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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 (continued)

Revisiting 2023 Water Year
David Mooney, Bureau of Reclamation Bay Delta Office Manager
Levi Johnson, Bureau of Reclamation Central Valley Operations

Bureau of Reclamation 2024 Water Supply Outlook
Levi Johnson, Central Valley Operations
Jason Cameron, Klamath Basin Area Office
Austin Balsler, Lahontan Basin Area Office
Rufino Gonzalez, South Central California Area Office

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Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto Water District
Kevin Kasberg, CVP Water Association
Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance
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Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority
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Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association
Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority
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MID-PACIFIC WATER USERS' CONFERENCE 2024
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<u>Company</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>City State</u>
Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District	Justin	Dahl	Anderson, CA
Aqua Ben Corp.	Sandra	Miller	Orange, CA
Aqua Lastic	Deanne	Weatherford	Reno, NV
Arvin-Edison WSD	Jeevan	Muhar	Arvin, CA
Banta-Carbona Irrigation District	Mark	Cardoza	Tracy, CA
Banta-Carbona Irrigation District	Glenn	Robertson	Tracy, CA
Banta-Carbona Irrigation District	Kyle	Robertson	Tracy, CA
Banta-Carbona Irrigation District	Jim	Thoming	Tracy, CA
Banta-Carbona Irrigation District	David	Weisenberger	Tracy, CA
Bar M Cattle Co./TCCA	Wade	Mathis	Maxwell, CA
Basin Irrigation & Drainage District	Roger	Cornwell	Robbins, CA
Basin Irrigation & Drainage District	Bill	Henle	Robbins, CA
Basin Irrigation & Drainage District	Jon	Scott	Robbins, CA
Big Valley Divers Inc.	John	Eggleston	Chico, CA
Big Valley Divers Inc.	Teresa	Eggleston	Chico, CA
Booth Ranches LLC	Andrew	Hart	Orange Cove, CA
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Bureau of Reclamation	Sabir	Ahmad	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Donald	Bader	Shasta Lake, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Nick	Bahler	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Austin	Balser	Carson City, NV
Bureau of Reclamation	Vincent	Barbara	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Jo Anna	Becker	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Jacob	Berens	Shasta Lake, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Ankur	Bhattacharya	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Anitalee	Bronner	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	James S.	Brown	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Michael	Burke	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Travis	Buttelman	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Jason	Cameron	Klamath Falls, OR
Bureau of Reclamation	Tara Jane	Campbell Miranda	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Heather	Casillas	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Amelia	Castro	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Jesse	Castro	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Fernando	Castro-Alvarez	Washington, DC
Bureau of Reclamation	Ernest	Conant	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Aric	Coppola	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Luke	Davis	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Rain	Emerson	Fresno, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Joshua	Fender	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Rufino	Gonzalez	Fresno, CA

Bureau of Reclamation	Darryl	Good	Fresno, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Sarah	Hadden	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Elizabeth	Hadley	Shasta Lake, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Armin	Halston	Folsom, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Tom	Hawes	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Alan	Heck	Klamath Falls, OR
Bureau of Reclamation	Shalese	Henderson	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Kristen	Hiatt	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Aran	Hollinger	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Brad	Hubbard	Folsom, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	David	Hyatt	Fresno, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Joshua	Israel	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Michael	Jackson	Fresno, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Allison	Jacobson	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Bianca	Jiglau	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Levi E.	Johnson	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Elizabeth	Kiteck	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Mary Lee	Knecht	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Gene	Lee	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Lauren	Leiva	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Drew	Lessard	Folsom, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Artie	Lopez	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Lonn	Maier	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Mario	Manzo	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Lee	Mao	Folsom, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Steven	Melavic	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Greg	Mongano	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Dave	Mooney	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Chad	Moore	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Michael	Mosley	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Mike	Neuman	Klamath Falls, OR
Bureau of Reclamation	Laurie	Nicholas	Carson City, NV
Bureau of Reclamation	Thomas	Nichols	Folsom, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Adam	Nickels	Sacramento, CA
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Bureau of Reclamation	David	Palumbo	Washington, DC
Bureau of Reclamation	Janice	Pinero	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Todd	Plain	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Donald	Portz	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Richard	Robertson	Shasta Lake, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Yesenia	Sigala	Shasta Lake, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Leah	Slazinik	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Karl	Stock	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Duane	Stroup	Sacramento, CA
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Bureau of Reclamation	Melissa	Vignau	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Spencer	Walden	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Robert	Ward	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Timothy	Warner	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Christiane	Washington	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	John	Watts	Washington, DC
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Bureau of Reclamation	Owen	Welch	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Brooke	White	Klamath Falls, OR
Bureau of Reclamation	Kristin	White	Sacramento, CA
Bureau of Reclamation	Cathy	Wise	Sacramento, CA
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Cal Poly ITRC	Emma	Schmitt	San Luis Obispo, CA
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Cal Poly ITRC	Stuart	Styles	San Luis Obispo, CA
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California Trout	Jacob	Montgomery	Woodland, CA
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CDM Smith	Bob	Davis	Carlsbad, CA
CDM Smith	Chris	Park	Sacramento, CA
Centerville CSD	Walt	Richison	Redding, CA
Central California Irrigation District	Andrew	Bloom	Los Banos, CA
Central California Irrigation District	Ben	Fenters	Los Banos, CA
Central California Irrigation District	Eric	Fontana	Los Banos, CA
Central California Irrigation District	Jarrett	Martin	Los Banos, CA
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City of Shasta Lake	Jason	Peterson	Shasta Lake, CA
Clear Creek CSD	Beverly	Fickes	Anderson, CA
Clear Creek CSD	Paul	Kelley	Anderson, CA
Clyde Snow & Sessions PC	Reagan	Desmond	Bend, OR
Columbia Canal Company	Mike	Gardner	Firebaugh, CA

Colusa County Water District	Halbert	Charter	Arbuckle, CA
Colusa County Water District	Shelly	Murphy	Arbuckle, CA
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Contra Costa Water District	Deanna	Sereno	Concord, CA
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CVP Water Association	Kevin	Kasberg	Sacramento, CA
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East Bay Municipal Utility District	Ana	Ulloa	Oakland, CA
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Emrgy	Brandon	Wolter	Atlanta, GA
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FlowWest	Mark	Tompkins	Oakland, CA
Fresno Irrigation District	Adam	Claes	Fresno, CA
Fresno Irrigation District	William	Stretch	Fresno, CA
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Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District	Greg	Krzys	Willows, CA
Hills Valley ID/Lewis Creek WD/Tri-Valley WD	Nicholas	Keller	Visalia, CA
Horsefly Irrigation District	Justin	Eary	Bonanza, OR
Horsefly Irrigation District	Eric	Mockridge	Bonanza, OR
Horsefly Irrigation District	John	Wells	Bonanza, OR
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Jacobs	Wayne	Ohlin	Shingletown, CA
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James Irrigation District	Manny	Amorelli	San Joaquin, CA
Jordan Ramis PC	Steven	Shropshire	Bend, OR
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Kern-Tulare Water District	Skye B.	Grass	Bakersfield, CA
Kern-Tulare Water District	Vanessa	Yap	Bakersfield, CA
Klamath Basin Improvement District	Ryan	Kliewer	Klamath Falls, OR
Klamath Irrigation District	Rodney	Cheyne	Klamath Falls, OR
Klamath Irrigation District	Jaxsen	Sikorski	Klamath Falls, OR
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Klamath Water Users Assoc.	Chelsea	Shearer	Klamath Falls, OR
Klamath Water Users Assoc.	Paul	Simmons	Klamath Falls, OR
Langell Valley Irrigation District	Hank	Cheyne	Bonanza, OR
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Langell Valley Irrigation District	Bailie	Mockridge	Bonanza, OR
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Lindmore Irrigation District	Chris	Hunter	Lindsay, CA
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Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District	Craig	Wallace	Lindsay, CA
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Madera Irrigation District	Jim	Erickson	Madera, CA
Madera Irrigation District	Tommy	Greci	Madera, CA
Madera Irrigation District	Carl	Janzen	Madera, CA
Madera Irrigation District	John	Kinsey	Madera, CA
Madera Irrigation District	Dave	Loquaci	Madera, CA
Madera Irrigation District	Dina	Nolan	Madera, CA
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MBK Engineers	Dan	Easton	Sacramento, CA
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Orland Unit Water Users' Assoc.	Rick	Massa	Orland, CA
Orland Unit Water Users' Assoc.	Darin	Titus	Orland, CA
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Panoche Water District	Sandra	Reyes	Firebaugh, CA
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Patterson Irrigation District	Dave	Fantozzi	Patterson, CA
Patterson Irrigation District	Vince	Lucchesi	Patterson, CA
Patterson Irrigation District	Greg	Reichmuth	Patterson, CA
Patterson Irrigation District	Toni	Russell	Patterson, CA
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Placer County Water Agency	Jeremy	Shepard	Auburn, CA
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Provident Irrigation District	Gary	Enos	Willows, CA
Provident Irrigation District	Albert	Perez	Willows, CA
Provident Irrigation District	Todd	Southam	Willows, CA
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San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors	Adam	Hoffman	Los Banos, CA
San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors	Chris	White	Los Banos, CA
San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors	Joann	White	Los Banos, CA
San Juan Water District	Paul	Helliker	Granite Bay, CA

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San Luis & Delta-Mendota WA	Pablo	Arroyave	Los Banos, CA
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San Luis Water District	Janet	Roy	Los Banos, CA
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Truckee-Carson Irrigation District	Cody	Biggs	Fallon, NV
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Truckee-Carson Irrigation District	Benjamin	Shawcroft	Fallon, NV
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Tulelake Irrigation District	John	Crawford	Tulelake, CA
Tulelake Irrigation District	Brad	Kirby	Tulelake, CA
Tulelake Irrigation District	Gary	Wright	Tulelake, CA
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Valley Water	Dana	Jacobson	San Jose, CA
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Vanir	Leslie	Barrett	Sacramento, CA
Vanir	Onallee	Elsberry-Crabtree	Sacramento, CA
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Victaulic	Ira	Weiss	Sacramento, CA
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Water Users Conference	Jane	Townsend	Sacramento, CA
Westlands Water District	Kevin	Assemi	Fresno, CA
Westlands Water District	Kim	Campbell	Fresno, CA
Westlands Water District	Allison	Febbo	Fresno, CA
Westlands Water District	Russ	Freeman	Fresno, CA
Westlands Water District	Jeff	Payne	Fresno, CA
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Press release from the Friant Water Authority



WATER AUTHORITY

The Friant Water Authority (FWA) and the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District (AEWSD) have filed a lawsuit against the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA) in Tulare County Superior Court for breach of a settlement agreement between the parties regarding land subsidence impacts to the Friant-Kern Canal and for intentional interference with AEWSD's contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for water deliveries conveyed through the canal.

The water delivered by the Friant-Kern Canal, which is operated and maintained by FWA (and owned and managed by the Bureau of Reclamation), is vital to the economy and the public health and welfare of the San Joaquin Valley. Land subsidence caused by "overdraft" groundwater pumping has severely reduced the delivery capacity of the canal causing extensive impacts to, among others, water agencies such as AEWSD that rely on water deliveries from the canal.

The ETGSA is responsible under State law for sustainably managing the groundwater basin under its jurisdiction and to minimize land subsidence and subsidence-related impacts to critical infrastructure such as the Friant-Kern Canal.

FWA and AEWSD entered into a settlement agreement in 2021 with ETGSA under which it agreed to pay FWA for subsidence damage to the Friant-Kern Canal caused by the over-pumping of groundwater by landowners within ETGSA's boundaries. ETGSA also agreed to take steps to avoid or minimize further subsidence damage to the canal.

While ETGSA has taken some of the actions it agreed to under the settlement agreement, it has failed to live up to its core responsibilities – with serious consequences for the Friant-Kern Canal and all who rely on it. For more than a year, FWA and AEWSD have tried in good faith to resolve this dispute short of litigation. But ETGSA's repeated refusals to follow through on its commitments left FWA and AEWSD with no choice but to proceed with a lawsuit.

In their complaint, FWA and AEWSD allege that ETGSA has, among other things, failed to:

- Establish and maintain required penalties for unsustainable overdraft groundwater pumping;
- Timely collect and remit penalty proceeds to FWA for purposes of repairing extensive

damage to the canal caused by overdraft pumping-induced subsidence;

- Adopt and implement effective management actions that limit further subsidence impacts to the canal;
- Include a FWA representative in a standing committee authorized to recommend management actions to limit further subsidence; and
- Timely enforce the required metering and reporting of groundwater pumping from deep wells in certain land subsidence management zones.

ETGSA's actions and, in many cases, failures to act, have caused additional subsidence, damaged the Friant-Kern Canal, deprived FWA of funding to repair and restore the canal, and interfered with AEWS's contract for water deliveries from the Bureau of Reclamation.

Statement by Jason Phillips, FWA Chief Executive Officer:

"The 2021 settlement agreement between FWA, AEWS and ETGSA was hailed at the time as a landmark agreement, one that would serve as a guide for other regions dealing with the same water management, subsidence, and groundwater issues facing the southern San Joaquin Valley.

The basic, yet unique premise of the agreement was that FWA agreed to support the efforts of the ETGSA to implement their groundwater sustainability plan, as long as the forecasted additional subsidence that would occur along the Friant-Kern Canal was properly controlled and mitigation funding was provided to assist FWA's efforts to restore the delivery capacity of the canal. FWA viewed this approach as a preferable alternative to other, more confrontational options.

FWA has spent considerable time, energy, and resources trying to work with the ETGSA to improve its practices for managing and minimizing subsidence impacts, particularly as to the most important piece of water infrastructure on the east side of the valley, the Friant-Kern Canal.

Unfortunately, after all of that effort and commitment, we've gotten to this point where subsidence has continued at an alarming rate, while at the same time, water accounting and management practices by the ETGSA have resulted in groundwater pumping penalty revenues falling well short of what was envisioned in the agreement. It's become clear that without additional intervention from the courts and others, the unmitigated impacts to the Friant-Kern Canal will continue and possibly accelerate.

It is also clear that local control over management of the ETGSA is not working and is undermining the important principle we all pushed for in the Valley to maintain local control of our groundwater basins. The path we are on currently certainly does not work

for FWA, it's not working for the disadvantaged communities whose water supply, water quality, and jobs are at stake, and it's not working for our project partners at the Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources who have contributed tens of millions of dollars towards fixing the damage done to the canal.”

Statement by Edwin Camp, AEWSD Board President:

“For nearly 60 years, AEWSD and its landowners have relied on the 152-mile Friant-Kern Canal (from Fresno to Bakersfield) to support high-value agriculture and conjunctively manage its surface and groundwater resources. Subsidence impacts to the Friant-Kern Canal have significantly impacted AEWSD’s water supply reliability to the detriment of its landowners and the region including the groundwater resources used by local water systems that serve drinking water to the residents of the City of Arvin and other severely disadvantaged communities.

AEWSD wishes to protect the Friant-Kern Canal from continued subsidence and related impacts to its conveyance capacity and exorbitant maintenance costs. AEWSD’s ability to supply water to its landowners, while managing towards sustainable groundwater conditions, relies on maintaining the canal conveyance to deliver its contracted surface water. Unfortunately, the current groundwater overdraft and subsidence trends within ETGSA are not acceptable and we have run out of options in working with the ETGSA towards a path of mutual sustainability.

We are extremely disappointed with ETGSA’s continued refusal to comply with the settlement agreement which has diverted funding intended for the urgently needed Friant-Kern Canal Project, undermining significant investment by the Friant family and its state and federal partners. The ETGSA groundwater market is taking mitigation money from the Friant-Kern Canal Project and enriching the pockets of ETGSA landowners. This is particularly concerning in light of ETGSA’s failure to prepare an adequate Groundwater Sustainability Plan and ongoing violation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

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