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MEMORANDUM

TO: SLDMWA Board of Directors, Alternates

FROM: Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Chris Linneman, Regional Drainage Coordinator
Orvil McKinnis, Westside Watershed Coalition Coordinator

DATE: December 12, 2024

RE: Activity Agreements – Staff Report for November 2024

This memorandum serves as the Staff Report for November 2024 regarding specified¹ Water Authority activities not separately addressed on the Board meeting agenda.

1. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activity Summary

General Westside-San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)

Self-Help Enterprises is revising a draft Community Water Needs Assessment for disadvantaged communities (DACs) in the Westside San Joaquin IRWM Region. The revision will be based on input from staff. The Assessment is being updated to identify and prioritize the most critical drinking water needs for DACs in the region, especially during drought years. The revised draft will be distributed to an IRWM Activity Agreement Member subcommittee for review and input prior to completion.

2. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activity (SGMA) Activity Summary

General SGMA Activities

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin are finalizing the preparation Pumping Reduction Plans (PRPs). The PRPs are part of the newly adopted GSP for the Subbasin. They are specific to identified “zones” and are a key component to effective local SGMA implementation. The PRPs will guide GSAs as they seek to avoid “undesirable results” as defined in the law for six sustainability indicators. These indicators include groundwater levels, subsidence, water quality, loss of storage, and interconnected surface water. PRPs will be implemented starting in January 2025.

¹ For the sake of completeness, this includes those Activity Agreements that have been approved by the Board of Directors, but not yet signed by all interested members and/or participants (i.e., the Los Vaqueros Expansion Project Activity Agreement, the Exchange Contractors 2019-2023 Transfer Program Activity Agreement, and the Westside-San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Activity Agreement).

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Additionally, the retirement of the Water Authority's Water Resources Programs Manager has resulted in the need to address future program management for SGMA implementation in the D-M Subbasin. Staff is preparing a Request for Proposal for Program Management Services for Implementing the Final Delta-Mendota Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Finally, Committees are going through the process of budget review and approval for the Authority's Fiscal Year 2026.

Coordinated Activities

Some Coordination Committee members and technical consultants are meeting with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff as the Subbasin seeks to avoid a possible "Probation" designation. SWRCB Staff continues to request additional details on the GSP's proposed actions on the water quality sustainability indicators.

Outreach efforts were placed on a temporary hold while the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) finalizes a Facilitation Support Services (FSS) grant agreement for the Subbasin. Previous FSS grants were a vital part of local education and outreach efforts during the GSP development process. Proposed FSS activities in the pending agreement include language translation and meeting facilitation. Much of the new outreach will focus on the PRPs. GSAs also seek to renew coordination efforts with neighboring subbasins, especially on subsidence challenges. FSS grants are provided by DWR at no cost to the GSAs.

3. Drainage Activity Summary

Grassland Basin Drainage Management Steering Committee Activity Summary

The Grassland Bypass Channel gates have remained closed since February 28. Selenium concentrations in Mud Slough and the San Joaquin River remain below the water quality objective. A substantial storm is predicted for the period of November 22 through the foreseeable forecast.

GBP Activities

- **General administration:** Review and approve consultant billing. Field review of drainage conditions and correspondence with SJRIP manager. The 2023 Annual Monitoring Report was received and accepted by the Regional Board.
- **Mud Slough Restoration Project:** The intent of this project is to restore Mud Slough in accordance with the 2010 MOU between the Authority and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The Water Authority adopted the CEQA for the project in December 2021, which was not challenged. CDFW provided a letter in January 2024 that accepted the Water Authority's proposed actions to restore Mud Slough as it relates to the MOU, and implement of those activities is tentatively scheduled for the spring/summer of 2025. There is an issue separate from the MOU concerning restoring Mud Slough flows into Newman Lake. Alternatives to address that are still in discussion.
- **Compliance Monitoring:** Monitoring in compliance with the 2019 revised WDRs and 2019 Use Agreement is a continuous and daily effort. Regular flow, water quality and toxicity

monitoring are required at eight locations at a frequency that varies from monthly to daily. Fish tissue samples were collected in April and the results were received this month. The 2024 fish selenium results indicated low selenium concentrations in both Mud Slough (at Site D) and the San Joaquin River upstream of the Merced (Site H).

- Grassland Drainage Area Coalition: Work continues to provide coverage for farmers within the Grassland Drainage Area for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Farm evaluation surveys will be sent out to farmers in 2024.
- Proposition 84 Grant: Work is ongoing to support the Prop 84 Grant administered by Panoche Drainage District for improvements to the San Joaquin River Improvement Project. The Short-Term Storage Basins construction is nearing completion. Other projects are in design phase.

San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Activity Summary

- Participate in conference calls with the Regional Board to respond to questions on surface water quality management plans and required follow up. Working with the Regional Board to formulate a more efficient focused outreach program to address sediment and surface water quality impacts to receiving waters. Direct consultants on various issues to meet General Order requirements.
- Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition: Work continues to provide coverage under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program for farmers within the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition. The work includes managing the monitoring program, assisting farmers with the necessary reporting to comply with the program and preparing reports for the Regional Board. Analyze pyrethroid Focused Outreach data for follow up MPIRs. Respond to Regional Board's comments of recent Surface Water Focused Outreach.
- Groundwater Protection Formula, Values and Targets: Coalitions have developed a methodology to establish nitrogen loading Values and Targets as required by the WDRs. Collaborating with other Coalitions to provide written comments to a set of questions proposed by the SWRCB that an Expert Panel will be tasked to answer concerning nitrate targets.
- Management Practices Effectiveness Program: Attend conference call meetings of the MPEP group. Developing work schedules to implement nitrogen control measures for farmer member compliance. Crop-Specific Acceptable Ranges report was presented to Regional Board in October 2024 and the Coalition is awaiting their approval.
- Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative: Attend conference call meetings to give direction to program. Work with other coalitions and staff to coordinate and collaborate with SGMA efforts regarding groundwater quality monitoring and reporting.
- Management Zones: Attend meetings with other Management Zone dischargers to begin formation of official Management Zone. Negotiated with other discharge groups and established a schedule of equitable percentages of cost share. Attend Central Valley Salinity Coalition meetings to inform SJVDA regarding Management Zone formation. Provide Coalition monitoring data for analysis to inform Dec. 2024 MZIP submission.
- Salt Control Program: Phase I of the Salt Control Program involves the development of a Prioritization and Optimization Study (P&O Study). The Delta Mendota subwatershed was

chosen as the Archetype to develop salt targets for the other areas of the P&O Study. Collaborate with the P&O Study group to finalize District provided data used for modeling. This work is being supported through the SJVDA budget.

- Prop 84 Real Time Program Grant: Work continues on maintaining the stations, gathering monitoring data, and computer modeling to determine and manage salt discharges to the San Joaquin River. The project has will close out at the end of this year.

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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

Box 2157, Los Banos, Ca 93635
Phone: 209-826-9696 Fax: 209-826-9698

DATE: November 14, 2024

SUBJECT: THE DECEMBER 3, 2024 MEETING OF THE SJVDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS BEEN CANCELLED

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Del Puerto Water District
Adam Scheuber, Director/Chair
Jarod Lara, Alternate

San Luis Water District
Janet Roy, Director/Vice-Chair
Lon Martin, Alternate

Pacheco Water District
Chase Hurley, Director
Vacant, Alternate

Tranquillity Irrigation District
Jerry Salvador, Director Alternate
Danny Wade, Alternate

Panoche Drainage District
Patrick McGowan, Director
Michael Linneman, Alternate

Twin Oaks Irrigation District
Mark Child, Director
Nick Short, Alternate

Patterson Irrigation District
Dan Robinson, Director
Vince Lucchesi, Alternate

West Stanislaus Irrigation District
Bobby Pierce, Director
Lee Deldon, Alternate

**San Joaquin River Exchange
Contractors Water Authority**
Chris White, Director
John Wiersma, Alternate

FROM: Orvil Mckinnis (by Cheri Worthy)

**SJVDA Board of Directors Meeting Scheduled December 3, 2024
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular December meeting of the SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

Please give us a call if you have any questions. Thank you!

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Early Action Plan for Priority 2 Proposed Management Zones

Public Draft

Executive Summary



VALLEY WATER
COLLABORATIVE
www.valleywaterc.org

Prepared by:

GEI Consultants, Inc.
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November 22, 2024

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Executive Summary

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is implementing the Nitrate Control Program in the Central Valley. This program is designed to achieve three nitrate management goals:

- *Goal 1* – Ensure a safe drinking water supply;
- *Goal 2* – Reduce nitrate loading so that ongoing discharges neither threaten to degrade high quality waters absent appropriate findings by the Central Valley Board nor cause or contribute to exceedances of nitrate water quality objectives; and
- *Goal 3* – Implement long-term, managed restoration of impaired water bodies.

The Valley Water Collaborative (VWC), a local non-profit organization, was established to achieve these three goals in areas of the Central Valley designated as Priority 1 under the Nitrate Control Program, resulting in the formation of the Modesto and Turlock Nitrate Management Zones. Now that the Nitrate Control Program is expanding into Priority 2 (P2) areas, the VWC is proposing to establish five additional nitrate Management Zones: Delta-Mendota, Eastern San Joaquin, Madera, Merced, and Yolo. (**Figure ES-1**). VWC is managed by a 12-member Board of Directors representing local cities and industry operating in the basin including agriculture, dairies, poultry facilities, wineries, and food processors.

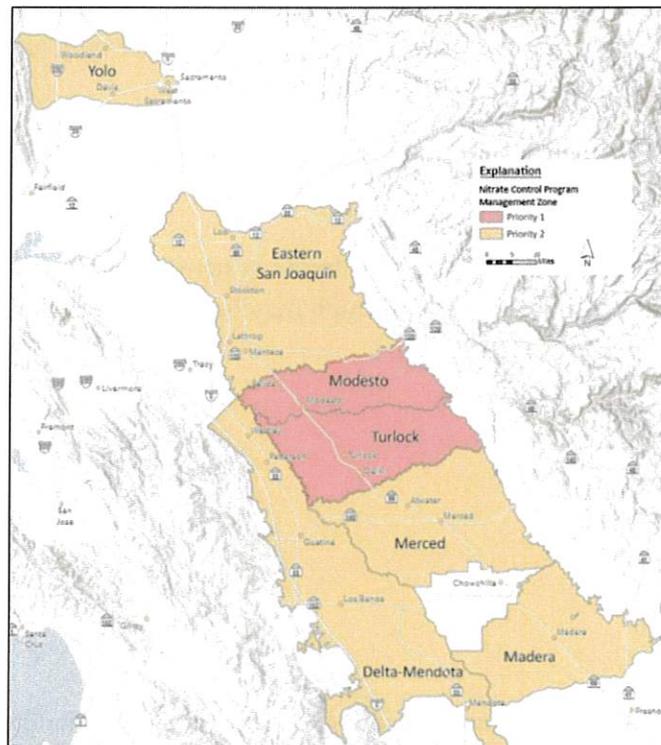


Figure ES-1. Location of the VWC Proposed Priority 2 Management Zones

Establishment of Management Zones requires the preparation of an Early Action Plan (EAP) that identifies initial actions the VWC will carry out to address drinking water being used by residences in the basin with unsafe nitrate levels. The key element of this EAP, which was developed in collaboration with the community, is the Interim Replacement Water Program (Program). This Program provides immediate alternative sources of drinking water for residences that depend on groundwater that contains unsafe levels of nitrate used for drinking and cooking (water with more than 10 milligrams per liter nitrate as nitrogen (mg/L-N)).

This EAP provides detailed information on:

- The nitrate problem in the proposed P2 Management Zones;
- How residents can be involved in its implementation; and
- How the VWC can assist a residence if a drinking water source is found to have unsafe levels of nitrate.

The VWC has identified the areas in the proposed P2 Management Zones where nitrate levels are most likely to be > 7.5 mg/L-N (see orange and red areas in **Figure ES-2**).¹ Implementation of the EAP will initially focus on these high-risk areas. However, anyone in the proposed P2 Management Zones may request that the VWC test their well to determine if their water has unsafe nitrate levels.

This Program provides an immediate solution for those currently experiencing unsafe levels of nitrate in their drinking water source. However, these solutions are only temporary and will eventually be replaced by long-term, permanent solutions.

There are several options for obtaining safe water upon implementation of the Program:

- Home bottled water delivery; and
- Installation of a Point-of-Use (POU) treatment system in your home; or
- Local fill station to fill water bottles, which may be available in the future.

¹ Areas are based on best available groundwater nitrate data compiled and analyzed for Upper Zone wells with samples between January 2010 and May 2024. These areas are subject to change as more Upper Zone nitrate data become available.

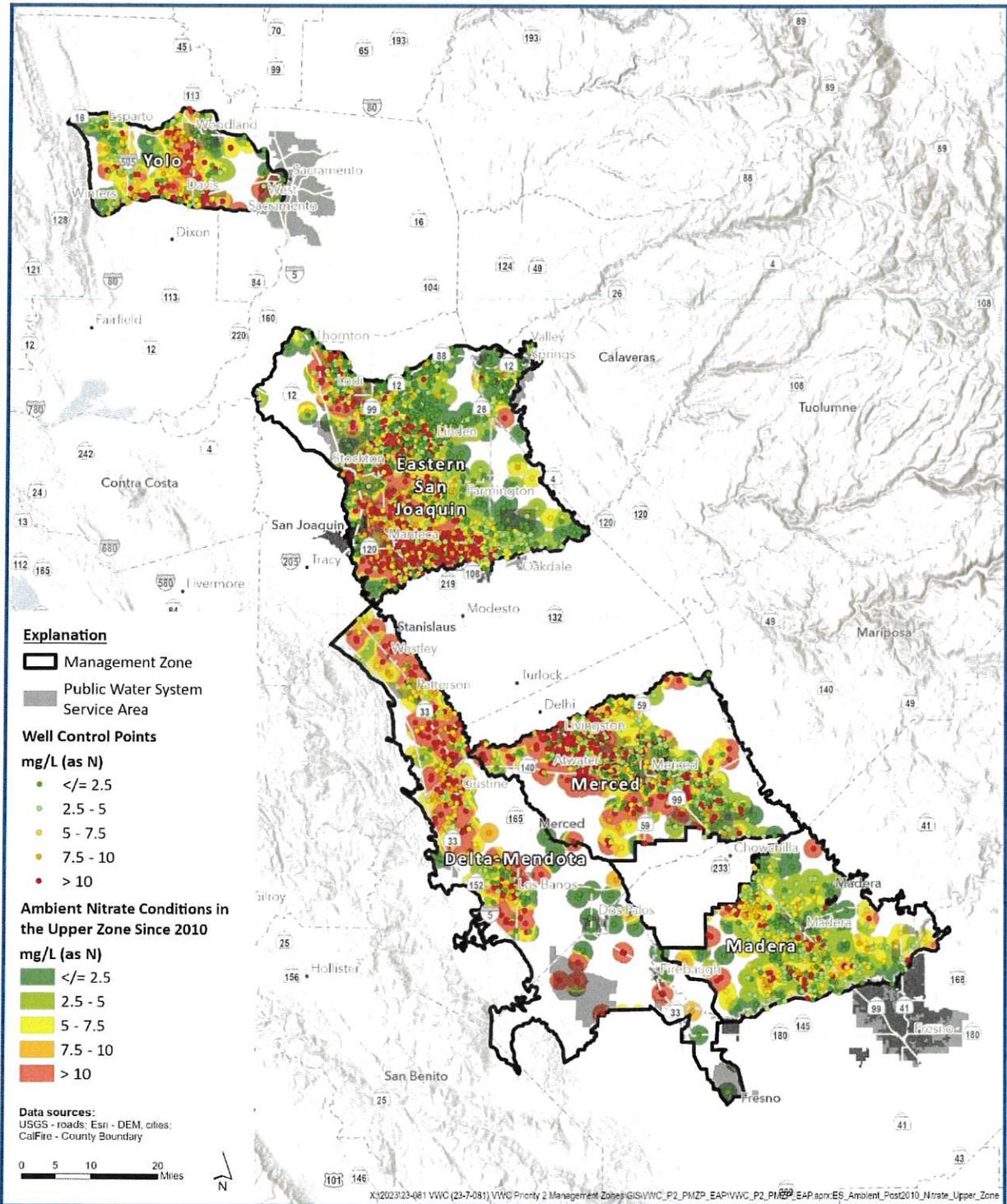


Figure ES-2. Areas in the proposed Priority 2 Management Zones where Nitrate Levels in Groundwater Are Most Likely To Be > 7.5 mg/L-N (Orange and Red Areas) (Note: This map is subject to change as more Upper Zone nitrate data become available)

A residence located in a proposed P2 Management Zone may receive bottled water delivery or installation of a POU treatment system if a resident can answer yes to the following three statements:

1. My home is in a proposed P2 Management Zone (Delta-Mendota, Eastern San Joaquin, Madera, Merced, or Yolo);
 - a. For residents requesting service that receives drinking water from a Public Water System (PWS) that is non-compliant with the nitrate drinking water standard, where appropriate, the VWC will prioritize and target those that rely on domestic wells, and for the PWSs, will evaluate on a case-by-case basis the role of the Management Zone.
2. I am willing to sign an agreement with the service provider; and
3. My well has unsafe nitrate levels ($> 10 \text{ mg/L-N}$) (see **Figure ES-3**) as determined by a water quality analysis conducted by a certified laboratory.

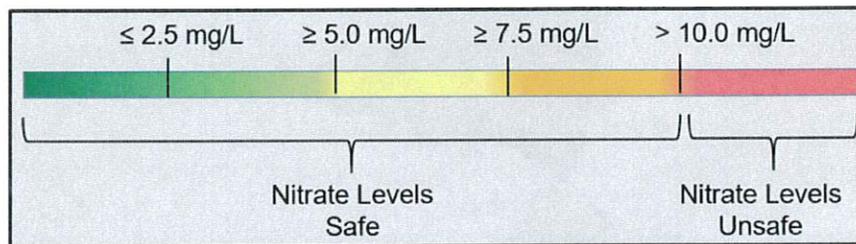


Figure ES-3. Scale Showing Nitrate Safe and Unsafe Levels

If the resident does not know if their well water has unsafe nitrate levels, contact the VWC. A VWC representative will test the well at no cost to the resident. Results from the nitrate test, which will be provided to the resident, determines the next steps as shown in **Figure ES-4**. If nitrate levels are unsafe the VWC will work immediately with the resident to obtain a safe source of drinking water. If nitrate levels are high but safe the VWC is offering to test the well the following year.

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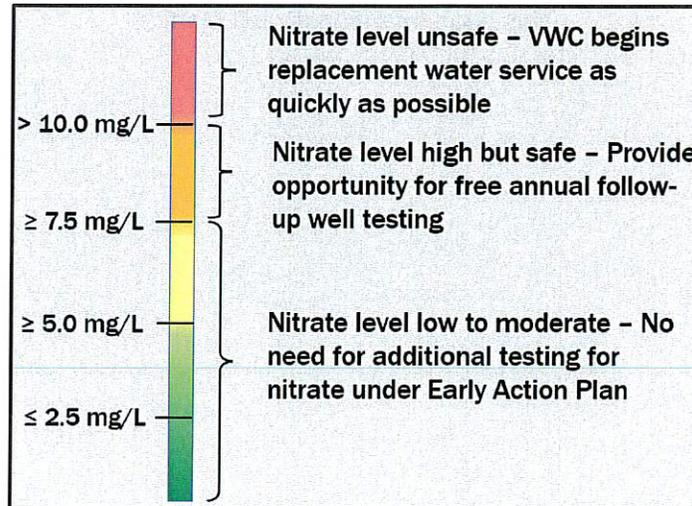


Figure ES-4. Nitrate Results and VWC Follow-Up Actions

VWC began holding community meetings in Summer 2024 to obtain input on the development of this EAP. Community meetings will continue during implementation to gain further input from residents on temporary solutions included in the Program and development of long-term drinking water solutions.

To support its community outreach efforts, the VWC established the following platforms to share information about the Program. Members of the community are encouraged to sign up on VWC’s email list to receive Program updates and invitations to community meetings.

- VWC website: <https://valleywaterc.org/>
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Valley-Water-Collaborative-340350387401852/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/valleywatercollaborative/>

Once the Program is launched in late February 2025, residences in the Management Zones can apply for well testing and replacement water on the VWC website. Anyone who signs up now to be included on the VWC email list to receive community notifications will be contacted when the Program begins. Residents with any questions or concerns about the EAP may contact VWC by phone at (209) 750-3867 or by email at contact@valleywaterc.org. For any residents needing translation services, access to bilingual staff will be available and additional language resources will be provided as needed.

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NORTHERN
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Special Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

November 27, 2024, 9:00 AM

IN PERSON

Patterson City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA

The Public may also join this meeting at the zoom link below

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November 22, 2024

TO: Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee and Interested Parties

FROM: Bobby Pierce, Committee Chair

RE: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN DELTA-MENDOTA REGION MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024, 9:00 AM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee has been called for **Wednesday, November 27, 2024, 9:00 AM**, on items listed on the attached agenda, which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

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NORTHERN
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Special Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

Wednesday, November 27, 2024, 9:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Opportunity for Public Comment

Consent Calendar

3. Committee to Review and Take Action on Consent Calendar, Pierce
 - a. Minutes for the November 6, 2024 Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
 - b. Minutes from the November 6, 2024 Special Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

Report Items

4. Committee to Discuss FY 2026 Budget Development, Petersen
5. Committee to Discuss Northern Delta-Mendota Management Committee Program Management, Petersen/Pierce
6. Next Steps
7. Future Meetings
 - a. Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
 - i. December 2024 (TBD)
 - ii. Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM
 - b. Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee
 - i. Monday, December 9, 2024 at 1:00 PM (SLDMWA Board Room)
8. ADJOURNMENT

Persons with a disability may request disability-related modification or accommodation by contacting Cheri Worthy or Sandi Ginda at the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Office, 842 6th Street, P.O. Box 2157, Los Banos, California 93635, via telephone at (209) 826-9696, or via email at cheri.worthy@sldmwa.org or sandi.ginda@sldmwa.org. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible before the meeting date, preferably 3 days in advance of regular meetings or 1 day in advance of special meetings/workshops.

Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 1:00 PM

Patterson City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA

Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Members and Alternates Present

Adam Scheuber, Alternate – Del Puerto Water District (DPWD)
Vince Lucchesi, Member – Patterson Irrigation District (PID)
Bobby Pierce, Member – West Stanislaus Irrigation District (WSID)
Christy McKinnon, Member – Stanislaus County
Maria Encinas, Member – City of Patterson

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) Representative Present

John Brodie

Others Present

Caleb Stearns – WSID
Larissa Camara – City of Patterson
Margaret Caligaris – Trihydro

Others Present via Zoom

Lauren Layne – Baker Manock & Jensen (BMJ)
Ashlee Chan-Gonzalez – Merced County
Amir Mani – EKI Environment & Water (EKI)
Meredith Durant – EKI
Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran (W&C)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Bobby Pierce/WSID called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Committee to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda of items.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

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5. **Committee to Review and Take Action on Consent Calendar, Pierce/Brodie**
 - a. Minutes for the October 2, 2024 Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
 - b. Minutes for the October 23, 2024 Special Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
 - c. Budget-to-Actual Report

Adam Scheuber/DPWD provided the motion to approve the Consent Calendar and Maria Encinas/City of Patterson seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

6. **Report of the Representative to the Coordination Committee, Lucchesi/Brodie**

Vince Lucchesi/PID noted that the Coordination Committee meeting next week will include discussions regarding a replacement for John Brodie as the Subbasin Plan Manager. The component groups in the Subbasin have prepared and reviewed their individual Pumping Reduction Plans (PRPs). The template prepared by EKI for the Northern Delta-Mendota Region was provided to the other Subbasin groups to facilitate presentation of their PRPs.
7. **Report on Technical Meetings with SWRCB Staff, Brodie**

John Brodie/SLDMWA reported that the next technical meeting with the SWRCB staff is scheduled for December 11, 2024. It will be an in-person meeting in Sacramento. Items in the Subbasin's 2024 GSP identified by the SWRCB staff as "red flags" will be discussed. Subbasin representatives and EKI will attend the meeting in person.
8. **Report on State Water Board Subbasin Tour on November 13, 2024, Brodie**

John Brodie reported a tour of portions of the Subbasin for State Water Board member Firestone is scheduled for November 13, 2024. An itinerary has been developed for the tour and several Subbasin representatives will meet to discuss final arrangements. One objective of the tour is to illustrate the diversity and complexity of activities within the Subbasin.
9. **Committee to Discuss Outreach, Brodie**
 - a. FSS Outreach Assistance Application
 - b. Water Leadership Institute Request for Assistance

John Brodie reported that the Delta-Mendota FSS application is still pending with DWR. The FSS application for another subbasin was recently approved by DWR and John expects that the Delta-Mendota FSS application will be approved soon.

John Brodie reported that the 2024 Delta-Mendota Water Leadership Institute was successful, and the sponsors are interested in running it again in 2025. Financial support for the educational program and/or in-kind support from Subbasin water agencies would be appreciated.

10. **Committee to Discuss Draft FY 2026 Budget Planning, Brodie**

John Brodie reported that he has requested that the consultants provide estimated budgets for FY 2026. In response to a question, John Brodie noted that SLDMWA plans to step out of its current SGMA coordination role, following approval of the Subbasin's 2024 GSP by the SWRCB. Vince Lucchesi recommended that a transition plan be developed as SLDMWA discontinues its coordination services.

John Brodie anticipates that, regardless of the Water Board staff review and findings, the Water Board will conduct a probationary hearing on the 2024 GSP. Based upon currently available information, that hearing will occur no earlier than June 2025.

The group discussed several uncertainties regarding requirements and schedules which will impact budgets for FY 2026.

John Brodie informed the participants that a comprehensive list of action items from the 2024 GSP is being prepared by EKI and that a draft will be shared for review and comment.

II. Committee to Discuss GSP Implementation, Dumas/Brodie

- a. **Perform Fall 2024 Water Level and Water Quality Monitoring per Subbasin Protocols**
- b. **Update on Modifications of SGMA Round 1 Grant Funding Program**

Leslie Dumas/W&C noted that reminders had been sent regarding collection and reporting of water level data. The August water level data should be provided to W&C by mid-December so that it can be uploaded to the DWR data portal by January 1, 2025. Leslie also noted that in some cases, sufficient data are not yet available to set numeric SMCs for certain monitoring wells, so comparison will not be possible initially.

Leslie Dumas reported that the grant amendment is with DWR. DWR staff had numerous questions on the amendment. A new DWR grant administrator was recently assigned. Leslie noted that although the grant conclusion date has been extended until April 2026, all documents must be submitted to DWR by that date, thus completion of construction activities by December 2025 is recommended to allow time for report completion and invoice submittal. Leslie also reminded the participants that submittal of numerous documents and their approval by DWR is required prior to initiating grant-funded construction activities.

12. Committee to Discuss Potential Additional Funding Opportunities, Brodie

The updated list of Potential Funding Opportunities is included in the meeting packet.

13. Committee to Review and Take Action to Appoint West Stanislaus Irrigation District General Manager as Real Property Negotiators, Layne/Pierce

Bobby Pierce noted that negotiation of a permanent easement for access to a proposed interconnected surface water monitoring well on private property will be necessary.

Christy McKinnon/Stanislaus County provided the motion to appoint the WSID General Manager as the real property negotiator and Vince Lucchesi seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

14. The Committee Met in Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators:

Property: An Easement Strip Located in Stanislaus County, APN 016-009-002

Agency Negotiator: West Stanislaus Irrigation District General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Keith Yamamoto

Under Negotiation: Prices and Terms of Payment

15. **The Committee Met in Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT** Title: Coordination Committee Secretary/Plan Manager
16. **Report from Closed Session, Layne**
No reportable actions during the Closed Session.
17. **Committee to Consider Authorizing Its Representative to the Coordination Committee to Approve Scope and Budget for SGMA Plan Management Tasks through the End of the Current Fiscal Year (FY 2025), Lucchesi/Petersen**
Recognizing the upcoming retirement of John Brodie from SLDWMA, and the need for continued coordination services for the next several months, discussions are underway that would allow John Brodie to continue to serve in the coordination role as a consultant. Land and Water Solutions would be the contracting entity. Preparation and approval of a scope and budget for coordination services through the end of FY 2025 will be necessary.
Vince Lucchesi (or Adam?) made the motion for the Committee to authorize its representative to the Coordination Committee to approve a budget not exceeding \$100K and Adam Scheuber seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.
18. **Next Steps**
 - Subject to room availability, the next meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Management Committee will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 27, 2024.
 - John Brodie will distribute the SWRCB Subbasin tour agenda once it is finalized later this week. Consistent with prior SWRCB tours, the upcoming tour will be noticed as a public meeting.
19. **Future Meetings**
 - a. **Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee**
 - i. Wednesday, November 27, 2024
 - ii. Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM
 - b. **Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee**
 - i. Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 1:00 PM
 - ii. Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Water Board Tour)
 - iii. Monday, December 9, 2024 at 1:00 PM
20. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code 54954.2(a)(3)**
No reports were discussed under this item.
21. **ADJOURNMENT**
John Brodie expressed his appreciation to the Northern Management Committee members for their commitment and cooperative efforts in pushing forward with development and implementation of the GSP and complying with SGMA requirements.
Bobby Pierce adjourned the meeting at 3:02 PM.

Special Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 1:00 PM

Patterson City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA

Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Members and Alternates Present

Adam Scheuber, Alternate – Del Puerto Water District (DPWD)
Vince Lucchesi, Member – Patterson Irrigation District (PID)
Bobby Pierce, Member – West Stanislaus Irrigation District (WSID)
Christy McKinnon, Member – Stanislaus County
Maria Encinas, Member – City of Patterson
Lacey McBride, Member – Merced County

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) Representative Present

John Brodie

Others Present

Caleb Stearns – WSID
Larissa Camara – City of Patterson
Margaret Caligaris – Trihydro

Others Present via Zoom

Meredith Durant – EKI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
Bobby Pierce/WSID called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
No public comment was provided.
4. **Committee to Consider Authorizing Its Representative to the Coordination Committee to Approve a New Plan Manager for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSP**
Maria Encinas/City of Patterson provided the motion to authorize its representative to the Coordination Committee to approve a new Plan Manager and Adam Scheuber/DPWD seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.
5. **Next Steps**
 - No next steps were identified
6. **ADJOURNMENT**
Bobby Pierce adjourned the meeting at 3:04 PM.

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1	SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY									
2	MARCH 1, 2025 - FEBRUARY 28, 2026									
3	SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT SERVICES AGREEMENT									
4	ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS BUDGET TO ACTUAL									
5	NORTHERN DELTA-MENDOTA REGION (FUND 64)									
6	FY25 Projections & FY26 Budget Draft									
7	Draft 1									
8		Annual	Paid	Amount	% of Amt	Expenses	FY25		FY26	
9	EXPENDITURES	Budget	Expense	Remaining	Remaining	Through	Projected		Draft 1	
10	Legal:						Expenses			
11	Baker Manock & Jensen	\$ 27,600	\$ 11,398	\$ 16,202	59%	10/2/24	\$ 25,000	C	\$ 35,000	
12	Other Professional Services:									
13	Contracts	\$ 352,066	\$ 135,354	\$ 216,712	62%	10/7/24	\$ 420,000	C	\$ 363,028	
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15	Other:									
16	Executive Director	\$ 456	\$ -	\$ 456	100%		\$ -	C	\$ 500	
17	General Counsel	\$ 6,696	\$ 41	\$ 6,655	99%		\$ 1,000	C	\$ 1,500	
18	Water Policy Director	\$ 9,802	\$ 1,850	\$ 7,952	81%	9/30/24	\$ 8,500	C	\$ 20,000	
19	Water Resources Program Manager	\$ 51,629	\$ 38,372	\$ 13,257	26%	9/30/24	\$ 50,000	C	\$ -	
20	Accounting	\$ 4,576	\$ 388	\$ 4,208	92%	8/31/24	\$ 2,500	B	\$ 2,500	
21	Hydrotech 3	\$ 23,712	\$ 11,175	\$ 12,534	53%	9/30/24	\$ 23,712	B	\$ 24,423	
22	Los Banos Administrative Office (LBAO)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		\$ -		\$ -	
23	License & Continuing Education	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	100%		\$ 250	A	\$ -	
24	Conferences & Training	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ 1,250	100%		\$ 1,250	A	\$ 1,000	
25	Travel/Mileage	\$ 2,500	\$ 345	\$ 2,155	86%		\$ 2,500	A	\$ 2,000	
26	Group Meetings	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	100%		\$ 500	A	\$ 1,000	
27	Telephone	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ 1,250	100%		\$ 1,250	A	\$ 500	
28	Equipment and Tools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		\$ -	A	\$ -	
29	Software	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		\$ -		\$ -	
30	Total Expenditures	\$ 482,287	\$ 198,906	\$ 283,381	59%		\$ 536,462		\$ 451,451	
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A	B	F	G	H	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY									
2	MARCH 1, 2025 - FEBRUARY 28, 2026									
3	SGMA ACTIVITIES - COORDINATED COST-SHARE AGREEMENT									
4	ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS BUDGET TO ACTUAL									
5	COORDINATED (FUND 63)									
6	FY25 Projections & FY26 Budget Draft									
7	Draft 1									
8		Annual	Paid	Amount	% of Amt	Expenses		FY25		FY26
9	EXPENDITURES	Budget	Expense	Remaining	Remaining	Through		Projected		Draft 1
10	Legal:									
11	Baker Manock & Jensen	\$ 33,120	\$ 49,058	\$ (15,938)	-48%	10/2/24	\$	60,000	C	\$ 70,000
12	Other Professional Services:									
13	GSP Implementation Contracts									
14	Coordinated Annual Reports Activities									
15	(Common Chapter, Water Level Contouring)	\$ 151,627	\$ 23,375	\$ 128,252	85%	9/13/24	\$	120,000	C	\$ 149,675
16	DMS Hosting, Augmentation and Support	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,833	\$ 3,167	26%	9/20/24	\$	12,000	C	\$ 12,000
17	GSP Approval - DWR Response to Comments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		\$	-		
18	Staff Augmentation Support	\$ 71,040	\$ 71,560	\$ (520)	-1%		\$	80,000	C	\$ 200,000
19	DAC Outreach and Coordination	\$ 30,000	\$ 4,871	\$ 25,129	84%		\$	10,000	C	\$ 20,000
20										
21										
22	Inadequate Determination Response (EKI)	\$ 120,000					\$	120,000	C	\$ -
23	Interconnected Surface Water Program (Component)	\$ 616,000	\$ 14,040	\$ 601,960	98%	10/7/24	\$	300,000	C	\$ 316,000
24	SGMA Implementation Grant Round 1 SPA (A9)	\$ 73,330	\$ 58,658	\$ 14,673	20%	9/13/24	\$	90,000	C	\$ 83,470
25	SGMA Implementation Grant Round 2 SPA (B0)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		\$	-		
31	Single GSP Development	\$ 750,000	\$ 771,000	\$ (21,000)	-3%		\$	500,000	C	\$ -
37	Other:									
38	Executive Director	\$ 2,736	\$ -	\$ 2,736	100%		\$	750	C	\$ 750
39	General Counsel	\$ 4,836	\$ 329	\$ 4,507	93%	10/4/24	\$	650	C	\$ 1,000
40	Water Policy Director	\$ 8,450	\$ 3,562	\$ 4,888	58%	10/4/24	\$	15,000	B	\$ 20,000
41	Water Resources Program Manager	\$ 82,607	\$ 56,127	\$ 26,480	32%	10/4/24	\$	70,000	B	\$ -
42	Accounting	\$ 4,752	\$ 195	\$ 4,557	96%	10/4/24	\$	3,000	C	\$ 3,000
43	License & Continuing Education	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	100%		\$	-	C	\$ -
44	Los Banos Administrative Office (LBAO)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		\$	-		
45	Conferences & Training	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	100%		\$	1,000	C	\$ 1,000
46	Travel/Mileage	\$ 2,500	\$ 294	\$ 2,206	88%		\$	1,500	A	\$ 1,500
47	Group Meetings	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,451	\$ (2,451)	-245%		\$	5,000	C	\$ 5,000
48	Telephone	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	100%		\$	500	A	\$ 500
49	Software	\$ 780	\$ -	\$ 780	100%		\$	780	A	\$ -
50	Equipment and Tools	\$ 5,650	\$ -	\$ 5,650	100%		\$	5,650	A	\$ 2,000
51	Total Expenditures	\$ 1,972,428	\$ 1,065,353	\$ 787,075	40%		\$	1,395,830		\$ 885,895
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Adam Scheuber

From: Chase Hurley <churley@waterandlandsolutions.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 3:16 PM
To: John Wiersma
Cc: John Brodie; J. Scott Petersen; Anona Dutton; Amir Mani; Leslie Dumas; Aaron Barcellos; Lauren D. Layne; Ellen Wehr; Andrew Francis
Subject: Delta Mendota Subbasin Update: Admin Duties

Coordination Committee Chairman Wiersma, et al:

As it relates to John Brodie's retirement and the transition of having Water and Land Solutions, LLC (WLS) fill in as the administrator to fulfill all his duties within the SLDMWA, please note the following below:

1. WLS has signed the Consulting Services Agreement (CSA) with the SLDMWA to fulfill the duties/responsibilities of John Brodie's position. The CSA, including the cost estimate to cover the duties through February 28, 2025, was the one reviewed and approved by the Northern and Central GSA's. The SLDMWA should be signing it soon.
2. John Brodie will be working directly for WLS in a part-time role. He has committed enough time to help WLS assure that the duties will get accomplished through end of fiscal year.
3. John Brodie will remain the POINT OF CONTACT with DWR and SWRCB and continue to coordinate meetings with each agency.
4. John Brodie has already facilitated setting up the meetings with SWRCB staff slated for December 5th (with John Coburn to set the agenda topics for Dec 11th), and for the 4-hour In Person Meeting with John Coburn and SWRCB staff in Sacramento on December 11th.
5. John Brodie will continue to be the Point of Contract for future Coordination Committee Meetings. He will facilitate the agendas/minutes/board packets as he has done in the past.
6. John Brodie and I have a standing meeting every Monday morning to facilitate weekly work, tasks to accomplish, and work items completed.

Feel free to call me with any questions you may have during this transition.
John is also cc'd with his new email address.

Much Appreciated,

Chase Hurley
Water and Land Solutions, LLC
P.O. Box 2657
643 "J" Street
Los Banos, CA 93635
209-704-5105

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**DELTA -
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Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

Monday December 9, 2024, 1:00 PM

SLDMWA Board Room 842 6th St., Los Banos, CA 93635

The Public May Join the Meeting at the Zoom Link Below:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87202725706?pwd=aaAyFYNIldVr8lA6i1CVR2XW6dpnzl.1>

Meeting ID: 872 0272 5706

Passcode: 698482

December 6, 2024

TO: Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee and Interested Parties
FROM: Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
RE: MEETING OF THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN COORDINATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2024, 1:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee has been called for **Monday December 9, 2024, 1:00 PM**, on items listed on the attached agenda, which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

Persons with a disability may request disability-related modification or accommodation by contacting Cheri Worthy or Sandi Ginda at the Water Authority Office, 842 6th Street, P.O. Box 2157 Los Banos, CA 93635, via telephone at (209) 826-9696, or via email at cheri.worthy@sldmwa.org or sandi.ginda@sldmwa.org. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible before the meeting date, preferably 3 days in advance of regular meetings or 1 day in advance of special meetings/workshops.

**DELTA -
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Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

Monday December 9, 2024, 1:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Committee to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as Authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.
4. Opportunity for Public Comment

Consent Calendar

5. Committee to Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar, Wiersma/Brodie
 - a) Minutes of the November 12, 2024 Meeting
 - b) Minutes of the November 13, 2024 Special Meeting
 - c) Budget to Actual Report

Report Items

6. Committee to Discuss the FY 2025 Budget, Wiersma/Petersen
7. Committee to Discuss 2024 GSP
 - a) Status of GSP Adoption, Wiersma
 - b) Committee Configuration and Leadership Positions, Layne
 - c) Pumping Reduction Plan Updates, Dutton
8. Committee to Discuss November 13 Subbasin Tour with SWRCB Member Firestone, Ortega/Wiersma/Hurley
9. Committee to Discuss December 11 GSP Meeting with SWRCB Staff, Martin/Ortega/Dutton
10. Annual Report and Data Management System Updates, Dumas
11. Committee to Discuss FSS Outreach, Beutler/Brodie

12. Committee to Discuss SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant
 - a) Grant Agreement Amendment Status, Dumas
 - b) ISW Well Construction Management, Francis
 - c) Status and Deadlines for Completion of other Components, Dumas
13. Committee to Review Monitoring Exceedances, Dumas
14. Next Steps

Closed Session

15. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
The Committee will meet in closed session to confer with legal counsel on significant exposure to anticipated litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case)

Open Session

16. Report from Closed Session, Layne
17. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)
18. Future Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee Meetings
 - a. Monday January 13, 2024 1:00 PM
 - b. Monday February 10, 2024 1:00 PM
19. ADJOURNMENT

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List of Missing Well Reporting Forms as of 12/17/2024

Name

Apna Farms
Bhandal Bros. Orchards, LLC
Borges, Frank
Calvin Inc.
LAT Farming Trust
NISRA Farms, LLC
Perez Farms
R.C. Capital Investments
Shiraz Ranch
Singh, Rajinder & Navdeep
WTS McCabe

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[Customer Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]

December 18, 2024

Re: Participation in Del Puerto Water District Groundwater Well Remote Telemetry Project

Dear [Customer],

As you know, over the last two years Del Puerto Water District has been implementing a series of new Policies and Programs intended to address the statutory requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). In August 2024 the District, on behalf of the DM-II GSA, adopted the new single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin and is currently finalizing the Pumping Reduction Plan (PRP), as required by the GSP. The PRP will be invoked if certain triggers based on minimum thresholds established for Representative Monitoring Sites (RMS) across the Subbasin for bi-annually measured groundwater level, subsidence, and groundwater quality are exceeded.

In August 2022, the District adopted a Groundwater Well Metering Policy requiring the registration of each groundwater well within the District boundaries and submittal of well extraction data three times each year. In conjunction with this Policy, the District applied for a WaterSMART Grant to update or install new flowmeters on wells in high-priority areas throughout the District and connect them to the District's existing Remote Flow Monitoring Program. High priority areas as those areas which are currently experiencing a lowering of average annual groundwater levels or subsidence.

One or more of your wells falls within a high priority area and the District is seeking approval to install or upgrade the meter for the well(s) indicated on the map enclosed and connect them to the District's existing Remote Flow Monitoring Network. You will be responsible for half of the cost of the installation and the Grant will cover the remaining cost. Real-time flow data will be available to you via a web application and login provided by the District. Funding for this Project is limited, and requests will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until January 15, 2025.

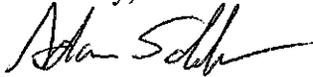
Failure to stop groundwater level decline at the Representative Monitoring Sites designated in the GSP for high priority areas will likely result in an "across-the-board" reduced ability to pump groundwater. Accurate data is critical for the District to make decisions regarding future Project and Policy development to protect our collective ability to utilize local

groundwater, a critical resource for District customers. The District understands how important it is for growers to have access to groundwater, especially during drought periods, and the intent of programs like this is to protect that resource and ensure it is available during times of need.

Included with this letter are a map of your well or wells that have been selected for this Project and a graph of the historic water level for the Representative Monitoring Site nearest those wells. The District respectfully requests your participation in this Program, both as a way to meet the tri-annual well use reporting requirements and to work collectively with your neighbors in the area to pro-actively engage in programs designed to assist our GSA in meeting the requirements of the GSP, and thus retaining local control over the groundwater resource and its availability.

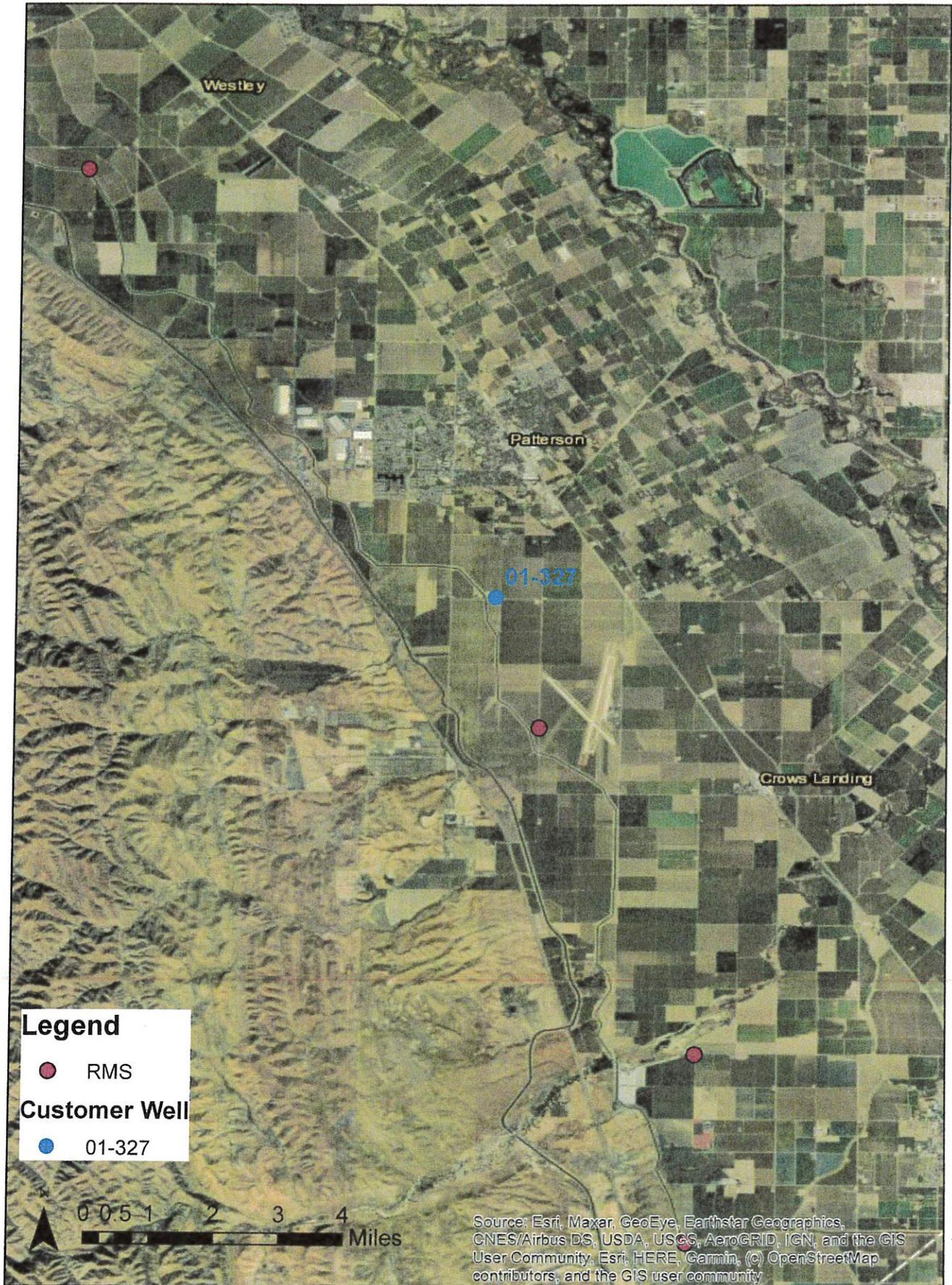
Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. The District will follow up this letter with a call to set up individual meetings for interested parties to discuss the next steps and establish total costs for that participant. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (209) 892-4470.

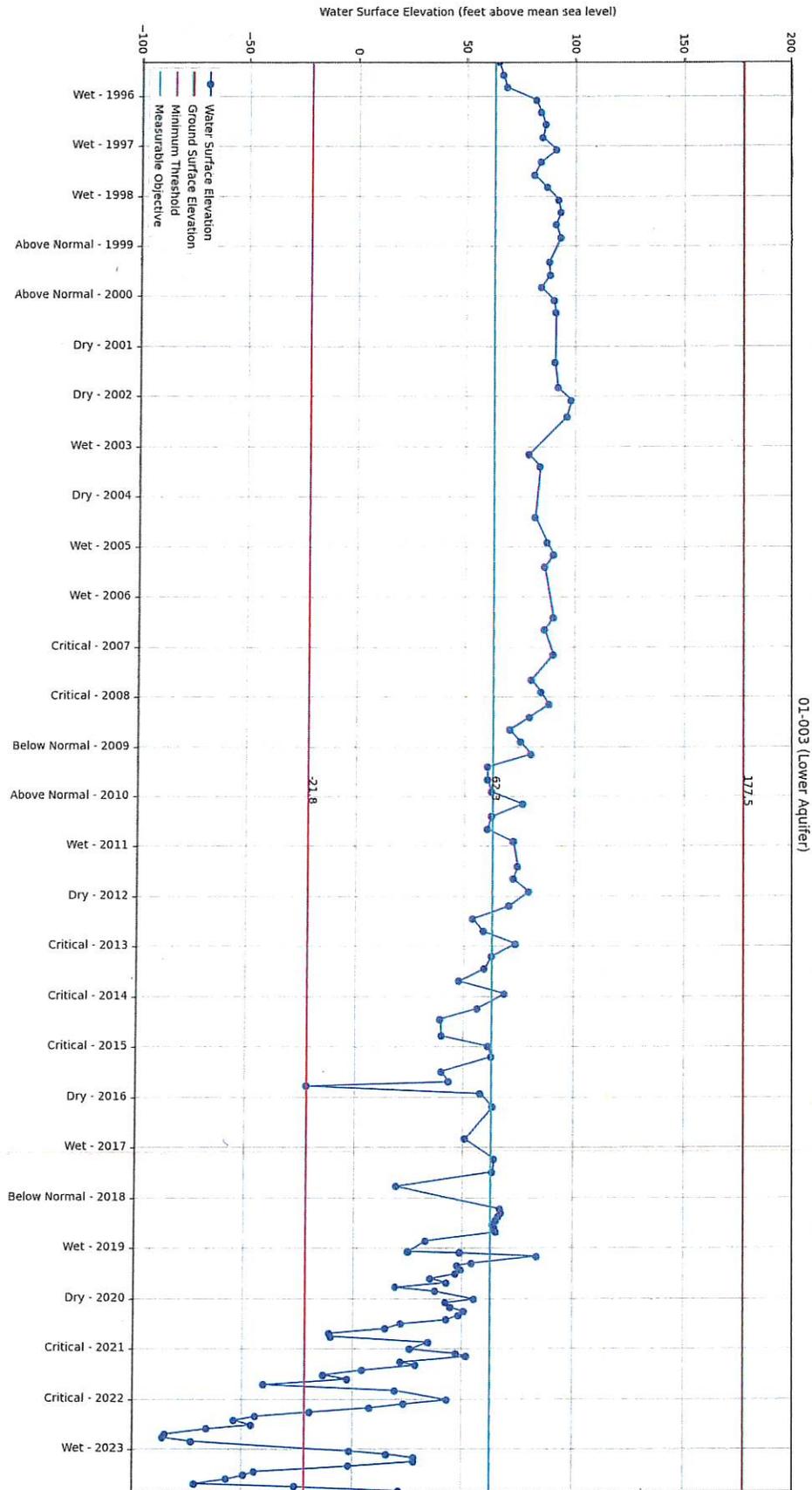
Sincerely,



Adam Scheuber
Deputy General Manager -- Water Resources
Del Puerto Water District

Well Selected for Del Puerto Water District Groundwater Well Remote Monitoring Program







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Budgetary Estimate

Sierra Controls, LLC
 5470 Louie Lane Ste. 104
 Reno, NV 89511
 (775) 236-3350

Quote / Project #: 21-6655 / Rev07
 Date: 11/26/2024
 Project Manager: Mark Crossett
 Est. Start Date: TBD

To: Del Puerto Water District
Attention: Adam Schueber
Project: Well Monitoring Project / Additional Site(s) Re-Integration

Sierra Controls LLC (SC) is pleased to provide this budgetary estimate for Del Puerto Water District in support of the Well Monitoring Project / Additional Site(s) Re-Integration.

This budget estimate provides pricing for two types of sites: those with an internal antenna and those with an external antenna. A site survey will determine which sites require an external antenna for a strong communication link and which can communicate effectively with the internal antenna. The survey will also assess whether Verizon or AT&T offers a stronger connection.

The intent is to allow the district to calculate costs by multiplying the number of each type of site by the per-site pricing. Additionally, it will inform Sierra Controls of the total number of sites to be included in this phase. Once Sierra Controls receives this information, we will provide a firm proposal based on the district's scope.

Item #	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Est. Tax	Line Total
Item 1	Materials - Internal Antenna - Per Site Cost Pricing Includes: (1) SignalFire Ranger: Internal Antenna, 2AI1DI Module, Battery, 3-year Verizon (1) Antenna Mast Material Pricing also Includes: Manufacturing	1	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 133.14	\$ 2,953.14
Item 2	Installation - Internal Antenna - Per Site Cost Pricing Includes: Engineering & Design, HMI Development, Travel, Installation, As Builts	1	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 11.42	\$ 2,181.42
	Per Site Total:		\$ 4,990.00	\$ 144.56	\$ 5,134.56
Item 3	Materials - External Antenna - Per Site Cost Pricing Includes: (1) SignalFire Ranger: External Antenna, 2AI1DI, Battery, 3-Year Verizon (1) CABLE N MALE TO SMA MALE 40 IN (1) DIRECTIONAL CELLULAR ANTENNA (1) Antenna Mast Material Pricing also Includes: Manufacturing	1	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 144.06	\$ 3,194.06
Item 4	Installation - External Antenna - Per Site Cost Pricing Includes: Engineering & Design, HMI Development, Travel, Installation, As Builts	1	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 11.42	\$ 2,181.42
	Per Site Total:		\$ 5,220.00	\$ 155.48	\$ 5,375.48
Item 5	Annual Residual Fee - Per Site Cost	1	\$ 540.00		\$ 540.00
	Per Site Total:		\$ 540.00		\$ 540.00

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Notes & Disclaimers:

Taxable Items: The value(s) shown for Estimated Tax are based on items that are taxable. Depending on state requirements, not all labor is taxable and therefore labor related taxes are estimated based on taxable and non-taxable labor activities.

Power: Engineering Design of RTU based upon 120v power either existing or provided by others, U.N.O. All other power to be provided by others as required by project.

Conduit & Wire: All conduit, wire pulls and wire labeling to be provided and installed by others. Existing wiring to be in good working order or be replaced by others.

Existing Conditions: Proposal is based upon the presumption that all existing programs, hardware, and controls are complete and functional. Additional programming, hardware or adjustments required by SC to fix / modify existing programming or PCIS / SCADA SYSTEM outside of the scope of this agreement to be billed on a T&M basis.

Additional T&M Work: This proposal represents the complete scope of work to be performed by SC. Any additional requirements, specifications or construction details outside of this proposal are not included and will be billed on a T&M basis as mutually agreed upon by all parties.

Wage Rates: Pricing is based upon SC standard wage rates and does not include any provisions for any type of Prevailing Wage Requirements. Client to notify SC prior to the beginning of work if different or indemnify SC for any loss or penalties assessed if determined otherwise after the execution of this agreement.

Warranty: All equipment manufactured by SC to be under a Limited (1) Year Warranty based upon SC Standard Warranty Terms & Conditions beginning at the time of installation or delivery to client. (Whichever comes first) unless noted otherwise. Warranty is void where no Remote Access is provide or available. Additional Terms & Conditions apply. SC will provide complete warranty terms and conditions upon request. Extended warranties available upon request.

Delivery: Scheduled ARO
Terms: NET 30
FOB: RENO, NV

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SIERRA CONTROLS, LLC

Steven Perez - Estimator

To proceed with this order please sign below with an authorized signature and return.

Signed

PO Number

Date

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