



REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, California

TUESDAY, October 20, 2026

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. Bring Back the Kern, et al. v. City of Bakersfield, et al.
 4. Sierra Club v. California Department of Water Resources (Delta Conveyance Project Validation).
 5. Dennis and Cherri Armer v. Kern Delta Water District et al.
- B.** Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.8:
1. APN 188-270-16
 - a. District Negotiator: Steven Teglia.
 - b. Negotiating Party: Killdeer Farms LLC.
 - c. Under Negotiations: Price and Terms of Purchase.

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 September 15, 2026.
 - B. Approval of September/October District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) Disbursements.
 - C. Approval of September/October 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 – October 15, 2026.
 - i. Approval of September Financial Reports.
 - ii. Quarterly Investment Review.

- 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 – October 6, 2026.
 - i. District Encroachment Permit Report.
 - ii. District Facility and Banking Maintenance Report.
 - iii. Pending Development Projects.
 - iv. District Projects Update.
 - B. Approval of Master Services Agreement with Lonnie A. Cross Land Leveling Inc. for Earthwork.
 - i. Approval of Task Order #1 for Reconstruction of Approximately ½ Mile of the Rim Ditch (East Bank) South of the Drain Canal, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$410,880.
 - C. Approval of Proposal from S.A. Camp Pump and Drilling Company for the Abandonment of the BR1 Well, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$12,935 (Recommended for Approval by the Operations and Projects Committee).
- 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: 45%.
 - ii. Kern River Runoff Forecast April – July: 54% (May 26th B-120 Update).
 - 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. General Manager's Report.
 - i. Golden Mussel Response Update – www.goldenrulekerncounty.com
 - ii. SGMA Update (Subbasin Coordination, KRGSA, KNDLA).
 - iii. Approval of Master Services Agreement with Todd Groundwater for Groundwater Services.
 - B. External Agency Report.
 - i. WAKC – Annual Dinner November 4, 2026.
 - ii. SVWRA – Pilot Project Update.
 - iii. KCWA – Nord Siphon Project Update.
 - 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. VAWC Legislative Update.
- 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: October 20, 2026

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 September 15, 2026 (attached).

II B. Approval of September/October District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) Disbursements totaling \$244,840.22* (attached), partially recommended for approval by the Operations and Projects Committee (*see October 6, 2026 Operations and Projects Committee minutes for additional detail*).

II C. Approval of September/October District Disbursements (attached), recommended for approval by the Business and Finance Committee (*see October 15, 2026 Business and Finance Committee minutes for additional detail*).

**The total includes disbursements approved by the Operations and Projects Committee (\$219,419.72) and an additional amount (\$25,420.50) for disbursements made after October 6, 2026, which were subsequently recommended for approval by the Business and Finance Committee on October 15, 2026.*



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 15, 2026

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 12:01PM– 2:48PM

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Spitzer, Borba, and Garone.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Noel Howard – Water One AI, and Michelle Paul, California Farm Water Coalition.

CLOSED SESSION DECLARED AT 12:01PM

President Palla called to order the Closed Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 12:01PM regarding the following agenda items:

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Closed Session concluded at 1:06PM.

REGULAR SESSION DECLARED AT 1:14PM

President Palla called to order the Regular Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 1:14PM.

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

Item A(4): By a vote of 5-1 (Kaiser), staff was given direction to take the steps necessary for the District to

participate in the Delta Conveyance Project Pre-Construction and Planning efforts for 2026 and 2027 at a level equal to 1% of the District's Table 1 Contract with KCWA.

Item A(1-3, 5).: No reportable action.

Item B: By unanimous vote staff was given direction to take the necessary steps to purchase the identified property for a total purchase price of \$1,974,210.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC

Those identified as others present were introduced.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Paul, Executive Director of the California Farm Water Coalition (CFWC) introduced herself to the Board and provided a brief overview of the activities CFWC is engaged in.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (Mendonca/Kaiser) (yes-6, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Spitzer, Borba, and Garone absent, the Board approved and authorized items II A through II C of the Consent Calendar.

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of August 18, 2026.
- B. Approval of August/September District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) Disbursements.
- C. Approval of August/September District Disbursements.

III. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. Business & Finance Committee Report – September 10, 2026: District Controller Rivera provided a report from the September Business & Finance Committee Meeting.

A(i). Approval of August Financial Reports: Mr. Rivera presented the August District and Water Banking Project(s) Financial Statements, Treasurer's Reports, and District Delinquency Report.

M/S/C (Antongiovanni/Tillema) (yes-6, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Spitzer, Borba, and Garone absent, the Board approved the August District and Water Banking Project(s) Financial Statements, Treasurer's Reports, and Delinquency Report as presented.

B. Review and Approval of 2027 District Budget: Staff provided an overview of the proposed 2027 District Budget. It was noted that the proposed budget was reviewed during several recent meetings of the Business and Finance Committee and that the Committee was recommending approval of the budget as presented. In addition, the budget was also included on the prior month's agenda as an informational item, to provide the full Board with additional time for review. Following a brief discussion, the Board approved the budget as presented.

M/S/C (Antongiovanni/Kaiser) (yes-6, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Spitzer, Borba, and Garone absent, the Board approved the 2027 District Budget as presented.

C. Approval of Resolution 2026-04 Establishing District Assessments and Setting a Public Hearing Before the Kern Delta Board of Directors – November 17, 2026: Staff provided an overview of Resolution 2026-04 which establishes the 2027 land assessments for the District and sets a Public Hearing before the Board of

Directors to be held November 17, 2026.

M/S/C (Fanucchi/Mendonca) (yes-6, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Spitzer, Borba, and Garone absent, the Board approved Resolution 2026-04 establishing District assessments and setting a Public Hearing before the Board of Directors to be held on November 17, 2026, as presented.

IV. OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS

A. - A(i-iv). Operations and Projects Committee Report – September 1, 2026 - Canceled: Assistant General Manager Bellue reported on several items, including District maintenance activities, recent encroachment permit requests, pending development projects impacting District facilities, and an update regarding District initiated projects.

B. 2023 District Engineering Report: Staff presented the 2023 District Engineering Report, which was included in the Board packet. It was noted that the engineering report memorializes both District initiated projects as well as third-party related projects which impact District facilities. Mr. Teglia noted his appreciation for the efforts of District Staff Engineer, Daniel Deleon and Assistant General Manager Chris Bellue, who are responsible for overseeing the report as well as the many projects included in it. Staff is considering moving to a two-year timeframe for future reports. Following the Board meeting the report will be posted to the District website.

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 August and early September. Approximately 18,510 acre-feet of water was diverted in District during the month of August. Staff also provided information related to current precipitation totals and future forecasts. It was noted that the current 2026 SWP allocation remained at 45% and the most recent B-120 April through July Kern River runoff forecast for 2026 was 54%. Staff provided a brief update regarding current water management activities.

B. Kern River Watermaster Report: The September 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. General Manager's Report: Mr. Teglia provided an update on several items identified below:

A(i). Local Golden Mussel Response Update: Mr. Teglia provided an update regarding ongoing local efforts to prevent/mitigate golden mussel infestation in local water infrastructure. Mr. Teglia specifically highlighted District sponsored efforts to promote public awareness of the issue and proactive steps the community can take to prevent transportation of golden mussel tainted water. Mr. Teglia also provided an update regarding participation in the KCWA Golden Mussel Task Force. Mr. Teglia highlighted upcoming activities, including participation in Water Day at the Kern County Fair and collaboration efforts regarding Isabella Reservoir.

A(ii). SGMA Update: Mr. Teglia provided an update on local SGMA activities, including subbasin coordination activities as well as reports from the KRGSA and KNDLA.

A(iii). Customer Resources Information: Mr. Teglia reported that a new Customer Resources tab has been added to the District website ([Customer Resources - Kern Delta](#)) which provides information on a number of current customer resources including information related to the customer portal, Land IQ Daily ET program, emailed billing and online payments.

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 referenced the upcoming WAKC Clay Shoot event on October 17th and provided an update regarding the SVWRA pilot project efforts. Mr. Teglia elaborated that unless there were any objections, the District planned to participate in the funding of the SVWRA pilot project on a proportional basis.

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. VAWC Legislative Update: General Counsel Iger provided an update regarding the VAWC legislative update, which was provided in the Board packet for review.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Palla adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:48PM.

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, October 6, 2026

#	PAYEE		AMOUNT	CHECK
1	PGE - KI7	Well Utilities	41.99	EFT
2	PGE - ST1	Well Utilities	1,569.96	EFT
3	PGE - KI8	Well Utilities	832.06	EFT
4	PGE - KD2	Well Utilities	339.40	EFT
5	PGE - AE1	Well Utilities	136.99	EFT
6	PGE - AE4	Well Utilities	127.30	EFT
7	PGE - FR3	Well Utilities	46.33	EFT
8	PGE - AE3	Well Utilities	43.43	EFT
9	PGE - AE2	Well Utilities	43.43	EFT
10	PGE - BV5	Well Utilities	43.00	EFT
11	PGE - BV2	Well Utilities	43.00	EFT
12	PGE - BV4	Well Utilities	43.00	EFT
13	PGE - FR1	Well Utilities	27.47	EFT
14	ADVANCED ENVIRO. CONCEPTS	Phase I Services	2,850.00	4132
15	BAKERSFIELD WELL & PUMP	ST1 Repairs	900.00	4133
16	KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	2026 4th Quarter CVC	203,337.00	4134
17	KERN MACHINERY	Hood Parts #401	1,265.13	4135
18	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	Heat Shield/Tape #401	72.51	4136
19	QUINN	A/C Filters #408, #402	466.61	4137
20	TARGET SPECIALTY	Vasland	595.16	4138
21	STEPHEN B. SMITH	Weed Control	5,610.00	4139
22	TARGET SPECIALTY	Roundup	985.95	4140
TOTAL			219,419.72	

The below were received after the October 6th, 2026, Operations & Projects Committee meeting and will be reviewed at the October 15th, 2026 Business and Finance Committee meeting.

#	PAYEE		AMOUNT	CHECK
1	PGE - KB6	Well Utilities	6.82	EFT
2	PGE - ST1	Well Utilities	27.47	EFT
3	PGE - AE1	Well Utilities	101.65	EFT
4	PGE - KI7	Well Utilities	9.79	EFT
5	PGE - KB3	Well Utilities	6.82	EFT
6	PGE - KB4	Well Utilities	6.82	EFT
7	PGE - BV3	Well Utilities	43.00	EFT
8	PGE - FR2	Well Utilities	10.26	EFT
9	KCWA	24-25 Consultant Costs	16,935.00	4141
10	QUINN	Bolts	20.35	4142
11	STEPHEN B. SMITH	Weed Control	7,150.00	4143
TOTAL			24,317.98	

SUNSET WATER BANKING PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS
RECOMMENDED BY THE OPERATIONS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 6, 2026

The below were received after the October 6th, 2026, Operations & Projects Committee meeting and will be reviewed at the October 15th, 2026 Business and Finance Committee meeting.

#	PAYEE		AMOUNT	CHECK
1	AMAROK	Security Fence	1,102.52	EFT
TOTAL			1,102.52	

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT
DISBURSEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 15, 2026

SEPTEMBER 2026 SUB TOTAL \$ 221,608.06

# PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHECK
1 CITIZENS CARDMEMBER SERVICES - Subs., Lunch, Office Supplies	5,543.87	EFT
2 PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC - 08/11/26-09/09/26 Shop	17.81	EFT
3 PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC - 08/25/26-09/23/26 Lights	13.99	EFT
4 PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC - 08/10/26-09/08/26 Office	2,911.07	EFT
5 CINTAS - Uniforms, Towels, Mats	2,985.06	EFT
6 SPECTRUM - Internet Service	411.59	EFT
7 CAREFREE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT, LLC. - IT Support	5,765.75	EFT
8 VERIZON - Cell Service	608.06	EFT
9 PROGRESSIVE TECHNOLOGY, INC. - Phone Service	464.98	EFT
10 LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCOUNT - Spray Paint, Fitting, Nuts & Bolts	430.07	EFT
11 PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE - 10/01/26/10/31/26	5,797.55	EFT
12 UNITED AG BENEFIT TRUST - 10/2026 Medical Premium	36,600.16	EFT
13 PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC - 07/24/26-08/24/26 Lights	13.99	EFT
14 STERLING ADMINISTRATION - HRA Admin	125.00	EFT
15 CALPERS - SSA Annual Fee	90.00	EFT
16 A1 BATTERY - Battery	140.83	48969
17 AMAZON - Trash Bags, Binders, Surge Protectors, Office Supplies	327.48	48970
18 AMAZON - Trash Bags	58.61	48971
19 Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP - Professional Services	10,756.86	48972
20 BUDGET BOLT, INC. - Boom Bolts	35.72	48973
21 CROSS LANDLEVELING, INC. - Es Surge Pond-2	40,055.00	48974
22 GREENFIELD COUNTY WATER DIST. - Office Utilities	374.96	48975
23 JIM BURKE FORD - Evaporator/Heater Core, Filters	1,623.11	48976
24 KERN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - Dump Fees	2,373.16	48977
25 KCWA - 2026 4th Qtr CVC Standby	4,218.74	48978
26 McMURTREY, HARTSOCK, WORTH - Professional Services	2,000.00	48979
27 NKWSD - Golden Mussels Campaign	2,020.18	48980
28 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS - Wiper Fld, Headlamp, Brake Pads	178.85	48981
29 PAPE - Fuel Filter, Hotsy Parts	212.58	48982
30 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR - Burn Permit	640.00	48983
31 SCHWEBEL PETROLEUM - DEF	322.05	48984
32 SIERRA HYDROGRAPHICS - Station Repair 551	1,830.36	48985
33 SPRAYTEC - Bushing, Gears	879.16	48986
34 SSD ALARM - 2026 4th Qtr Alarm Service	1,360.83	48987
35 SSD ALARM - Access Control Installation	3,875.00	48988
36 TM SIGNS AND GRAPHICS - Stickers	260.87	48989
37 WESTAIR GASES & EQUIPMENT, INC. - Oxygen And Welding Hat	103.28	48992
38 A1 BATTERY - Battery	274.79	48993
39 AG SPRAY EQUIPMENT - Tank Lid, Cali. Jugs	131.12	48994
40 AMAZON - Electrolytes, Notepads, Paper Towels, Water Sampling Supplies	576.64	48995
41 B&B SURPLUS, INC. - S/S Rebar	1,094.41	48996
42 CHRISTENSEN, INC. - Fuel	13,360.84	48997
43 DANIELS TIRE SERVICE - Alignment	150.00	48998
44 EL ASADERO TACO GRILL - Catering	1,020.12	48999
45 HALL LETTER SHOP - Resolution Notice Mailing	976.10	49000

46 JIM BURKE FORD - Outter Tie Rod Ends/Shocks	753.45	49001
47 KING DOOR CO., INC. - Gate Repair	2,652.95	49002
48 KRAZAN & ASSOCIATES, INC. - E/S Surge Pond	4,272.00	49003
49 MARCOM GROUP - Annual Fees, Web Site Hosting	659.00	49004
50 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS - Filters	65.71	49005
51 QUINN - Retainer Spring, Shaft, Attachment Lock, Joint,	2,248.70	49006
52 TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS - Torpedo, Roundup	8,394.76	49007
53 TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS - Pro Spreader	735.89	49008
54 ZEIDERS CONSULTING - 04/2026-08/2026 Pilot	23,538.30	49009
55 Payroll #18	91,540.03	EFT
56 EFT-IRS P/R #18	29,157.52	EFT
57 Edd-State P/R #18	6,652.21	EFT
58 CASDU	253.84	EFT
59 Payroll People #18	213.35	EFT
60 Lincoln Life - Retirement Program	14,639.94	EFT
61 Lincoln Life - Deferred Comp.	2,839.00	EFT
62 Empower - Deferred Comp.	698.00	EFT
63 Payroll #19	88,336.01	EFT
64 EFT-IRS P/R #19	26,157.10	EFT
65 Edd-State P/R #19	6,235.15	EFT
66 CASDU	253.84	EFT
67 Payroll People #19	223.35	EFT
68 Lincoln Life - Retirement Program	14,013.30	EFT
69 Lincoln Life - Deferred Comp.	2,296.00	EFT
70 Empower - Deferred Comp.	125.00	EFT
SEPTEMBER 2026 TOTAL		701,573.06

# PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHECK
1 LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCOUNT - Lumber, Wasp Spray, Batteries	8,840.06	EFT
2 ZENITH INSURANCE COMPANY - Installment 6	7,385.00	EFT
3 CAREFREE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT, LLC. - IT Support	5,765.75	EFT
4 CENTRALIZE HR, LLC. - HR Support	1,895.00	EFT
5 VERIZON CONNECT - GPS Service	578.30	EFT
6 PITNEY BOWES - Service Agreement	155.94	EFT
7 CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING - October 2026 RO Rental	145.00	EFT
8 AMAZON - Sign, Coffee, Air Freshner, Coffee, Creamer	198.01	49010
9 AMERICAN HYDROTECH - Lawn Maintenance	325.00	49011
10 BLACK/HALL CONSTRUCTION, INC. - Shop Enclosure App. 1	11,090.07	49012
11 Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP - Professional Services	39,872.86	49013
12 BUDGET BOLT, INC. - Cotter Pins, Bolts/Pins, Plow Bolts/Nuts	362.86	49014
13 CHRISTENSEN, INC. - Fuel	14,643.57	49015
14 CROSS LANDLEVELING, INC. - ES Surge Pond-3	78,930.00	49016
15 DANIELS TIRE SERVICE - Repair, Tires	390.20	49017
16 GREENFIELD COUNTY WATER DIST. - Office Utilities	394.59	49018
17 INDUSTRIAL MEDICAL GROUP - Employee Physical	780.00	49019
18 JORONCO RENTALS - Canopy, Tables, Chairs	995.85	49020
19 KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY - TRF 26-064, 24-25 Consultant Costs	1,629.00	49021
20 LAND IQ - 10/2026 ET Analysis	7,970.22	49022
21 McMURTREY, HARTSOCK, WORTH - Professional Services	2,000.00	49023
22 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS - Rear Brake Pads, Oil Cap	71.00	49024
23 ORKIN - Mosquito Service, Pest Control	243.54	49025

24 PRICE DISPOSAL - Waste Removal	86.11	49026
25 QUINN - Cable, Cutting Edge, Metal Rings,	4,439.66	49027
26 SCHWEBEL PETROLEUM - Grease, Oil Drum	1,434.68	49028
27 STEPHEN B. SMITH - Bike Path	440.00	49029
28 STERICYCLE, INC. - Shred Service	127.53	49030
29 SWEEPING CORP OF AMERICA - Parkinglot Maintenance	570.00	49031
30 TARGET SPECIALTY - Torpedo, Cheetah	12,055.24	49032
31 THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN - Publishing Ad, Hearing Ad	6,649.80	49033
32 VANGUARD - Cleaning Service	1,225.00	49034
33 WANGER JONES HELSLEY PC - Professional Services	38,934.53	49035
34 WESTCOAST HYDRAULICS, INC. - Hyd Hoses	338.75	49036
35 Payroll #20	87,346.34	EFT
36 EFT-IRS P/R #20	25,653.12	EFT
37 Edd-State P/R #20	6,191.41	EFT
38 CASDU	253.84	EFT
39 Payroll People #20	209.55	EFT
40 Lincoln Life - Retirement Program	13,926.00	EFT
41 Lincoln Life - Deferred Comp.	2,121.00	EFT
42 Empower - Deferred Comp.	125.00	EFT
OCTOBER 2026 SUBTOTAL		386,789.38

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT
Anticipated Disbursements - Month End - Oct 2026

		October 2026 Estimated
Payee	Reason	
A-1 BATTERY	truck maintenance/repair	250.00
AFFINITY TRUCK CENTER	parts/filters	250.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	office supplies	850.00
AMERICAN HYDROTECH	lawn service	325.00
B & B SURPLUS	canal maintenance materials	1,000.00
BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER et al	professional services	38,000.00
BSE RENTS	equipment rental	300.00
CHRISTENSEN/(Amerifuel)	gas/diesel fuel	13,500.00
CINTAS	uniform/laundry service	1,200.00
CITIZENS CARDMEMBER SERV	misc expenses	4,000.00
DANIELS TIRE SERVICE	vehicle tires/repair	800.00
EMPOWER	deferred comp contributions	125.00
GRAINGER	safety materials	500.00
JIM BURKE	truck maintenance/repair	1,200.00
KERN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS	waste disposal	2,500.00
LINCOLN FINANCIAL	pension/deferred comp contributions	17,000.00
LOWE'S	maintenance materials	500.00
MARCOM GROUP	district web site support	95.00
McMURTREY, HARTSOCK et al	professional services	2,000.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	vehicle repair parts	500.00
ORKIN	pest control - office	99.00
P.G.&E.	district office utilities	3,000.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE INS.	dental/vision/life insurance premium	5,800.00
PROGRESSIVE TECH.	phones	465.00
QUINN	heavy equipment parts/repair	850.00
SSD SYSTEMS	office alarm monitoring	1,360.00
STEPHEN SMITH WEED CONTROL	weed control spraying service	500.00
STERLING ADMINISTRATION	medical insurance - annual fees	125.00
TARGET	weed control chemicals	28,000.00
UNITED AG	medical insurance premium	37,000.00
VERIZON	cell phones and service	605.00
WANGER, JONES, & HELLSLEY	professional services	55,000.00
WHITE CAP	maintenance peripherals	500.00
		218,199.00

Tab III





BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

**501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, CA**

**THURSDAY October 15, 2026
10:00AM**

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Public Comment Period**
- 3. Approve Minutes of September 10, 2026, Meeting of the Business & Finance Committee**
- 4. Financial Reports and Disbursements:**
 - a. Approve September and October District and Banking Project(s) Disbursements
 - b. Approve September 2026 Financial Reports
- 5. District Controller's Report:**
 - a. Quarterly Investment Review
- 6. Committee Comments**
- 7. Adjourn**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Rivera", is written over the printed name and title.

**Jose Rivera
District Controller**

**Posted: Monday, October 12, 2026
Bakersfield, California**

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MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 15, 2026

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Antongiovanni, Borba, Kaiser, Tillema

OTHERS PRESENT: From KDWD: General Manager Teglia, Assistant General Manager Bellue,
District Counsel Iger, Controller Rivera

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Antongiovanni called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- a. **M/S/C (Tillema/Kaiser) (yes – 4, no – 0):** The Business & Finance Committee approved the minutes of the Business & Finance Committee Meeting held on September 10, 2026, as presented.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

- a.-b. Approval of September and October Disbursements and September 2026 Financial Reports.

M/S/C (Kaiser/Borba) (yes – 4, no – 0): The Business & Finance Committee recommends the Board approve the September and October District Disbursements, the October Water Banking Projects' Disbursements, the anticipated October end of month Disbursements, and the September 2026 District and Water Banking Projects' Financial Statements, Treasurer's Reports, and Delinquency Report as presented.

5. DISTRICT CONTROLLER'S REPORT

- a. Quarterly Investment Review.
Staff presented the District's Quarterly Investment Review for the 3rd Quarter of 2026. No action was taken.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Antongiovanni adjourned the meeting at 10:22 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Antongiovanni – Chair

**Kern Delta Water District
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2026**

	<u>09/30/2026</u>	<u>08/31/2026</u>	<u>Month-to-Month Variance</u>
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	37,541,905	37,233,155	308,750
Accounts Receivable	486,837	842,607	(355,770)
Inventory & Prepaid Expenses	355,910	309,974	45,936
Total Current Assets	<u>38,384,652</u>	<u>38,385,736</u>	<u>(1,084)</u>
Net Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets			
District Structures, Rights of Way	18,760,345	18,709,200	51,145
CVC Expansion	8,795,337	8,795,338	0
Machinery & Equipment	4,476,476	4,476,475	0
Fixed Assets	<u>32,032,158</u>	<u>31,981,013</u>	<u>51,145</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(9,584,992)</u>	<u>(9,532,992)</u>	<u>(52,000)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>22,447,166</u>	<u>22,448,021</u>	<u>(855)</u>
Investment in Joint Powers Authority	<u>41,519</u>	<u>41,519</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>1,657,861</u>	<u>1,657,862</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>72,058,735</u>	<u>72,060,675</u>	<u>(1,939)</u>
Liabilities & Equity			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	268,718	241,495	27,223
Deposits Held for Others	26,500	26,500	0
Other Liabilities	224,143	228,223	(4,080)
Total Current Liabilities	<u>519,361</u>	<u>496,218</u>	<u>23,143</u>
Long Term Liabilities			
Bonds & COP Debt	2,815,000	2,815,000	0
Bonds Premium & Costs	68,694	68,693	0
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>2,883,694</u>	<u>2,883,693</u>	<u>0</u>
Equity From Past Years	70,282,183	70,282,183	0
Accumulated Equity - Current Year	<u>(1,626,503)</u>	<u>(1,601,419)</u>	<u>(25,082)</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>72,058,735</u>	<u>72,060,675</u>	<u>(1,939)</u>

Kern Delta Water District
Cash Variance Analysis
September 30, 2026

Cash Received:

Property Tax Receipts	585,550
Accounts Receivable Collections	538,370
Interest Received	13,902
	<u>1,137,822</u>

Cash Disbursed:

Professional Services	(91,846)
Medical/Dental Monthly Insurance Premiums	(42,398)
Cross Landleveling Inc. Stenderup Surge Pond	(40,055)
City of Bakersfield - 2nd Qtr Isabella	(28,268)
Diesel/Gas for Fleet	(25,140)
Engineering Consulting - Zeiders	(23,538)
Land IQ - ET Evaluation	(12,238)
Todd Groundwater - Ag Water Management Plan	(11,298)
KCWA - 4th Qtr Standby CVC & IAA Participation	(9,116)
Krazan & Associates - E/S Surge pond Compaction Test	(8,684)
Target/UPL - Weed Chemicals	(8,395)
Zenith Insurance - Workers' Comp	(7,385)
Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	(6,876)
Progressive Tech/Carefree Tech - Cyber Security, Tech	(5,766)
Citizens Credit Card - Office Supplies/Catering	(5,544)
SSD Alarm	(3,875)
PG&E	(2,957)
Kern County Public Works	(2,373)
Other Disbursements	(27,668)
	<u>(363,419)</u>
Payrolls Paid	(283,634)
	<u>(647,053)</u>

Positive/(Negative) Cash Variance Before FMV Adjustment

490,769

FMV Adjustment

(182,019)

Adjusted Positive/(Negative) Cash Variance

308,750

Kern Delta Water District
Accounts Receivable Variance Analysis
September 30, 2026

Revenue Added to Accounts Receivable:

Water Sales - Utility Water	135,568
Seepage Revenue - June 2026	24,243
Water Sales - State Water	12,505
Sale of Vehicles	6,000
Penalties/Interest/Adjustments	2,444
Encroachment Permits	500
WKS Restaurant Parking Lot Rental	500
District Wells	479
Pumping Permit	350
	182,588

Cash Received:

Water Payments	(422,259)
Misc Payments	(113,456)
Assessments Payments	(2,644)
	(538,358)
	(538,358)

Net positive/(negative) variance

(355,770)

Kern Delta Water District
Inventory/Prepays Variance Analysis
September 30, 2026

Additions to Accounts:

Weed Control Chemicals Purchased	98,308
Prepaid Additions	49,783
	148,091

Usage/Amortization:

Chemicals Consumed During Month	(21,815)
Amortization of Prepaid Accounts	(80,340)
	(102,155)

Net positive/(negative) variance	45,936
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**Kern Delta Water District
Statement of Operating Results
Through the Period Ended September 30, 2026**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u> KDWD Budget 2026	<u>YTD as %age of Budget (Target is 75%)</u>	<u>Budget Remaining</u>
REVENUE					
State Water Sales	12,505	805,786	1,102,239	73 %	(296,453)
Utility Water Sales	135,504	2,680,707	3,214,296	83 %	(533,590)
Seepage Revenue	24,243	497,184	900,001	55 %	(402,815)
Equalization	0	9,275	9,275	100 %	0
Assessments	0	971,727	974,743	100 %	(3,016)
Property Tax	585,550	3,789,704	7,300,000	52 %	(3,510,297)
Interest Revenue	15,379	965,663	996,760	97 %	(31,097)
Other Revenue	9,400	214,500	275,000	78 %	(60,500)
Water Transfer Charges	0	860,709	1,000,000	86 %	(139,291)
Expense Reimb From Banking	0	0	150,000	0 %	(150,000)
Total Revenue	<u>782,581</u>	<u>10,795,255</u>	<u>15,922,314</u>	<u>68 %</u>	<u>(5,127,059)</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Source of Supply					
State Water Costs	0	3,491,577	4,000,000	87 %	(508,423)
Exchange Fees	0	0	63,750	0 %	(63,750)
Watermaster, City, Isabella	0	339,382	591,561	57 %	(252,179)
Grower Recharge Program Costs	0	0	0	0 %	0
Miscellaneous Source Costs	1,250	954,797	950,000	101 %	4,797
Total Source of Supply	<u>1,250</u>	<u>4,785,756</u>	<u>5,605,311</u>	<u>85 %</u>	<u>(819,555)</u>
Transmission and Distribution					
Labor	260,897	2,420,319	3,211,028	75 %	(790,709)
Employee Benefits	92,294	934,989	1,253,403	75 %	(318,414)
Maintenance & Repairs	71,378	917,016	1,783,244	51 %	(866,228)
Total Transmission and Distribution	<u>424,569</u>	<u>4,272,324</u>	<u>6,247,675</u>	<u>68 %</u>	<u>(1,975,351)</u>
Administrative & Other Costs					
Engineering Consultants	23,539	23,539	50,000	47 %	(26,461)
Legal Expense	630	3,206	10,000	32 %	(6,794)
Special Legal/Engineering	51,691	730,468	900,000	81 %	(169,532)
Office Operations	30,751	320,038	496,745	64 %	(176,707)
Insurance	22,359	199,908	313,095	64 %	(113,187)
Special Expenses	6,618	792,489	1,161,000	68 %	(368,511)
Kern River GSA & SGMA	12,238	152,694	320,000	48 %	(167,306)
Construction Expense - Peripheral	0	0	0	0 %	0
Bond Interest Expense	0	47,888	89,022	54 %	(41,134)
FMV Adjustment	182,019	625,447	0	0 %	625,447
Depreciation	52,000	468,000	0	0 %	468,000
Total Administrative & Other	<u>381,845</u>	<u>3,363,677</u>	<u>3,339,862</u>	<u>101 %</u>	<u>23,815</u>
Total Expenses	<u>807,664</u>	<u>12,421,757</u>	<u>15,192,848</u>	<u>82 %</u>	<u>(2,771,091)</u>
Net Fav/(Unfav) Operating Results	<u>(25,083)</u>	<u>(1,626,502)</u>	<u>729,466</u>	<u>(223) %</u>	<u>(2,355,968)</u>

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT
Labor and Benefits Tracker
2026

Actual Cost	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL 2026
Wages & Salaries	258,785	241,933	267,524	264,200	284,630	276,010	284,869	281,470	260,897				2,420,319
Payroll Taxes - Employer Paid	19,826	18,184	20,109	19,865	21,417	20,704	21,309	19,664	18,122				179,200
Medical/Dental/Vision - Cost	53,853	49,639	54,247	58,764	51,743	50,832	43,713	48,851	47,592				459,234
Medical/Dental/Vision - Employee Withheld	(4,976)	(4,573)	(5,044)	(4,882)	(5,044)	(4,881)	(2,766)	(5,044)	(4,717)				(41,928)
Workers' Comp Insurance	5,969	5,969	5,969	449	6,518	11,547	6,518	6,518	6,518				55,975
Life/LTD/AD&D	1,682	1,809	1,809	1,804	1,774	1,745	1,745	1,864	1,741				15,973
Retirement Plan	23,371	23,051	24,521	23,901	25,458	24,637	25,478	25,305	23,609				219,332
Uniforms and Other Benefits	1,738	1,729	2,331	3,648	2,919	2,326	2,393	5,126	3,939				26,149
Total Benefits	101,463	95,808	103,942	103,550	104,785	106,910	98,389	102,283	96,804	-	-	-	913,934
Total Before Vacation Accrual	360,248	337,741	371,466	367,750	389,415	382,920	383,259	383,753	357,701	-	-	-	3,334,253

Budgeted Cost													
Wages & Salaries	270,852	245,031	268,767	260,153	282,082	270,710	282,399	267,427	261,277				2,408,698
Payroll Taxes - Employer Paid	19,789	17,903	19,630	19,000	20,780	19,936	20,804	19,045	17,742				-
Medical/Dental/Vision - Cost	49,940	49,940	49,940	49,940	49,940	49,940	49,940	49,940	49,941				174,629
Medical/Dental/Vision - Employee Withheld	(4,728)	(4,728)	(4,728)	(4,728)	(4,728)	(4,728)	(4,728)	(4,728)	(4,728)				449,461
Workers' Comp Insurance	6,035	6,035	6,035	6,035	6,638	6,639	6,638	6,639	6,638				(42,552)
Life/LTD/AD&D	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700				57,332
Retirement Plan	26,105	23,613	25,917	25,086	27,549	26,456	27,578	27,379	26,719				15,300
Uniforms and Other Benefits	2,948	2,948	3,898	2,947	2,948	3,898	2,947	2,948	3,898				236,402
Total Benefits	101,789	97,411	102,392	99,980	104,827	103,841	104,879	102,923	101,910	-	-	-	29,380
Total Labor and Benefits	372,641	342,442	371,159	360,133	386,909	374,551	387,278	370,350	363,187	-	-	-	3,328,650

Budget vs Actual Variance - Fav/(Unfav)													
Wages & Salaries	12,067	3,098	1,243	(4,047)	(2,548)	(5,300)	(2,470)	(14,043)	380	-	-	-	(11,621)
Payroll Taxes - Employer Paid	(37)	(281)	(479)	(865)	(637)	(768)	(505)	(619)	(380)	-	-	-	(4,571)
Medical/Dental/Vision - Cost	(3,913)	301	(4,307)	(8,824)	(1,803)	(892)	6,227	1,089	2,349	-	-	-	(9,773)
Medical/Dental/Vision - Employee Withheld	248	(155)	316	154	316	153	(1,962)	316	(11)	-	-	-	(624)
Workers' Comp Insurance	66	66	66	5,586	120	(4,908)	120	121	120	-	-	-	1,357
Life/LTD/AD&D	18	(109)	(109)	(104)	(74)	(45)	(45)	(164)	(41)	-	-	-	(673)
Retirement Plan	2,734	562	1,396	1,185	2,091	1,819	2,100	2,074	3,110	-	-	-	17,070
Uniforms and Other Benefits	1,210	1,219	1,567	(701)	29	1,572	554	(2,178)	(41)	-	-	-	3,231
Total Benefits	326	1,603	(1,550)	(3,570)	42	(3,069)	6,490	641	5,106	-	-	-	6,018
Total Labor and Benefits	12,393	4,701	(307)	(7,617)	(2,506)	(8,369)	4,019	(13,403)	5,486	-	-	-	(5,603)

Vacation Accrual - Incr/(Decr) - Actual	(4,405)	11,533	9,586	12,647	8,372	1,186	(13,878)	62	(4,080)				21,023
Vacation Accrual - Incr/(Decr) - Budget	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250				11,250
Variance	5,655	(10,283)	(8,336)	(11,397)	(7,122)	64	15,128	1,188	5,330				(9,773)

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT

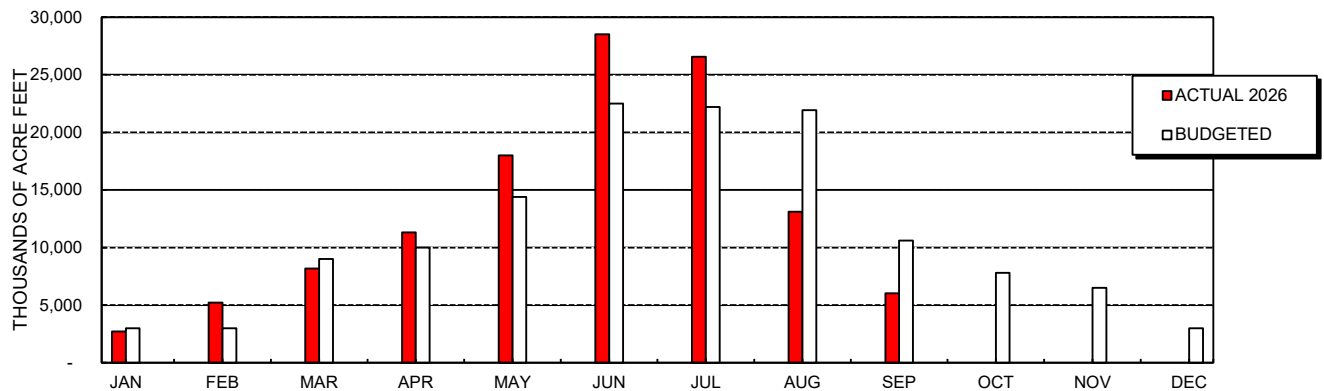
TREASURER'S REPORT

September 2026

	2026	2025	2024	2023
Cash & Securities on hand - September 1, 2026	\$ 37,233,155	\$ 36,399,318	\$ 32,708,009	\$ 25,004,985
Add: September receipts	956,332	1,598,644	1,711,843	711,637
Less: September disbursements	(647,582)	(982,578)	(634,550)	(902,708)
Cash & Securities on hand - September 30, 2026	\$ 37,541,905	\$ 37,015,383	\$ 33,785,301	\$ 24,813,914
Petty Cash \$ 500 Citizens Business Bank 389,220 Kern County Treasury 932,131 CAMP 7,603,455 LPL Financial 28,616,600 \$ 37,541,905				
Restricted Reserves:				
Restricted Reserve Fund - Water Resources Manager	\$ -	\$ (138,076)	\$ (235,000)	\$ (294,583)
Unrestricted Reserves:				
Pipeline Maintenance	(434,524)	(311,912)	(311,912)	(216,912)
Water Rights Protection & Litigation Reserve	(5,000,000)	(3,408,358)	(3,408,358)	(3,168,358)
2015-A COP Reserve Fund	(2,815,000)	(3,075,000)	(3,325,000)	(3,565,000)
Operating Reserve	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Capital Reserve	(4,000,000)	(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	(1,000,000)	(250,000)	-	-
Water Supply Augmentation Reserve	(4,000,000)			
Golden Mussel Mitigation Reserve	(2,000,000)			
Total Reserves	\$ (27,749,524)	\$ (17,683,346)	\$ (17,780,270)	\$ (17,744,853)
Cash Available - September 30, 2026	\$ 9,792,381	\$ 19,332,037	\$ 16,005,031	\$ 7,069,061

Kern Delta Water District
Monthly Water Sales Volume
in Acre Feet

	2025	2026										
	Actual (Accum- ulated)	Budgeted		Actual								
		Monthly	(Accum- ulated)	Monthly				Accumulated				% of Budget
				Utility	State	Contracts	Total	Utility	State	Contracts	Total	
JAN	4,579	3,000	3,000	2,609	-	104	2,713	2,609	-	104	2,713	90%
FEB	8,141	3,000	6,000	4,897	-	328	5,224	7,506	-	431	7,937	132%
MAR	14,921	9,000	15,000	7,719	53	398	8,169	15,224	53	829	16,106	107%
APR	25,656	10,000	25,000	10,886	52	372	11,311	26,110	105	1,201	27,417	110%
MAY	43,862	14,400	39,400	17,316	207	474	17,997	43,426	312	1,676	45,414	115%
JUN	71,352	22,500	61,900	23,844	4,188	488	28,521	67,271	4,501	2,164	73,935	119%
JUL	101,010	22,200	84,100	22,331	3,780	451	26,562	89,601	8,281	2615	100,497	119%
AUG	118,421	21,929	106,029	11,533	1,259	313	13,105	101,135	9,540	2,927	113,602	107%
SEP	126,125	10,600	116,629	5,649	141	238	6,028	106,783	9,680	3,166	119,629	103%
OCT	130,273	7,800	124,429				-					0%
NOV	132,174	6,500	130,929				-					0%
DEC	132,206	3,000	133,929				-					0%



KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT

Aged Accounts Receivable

Past Due Accounts

October 20, 2026

Account	Name	0-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	Over 90 Days	Total Past Due
994	Giannelli Farms	2,036.90	33.10	2,206.45		4,276.45
2362	Tesch, Greg	1,088.88				1,088.88
2437	Upple, Shinda	7,537.77				7,537.77
3942	Western Sky Dair LLC	5,808.71				5,808.71
5739	Tecuya Tree & Vine	179.34	3.74	145.68	103.34	432.10
5938	Prestige Ranch LLC	11,669.85				11,669.85
5977	Mike Vandborg Farms	6,041.86	78.83			6,120.69
6147	Pryor, Josh	265.31				265.31
	OTHER	59.84	3.15	-	238.99	301.98
		34,688.46	118.82	2,352.13	342.33	37,501.74

**Kern Delta Water Banking Project
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2026**

	<u>09/30/2026</u>	<u>08/31/2026</u>	<u>Month-to-Month Variance</u>
Total Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	5,916,738	6,123,527	(206,789)
Other Receivables	0	9,200	(9,200)
Inventory and Prepaids	85,334	85,470	(136)
Total Current Assets	<u>6,002,072</u>	<u>6,218,197</u>	<u>(216,125)</u>
Fixed Assets			
CVC Expansion	16,672,371	16,672,371	0
All Other Structures	48,329,989	48,327,138	2,850
Machinery and Equipment	598,823	598,824	0
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(14,569,544)</u>	<u>(14,520,544)</u>	<u>(49,000)</u>
Fixed Assets Net of Depreciation	<u>51,031,639</u>	<u>51,077,789</u>	<u>(46,150)</u>
Other Assets			
Investment in Sunset Banking Project	1,657,862	1,657,861	0
Total Other Assets	<u>1,657,862</u>	<u>1,657,861</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>58,691,573</u>	<u>58,953,847</u>	<u>(262,275)</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	25,463	13,316	12,146
Total Current Liabilities	<u>25,463</u>	<u>13,316</u>	<u>12,146</u>
Equity			
Capital Contributions From KDWD	9,527,537	9,527,538	0
Equity From Past Years	50,225,133	50,225,133	0
Accumulated Equity - Current Year	<u>(1,086,560)</u>	<u>(812,140)</u>	<u>(274,421)</u>
Total Equity	<u>58,666,110</u>	<u>58,940,531</u>	<u>(274,421)</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>58,691,573</u>	<u>58,953,847</u>	<u>(262,275)</u>

Kern Delta Water Banking Project
Cash Variance Analysis
September 30, 2026

Cash Received:

Interest Received	12,191
Received From ID4 - CVC Ops/Power Supplemental	9,200
	<u>21,391</u>

Cash Disbursed:

KCWA - CVC 4th Qtr 2026 CVC Ops & Power	(203,337)
Bakersfield Well And Pump (Well Repairs)	(10,400)
Weed Control Labor by Others	(5,610)
PG&E - Well Power	(4,007)
Advanced Environmental Concepts (Phase 1 Services)	(2,850)
Equipment Maintenance	(1,840)
Weed Chemicals Purchased	(1,581)
	<u>(229,625)</u>

Positive/(Negative) Cash Variance Before FMV Adjustment	(208,234)
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FMV Adjustment	1,445
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Adjusted Positive/(Negative) Cash Variance	(206,789)
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**Kern Delta Water Banking Project
Inventory/Prepays Variance Analysis
September 30, 2026**

Additions to Accounts:

Chemicals Purchased	9,423
Prepaid Additions	-
	9,423

Usage/Amortization:

Chemicals Consumed During Month	(9,559)
Amortization of Prepaid Accounts	-
	(9,559)

Net positive/(negative) variance

(136)

**Kern Delta Water Banking Project
Statement of Operating Results
As of September 30, 2026**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
REVENUE:		
Interest Revenue	12,191	130,032
Total Revenue	<u>12,191</u>	<u>130,032</u>
 EXPENSES		
Other Costs		
Power Cost - Wells	3,596	13,800
CVC Operating Costs	217,118	535,792
CVC Power Costs	3,154	7,885
Spreading OM&R	15,189	221,642
Wells OM&R and Other	0	14,455
FMV Adjustment	(1,445)	(17,982)
Depreciation	49,000	441,000
Total Other Costs	<u>286,612</u>	<u>1,216,592</u>
Total All Expenses	<u>286,612</u>	<u>1,216,592</u>
Favorable/(Unfavorable) Operating Results	<u>(274,421)</u>	<u>(1,086,560)</u>

KERN DELTA WATER BANKING PROJECT

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 2026

	2026	2025	2024	2023
Cash & Securities on hand - September 1, 2026	\$ 6,123,527	\$ 6,672,791	\$ 7,161,429	\$ 6,657,497
Add: September receipts	22,836	68,740	272,845	18,523
Less: September disbursements	(229,625)	(237,508)	(332,681)	(422,570)
Cash & Securities on hand - September 30, 2026	\$ 5,916,738	\$ 6,504,023	\$ 7,101,593	\$ 6,253,450
Citizens Business Bank \$ 65,730 Kern County Treasury 55,111 CAMP 4,726,613 LPL Financial 1,069,284 \$ 5,916,738				
Restricted Cash included in above: OM&R Spreading	\$ (492,568)	\$ (159,307)	\$ (194,739)	\$ (111,625)
OM&R Extraction	(18,076)	(377,296)	(591,764)	(499,513)
Take/Put Fees	(1,884,119)	(1,884,119)	(2,014,124)	(3,900,399)
Total Restricted	\$ (2,394,763)	\$ (2,420,722)	\$ (2,800,627)	\$ (4,511,537)
Cash Available for Construction - September 30, 2026	\$ 3,521,975	\$ 4,083,301	\$ 4,300,966	\$ 1,741,913

**Sunset Water Banking Project
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2026**

	<u>09/30/2026</u>	<u>08/31/2026</u>	<u>Month-to-Month Variance</u>
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	126,465	126,235	230
Inventory & Prepaid Expenses	2,172	2,172	0
Total Current Assets	<u>128,637</u>	<u>128,407</u>	<u>230</u>
Fixed Assets			
Construction in Progress	6,497,311	6,497,311	0
Total Fixed Assets at Cost	<u>6,497,311</u>	<u>6,497,311</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>6,497,311</u>	<u>6,497,311</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>6,625,948</u>	<u>6,625,718</u>	<u>230</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	119,733	119,733	0
Accumulated Equity - Current Year	(5,498)	(5,728)	230
Total Equity	<u>6,625,948</u>	<u>6,625,718</u>	<u>230</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>6,625,948</u>	<u>6,625,718</u>	<u>230</u>

**Sunset Water Banking Project
Statement of Operating Results
As of September 30, 2026**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenue		
Interest Revenue	1,266	5,886
Total Revenue	<u>1,266</u>	<u>5,886</u>
Expenses		
Ops, Maintenance, & Repair Costs	1,050	9,450
FMV Adjustment	(14)	1,934
Insurance	0	2,172
Total Expenses	<u>1,036</u>	<u>13,556</u>
Fav/(Unfav) Operating Results	<u><u>230</u></u>	<u><u>(7,670)</u></u>

SUNSET BANKING PROJECT

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 2026

	2026	2025	2024	2023
Cash & Securities on hand - September 1, 2026	\$ 126,235	\$ 429,258	\$ 940,459	\$ 2,782,843
Add: September receipts	1,280	5	5,972	1,705
Less: September disbursements	(1,050)	(1,000)	-	(268,016)
Cash & Securities on hand - September 30, 2026	\$ 126,465	\$ 428,263	\$ 946,431	\$ 2,516,533
Citizens Business Bank 4,512 Kern County Treasury 3,289 CAMP 118,664 \$ 126,465				
Unrestricted Reserves:				
Cash From Operations	0	(18,051)		
Total Reserves	\$ 0	\$ (18,051)	\$ -	\$ -
Cash Available - September 3, 2026	\$ 126,465	\$ 410,212	\$ 946,431	\$ 2,516,533



To: Kern Delta Water District Business & Finance Committee

From: Jose Rivera – Controller

Date: October 20, 2026

Re: Agenda Item 5a. – Quarterly Investment Review

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report, informational only.

DISCUSSION:

The Investment Policy of Kern Delta Water District requires the District’s Treasurer to submit a quarterly investment review and analysis to the Board of Directors. In compliance with this directive the District Controller offers the following analysis of the District’s cash and cash equivalents position and performance through September 30, 2026.

A comparative overview of the District’s cash and cash equivalents position as of September 30, 2026, is shown in the following table:

	9/30/26	6/30/26	3/31/26	12/31/25
LPL Financial	\$29,685,884	\$28,967,298	\$28,255,243	\$29,232,283
CAMP Funds	12,448,732	11,777,736	11,781,794	9,455,372
Kern County Treasury	990,531	244,915	571,411	3,591,153
Citizens Business Bank	459,462	1,908,916	729,950	989,655
Total	\$43,584,609	\$42,898,865	\$41,338,398	\$43,268,463

Cash and Cash Equivalents increased \$685,744 during the third quarter of 2026. This increase is attributed to collections of operationally generated revenues that exceeded payments of operationally generated expenses during the quarter.

LPL Financial Review:

During the third quarter of 2026, \$3 million in U.S. Treasury securities matured. The maturity proceeds, together with additional surplus funds, were used to purchase \$4 million in new U.S. Treasury securities. The purchases consisted of \$2 million in securities maturing in March 2029 at a yield to maturity of 4.11% and an additional \$2 million in securities maturing in April 2029 at an annualized yield of 4.56%.

The attached “Kern Delta Water District Summary of Invested Cash Reserves” describe the nature and mix of the District’s investments held at LPL Financial as of September 30, 2026.

CAMP Funds Review:

Interest earned for the third quarter of 2026 was \$70,997. Excess cash made available in the normal course of operations is directed to the CAMP account where it earns interest until it is needed or reinvested in other securities at the discretion of the Business and Finance Committee. The 7-day yield earned on CAMP Funds was 3.78% on July 1st and 3.97% at quarter’s end.

Kern County Treasury Funds:

The balance in Kern County Treasury (KCT) has increased by \$745,616. Property tax collected during the third quarter was \$732,100. Excess funds not needed to cover short term obligations were invested in CAMP Funds or long-term US Treasuries.

Shortly before the Kern County Treasury’s (KCT) fiscal year ended on June 30, 2025, KCT implemented a new accounting and cash management system. Since that time, KCT has been able to provide updated cash balances for all District funds held at KCT. However, information related to the performance of the KCT investment portfolio is not nearly as current. The most recently published annualized interest rate for funds held at KCT is 3.93% as of March 31, 2026.

As of March 31, 2026, the Fair Market Value of KCT funds had decreased to 101.48% compared to 101.86% on December 31, 2025. The FMV of U.S. Treasuries and Federal Agencies, representing 71% of the entire KCT portfolio, is 103% and is, thusly, a key factor in the overall valuation of the portfolio. As a reminder, the FMV adjustment is a valuation disclosure required by generally accepted accounting principles. If all invested cash was liquidated from the District’s accounts at Kern County, the actual cost, plus accrued interest, would be recovered and not the fair market value.

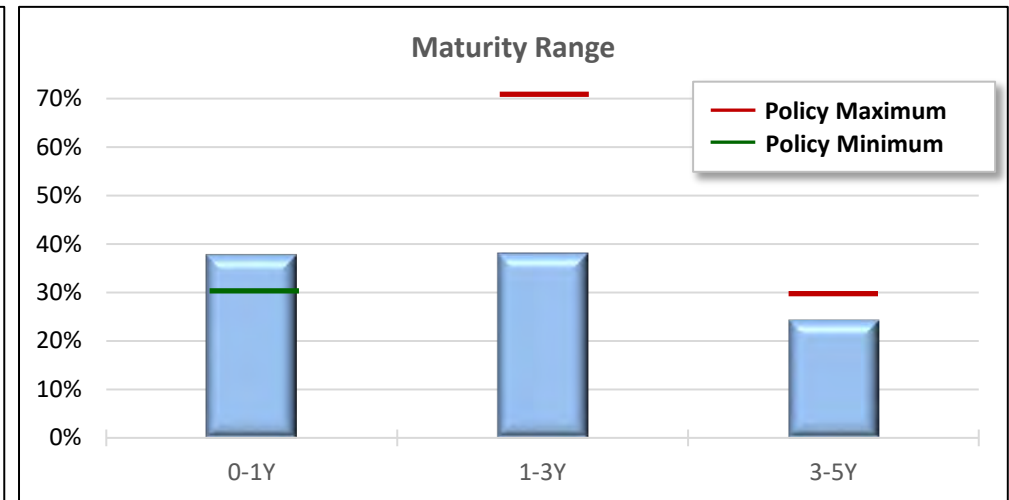
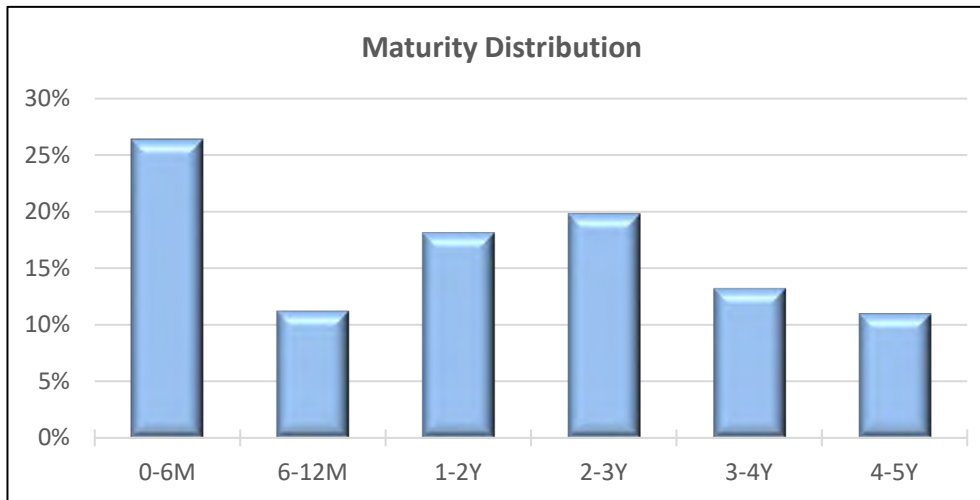
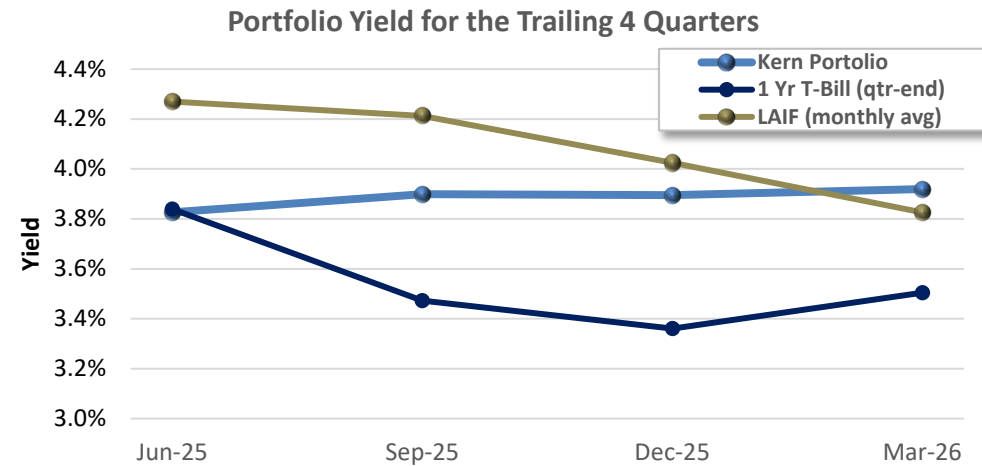
It should be noted that (1) all investment actions executed since the last report have been made in full compliance with the investment policy of the District and (2) the District will meet its expenditure obligations for the next six months.



Kern County Treasurer's Pooled Cash Portfolio Summary

3/31/2026

Total Market Value	\$ 7,065,366,467
Yield to Maturity at Cost	3.92%
Yield to Maturity at Market	3.89%
Effective Duration	1.64
Weighted Average Years to Maturity	1.84

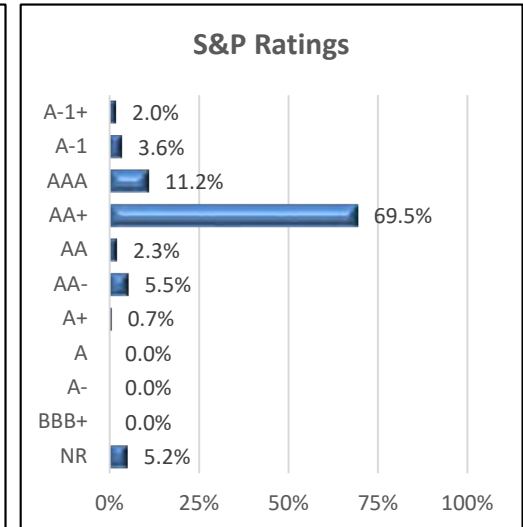
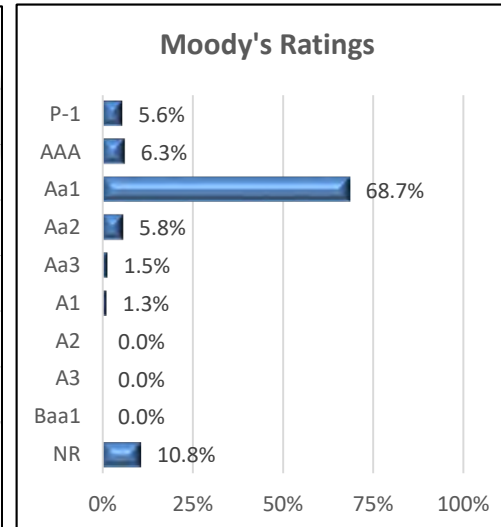
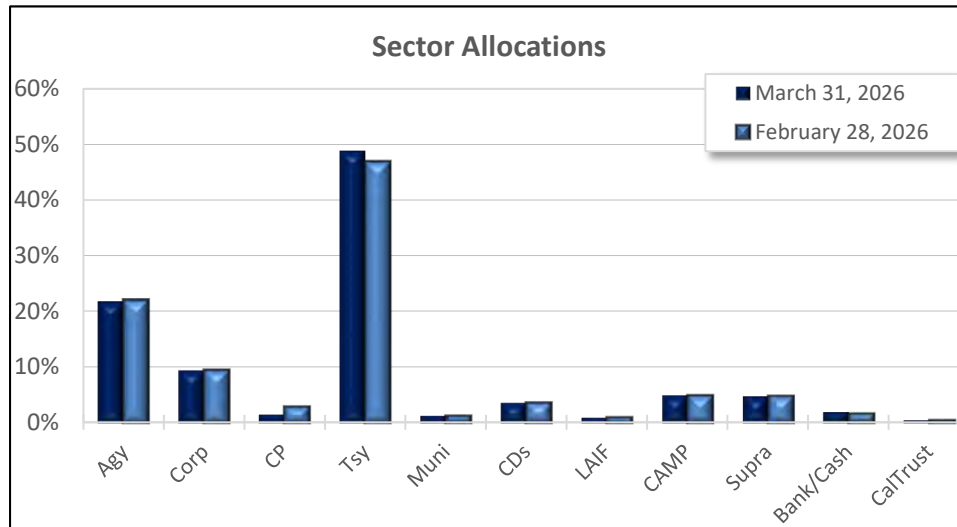


*The County Treasurer believes the Treasury Investment Pool contains sufficient cash flow from liquid and maturing securities, bank deposits, and incoming cash to meet the next six months of expected expenditures.



Kern County Treasurer's Pooled Cash Portfolio Summary 3/31/2026

Sector	Par Amount	Original Cost	Market Value	Original Yield	% of Total Assets	Policy Limit Rating	Days to Maturity
Local Agency Investment Fund	71,583,356	71,583,356	71,583,356	3.83%	1.01%	\$75 Million	1
California Asset Management Program	349,487,858	349,487,858	349,487,858	3.80%	4.95%	10%	1
CalTRUST	37,325,731	37,325,731	37,325,731	3.76%	0.53%	10%	1
CalFIT	5,065,925	5,065,925	5,065,925	3.76%	0.07%	10%	1
Money Markets	36,350,662	36,350,662	36,350,662	3.53%	0.51%	10%	1
Bank Sweep (ICS)	22,428,916	22,428,916	22,428,916	0.00%	0.32%	10%	1
U.S. Treasuries	3,560,000,000	3,391,177,390	3,481,817,499	3.94%	49.28%	100%	685
Federal Agencies	1,526,616,000	1,519,326,362	1,525,935,355	3.91%	21.60%	75%	730
Municipal Bonds	89,590,000	91,850,580	91,833,326	4.10%	1.30%	10%	1,392
Supranationals	343,650,000	336,938,346	341,845,998	4.27%	4.84%	10%	934
Negotiable CDs	255,000,000	255,000,000	255,019,718	4.07%	3.61%	30%	101
Commercial Paper	110,000,000	107,305,644	108,941,963	3.86%	1.54%	40%	240
Corporate Notes	672,468,000	657,918,187	657,298,857	3.82%	9.30%	30%	1,070
Total Securities	7,079,566,449	6,881,758,958	6,984,935,166	3.92%	98.86%		673
Total Cash	80,431,301	80,431,301	80,431,301		1.14%		
Total Assets	7,159,997,751	6,962,190,260	7,065,366,467		100.00%		



Kern Delta Water District Summary of Invested Cash Reserves
US Treasury Investment Summary
As of September 30, 2026

Acquistion 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
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
8/22/2024	8/31/2026	3,000	3,000,000	954.40	2,863,166.03	19,616.17	5	2,882,787	1.375%	83,630	129,380	213,010	3.735%
8/22/2024	11/30/2026	2,000	2,000,000	955.20	1,910,434.38	7,370.22	5	1,917,810	1.625%	64,556	76,071	140,627	3.696%
8/22/2024	1/15/2027	2,000	2,000,000	1,007.30	2,001,842.76	8,260.87	5	2,010,109	4.000%	192,219	(44,614)	147,605	3.702%
11/21/2024	4/30/2027	4,000	4,000,000	915.90	3,993,398.50	1,264.64	5	3,994,668	0.500%	48,767	281,835	330,602	4.156%
1/23/2025	6/30/2027	2,184	2,184,000	915.51	1,999,469.62	693.81	5	2,000,168	0.500%	26,567	140,020	166,587	4.183%
2/18/2025	11/30/2027	2,198	2,198,000	908.00	1,993,065.00	3,015.11	5	1,996,085	0.625%	33,422	131,850	165,272	4.163%
10/17/2025	2/15/2028	3,000	3,000,000	987.10	2,961,305.00	14,796.20	5	2,976,106	2.750%	192,575	38,965	231,540	3.350%
10/23/2025	5/15/2028	3,000	3,000,000	988.56	2,965,672.82	37,968.75	5	3,003,647	2.875%	206,764	34,327	241,091	3.391%
6/18/2026	8/31/2028	3,000	3,000,000	941.01	2,823,020.00	10,088.32	5	2,833,113	1.125%	68,887	176,980	245,867	3.949%
6/18/2026	12/31/2028	2,000	2,000,000	937.97	1,875,940.32	12,838.40	5	1,888,784	1.375%	65,548	124,060	189,608	3.980%
8/19/2026	3/31/2029	2,000	2,000,000	957.32	1,914,653.12	18,299.18	5	1,932,952	2.375%	124,281	85,347	209,628	4.112%
9/16/2026	4/15/2029	2,000	2,000,000	983.34	1,966,675.00	32,609.29	5	1,999,284	3.875%	200,014	33,325	233,339	4.566%
2/19/2026	11/15/2035	2,000	2,000,000	999.41	1,998,828.76	21,215.47	5	2,020,049	4.000%	778,959	21,215	778,959	4.002%
					29,382,000								
					28,404,305.28								

Fixed Income CDs Investment Summary
As of September 30, 2026

Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Days to Maturity	Quantity/ Price	Service Charge	Net Amount	YTM	Expected Interest
5/18/2023	11/5/2024	537	250,000	5	250,000.04	5.050%	18,574
5/23/2023	11/22/2024	549	250,000	5	250,000.29	4.850%	18,237
5/25/2023	11/25/2024	550	250,000	5	250,001.68	5.100%	19,212
5/25/2023	11/25/2024	550	250,000	5	250,001.68	5.050%	19,024
5/26/2023	11/26/2024	550	250,000	5	250,001.69	5.050%	19,024
5/30/2023	11/29/2024	549	250,000	5	250,000.29	4.950%	18,613
5/19/2023	2/19/2025	642	250,000	5	250,000.15	4.850%	21,327
5/31/2023	4/30/2025	700	250,000	5	250,000.23	4.750%	22,774
5/19/2023	5/19/2025	731	250,000	5	250,000.13	4.850%	24,283
5/24/2023	5/22/2025	729	250,000	5	250,000.17	4.850%	24,217
5/24/2023	5/23/2025	730	250,000	5	250,000.17	4.850%	24,250
5/26/2023	5/26/2025	731	250,000	5	250,000.19	4.650%	23,282
5/24/2023	5/27/2025	734	250,000	5	250,000.20	4.850%	24,383
5/24/2023	5/27/2025	734	250,000	5	250,000.20	4.850%	24,383
5/30/2023	5/30/2025	731	250,000	5	250,000.22	4.950%	24,784
6/2/2023	6/2/2025	731	250,000	5	250,000.02	4.850%	24,283
5/24/2024	6/5/2026	742	250,000	5	250,000.01	5.000%	25,411
5/24/2024	6/1/2026	738	250,000	5	250,000.03	5.000%	25,274

Investment in CAMP Term Funds
As of September 30, 2026

Trade Date	Maturity Date	Days to Maturity	Quantity/ Price	YTM
12/12/2025	12/11/2026	364	3,000,000	3.71%
3/13/2026	3/12/2027	364	1,000,000	3.71%

Total Invested Funds at Cost	28,404,305.28
Cash Balance	24,903.57
Cost Basis	28,429,208.85
Unrealized Gain/Loss	187,390.98
Market Value	28,616,599.83

Kern Delta Water Banking Project
 US Treasury Investment Summary
 As of September 30, 2026

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
11/4/2022	4/13/2023	999	999,000	981.93	980,949.74	-	5	980,955					
11/4/2022	4/20/2023	999	999,000	980.82	979,840.12	-	5	979,845					
11/4/2022	4/27/2023	999	999,000	979.89	978,907.61	-	5	978,913					
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%
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%
					1,000,000	998,271.32							

Fixed Income CDs Investment Summary
 As of September 30, 2026

Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Days to Maturity	Quantity/ Price	Service Charge	Net Amount	YTM	Expected Interest
5/31/2023	12/2/2024	551	250,000	5	250,000.02	5.100%	19,247
5/31/2023	12/2/2024	551	250,000	5	250,000.02	5.100%	19,247
5/31/2023	12/2/2024	551	250,000	5	250,000.02	5.100%	19,247
5/30/2023	5/30/2025	731	250,000	5	250,000.21	4.850%	24,283
5/31/2023	5/30/2025	730	250,000	5	250,000.22	4.950%	24,750

Investment in CAMP Term Funds
 As of September 30, 2026

Trade Date	Maturity Date	Days to Maturity	Quantity/ Price	YTM
7/17/2026	7/15/2027	364	1,000,000	4.16%

Total Invested Funds at Cost	998,271.32
Cash Balance	3,231.12
Cost Basis	1,001,502.44
Unrealized Gain/Loss	67,781.38
Market Value	1,069,283.82

Tab IV





**OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, CA**

Tuesday October 6, 2026
10:30 AM

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment Period

3. Assistant General Manager's Report:

- a. Approve the minutes of the Operations and Projects Committee Meeting of August 4, 2026
- b. Encroachment Permit Update
- c. District Facility and Banking Maintenance Report
- d. Water Banking Construction and Power Invoices
- e. Review Request from Sprouting Gear, Inc. to Install New Crossing on the Central Canal
- f. Review Proposal from Cross Land Leveling to Rebuild a Portion of the Rim Ditch Canal Bank
- g. Discuss Farmers Canal Realignment Request from Joanna Navaro
- h. Review Well Abonnement Quotes for BR1 Well
- i. Pending Development Projects
- j. District Projects Update

4. Committee Comments

5. Adjourn

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Bellue", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Chris Bellue
Assistant General Manager

Posted: Friday, October 2, 2026
Bakersfield, California

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MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 6, 2026

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mendonca, Fanucchi, and Garone.

OTHERS PRESENT: From KDWD: General Manager Teglia, Assistant General Manager Bellue, District Counsel Iger, and Controller Rivera.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Director Mendonca called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

3. ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. Approve minutes of the Operations and Projects Committee Meeting of August 4, 2026: M/S/C (Fanucchi/Garone) (yes-3, no-0): The Committee approved the minutes of the Operations and Projects Committee meeting held on August 4, 2026.
- b. Encroachment Permit Update: Mr. Bellue presented an encroachment request from the Boys and Girls Club of Kern County to use the canal bank on the 13-Ditch return for access to an adjacent property where an event was being held.
- c. District Facility and Banking Maintenance: Mr. Bellue mentioned that with the end of the summer run of the westside canals maintenance staff have been bringing facilities back to optimal operating condition by replacing rusted I-beam supports on weirs, repairing turnouts, excavating sediment buildup, and spraying for weeds in the Farmers, Buena Vista and Stine Canals. Staff are currently developing a list of repairs needed on the Eastside and Kern Island Canal systems. Mr. Bellue indicated that no aquatic treatments were done last month but he expects the final treatment of the year to be done on the Kern Island system in October. Mr. Bellue informed the committee of the following safety topics presented to staff last month; House Keeping, Time Management, Ergonomics, and Asking for Help. At District banking facilities, staff have been mowing pond bottoms, removing tumbleweeds from fence lines, spot spraying for weeds and ensuring all facilities are ready to receive water.
- d. Water Banking Construction and Power Invoices and Sunset Water Banking Program: M/S/C (Garone/Fanucchi) (yes-3, no-0): The Committee recommended the Board approve payment of Water Banking and Power and Sunset Water Banking Program Invoices totaling \$219,419.72.
- e. Review Request from Sprouting Gear, Inc. to Install a New Crossing on the Central Canal: Staff received a request from Sprouting Gear, Inc. to install a new crossing on the Central Canal south of Bear Mountain Boulevard to have access from Adobe Road to a property where a hydroponic barley production facility is proposed. Staff presented email correspondence and proposed development plans to the committee. Staff received direction from the committee to treat this request like a typical property development in which the proposed developer must provide engineered plans to the District for approval.
- f. Review Proposal from Cross Land Leveling to Rebuild a Portion of the Rim Ditch Canal Bank: Staff presented a proposal from Lonnie A. Cross Land Leveling, Inc. to rebuild a ½ mile stretch of the east bank of the Rim Ditch near the Kern Island Drain Canal. This stretch of canal has eroded over the years to the point of it becoming unsafe to drive the bank. Staff also presented information related to historical dredging and canal rehabilitation projects performed along this

portion of the Rim Ditch. The Committee was in favor of the project and recommended staff bring it to the full board for review and approval.

- g. Discuss Farmers Canal Realignment Request from Joanna Navaro: Staff informed the committee that they met with property owner, Joanna Navaro, and Zeiders Consulting to discuss District requirements for realigning a portion of the Farmers Canal at the southwest corner of Gosford Road and Lindsay Avenue. Joanna Navarro requested a proposal from Zeiders Consulting to design the canal realignment. The committee was in favor of the project provided District requirements are met.
- h. Review Well Abonnement Quotes for BR1 Well: M/S/C (Garone/Fanucchi) (yes-3, no-0): The committee recommend staff select the low quote from SA Camp in the amount of \$12,935 to abandon the Branch 1 well in accordance with Kern County Public Works guidelines.
- i. Pending Development Projects: Mr. Bellue discussed the status of several third-party development projects involving District facilities.
- j. District Projects Update: Mr. Bellue presented a memo to the committee summarizing the status of several District projects.

4. **COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

None.

5. **ADJOURN:**

Director Mendonca adjourned the meeting at 11:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey Mendonca – Chair



To: Kern Delta Water District Board of Directors

From: Daniel Deleon

Date: October 20th, 2026

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: Boys and Girls Club

Location: 13 Ditch Return

Purpose: Temporary access to the south bank of the 13 Ditch Return Canal

Anticipated Dates: October 8th and 9th.

Maintenance Report

September 2026

1. **Structure and Turnout Repairs.** The following jobs were completed during the month.
 - a. Cleaned water filter on traveling screens on the Central.
 - b. Replaced I-beams that hold the boards on weir #537 on the Farmers Canal.
 - c. Replaced measuring tube on turnout #194 on the BV Canal.
 - d. Replaced 2 support beams on Farmers Canal weir #542.
 - e. Replaced a support beam on BV Canal weir #525.
 - f. Replaced stem and rails on turnout #126 on BV Canal.
 - g. Replaced stem on turnout #199 on the BV Canal.
 - h. Replaced 2 support I-beams and 2 pipe catwalk supports on weir #535 on the Farmers Canal.
2. **Shop.** The following jobs were completed during the month;
 - a. Normal service and repairs on District vehicles and equipment.
 - b. Replace brakes on truck #226.
 - c. Replaced headlamp on truck #227.
 - d. Replaced cutting edges on sloper and moldboard on grader #403.
 - e. Replaced heater core and evaporator on truck #324 also installed aftermarket cabin filter.
 - f. Replaced front shocks, outer tie rods and took to get an alignment on truck #328.
 - g. Replaced hydraulic hoses on grapple trailer #T-13.
 - h. Replaced quick connect coupler on backhoe #404.
3. **District Wells.**
 - a. Monthly service and inspection of all District wells, clean pads as needed.
4. **Motor Grader # 403** The following canals were sloped, and roads graded;
 - a. Finished the BV Canal.
 - b. Sloped the Farmers Canal working north.
 - c. Sloped Branch II and Section 5 Ditch from Taft to Farmers Canal.
5. **Backhoe # 402** The following jobs were completed this month;
 - a. Assist in tumbleweed clean up in basins.
 - b. Remove tumbleweeds on Stine Canal from Gosford to Ash.
6. **Backhoe # 404** The following jobs were completed this month;
 - a. Clean up debris in the East Branch Canal.
 - b. Repaired wash ins on Kern Island.
 - c. Repaired wash ins on Central Canal by Wayside Park.
 - d. Repaired bank on 20-Foot from water truck filling up.
 - e. Dredged Farmers Canal north and south of Houghton Rd.
 - f. Dredged Stine Canal, west of Gosford to the Branch 2 backup weir.

7. **Backhoe # 408** The following jobs were completed this month;
 - a. Hauled dirt to the 20-Foot
 - b. Removed sand at the outlets coming off the feeder ditch at the BV Basins.
 - c. Dredged Farmers Canal north and south of Houghton Rd.
 - d. Dredged Stine Canal, west of Gosford to the Branch 2 backup weir.
 - e. Dredged and clean banks on Farmers Canal from Panama Lane to Arvin Edison Canal.
 - f. Assist with homeless encampment clean up.
8. **Weed Spraying.** The following canals were sprayed during the month;
 - a. Sprayed the bottom of BV Canal.
 - b. Sprayed the bottom of Stine Canal.
 - c. Sprayed the bottom of Farmers Canal.
 - d. Sprayed the East Branch.
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. Cleaned trash racks throughout the Kern Island system of canals.
 - b. Removed trash left behind from homeless encampments.
 - c. Assist in tumbleweed removal.
12. **Fence Repairs.** Fences and Gates were repaired at the following locations;
 - a. Kern Island Canal – at Hosking Rd, Columbus St and P St.
 - b. Central Canal – at Wayside Park.
 - c. Stine Canal – at Park Circle and Stine Rd.
 - d. Farmers Canal- at Seasons Dr, Hughes Ln and McCourry St.
13. **Safety Meetings.** Weekly tailgate safety topics were;
 - a. Housekeeping Hazards - When housekeeping practices are neglected, employees face increased risks of accidents and injuries.
 - b. Time Management - Is the process of consciously planning and controlling time spent on specific task to increase how efficient you are.
 - c. Ergonomics - Is essential for workplace safety because it reduces musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), lowers injury rates, and improves productivity by fitting job task, tools, and environments to workers physical capabilities.
 - d. Ask For Help - Asking for help in the workplace is crucial because it fosters collaboration, enhances learning, improves productivity, and strengthens relationships.

14. Water Banking Activities. The following jobs were completed during the month;

- a. Finished mowing the DiGiorgio Basins.
- b. Spot sprayed the Kern Island, Branch 1, Bladder, Triangles, Old River and DiGiorgio basins.
- c. Removed tumbleweeds at the BV, Kern Island and Old River Basins.
- d. Remove sand build up at outlets off the feeder ditch at the BV Basins.

**KERN DELTA WATER BANKING PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS
RECOMMENDED BY THE OPERATIONS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

#	PAYEE		AMOUNT	CHECK
1	PGE - KI7	Well Utilities	41.99	EFT
2	PGE - ST1	Well Utilities	1,569.96	EFT
3	PGE - KI8	Well Utilities	832.06	EFT
4	PGE - KD2	Well Utilities	339.40	EFT
5	PGE - AE1	Well Utilities	136.99	EFT
6	PGE - AE4	Well Utilities	127.30	EFT
7	PGE - FR3	Well Utilities	46.33	EFT
8	PGE - AE3	Well Utilities	43.43	EFT
9	PGE - AE2	Well Utilities	43.43	EFT
10	PGE - BV5	Well Utilities	43.00	EFT
11	PGE - BV2	Well Utilities	43.00	EFT
12	PGE - BV4	Well Utilities	43.00	EFT
13	PGE - FR1	Well Utilities	27.47	EFT
14	ADVANCED ENVIRO. CONCEPTS	Phase I Services	2,850.00	4132
15	BAKERSFIELD WELL & PUMP	ST1 Repairs	900.00	4133
16	KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	2026 4th Quarter CVC	203,337.00	4134
17	KERN MACHINERY	Hood Parts #401	1,265.13	4135
18	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	Heat Shield/Tape #401	72.51	4136
19	QUINN	A/C Filters #408, #402	466.61	4137
20	TARGET SPECIALTY	Vasland	595.16	4138
21	STEPHEN B. SMITH	Weed Control	5,610.00	4139
22	TARGET SPECIALTY	Roundup	985.95	4140
TOTAL			219,419.72	

From: [Chris Bellue](#)
To: paul@jsemuoil.com
Cc: [Steven Teglia](#); [Daniel Deleon](#); [Richard Iger](#)
Subject: Re: culvert sizing requirements / Adobe Rd. Crossing Proposal
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 1:55:08 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image008.png](#)

Paul- Our canal water varies from the mid 50s in winter to the mid 80s in summer. We can install a new turnout which is basically a concrete box with a control gate in the canal bank and the pipe will be 24-inch diameter. That's our standard size but we're open to use 18-inch if it makes more sense. The pipe will extend from the canal to edge of our right of way. It's the responsibility of the customer to connect to our pipe with whatever size pipe they deem necessary for their operation. I wouldn't use anything smaller than 10 inch but that's your call.

I hope this helps.

Chris Bellue
Kern Delta Water District

On Sep 8, 2026, at 10:19 AM, paul@jsemuoil.com wrote:

Steve,

Ok, thank you. I attached a revised plot map. If you need it, that will still need many changes yet to come.

Paul

From: Steven Teglia <Steven@kerndelta.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 10:06 AM
To: paul@jsemuoil.com; Chris Bellue <Chris@kerndelta.org>
Cc: Daniel Deleon <Daniel@kerndelta.org>; Richard Iger <richard@kerndelta.org>
Subject: RE: culvert sizing requirements / Adobe Rd. Crossing Proposal

Paul:

Thanks for the additional information below. We are going to be meeting with our consulting engineer this week to go over the information you have provided to date. Once we have done that, I will provide you with his information and clear outline of our process (which I discussed with you during our recent phone conversation) regarding development that may impact or require alteration to our facilities.

Thanks,

Steve

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Steven L. Teglia | General Manager
501 Taft Hwy | Bakersfield, CA 93307
Office: 661-834-4656
Web: www.kerndelta.org

From: paul@jsemuoil.com <paul@jsemuoil.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2026 2:51 PM

To: Chris Bellue <chris@kerndelta.org>

Cc: Steven Teglia <Steven@kerndelta.org>

Subject: RE: culvert sizing requirements / Adobe Rd. Crossing Proposal

Subject: Canal Water Temperature Data & Infrastructure Inquiry – SGI
Adobe Road

Hi Chris and Steve,

After my last call with Steve a few days back, I did some additional research and am now more inclined to use your canal water for our hydroponics system rather than the well water I originally planned on.

For our operation, the temperature of the water is actually more critical than the price. We will be bringing about 25,000 gallons of water into the building daily, and our target water temperature is around 65°F to 70°F **or lower** to avoid adding excess heat to the facility. The well drillers are telling me the groundwater sits at a constant 76°F year-round. My research indicates your canal water, largely fed by snowmelt, should be significantly colder for most of the year, though I know it will likely exceed 76°F for a couple of months in the peak of summer.

Because of this temperature advantage—and because we need to excavate fill dirt to raise the pad elevations for our buildings—I am now designing a reservoir on the back of our lot to store the canal water. If we excavate enough dirt for all three building pads, the basin will be roughly 2.5 acres in surface area and at least 10 feet deep, giving us a storage capacity of over 25 acre-feet.

To help us finalize this engineering change, could you provide some insight on the following:

Temperature Data: Do you have any historical data on the year-round water temperature of your canal water?

Reservoir Heating: Based on your experience with local agricultural basins, do you have any information or estimates on how fast a 25 acre-foot reservoir of this size might heat up during those peak summer months?

Discharge Weir: What information and requirements can you provide regarding the installation of a discharge water weir from your canal to our property?

Pipe Sizing: If I am piping this water approximately 1,500 feet across the property from the canal to the rear reservoir, would I need anything larger than a 6-inch pipe to handle the flow?

Thanks in advance for the information and your continued help with this project.

Best regards,

Paul
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From: paul@jsemuoil.com <paul@jsemuoil.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2026 10:55 AM

To: 'Chris Bellue' <chris@kerndelta.org>

Cc: 'Steven Teglia' <Steven@kerndelta.org>

Subject: RE: culvert sizing requirements / Adobe Rd. Crossing Proposal

Subject: RE: culvert sizing requirements / Adobe Rd. Crossing Proposal
Hi Chris and Steve,

Thank you for the follow-up. We are currently nearing completion on our funding submission for the hydroponic cattle feed project planned for the property on Adobe Road (just south of Hwy 223/Bear Mountain Parkway). We are compiling our final cost line items, and it would be incredibly helpful to get a definitive answer regarding the canal crossing requirements so we can finalize our SBA loan spreadsheets.

To address the two primary concerns you raised—flow restriction and multiple future crossings—I have put together a proposed solution:

1. Flow Restriction & Culvert Sizing Regarding the potential for flow restriction, we noted that the canal upstream—just north of our site at the intersection of Adobe Rd and Hwy 223—currently utilizes 24-inch or smaller culverts for its crossings including Hwy 223 (see the first attached image). To ensure we do not restrict the flow, we are requesting approval to install a larger 36-inch culvert for our crossing. Flow charts indicate a 36-inch pipe can handle nearly triple the water flow rate of a 24-inch pipe. Given that sections of the canal appear dry a majority of the time, we believe an oversized 36-inch crossing would safely eliminate any

restriction issues.

2. Eliminating the Need for Multiple Crossings I completely understand your concern regarding the recent subdivision of this land and the District's desire to avoid a dozen different parcels requesting their own crossings.

To solve this, we have designed an internal access road on our plot map that runs parallel to the canal and Adobe Road (see the image below). We would be willing to use this internal road to provide shared access to the lots immediately North and South of our parcel.

Furthermore, once our first building is operational and delivering feed, we are highly likely to purchase those adjacent lots ourselves for our facility's expansion. By granting this single, oversized crossing and utilizing our parallel access road, we can effectively eliminate the need for the neighboring lots to request their own crossings in the future.

I hope you will take this proposed solution under consideration and grant us approval for the crossing, ideally without the lengthy delay of a full hydrological evaluation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Paul Pluss GC# 450303 CEO, Sprouting Gear, Inc. Phone: 760-445-2535
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From: paul@jsemuoil.com <paul@jsemuoil.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 3:26 PM

To: Chris Bellue <chris@kerndelta.org>

Subject: FW: culvert sizing requirements

Hi ,

Thanks for the call. I am looking for culvert sizing requirements and information to put a driveway across the canal in the photo shown below that is located adjacent to 19401 Adobe Rd. South of Bakersfield. We would want the crossing centered to the lot.

The second photo shows the single culvert for the house next door from a street view image. We are looking to put an offer in on the parcel for development of a large warehouse for hydroponic cattle feed with information about that below.

The Adobe Rd. Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) is 185-342-35-00-0

This house crossing is about 800 feet north of our planned crossing.

Below is about what we will be doing.

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"Sprouting Gear Inc. (SGI) has engineered a proprietary hydroponic fodder system that achieves a seed-to-feed growth rate previously considered impossible in industrial agriculture. The fodder in this image above was grown from seed in just 10 days. Our technology effectively replaces alfalfa—the #1 water-intensive crop—with the most water-efficient livestock feed solution ever developed, ensuring a sustainable future for both global food security and local dairy & beef operations."

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[3D Views - Google Drive](#)

For example, a 100,000sf building would produce 140 tons daily, nearly 50,000 tons of fodder annually. This industrial output effectively offsets thousands of acres of conventional feed cultivation. The corresponding water savings are estimated to be in the tens of thousands of acre-feet—a massive reduction in groundwater dependency that will be quantified and verified through an independent, third-party audit."

The Water Crisis That Will Collapse America's Beef Supply <https://youtu.be/V-ouLGu-YfQ?si=hWxGguC8l46iVPmC>

Paul Pluss

CEO/Founder

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PO Box 787

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760-445-2535

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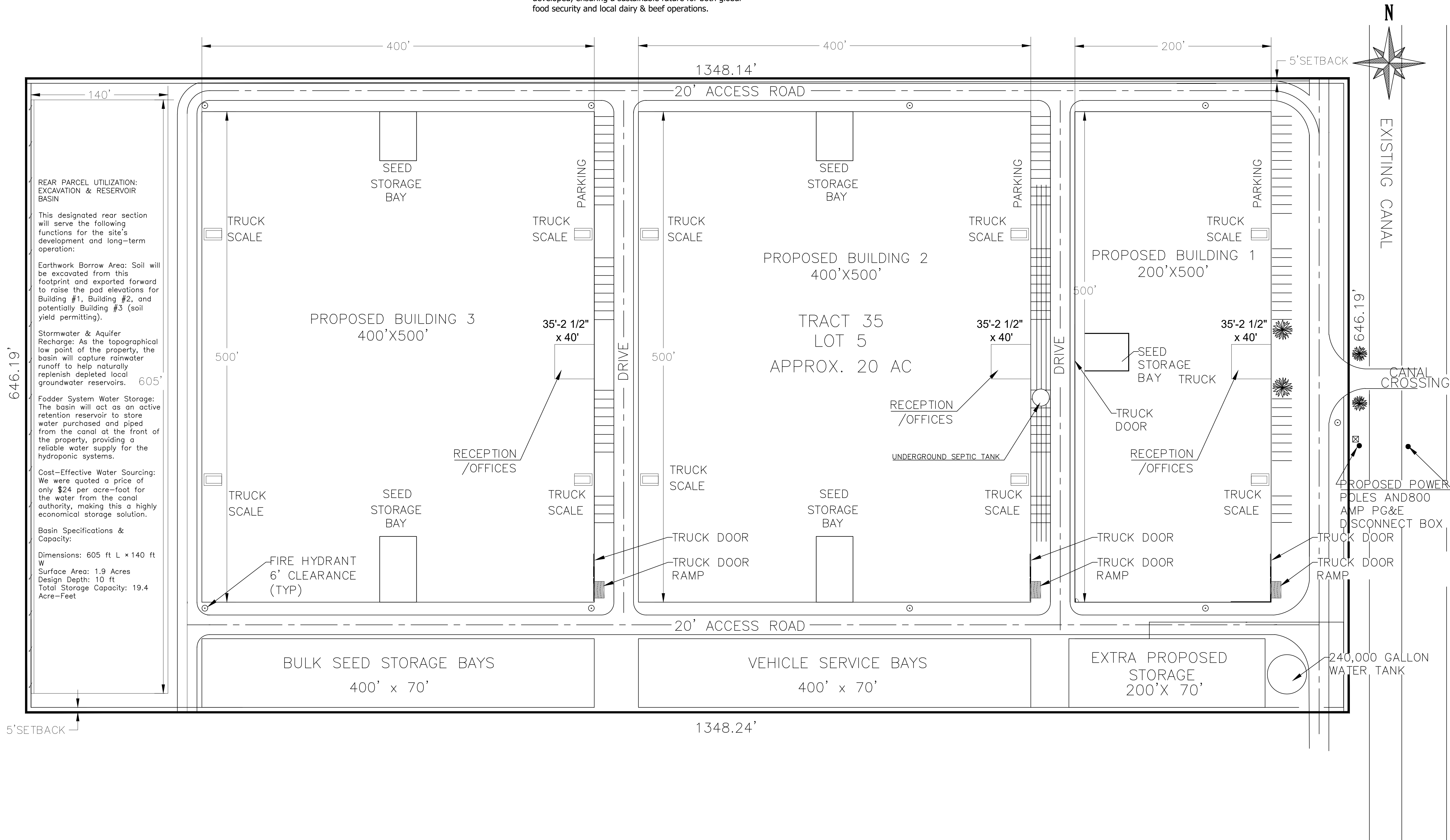
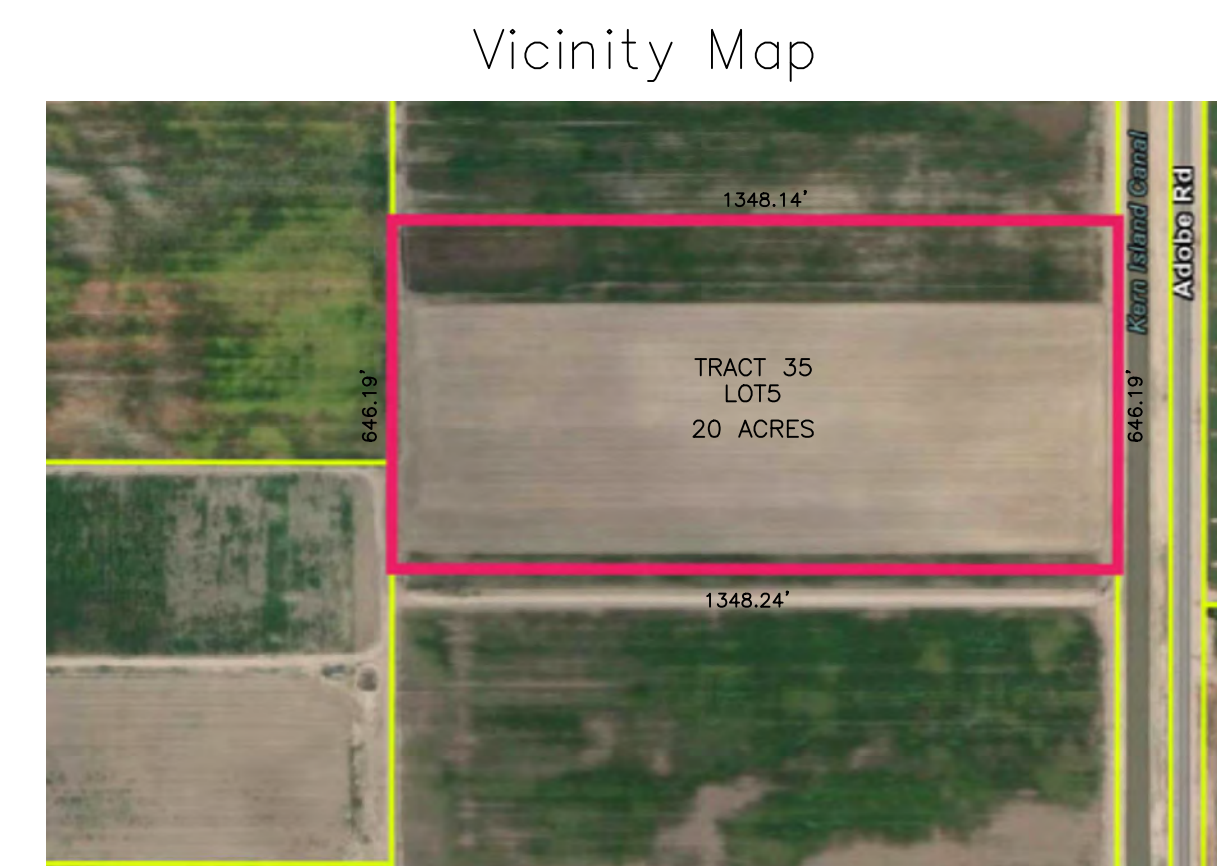
Sprouting Gear INC. has developed novel technologies that aim to produce living barley fodder in a vertical, hydroponic setting at an industrial scale and deliver it fresh daily to local ranches while lowering the cost of labor, reducing water, carbon, and land by over 95%.



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SITE PLAN FOR APN 185-342-35 BAKERSFIELD CA

Business Address
Sprouting Gear Inc.
P.O.Box 787
Ramona, CA 92065
CEO/Founder
Paul Pluss
760.445.2535

GENERAL SITE PLAN NOTES

SITE PLAN NOTES

1. This site plan represents the proposed building and parking layout for the property located at Adobe Road, Bakersfield CA. The proposed development includes a new building (200' x 500'), parking areas, grain silos, and other infrastructure.
2. Property boundaries and dimensions are shown for planning purposes only and shall be verified by survey prior to construction.
3. All dimensions shown are in feet.
4. All proposed construction shall comply with Kern County Hydrology Manual, and applicable state and local regulations.
6. Contractor shall verify all existing site conditions prior to construction.
7. Setbacks shown on the plan are typical minimums and subject to approval by the local authority having jurisdiction.
8. No structures, paving, or vehicular traffic shall be permitted within designated storm water management areas.
9. North arrow and scale are provided for reference.
10. Any conflicts between existing utilities (e.g., water, gas, electricity) and proposed improvements shall be resolved in the field and adjusted as necessary.
15. Proposed parking spaces (9' x 18' each) are located on side of the proposed building, with appropriate clearances for access to the roll-up and swing doors.
16. Proposed roll-up doors (12' x 14') and swing doors (3') are located on the left side of the proposed building. Clearances of 3 feet are maintained between the roll-up doors and swing doors.

GENERAL DESIGN NOTES

19. The proposed building (200' x 500') will be positioned on the right side of the lot, with no side or rear yard setback required.
20. Slope of the property is toward the southwest (lower-left corner), allowing natural drainage towards the existing retention pond.
21. Top of Bank (TOB) for the retention basin is at an elevation of 445.00', and the Bottom of Basin (BOB) is at 441.00', with a 4-foot depth for the basin.
22. The slope of the basin is designed at 3:1 (horizontal to vertical), ensuring proper drainage and prevention of water stagnation.
23. Rip-rap will be placed at the inlet pipe to prevent erosion at the pipe entrance.
24. All proposed infrastructure and site improvements, including building placement, silos, parking areas, and retention basin, are designed to comply with Arvin Municipal Code and Kern County regulations.
25. The drainage system for the proposed site is designed to minimize the impact of stormwater runoff, with proper sizing and placement of inlet pipes, overflow weirs, and bio-retention features (if applicable).
26. Final design, sizing, and installation of all infrastructure components, including the retention basin, inlet pipes, and parking layout, shall be done by registered professionals in compliance with local, county, and state regulations.

SCALE	SHEET NUMBER
1'=50'	1
PLOT DATE	
8/20/26	
FILE NAME	
AdobeRdSitePlan.dwg	

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September 22, 2026

Re: Central Canal Crossing

Paul Pluss
CEO Sprouting Gear, Inc.
PO Box 787
Ramona, CA 92065

Dear Mr. Pluss:

This letter is in response to your request to install a crossing in Kern Delta Water District's Central Branch Canal, approximately 1.7 miles south of Bear Mountain Boulevard. For Kern Delta Water District to approve your request you must first comply with Kern Delta's construction policy for relocating/pipelining District canals. As it relates to the construction of a new pipelined crossing on the Central Branch Canal the policy requires you to do the following.

1. Provide construction drawings prepared by a California licensed civil engineer showing the proposed crossing and all improvements within and adjacent to Kern Delta's right of way. The District will require a pipe diameter or combination of pipe diameters such that our full flow capacity can be achieved. District staff and, at the District's discretion, a third-party engineering firm shall review the plans and provide comments.
2. Provide a onetime nonrefundable \$5,000 Engineering and Legal Review fee payment to Kern Delta for engineering and legal fees incurred in processing this request. The fee is to be paid when the plans are submitted.
3. If the project is approved by staff, a recommendation will be made to our Board of Directors for approval. Prior to construction, Sprouting Gear, Inc. must enter into a Common Use Agreement with Kern Delta for joint use of the crossing.

4. An encroachment permit must be obtained and payment of a \$500 permit fee before working in the District's right of way. Work done in the Central Branch Canal can only be performed while the canal is out of service, which occurs every year in a three-week window from about December 10th through January 2nd.

Above is a summary of Kern Delta's construction requirements. During Kern Delta's review and permitting process additional requirements may be identified. If you have any further questions, please contact me or Daniel DeLeon at 661-834-4656.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Bellue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Bellue" clearly distinguishable.

Chris Bellue, P.E
Assistant General Manager
Kern Delta Water District

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR EARTHWORK

This Master Services Agreement ("Agreement") is between Kern Delta Water District ("District") and Lonnie A. Cross Land Leveling Inc. ("Contractor").

WHEREAS, District maintains earthen canals and recharge facilities that periodically require dredging, leveling, reshaping, and related earthwork ("Earthwork"); and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to establish ongoing terms for Earthwork performed as needed under separately approved Task Orders, consistent with Section VI (Master Contracts) of District's Purchasing Policies and Procedures, Board approved September 16, 2025 ("Purchase Policy").

District and Contractor agree as follows:

1) SCOPE OF WORK: Contractor will perform Earthwork described in approved Task Orders. This Agreement is nonexclusive and does not require District to issue any Task Order or purchase a minimum amount of work.

2) TASK ORDERS: Each Task Order shall identify the work and location, schedule, compensation or rates, a not-to-exceed amount, and any special conditions. Each Task Order requires Contractor's written acceptance and District approval under Section 3 before work begins. Email approval identifying the Task Order and its terms is sufficient. Contractor shall not exceed the authorized scope or amount without an approved written change order.

3) DISTRICT AUTHORIZATION: Each Task Order must be approved in writing by the General Manager or a representative designated by the General Manager ("Authorized Representative"), within the limits of that designation. By approving this Agreement, the Board expressly authorizes that delegation, subject to the Purchase Policy and applicable law. This authority does not replace Board approval or the General Manager's signature when required by Sections VI or VII of the Purchase Policy. All Task Orders remain subject to applicable budget and procurement requirements.

4) TERM AND TERMINATION: This Agreement takes effect when signed by both parties following Board approval and continues until terminated, with no fixed expiration date. Either party may terminate it on thirty (30) days' written notice. Unless District directs otherwise or the parties agree in writing, accepted Task Orders continue under this Agreement until completed.

5) COMPENSATION: Compensation is established by each Task Order.

6) PAYMENTS AND RECORDS: Contractor shall submit itemized monthly invoices identifying the Task Order, dates, work, quantities or hours, rates, and approved expenses. District shall pay undisputed, properly submitted invoices within thirty (30) days and return an improper request within seven (7) days with written reasons. Contractor shall retain supporting records for three years after final payment, or longer if required by law, and make them reasonably available to District.

7) PREVAILING WAGE AND LABOR COMPLIANCE: For work subject to prevailing wage law, Contractor and its subcontractors shall pay the applicable prevailing wages, benefits, and overtime established by the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) under Labor Code sections 1720 et seq. and 1770 et seq. District shall identify the applicable determination for each Task Order and make it available on request; omission does not excuse compliance. Contractor and subcontractors shall comply with applicable wage and penalty requirements of section 1775, certified payroll requirements of section 1776, apprenticeship requirements of section 1777.5, and work-hour and overtime requirements of sections 1810 through 1815. Applicable work is subject to DIR monitoring and enforcement. Contractor shall include required labor provisions in subcontracts.

8) LICENSES, REGISTRATION AND BONDS: Contractor and subcontractors shall hold the licenses required for their work and maintain DIR registration under Labor Code section 1725.5 when required by law. Performance or other bonds are required only when mandated by law or specified in the approved Task Order. Task Orders shall not be divided to avoid procurement, bonding, or labor requirements.

9) CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND CHANGES: This Agreement and approved Task Orders are the complete agreement for the work. This Agreement controls over inconsistent proposal or invoice terms. Only the scope, pricing, schedule, and expressly accepted special conditions of a proposal are incorporated. Changes require written agreement and approvals under Section VII of the Purchase Policy; change orders not requiring Board approval still require the General Manager's signature. A Task Order cannot amend this Agreement's general terms. Any amendment to those terms must be signed by authorized representatives of both parties after required District approvals.

10) INDEMNITY: To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless District and its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers from third-party claims, liabilities, damages, and reasonable defense costs, including attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of Contractor, its subcontractors, or persons for whom Contractor is responsible in performing the work. This obligation does not extend to District's active or sole negligence, willful misconduct, or defects in District-furnished design to the extent prohibited by Civil Code section 2782. These obligations are not limited by the insurance requirements.

11) INSURANCE: Before beginning work and while performing any Task Order, Contractor shall maintain the following coverage with insurers rated at least A:VII by A.M. Best or otherwise approved by District:

- a. Commercial general liability, including bodily injury, property damage, personal and advertising injury, and products-completed operations, with limits of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence. Completed-operations coverage shall continue for one year after completion of each Task Order.
- b. Automobile liability covering owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in the work, with limits of at least \$1,000,000 per accident.
- c. Workers' compensation as required by California law and employer's liability of at least \$1,000,000 per accident and for disease, per employee and per policy. Contractor acknowledges its duty under Labor Code section 3700 to secure workers' compensation and shall comply before starting work.

District and its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers shall be additional insureds on the general liability policy for ongoing and completed operations. That coverage shall be primary and noncontributory to District's insurance or self-insurance. Broader coverage and higher limits maintained and applicable to the work shall be available to District. Contractor is responsible for deductibles and self-insured retentions; retentions require District approval.

Contractor shall provide certificates and required endorsements before work and at renewal, furnish applicable policies on request, and promptly notify District of cancellation, nonrenewal, or material reduction in coverage. Contractor shall not perform work without required coverage. Subcontractors shall maintain the same applicable coverage and additional-insured protection unless District approves otherwise in writing. District's failure to request insurance documents does not waive these requirements.

12) COMPLIANCE; PERMITS AND SITE PROTECTION: Contractor shall comply with applicable laws, Cal/OSHA requirements, and permit conditions. Unless a Task Order states otherwise, District shall obtain project-specific environmental approvals, site permits, and access rights; Contractor shall obtain licenses and permits for its business, equipment, and hauling. Work shall not begin until required approvals are in place. District shall provide available information about known site hazards and private facilities. Contractor shall coordinate required utility locating, protect existing facilities, minimize interference with water operations, prevent spills and unauthorized discharges, and place or dispose of excavated material only at lawful, District-approved locations.

Contractor shall promptly notify District in writing, before disturbance, of suspected hazardous waste, subsurface conditions differing from the information supplied for pricing, or unusual unknown conditions materially different from those ordinarily encountered in the work. Contractor shall secure the area and suspend unsafe affected work pending direction. District shall promptly investigate and issue an appropriate change order for resulting cost or time changes when warranted. For excavations deeper than four feet, Public Contract Code section 7104 applies; disputes do not excuse scheduled performance of work that can lawfully and safely proceed, and Contractor retains its contract and statutory rights.

13) INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: Contractor is an independent contractor, not District's employee, agent, or partner, and is responsible for its personnel, payroll, taxes, and subcontractors. Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or subcontract work without District's prior written consent. Consent does not relieve Contractor of responsibility for the work or compliance with this Agreement.

14) DIRECTION AND QUALITY OF WORK: Contractor controls its means, methods, equipment, and personnel and shall perform the work safely and in a competent, workmanlike manner consistent with the Task Order. District may inspect the work without assuming those responsibilities. After notice and a reasonable opportunity to correct, Contractor shall at its expense correct nonconforming work and repair damage to the extent caused by its negligence, willful misconduct, or failure to comply with the Task Order. If Contractor fails to act, or immediate action is reasonably necessary, District may perform the correction and recover reasonable costs attributable to Contractor. Normal sediment accumulation, erosion, or operational changes are not defects in properly performed work.

15) EQUIPMENT AND CLEANUP: Unless the Task Order provides otherwise, Contractor shall furnish the labor, equipment, tools, materials, and supplies needed for the work and remove its equipment and debris on completion, leaving the site orderly and safe.

16) NOTICES: Formal notices shall be delivered personally or by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the addresses below, or to an updated address provided in writing, and are effective upon receipt. Routine communications and Task Order approvals may be exchanged by email between the parties' designated contacts. Statutory claims must follow applicable delivery requirements.

DISTRICT

Kern Delta Water District
501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93307
Attention: General Manager

CONTRACTOR

Lonnie A. Cross Land Leveling Inc.
P.O. Box 10149
Bakersfield, CA 93389
Attention: Kreg Cross

17) GENERAL TERMS: California law governs. Applicable mandatory public-contract procedures control over conflicting terms. If a provision is unenforceable, the remainder remains effective. Counterparts and electronic signatures are permitted.

The undersigned are authorized to sign this Agreement. District executes it pursuant to approval by its Board of Directors under Section VI of the Purchase Policy.

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
Steven L. Teglia, General Manager
Date: _____

LONNIE A. CROSS LAND LEVELING INC.

By: _____
Kreg Cross
Title: _____
Date: _____

Approved as to Form: _____
Richard Iger, General Counsel



Lonnie A. Cross Land Leveling

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10149 Bakersfield,
CA 93389

Admin Phone: 661-808-0760

Kreg Cross (661) 809-2013

kreg@crosslandleveling.com

Contractor's License #547565

Proposal 8.15.26

Chris Bellue
Kern Delta Water District
Rim Ditch Canal Reconstruction

Scope:

Reconstruct the rim ditch east bank for the first half mile from the drain canal. Upon shut down of the rim ditch canal, make a coffer dam on each side of the segment and pump the remaining water out of the canal. Use a long reach excavator to dip out the east side along the bottom of the canal and place the spoil on the west side. Using a second excavator, use the bank of the east side to narrow the canal up to the design line. Using a dozer and single sheepsfoot, prepare surface to accept imported dirt. Import dirt from the drain ditch going west all the way to Union Ave. (if needed) to rebuild east side bank to design prism. Remove the coffer dams on completion and spread evenly on the bank. Time is of the essence. Saturday Overtime is in this proposal. Property line surveying will be required from an outside surveyor. We will need landowners use of their land to turn around. This is a Prevailing Wage project.

Mobilization:

\$ 26,000.00

Pump water and coffer dams:

Pump and J stand, Fuel set up and removal. Construction water during project.
Remove coffer dams after.

\$ 48,000.00

East embankment removal and recompact:

\$ 51,880.00

Import dirt and place fill:

Embankment reconstruction, clean cut areas

\$ 285,000.00

Total Proposal

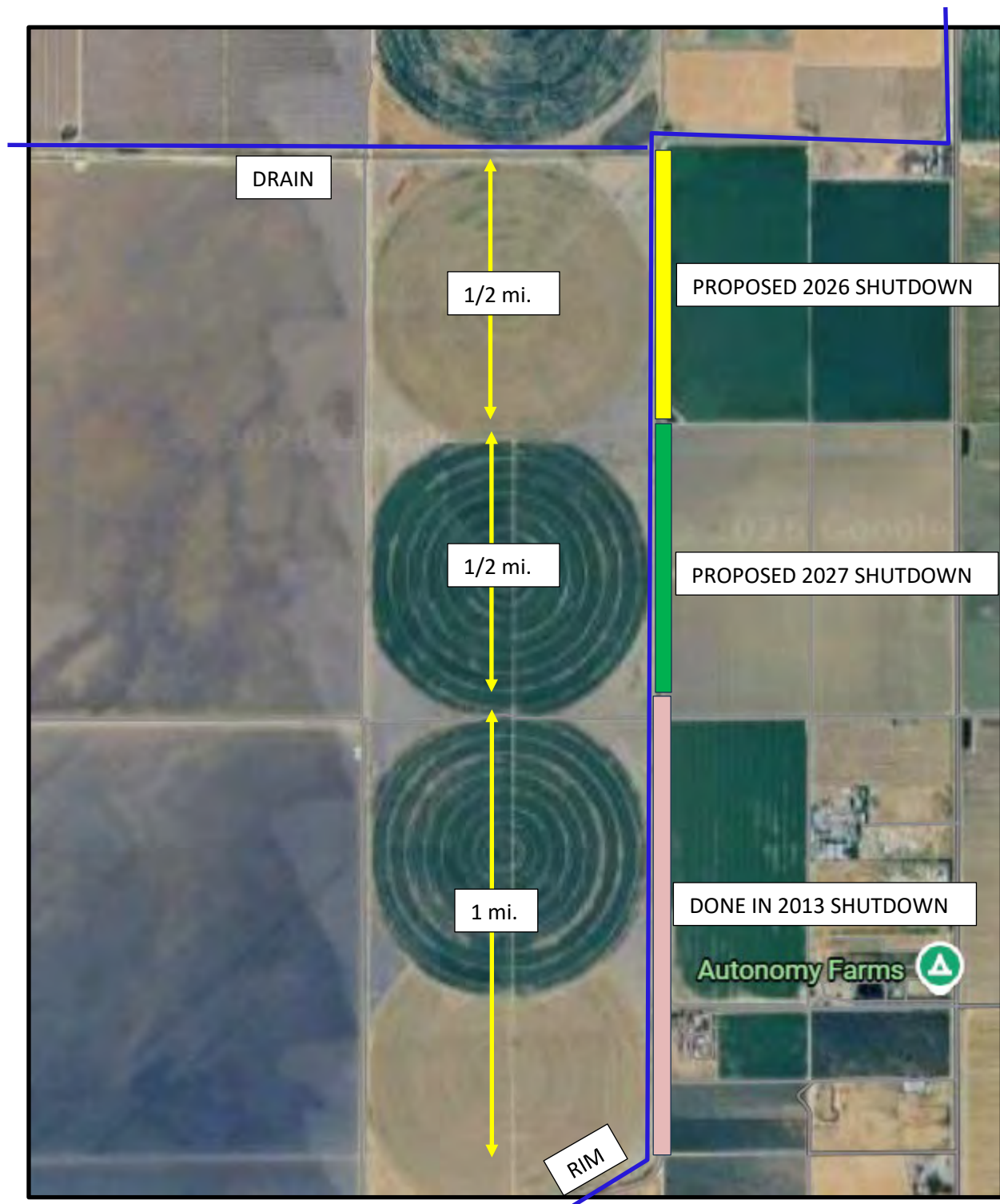
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Kreg Cross

Lonnie A. Cross Landleveling Inc.

(661) 809-2013

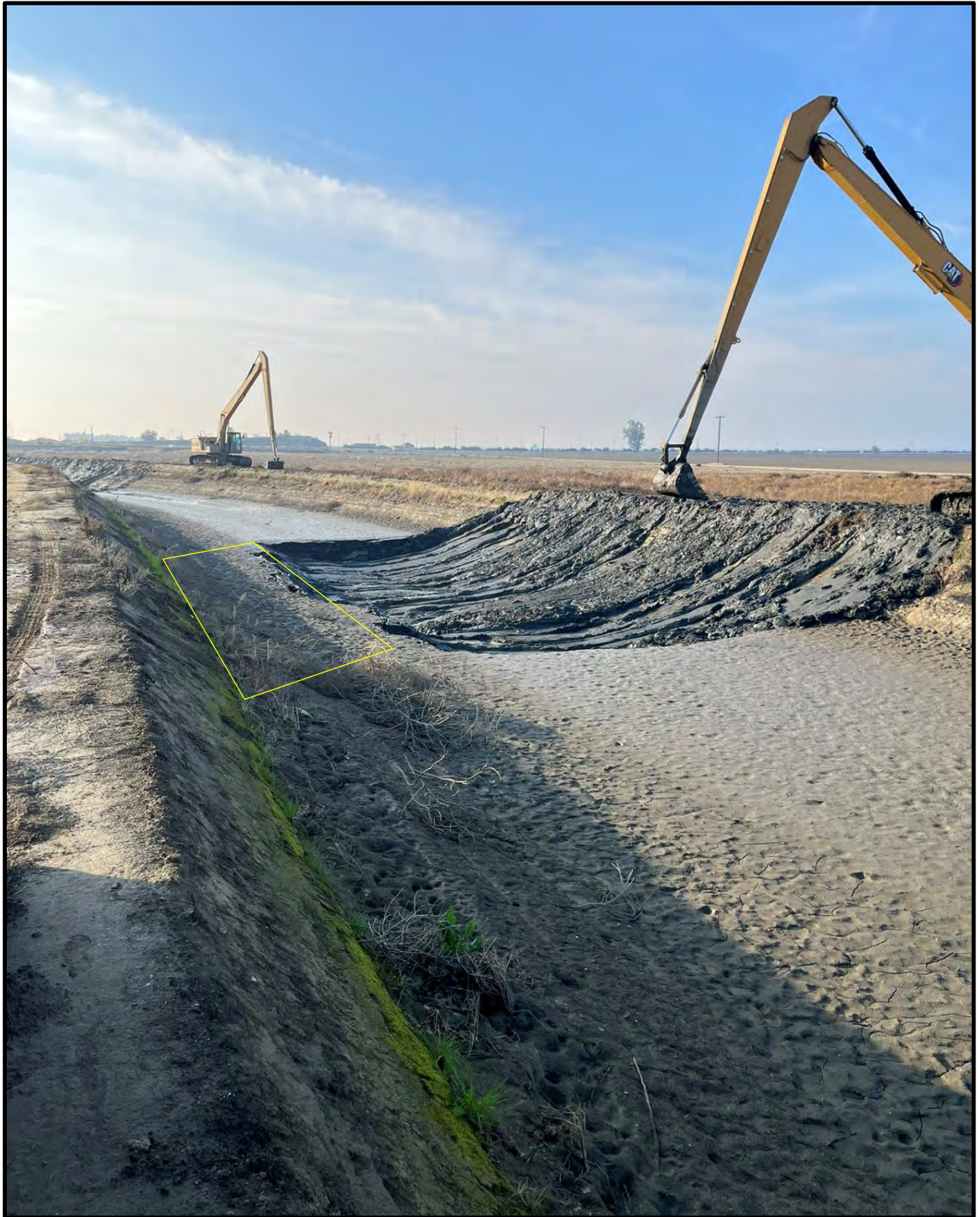
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Rim Ditch Reconstruction Area Map



2023 Dredging Map – Kern Island Drain and Rim Ditch



2023 Rim Ditch dredging. Note bench left behind.



2023 Rim Ditch dredging. Note bench left behind.



Looking south at the southern end of bank rebuild project proposed for 2026.



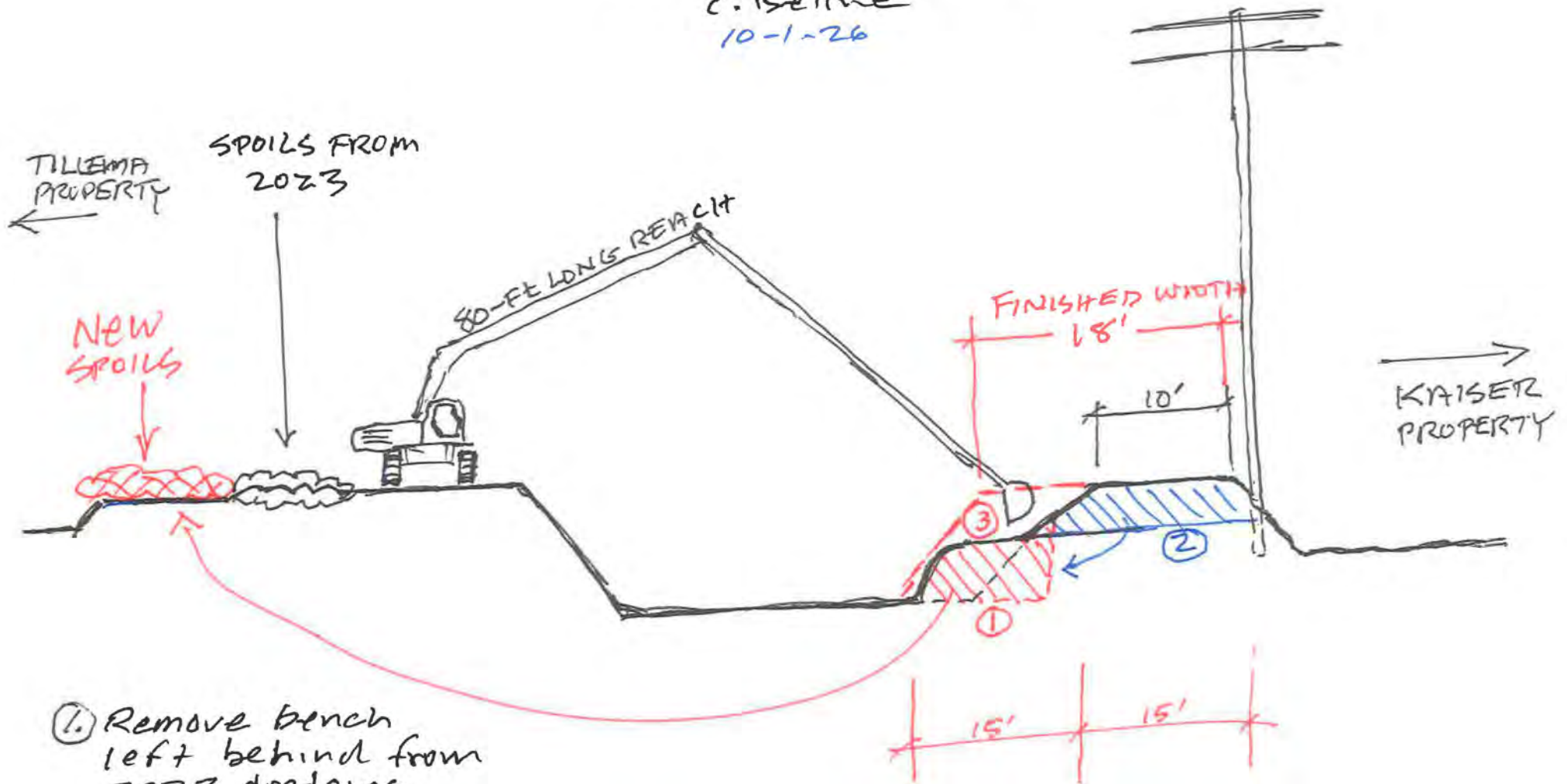
Looking north at the northern end of bank rebuild project proposed for 2026.

RIM DITCH EAST BANK

WIDENING PROJECT

C. Bellne

10-1-26



① Remove bench left behind from 2023 dredging

② Use exist canal bank to replace bench

③ use spoils from 2023 to build back bank - spoils from Drain dredging.

TWO PATHWAYS FOR SCRAPERS AND SHEEP'S-FOOT



Request from Joanna Navarro to realign the Farmers Canal toward the backside of her lot.

ZEIDERS CONSULTING

October 1, 2026

Joanna Navarro
13831 Gosford Road
Bakersfield, CA 93313

RE: Request for Proposal: Farmers Canal Relocation

Dear Joanna,

In accordance with your request for proposal for the preparation for a design, planset and specs for the relocation of the KDWD – Farmers Canal within your property. Zeiders Consulting would provide the necessary services to provide engineering design for:

1. Research and review of existing site and facilities.
2. Conduct a USA Dig request to identify underground utilities.
3. Coordinate with Surveyor on topo mapping of site for use in design of relocated canal.
4. Provide hydraulic analysis of existing and proposed relocated canal for KDWD approval.
5. Prepare planset, specifications to 100% and to approval by KDWD – suitable to quote pricing by contractors.
6. Prepare draft right of way for surveyor to prepare the legals and plats for new canal right of way.
7. Coordination and meetings with KDWD for plan approval and questions by KDWD or client during construction phase.

Additional Services as required: Such as bidding to contractors, changes after initial approved design by KDWD due to changes, etc. Those services would be charged on a rate sheet basis (per attached) as approved by the owner.

The price for the aforementioned Engineering/Consulting Services would be \$24,600.

Invoices are due and payable within 30 days of invoice date, a delinquency charge of 1.5% per month will be made against all balances past due (after 30 days). Customer may be liable for any legal or collection fees incurred.

William Zeiders

Signature: _____

For Zeiders Consulting

Joanna Navarro

Signature: _____

Landowner

Zeiders Consulting

1655 Greeley Rd. Bakersfield, CA. 93314
Office (661) 589-8366 Cell (661) 332-5535 Fax (661) 589-8902
wzeiders@zeidersconsulting.com

Hourly Rate Schedule

Effective January 1, 2025

ENGINEERING

	<u>Standard Rate</u>
Principal Civil Engineer	\$175.00 per hour
Structural Engineer	\$215.00 per hour
Electrical Engineer	\$235.00 per hour
Civil Engineer	\$145.00 per hour
Project Engineer	\$135.00 per hour
EIT	\$120.00 per hour
Field Technician (Non-Prevailing Wage)	\$120.00 per hour
Technician II/Designer-Drafter	\$120.00 per hour
Technician I	\$110.00 per hour
Clerical	\$80.00 per hour

Mileage	\$0.80 per mile
Color Plot	\$20.00 per each
Black & White Plot	\$15.00 per each

SURVEYING & PREVAILING WAGE RATES

Quoted upon request

SUBSISTENCE (For overnight stays) Varies per area motel and meal costs

The above rates include normal office and field materials. Fees, permits, printing services, monuments, title work, and special rented equipment will be charged at cost plus 15%. Outside services charged out at cost plus 15%. Prevailing Wage Rates quoted upon request.

Out of town rates or daily rates can be negotiated
on a per project basis.

PINNACLE SURVEYING SERVICES

9/28/2026

20412 BRIAN WAY, BLDG 2
TEHACHAPI, CA. 93561
661-822-7273 OFFICE

RE: PROPERTY SURVEY, TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY FARMERS CANAL RE-ALIGNMENT

Dear Sirs,

Pursuant to your request we are submitting this proposal to provide services for the referenced project. We propose to provide the following services:

Research Property Boundaries.	\$	1,000.0
Prep field survey.	\$	500.0
Control Survey, set section, and parcel lines as necessary.	\$	2,400.0
Topo, Cross section existing canal 4-7 cross sections and locate weir.	\$	2,400.0
Topo new canal alignment	\$	3,600.0
Review plats and legal descriptions, provided by others, sign and stamp.	\$	1,000.0
Total;	\$	10,900.0

Additional work will be done at a hourly rate.
Our fee to provide surveying services as described above is a total of \$ 10,900.0 we will make every effort to provide you with quality and timely service.

Thank you for considering *Pinnacle Surveying and Engineering Services*. If you have any questions, please call anytime.

Thank you,
Robert Craig
Partner

Notice to Proceed:

Pinnacle Surveying and Engineering:

Client:_____



To: Kern Delta Water District Board of Directors

From: Chris Bellue

Date: October 20, 2026

Re: Well Abandonment Quotes for BR1 Well

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends selecting the low quote from S.A. Camp (Camp) to abandon the BR1 well for a not to exceed amount of \$12,935.

DISCUSSION:

When the District acquired the BR1 Basins property it had an existing well on site. It is believed to have been drilled in the 1950s as an agricultural well and converted to a domestic well at some point. The well head consists of a steel cover plate. Signs of settling were observed at the well head indicating the casing could be failing below the surface (see attached photographs).

The well casing will be cut off 10-feet below ground surface then a slurry fill will be tremied into the well until it fills to the top creating a mushroom cap plug. The slurry cap and excavation will be backfilled and graded to match existing terrain. Well abandonment procedures will be performed in accordance with Kern County Public Works requirements. Bakersfield Well and Pump (BWP) and Camp provided quotes to abandon the well. The quotes are summarized below and attached to this memo.

QUOTES:

Company	Well Abandonment Services
Camp	\$12,935
BWP	\$21,600





Branch 1 Well Looking North



Branch 1 Well Looking South

S. A. CAMP PUMP AND DRILLING COMPANY
P.O. BOX 82575 BAKERSFIELD CA 93380-2575
17876 ZERKER RD BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
PHONE (661) 399-2976 FAX (661) 399-8063 CA LIC# 346951
----ESTIMATE----

CUSTOMER: KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT
ATTN: CHRIS BELLUE
SUBJECT: WELL ABANDONMENT
LOCATION: WIBLE RD & CURNOW RD, ½ EAST, 4/10 NORTH

DATE: 9/21/26
PHONE: 447-1867

QTY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1	ABANDON 14" WELL FROM SURFACE WITH 50' SEAL USING 10 SACK SLURRY INCLUDING MATERIAL, SALES TAX AND PREVAILING WAGE LABOR	11,000.00
1	KERN CO PERMIT FEE	1,335.00
1	CONCRETE DISPOSAL FEE AND BACKHOE WORK	<u>600.00</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE ABOVE INCLUDING MATERIAL, SALES TAX AND LABOR...	12,935.00

NOTE: CONCRETE FOUNDATION CONDITIONS ARE UNKNOWN AT TIME OF QUOTE. ADDITIONAL COST MAY BE INCURRED DEPENDING ON FOUNDATION DEMOLITION REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE: ESTIMATE AMOUNT MAY CHANGE DUE TO VENDOR PRICING.

NOTE: THE ABOVE QUOTE IS CALCULATED WITH PREVAILING WAGE LABOR.

QUOTED BY: JOSE FELIX

Bakersfield Well & Pump Co.
7212 Fruitvale Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93308

To: Kern Delta Water District
501 Taft Hwy
Bakersfield, CA. 93307

Quote #1
9/11/2026
JOB #
PO #

**Well Abandonment
QUOTE**

Chris Bellue 661-447-1867
1950's Well

Item #	Bid Item Description	Qty	Units	Unit Bid Price	Qty This Period	Period Total	Qty to Date	Total to Date
1	KERN COUNTY WELL PERMIT	LS	1	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00
2	MOB AND DEMOB	LS	1	\$ 2,500.00	1	\$ 2,500.00	1	\$ 2,500.00
3	INSTALL TREMIE PIPE & PUMP CEMENT	LS	1	\$ 3,500.00	1	\$ 3,500.00	1	\$ 3,500.00
4	10.5 SACK SAND CEMENT	YD	1	\$ 350.00	26	\$ 9,100.00	26	\$ 9,100.00
5	BACKHOE EXCAVATE 6' MUSHROOM CAP & BACKFILL	LS	1	\$ 3,000.00	1	\$ 3,000.00	1	\$ 3,000.00
6	PUMPER	LS	1	\$ 2,000.00	1	\$ 2,000.00	1	\$ 2,000.00
7		0	1	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -

Labor	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Material	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 9,100.00
Sales Tax 2.25%	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 21,600.00

Prepared By: KB 9/11/26
Kenny Baird Date

Signed By: _____
John C. Zimmerer Date

Approved By: _____
Date

	Total To Date
Amount Earned	\$ 21,600.00
Sales Tax 2.25%	\$ -
Total Due	\$ 21,600.00



Project No.	Tract	Developer/Owner	Facility	Location	Engineer/Contractor	Status	Project Description
1	7405	Balfanz	Central Branch	North of Panama Lane	Porter & Associates, Inc.	A	Road widening; fencing
2	6880	Lennar	Branch II Canal	West of Gosford Road	McIntosh & Associates	A	Swale and storm drain inlet boxes remain.
3	6880	Lennar	Stine Canal	West of Gosford Road	McIntosh & Associates	A	CUA, Easement, two road crossing installations.
4	N/A	Caltrans	Multiple	Bear Mt. Blvd	Caltrans	A	Repaving
5	N/A	Cal Water	Multiple	Multiple	Provost & Pritchard	A	Fluidizaiton project
6	N/A	KDWD	Eastside Canal	Surge Pond	Cross Land Leveling	A	Grading and inlet structures.
7	N/A	City of Bakersfield	Stillson Ditch	Sierra Madre Ave	QK	P	Proposed Park
8	N/A	Joanna Navarro	Farmers Canal	East of Gosford Rd, South of Lindsa	TBD	P	Re-align Farmers Canal
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	Caballero	Eastside Canal	South of Panama Ln	-	P	Install bridge crossing on Eastside Canal
11	N/A	City of Bakersfield	Carrier Canal	North of Four Weirs	Meyer Civil Engineering, In	P	Weir repalcement
12	N/A	Caltrans	Multiple	Taft Highway	Griffith Company	P	Culvert extensions of multiple District canals along Taft Highway.
13	N/A	East Niles	Eastside Canal	Shirley Lane	AECOM	P	Install discharge into canal.
14	N/A	Bakersfield Play Center	Eastside Canal	Kentucky Street	TBD	P	Install block wall
15	N/A	Five Rivers Investment	Stine Canal	SE Corner of Panma Ln and Gosford		P	Comercial project
16	N/A	KDWD	Kern Island Canal	North of Hwy 178	TBD	P	Replace/modify trash screen.
17	N/A	KDWD	Kern Island Canal	South of Berkshire	TBD	P	Replace weir 03-00-601 steel.
18	N/A	KDWD	Stine Canal	City Corp Yard	TBD	P	Modify trash screen.
19	N/A	FBT Trucking	15 Ditch	North of Pacheco	Zeiders Consulting	P	Access agreement; canal crossing; pipeline
20	N/A	Grow Schools	East Branch Canal	Casa Loma	Zeiders Consulting/Swanson	P	Future School site at end of Casa Loma
21	N/A	HP LLC	Multiple	Multiple	HP LLC	P	Fiber line crossing, two locations.
22	N/A	KDWD	Old River Basins	Old River Basins	Zeiders Consulting	P	New recovery well.
23	N/A	KB Engineering	Central Branch	P Street		A	Permit Issued
24	N/A	Panama BVUSD	Randall Ditch	East of Stine Road	Michael Dhaneens Arch.	P	Proposed development within canal right-of-way
25	N/A	PG&E	Kern Island Canal	34th Street	PG&E	P	Install underground electric power lines.
26	N/A	PG&E	Central Branch	Ming Avenue	PG&E	P	Waiting on plans.
27	N/A	PG&E	Kern Island Canal	Belle Terrace	PG&E	P	Install gas pipeline underneath canal.
28	N/A	PG&E	Farmers Canal	Old River Road	PG&E	P	Plans reviewed. Waiting on insurance and permit fee.
29	6410	S&S Homes	Burnes Ditch	North of Taft Hwy	McIntosh & Associates	P	Taft Highway culvert extension and new culvert at future City street.
30	N/A	Unknown	Kern Island Canal	22nd Street	QK	P	Storm drain discharge. Waiting on plans.
31	N/A	Crimson	20-ft	Intersection of Smith Judd & 20-ft	Anacapa	C	Permit Complete.
32	N/A	Ripple Fiber	15 Ditch	Stine Road	Ridgeline Telecom	C	Install fiber crossing.
33	N/A	Kern Energy	Eastside Canal	South of Panama Ln		C	Removal of oil line(s)
34	N/A	PG&E	Central Branch	Panama Lane	PG&E	C	Enroachment Permit Granted
35	N/A	Samco	Branch One Canal	Wible and Harris	Landmark	C	CUA, Plan review
36	N/A	KDWD	Sunset Basins	Sunset Basins	Zeiders Consulting	C	Pump installation/testing.
37	N/A	Crimson	Farmers Canal	Ashe Road	Anacapa	C	Project Complete
38	N/A	City of Bakersfield	Hersfield Pipeline	North of McKee		C	Traffic light relocation, rasing of manhole, paving
39	N/A	KDWD	Eatside Canal	North of Di Giorgio	UCI (concrete)	C	Install traveling water screens and line portion of canal.
40	N/A	Zarch	Central Branch	Adobe Road	Landmark Irrigation	C	Connect to new turnout
41	7136	Deertrail/D.R. Horton	Stine Canal	North of McCutchen	McIntosh & Associates	C	Canal realignment.
42	N/A	Pilot Truck Stop	Branch One Canal	Taft Highway	LAV//Pinnacle	C	Canal realignment and pipeline.
43	N/A	MPS Construction Mgm	Kern Island Canal	South of Hosking Ave	Dewalt	C	Southerly box culvert extension.
44	7136	Deertrail/D.R. Horton	Stine Canal	North of McCutchen	CVPE	C	Install fiber crossing.

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



To: Kern Delta Water District Board of Directors

From: Chris Bellue

Date: October 20, 2026

Re: District Projects

DISCUSSION:

District Shop Improvements:

Project Description - This project involves replacing the roof over the shop and enclosing the back bay, which will be repurposed as a welding and fabrication area. Other improvements include demo of the old slab and apron in the back bay area, installation on new slab in the back bay and apron area, electrical service extensions, new swamp coolers and down ducts, and purlin replacement where needed. 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. Quotes were collected in December of 2025, and the District selected the low quote from Dobitz Construction. The District entered into an agreement with Dobitz Construction, Agreement No. 2025-09. Staff obtained the building permit in June 2026. A change order was submitted by the contractor before the project began. The change order was not approved, and Staff were advised by the Board to re-quote the project. The architect received quotes from Piuzer Construction, Dobitz Construction and Black Hall Construction on July 21st, 2026. At the August 18, 2026 Board Meeting, staff were advised by the Board to accept the low quote and award the contract to Black Hall Construction. The fully executed contract (Agreement No. 2026-02) and insurance requirements from Black Hall Construction were received on September 4, 2026. A schedule was received from Black Hall on September 28, 2026.

Project Status – The project is set to begin with slab demolition on Monday October 5, 2026 followed by forming, setting rebar and pouring the new slab in the back bay and apron. Concrete work is expected to be done in late October. The roof sheeting phase will begin in the back bay immediately following the concrete phase. The project is expected to be completed in December 2026.

Well repairs:

Project Description - In October of 2024 Agilitech was hired by the District to perform preventative maintenance on 20 District wells to check termination connections within the panel and at the well heads and to run each well for approximately 6 hours. Staff exercise the wells every year to make sure electrical components, lubrication and the well perforations are working properly. The following four wells were found to have various issues that prevented them from running.

FR-1 and ST-1 are old grower wells that were acquired when the District purchased the Stonefield and Old River Basin properties. ST-1 has worked in the recent past but rotation couldn't be established so it was not run. FR-1 hasn't run for approximately 8 years and needs to be evaluated to see if it is worth investing in repairs.

KI-8 has a fault with the soft starter

KB3 has a fault within the VFD.

Project Status - Bakersfield Well and Pump repaired KI-8 by replacing the soft starter and KB-3 by replacing a circuit board within the variable frequency drive. ST-1 was repaired by moving the column and down and establishing rotation. All three wells were exercised for approximately 3-hours and are currently operational. Repairs to FR-1 are of a lower priority and are on hold until further notice. This project is completed.

Well Abandonments:

Project Description – When the District acquired the Branch 1 Basins and the Marlett parcel at the Kern Island Basins, each property had a well with no motor. The Branch 1 well is an old ag well that was converted to a domestic well and at some point left idle. The area around the well head is settling indicating the well column may be collapsing. Due to its age and condition this well is a good candidate for abandonment. The Marlett well can be converted into a monitoring well and will not be considered for abandonment at this time. Request for quotes were sent to Bakerfield Well and Pump and SA Camp on September 4, 2026 for the abandonment of the Branch 1 well. Staff will bring quotes back to the Operations and Projects committee on October 6, 2026 for review and discussion

Project Status –. Camp quoted \$12,935 and BWP quoted \$21,600 for the well abandonment project. Staff will recommend to the Operations and Project Committee that the low quote from Camp be approved for the project.

Traveling Water Screens in Eastside Canal:

Project Description – Staff worked with International Water Screens (IWS) to design water screens suitable for the Eastside Canal at DiGiorgio Road. Staff approved a design concept and IWS is now under contract with the District to build and install the screens. Because the Eastside Canal was unlined in the desired location, and the bank access was narrow, a structural-concrete section with vertical retaining walls was designed by District staff to support the screens. Construction of the concrete portion of the project began in December 2025 and was completed in February 2026. The

canal ran for the 2026 season with the new concrete section in place. Staff confirmed that IWS completed fabrication of the screens, catwalk, conveyor, elevator, service panel, and bypass slides on August 14, 2026. Staff met with PG&E on site on April 23, 2026 to discuss the new meter location and layout of the conduit run and panel location for the new service. The District entered into an agreement with PG&E on July 15, 2026 for new power service. The District contracted with Agilitech to install new electrical service as per PG&E requirements. A pre-construction meeting with PG&E and Agilitech was held onsite on August 10, 2026. Agilitech completed trenching approximately 100-ft from the power pole to the panel/meter location and installed conduit and passed the PG&E inspection for that phase. On August 21, 2026 Agilitech passed the mandrel and meter inspections.

Project Status - PG&E is scheduled to extend power service from the pole to the meter panel beginning October 26, 2026. When PG&E completes their work, Agilitech will return to the site to extend the power from the meter panel to the screens panel. When power is established to the screens panel, IWS will be given the go-ahead to install the screens. District staff will remove the old screen at this time. The screen installation is scheduled for as early as November 2026 or late as January 2027.

Head of Stine Canal Screen Rebuild:

Project Description – The trash screen at the head of the Stine Canal is within the City Corp and has historically been accessed and cleaned from the Santa Fe rail yard. The screen does not have a catwalk which presents a safety hazard when cleaning. Access to the rail yard has been pushed farther away over the years because of added security measures installed by Santa Fe. The City installed an Amarok electrified fence around the Corp Yard making access even more difficult from the rail yard. The City Water Resources Department contracted with Delaney Manufacturing to design and build a screen and catwalk system that makes it possible to access and clean from the City Corp Yard. District staff designed a structural concrete support slab to support the screen and to be anchored into the existing concrete structure. Delaney will use a concrete subcontractor to install the slab and anchor points per District plans.

Project Status – The concrete support slab was poured on August 26, 2026 under the supervision of District Engineer Bellue. The catwalks and new trash screen were installed in the week of September 28, 2026. This project is complete.

Eastside Canal Surge Pond:

Project Description – The District purchased a 14-acre parcel of land on the Eastside Canal at the Edison Road weir. The almond orchard that was on the land was removed along with the underground irrigation pipes in late 2025. A surge pond will be constructed on the parcel to control water levels on the upstream and downstream sides of the Edison weir. District staff designed the basin and inlet structures, and the plans were sent to Lonnie A. Cross Land Leveling, Wood Brothers and Mr. Backhoe on May 28, 2026 for quotes. The quotes were presented at the June 16th, 2026 Board meeting and Cross was selected as the low quote for the project. District staff prepared a Dust Control Plan for the project and contracted with Wiley Hughs and Krazan for surveying and

compaction testing. The levee construction phase was completed August 14, 2026 at about the same time the Eastside canal was ending its seasonal run of water. The turnouts and pipelines were completed on October 2, 2026. Finish grading and rip installation are the only remaining items for the contractor. District staff will install a Waterman gate on turnout No. 1, and board control on turnout No. 2. This facility will be completely operational by late November 2026.

Project Status –

District Yard Block Wall:

Project Description - The existing fence surrounding the District yard has fallen into a state of disrepair. Staff recommended a new block wall around the yard to better secure District equipment. Staff reached out to Kern Masonry for a quote to demo the existing wall and install approximately 800-feet of new block wall.

Project Status – District staff received a quote from Kern Masonry and is awaiting a quote from Simmons Concrete. Quotes will be presented to the Operation and Projects committee at a future date.

Head of Carrier Canal Weir Rebuild:

Project Description - District staff met with City Water Resources staff on April 23, 2026 to discuss the need for the weir at the head of the Carrier Canal to be rebuilt in the 2027 shutdown period. The City contracted with Dick Meyer to design the new structure.

Project Status – Staff attended a design kickoff meet with the City and Dick Meyer Engineering on September 16, 2026. Various items were discussed, such as bypass capacities, design concepts, contractors and construction windows. Construction is estimated to begin in December 2027.

Tab V



KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT

October 14, 2026

	10/14/2026	Last Year
KERN RIVER 3 DAY MEAN INFLOW	145 CFS	227 CFS
KERN RIVER MEAN OUTFLOW	419 CFS	645 CFS
ISABELLA RESERVOIR STORAGE	142,982 ACFT	210,538 ACFT
REQUESTED OUTFLOW	495 CFS	640 CFS

Estimated: (CFS)

KDWD DAILY DIVERTED: (OCTOBER 14, 2026)	@HEAD	STATE	XCHNG	BANKING
KERN ISLAND	118	0	0	0
EASTSIDE	0	0	0	0
BUENA VISTA -LEVEE	0	0	0	0
STINE	0	0	0	0
OTHER - ID4 & 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	118	0	0	0

Estimated: (Acre Feet)

DIVERTED IN DISTRICT (SEPTEMBER 2026)	UTILITY	STATE	PURCHASE	BANKING
KERN ISLAND	9,150	141	0	0
EASTSIDE	0	0	0	0
C.O.B. Misc.	0	0	0	0
BUENA VISTA	0	0	0	0
STINE	0	0	0	0
FARMERS	0	0	0	0
SOUTH FORK	0	0	0	0
MONTHLY TOTAL	9,150	141	0	0
YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026	188,585 ACFT	13,188	0	0

Year to September 30, 2026 Utility - State - Banking 201,773 ACFT

ACFT. STORAGE BALANCE AS OF:	9/30/2026	Estimate 10/14/2026	Max Storage
KERN ISLAND	1,608	1,608	2,500
BUENA VISTA	25	841	1,500
STINE	0	0	1,500
FARMERS	10	10	1,500
STATE (25) Carryover	0	0	N/A
STATE (26) Contract	4,378	4,378	N/A
RRBWSO STORAGE	18,805	18,805	N/A
PIONEER PROJECT STORAGE (ODC)	30,976 (100,717)	30,976 (100,717)	N/A
TOTAL ACFT.	55,802	56,618	

K.D.W.D. CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATION:

<u>54</u>	MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	<u>68</u>
<u>78</u>	MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	<u>49</u>
<u>55</u>	PRESENT TEMPERATURE	<u>45</u>
<u>0.00</u>	PRECIPITATION - 24 HR. DAY	<u>0.00</u>
<u>0.00</u>	PRECIPITATION - MONTH	<u>0.00</u>
Seasonal <u>0.00</u>	YEAR TO DATE PRECIP.	<u>0.00</u> Seasonal

ISABELLA CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATION:ISABELLA RESEVOIR:

LAKE ELEVATION (FT.)	2,555.65	SEPTEMBER AC. FT. INFLOW	13,783
STORAGE ACFT.	142,982	SEPTEMBER AC. FT. OUTFLOW	32,864
GROSS STORAGE CAPACITY	568,075	ACCUMULATIVE ACFT. INFLOW (25-26)	588,914
% OF CAPACITY	25%	ACCUMULATIVE ACFT. OUTFLOW	618,849
SEASONAL STORAGE CAPACITY	251,332	% OF SEASONAL CAPACITY	57%

Summary of Utility Water Diverted Year to Date: 9/30/2026

	Utility	North Kern	Other Exchanges
January	26,831	0	0
February	10,711	2,500	0
March	13,595	2,500	0
April	18,460	0	0
May	28,295	0	0
June	37,676	0	0
July	33,901	0	0
August	16,649	0	0
September	9,150	0	0
October			
November			
December			
Total	195,268	5,000	0

Summary of Other Water Diverted Year to Date: 9/30/2026

	State	Purchase	Third Party Banking
January	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	98	0	0
April	121	0	0
May	297	0	0
June	4,288	0	0
July	6,373	0	0
August	1,870	0	0
September	141	0	0
October			
November			
December			
Total	13,188	0	0

Water owed to K.D.W.D as of: 9/30/2026

B.V.W.S.D. 2025 State Carryover*:	5,992
2026 State Contract: Table A	11,475
2026 Yuba	99

Summary of Total State Water Used Year to Date: 9/30/2026

	(OWED)	(USED)
2025 Contract	0	5,992
2026 Contract	4,378	7,196
Total	4,378	13,188

Quantities in acft. TOTAL 17,566

Net Owed to KDWD TOTAL 17,566

Maximum Annual State Carryover Balance: 6,000 acre feet

DISTRICT BANKING OPERATIONS

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

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)

				3RD PARTY	OPERATIONAL
DIVERTED FOR BANKING (SEPTEMBER 2026)	UTILITY	STATE	PURCHASE	BANKING	RECHARGE
KERN ISLAND	0	0	0	0	2,978
EASTSIDE	0	0	0	0	0
BUENA VISTA	0	0	0	0	0
STINE	0	0	0	0	0
FARMERS	0	0	0	0	286
OUT OF DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	0
MONTHLY TOTAL	0	0	0	0	3,264
YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026	18,274 ACFT	0	0	0	70,561

Year to September 30, 2026 All Supplies

88,835 ACFT

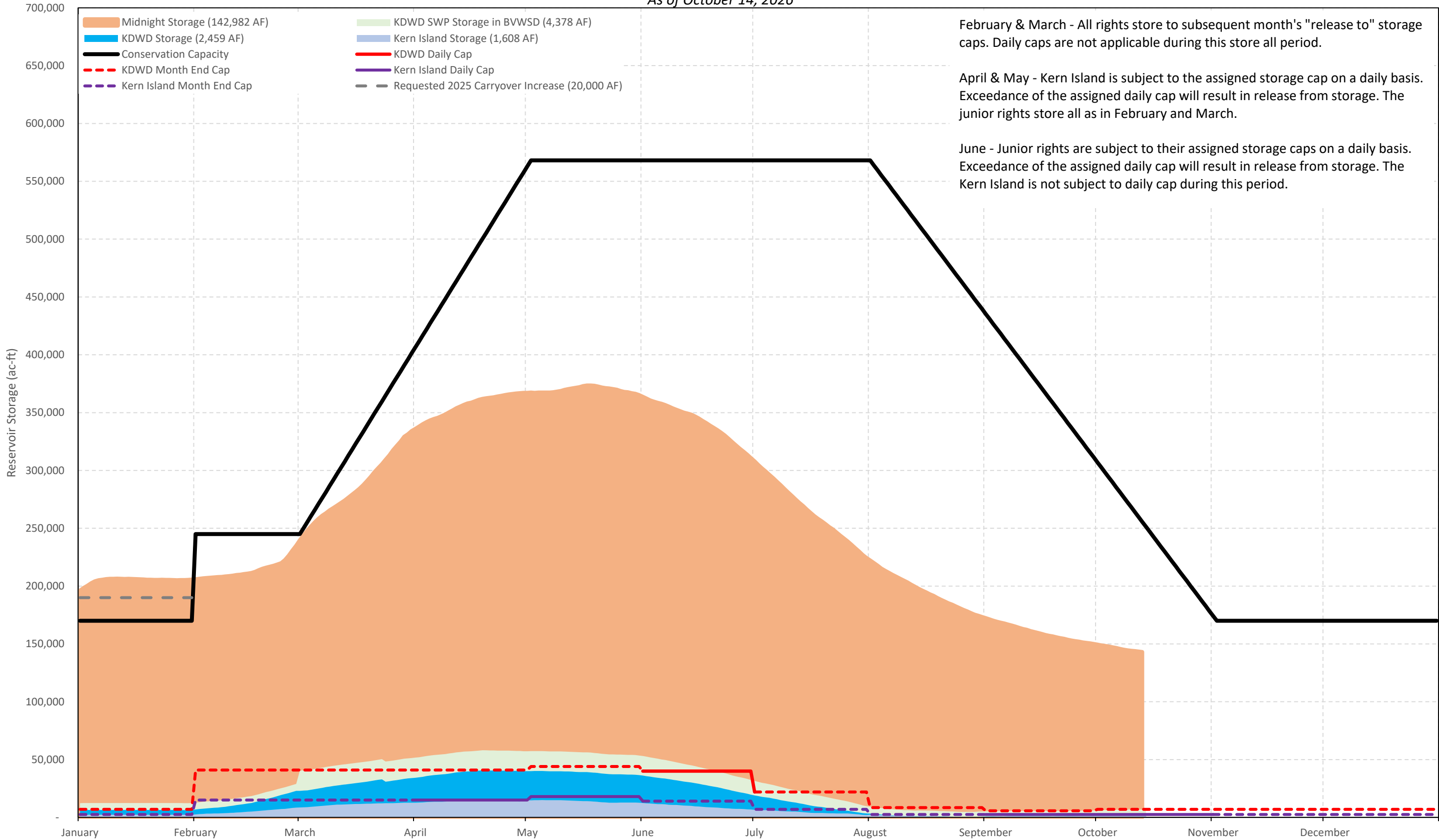
Summary of Spreading Year to Date: 9/30/2026

	Utility	State	Purchase	3 Pty Bk	Op. Re.
January	17,467	0	0	0	6,663
February	721	0	0	0	4,875
March	86	0	0	0	5,454
April	0	0	0	0	7,271
May	0	0	0	0	10,536
June	0	0	0	0	13,091
July	0	0	0	0	13,711
August	0	0	0	0	5,696
September	0	0	0	0	3,264
October					
November					
December					
Total	18,274	0	0	0	70,561

Facility Flow Rate Quick Reference

PROJECT	Fill (CFS)	Operational (CFS)		Acreage
		Summer	Winter	
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 October 14, 2026



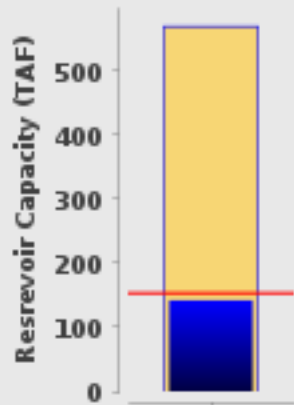


CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS



Isabella Lake Conditions

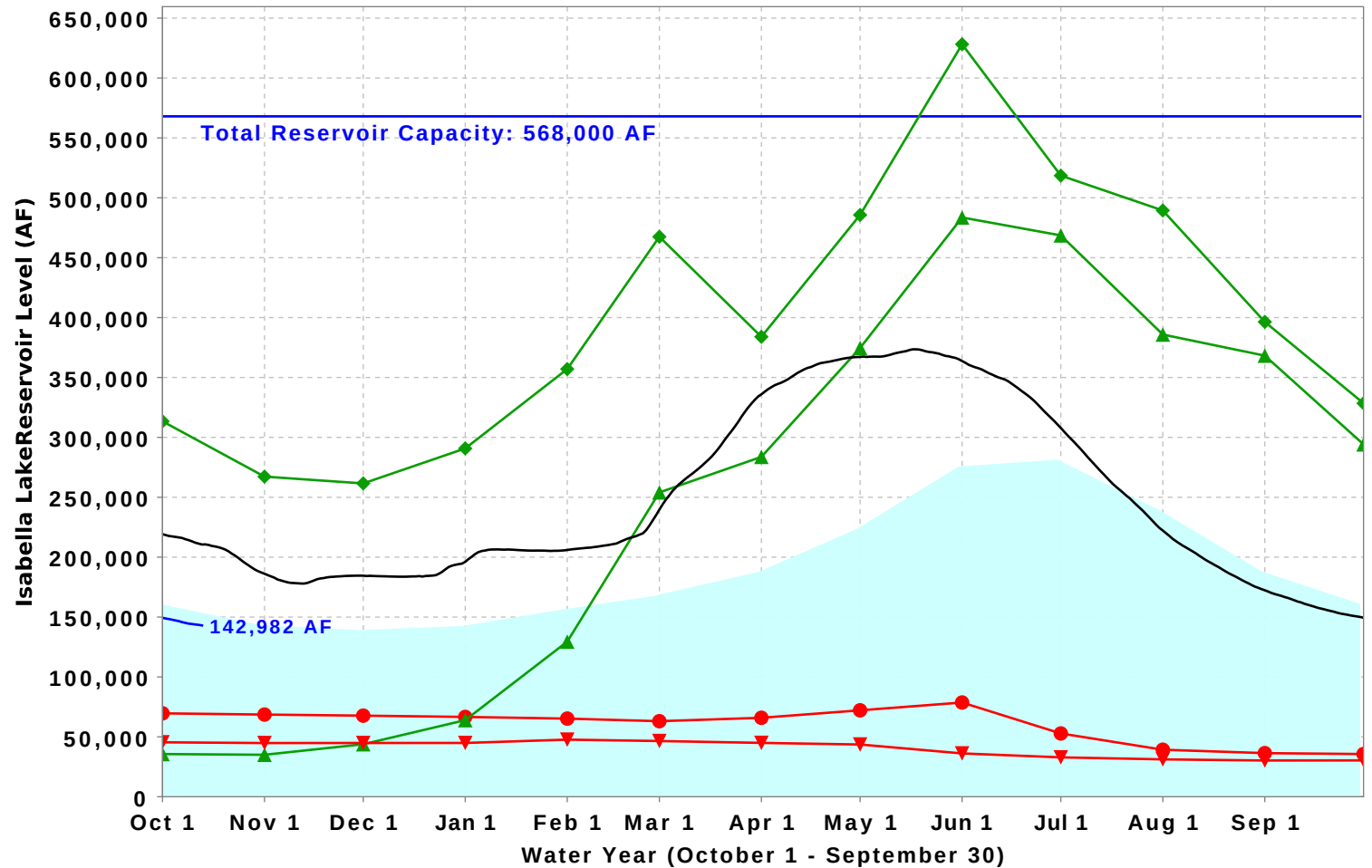
(as of Midnight - October 13, 2026)



Current Level: 142,982 AF

25% (Total Capacity) | 93% (Historical Avg.)

Isabella Lake Levels: Various Past Water Years and Current Water Year, Ending At Midnight October 13, 2026



■ Historical Average
 — Total Reservoir Capacity
 ● 1976-1977
 ▲ 1977-1978
 ◆ 1982-1983 (Wettest)
 — 2025-2026
 ▼ 2014-2015 (Driest)
 — Current: 2026-2027

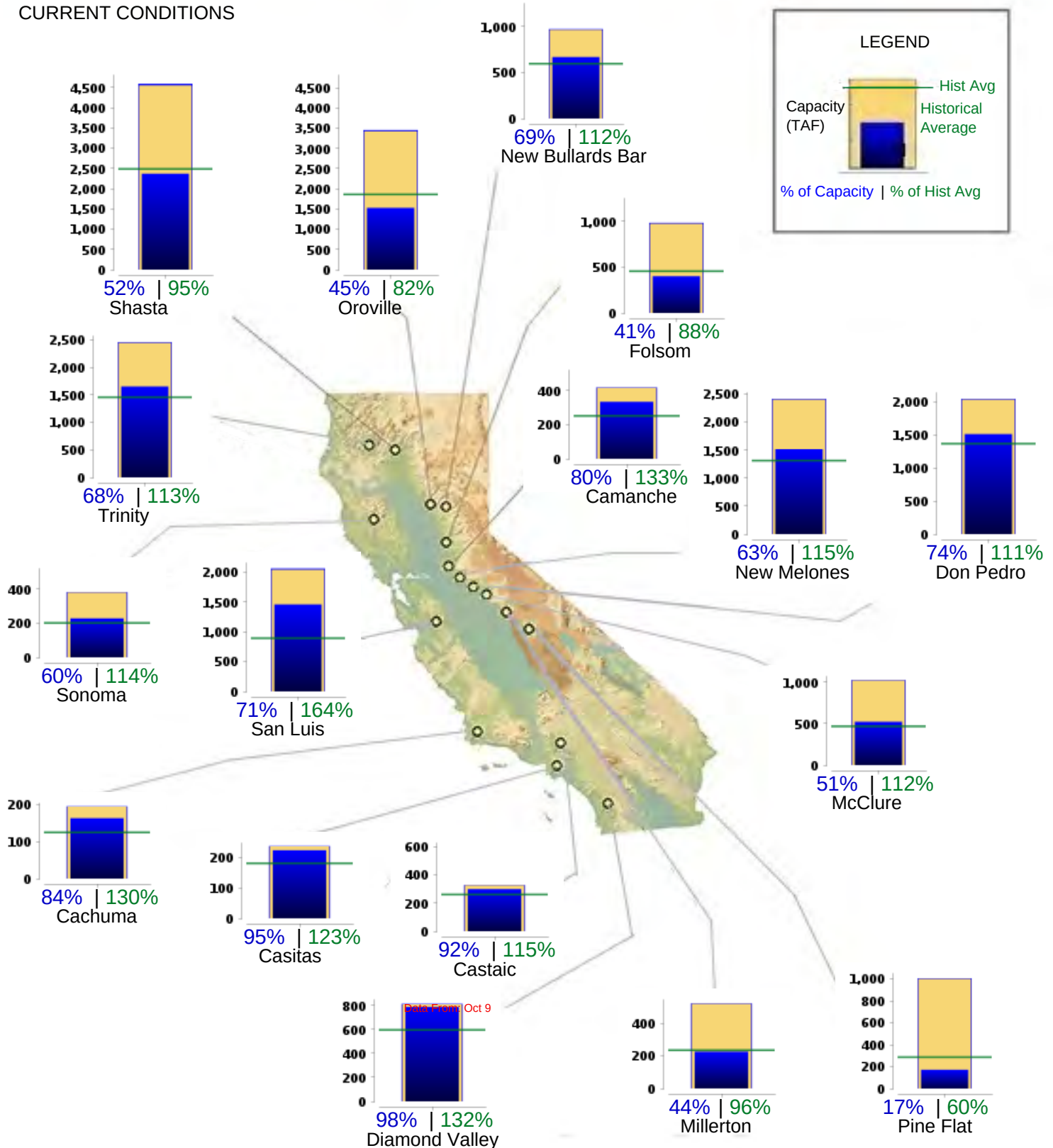


CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS

CALIFORNIA MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS

Midnight - October 15, 2026

CURRENT CONDITIONS



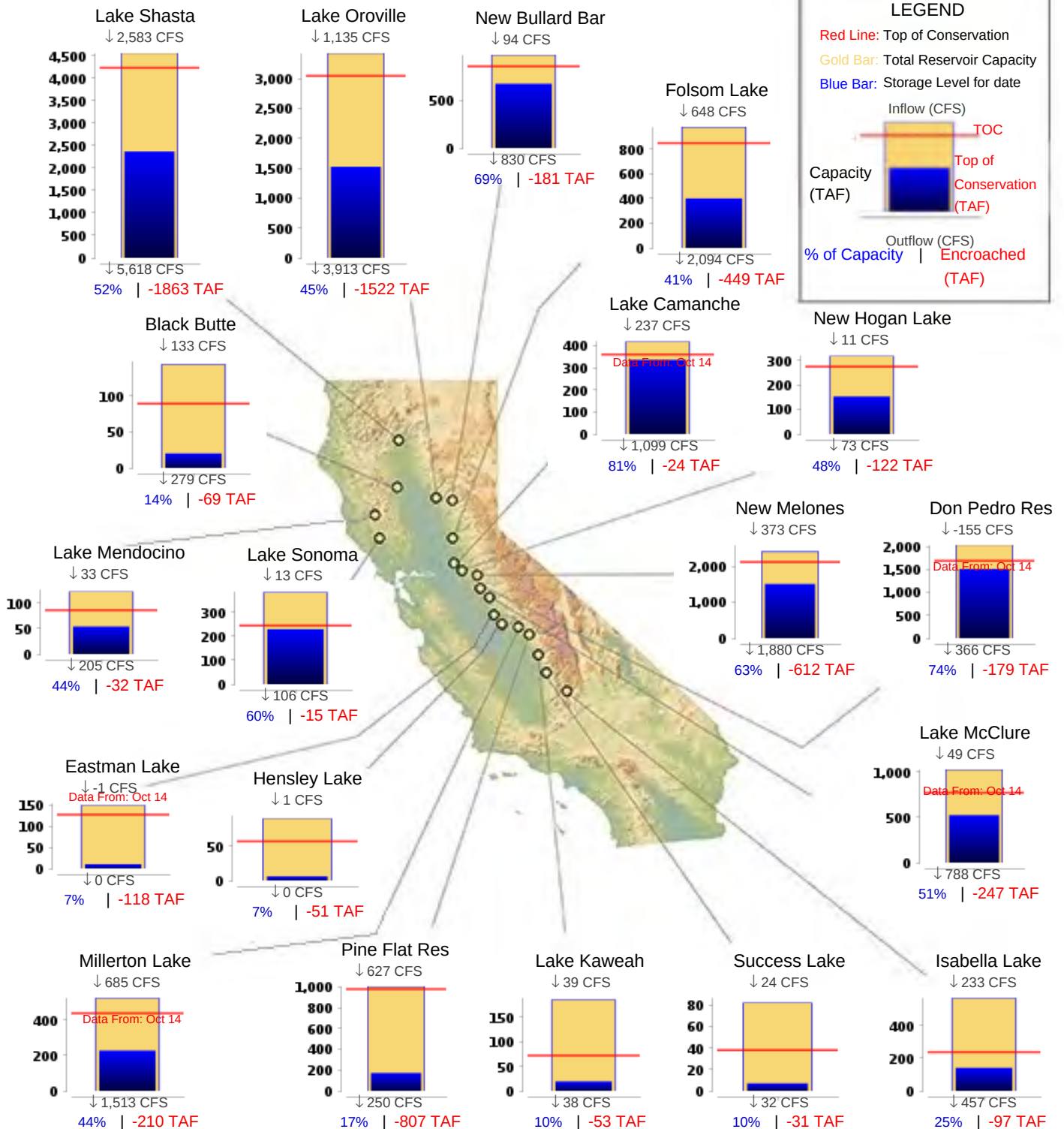


CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS

TOP OF CONSERVATION CONDITIONS (TOC)

Midnight - October 15, 2026

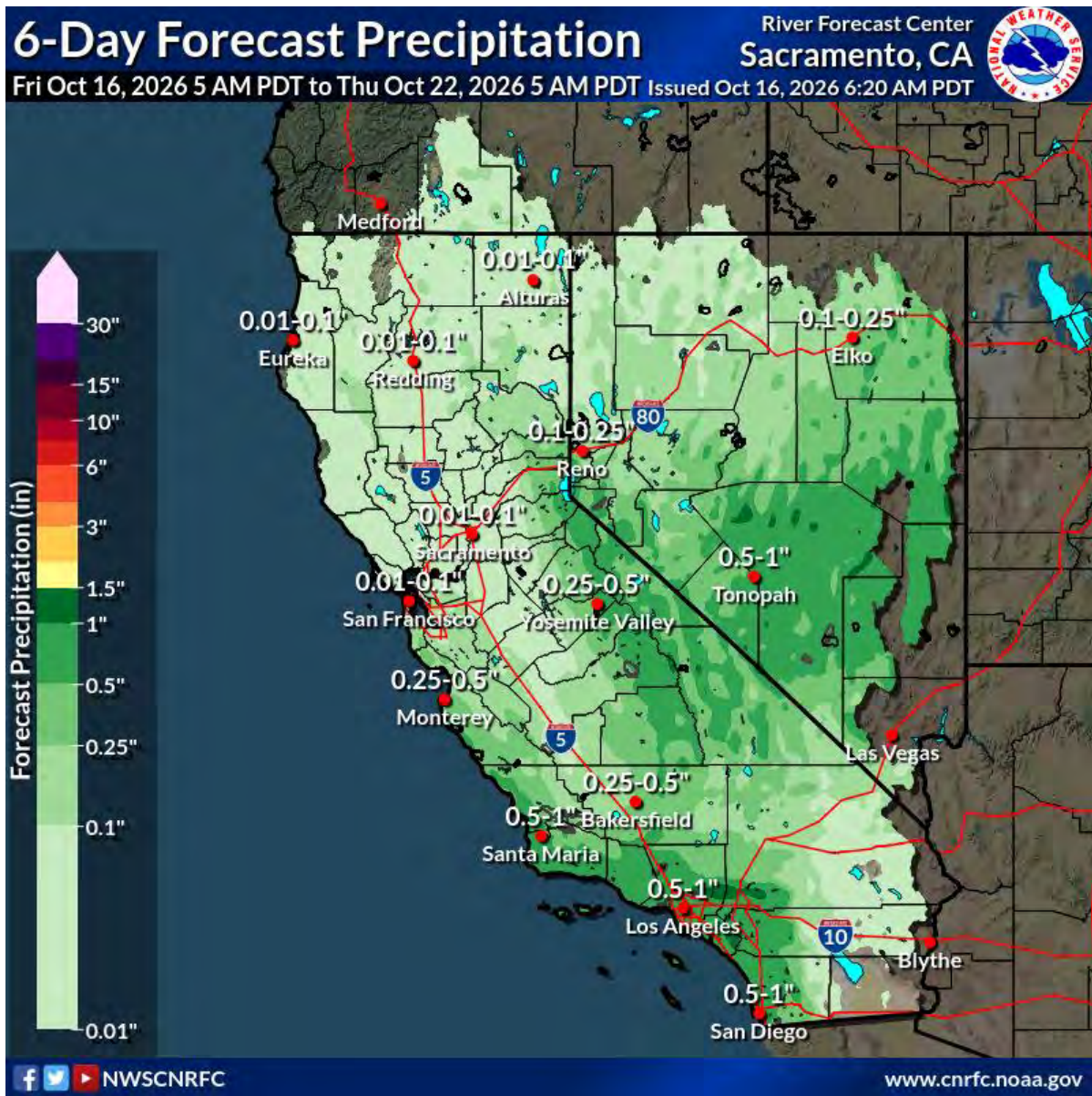
CENTRAL VALLEY RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL RESERVOIRS





CNRFC Area Precipitation Forecast

Location: Time Period: [Map Legend](#) [Get Map](#)



Time Period QPF Image Matrix

Days 1 - 3				Days 4 - 6				Days 1 - 6			
Day 1				Day 2				Day 3			
5A - 11A	11A - 5P	5P - 11P	11P - 5A	5A - 11A	11A - 5P	5P - 11P	11P - 5A	5A - 11A	11A - 5P	5P - 11P	11P - 5A
Day 4				Day 5				Day 6			

Location QPF Image Matrix

CNRFC Area	Medford	Eureka	Sacramento	SF Bay Area	San Joaquin
Los Angeles	San Diego	Reno	Elko	Las Vegas	Phoenix

KERN RIVER WATERMASTER

achianello@krwatermaster.org

To: Kern River Interests

October 10, 2026

From: Art Chianello
Kern River Watermaster

RE: Report of Recent Activities

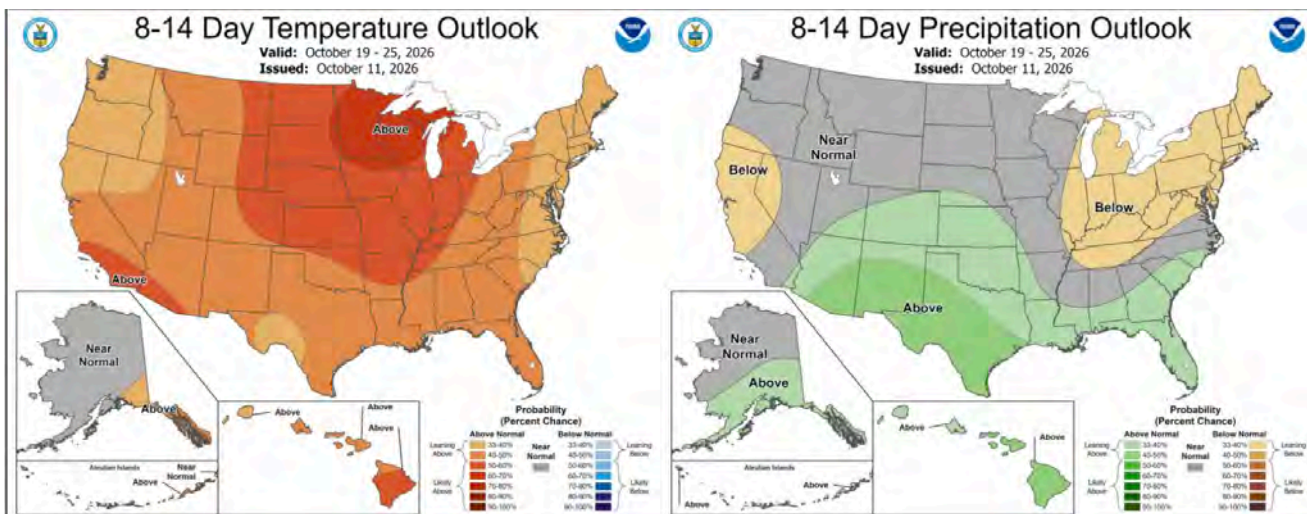
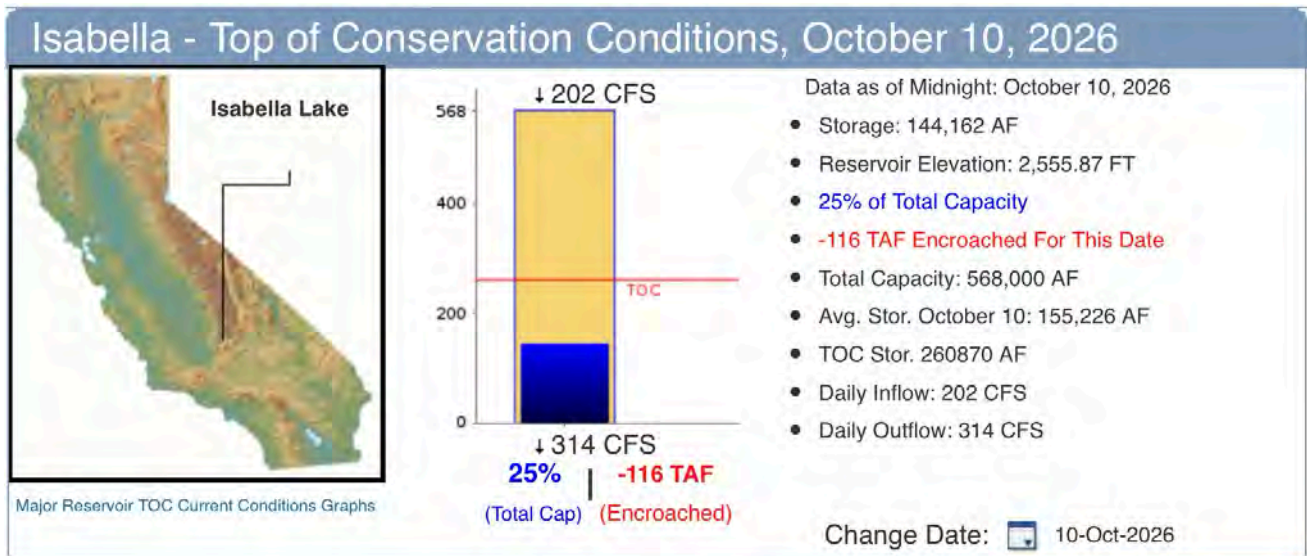
El Niño Forecast: In review, the June 11th National Weather Service’s El Niño synopsis stated, “El Niño conditions are present and expected to strengthen into the Northern Hemisphere winter 2026-27.” The July 9th synopsis stated, “El Niño continues and will strengthen through the end of the year, with a 97% chance it will persist through early spring 2027.” The August 13th synopsis stated, “El Niño is strengthening, with a greater than 90% chance of a very strong event during the Northern Hemisphere fall and winter 2026-27.” The September 10th synopsis remains unchanged and states, “El Niño is strengthening, with a greater than 90% chance of a very strong event during the Northern Hemisphere fall and winter 2026-27.” The October 8th synopsis stated, “El Niño continues to strengthen, with a strong-to-very strong El Niño likely through January-March (remaining greater than an 83% chance).

Previous El Niño years classified as very strong are shown below along with the April-July runoff at 1st Point of Measurement in terms of percent of average.

Water Year	El Niño Strength	Kern River % A-J
1958	Very Strong	179
1966	Very Strong	47
1973	Very Strong	156
1983	Very Strong	333
1992	Very Strong	39
1998	Very Strong	245
2016	Very Strong	48

I attended the September 28th NOAA Drought Seminar Series entitled “Drought, El Niño, and California.” The presenter, State Climatologist Mike Anderson, had a very good presentation where he discussed the seven very strong El Niño events shown above. Two key takeaways were that all very strong El Niño years had at least one month of much greater than average precipitation, and even a very strong El Niño bust is still better than an average drought year.

Isabella Reservoir Storage - The storage at midnight on October 10th was 144,162 ac-ft. The average storage for this date is 155,226 ac-ft.



Short Term Forecast - The National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center forecast for October 19-25, 2026 map shows a probability leaning above for temperature and leaning below for precipitation.

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

Public Outreach - I responded to several questions from the media.

Tab VI



KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR GROUNDWATER SERVICES

This Master Services Agreement ("Agreement") is between Kern Delta Water District ("District") and Todd Groundwater ("Contractor").

RECITALS

District desires groundwater-related services as needed. Contractor is willing to provide those services under the terms of this Agreement through separately approved written task orders ("Task Orders").

District and Contractor agree as follows:

1) SCOPE OF WORK

Contractor will provide groundwater-related professional and technical services as described in approved Task Orders. This Agreement is nonexclusive and does not guarantee Contractor any minimum amount of work or compensation.

2) TASK ORDERS

Each assignment must be set out in a written Task Order. Each Task Order must identify its scope, deliverables, schedule, project contacts, key personnel and approved subcontractors, compensation method, rates, reimbursable expenses, and total authorized amount. It must also identify material assumptions, exclusions, District responsibilities, and any special permitting, insurance, or fieldwork requirements.

3) APPROVAL AND CHANGES

Contractor shall report to the General Manager or the General Manager's designated project contact. Before work begins, each Task Order must be specifically approved in writing and signed by Contractor and the District's General Manager or another representative with written delegated contracting authority. Changes to scope, compensation, rates, or schedule require a written amendment approved and signed in the same manner before the changed work is performed.

4) TERM AND TERMINATION

This Agreement becomes effective on the date of the last signature below and continues for five years unless extended in writing or earlier terminated. A Task Order approved before expiration may continue through its approved completion date under this Agreement.

Either party may terminate this Agreement or any Task Order for any reason on thirty (30) days' written notice.

5) COMPENSATION

There is no aggregate spending cap under this Agreement. Each Task Order must state a fixed fee or a time-and-expense budget and a total not-to-exceed amount, including expenses and subcontractor charges. Rates remain fixed for the Task Order unless an adjustment is expressly approved. Rates include ordinary overhead and equipment; other expenses are reimbursable only as approved and at actual cost without markup unless the Task Order states otherwise. Contractor shall notify District when charges reach 80 percent of the approved amount or sooner if an overrun is anticipated. Contractor shall not exceed that amount or transfer funding between Task Orders without the prior written approval.

6) PAYMENTS

Contractor shall submit monthly invoices identifying the Task Order, services performed, personnel, hours and rates where applicable, itemized expenses, cumulative charges, and remaining authorized amount. Invoices shall be sent to District at the address in Section 16 or its designated billing email. District shall pay the invoices within forty-five (45) days after receipt, and work with Contractor to resolve them. Payment does not waive the right to question unsupported charges or deficient work.

7) PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL

Contractor shall perform with the care and skill ordinarily exercised by qualified professionals providing similar services under similar circumstances in California. Contractor shall maintain required professional licenses and promptly correct services that fail to meet this standard at its expense. Material changes in approved key personnel or subcontractors require District's prior written approval, not to be unreasonably withheld.

8) CONTRACT DOCUMENTS; EXISTING AGREEMENTS

This Agreement, approved Task Orders, and signed amendments are the entire agreement for services authorized hereunder. Changes to this Agreement require a separate written amendment signed by both parties with all required District approvals. This Agreement does not replace or amend existing District or Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency agreements or bind another agency.

9) INDEMNITY

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless District and its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers from third-party claims, damages, losses, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, but only to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Contractor or its personnel or subcontractors in performing services under this Agreement.

Contractor shall reimburse reasonable defense costs in proportion to its share of fault, as established by agreement or final adjudication, and has no separate obligation to assume District's defense. Nothing limits the defense obligations of an insurer under required additional insured coverage. Civil Code section 2782.8 governs to the extent applicable. This section does not limit either party's liability to the other for breach of this Agreement.

10) INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor shall maintain the following insurance while performing services, and professional liability coverage for the additional period stated below:

- a. Commercial general liability:** At least \$1,000,000 per occurrence, including bodily injury, property damage, personal and advertising injury, and products/completed operations.
- b. Automobile liability:** At least \$1,000,000 per accident, covering owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in the services.
- c. Workers' compensation and employers' liability:** Statutory workers' compensation and employers' liability of at least \$1,000,000 per accident or disease, as applicable.
- d. Professional liability:** At least \$1,000,000 per claim and annual aggregate, covering the professional services. Claims-made coverage must have a retroactive date no later than the start of services and be maintained, or replaced with equivalent extended reporting coverage, for three years after completion of all services.

District and its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers shall be additional insureds on commercial general liability coverage for Contractor's work, including completed operations as

applicable. That coverage shall be primary and noncontributory to District's insurance or self-insurance. Workers' compensation shall include a waiver of subrogation in District's favor where permitted by law.

Insurers must have an A.M. Best rating of at least A:VII or be approved by District. Self-insured retentions require District's written approval. Certificates and required endorsements must be provided before work begins and upon renewal; policies shall be provided on request. Contractor shall promptly notify District upon learning of cancellation, nonrenewal, or material reduction in coverage, and at least thirty (30) days before a change Contractor initiates. Contractor shall not work without required coverage.

Contractor shall require subcontractor insurance appropriate to their services and acceptable to District. Insurance does not limit Contractor's liability. Any broader coverage or higher limits available to District under Contractor's policies remain available.

11) COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

Each party shall comply with applicable law. Contractor shall comply with applicable safety requirements, including Cal/OSHA, and maintain licenses needed to practice its profession at its expense. Each Task Order shall allocate responsibility and costs for project permits and access.

12) INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR; DIRECTION AND EQUIPMENT

Contractor is an independent contractor, not District's employee, agent, partner, or joint venturer, and is not entitled to District employee benefits. Contractor controls the manner of performing services, subject to this Agreement, and has no authority to bind District. Unless a Task Order provides otherwise, Contractor shall supply the equipment, tools, materials, and supplies needed to perform its services.

13) WORK PRODUCT

Upon payment for the related services, District owns reports, data, maps, calculations, and project-specific models and other work product prepared for District. Contractor shall provide completed and in-progress work on request, including available native electronic files and model inputs and outputs. District may use and share this work for District purposes, including with partner agencies and other consultants.

15) CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICTS

Contractor shall use nonpublic District information only for the authorized services, protect it with reasonable safeguards, limit disclosure to persons who need it for the work and are bound by confidentiality obligations, and promptly notify District of unauthorized access or disclosure. Legally required disclosure is permitted, with prior notice to District when lawful. District controls its responses to public records requests.

16) NOTICES

Notices must be written and delivered personally, by mail, or by recognized delivery service to the addresses below, effective on receipt. Either party may change its notice address in writing.

DISTRICT

Kern Delta Water District
Attn: General Manager
501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93307

CONTRACTOR

Todd Groundwater
Attn: Chad Taylor, Vice President
1301 Marina Village Parkway, Suite 320
Alameda, CA 94501

17) GENERAL PROVISIONS

California law governs, with venue in a court of competent jurisdiction in Kern County, California. Neither party may assign this Agreement without the other's written consent. Failure to enforce a provision is not a waiver, and an unenforceable provision does not invalidate the remainder. No third party has rights except expressly identified indemnitees. Electronic signatures and counterparts are effective; each signer represents authority to bind that party. Accrued payment obligations and provisions concerning records, work product, confidentiality, indemnity, and required continuing insurance survive expiration or termination.

The parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their authorized representatives.

DISTRICT

KERN DELTA WATER DISTRICT

CONTRACTOR

TODD GROUNDWATER

By: _____

Steven L. Teglia, General Manager

Date: _____

By: _____

Chad Taylor, Vice President

Date: _____

Approved as to Form: _____

Richard Iger, General Counsel



To: Kern Delta Water District Board of Directors

From: Steven Teglia – General Manager

Date: October 20, 2026

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 September 24, 2026.
- Next regular meeting will be October 22, 2026.
- Golden mussel update: KCWA Emergency Action Resolution.
- Update on Water Transfers, Exchanges, and Purchases.
- Update on Delta Conveyance Activities (see schedule attached).
- Update on CVC and Pioneer Operations.
- 2026 allocation for SWP – 45%.
- Public Hearing on FY 2027-28 Zones of Benefit Report.
- Update on construction/maintenance projects.
- Summary of groundwater and overdraft correction accounts (attached).

Member Unit Manager Meeting:

- The Member Unit Managers met October 8, 2026.
- Update regarding golden mussels.
- Update on Healthy Rivers and Landscapes.
- Update on SWP Subsidence.
- Update DWR Debt Service Billing Project.
- SWP Contractor Dry Year Program / HHS modification effort.

Kern Fan Authority:

- The KFA met September 23, 2026.
- 2026 Water Supply.

- Review of KCWA Board agenda.
- Pioneer Project.
- CVC – Nord Turnout Construction Project.
- Local SGMA activities.
- Other activities (IRWMP/CVSALTS).

Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (KRGSA):

- The KRGSA met October 1, 2026 (agenda attached).
- Basin Coordination Committee update.
- Approval of Exceedance Policy and Action Plans Version 3.0 and Degraded Water Quality Implementation Provisions Version 2. 0.
- Approval of Agreement with Todd Groundwater for Annual Technical and GSA Support - \$118,775.

Kern Non-District Land Authority (KNDLA):

- The KNDLA met September 28, 2026 (agenda attached).
- Basin Grant Administration Update.
- Financial reports.
- Demand Management Update – Phase 3 approval.
- 2026 meeting date changes.
- Approval of informational flyer regarding development of demand management program.
- Approval of Famoso Hills Mitigation Agreement under Technical Assistance Program.
- KNDLA meeting scheduled for 4th Monday of the month.

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

- The KRWCA did not meet in October (agenda attached).
- Kern Water Collaborative Update – Nitrate Control Program Management Zone.
- Membership Update.
- SGMA Coordination.
- Outreach and education update.
- On Farm Drinking Water Well reports due Dec. 31, 2026.
- Updates regarding the status of various reports.

South Valley Water Resources Authority:

- The SVWRA met September 24, 2026, and October 2, 2026.
- Fish Friendly Diversion Demonstration Project update – preliminary construction budget.
- Kern Delta Demonstration Project participation = 2.63% (\$43,395).
- Blueprint activity update.
- Authority logo development.

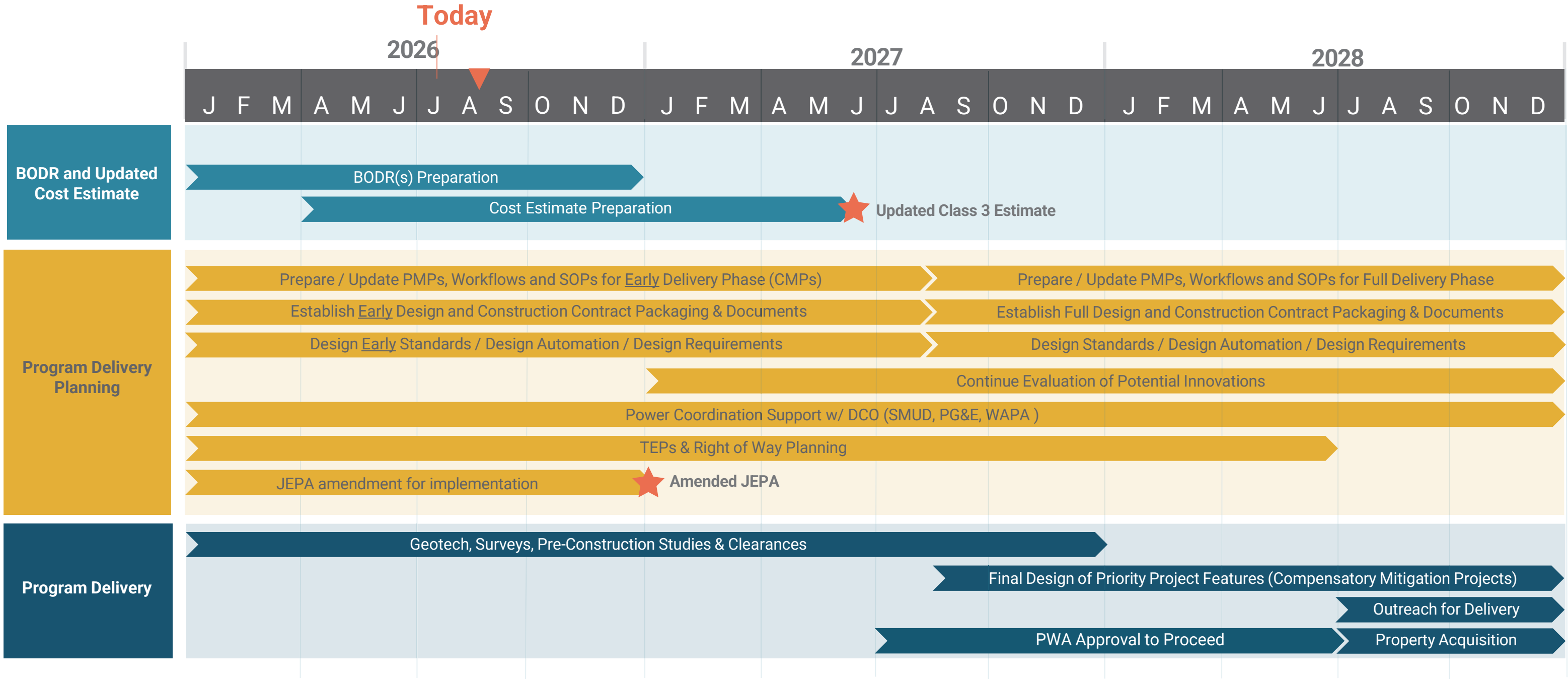
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP):

- No recent meetings.

Water Association of Kern County (WAKC):

- WAKC met September 22, 2026.
- Clay shoot fundraiser update.
- Water Day at the Kern County Fair – September 24, 2026.
- WAKC Annual Dinner – November 4, 2026 (Budak and Parker).

DCA Roadmap Through 2028



**Kern County Water Agency
Estimated Summary of Groundwater Bank Accounts
As of August 31, 2026**

Preliminary - Subject to Revision

Quantities in acre-feet

District	Estimated Balance as of December 31, 2025	Estimated Balance as of August 31, 2026					
		Pioneer Property	2800 Acres	Pioneer Project Subtotal	Berrenda Mesa	Kern Water Bank	Total
Belridge WSD	103,767	91,869	9,805	101,674	5,007	0	106,681
Berrenda Mesa WD	112,167	70,883	6,233	77,116	38,038	0	115,154
Buena Vista WSD	44,696	42,879	2,648	45,527	0	12	45,539
Cawelo WD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dudley Ridge WD	74,587	0	0	0	0	92,305	92,305
Henry Miller WD	18,181	19,545	746	20,291	0	0	20,291
Improvement District No. 4	243,891	46,116	9,253	55,369	0	180,315	235,684
Kern County Water Agency	195,912	112,421	62,475	174,896	3,499	17,958	196,353
Kern Delta WD	32,017	37,131	0	37,131	0	0	37,131
Lost Hills WD	97,397	70,539	23,929	94,468	6,345	0	100,813
Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD	42,313	42,313	0	42,313	0	0	42,313
Semitropic WSD	281,415	26,473	2,503	28,976	0	241,150	270,126
Tehachapi-Cummings CWD	5,820	0	0	0	0	5,820	5,820
Tejon-Castac WD	65,781	2,552	1,289	3,841	0	57,757	61,598
Westside Mutual Water Co.	500,639	0	0	0	0	515,829	515,829
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	273,579	27,911	11,303	39,214	5,743	228,091	273,048
Total	2,092,162	590,632	130,184	720,816	58,632	1,339,237	2,118,685

**Kern County Water Agency
Estimated Summary of Overdraft Correction Accounts
As of August 31, 2026**

Preliminary - Subject to Revision

Quantities in acre-feet

District	Estimated Balance as of December 31, 2025	Estimated Balance as of August 31, 2026				
		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	73,102	587	73,689	2,456	32,887
Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD	236,702	179,998	5,298	185,296	4,471	57,208
Total	553,738	412,426	13,381	425,807	9,511	138,144

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



Board Members:
Rodney Palla, Chair
Bob Smith, Vice-Chair
Gene Lundquist

KERN RIVER GSA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 2026
10:00 a.m.

City of Bakersfield Water Resources Department
1000 Buena Vista Road, Bakersfield CA 93311
Large Conference Room

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC STATEMENTS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the July 14, 2026, Special Board Meeting
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Correspondence Received (City Clerk, Maldonado)
 - B. Finance Updates (Loveless)
 - i. Receive and File Financial Report
 - C. Management Group Updates (Maldonado, Shryock, Teglia)
 - i. Basin Coordination Committee Updates
 - D. Consideration and Approval of Exceedance Policy and Action Plans Version 3.0 and Degraded Water Quality Implementation Provisions Version 2.0
 - E. Approval of Agreement with Todd Groundwater for Annual Technical and GSA support, in an amount not to exceed \$118,775.00

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

7. ADJOURNMENT

Language Access & Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

The KRGSA provides reasonable accommodation for language access, including space for personal interpreters upon request. If you require special assistance to participate in the meeting, including reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact the KRGSA's office at least **three business days** in advance during normal business hours at (661) 326-3715.

KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY

(FORMERLY KERN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY)

3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 28, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

To virtually attend the meeting and to be able to view any presentations or additional materials provided at the meeting, please join online using the link and information below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87916828311?pwd=MXovFd9w4lFdX8AnOTJBubbKBaglaC.1>

Telephone Dial-in: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 879 1682 8311

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KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

This meeting is held in accordance with the Brown Act pursuant to Section 54956 of the California Government Code and the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

1. Roll Call- Quorum Determination.

In the absence of a quorum, the Board will handle only those items not needing a quorum.

2. Flag Salute

3. Public Input

This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public with an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Board matters of which the Board may not be aware and which are not on the current agenda. No action can be taken on any matter raised during this portion of the meeting; however, a Board member may request that the matter be placed on any future agenda for further review and possible action. Members of the public may directly address the Board of Directors on any item of interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, before or during the Board's consideration of the item. The President may limit the time allowed for comment

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. *August 24, 2026

5. Financial Report

- a. *Financial Reports and Accounts Payables
- b. *Cost Share Agreement 26-03 Revised Funding Request
- c. Budget Ad Hoc Committee

6. Administration

- a. Executive Director Report

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- b. *Proposed Meeting Date Changes 2026
 - c. *Review and consideration of approving an informational flyer on the development of a groundwater demand management program for public release.
7. ***Famoso Hills proposed Mitigation Agreement pursuant under Technical Assistance**
- a. Consider approval of Agreement with Famoso Hills Estates Mutual Water Company to provide technical support pursuant to the Kern County Subbasin Mitigation Program
8. **Legal (Valerie)**
- a. Statewide Update
9. **New Business**
10. **Correspondence**
11. **Closed Session**
- a. **Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Development groundwater demand management program).
12. **Adjournment**

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request the Authority provide disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in any public meeting of the Authority. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats for the agendas and agenda packets. Requests should be made in person, by telephone, facsimile and/or written correspondence to the Authority office, at least 48 hours before a public Authority meeting. Written materials related to an item on this agenda to be considered in open session that are public documents and that are distributed to board members after the posting of the agenda, will be made available for public inspection when they are so distributed at the location of the KNDLA meeting during normal business hours. Documents that are public documents provided by others during a meeting will be available at the same location during business hours after the meeting.



To: Kern Delta Water District Board of Directors

From: Steven Teglia – General Manager

Date: October 20, 2026

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 October 13, 2026, there was 645cfs of recharge activity occurring on the Kern Fan as reported via KCWA weekly call.
- See attached graphs provided by KCWA for Kern Fan banking information as of August 31, 2026.

Pioneer Participant Meeting:

- The Pioneer Project Participants did not meet in October.
- Update on current operations.
- Update on Pioneer Improvement Projects.
- Discussion regarding Pioneer GSA.
- Discussion regarding Amarok security fencing.

Kern Fan Monitoring Committee:

- The Kern Fan Monitoring Committee met September 16, 2026.
- Chair: Tom Suggs/Vice Chair Isela Medina.
- Update on reports.
- Review of water level monitoring hydrographs.
- Update regarding Fiscal Agent.
- Next meeting January 20, 2027.

KDWD Water Banking Project:

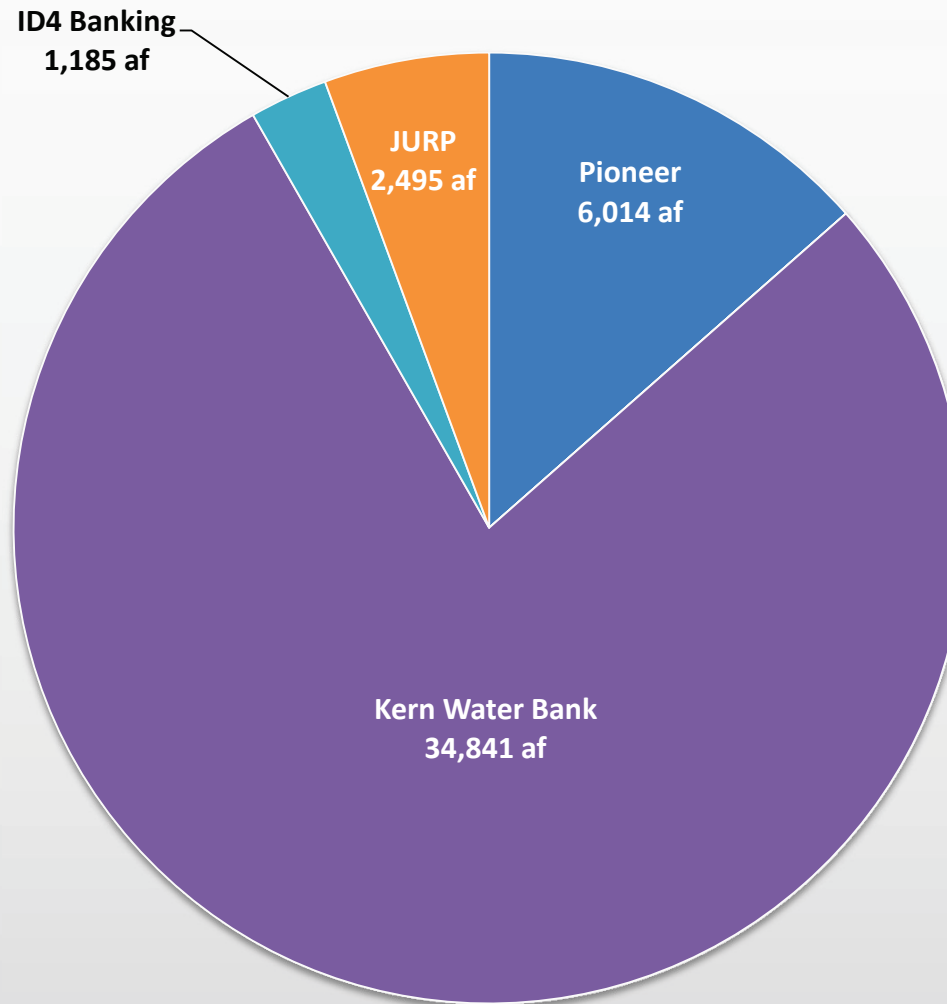
- No current third-party banking activity.

Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee:

- The CVC Advisory Committee met September 23, 2026.
- Report on CVC operations.

- CVC Construction and Maintenance Projects.
- Update on golden mussel task force.
- Update on Power Reconciliation Procedure.
- See attached graphs provided by KCWA regarding CVC utilization.

Kern Fan Banking Projects 2026 Estimated Gross Recovery by Project Through August 31, 2026

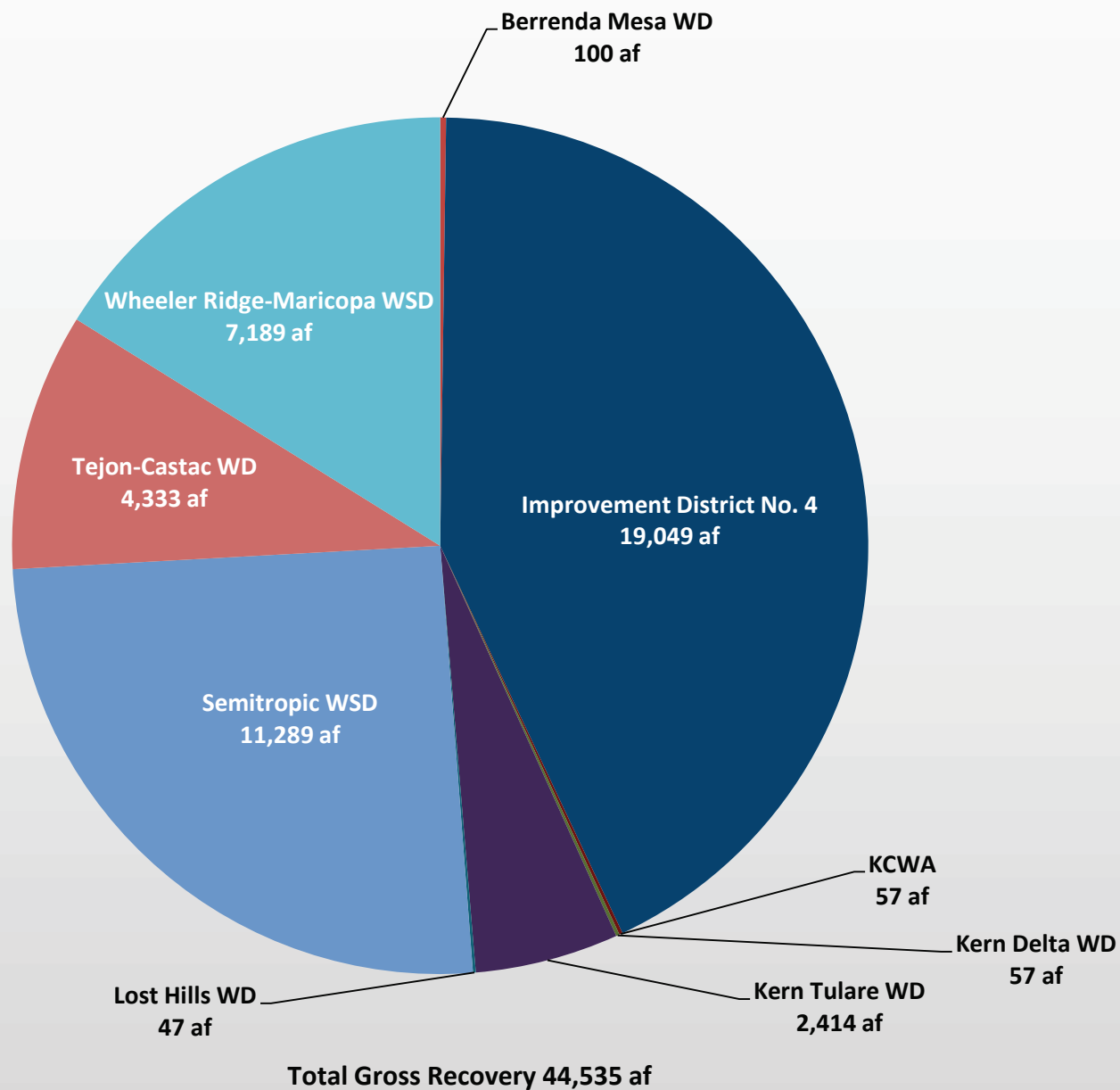


Total Gross Recovery 44,535 af

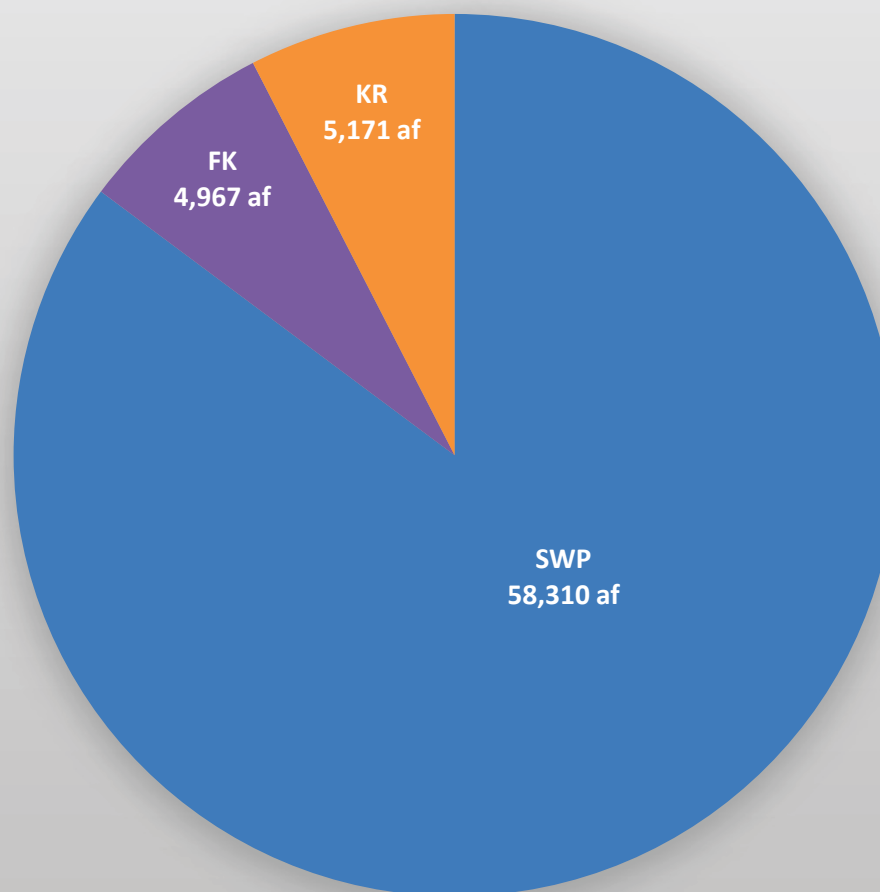
Kern Fan Banking Projects

2026 Estimated Recovery by Participant

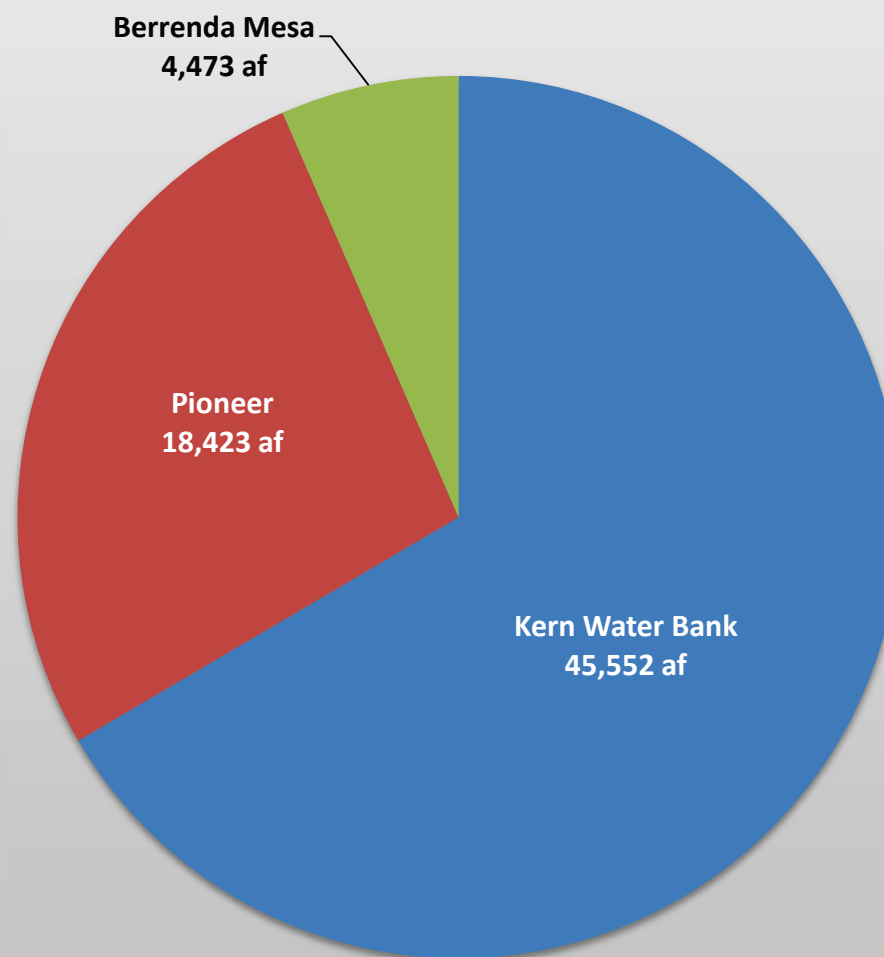
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**2026 Estimated Kern Fan Banking Project Deliveries
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Deliveries through August 31, 2026
Total Deliveries 68,448 af**

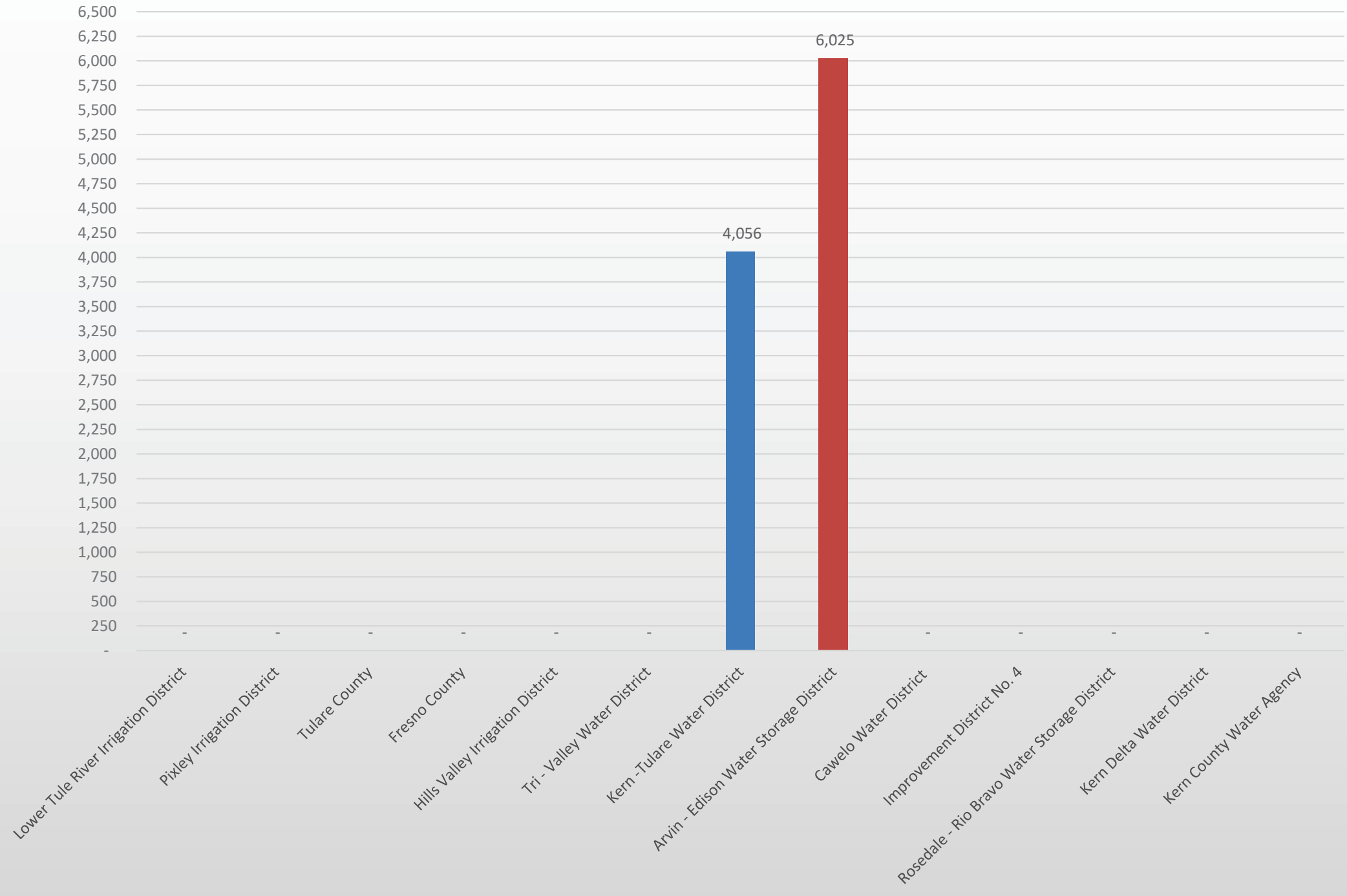


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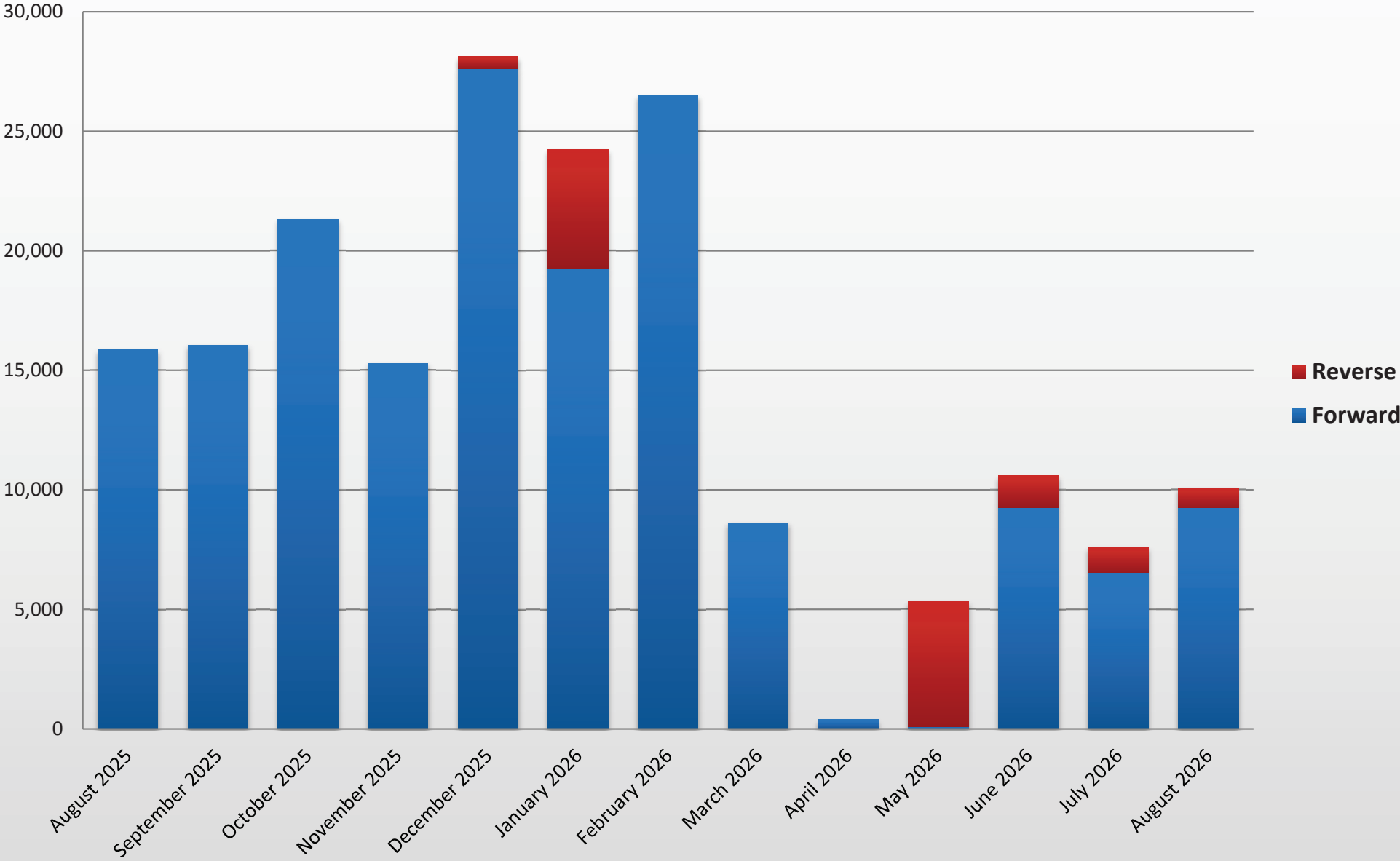
Cross Valley Canal
August 2026 Deliveries
Total Deliveries 10,081 af

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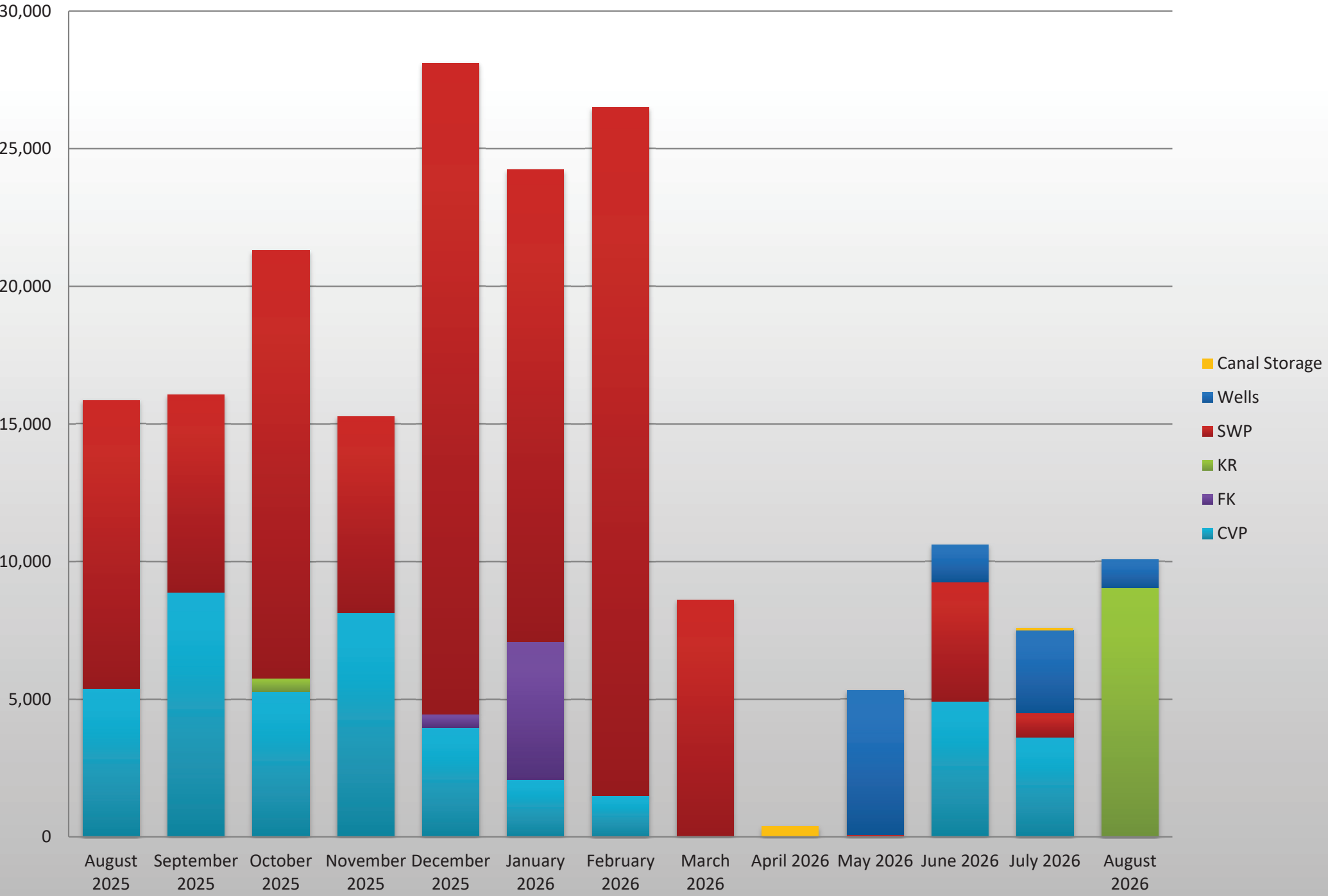
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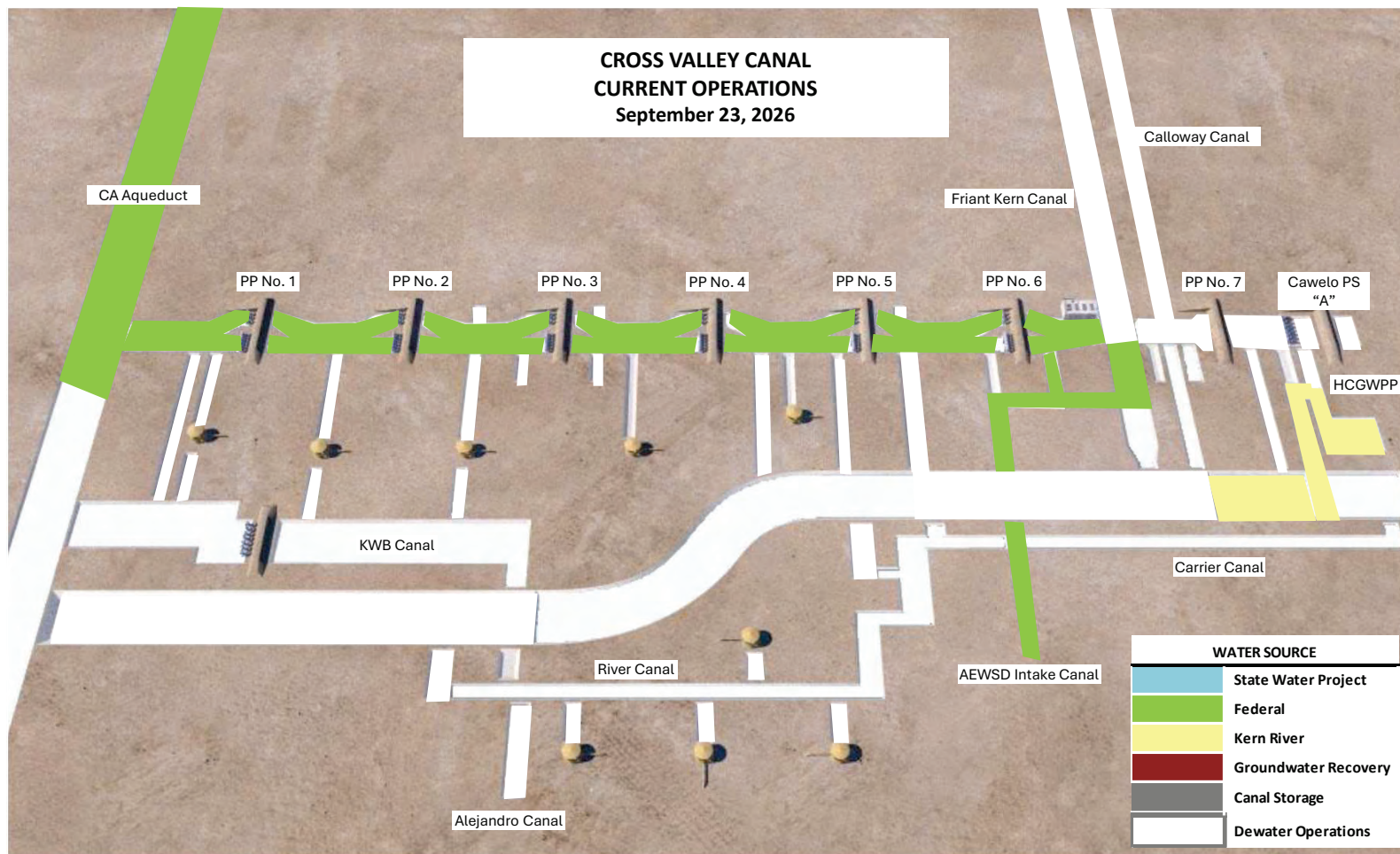
Twelve Month Delivery by Direction



Cross Valley Canal

Twelve Month Delivery by Source





Cross Valley Canal
Pump and Flow Configuration
 Last Updated on September 11, 2026

'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	180	180	180	70	31		922	167	167	167		500	1,422
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	180	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	10/1/26	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	70	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





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 18 2026

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1894 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit a public agency from denying imported water for groundwater replenishment due to the presence of an invasive mussel.

In response to the detection of golden mussels in October 2024, my administration immediately began working with managers of uninfested and infested waters to support the implementation of invasive mussel prevention and containment programs. This work is critical to ensure that water managers are prepared to respond to the ongoing threat these species pose.

While I appreciate the author's intent, I am concerned by this bill's "one-size-fits-all" approach prohibiting the denial of local water deliveries. This could have serious, unintended consequences for water managers statewide, especially as the challenges associated with invasive mussels continue to evolve.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 27 2026

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 872 without my signature.

This bill establishes the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund (Fund) to support multi-benefit levee projects and capital improvements to water conveyance systems impacted by subsidence in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and requires the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy) to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations for projects to be supported by the Fund.

In this year's budget, in partnership with the Legislature, we allocated \$68 million to mitigate subsidence on the state's aqueducts and canals, \$75 million for projects that repair levees and improve flood protection and climate resiliency in the Delta, \$20.2 million to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to reduce the risks of climate change impacts on communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources, and \$7.9 million to pay for mitigation costs associated with the Delta levee projects.

This bill would establish parameters for spending revenue from a Fund that did not receive resources in this year's budget. While well-intentioned, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

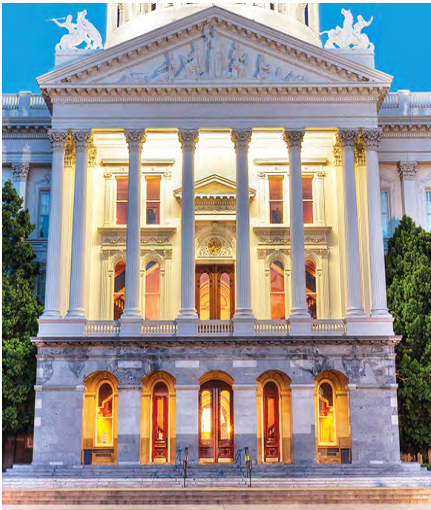
Gavin Newsom

SACRAMENTO REPORT

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NEWS BRIEFS

Incoming El Niño Predicted to be Extreme

A recent study claims the current El Niño is likely the strongest in over a millennium. Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at the California Institute for Water Resources of the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Program was interviewed by Nina Dietz of Inside Climate News. Dietz writes that Swain “has made a name for himself studying the extremes of a warming planet.” Read the full interview [here](#).

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Newsom Vetoes Three Bills at the Request of VAWC

Legislation that sailed through the Legislature over the objections of Valley Ag Water Coalition has been vetoed by Governor Newsom.

Newsom returned three bills to the Assembly without his signature, including AB 1894 by Assembly Member Blanca Rubio (D-Baldwin Hills), AB 1881 by Assembly Member James Ramos (D-San Bernardino), and AB 2218 by Assembly Member Ash Kalra (D-San Jose).

AB 1894 would prevent a public agency from prohibiting groundwater replenishment due to invasive mussels unless there is substantial, documented evidence of a proven health and safety risk as a result of the invasive mussels, providing that water deliveries for groundwater replenishment are made in compliance with an approved invasive mussel control plan.

According to the Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee analysis of AB 1894:

See [Newsom Vetoes](#), page 2

California Appropriates Funding for Canal Subsidence Repairs, Legislation Sponsored by State Water Contractors Vetoed

In final state budget actions this summer, Governor Newsom and the Legislature appropriated \$68 million for the California Aqueduct Subsidence Program of the State Water Project.

In other state budget actions, the Legislature appropriated from Proposition 4 proceeds:

\$28 million to the Department of Water Resources for projects related to groundwater storage, groundwater banking, groundwater recharge, or instream flow projects that support the conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water supplies.

\$3.5 million shall be for grants to groundwater sustainability agencies that pump less than 10,000 acre-feet annually.

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Inside Sacramento Report – News Briefs

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DWR Prepares for Weather Emergencies

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is preparing for potential extreme weather emergencies while positioning the State to capture and store as much water as possible. Recent water years have demonstrated the extreme swings California can experience between record-breaking drought and devastating flooding, and strong El Niño conditions make preparedness especially important.

“California is taking action now to prepare for flood season. With strong El Niño conditions on the horizon this winter, being ready for anything is more important than ever,” said California Department of Water Resources Director Tom Gibson. “We don’t yet know where or when the storms will hit, but we can take actions to prepare now. DWR and our partner agencies across California will be ready.” Read more [here](#).

State Board to Consider Plan Adoption

The State Water Resources Control Board will consider adoption of the final draft Plan and final Staff Report of updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed at a public meeting on October 28–29, 2026, and continuing on October 30, 2026, only if necessary, beginning at 9:00 am each day in the Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building Coastal Hearing Room located at 1001 I Street, Second Floor in Sacramento. The meetings also will be available to the public via video and teleconference.

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“The presence of the species poses a significant and immediate threat to the ecological health of the Delta and all waters of the state, water conveyance systems, infrastructure, and water quality. Economic impacts include costly repairs and maintenance (e.g., boats, water infrastructure, hydroelectric facilities), reduced water flow affecting food production, water delivery to homes, and flood control.”

VAWC, in asking Governor Newsom to veto AB 1894, wrote:

“The response to the spread of invasive mussels should be to prevent their spread. AB 1894, in contrast, mandates local agencies to facilitate the spread of the golden mussel. While some believe the spread of the golden mussel is inevitable, it is simply bad public policy to eliminate the ability of a water system operator to protect its system or even to require that the entity importing water from infested sources hold harmless the receiving system for costs and damages imposed on the water system.

“AB 1894’s broad preemption of local authority could ultimately increase risks to water supply reliability by importing invasive mussels into an area that is not infested,” said VAWC Executive Director Bob Reeb. “The AB 1894 requirement for a public or private agency that operates a water supply system to implement measures to avoid infestation by invasive mussels and to control or eradicate any infestation that may occur in a water supply system would not apply to the entity forcing the facility owner to accept water supplies from an infested water body. If invasive mussels are detected, the operator of the water supply system—not the entity importing the water—would be required to prepare and implement a plan to control or eradicate invasive mussels within the system, and eliminate or minimize any potential downstream transport of an invasive mussel,” Reeb continued. “AB 1894, in effect, shifts the burden from the entity creating the problem to the operator of the water supply system that this bill would force to accept the problem.”

Governor Newsom wrote in his message returning the bill unsigned to the Assembly that “While I appreciate the author’s intent, I am concerned by this bill’s “one-size-fits-all” approach prohibiting the denial of local water deliveries. This could have serious, unintended consequences for water managers statewide, especially as the challenges associated with invasive mussels continue to evolve.”

In other actions, Governor Newsom returned to the Assembly two bills that sought to improve the standing of California Native American tribes in the administration of water rights and access to state lands for religious practices.

AB 1881, the California Indian Freedom Act of 2026, would, commencing January 1, 2028, prohibit a governmental agency from substantially burdening a California Indian or California Native American tribe’s exercise of religious beliefs or spiritual practices on state lands, except as necessary to protect public safety and security, including their access to and use of sacred sites and objects, and their ability to perform religious ceremonies and rites, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless the governmental agency demonstrates that application of the burden is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is in the least restrictive means of furthering that interest. The bill would provide that a California Native American tribe has exclusive standing to assert a violation of these provisions and would authorize a California Native American tribe to assert a violation of these provisions as a claim or defense in any judicial or administrative proceeding, as specified. The bill would require a governmental agency to allow California Indians access to sacred sites on state

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lands. The bill would require a governmental agency to seek and document free, prior, and informed consent from affected tribes before undertaking any physical change to a state land. The bill would require the affirmation of consent from the governing body of the affected tribe to be in writing.

A broad-based coalition, including VAWC and the Association of California Water Agencies, urged Newsom to veto AB 1881. Opposition to the bill focused on two provisions. First, the bill would create a private right of action—including injunctive relief and attorney’s fees—allowing any tribe to challenge state actions involving state lands and waterways. This private right of action would be asserted as a claim or defense in any judicial or administrative proceeding, while placing the burden of proof on the state and imposing a strict scrutiny standard of review. Second, it would require state agencies to obtain written tribal consent before undertaking any physical change to state lands that may affect sacred sites, with no defined timeline, no process for resolving a deadlock if consent is withheld, and no standard by which an agency can determine it has satisfied its obligations and proceed.

While the bill would have major implications for the state’s ability to manage state-owned lands, opponents also expressed significant concerns regarding the impacts on water management. First, AB 1881 expressly defines waterbodies as potential sacred sites and cultural landscapes subject to its consent requirements and private right of action. Second, the scope of “state lands” under the bill would encompass waterways, as well. The public trust doctrine establishes that the state holds certain natural resources—including tidelands, navigable waterways, and submerged lands—in trust for the benefit of all Californians. These public trust resources are, by definition, state-owned lands, and would therefore fall squarely within AB 1881’s coverage. The bill does not specify that “state lands” are limited to lands to which the state owns title.

In their letter requesting a veto, opponents wrote:

“The consequences of AB 1881 cannot be understated. Its unprecedented authorities could be wielded to halt or significantly delay projects you and your administration have consistently championed and have already spent significant sums of taxpayer dollars to advance. It would spawn decades of litigation to both contest any number of state actions and to understand the full breath and scope of this bill. It would serve as an anchor to past and future efforts to streamline permitting and approvals of important projects. In sum, it would grant any tribe—not the state—the final say over how state lands and waterways are managed.”

The third bill—AB 2218—raised similar concerns by opponents. AB 2218 would declare that it is the established policy of the state to recognize and address the inequities inflicted upon all California Native American tribes through financial assistance, protection of tribal beneficial uses, consultation on water projects, plans, and policies, and incorporation of indigenous knowledge to restore and protect ecosystems. The bill would require specified state agencies, including the State Water Resources Control Board, regional water quality control boards, and the Natural Resources Agency, to incorporate this policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, permits, or grant criteria to address identified inequities. The bill would require those state entities to identify and offer financial assistance to the tribes consistent with existing legal and policy requirements for financial assistance programs. If there is a dispute between a California Native American tribe and one of those state agencies over the implementation of that policy, the bill would require that matter to be brought

See **Newsom Vetoes**, page 4

State Board staff a final draft of updates to the Bay-Delta Plan or Plan that are focused on the portions of the Plan relevant to the Sacramento River watershed, Delta eastside tributaries (including the Calaveras, Cosumnes, and Mokelumne Rivers), and Delta (Sacramento/Delta) for the reasonable protection of fish and wildlife beneficial uses. The final draft elicited comments expressing concern on the part of Westlands Water District, the US Bureau of Reclamation, and others, regarding changes in the final draft that threaten the viability of the Healthy Rivers and Landscape Program alternative compliance pathway.

The State Board meeting notice can be accessed [here](#).

DWR Completes Oroville Project

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced the completion of a \$235 million project to rehabilitate Oroville Dam’s river valve outlet system (RVOS), ensuring the continued operation of a critical feature of the dam for decades to come. This upgrade improves operational reliability, protects fish populations, and strengthens the State Water Project’s resilience to climate-driven extreme heat and drought.

Oroville Dam, the tallest dam in the United States at 770 feet, is a cornerstone of the State Water Project, providing flood protection to downstream communities, water supply, clean energy generation, and recreation while supporting Feather River habitat for endangered and threatened fish species. Constructed between

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NEWS BRIEFS *continued*

1961 and 1967, the earthen dam towers over the northern Sacramento Valley. Read more [here](#).

SAFER Fund Expenditure Plan Hearing Set

The State Water Resources Control Board has scheduled the consideration of adoption of the Draft Fiscal Year 2026-27 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund. A hearing will be held of November 17, 2026, in Sacramento.

The State Board is accepting written comments on the Draft FY 2026-27 Fund Expenditure Plan (FEP). The Draft FY 2026-27 FEP is informed by an annual statewide drinking water needs assessment and developed in consultation with stakeholders, including the SAFER Advisory Group. The FEP discusses FY 2026-27 anticipated SAFER Program funding available, funding targets, funding prioritization by solution type, cumulative and prior FY 2025-26 program performance, and funding eligibilities.

Public written comments must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, October 30, 2026. Send comments to Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail to: Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100.

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before the Governor's Office of Tribal Affairs for mediation before the state agency action is challenged in court and would specify procedures and timelines for mediation.

Opponents argued that AB 2218 threatened to upend water management actions across California and could result in significant fiscal implications to the State. While acknowledging the author's intent of recognizing and addressing past harms inflicted on tribes, opponents pointed out several provisions of the bill remain ambiguous and do not align with existing efforts, which could result in potentially significant, far-reaching implications for water management actions throughout the state. Over the last decade, the state has increasingly memorialized the importance of acknowledging historical inequities faced by tribes. AB 2218 imposes complex and potentially legally challenging mandates but does not provide examples of challenges encountered with implementing the state's existing tribal equity and consultation and engagement efforts.

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\$6.5 million for the Underrepresented Communities, California Tribes, and Small Farmers Groundwater Technical Assistance Program at the Department of Water Resources.

As for the potential for future state contributions to repair California Aqueduct subsidence damages, State Water Contractors were disappointed in Governor Newsom's veto of SB 872 by Senator Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton). An early version of the legislation would have provided \$150 million per year for 20 years to be appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to address the subsidence damages to the aqueduct, however, the bill was stripped of any funding and in the end, only would have created a fund for addressing aqueduct subsidence and delta levee investments.

The bill, co-sponsored by the State Water Contractors and supported by over 60 organizations, including environmental groups, labor, builders and business interests, would have established the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund to support critical levee and canal subsidence projects. SB 872 was unanimously passed by the California Senate and Assembly before making its way to the Governor's desk.

"We are disappointed by Governor Newsom's veto of SB 872, a bipartisan bill with unanimous support from the legislature that would have helped address critical Delta levee and State Water Project (SWP) subsidence repair, said State Water Contractors' General Manager Jennifer Pierre, in a written statement released by the organization.

"While the \$68 million allocated from Prop 4 for SWP aqueduct repairs caused by subsidence is greatly appreciated and much-needed,' her statement continued, "this is just a fraction of the funding necessary – in the billions of dollars – to fully repair this vital backbone infrastructure. SB 872 would have provided a critical conduit for that funding.

"Canal subsidence remains one of the greatest threats to California's water infrastructure and the overall reliability of the SWP, which delivers water to 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland. SB 872 would have established a pathway to program funding for necessary improvements that ensure the SWP is climate resilient, can move water when it's wet for use when it's dry, and remains

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an affordable source of clean water. Without this pathway, the costs of repairing damage caused by subsidence fall on the 27 million Californians who rely on the SWP, resulting in increased water costs and reduced water reliability.”

The California Central Valley Flood Control Association (CCVFCA), initial supporters of SB 872, ended up opposing the measure and sought the Governor’s veto, writing:

“SB 872 would create a fund in the State Treasury to support the California Aqueduct Subsidence Program and Delta levee projects. Yet, there is no money in the fund and little promise for future funding. This bill would create an unfunded grant program and, therefore, should be considered as part of the annual budget process. Given significant fiscal pressures on California and the federal government’s economic policies, you have stressed the importance of remaining disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget. Quite simply, California does not need a new fund. The Legislature will continue to appropriate money from the General Fund or bond proceeds directly to DWR for the same purposes as it has done for decades.”

CCVFCA also opposed adding another state agency - the Delta Conservancy - to review and determine priorities for state investment in Delta levees, arguing that California should continue to rely on DWR, the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC), and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) to set annual funding priorities for the two Delta levee programs.

“Unnecessary bureaucracy only adds new rules, procedures, and administrative requirements that will add little value, waste resources, and slow decision-making,” wrote CCVFCA. “Worse yet, Delta levee projects funded under SB 872 would have different criteria as compared to the direct appropriations to DWR that have taken place over many decades. And expanding levee funding to the entire Suisun Marsh will reduce funding for the existing Delta levee programs that protect the Delta and water supply reliability for the State Water Project and the 27 million Californians it serves.”

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Joint Hearing Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies and Assembly Select Committee on Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure

October 20, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.
UC Los Angeles, James West
Alumni Center Collins
Conference Room 325
Westwood Plaza Los Angeles
INFORMATIONAL HEARING
SUBJECT: Electric Vehicle Deployment in California

Central Valley Water Quality Control Board

October 23, 2026, at 9 a.m.
Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

The meeting agenda and participation options are available [here](#).

State Water Resources Control Board

November 4, 2026
Consider approval of an amendment to the San Francisco Bay Water Board’s Basin Plan to add Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL), Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), and Subsistence Fishing (SUB) Beneficial Use Definitions.
1001 I Street, Sacramento

The State Water Board will publish an agenda for the meeting about 10 days before the meeting.

Valley Ag Water Coalition

The mission of the Valley Ag Water Coalition is to represent the collective interests of its San Joaquin Valley member agricultural water companies and agencies in California legislative and regulatory matters by providing leadership and advocacy on issues relating to the development and delivery of a reliable farm water supply.