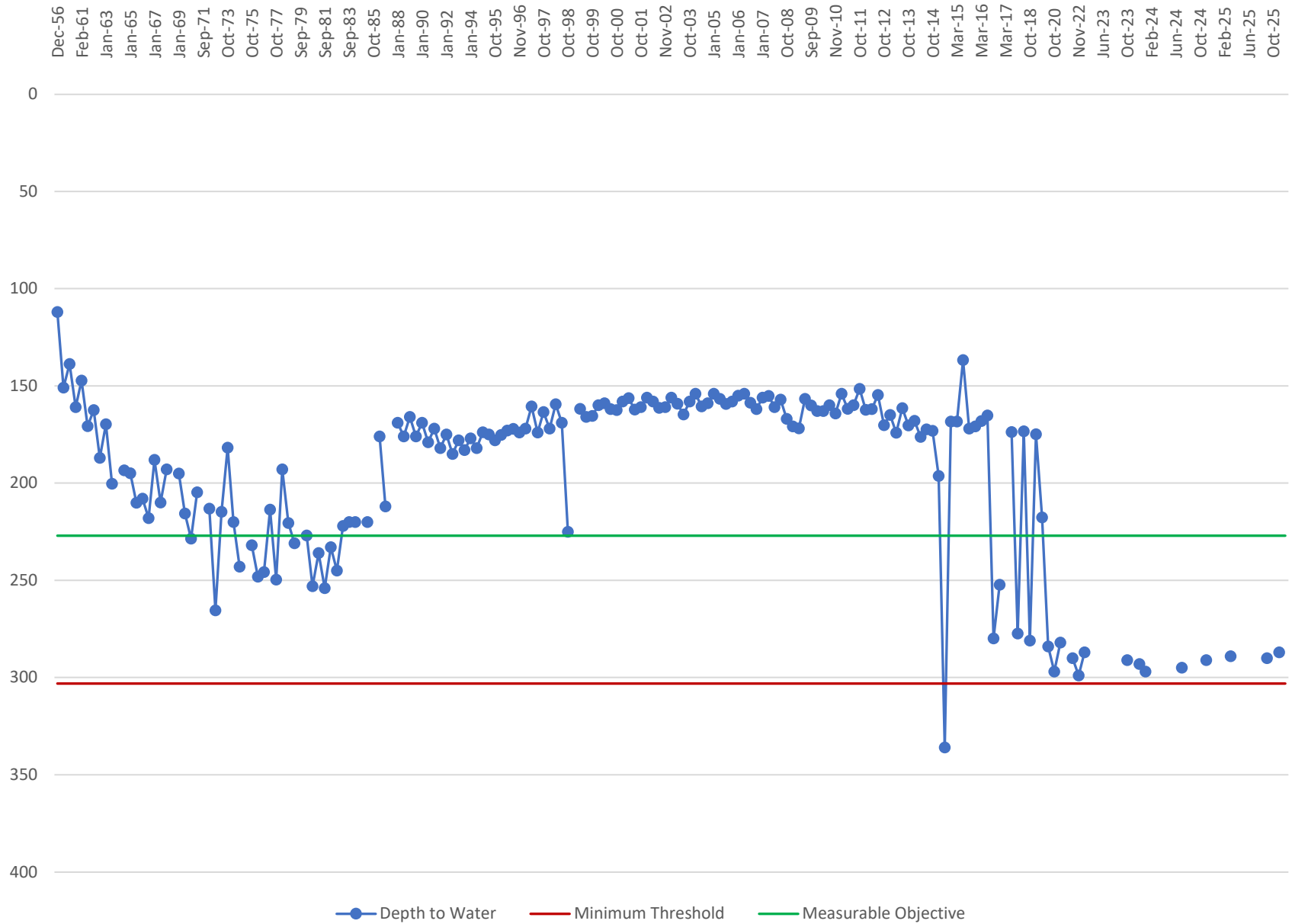
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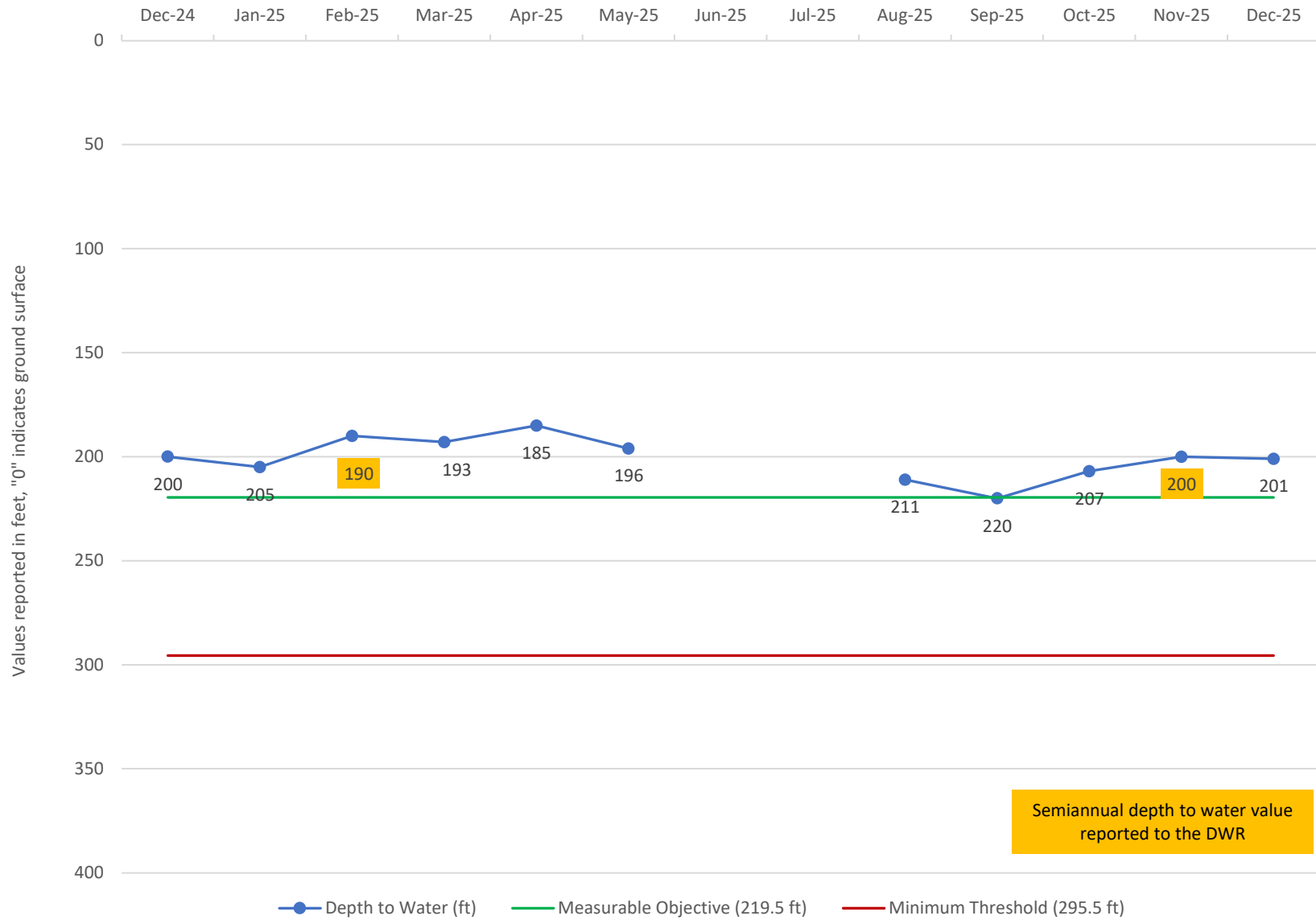
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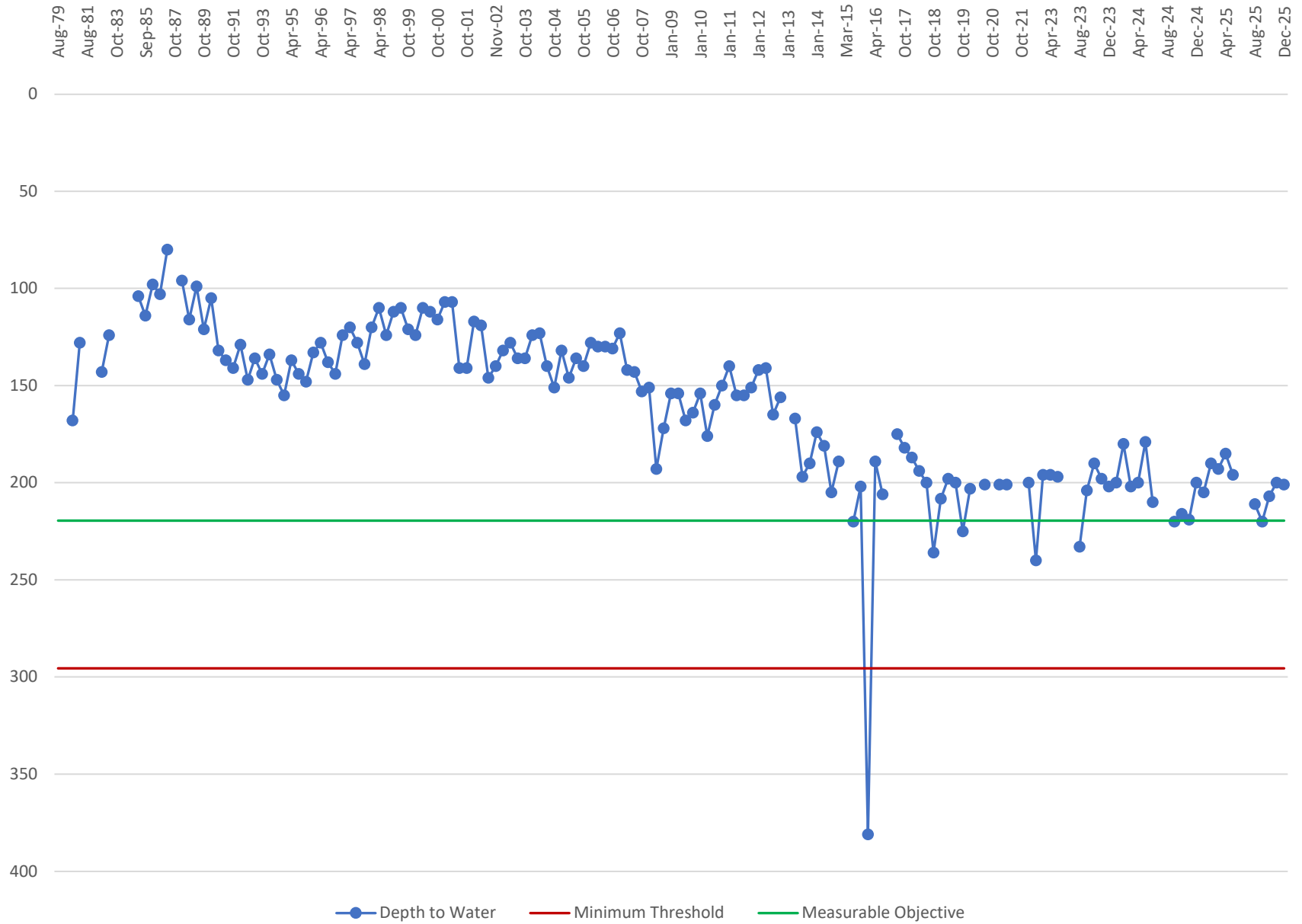
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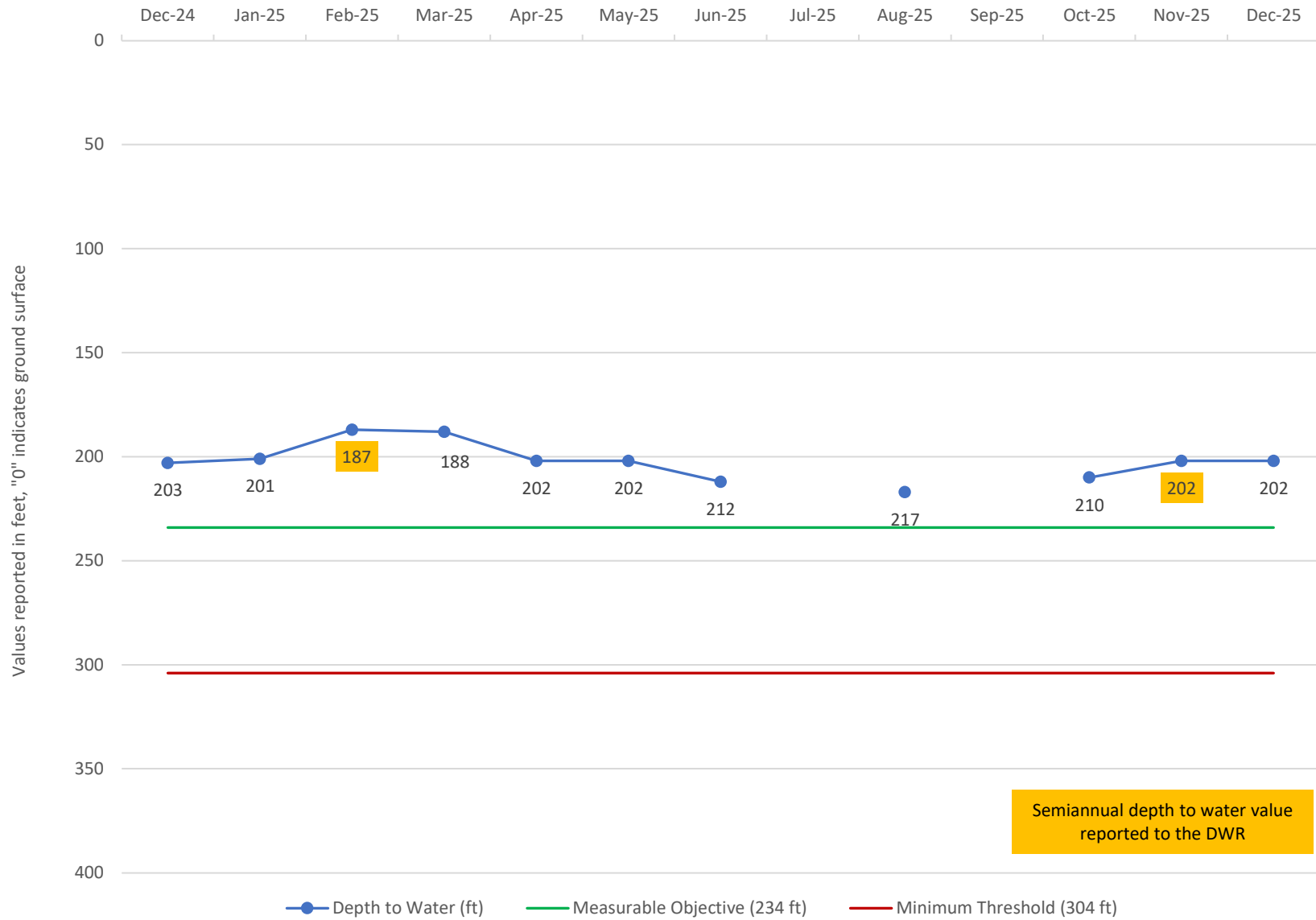
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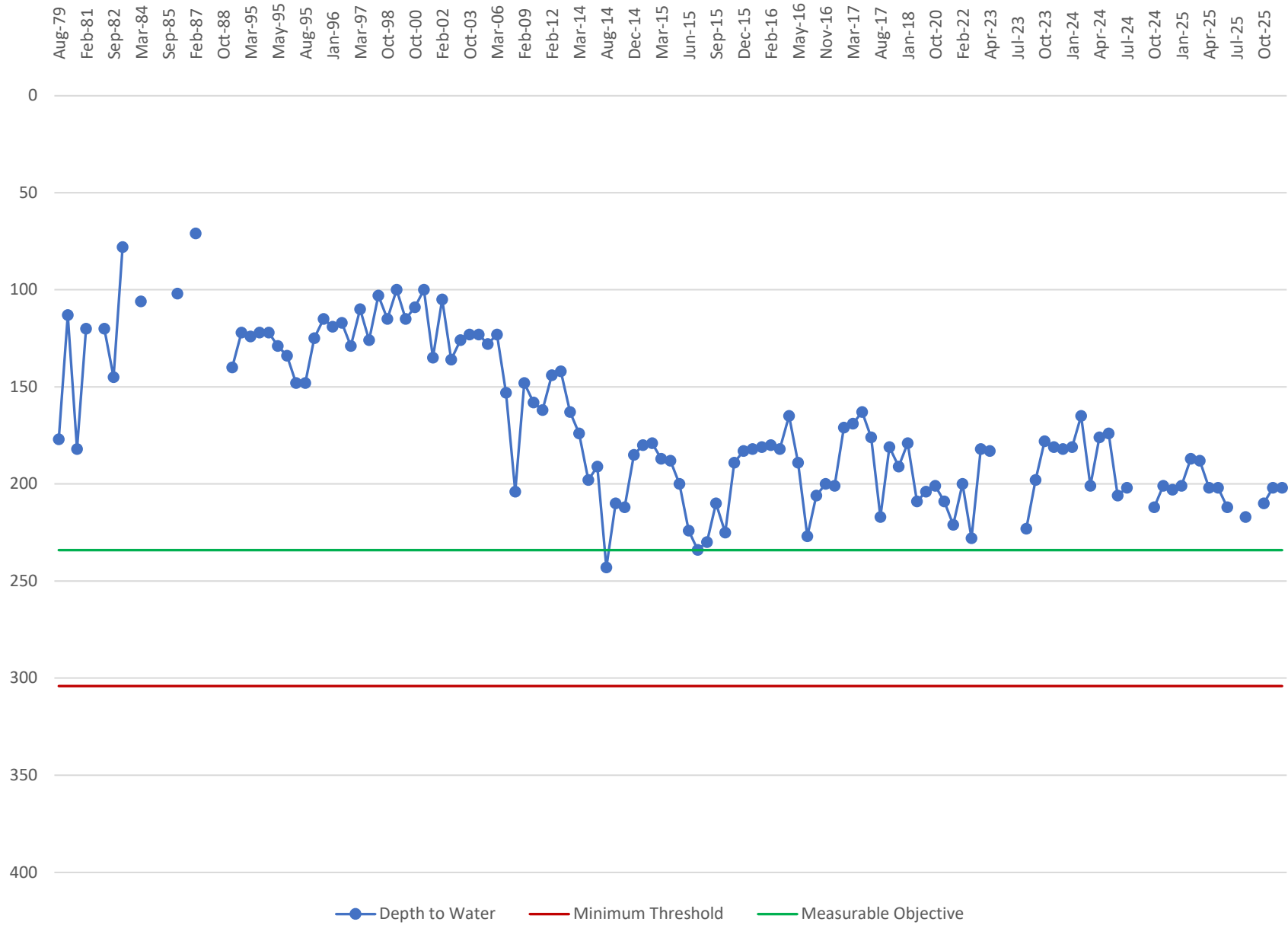
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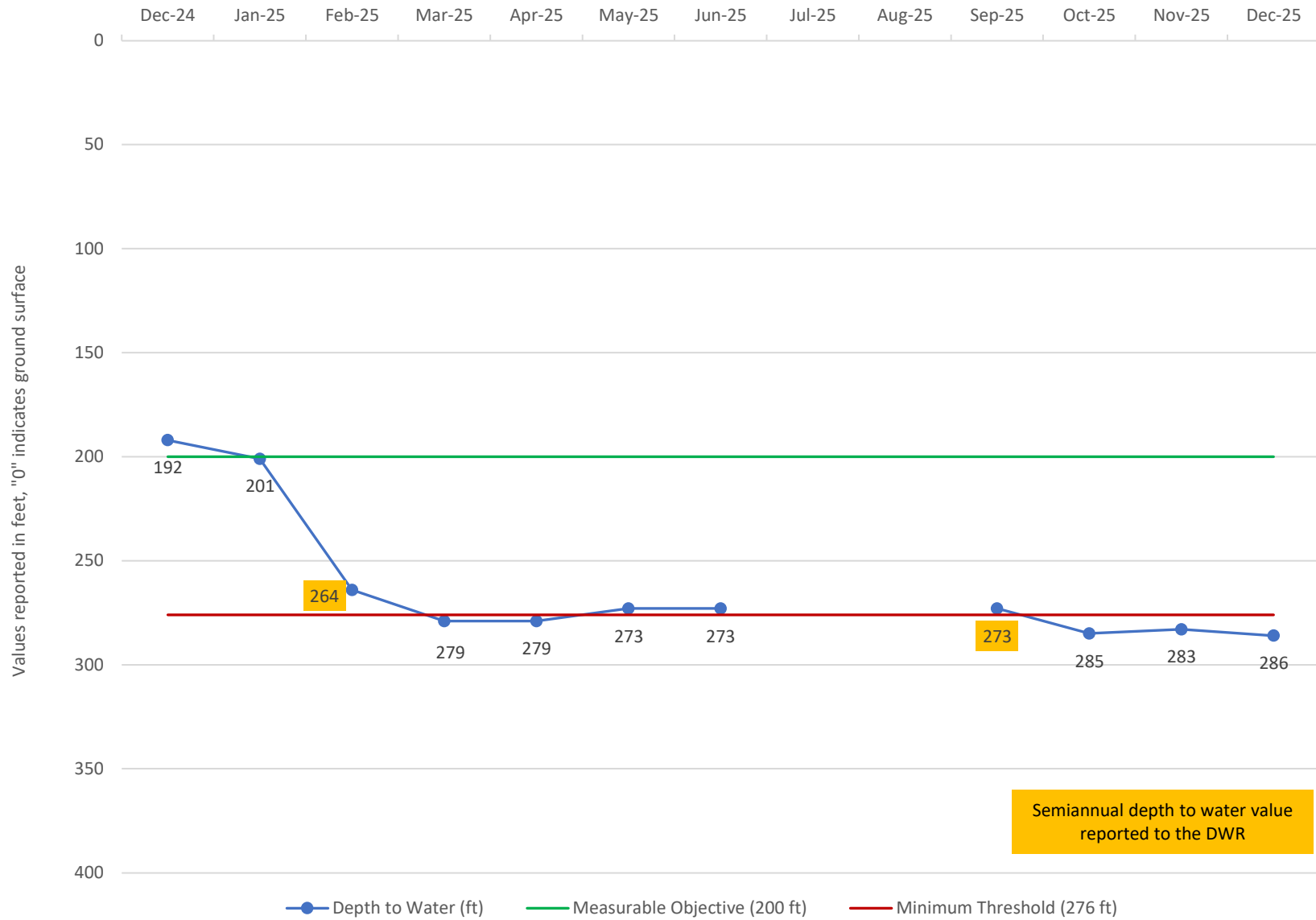
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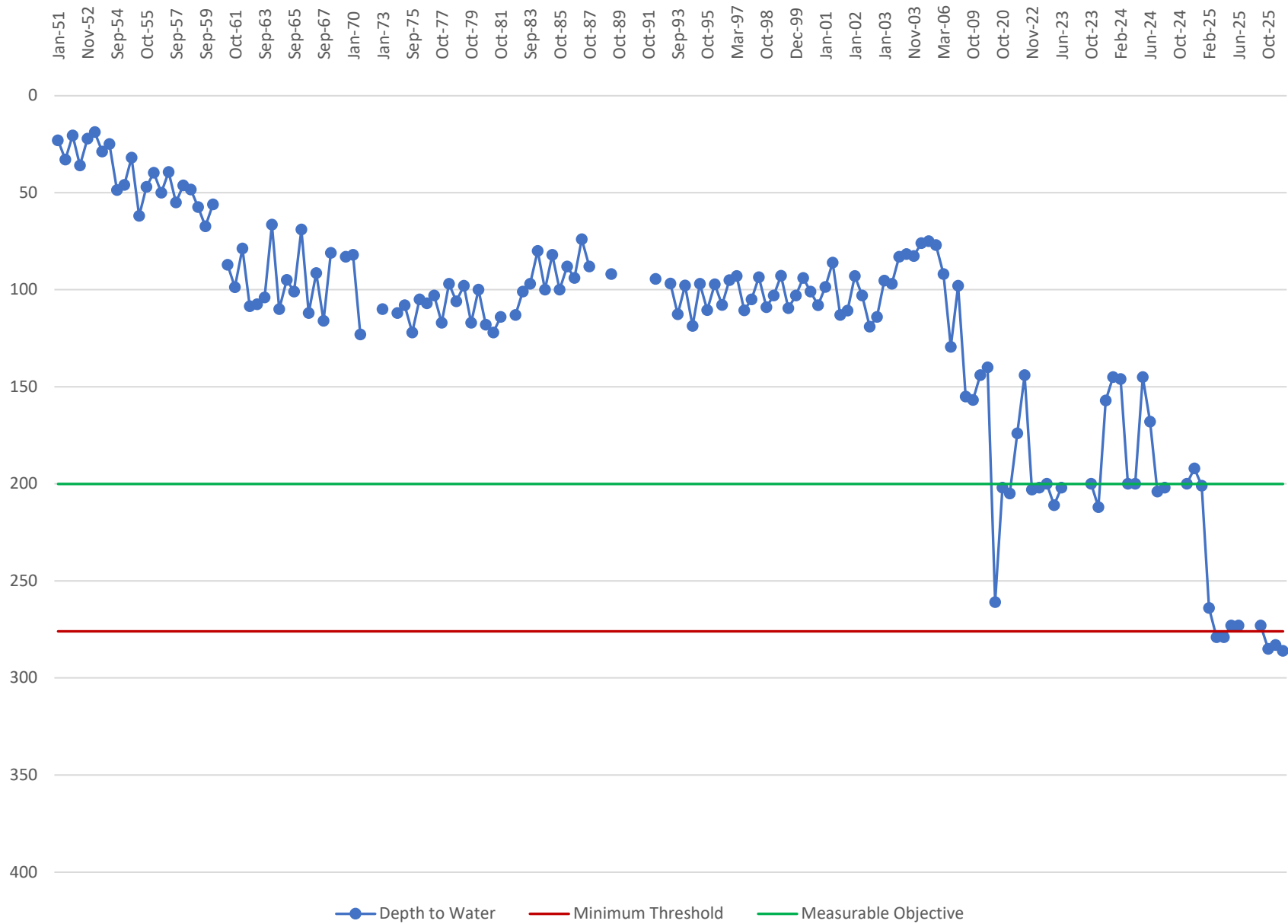
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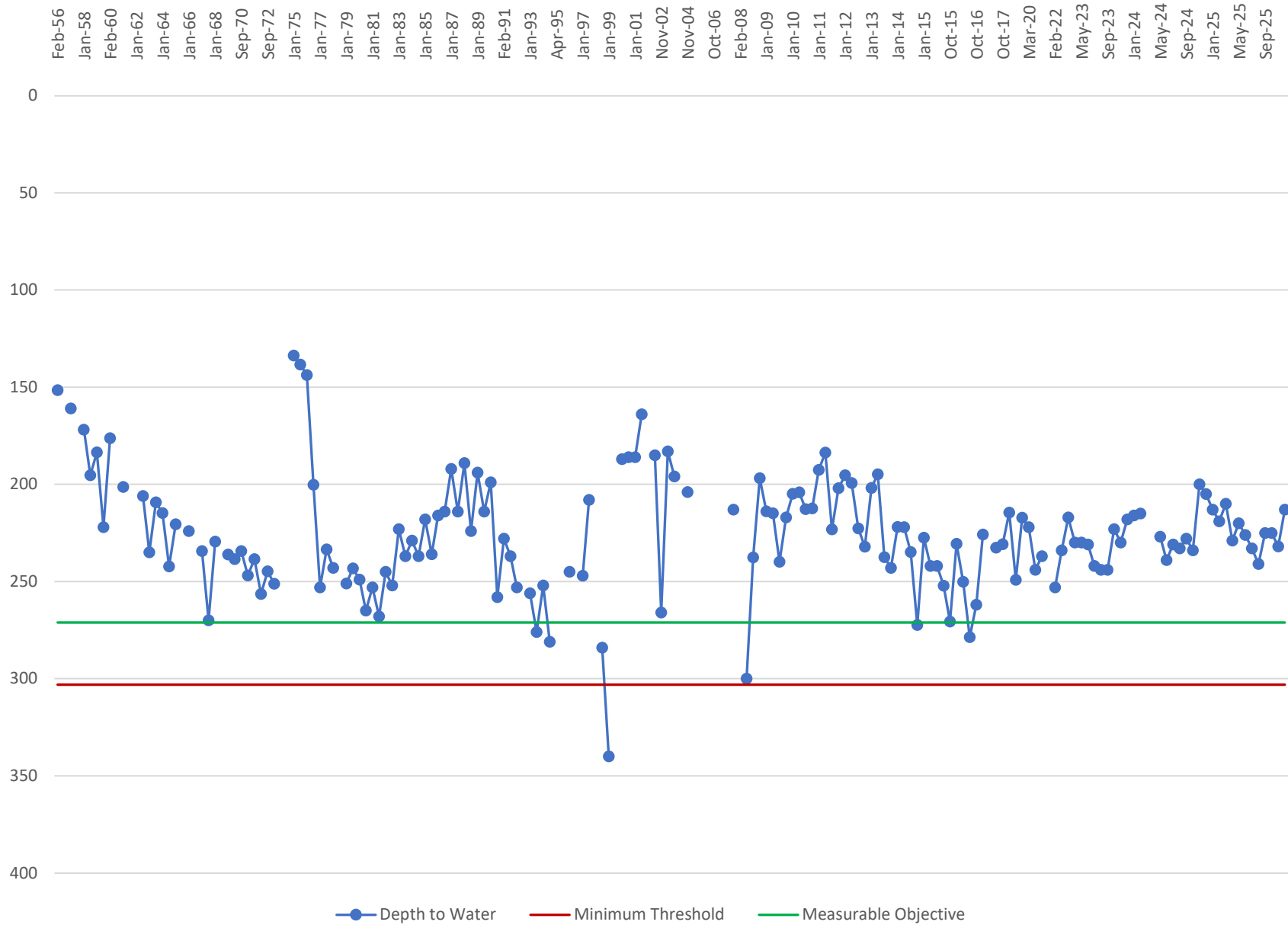
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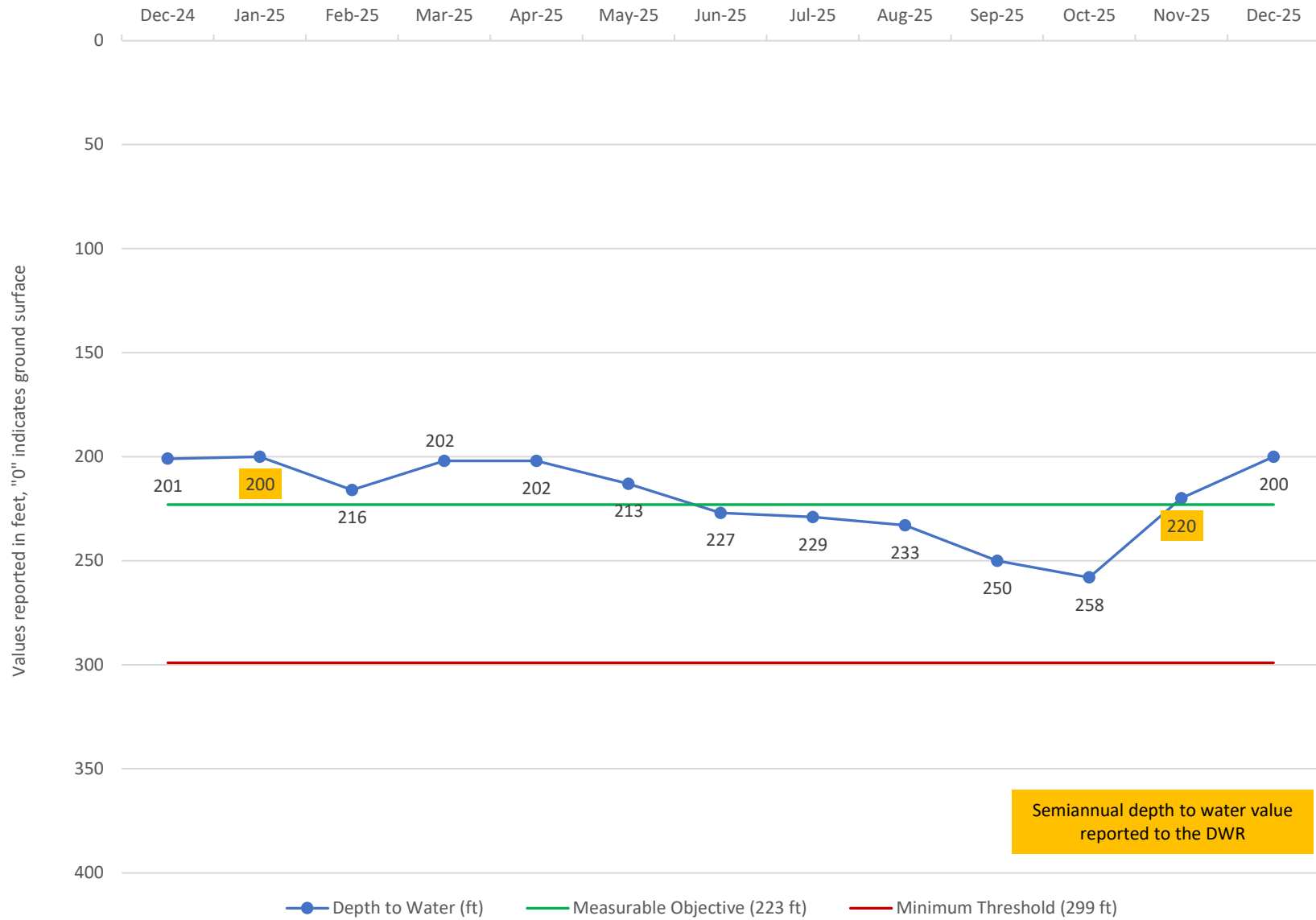
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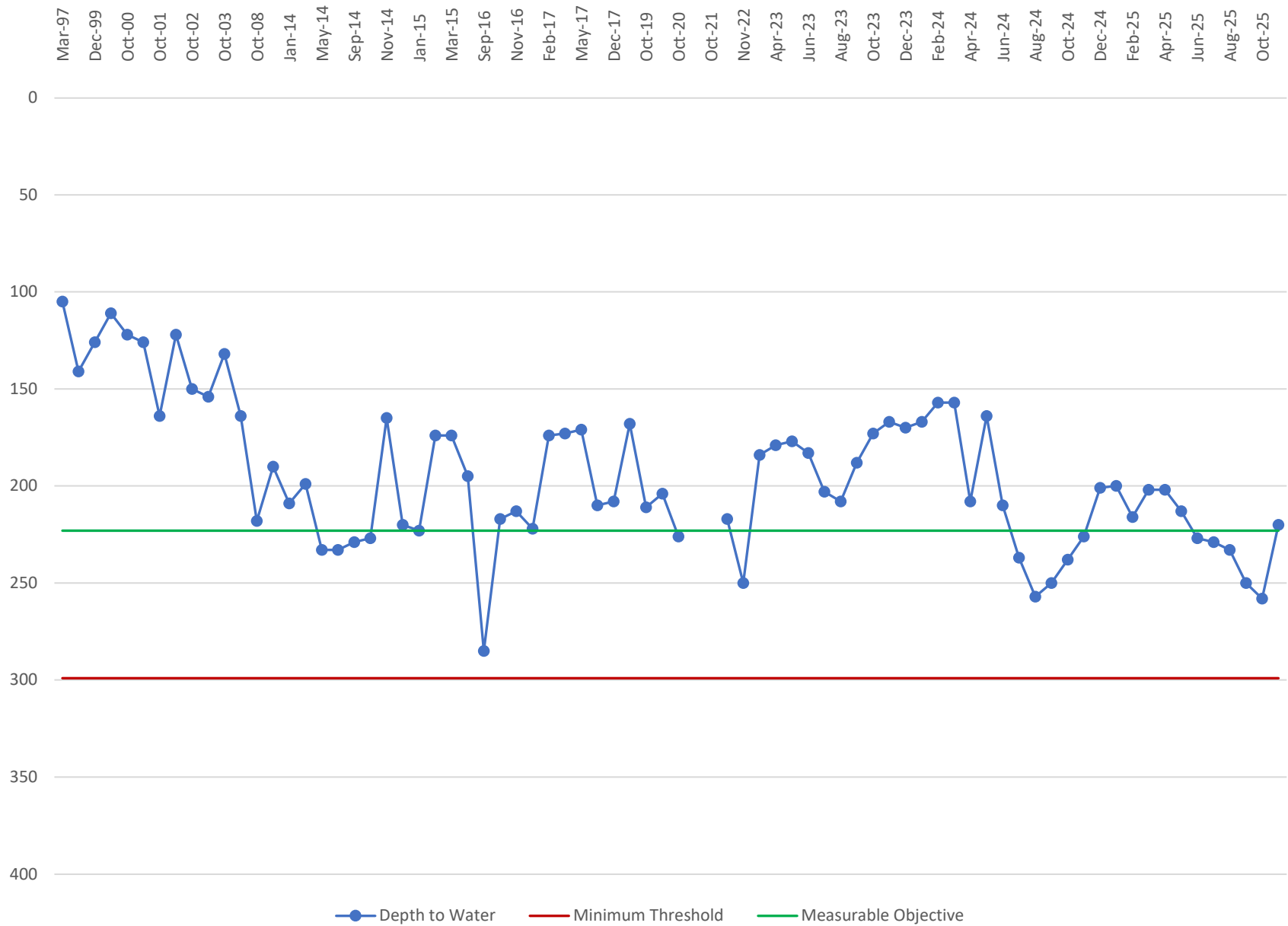
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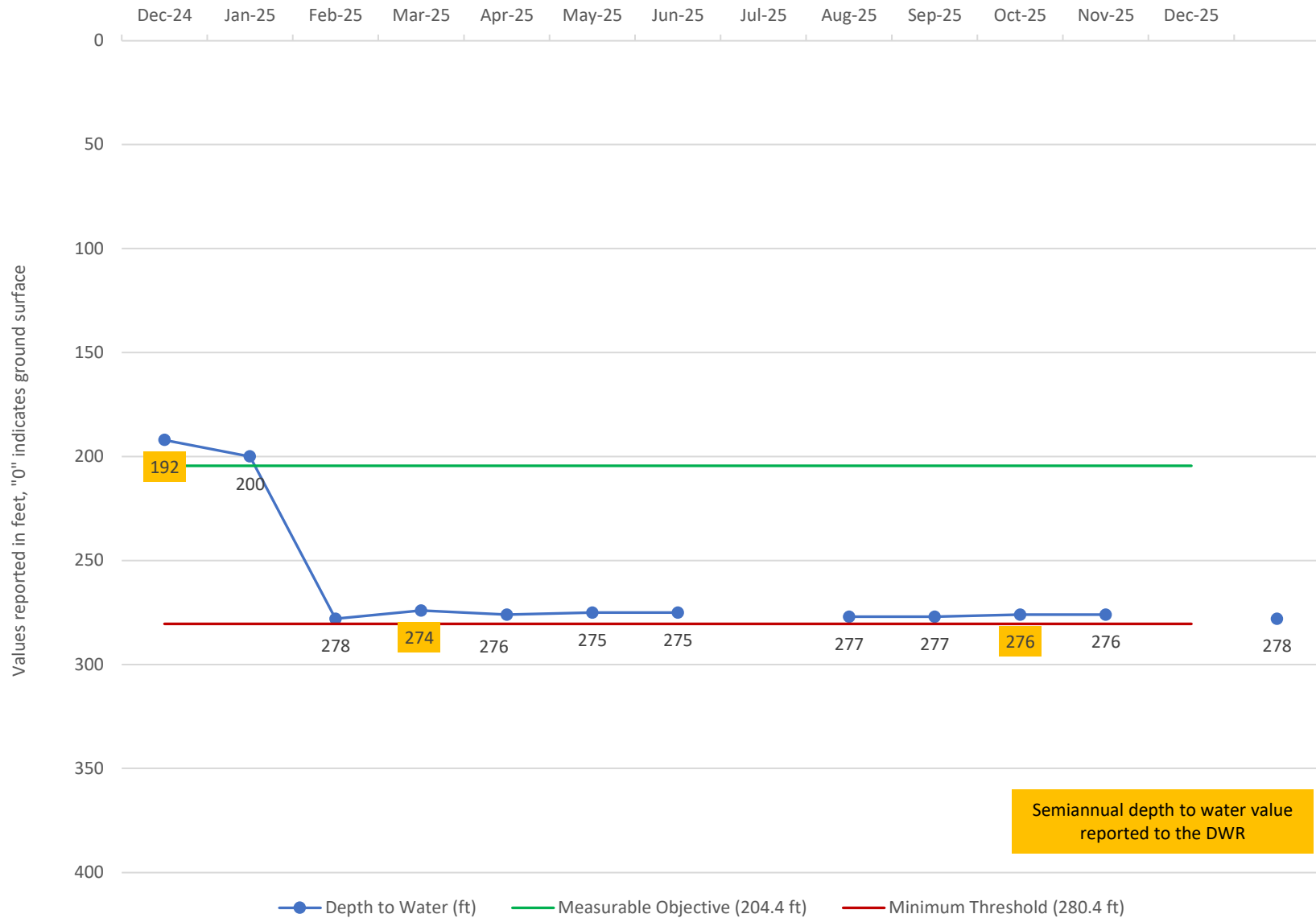
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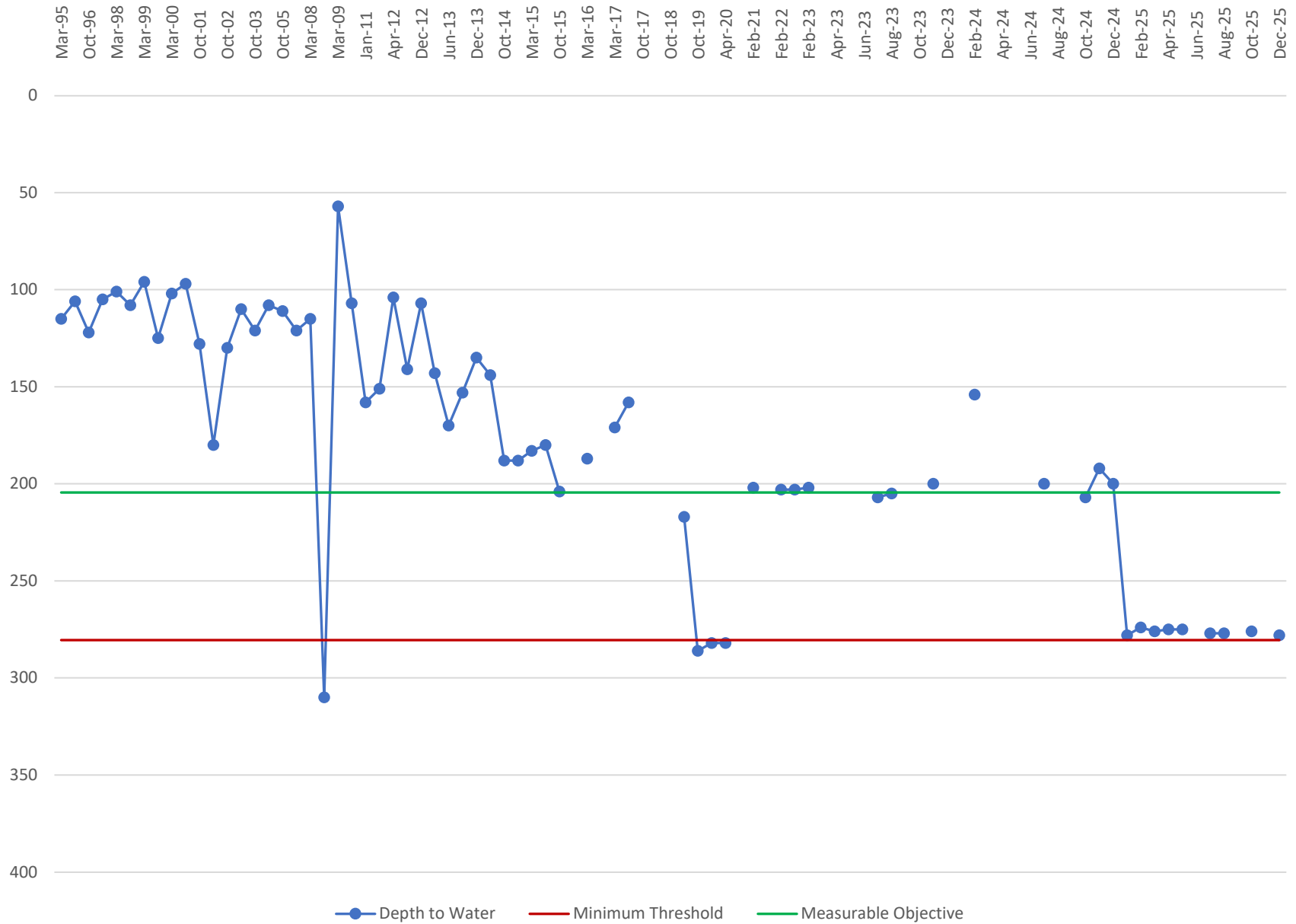
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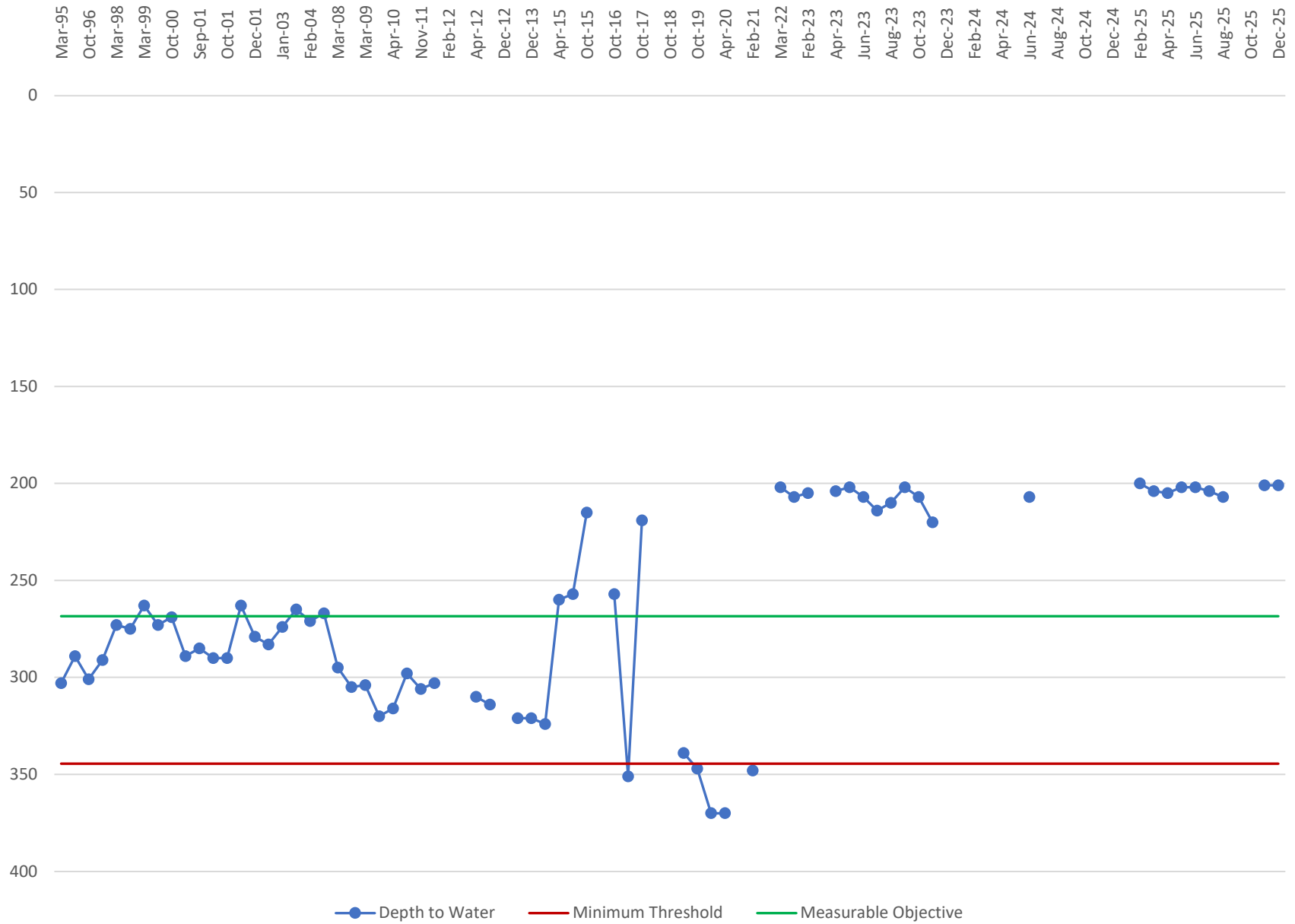
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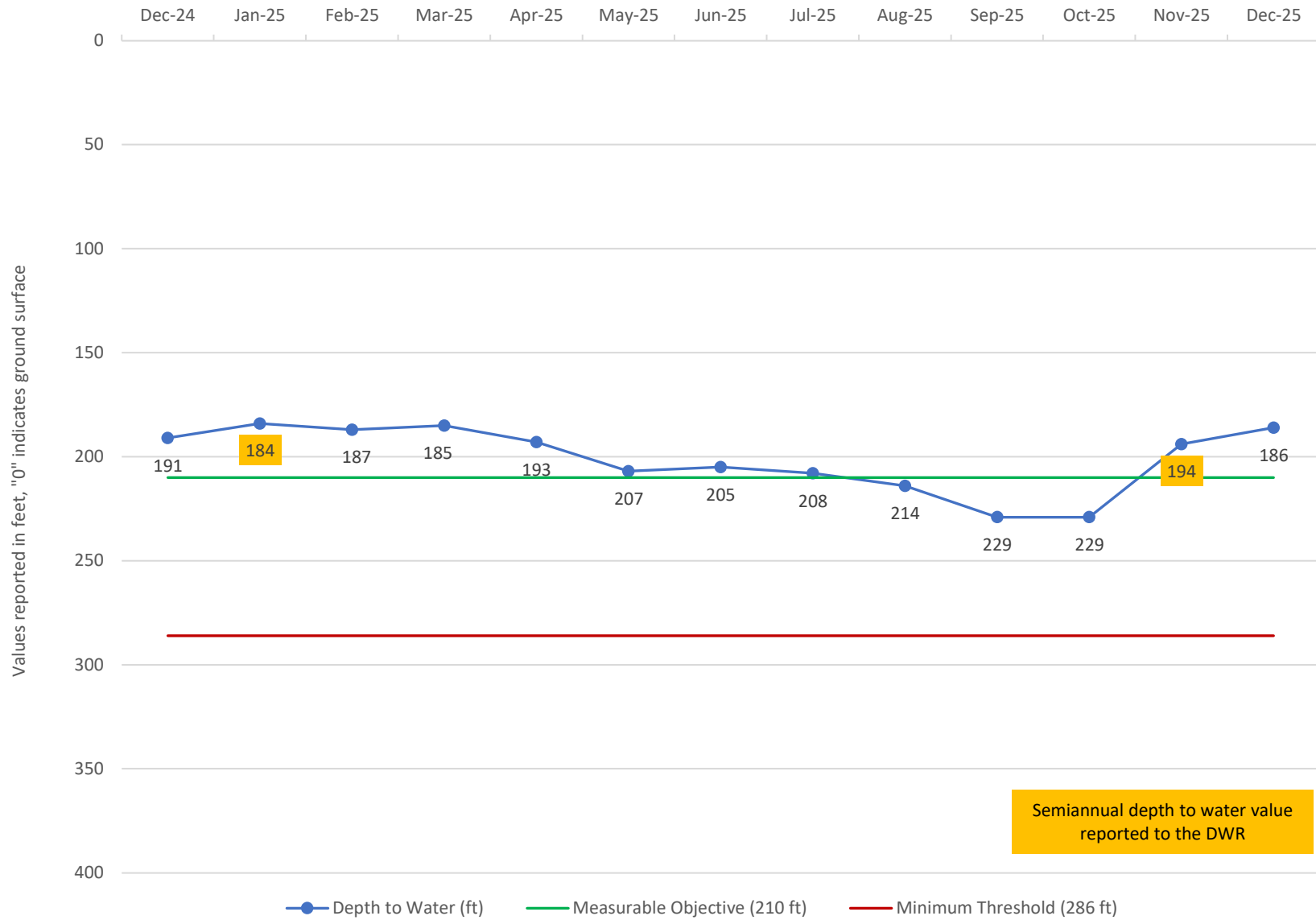
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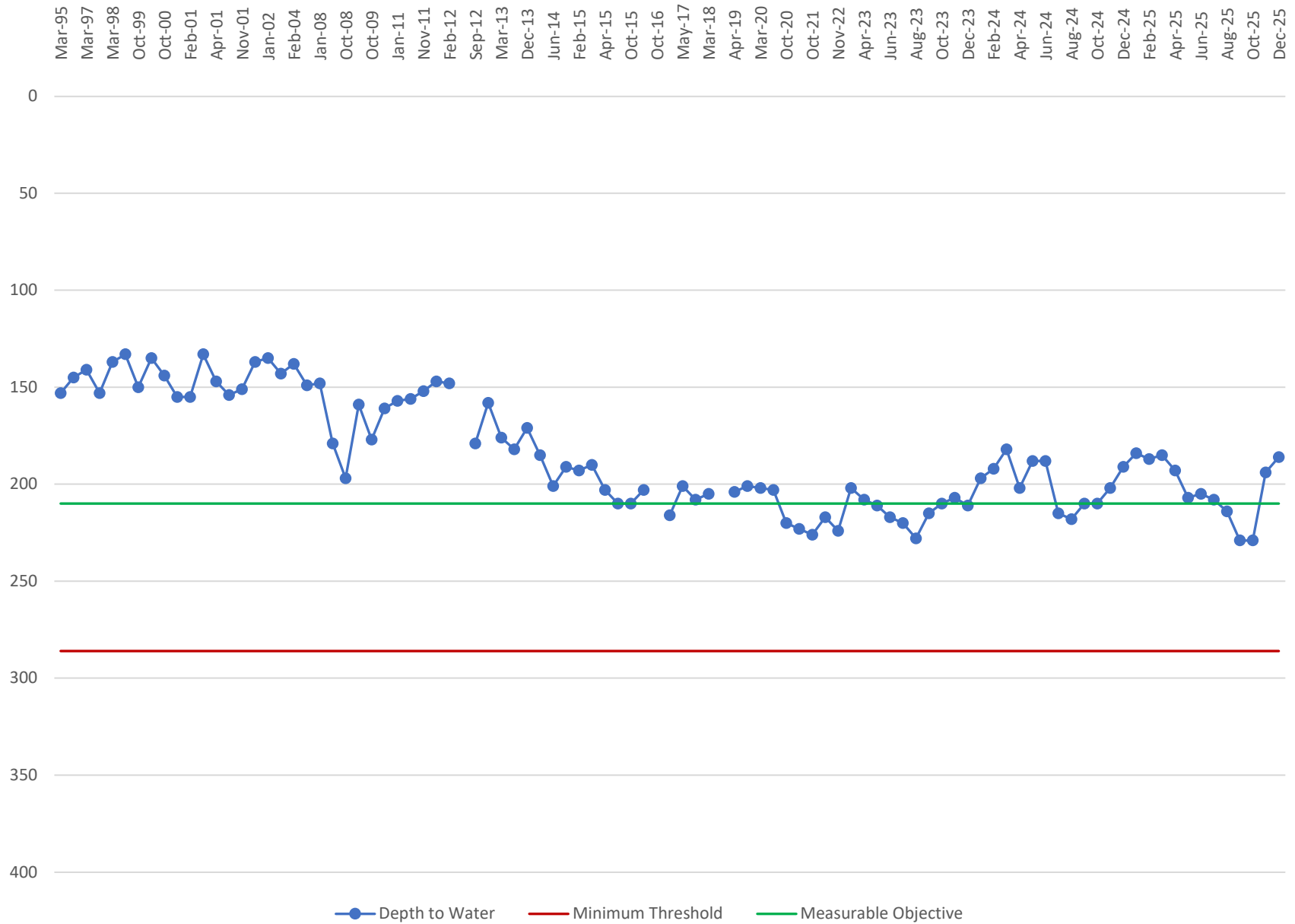
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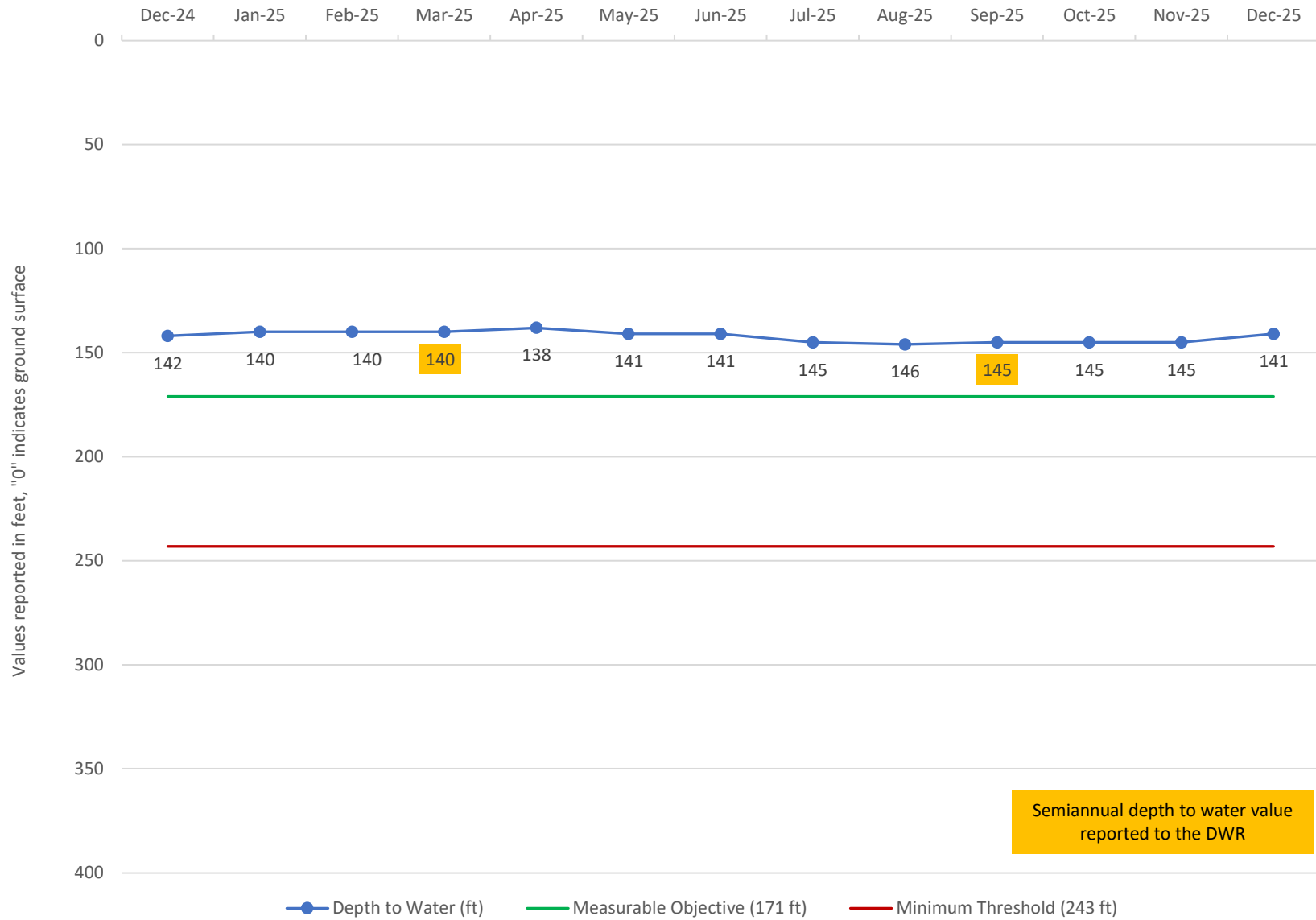
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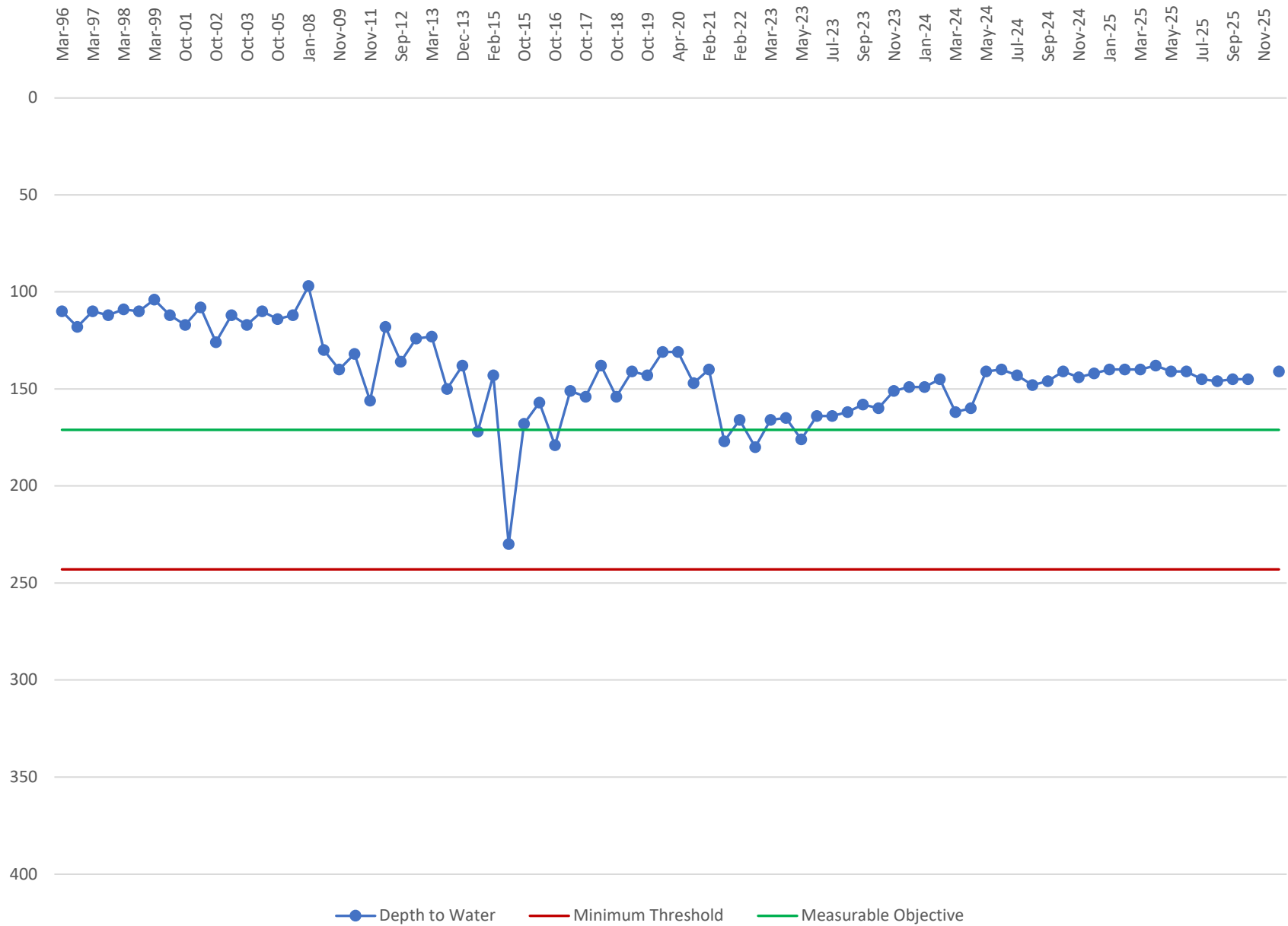
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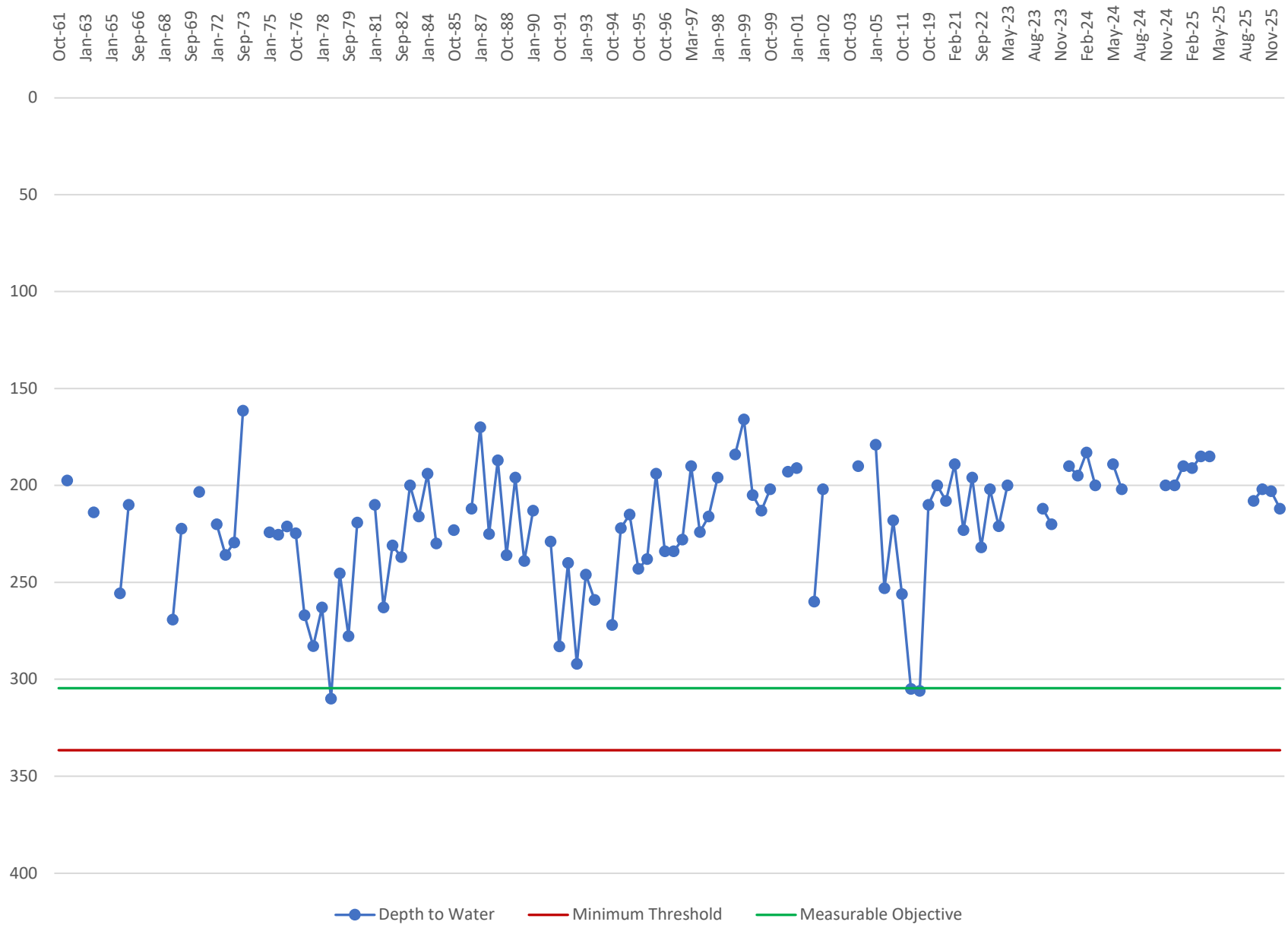
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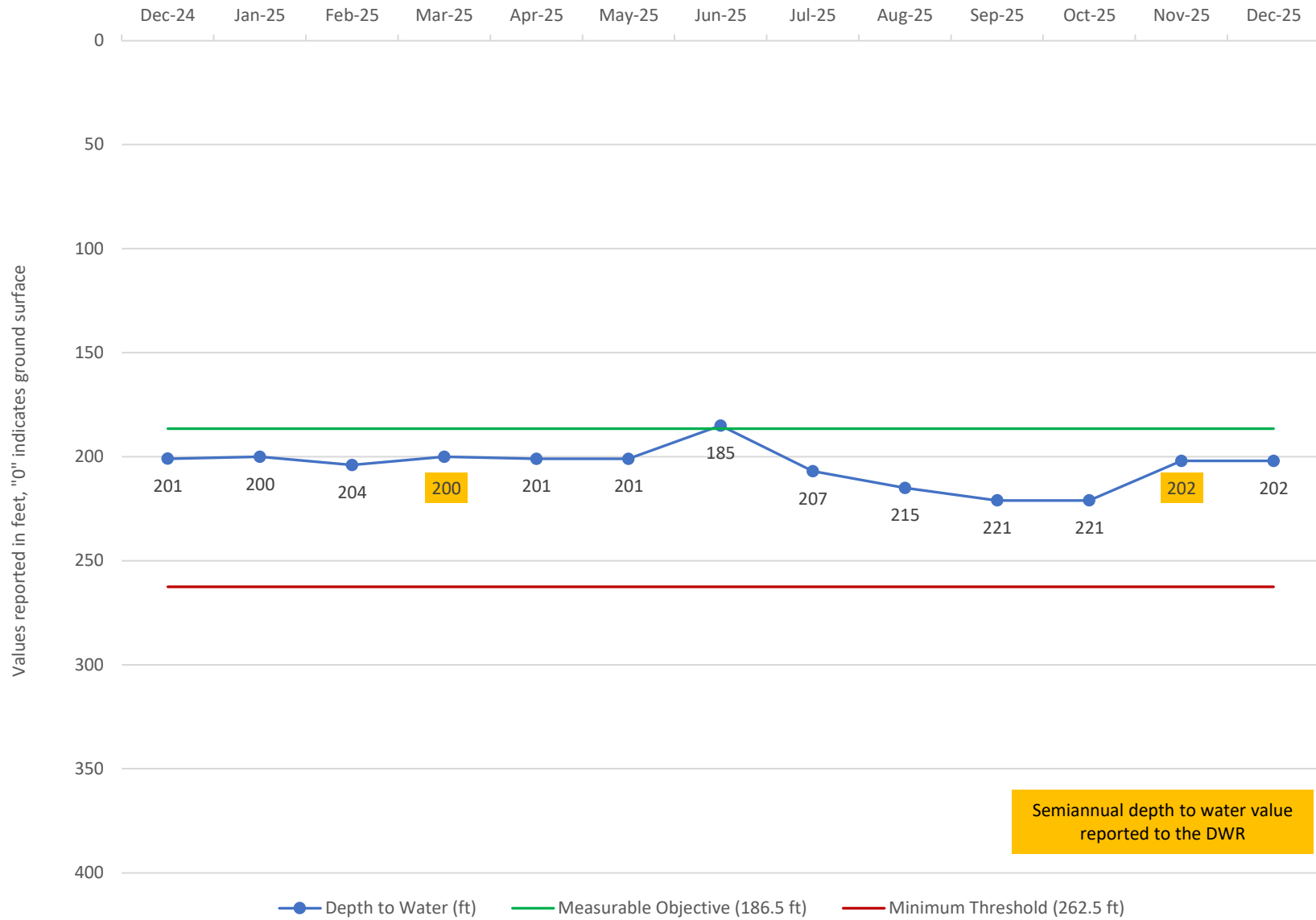
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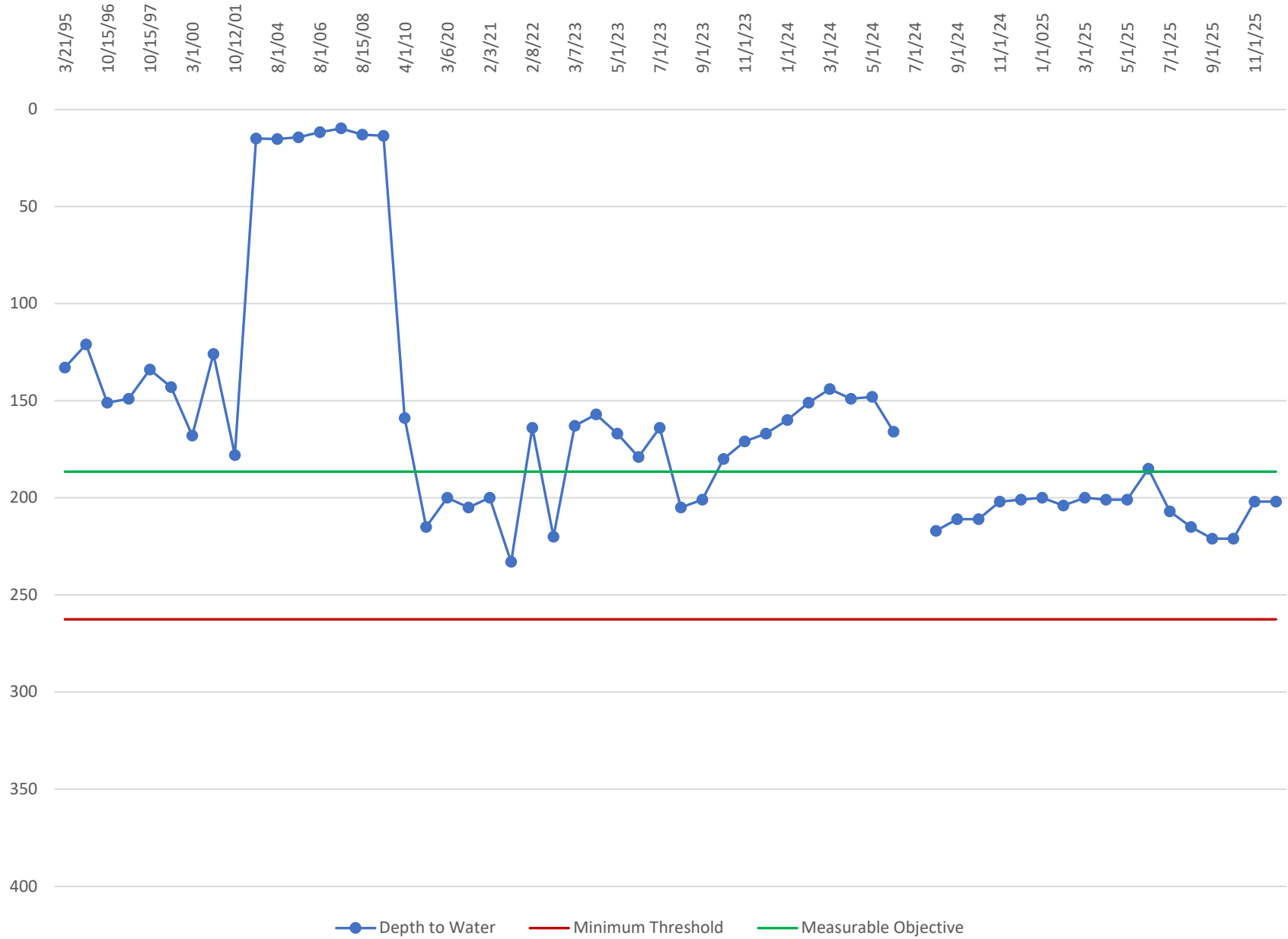
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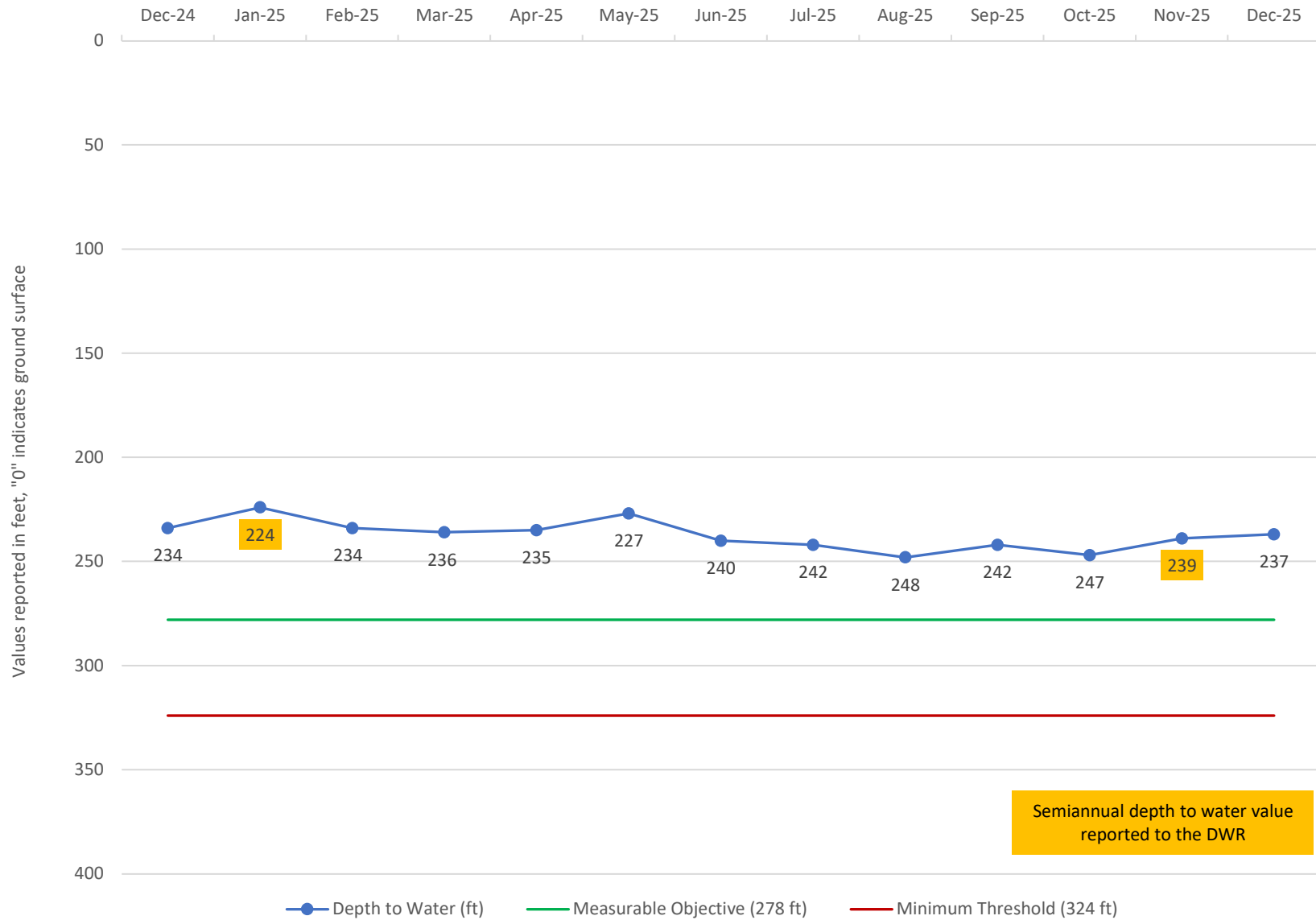
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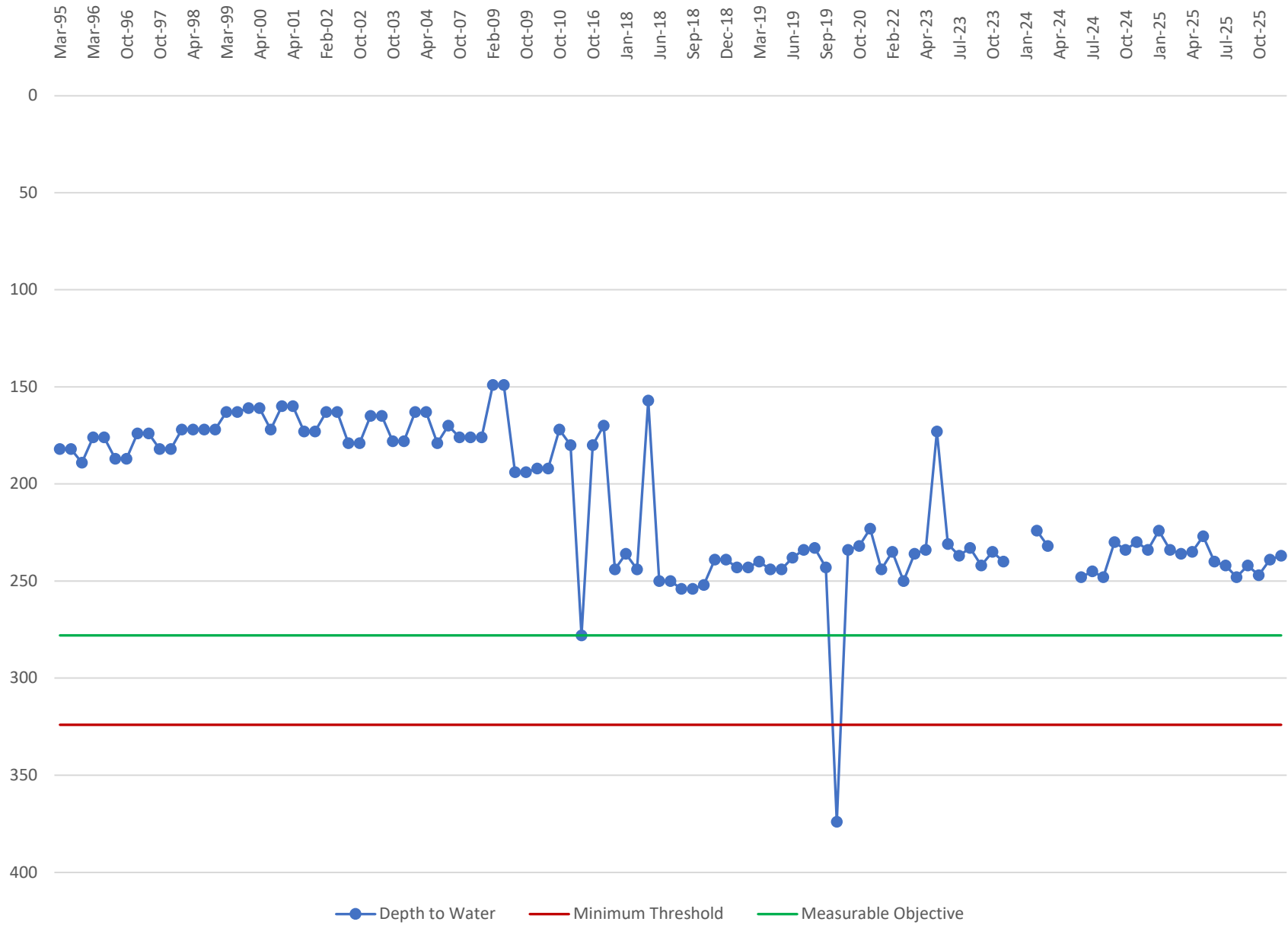
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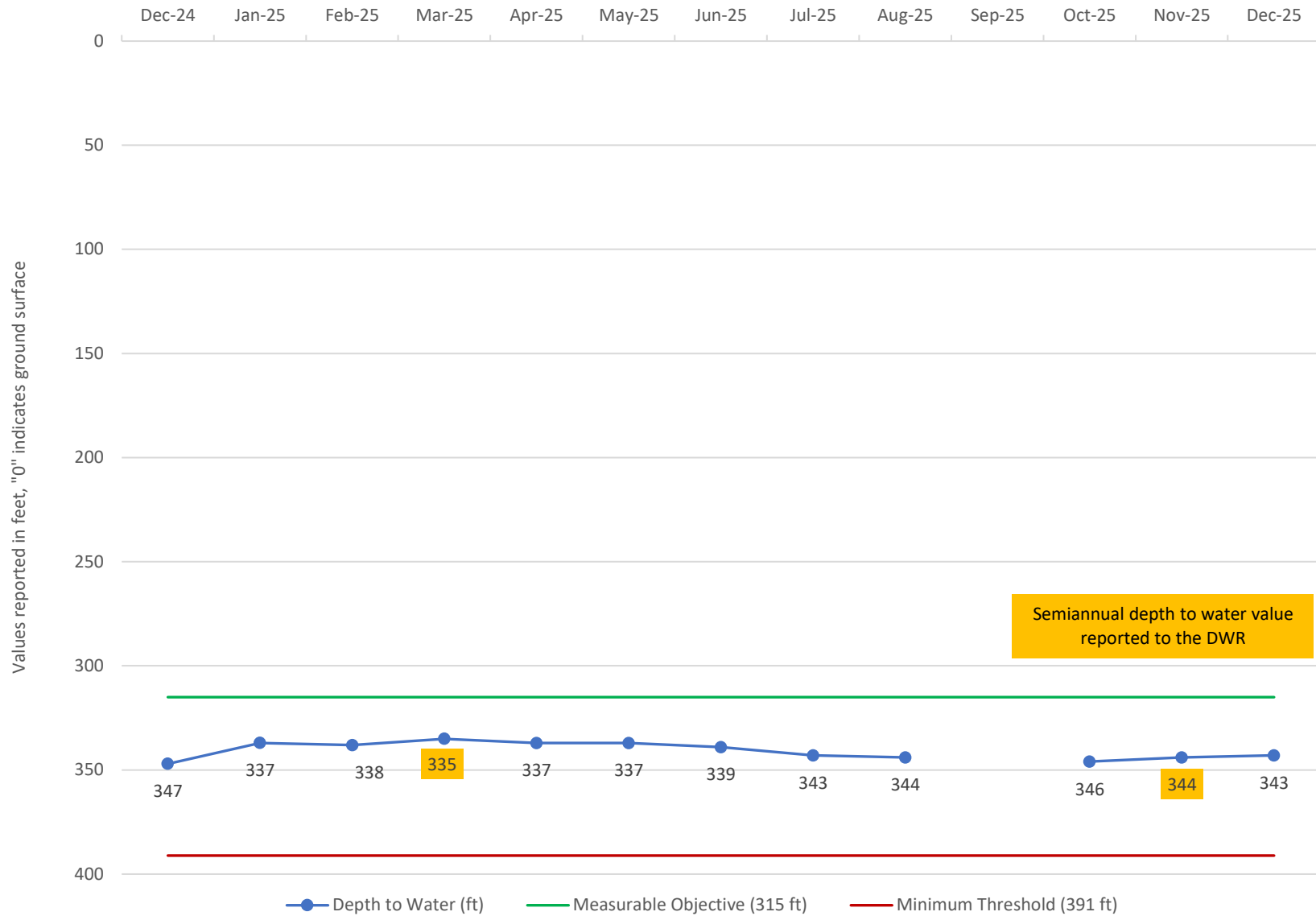
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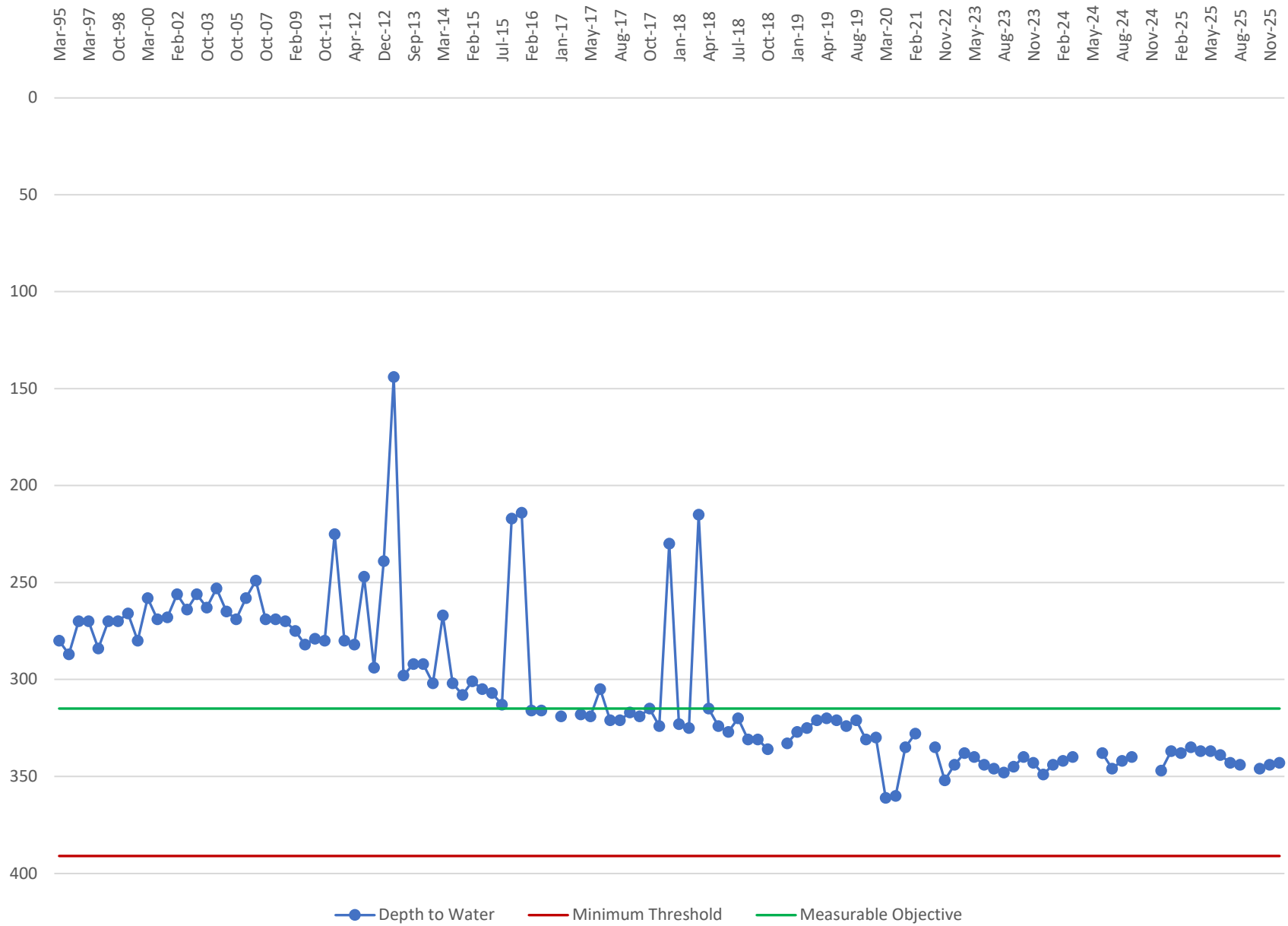
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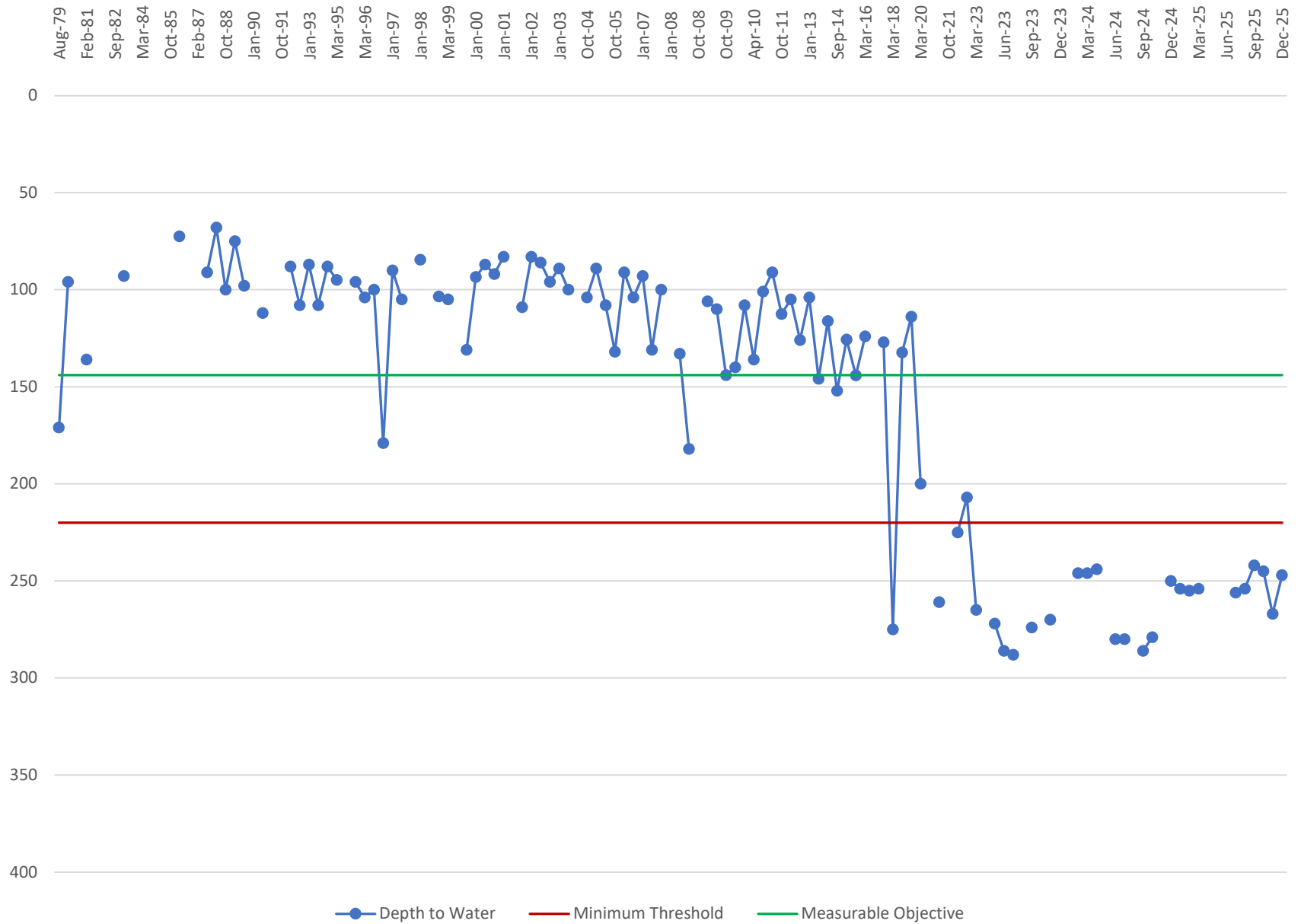
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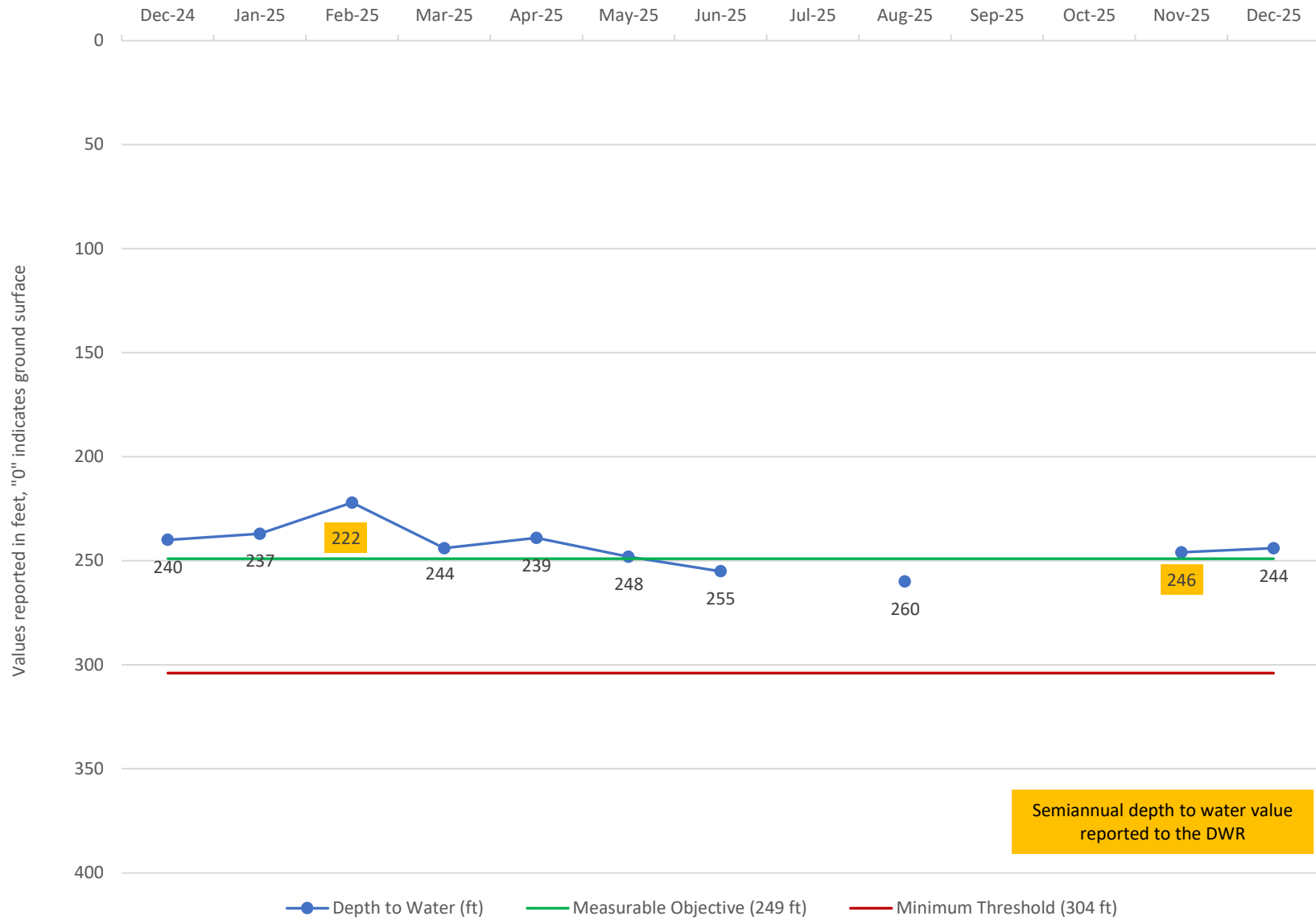
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GROWER AND MANAGER IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT TOOL: DAILY ET AND PRECIPITATION – KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT

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INTRODUCTION

Kern Delta Water District (District) has utilized Land IQ for developing a monthly field-by-field estimate of actual evapotranspiration (ET). The work proposed here is to provide growers and the District with a daily, field-by-field account of ET and precipitation to aid in irrigation management and water use tracking. This daily result matches the proven results of the 30-day deliverables the District is currently receiving.

STAFFING RESOURCES AND PROJECT COOPERATORS

Staff expected to work on this project from Land IQ have been involved in various aspects of ET field measurements and modeling, agricultural remote sensing, and regulatory support for the last 4 to 29 years and are listed below. Other appropriately qualified staff may also participate to facilitate completion of any tasks approved by the District as a part of this proposed scope of work.

- Principal In Charge and Principal Agricultural Scientist – Joel Kimmelshue, PhD
- Project Manager/Client Relations – Casey Gudel, MS
- Senior Geospatial Developer – Xue Gao, MS
- Full Stack Developer – Tianyi Sun, MS
- Remote Sensing Analyst – Zhehan Tang, PhD
- Biometeorologist – Frank Anderson, MS
- Agricultural Scientist – Adriana Joosep, BS
- Agricultural Scientist – Cody Fink, MS
- Assistant Project Manager/Client Relations – Kylie Applemun, BS
- GIS Analyst – Justin Sitton, BS
- Support Staff – Various as needed

Land IQ also welcomes input and collaboration with District staff and individual growers.

TASKS

This scope of work has been developed based on Land IQ's development of a daily irrigation management ET tool and discussions with the District. The main task includes:

- **Task 1** – Irrigation Management Tool: Daily Field-by-Field ET and Precipitation

This task is discussed in detail below and includes schedule, deliverables, and cost.

TASK 1. IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT TOOL: DAILY FIELD-BY-FIELD ET AND PRECIPITATION

Scope of Work: Land IQ has developed a grower-level, field-by-field, daily ET product portal (see visual examples below).

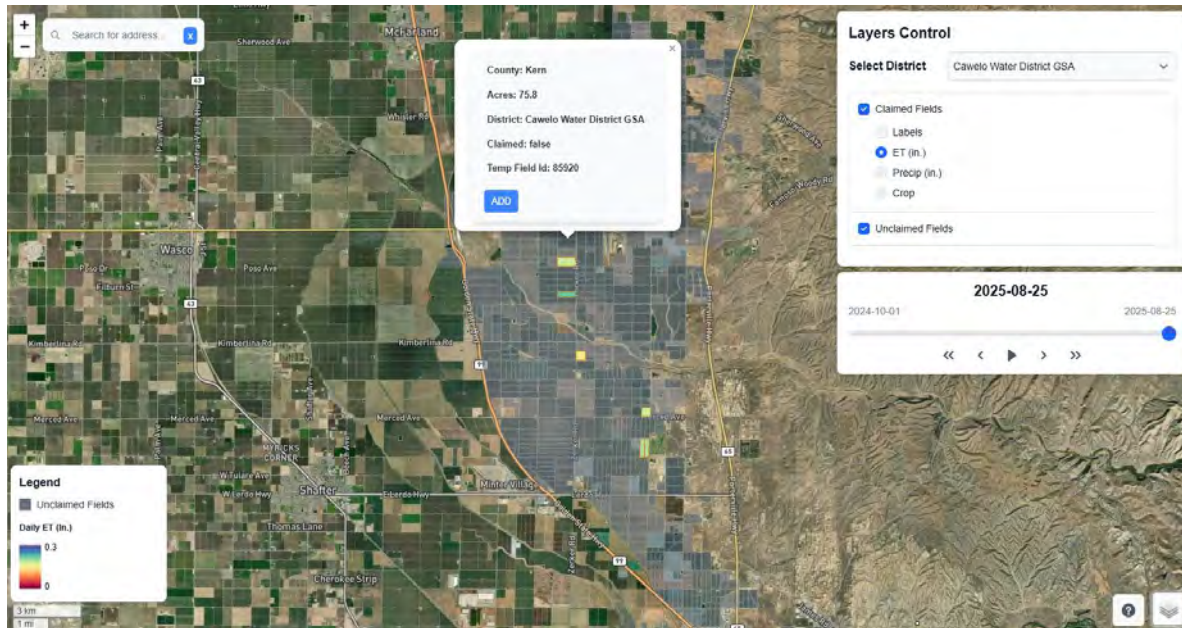
The development of this tool is in response to grower requests to access daily ET and precipitation results, within 1-2 days. This is for the purpose of individual irrigation water management decision-making. For consistency, the results of this daily product will be reconciled against, and will match, the proven results of the 30-day ET results that are currently provided and proposed in this scope of work. The goal is for growers to track their water use on a daily basis in relation to a district-, GSA-, or grower-defined threshold. This will allow the grower to adjust water management during the year on a real time basis to achieve, and hopefully not exceed, this threshold.

All data results are downloadable in Excel file format for every grower to use for their own irrigation management programs, etc. Manager level results are downloadable as well.

The tool contains both a grower portal and a manager/administrative-level portal. Visual examples of both are provided below. The grower only sees the results of his/her fields, while the administrative user-level sees all individual grower fields and is provided with area-wide (e.g., GSA, irrigation or water storage district, or similar entity) summaries of accumulated consumption, precipitation, grower participation, crop type, field-level results, etc.

All results are continuously updated and downloadable at any time in Excel format for the use by the individual grower or manager entity.

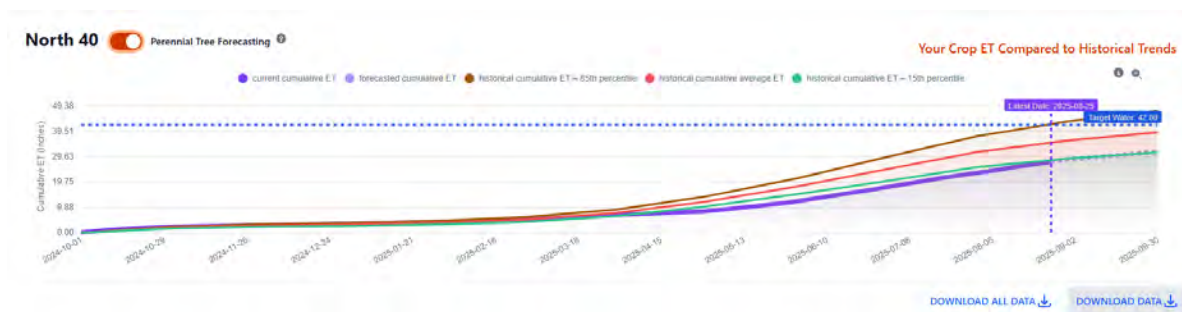
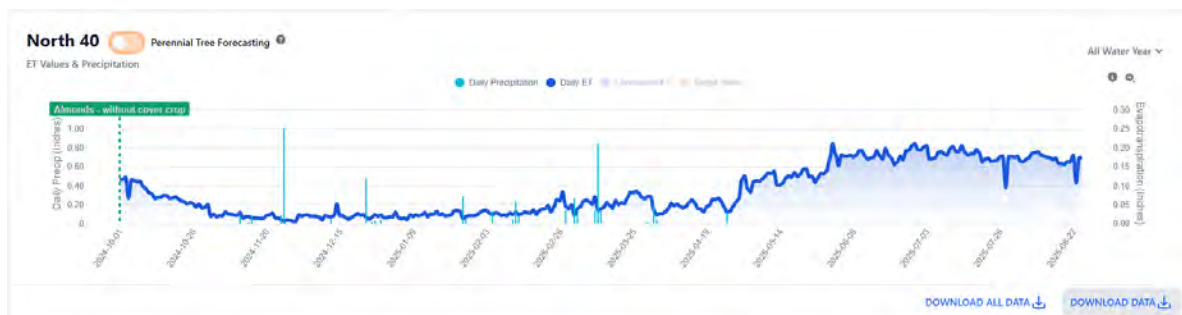
Grower Portal Examples:



Claimed Fields

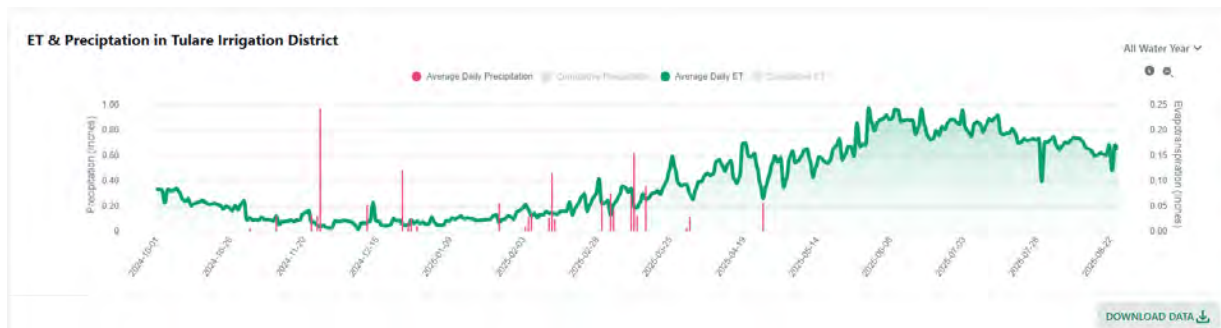
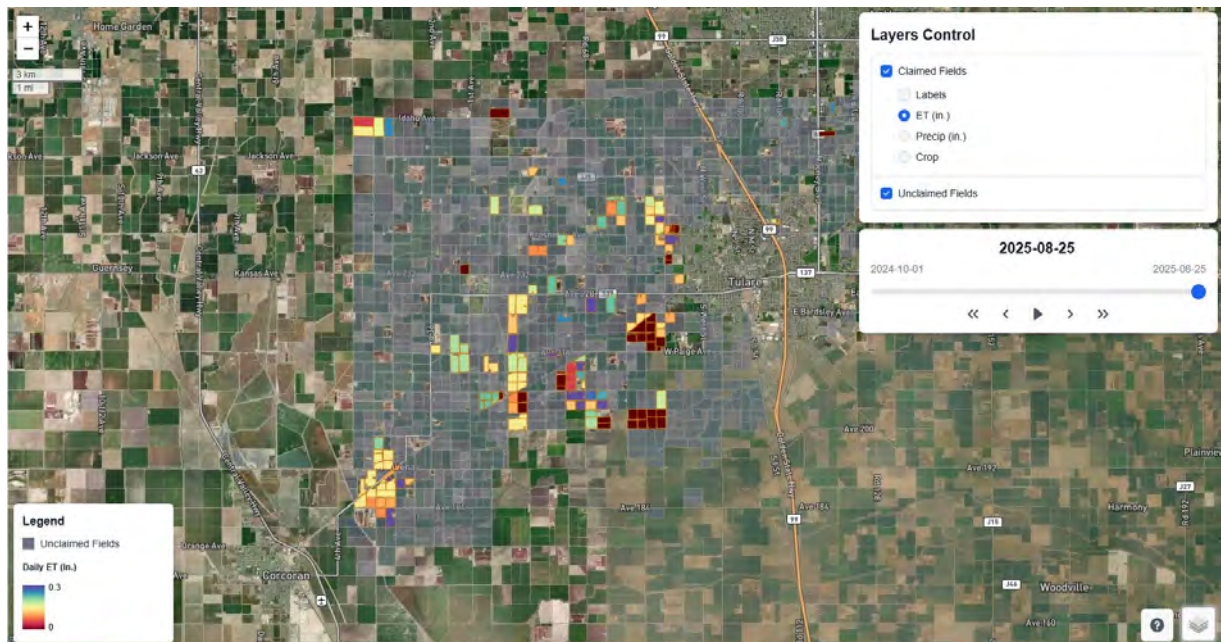
FIELD NAME	ENTITY	TARGET WATER	CROP 1
AZ Dairy Home Ranch #1	None	33 Inches (ET)	Forage Mix (2024-11-20 - 2025-03-25)
AZ Dairy Home Ranch #2	None	40 Inches (ET)	Alfalfa (2024-10-01 - 2025-09-30)
AZ Dairy Home Ranch #3	None	35 Inches (ET)	Corn (field) (2025-03-20 - 2025-08-06)

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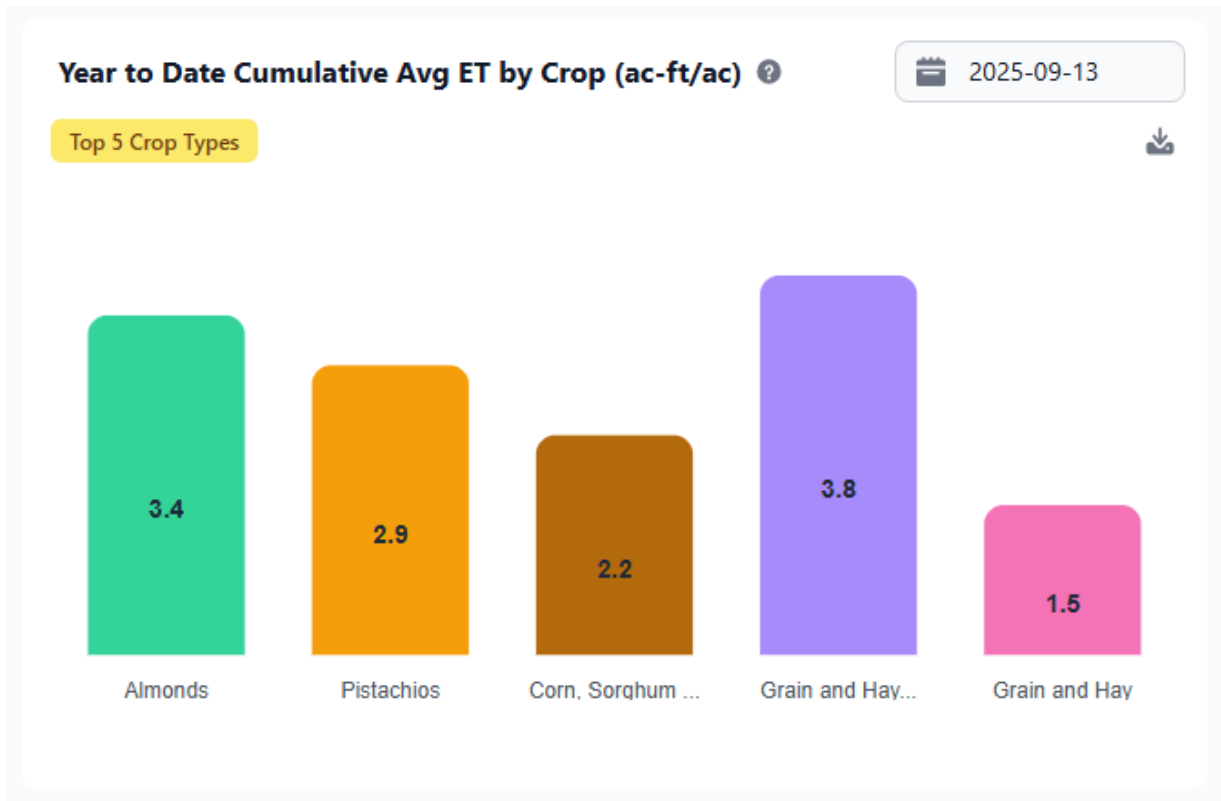


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Manager Portal Summaries:



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SCHEDULE

This scope of services is intended to cover a 3-year duration:

Beginning Water Year Date: October 1, 2025

Ending Water Year Date: September 30, 2028

TOTAL COST AND PAYMENT TERMS

As of 2025 Land IQ mapping, there are approximately 93,108 cropped and/or managed acres within the KDWD as delineated fields. Please note that because this daily tool is intended to be an irrigation management resource, only cropped and/or actively managed fields are considered. Costs are only associated with those cropped and/or managed acres.

Table 1. Cropped and/or Managed Fields and Associated Cost Estimates.

KDWD	Proposed – 3 Years		
	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026	October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027	October 1, 2027- September 30, 2028
Analysis Acres	93,108	93,108	93,108
Cost (\$)/Acre/Year	\$0.55	\$0.57	\$0.59
Annual Cost	\$51,209.40	\$53,071.56	\$54,933.72
Monthly Cost	\$4,267.45	\$4,422.63	\$4,577.81

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To: Kern Delta Water District Board of Directors

From: Steven Teglia – General Manager

Date: December 16, 2025

Re: Agenda Item VI B. – External Agency Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report, informational item only.

DISCUSSION:

Staff participates in / monitors multiple external agency meetings monthly. Below is a summary including items of note from the various meetings:

Kern County Water Agency:

- The KCWA Board met November 19, 2025.
- Next regular meeting will be December 17, 2025.
- Update on Water Transfers, Exchanges, and Purchases.
- Division 4 Board vacancy.
- Approval of Pioneer and CVC 2026 budgets.
- Update on Delta Conveyance Activities (see schedule attached).
- Update on CVC and Pioneer Operations.
- 2026 allocation for SWP – 10%.
- Summary of groundwater and overdraft correction accounts (attached).

Member Unit Manager Meeting:

- The Member Unit Managers met November 13, 2025.
- Update regarding Golden Mussels (now in CVC).
- Water system revenue bond surcharge debt services billing project update.
- Update on Healthy Rivers and Landscapes.
- Lower River Program set to expire December 31, 2025.
- Transaction Request Form Fee adjustment proposal.
- Update DWR Debt Service Billing Project.

Kern Fan Authority:

- The KFA met November 17, 2025.
- 2025 Water Supply.

- Review of KCWA Board agenda.
- Pioneer Project.
- Local SGMA activities.
- Other activities (IRWMP/CVSALTS).

Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (KRGSA):

- The KRGSA meeting of December 4, 2025 was canceled (agenda attached).
- Basin Coordination Committee update.
- Basin-wide scopes of work and cost share approval.

Kern Non-District Land Authority (KNDLA):

- The KNDLA meeting of November 24, 2025 was canceled (agenda attached).
- Basin Grant Administration Update
- Financial reports.
- Landowner outreach report.
- Landowner Assessment Ad Hoc.
- Kern County Participation update.
- KNDLA meeting scheduled for 4th Monday of the month.

Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA)(ILRP):

- The KRWCA meeting of December 4, 2025 was canceled.
- Kern Water Collaborative Update – Nitrate Control Program Management Zone.
- Membership Update.
- KRWCA 2019-2024 Audit Report acceptance.
- Grower meeting scheduled for January 13, 2026 (Zoom) and January 15, 2026 (In Person)
- On Farm Drinking Water Well reports due Dec. 31, 2025 (BC Labs removed / BSK Labs added).
- Updates regarding the status of various reports.

South Valley Water Resources Authority:

- The SVWRA did not meet in November.
- Fish Friendly Diversion Demonstration Project update.
- Blueprint activity update.

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP):

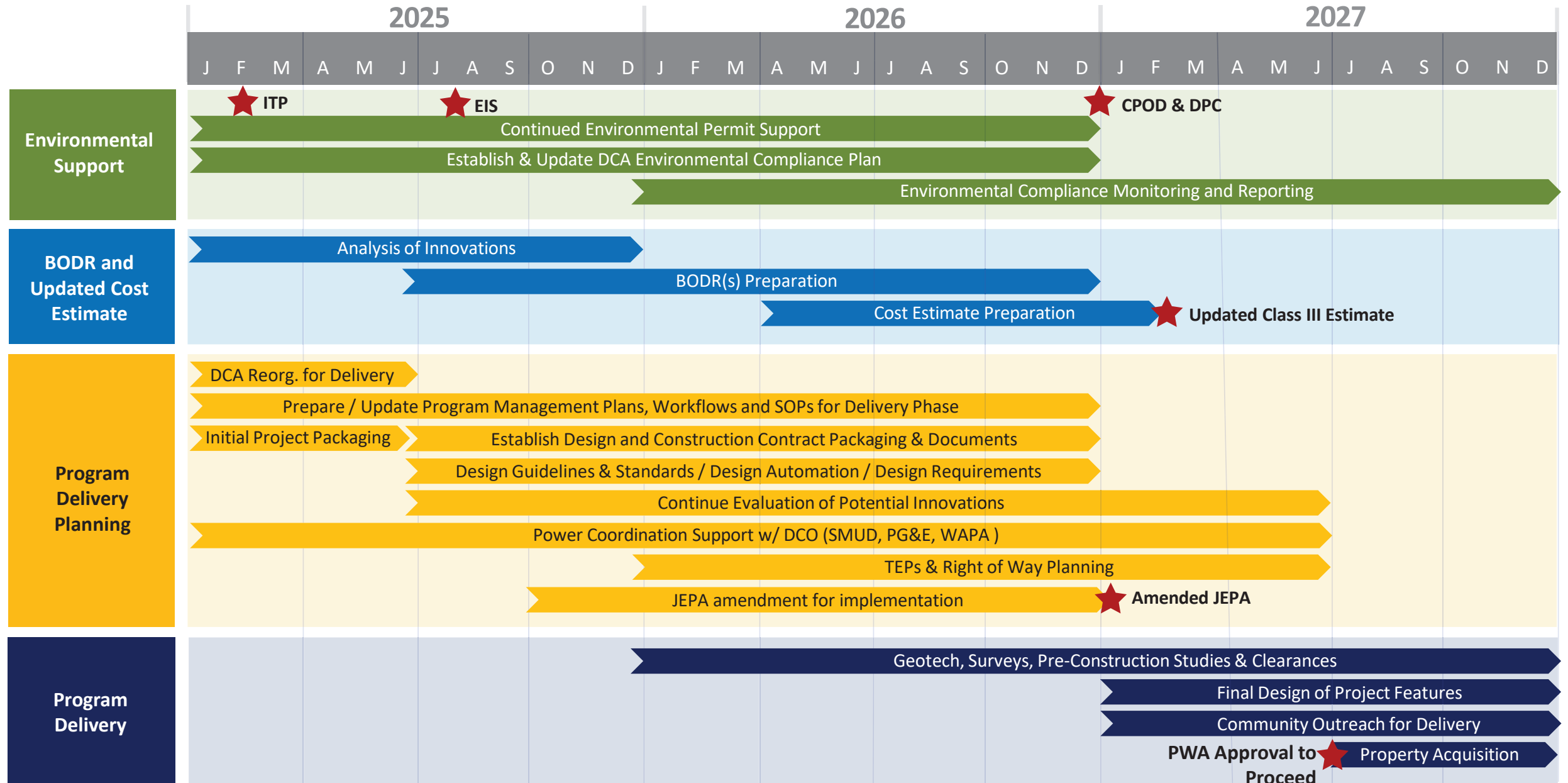
- No recent meetings.

Water Association of Kern County (WAKC):

- WAKC met November 5, 2025 (Annual Meeting Dinner)
- Approved new Board and Officers.
- Annual Water Summit planning.

May 2025 DCP Roadmap – Program Delivery

Attachment 1



DRAFT – Work in Progress; Subject to Change

**Kern County Water Agency
Estimated Summary of Groundwater Bank Accounts
As of October 31, 2025**

Preliminary - Subject to Revision

Quantities in acre-feet

District	Estimated Balance as of December 31, 2024	Estimated Balance as of October 31, 2025					
		Pioneer Property	2800 Acres	Pioneer Project Subtotal	Berrenda Mesa	Kern Water Bank	Total
Belridge WSD	99,075	90,835	6,752	97,587	4,091	0	101,678
Berrenda Mesa WD	108,485	70,576	5,093	75,669	33,966	0	109,635
Buena Vista WSD	44,154	42,065	2,678	44,743	0	12	44,755
Cawelo WD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dudley Ridge WD	67,683	0	0	0	0	74,355	74,355
Henry Miller WD	18,181	18,181	0	18,181	0	0	18,181
Improvement District No. 4	243,891	46,028	9,661	55,689	0	188,202	243,891
Kern County Water Agency	193,841	112,124	60,260	172,384	3,499	17,958	193,841
Kern Delta WD	31,948	31,948	0	31,948	0	0	31,948
Lost Hills WD	95,342	69,860	22,683	92,543	3,394	0	95,937
Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD	42,313	42,313	0	42,313	0	0	42,313
Semitropic WSD	261,931	32,851	169	33,020	0	243,304	276,324
Tehachapi-Cummings CWD	5,820	0	0	0	0	5,820	5,820
Tejon-Castac WD	64,610	2,552	1,289	3,841	0	61,285	65,126
Westside Mutual Water Co.	500,639	0	0	0	0	500,639	500,639
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	252,713	26,629	6,522	33,151	5,743	222,727	261,621
Total	2,030,626	585,962	115,107	701,069	50,693	1,314,302	2,066,064

Kern County Water Agency
Estimated Summary of Overdraft Correction Accounts
As of October 31, 2025

Preliminary - Subject to Revision

Quantities in acre-feet

District	Estimated Balance as of December 31, 2024	Estimated Balance as of October 31, 2025				
		Pioneer Property	2800 Acres	Pioneer Project Subtotal	Berrenda Mesa	Kern Water Bank ^[1] Total
Buena Vista WSD	72,219	60,864	0	60,864	0	11,355
Henry Miller WD	90,206	63,106	375	63,481	2,584	24,141
Kern County Water Agency	55,030	35,356	7,121	42,477	0	12,553
Kern Delta WD	99,581	72,117	409	72,526	2,026	25,029
Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD	236,702	179,013	5,120	184,133	3,220	49,349
Total	553,738	410,456	13,025	423,481	7,830	122,427

^[1] Does not include purchase of 2011 4% reserve water.



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
KERN RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting to be held on December 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room at Bakersfield City Water Resources Department, 1000 Buena Vista Road, Bakersfield California 93311 has been cancelled.

/s/ RODNEY PALLA
CHAIR
KERN RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY

Dated: December 1, 2025

KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY
(Formerly Kern Groundwater Authority)

Notice of Meeting Cancellation

The Kern Non-Districted Land Authority's regularly scheduled board meeting for November 24th, 2025, has been canceled.

The Kern Non-Districted Land Authority's regularly scheduled board meeting for December 22nd, 2025, has been canceled.

DECLARATION OF POSTING: I, Lauren Bauer, declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the Kern County Water Agency, and I posted the foregoing Notice of Cancellation at the Agency's Office on or before November 20, 2025.



To: Kern Delta Water District Board of Directors

From: Steven Teglia – General Manager

Date: December 16, 2025

Re: Agenda Item VI C. – Water Banking Projects Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report, informational item only.

DISCUSSION:

Below is a summary of activities of note related to various water banking projects/activities of interest to the District.

Kern Fan Recovery Activity:

- As of December 2, 2025, Kern Fan recharge was 230cfs as reported via KCWA weekly call.
- See attached graphs provided by KCWA for Kern Fan banking information as of October 31, 2025.

Pioneer Participant Meeting:

- The Pioneer Project Participants December meeting was canceled.
- Update on current operations.
- Approval of the 2026 Pioneer Budget.
- Update on revised Pioneer Recharge Plan.
- Update on Remaining Pioneer Well Sites.
- Discussion regarding Pioneer GSA.

Kern Fan Monitoring Committee:

- The Kern Fan Monitoring Committee met July 16, 2025.
- Update on reports.
- Review of water level monitoring hydrographs.
- Next meeting January 2026.

KDWD Water Banking Project:

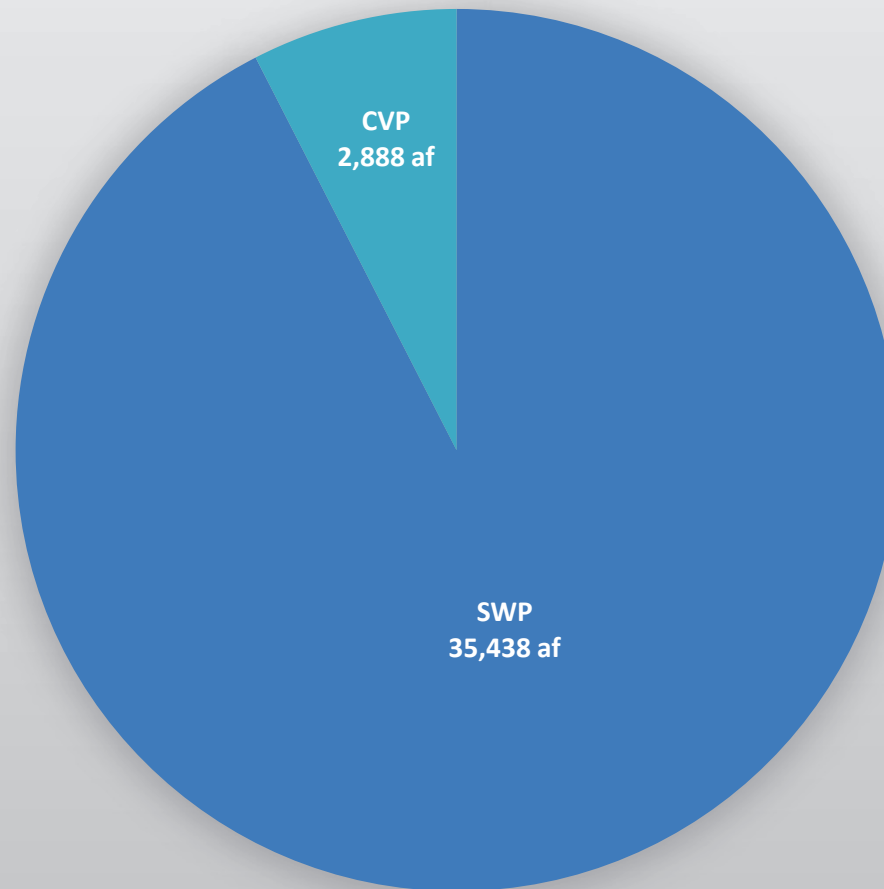
- No activity.

Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee:

- The CVC Advisory Committee December meeting was canceled.
- Report on CVC operations.
- CVC Construction and Maintenance Projects.
- RRB update on Kern Fan Project Alternative No. 5 Feasibility Study.

- Request for Proposals for the Flow Meter Study for conveyance facilities of the CVC and banking projects.
- See attached graphs provided by KCWA regarding CVC utilization.

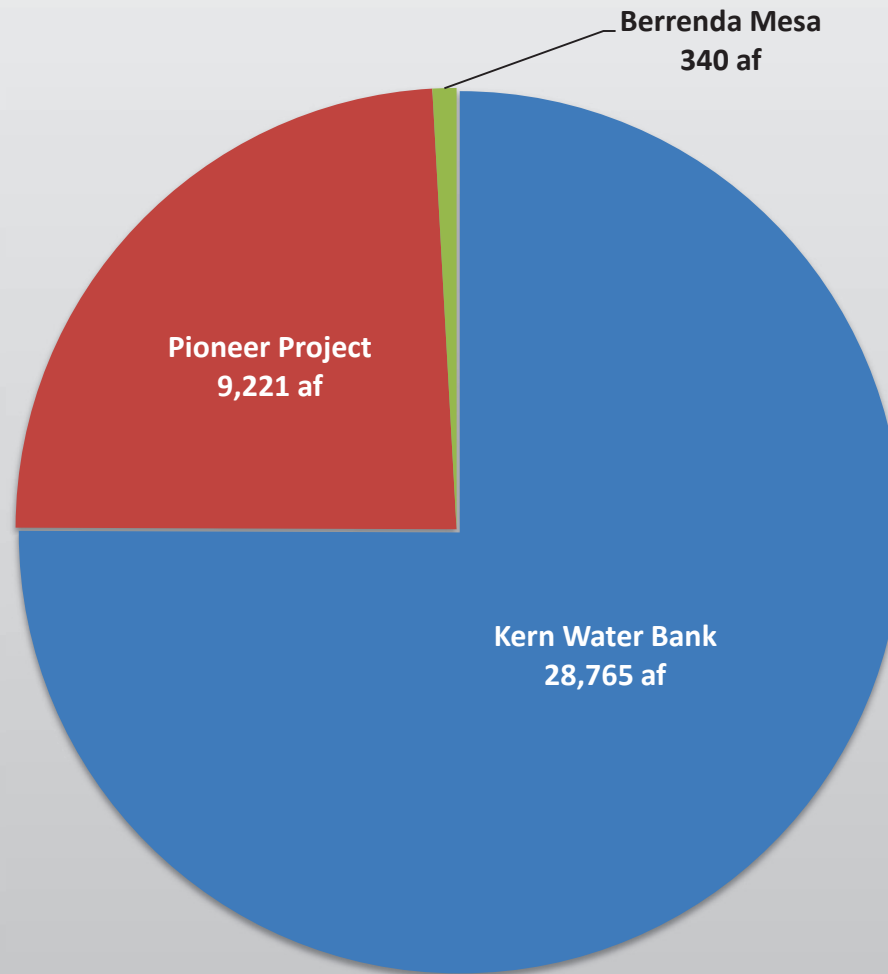
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Deliveries through October 31, 2025
Total Deliveries 38,326 af**



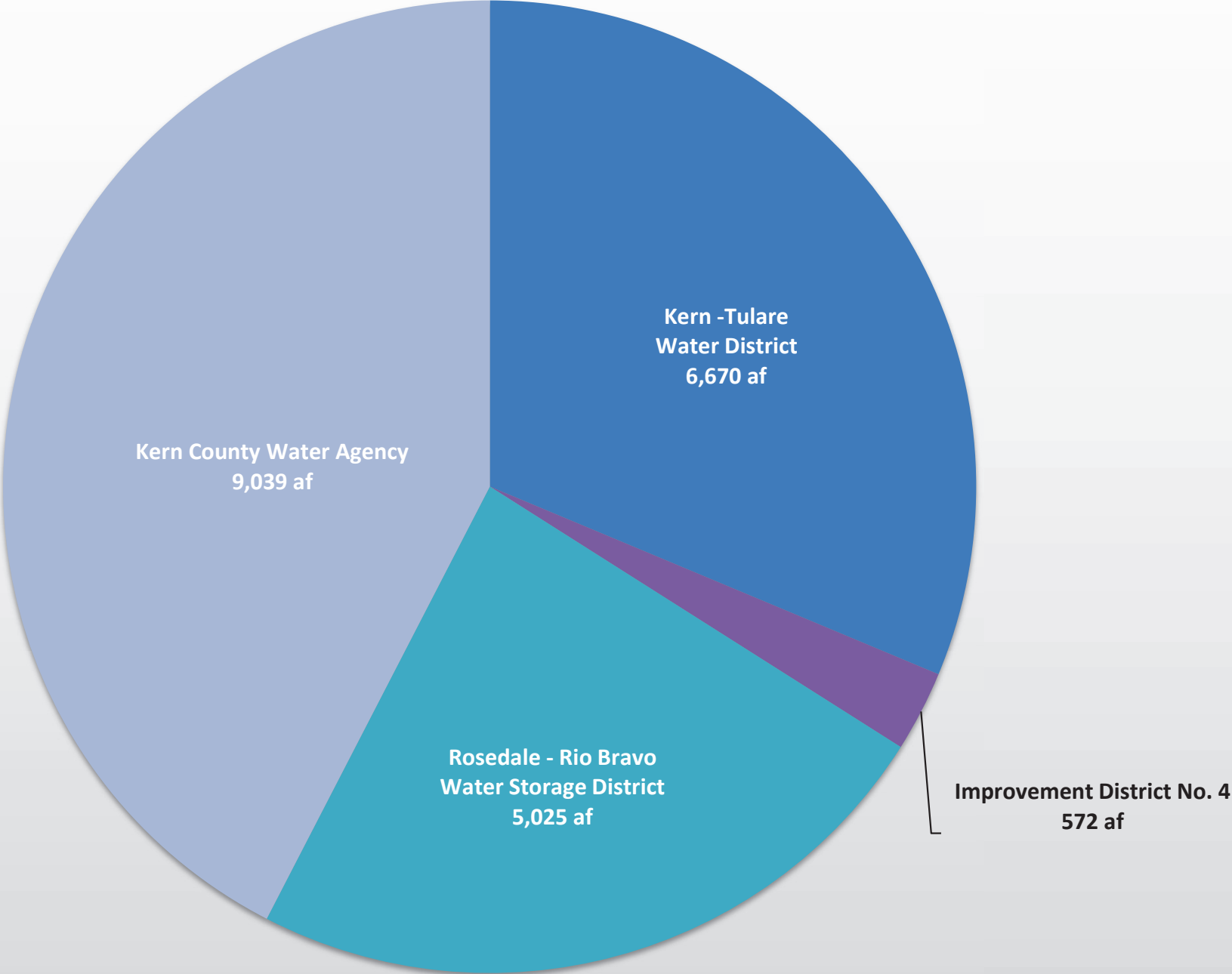
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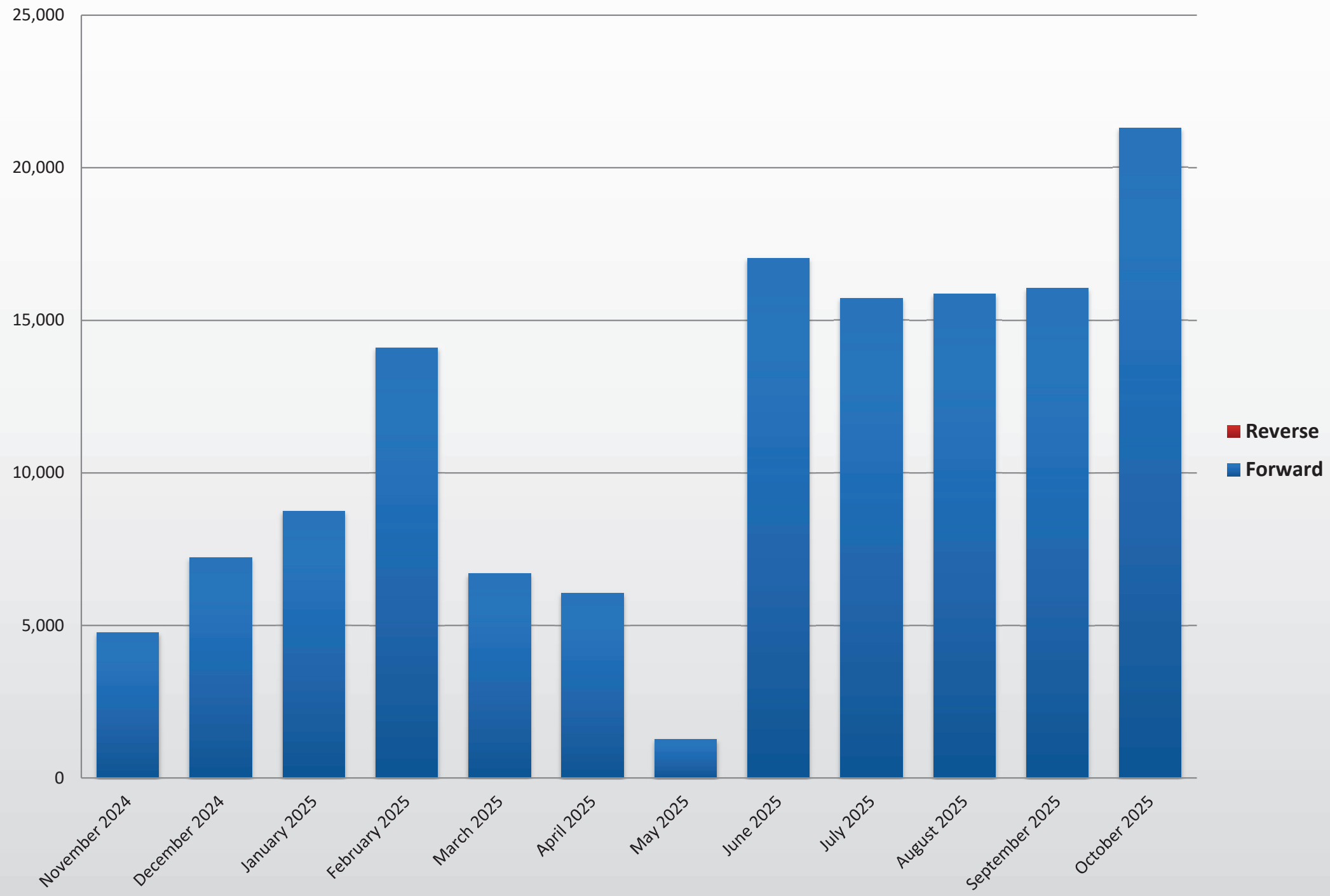
Cross Valley Canal
October 2025 Deliveries
Total deliveries 21,306 af



Cross Valley Canal

Twelve Month Delivery by Direction

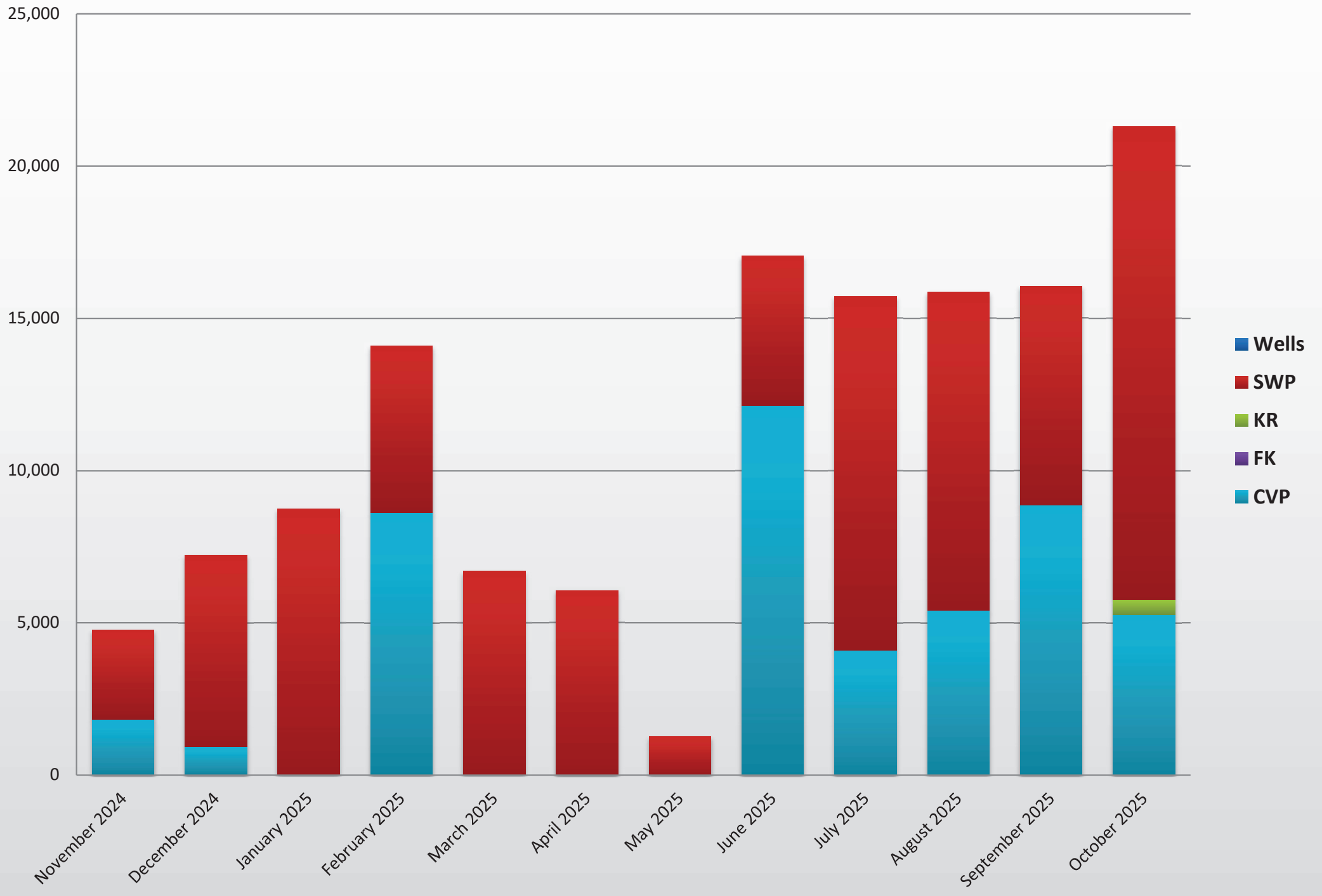
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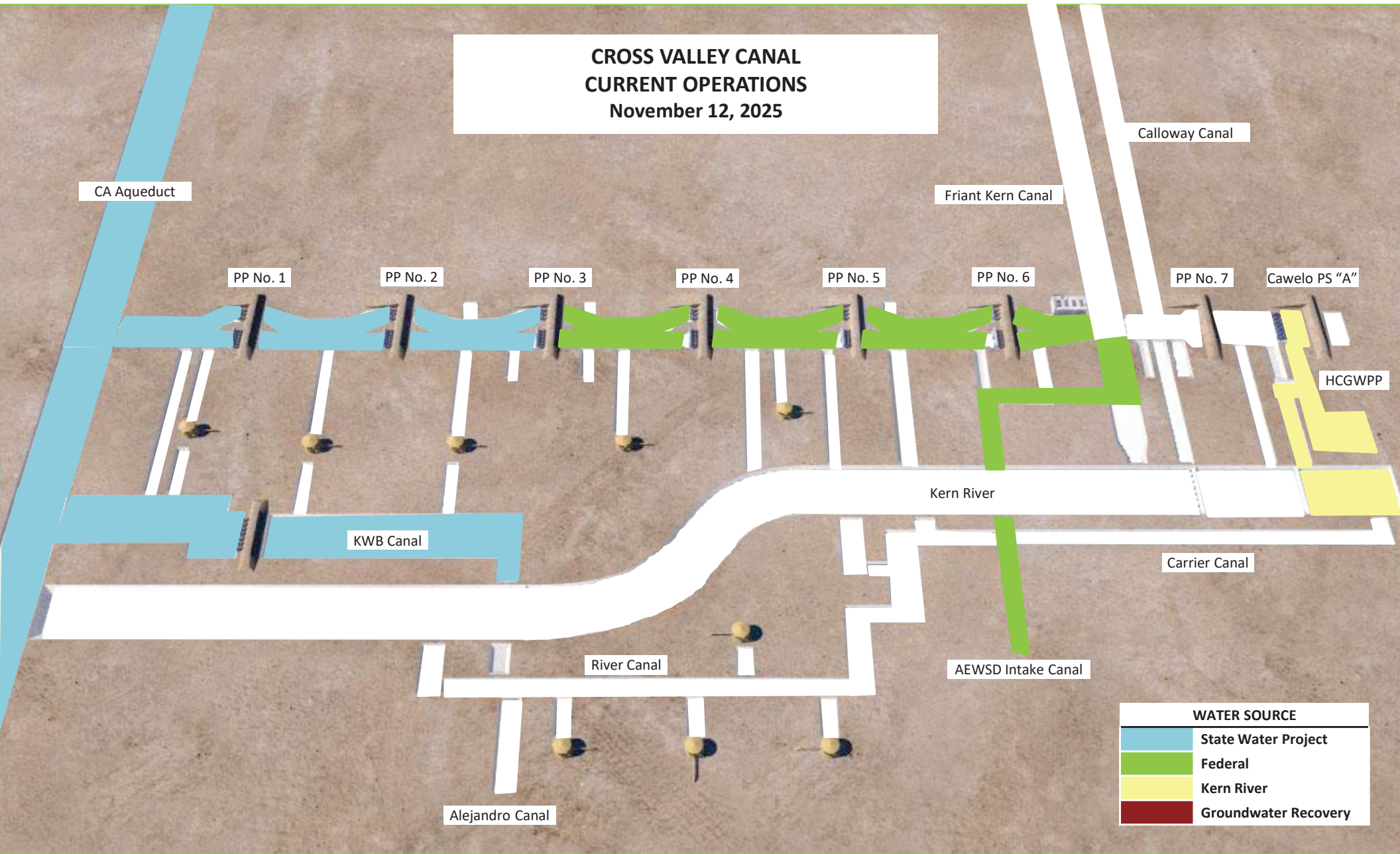


Cross Valley Canal

Twelve Month Delivery by Source

Attachment 3







Cross Valley Canal
Pump and Flow Configuration
 Last Updated on November 10, 2025

'A' Pumping Plants												'B' Pumping Plants					
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	Total cfs	K	L	M	N	Total cfs	Total cfs
Pumping Plant No. 1	Estimated Horsepower	100	250	565	565	565	565	250	100			800	800	800			
	Estimated Flow Rate (cfs)	31	70	180	1/1/26	180	180	1/1/26	31		602	167	167	167		500	1,102
Pumping Plant No. 2	Estimated Horsepower	100	250	565	565	565	565	250	100			700	700	700			
	Estimated Flow Rate (cfs)	31	70	180	180	1/1/26	180	70	31		922	167	167	167		500	1,422
Pumping Plant No. 3	Estimated Horsepower	100	250	565	565	565	250	100	250	100		700	700	700			
	Estimated Flow Rate (cfs)	31	70	180	180	180	70	31	70	31	843	167	167	167		500	1,343
Pumping Plant No. 4	Estimated Horsepower	100	250	565	565	565	250	100	250	100		700	700	700			
	Estimated Flow Rate (cfs)	31	1/1/26	180	180	180	70	31	70	31	773	167	167	167		500	1,273
Pumping Plant No. 5	Estimated Horsepower	100	250	565	565	565	250	100	250	100		700	700	700			
	Estimated Flow Rate (cfs)	31	70	180	180	180	70	31	70	31	843	167	167	167		500	1,343
Pumping Plant No. 6	Estimated Horsepower	100	250	565	565	565	250	250	100			200	600	600	350		
	Estimated Flow Rate (cfs)	31	70	180	180	180	70	11/9/25	31		812	40	185	185	90	500	1,312
Pumping Plant No. 7	Estimated Horsepower	100	250	250	250	250	100										
	Estimated Flow Rate (cfs)	31	70	70	70	70	31				342						342

Note: Return to service dates are subject to change.

Current spares:

- Bell/Bowl/Impeller sets: 100 hp (31cfs), 250 hp (70cfs) and 400 hp (140 cfs);
- Pump/Appurtenances: 600 hp (200 cfs), 700 hp (167 cfs) and 800 hp (167 cfs); and
- Motors: 100 hp, 200 hp, 250 hp, 350 hp, 400 hp, 600 hp, 700 hp and 800 hp.

 Pump out for service
 Motor out for service

Tab VII





REEB GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

MEMORANDUM

NOVEMBER 21, 2025

TO: Valley Ag Water Coalition Steering Committee

FROM: Bob Reeb and Kenneth McKelvie
Reeb Government Relations, LLC

RE: 2025 Annual Report

The first year of the 2025-26 Regular Session of the Legislature was marked by continuing state budget challenges and legislation accompanied at times by fiery rhetoric that focused on countering the potential roll-back of environmental and public health protections by the incoming Trump Administration.

Governor Newsom, in a message to the legislature upon the release of his proposed FY2025-26 State Budget, wrote:

"In the months ahead, California is facing a new federal administration that has expressed unalloyed and uninformed hostility toward the state, threatening the funding of essential services for political stunts. Continued global instability and the prospect of another downturn in the financial markets, as well as additional pressure on state expenditures for health care and other programs, are warning signs to remain vigilant and prudent."

Aside from advocacy on legislation of interest to the Coalition, our firm focused on issues of importance to Coalition members, including advocacy for the addition of golden mussels to existing laws relating to quagga and zebra mussels as well as increased funding for the prevention of spread, control, and eradication of all invasive mussels. We also joined others in advocating for legislative support of the Healthy Rivers & Landscape Program Alternative in the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, Phase 2 proceedings.

This was the first year of the 2025-26 Regular Session and we are pleased to report that the Coalition and our firm continue to develop good working relationships with legislators representing the San Joaquin Valley and their respective staff. Both are responsive and accessible to our firm and Coalition members.

VAWC, since its establishment in 2007, has grown in recognition and influence as the voice of San Joaquin Valley farm water suppliers. VAWC is sought out as a partner of organizations like California Farm Bureau Federation, Western Growers, California Chamber of Commerce when a coalition of interests is called upon to oppose legislation that would undermine water supply reliability or further burden production agriculture and water suppliers.

Fiscal Year 2025-26 State Budget

—“Fundamentally, our assessment and that of the administration are very similar—the state is likely to face persistent future deficits. These deficits range from \$10 billion to \$20 billion through 2028-29.”ⁱ

Governor Gavin Newsom introduced his \$322 billion proposed state budget on January 10, 2025. The proposal did not include any significant investments in new programs or major tax policy changes that would increase state revenues; instead, it focused on protecting commitments made in prior fiscal years. The Governor proposed including a \$7 billion withdrawal from the Rainy Day Fund to help balance his budget.

California’s budget is notoriously volatile from one year to the next as state revenues are largely dependent on personal income tax, a volatile source of revenue that adds risk to annual forecasting. The Department of Finance, in its introduction to the Governor’s proposed budget, wrote:

“Capital gains realizations as a share of personal income reached a record high of 11.6 percent in 2021, exceeding 2007’s pre-Recession peak of 8.4 percent and more than a full percentage point higher than 2000’s previous record of 10.4 percent...capital gains realizations reverted to 5.2 percent of personal income in 2022 following its 2021 peak and are forecast to decline to 4.5 percent in 2023. This represents a peak-to-trough decline of 59 percent from 2021 to 2023. The Budget projects capital gains realizations to reach 5.6 percent of personal income in 2025 before gradually moderating to 5 percent of personal income by 2030.

“The amount of General Fund capital gains revenue can vary greatly over time and from year to year. For instance, capital gains contributed \$14.4 billion to the General Fund in 2019, increased significantly to \$36 billion in 2021—the highest amount ever—and are estimated to decrease to \$14 billion for 2023.”

In response to the Governor’s proposed budget, the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) noted its concern that recent gains in state revenue are on shaky ground, writing:

“These gains are not tied to improvements in the state’s broader economy, which has been lackluster, with elevated unemployment, a stagnant job market outside of government and healthcare, and sluggish consumer spending. Instead, the gains appear largely tied to the booming stock market, a situation which can change rapidly and without warning.”

The LAO’s warnings were prescient as the state’s economic health began to decline as the year progressed. By May, the Governor’s revised \$321 billion budget proposal reflected an \$11.9 billion deficit. The Governor pointed to the Trump Administration’s federal actions, particularly

tariffs, along with a decline in international tourism and market volatility as the cause for the severe downturn in revenues. The LAO, however, argued there were three reasons behind a challenging state budget situation. First, revenues have not caught up with expenditures. Second, expenditure growth exceeds estimated revenue growth. Third, the budget is currently balanced, but only because the Legislature took significant actions over the past two years—nearly all of which involved one-time uses of funds, like reserve withdrawals, temporary revenue augmentations, and reductions in temporary spending. This means that, going forward, the LAO believes that decisions to balance the state budget will involve more difficult trade-offs for both the Governor and legislators.

The governor proposed several actions in his May Revision to address the projected deficit, including spending reductions in FY2025-2026—with most major cuts aimed at Medi-Cal, \$5.3 billion in a combination of increased revenues and borrowing, \$1.7 billion in fund shifts, and \$456.1 million in commitments that are only triggered once sufficient resources are available. To achieve a balanced budget over two years, the 2024 Budget Act included withdrawals from the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA) of \$5.1 billion for 2024-25 and \$7.1 billion for 2025-26. Despite a reduced revenue forecast, the May Revision kept the planned \$7.1 billion withdrawal from the BSA. By the end of 2025-26, total reserves are projected to be around \$15.7 billion, including \$11.2 billion in the Budget Stabilization Account and \$4.5 billion in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties.

The 2025 State Budget signed by Governor Newsom ultimately incorporated the following actions to address the deficit: \$2.8 billion in spending reductions in FY2025-26, an increase of \$7.8 billion in a combination of increased revenue projections and borrowing, and \$1.2 billion in fund shifts. The signed budget included \$351 million in funding for the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) program. The HRL program would create a comprehensive program that aims both to restore ecosystem health while enhancing water reliability in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta.

The budget also included reversions of previously appropriated General Fund monies for water resources programs, including funding for recycled water projects. Governor Newsom proposed the reversions in his January budget, shifting previous General Fund commitments to funding from Proposition 4, the so-called “Climate Bond” approved by state voters last November. The Governor proposed \$2.7 billion for the first year of a multi-year expenditure plan to expend Proposition 4 bond proceeds, which is further discussed in the next section of this report. The Legislature balked at the Governor’s proposed first-year Proposition 4 spending and did not include funding in the 2025 State Budget signed by the Governor. Recall that SB 867 (Allen), which led to the placement of Proposition 4 on the November 2024 ballot, was entirely the creation of the Legislature. Proposition 4 appropriations would be delayed until later in the summer.

On November 19, 2025, the LAO released its fiscal outlook for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year. The LAO publishes the Fiscal Outlook in anticipation of the upcoming budget season. This report gives the Legislature independent estimates and analysis of the state’s General Fund budget condition with the goal of helping lawmakers prepare for the 2026-27 budget process. As always, the Fiscal Outlook evaluates the budget’s condition based on current law and policy both at the state and federal level.

Not surprisingly, the outlook for the state General Fund is rather bleak:

“Under our revenue and spending estimates, the Legislature faces an almost \$18 billion budget problem in 2026-27. This is about \$5 billion larger than the budget problem anticipated by the administration in June, despite improvements in revenue. This is because constitutional spending requirements under Proposition 98 (1988) and Proposition 2 (2014) almost entirely offset revenue gains. Moreover, we estimate costs in other programs to be about \$6 billion higher than anticipated. Starting in 2027-28, we estimate structural deficits to grow to about \$35 billion annually due to spending growth continuing to outstrip revenue growth.”

The LAO notes that the state’s Budget Stabilization Account has shrunk from about \$23 billion to \$11 billion, while the State Fund for Economic Uncertainties has dropped from \$23 billion to \$4 billion. A smaller reserve for safety net programs has been exhausted. Therefore, budget solutions will need to come from the elimination or reduction of program spending in combination with tax or fee revenue increases.

Identifying the state’s budget position as weak, the LAO writes:

“There are three reasons these actions are now critical. First, the budget problem is now larger than anticipated, despite improvements in revenue, and the structural deficits are significant and growing. Second, while our revenue estimates hedge against a market downturn, they do not reflect the revenue declines the state would experience in a recession. Third, the state has used most of its budget resiliency tools to address prior deficits. If our estimates hold, the Legislature will face a fourth consecutive year of budget problems—all during a period of overall revenue growth. As it stands—with larger forecasted deficits and many fewer tools available to address them—California’s budget is undeniably less prepared for downturns.”

Budget Trailer Bill Proposals

As part of May Revision, Governor Newsom proposed two budget trailer bills designed to streamline and expedite the Delta Conveyance Project and the Water Quality Control Plan process.

The DCP trailer bill included the following key elements: streamlining land acquisition needed for the project; clarifying that the DCP is legally a component of the SWP, which facilitates financing; exempting certain DWR water rights from standard “use-it-or-lose-it” deadlines; implementing new rules to streamline legal challenges, including preventing the court from stopping construction and imposing timelines for filing and resolving challenges; and requiring the State Water Resources Control Board (Board or State Water Board) to dismiss protests to water rights permits unless the protestor meets stricter procedural requirements.

The second proposal would reform how California updates and adopts Water Quality Control Plans (WQCPs), which are critical to ensuring clean water for drinking, irrigation, and wildlife. These plans establish the parameters for how water quality is maintained across the state, including pollution limits, flow requirements for rivers and streams, and protections for aquatic ecosystems. The current process has been criticized as slow, inefficient, and overly fragmented, particularly in the case of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed (Bay-Delta). The last meaningful update to the Bay-Delta WQCP (Bay-Delta Plan) was in 1995, despite several acknowledgements by the State Water Board that the current plan is not adequately protecting beneficial uses or native fish populations. Though amendments

concerning certain portions of the plan were amended in 2018, these new requirements have yet to be implemented.

To address these issues, Newsom's trailer bill would exempt WQCPs from California Environmental Quality Act provisions, including the preparation of environmental documents. It would do so by making WQCPs "Class 8" actions. Current regulations exempt certain classes of projects from CEQA because they "have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment." Class 8 includes actions "to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment." According to the governor's office, such an exemption would allow water boards to revise WQCPs more effectively and regularly to respond to changing conditions, climate and federal law. Additionally, the governor's office also noted that years-long delays can result from the current requirements which can prevent projects from being completed, such as the Bay-Delta Plan.

Newsom's announcement of the trailer bills sparked controversy and drew both strong support and vocal opposition among stakeholders and legislators. Supporters lauded the trailer bills as necessary in light of new climate realities; while opposition groups asserted the bills undercut environmental protections and local input. Neither the Governor or administration representatives had previously briefed legislative leaders about the budget trailer bills and the State Water Project does not serve the territory represented by Senator Mike McGuire, then serving as President Pro Tempore, or Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas. The legislative Delta Caucus orchestrated a letter in opposition to the DCP trailer bill, along with a press release and a press conference the day following the May Revision release, while trailer bill supporters scrambled to organize their advocacy effort.

On May 27, 2025, the California Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released their analysis of the Governor's May Revision trailer bill proposals. Though both proposals attempt to improve the efficiency and resiliency of California's water infrastructure and planning, the LAO concluded that their long-term implications made them ill-suited for approval through the fast-moving state budget process.

The LAO determined that the proposals lacked immediate budgetary implications—meaning there was no urgent need to rush them through the budget process. The fiscal impact of the DCP, for example, would primarily come from revenue bonds issued by the DWR, which would be repaid through water user fees. Meanwhile, the reforms to WQCPs would likely have a more gradual effect on state budgets. The LAO also emphasized that both sets of proposals were complex and far-reaching, with significant long-term implications. The DCP, in particular, is a massive infrastructure project that could reshape how water is managed in California for decades to come. The LAO argued that these kinds of changes require careful consideration of their environmental, social, and economic impacts—something that may not be possible within the tight timelines of the budget process.

The LAO additionally raised concerns about reducing procedural safeguards. The proposed changes to water rights and regulatory processes, including the curbing of legal challenges to the DCP and streamlining the WQCP process, could limit public input and oversight. The LAO suggested that these changes could undermine the democratic process and the ability of stakeholders—particularly environmental groups and communities impacted by water management decisions—to have a say in the planning process. According to the LAO, these proposals merited further legislative oversight and should be considered through the regular legislative process, where they can be debated, amended, and scrutinized in detail.

Ultimately, the LAO recommended that lawmakers delay action on both proposals. Shortly after the release of the LAO report, the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy voted, 3 - 0, to reject both Governor Newsom's trailer bills, with Senator Steven Choi (R-Irvine) abstaining from voting.

Advocacy in support of the DCP trailer bill lasted through August with meetings in legislative district and capitol offices to call for the Legislature to approve the trailer bill. Lacking support from McGuire and Rivas, the proposals were not introduced or acted on before the Legislature adjourned in September.

Proposition 4 Funding

—The passage of Proposition 4 is a sign that climate and natural resources funding remains a high priority for Californians, despite previous concerns about passing a state bond amidst state budget cuts and an economic slowdown.ⁱⁱ

California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 4, a \$10 billion climate resilience bond that would direct funding for safe drinking water and drought, flood, water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, sea level rise, extreme heat mitigation, clean air, and protecting biodiversity and promoting nature-based solutions.

The bond set aside \$3.8 billion for water resources programs, which includes \$610 million for grants or loans that improve water quality or drinking water reliability; \$386 million for projects related to groundwater storage, banking, or recharge; \$200 million for the Multi-benefit Land Repurposing Program; \$386 million for grants and projects related to water reuse and recycling; \$75 million for projects under the Water Storage Investment Program; \$62.5 million for capital investments in brackish desalination, contaminant and salt removal, and salinity management; \$15 million for the improvement of water data management and stream gages; \$75 million for regional conveyance projects or repairs; and \$75 million for projects that increase water conservation. Additionally, projects to reduce flood risk and improve stormwater management received around \$1.14 billion, which includes \$550 million for flood management projects, \$480 million for the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program, and \$110 million for grants for urban storm water management projects.

The Governor's budget proposed \$2.7 billion for the first year of a multi-year expenditure plan to implement this bond and add to existing funding from last year's budget agreement. Almost half of the 2025-26 climate bond expenditures, over \$1 billion, would be allocated for safe drinking water, drought, and flood resilience. The Governor's budget proposed \$231.5 million for the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program; \$183.2 million for grants and loans that improve water quality and help provide safe, clean and reliable drinking water; \$11.1 million dedicated to tribal water infrastructure projects; \$173.1 million for flood control projects; \$153.4 million for water reuse and water recycling projects; and \$173.5 to improve water storage, replenish groundwater and other water resilience projects and programs. The proposed budget also allocated \$134 million for climate smart agriculture, which included \$37.6 million from the Climate Bond to the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement program for improving irrigation systems on farms and ranches.

Additional proposed budget allocations from the climate bond included \$325 million for wildfire prevention and mitigation; \$286 million for biodiversity and nature-based solutions; \$286 million for outdoor access; \$275 million for clean air and energy; \$173 million for coastal resilience; \$102 million for extreme heat mitigation. The Governor also proposed to revert \$273 million from prior general fund obligations back to the General Fund. These reversions included: \$51 million for water recycling; \$47 million for dam safety (the remainder of the initial \$100 million appropriation less \$3 million for DWR operations); \$32 million for watershed climate resilience; and \$15 for the Systemwide Flood Risk Reduction Program. The Legislature approved the reversions as part of the 2025 State Budget Act in June.

Although the signed budget did not initially include the \$2.7 billion allocation proposed by the governor in January, the Legislature resumed work on appropriating the bond funds upon return from their summer recess in August. During the final weeks of the legislative session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 105 which appropriates about \$3.2 billion from Proposition 4 in FY 2025-26. For water resources, this includes \$183 million for water quality and clean safe, reliable drinking water; \$153 million for water recycling and reuse to the State Water Board; \$231.5 million for the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program; \$123.4 million for Flood Control Subventions Program; and \$148 million for the Salton Sea Management Program. SB 105 also made appropriations for projects relating to wildfire and forest resilience, including: \$90 million for regional projects; \$82.2 million for the Forest Health Program; \$33.4 million for forest health and watershed improvement projects; \$81.1 million for local fire prevention grants; \$30 million for fuel reduction, structure hardening, defensible space, reforestation, and acquisitions to improve forest health and fire resilience; and \$23 million to for wildfire ignition technology, including satellite technology or autonomous flight technology.

Despite Proposition 4's broad investments in climate resilience, the bond's funding for water conveyance repairs remains vastly inadequate given the scale of existing infrastructure damage, however. The Department of Water Resources has warned that without major repairs to the California Aqueduct—where land subsidence has severely reduced flow capacity—State Water Project deliveries could be reduced by as much as 87%, with the Central Coast region expected to be among the first affected. While Proposition 4 provided \$75 million statewide for conveyance and subsidence-related projects, DWR has estimated that repairs will require nearly \$4 billion just for the State Water Project, not including similar needs in the Central Valley Project service area. For FY2025-26, SB 105 only allocated \$2 million from Proposition 4 bond funding for subsidence projects related to existing conveyance projects. This funding shortfall underscores a growing concern that the state's long-term water reliability goals cannot be achieved without sustained, dedicated investments in conveyance infrastructure. The State Water Contractors have urged the administration and Legislature to create an ongoing funding stream that could be matched with federal and ratepayer contributions to ensure timely and affordable repairs. Without such action, the combined impacts of subsidence, aging infrastructure, and constrained funding could significantly undermine the intent of Proposition 4 and the state's broader climate resilience strategy.

Legislation of Interest to the Coalition

—“A good compromise, a good piece of legislation, is like a good sentence; or a good piece of music. Everybody can recognize it. They say, 'Huh. It works. It makes sense.'”ⁱⁱⁱ

Following the review and approval of legislative positions by the Coalition Steering Committee, our firm actively monitored and engaged in direct lobbying on over 35 bills this year. The super-majority status for Democrats in the Legislature makes it particularly challenging to block or amend legislation. We are quick to note that the same would be true if the Republican Party held a super-majority status. Advocacy at the policy committee level becomes ever more important in terms of shaping the policy provisions of legislation, and it has always been a key part of our approach to advocacy in Sacramento to establish sound working relationships with policy committee consultants. In challenging fiscal years, we rely heavily on the respective Appropriations Committees to hold onto expensive, but lower priority legislation. Governor Newsom, of course, is the ultimate determiner of legislative success and he continues to be more skeptical of legislation that would increase state costs that has not already been accounted for in the state budget.

Below, we highlight some of the more impactful legislation on which our firm was active this year.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

In 2014, to address overdraft and other adverse effects of excessive pumping, the Legislature passed SGMA, a statewide framework for groundwater management with the goal of managing and using groundwater in a manner that can be maintained during the planning and implementation horizon without causing undesirable results.

Under SGMA, local agencies overlying a groundwater basin may form a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA). GSAs have broad authority, including defining sustainable yield, limiting extraction, imposing fees, and developing groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). They must consider the interests of all groundwater users—such as overlying rights holders, municipal systems, land use agencies, environmental and surface water users, the federal government, California Native American tribes, and disadvantaged communities. GSAs may adopt rules, ordinances, and other measures necessary to carry out SGMA. Medium- and high-priority basins, including 21 critically overdrafted basins, must develop and implement GSPs. SGMA allows GSAs to tailor their plans to local economic and environmental conditions, emphasizing local control while minimizing state intervention.

SGMA is now well into its implementation phase, with local agencies focusing on executing their GSPs to bring basins to sustainable levels.

This year, several lawmakers introduced bills that sought to amend aspects of the SGMA. These included: Assembly Bill 1413, by Assembly Member Diane Papan (D); Assembly Bill 1466, by Assembly Member Gregg Hart; Assembly Bill 293, by Assembly Member Steve Bennett (D); and Assembly Bill 929, by Assembly Member Damon Connolly (D).

Assembly Bill 1413

Under SGMA, a newly developed GSA has the power to adopt rules, regulations and ordinances to carry out the GSP. The GSP must consider the interests of all beneficial water users in the basin. While SGMA does not specify exactly how the public must be engaged, it identifies the parties from whom the GSA should seek input. A key step in developing the GSP is determining the sustainable yield—the amount of groundwater that can be pumped annually without causing undesirable effects. Once the GSP is completed, it is submitted to the Department of Water Resources, which allows the public to comment on the plan and reviews

the GSA's findings. After approval and implementation, the Department reviews the GSP every five years. No sooner than 180 days after adoption, a GSA seeking to legally solidify the GSP may file a validation action to preemptively prevent challenges to an approved GSP.

A groundwater adjudication occurs when parties ask a court to resolve conflicts over groundwater rights. It begins when one or more pumpers file a civil action to determine rights or limit pumping to a basin's safe yield. Adjudications can cover all or part of a basin and may include non-basin areas. The court defines groundwater rights for landowners and appropriators, decides how much water each can extract, and appoints a watermaster to enforce the ruling.

Upon its introduction, AB 1413 bill would have required a court to consolidate any action against a GSA in a basin subject to groundwater adjudication into the comprehensive adjudication proceedings. Once the proceedings have been consolidated, the bill requires the court to try the issues related to a GSP's sustainable yield prior to adjudicating other issues. The bill also provides that a judgment in an adjudication impermissibly impairs the ability of the GSA to regulate groundwater if the court's sustainable yield determination exceeds the amount of total pumping from a basin that is specified in a GSP that has been subject to a validation action or deemed valid by operation of law. Finally, the bill makes various findings and declarations related to comprehensive groundwater adjudications and these adjudications interplay with SGMA.

According to Assembly Member Papan:

"This bill will prevent pumpers from filing a comprehensive groundwater adjudication to get around and delay a GSP while rehashing the sustainable yield (or groundwater budget) established in a GSP. Unfortunately, this is occurring in pending groundwater adjudications in basins subject to SGMA. This delays sustainable groundwater management and is redundant. While the court has an important role to play in determining individual groundwater rights, the GSP development and implementation processes are the best forums for determining the sustainable yield for a given groundwater basin (akin to land use planning and zoning). This is even more the case when taking into account the fact that the two state agencies with technical expertise in water management – DWR and the State Water Board – take an active and ongoing role in overseeing SGMA implementation. To avoid delay in reversing groundwater overdraft and avoid shutting out smaller actors, this bill directs courts to not exceed the sustainable yield identified in a valid GSP when entering a judgment in a comprehensive groundwater adjudication."

Upon its introduction, AB 1413 presented several issues, namely that it would shield GSA decisions from meaningful judicial review and undermine the due process protections that groundwater rights holders rely on. By forcing challenges to a sustainable yield determination into a reverse validation action, the bill limits the court to reviewing only whether the agency followed procedure, rather than allowing the court to evaluate evidence, consider expert testimony, or fully examine the technical basis for the sustainable yield. This would, in effect, let GSAs unilaterally determine the basin's safe yield—an outcome that state law explicitly prohibits and that directly affects every groundwater rights holder.

The bill also assumes that GSP sustainable yield numbers are always accurate, even though some plans have been developed with limited transparency. Preventing courts from finding a higher safe yield, regardless of evidence, violates the separation of powers and undermines the

constitutional requirement that water be used reasonably and beneficially. AB 1413 further removes judicial discretion by mandating consolidation of all GSP challenges with any adjudication, even when doing so may slow the process or conflict with ongoing schedules. Applying the bill to current adjudications would also be disruptive and unfair, given the significant resources already invested based on existing law.

VAWC held an opposed unless amended position on AB 1413. On behalf of VAWC, our firm joined a coalition of stakeholders actively involved in developing GSPs to oppose the bill and seek amendments to (1) develop an approach that would balance concerns related to predictability, achievement of SGMA's goals, and protecting water supply and water rights; and (2) no legislation should apply to the five ongoing adjudication cases.

AB 1413 underwent several amendments. Ultimately, the bill would require a GSA to, at least once every 7 years, review, and update if appropriate, its sustainable yield to ensure that the sustainable yield is based on the best available information and best available science and will achieve sustainable groundwater management. This bill would authorize GSAs to file validation actions within 180 days following the adoption of a groundwater sustainability plan. The bill would prohibit a court, in an adjudication action filed after January 1, 2025, from establishing a safe yield or sustainable yield for the basin that exceeds the sustainable yield of the basin as established in a valid groundwater sustainability plan for the basin.

VAWC maintained its opposition against AB 1413. Despite our best efforts, the bill passed the Assembly Floor 45 – 21. The bill made it to the Senate Floor in September but was then ordered to the inactive file by Senator Aisha Wahab (D). The bill is now a two-year bill after failing to pass the deadline for each house to pass bills. AB 1413 may be acted upon in January 2026.

Assembly Bill 1466

AB 1466 similarly sought to reform adjudication proceedings.

Existing law establishes procedures for the comprehensive adjudication of groundwater rights in civil court. Under existing law, if the court finds that claims of right to extract or divert only minor quantities of water, as defined, would not have a material effect on the groundwater rights of other parties, the court may exempt those claimants from the proceedings, except as specified. Existing law further prescribes that a judgment in a comprehensive adjudication to determine rights to extract groundwater in a basin is not binding on, among others, claimants whose claims have been exempted. This bill would authorize a court, in lieu of the exemption process described above, to treat persons with claims of right to extract or divert only minor quantities of water separately from other parties to the comprehensive adjudication. The bill would require the court to hold a hearing within a specified time to determine whether to exempt or treat those claimants separately and to establish a procedure to register and administer such claims.

According to the author:

“[This bill] streamlines groundwater adjudications, reduces unnecessary litigation costs, and protects small and disadvantaged water users from being caught up in costly legal battles. The bill allows small and disadvantaged water users—whose pumping does not substantially impact the basin—to request an exemption from the full adjudication process. It also requires the local [GSA] to report on water use by all pumpers in the basin, helping ensure that small and disadvantaged communities are represented throughout the adjudication. By improving the fairness of groundwater

adjudications, [this bill] strengthens California's efforts to sustainably manage its groundwater resources while safeguarding the rights of vulnerable water users."

The bill essentially places the burden of proof on parties that seek to challenge the findings of a GSA. Proponents argue that in doing so, the bill protects small farmers. Large-scale farming interests have sometimes pursued adjudication to gain more favorable pumping rights, which AB 1413 could prevent. Proponents also note that the bill helps small farms navigate adjudications, which are often confusing and costly, especially when trial attorneys are expensive or located far from rural communities. Critics of the bill, however, contend that the bill would create substantial administrative burdens for GSAs, requiring them to provide detailed reports on groundwater use for parties not actively participating in adjudications. This could distract GSAs from their primary role of managing groundwater. There is also concern that the reports could serve as a proxy for non-responding pumpers, raising potential conflicts of interest for GSAs, who may be unable to represent all pumpers fairly. Opponents emphasize that pumpers must actively engage with the court to have their water rights addressed, either through exemption or inclusion in the final judgment.

VAWC remained neutral on AB 1466. Governor Newsom signed AB 1466 into law on October 11. (Chapter 643, Statutes of 2025).

Assembly Bill 293

Under SGMA, high- and medium-priority groundwater basins must be managed using a GSP, which must be developed and implemented by an authorized local GSA. The board members and executives of these agencies are required to disclose their economic interests through the Fair Political Practices Commission's (FPPC) online system. AB 293 requires these agencies to provide a link on their web site to where these economic interest statements can be accessed on the FPPC website.

The Political Reform Act of 1974 (PRA) imposes strict conflict of interest laws and requires state and local agencies to establish conflict of interest codes, requiring agency officials who routinely participate in decisions to publicly disclose personal financial information. There are currently more than 260 GSAs formed in 140 basins. In 2024, the FPPC reported 1,536 enforcement cases resolved, with 142 settlements, 7 defaults, and \$802,238 in total fines. Not one of the 149 cases resulting in the issuance of an administrative penalty involved a GSA board member.

AB 293 establishes the FPPC link requirement for only one type of local agency--GSAs. The enactment of SB 1156 (Hurtado, Chapter 458, Statutes of 2024) already requires that each GSA board member's Statement of Economic Interest is available on the FPPC website. According to the author of AB 293, his legislation represents "a simple step to build public trust, strengthen accountability, and protect one of California's most vital resources for future generations." VAWC argued that enactment of AB 293 is not necessary to accomplish any of these laudable goals.

Members of GSA governing bodies volunteer to serve and aside from the time commitment required beyond the elective office they hold. The work of GSAs can be challenging in terms of interaction with other GSAs and state agencies. Conflict involving water policy in California is normal, but conflict can be really challenging to navigate at the local level when the livelihoods of people are directly affected. It is more difficult to find people willing to serve on GSA governing bodies in basins where the implementation of SGMA has proven to be divisive to the point of litigation and the creation of ill-will among elected officials, farmers, and community

members. The goal of strengthening accountability for GSA members has already been met through the requirements of the PRA, enforcement of the PRA, and the enactment of SB 1156. No further legislation is required as there are no gaps in terms of transparency for GSAs.

Our firm noted that local officials already submit annual statements of economic interests to their agency, county or Fair Political Commission and these statements are public information. VAWC opposed AB 293 as it did not believe singling out GSAs or their governing board members was warranted or justified as compared to any other political subdivision of the state. AB 293 would expose the personal financial affairs of GSA governing board members to greater public scrutiny that will only serve as another disincentive to service on GSA governing boards.

Despite our best efforts, AB 293 passed both houses of the Legislature. Governor Newsom signed AB 293 into law on October 6. (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2025).

Assembly Bill 929

AB 929 proposes definitions for "managed wetland" and "small community water systems" to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and would prohibit a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) from establishing groundwater extraction allocations for small community water systems serving disadvantaged communities or managed wetland extractors. In short, this means that GSAs would be barred from regulating these uses of water as they are authorized for all other uses. Such a limitation is counterintuitive to the purpose of SGMA, which envisioned a comprehensive and well-informed groundwater regulatory framework.

Governor Newsom vetoed AB 828 by Assembly Member Connolly in 2024, which included the same provisions as are included in this legislation.

VAWC strongly opposed AB 929 for several reasons, namely that the bill was inconsistent with the core tenets of SGMA, upended state policy regarding water use priorities, and further burdens farm economy and food security.

SGMA authorizes a GSA to regulate groundwater extraction, recognizing that reductions in groundwater pumping may be required in many basins to achieve their sustainability goal. AB 929 would prohibit a GSA from using its statutory authority regarding the establishment of groundwater extraction allocations for small community water systems serving disadvantaged communities and for managed wetland extractors.

AB 929 would also prohibit a GSA from imposing a fee upon a small community water system serving a disadvantaged community or on a managed wetland extractor. AB 929 directly undercuts the ability of a GSA to raise funds to implement their groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs).

An April 2025 Policy Brief from the UC Berkeley Center for Law, Energy & the Environment (CLEE) notes that the mandate for GSAs to sustainably manage groundwater by 2040 will cost money and that GSAs are primarily responsible for delivering progress under SGMA. The authors of the brief write that GSAs:

"...are also primarily responsible for acquiring the financing necessary to ensure this progress...[and] long-term funding for SGMA implementation will likely need to be generated largely at the local level, where GSAs must navigate a complex, resource-

constrained landscape. As GSAs shift from SGMA's planning stage to project implementation, resource constraints are likely to become more significant."

A Senate Natural Resources & Water background document prepared for a March 11, 2025, hearing on SGMA notes that GSAs that have state-approved plans "now face financing hurdles for projects necessary to achieve and maintain compliance" with SGMA. Also, that "[A]lthough GSAs have the authority to raise fees to pay for the various projects and activities needed to implement GSPs, passing those costs onto the ratepayers may not be an option for GSAs whose ratepayer base cannot afford them." And finally:

"With an early 2040 deadline to achieve sustainability, GSAs are grappling with the funding and high costs of projects needed to achieve sustainability in their region in 15 years. According to some, state and local funding is unreliable and often insufficient."

Further, the reprioritization of water use under AB 929 is in direct conflict with Section 106 of the Water Code, which specifies that domestic water use has the highest priority and irrigation the second highest. By prioritizing two uses of groundwater above all other designated beneficial uses of water, AB 929 assumes all reduced groundwater extractions should only apply to agriculture and places the use of groundwater to grow food and fiber at the bottom of the priority list, which threatens food security, on-farm investment, investment in the storage and delivery systems that provide agricultural water supply, farmworker jobs, and the overall socioeconomic health of rural communities by reducing property tax revenue that supports public schools, police officers, and firefighters in those communities.

Finally, according to the Public Policy Institute of California, the San Joaquin Valley—the most productive agricultural region in the nation—will lose between 400,000 and 700,000 acres of farmland to achieve SGMA's sustainability goal. Federal Central Valley Project contractors already provide 555,515-acre feet (AF) of water annually to 19 wetland areas in the Central Valley—14 of these are located in the San Joaquin Valley. CVP contractors also pay into the Central Valley Project Restoration Fund for the costs of conveying water to wetlands. Two-thirds of the water provided to wetlands in the San Joaquin Valley goes to private managed wetlands. AB 929 would serve to only further benefit those refuges plus all other "managed wetlands." AB 929 would further burden the people who grow our food, harming not just farmers, but farm workers and the rural communities that are an integral part of the farm economy.

As with last year's AB 828, our firm repeatedly urged the Legislature to reject the effort to exempt classes of extractors 11 years after SGMA became law and at a critical juncture when GSAs are raising revenue pursuant to the authority granted by SGMA.

AB 929 failed to pass the Senate after it was ordered to the inactive file at the request of Senator Dave Cortese (D). The bill is now a two-year bill and may be acted upon in 2026.

Water Policy – California Tribal Communities

Assembly Member James Ramos (D) renewed his efforts this year to add tribal water uses as waters of the state that may be protected against quality degradation for the purposes of the defined term "beneficial uses."

Assembly Bill 362 would add a finding to Section 13000 of the Water Code, which was enacted in 1969 as part of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. AB 362 would provide that "allowing for tribal water uses should be a primary factor in determining the highest water quality

that is reasonable in all regulatory decisions.” Further the bill would require the State Board, on or before January 1, 2027, to incorporate water quality standards to achieve reasonable protection of tribal water uses into the Bay-Delta Plan. Projects affecting water quality must assess their impact on tribal water uses, and the State Water Quality Control Board must report on these efforts biannually beginning in 2026. The bill would mandate consulting with tribal communities in state and regional water quality policies and require regional boards to consider tribal and environmental justice issues when setting water quality objectives. It also would exempt the adoption of tribal water uses in quality plans from the California Environmental Quality Act. The bill would involve tribal communities in the California Water Quality Monitoring Council and amends the memorandum of understanding to ensure their participation. The Shingle Spring Band of Miwok Indians sponsored AB 362.

VAWC supports the participation of California tribal communities in the Bay-Delta Plan update proceedings. VAWC supports government-to-government consultation regarding tribal water uses between the State Board, regional boards, and California tribal communities. VAWC believes tribal water uses should be designated beneficial uses of the waters of the state that may be protected against quality degradation consistent with existing law. The provisions of AB 362, however, ventured far beyond these basic requirements. AB 362 would elevate tribal water uses above all other beneficial uses, conflicting with the Water Code’s requirement to balance competing water needs. By designating tribal water uses as a primary factor in every regulatory decision, the bill would effectively prioritize one category of use over others, setting a concerning precedent and introducing legal uncertainty into long-standing water management practices. The bill would also interfere with the State Water Resources Control Board’s ongoing update to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, a process that has been in development for nearly a decade. Mandating new water quality standards specific to tribal uses by 2027 would force the State Board to reopen and modify a process that is already nearing completion, wasting resources and delaying implementation of critical water quality objectives.

AB 362 also would exempt tribal water use designations from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This exemption would eliminate important environmental review and public transparency requirements that are fundamental to CEQA’s purpose. Additionally, a proposed requirement that CEQA documents describe impacts to tribal water uses is redundant, as state law already requires consultation with California Native American tribes and mitigation of cultural or environmental impacts.

AB 362 also would expand the scope of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council, which was established to coordinate and enhance water quality monitoring and data management. AB 362 would redirect the council’s focus toward regulatory policymaking and co-management responsibilities unrelated to its intended mission, creating inefficiencies and confusion over jurisdictional roles. Finally, the bill would duplicate and, in some cases, conflict with recent legislation such as AB 2108 (2022) and AB 1284 (2024), which already integrate tribal, environmental justice, and equity considerations into water policy and resource management. By layering overlapping and inconsistent mandates, AB 362 risks creating regulatory conflict, legal challenges, and implementation delays.

AB 362 was initially held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File, but later referred to the Assembly Floor, where it was ordered to the inactive file at the request of Assembly Member Ramos. The bill may be considered by the Assembly in January 2026, although the path forward given substantial opposition remains unclear.

Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds

Existing law allows the State Water Resources Control Board to implement emergency regulations during a state of emergency due to drought, which can last up to one year and be renewed based on ongoing drought conditions. In 2021, Governor Newsom declared a drought emergency for 41 counties. After the state received above-average precipitation throughout the state in 2024, Governor Newsom signed an executive order removing emergency drought provisions in select watersheds. The Scott and Shasta River watersheds, however, did not receive the same degree of precipitation as other parts of the state; thus, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2024-0036 which directed the Division of Water Rights to move forward with an emergency regulation and simultaneously identify the work necessary to pursue long-term flows in the watersheds. In January 2025, the State Water Board readopted the emergency regulation, which the Office of Administrative Law approved to stay in effect for one year, unless re-adopted or rescinded.

Assembly Bill 263, by Assembly Member Chris Rogers (D), would provide that specified emergency regulations adopted by the board for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds shall remain in effect until January 1, 2031, or until permanent rules establishing and implementing long-term instream flow requirements are adopted for those watersheds, whichever occurs first. The bill would require the board to provide annual public updates, including opportunities for public comment, on its progress toward developing permanent flow rules for the rivers, as provided.

VAWC opposed AB 263 as establishing a continuation of the emergency regardless of regional hydrologic conditions would: (1) undermine efforts at the State Water Board to establish permanent regulations for these watersheds; (2) circumvent public process protections; (3) set a troubling precedent for water right permit and license holders; and (4) undermine the current local collaborative process.

The bill would slow the shift from repeated emergency regulations toward developing permanent, science-based rules for the Scott and Shasta watersheds. Permanent regulations are the proper, transparent process with full public participation, while AB 263 offers none of the public input required in standard rulemaking and even removes the limited hearing and comment opportunities the Board has voluntarily provided during annual emergency readoptions. AB 263 also sets a harmful precedent by allowing emergency regulations to be extended by legislation rather than through the State Water Board's established renewal process. This could encourage other interests to bypass normal procedures, stretching emergency rules far beyond their intended, short-term purpose. Finally, extending the emergency regulation undermines ongoing collaborative efforts among Tribes, landowners, water users, and environmental groups to develop long-term, durable flow solutions. The Board has already warned that legislating flows would damage this local process. Under AB 263, collaborative work and investments in watershed modeling and analysis could stall, and those efforts could no longer inform improvements to the regulation.

Our firm, on behalf of VAWC, joined a coalition made up of water, agricultural, utilities, and business stakeholders, to oppose AB 263. The bill, however, enjoyed support from most of the Democratic supermajority in the Legislature. Governor Newsom signed AB 263 into law on September 26. (Chapter 130, Statutes of 2025).

Metal Theft

Under existing law, junk dealers and recyclers are required to maintain written records of all sales and purchases of secondhand and used machinery and scrap metals, including ferrous and nonferrous metals. These records must include the place and date of each transaction, as well as a description of the item or items involved.

Assembly Bill 476 by Assembly Member Mark Gonzalez (D-Los Angeles) would increase the fines that may be imposed on a dealer or collector of junk, metals, or secondhand materials who buys or receives any wire, cable, copper, lead, solder, mercury, iron, or brass that they know—or reasonably should know—is ordinarily used by or belongs to a county, city, public utility, or transportation company, without using due diligence to confirm the seller has the legal right to do so. The bill would expand the list of materials and items subject to existing provisions to include items reasonably recognizable such as streetlights and related equipment. The bill also strengthens reporting requirements, mandating details such as transaction time, payment amount, employee name, and ownership statements that include specific seller information.

The bill was introduced in large part due to the growing problem of copper theft in California, with thieves targeting essential components, including those crucial to water infrastructure. Public utilities rely on water supply infrastructure that are vulnerable to theft. Pumps, irrigation systems, and operational solar panels are typically located in remote or unsecured areas that lack power, internet connectivity, or proximity to law enforcement presence, making them ideal targets for copper thieves. When copper theft occurs, operational teams can face immediate setbacks, such as service interruptions, coordinating repairs or ensuring backup water supplies. Further, the financial burden in the aftermath of an incident can extend beyond the value of the copper itself with repair costs that could exceed hundreds of thousands of dollars.

VAWC supported AB 476, as its more stringent requirements and increased penalties can serve as a strong deterrent against would-be metal thieves. Simultaneously, the enhanced documentation requirements in the bill can also promote greater accountability among recyclers and junk dealers.

AB 476 passed the Assembly 79-0 and the Senate 39-0. Governor Newsom signed the bill into law on October 13. (Chapter 694, Statutes of 2025).

Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act mandates that groundwater basins classified as high or medium priority must be managed through groundwater sustainability plans. Local agencies can form a groundwater sustainability agency to oversee these plans. Assembly Bill 568, by Assembly Member Alexandra Macedo (R), would create the Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency, outlining its initial boundaries and allowing for boundary adjustments. This agency would become the designated GSA for the Tule Subbasin area within its boundaries and is tasked with developing a plan to ensure sustainable groundwater management. The agency will have a five-member board of directors with specific selection criteria. Furthermore, the bill makes the Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency the exclusive authority for groundwater management in its area and places certain duties on the agency and the County of Tulare.

Several VAWC members fall within the boundaries of GSAs in the San Joaquin Valley.

VAWC quickly supported AB 568, noting that the core tenet of SGMA is the emphasis of local control of groundwater management, empowering local agencies to develop and implement their own groundwater sustainability plans. With implementation well underway for several SGMA plans, it is evident that groundwater management is most effective at the local level as it allows agencies to develop plans that are tailored to their specific needs.

Assembly Member Macedo initially sought to establish the Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency through AB 1044 at the onset of the year. Unfortunately, this bill was not taken up on the floor prior to the Legislature's House of Origin deadline, and died in the Assembly. According to staffers for the Member, there were no issues with the contents of the bill; however, political conflict affected several Republican bills at that time.

AB 568 eventually passed the Senate Floor 39-0 and was returned to the Assembly for concurrence in Senate amendments; however, the bill was not taken up and is now a two-year bill that may be acted upon in 2026.

DSOD Dam Safety Jurisdiction

Existing law defines a dam to mean any artificial barrier, together with appurtenant works, that does or may impound or divert water, and meets other specified criteria. Existing law excludes from the definition a barrier that is or will be not in excess of 6 feet in height, regardless of storage capacity, or that has or will have a storage capacity not in excess of 15 acre-feet, regardless of height. Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to supervise the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, maintenance, operation, and removal of dams and reservoirs for the protection of life and property.

Assembly Bill No. 639, by Assembly Member Esmeralda Soria (D), would additionally exclude from the definition of a dam a barrier that does not impound water above the top of a levee where maximum storage behind the barrier has a minimum of 3 feet of freeboard on the levee and is a weir. The bill defines a "weir" as an agricultural water delivery structure with either mechanically or manually removable flashboards or gates that serve to regulate the flow of water in a stream and that functions as part of a federal flood control system.

Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) sponsored the legislation. KRCD commissioned a study by GEI, a respected engineering firm, that concluded there is no threat to the public health and safety or property that warrants continued oversight and inspections by the Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams ("DSOD"). In fact, given that DSOD must monitor and inspect 1,200 dams a good many of which are rated as high hazard, this change would allow for limited resources to be directed where most needed to protect the public health and safety.

VAWC supported AB 639, arguing that by recognizing the district operational and structural differences of weirs compared to dams, the bill would provide regulatory relief and corresponding costs without jeopardizing lives or property downstream. Governor Newsom signed AB 639 into law on October 11. (Chapter 617, Statutes of 2025).

Water Release Under False Pretenses

On January 30, 2025, the Trump Administration notified water managers on the Tule and Kaweah Rivers that it would soon be releasing water from Success Lake and Kaweah Lake, respectively, in response to President Trump's January 24th executive order that required federal officials exert all efforts to send more water to fight southern California wildfires.

The Tule and Kaweah rivers flow into the old Tulare Lake bed, which is a terminal water body that has no hydrologic connection to southern California. Success Dam (Success Lake) releases went from 50 cubic-feet per second (cfs) on January 30th to a high of 1,000 cfs on January 31st and returned to 50 cfs on February 2nd. At Terminus Dam (Lake Kaweah), the releases went from 3 cfs on January 30th to a high of 1,500 cfs on January 31st and returned to three cfs on February 2nd. Combined, the Trump Administration unnecessarily released more than 2 billion gallons of water. The releases were unnecessary because they could not send water to southern California as represented in the executive order. Further, there were no storms forecasted for the area and the snowpack was well below average so there was ample capacity to store the water that was released. The releases also occurred at a time when the farmers downstream did not need the water for irrigation.

Assembly Bill 1146, by Assembly Member Diane Papan (D), would prohibit the release of stored water in California if conducted under “false pretenses.” Specifically, the bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to issue an interim relief order to stop releases of water from a reservoir. This provision constituted an unprecedented expansion of Board authority over reservoir operations that could hinder the operational flexibility now afforded to dam owners and operators that is necessary for timely and responsive decision-making regarding flood operations, consumptive use demands, water quality releases, hydroelectric power generation, and releases of cold water for the protection of downstream fisheries. The bill would place broad, vague, and potentially unconstitutional burdens exclusively on state and local water managers, including members of VAWC.

AB 1146 proposed that any person who violates the provision can be held civilly liable for up to \$10,000 for each day on which a violation occurs. Existing law provides for \$500 a day fines for similar offenses. The bill would also require civil penalties to apply to the United States to the extent authorized under federal law. Should the federal government refuse or fail to pay fines, AB 1146 would shift penalties onto contractors that receive water from the federal government. These penalties would be passed onto farms, businesses, and ratepayers who have no control over federal reservoir operations.

According to Assembly Member Papan, the bill was developed in response to President Trump’s January Executive Order. She contended that the releases were a “political stunt” to garner positive public perception during the Los Angeles wildfires earlier this year. Papan also argued that the releases placed communities downstream of the reservoirs at risk of flooding and “played with their livelihoods under the false pretense” that the water would help with the wildfires. The released water was also water that farmers and water managers had legal rights to use under California law and should have remained in storage until it was needed, Papan argued.

Upon introduction, however, AB 1146 did not clearly identify the statements, conditions, or actions that would constitute a “false or fraudulent representation,” nor did it provide guidance regarding how intent would be determined. This lack of clarity would have created significant uncertainty for reservoir operators, making it challenging to predict when routine or emergency reservoir releases might be subject to interim relief orders. VAWC opposed the bill due to the proposed expansion of Board authority and the lack of clarity provided by the legislation.

On June 23, the bill was amended to prohibit the release of stored water from a reservoir owned and operated by the United States if the release is done under false pretenses, which the bill would define to mean a release of water from a reservoir owned and operated by the United States in a manner that is knowingly, designedly, and intentionally under any false or fraudulent representation as to the purpose and intended use of the water. The bill would authorize the Board or the Attorney General to bring an action for injunctive relief for a violation of the prohibition. The penalty pass-through provisions in the legislation were removed, thus protecting the Agency from liability due to Federal decision making. VAWC removed its opposition to the bill at this point.

AB 1146 passed the Assembly 55-17 but ultimately failed to reach the Senate Floor after it was held under submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill is now a 2-year bill and may be acted upon in January 2026.

California Endangered Species Act

Assembly Bill 1319, introduced by Assembly Member Nick Schultz (D), would authorize the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to extend protections under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) to any California-native species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) if federal protections for that species are reduced. The bill would also make it illegal for any person to import, export, transport, sell, offer for sale, possess, receive, acquire, or purchase any fish, wildlife, or plant obtained or handled in violation of any law, treaty, or statute.

Both ESA and CESA were designed to prevent the extinction of plants, animals, and invertebrates, using scientific evaluation to identify species at risk and enforce protections accordingly. While there are differences between the federal and state laws, both are intended to regulate activities that could contribute to species extinction. Species are “listed” when formally designated as threatened or endangered, while “candidate species” refers to those under consideration between the acceptance of a listing petition and the final determination. Under CESA, candidate species receive the same protections as formally listed species. CDFW’s current lists show 60 species are protected at both state and federal levels, 38 only under CESA, and 80 only under ESA.

According to the bill’s author, AB 1319 was intended to prevent any rollback of endangered species protections under the Trump Administration and to create a mechanism for the state to extend protections to species facing reduced federal protections. However, the bill goes further than this stated purpose by shifting decision-making authority from the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) to CDFW staff.

Currently, CDFW provides technical advice to the Commission, which retains ultimate policy authority. AB 1319 would bypass the Commission entirely, allowing CDFW staff to unilaterally designate any federally listed or candidate species as a “provisional candidate” under California law without public justification or participation. Once a species is designated in the Regulatory Notice Register, it would receive all protections granted to threatened or endangered species, eliminating the role of the Commission, public comment, and the use of scientific evaluation in the process.

Moreover, both the Commission and CDFW already have efficient tools to address species protection concerns. The Commission can act through emergency regulations under Fish and

Game Code section 399, and CDFW can submit listing petitions if no interested party has done so, expediting the candidate process. Using these existing mechanisms avoids creating a problematic precedent, maintains public engagement, preserves the role of science, and limits potential fiscal impacts from adding species to the endangered or threatened list.

AB 1319 would also introduce considerable uncertainty for federal permit holders across California. Because CDFW could instantly list new species, agencies, businesses, and individuals might be forced to urgently obtain incidental take permits. While the bill attempts to protect existing federal permits as long as they have not been amended since the Trump Administration began, permits are regularly updated to reflect new science or emerging issues. Since candidacy status under the bill would extend through 2031, the chance of amended permits disrupting projects is high, potentially halting progress and increasing costs.

VAWC opposed AB 1319 and joined a coalition led by ACWA that cited the bill would deem any federally listed candidate or endangered species as a “provisional candidate” under California law to remain in effect until 2031 with “no public policy justification, no public appeal or comment process, and no scientific justification.”

Despite our best efforts, along with those of the ACWA-led coalition, AB 1319 passed the Assembly 54-18, and the Senate 51-19. Governor Newsom signed the bill into law on October 11. (Chapter 638, Statutes of 2025).

Water Quality Certification

The State Water Resources Control Board (Board) is responsible for issuing a Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) licensing process. Once issued, the Board’s certification conditions become mandatory components of any FERC license or permit, meaning they must be accepted without modification for a project to proceed. In 2012, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2012-0029, delegating authority to issue 401 Water Quality Certifications to staff. Earlier this year, Board staff issued a draft 401 Water Quality Certification for the Merced River and Merced Falls hydroelectric projects operated by Merced Irrigation District (MID). The draft conditions are significant and, if finalized, would severely impact water and energy stability in the region.

Although the public was given a short comment period on this, no public hearing was provided, and the final decision will be made by staff without formal Board involvement. Other FERC-jurisdictional projects will face similar circumstances. Decisions with such significant regional and statewide implications should not be made behind closed doors.

Assembly Bill 1373, by Assembly Member Esmeralda Soria (D), would require the Board, if requested by an applicant within 14 days of an initial draft certification being issued, to hold a public hearing at least 21 days before taking action on an application for certification to operate a hydroelectric facility. If requested, the authority to issue such a certification cannot be delegated. The bill also allows the Board to include in its fee schedule the costs of implementing these provisions for hydroelectric facility applicants.

VAWC supported AB 1373 as the bill would restore transparency, ensure public participation, and guarantee that these long-term certifications are decided at the highest, most accountable level. Given California’s escalating water challenges, growing energy demands,

and the critical need for affordable utility rates, our firm noted that it is essential that decisions of this magnitude benefit from rigorous public input and Board-level deliberation.

Despite passing the Assembly and Senate almost unanimously, Governor Newsom vetoed AB 1373 on October 11, 2025.

In his veto message, he stated:

“While well-intentioned, this bill is unnecessary. The Board’s certification process already includes opportunities for input by members of the public and Board members, including a mechanism for Board members to reconsider decisions initially delegated to staff. I am, however, directing the Board to work with the relevant stakeholders to explore ways to make this process more efficient, consistent with the intent of this bill.”

Atmospheric Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program (AR/FIRO)

Existing law establishes the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program (AR/FIRO) in the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The AR/FIRO program helps improve reservoir operations for better flood protection and water management during atmospheric river events. The law mandates the department to conduct research and develop advanced prediction models, forecasting methods, and decision support systems. These initiatives aim to enhance predictions about atmospheric rivers' impacts on water supply, flooding, post-wildfire debris flows, and environmental conditions.

Senate Bill 599, by Senator Ana Caballero (D), would, for novel forecasting methods researched, developed, and implemented by DWR, require the DWR to include the use of experimental tools that produce seasonal (period of 1 – 6 months into the future) and sub-seasonal (2 – 6 weeks into the future) atmospheric river forecasts.

Atmospheric rivers are the key to California’s water supply and flooding since they carry most of the state’s annual precipitation. They transport large amounts of water vapor from the tropics to higher latitudes and strike coastlines globally from California to Europe to Antarctica. They can transport moisture equivalent to more than 25 times the amount of liquid water flowing through the mouth of the Mississippi River. Problems occur when AR events last for more than a day or when several occur back-to-back such as occurred in January 2023; several ARs in sequence can cause hazards like flooding, mudslides, or ash flows in areas of recent wildfires. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (Scripps) research has shown ARs are implicated in most of the extreme precipitation and flooding events in California. Nearly 80% of levee breaches in the Central Valley have been associated with AR events.

Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) is a reservoir operations strategy that, in effect, allows reservoirs to be managed in "real-time" so that operators can keep water in the reservoir if the weather forecast shows no imminent precipitation in a reservoir's watershed or, alternatively, release water from the reservoir to free up space for additional flow (thereby maintaining flood protection) when the forecast indicates an AR is headed towards a reservoir's watershed. Enhanced forecasting capability is essential to implementing FIRO.

Climate change has resulted in more frequent, intense, and volatile atmospheric river events, which can potentially lead to devastating outcomes, including extreme floods, post-wildfire

debris flow, mudslides, and loss of water supply. Continuing to improve the state's ability to forecast atmospheric river events, therefore, remains a priority for the foreseeable future.

SB 599 builds upon DWR's existing AR/FIRO framework to advance extended range atmospheric river forecasts, providing more accurate data and longer-range certainty. In doing so, the bill would allow reservoir operations ample lead time to inform decision making during atmospheric river events, reducing flood risks and improving water supply management.

VAWC supported SB 599. The bill, however, became a two-year bill after being ordered to the inactive file by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry and failing to meet the deadline for each house to pass bills. SB 599 may be acted upon in 2026.

Water Waste Discharge

Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (act) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. Under the act, the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to adopt water quality control plans for waters for which quality standards are required by the federal Clean Water Act, as specified, and that in the event of a conflict, those plans supersede regional water quality control plans for the same waters.

Senate Bill 601, by Senator Ben Allen (D), would authorize the state board to adopt water quality control plans for nexus waters, which the bill would define as all waters of the state that are not also navigable, except as specified. The bill would require any water quality standard that was submitted to, and approved by, or is awaiting approval by, the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the state board that applied to nexus waters as of May 24, 2023, to remain in effect, as provided. The bill would require the state board and regional boards to include nexus waters in all federal Clean Water Act processes, including, but not limited to, the California Integrated Report and the establishment of total maximum daily loads, as specified.

VAWC opposed SB 601, believing the bill represented an overreach that creates high costs, legal uncertainty, and substantial regulatory burdens without clear justification or commensurate environmental gains. VAWC joined a large opposition coalition led by the California Chamber of Commerce that included various agricultural, business, and water stakeholders to combat SB 601 throughout the year.

The Sackett v. EPA court limited which waters fall under federal Clean Water Act jurisdiction by removing certain waters from federal oversight. In response, the Legislature already funded new staff and directed the State Water Board to study the impacts of Sackett—including how permitting, workload, and state authority may change—and report back in 2026 with recommended statutory fixes for waters that are *no longer under federal jurisdiction*. The opposition coalition noted that SB 601 attempts to impose sweeping, permanent changes before that analysis is completed, bypassing the Legislature's own process and risking unnecessary, speculative regulatory burdens.

The bill expands federal-style permitting to non-federal, non-navigable waters and creates a new, vague category of "nexus waters" that would be subject to prescriptive Clean Water Act

requirements. The definition is unclear and could capture agricultural drainage ditches, supply canals, artificial wetlands used for groundwater recharge, and water bodies excluded under the State Water Board's existing Wetlands Policy. This ambiguity would shift long-standing federal debates about which waters were covered pre-Sackett into California courts, generating decades of litigation and uncertainty.

SB 601 is also overly punitive. It creates a new private right of action allowing anyone to sue permit holders for alleged violations involving "nexus waters," incentivized by attorneys' fees and expert fee recovery. The unclear scope of "nexus waters" heightens the risk of frivolous lawsuits. The bill also imposes strict federal civil penalties—automatic and designed for more serious violations—regardless of the nature or severity of the discharge, and requires the State Water Board to increase maximum penalties annually.

The bill removes key guardrails in Porter-Cologne that currently require the Water Boards to consider economic impacts, feasibility, housing needs, and recycled water development when issuing Waste Discharge Requirements. Without these considerations, regulators could impose impractical limits that slow housing construction, hinder water and wastewater projects, raise compliance costs for farms and businesses, and increase the overall cost of living.

SB 601 also expands permitting obligations by extending impaired-waterbody listing and TMDL requirements to the newly created "nexus waters," diverting significant Water Board resources with limited environmental benefit. The vague definition could also expand NPDES permit requirements to waters never considered WOTUS even before Sackett, creating further uncertainty. Additionally, the bill requires cities and counties to verify Construction General Permit coverage for building and construction permits, a burdensome requirement for short-term projects.

SB 601 passed the Senate 23-12; however, the bill was placed in the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File. SB 601 became a two-year bill after its hearing was postponed by the committee and failed to meet the deadline for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.

A Look Ahead to 2026

— *"I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."*^{iv}

The second year of the 2025-26 Regular Session of the Legislature commences on January 5, 2026. It will coincide with an election year that in which all California constitutional offices will be on the ballot along with one-half of the Senate, all 80 Assembly seats, and all seats in the House of Representatives. The latter, of course, could be significantly altered based on the passage of Proposition 50 on the November 4, 2025, ballot. Proposition 50 redrew congressional district maps in a manner that could increase Democratic wins by 5 seats, including California District No. 22. The South San Joaquin Valley district, represented by Republican David Valadao, is one of the seats that could flip following passage of Proposition 50. The proposed new district would stretch into the city of Fresno and Fresno County, picking up more Democratic registration. First-term Assembly Member Jasmeet Bains has announced that she will leave the Assembly and challenge Valadao. US Senator Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., has endorsed Democrat Randy Villegas, a 31-year-old school board trustee and auto shop owner. Villegas is affiliated with the progressive Working Families Party.

In the California Senate, Monique Limón, a former Assembly Member and school board member, assumed the office of President Pro Tempore on November 17, 2025. Prior to her election in 2020, she served six years on the Santa Barbara Unified School Board, was assistant director for the McNair Scholars Program at UC Santa Barbara and was a member of the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women. Limón has a master's in education from Columbia University and a bachelor's from UC Berkeley. She's married with one child.

The transition date will enable Limón to announce changes to Senate Democratic leadership and committee chairs ahead of the start of the second year of the 2-year session. Limón now chairs the Natural Resources & Water Committee, so we know the appointment of a new chair is pending. Changes in leadership tend to shake up the chairs of key committees and this leadership change will not be any different. Senator Weiner (D-San Francisco), who now serves as chair of the Budget & Fiscal Review Committee, might have kept his chair, but has announced a run for the US House of Representatives in 2026. So, a new committee chair is likely to be named.

In the arena of water resources policy and management, our firm anticipates the continued interest of legislators in the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the potential for multiple bills being introduced in 2026. While legislative initiatives by Governor Newsom in support of the Delta Conveyance Project are not anticipated, given the stinging rebuke by the Legislature regarding the release of his budget trailer bill this past May, legislation could surface to expedite the work of the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Phase 2 of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Governor Newsom has been a strong advocate for the Healthy Rivers & Landscapes Alternative, which is in contrast to the Unimpaired Flows Alternative preferred by State Board staff. Newsom is termed out of office in January 2027 and will want final action on Phase 2 to occur prior to then. The current schedule calls for State Board action in October 2026, but the schedule is susceptible to delay.

Our firm will continue to work with State Water Contractors and other water systems to respond to the accelerated infestation of state waters by the golden mussel. Our focus will be on the securing a share of funding for water systems for costs related to prevention, control, and eradication of invasive mussels from the \$20 million in Proposition 4 funds allocated to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the \$20 million appropriated to the Wildlife Conservation Board, and the increase in funding from recreational boating fees collected by the Division of Boating and Waterways. We will also work with State Water Contractors and other water systems to quantify the estimated operating and capital costs for addressing the golden mussel infestation.

State Elections

State constitutional offices will experience significant turnover due to the effect of term limits including the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, superintendent of instruction, and insurance commissioner. Attorney General Rob Bonta and Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber are expected to cruise to reelection next November.

All members of the Assembly and half of the 40-member State Senate will stand for election next November. As of this writing, 13 Assemblymembers (9 Democrats; 4 Republicans) and 7 Senators (5 Democrats; 2 Republicans) will not be seeking reelection. Many will be reaching the end of their term limit or are running for other offices. Legislative Democrats are expected to retain their super-majority status in both houses.

Much of the San Joaquin Valley falls within Senate Districts 5, 12, 14, and 16; and Assembly Districts 8, 9, 13, 27, 31, 32, and 33.

Locally, Senator Shannon Grove (R) is term limited and is ineligible to run for reelection. As of this writing, two Republicans have declared their candidacy to succeed Senator Grove and represent the 12th Senate District: Nathan Magsig, Fresno County supervisor and Michael Maher, an aviation business owner. Senator Ana Caballero (D) of the 14th Senate District is also term-limited and ineligible to run for reelection. Running for her seat are: Esmeralda Hurtado (D), Sanger city councilmember and sister of Senator Melissa Hurtado (D); and Assembly Member Esmeralda Soria (D) of the 27th Assembly District. Fresno City Councilor Nelso Esparza had initially declared his candidacy in the race, but withdrew and endorsed Assembly Member Soria. Senator Melissa Hurtado is running for reelection in the 16th Senate District, but no other candidates have announced a bid to challenge her for the seat. Senator Jerry McNerney (D) of the 5th Senate District, meanwhile, is not up for reelection until 2028.

In the Assembly, Assembly Member Joaquin Arambula (D) of the 31st Assembly District declined to run for reelection and is instead running for Fresno City Council. Three candidates have announced their candidacy: Sandra Celedon (D), former member of the Fresno Police Reform Commission; Annalisa Perea (D), Fresno city councilor; and James Polsgrove (R), an engineer who previously worked for the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. In the 32nd Assembly District, Assembly Member Stan Ellis opted to forego reelection and announced his intention to retire. He endorsed Kern County Supervisor David Couch (R) to succeed him. No other challengers have declared their candidacy for the seat. In the 27th Assembly District, three candidates are running to replace Assembly Member Soria: Leticia Gonzalez (D), Madera County supervisor; Mike Murphy (R), former mayor of Merced; and Karla Siejas (D), a public policy researcher. Gonzalez has received endorsements from Assembly Member Soria, as well as Speaker Robert Rivas (D), Senator Caballero, and U.S. Representative Adam Gray from CA-13 (D).

Assembly members David Tangipa (R) of the 8th Assembly District and Rhodesia Ransom (D) of the 13th Assembly District are running for reelection. No other candidates have announced a bid to challenge them for their seats. Assembly Member Heath Flora (R) of the 9th Assembly District, meanwhile, is eligible for reelection but has yet to announce his intention to do so. He recently became Assembly Republican Leader.

ⁱ “Fundamentally, our assessment and that of the administration are very similar—the state is likely to face persistent future deficits. These deficits range from \$10 billion to \$20 billion through 2028-29.” — California Legislative Analyst’s Office

ⁱⁱ “The passage of Proposition 4 is a sign that climate and natural resources funding remains a high priority for Californians, despite previous concerns about passing a state bond amidst state budget cuts and an economic slowdown.” – Public Policy Institute of California, Blog Post--February 10, 2025