Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Central Delta-Mendota GSA -- DRAFT
Thursday July 7, 2022 1:00 PM

Call-in number (866)-705-2554

Santa Nella County Water District
12931 S. Hwy 33
Santa Nella, CA 95322

Central Delta-Mendota GSA Members and Alternates Present

Amy Montgomery, Member – Santa Nella County Water District
Randy Miles, Member – Eagle Field Water District
Danny Wade, Alternate – Fresno Slough Water District and Tranquillity Irrigation District
Aaron Brcellos, Member – Pacheco Water District
Hugh Bennett, Alternate – Eagle Field Water District
Steve Stadler, Alternate – San Luis Water District
John Bennett, Alternate – Eagle Field Water District
Mike Stearns, Member – Panoche Water District
Augustine Ramirez, Alternate – Fresno County
Juan Cadena, Member – Mercy Springs Water District
Laurie Rouch, Alternate – Santa Nella County Water District
Chase Hurley, Alternate – Pacheco Water District*

Others Present
Ara Azhderian – Panoche Water District
Joe Hopkins – Provost & Pritchard*
Lauren Layne – Baker Manock & Jensen
Brenna Hatzner – Baker Manock & Jensen
Amelia Brela – Baker Manock & Jensen

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Representatives Present

John Brodie

1. **Call to Order**

   Aaron Barcellos called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. No public comment was shared.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

3. **Consent Calendar**
   A. Minutes of the April 25, 2022 Quarterly Central Delta-Mendota GSA Meeting
   B. Quarterly Financial Report

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The GSA considered approval of the consent calendar. Randy Miles (EFWD) provided the motion and Augustine Ramirez (Fresno County) seconded. The GSA voted by roll call and the motion was passed unanimously by those present.

4. **General Business**

   A. A Public Hearing to consider adoption of the Amended Northern & Central Delta Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and Common Chapter opened at 1:06pm. Lauren Layne briefed those present on changes in the amended version. The Public Hearing was closed at 1:13pm.

   B. Committee members reviewed Resolution 2022-03 to adopt the Amended Northern & Central Delta-Mendota Region Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Augustine Ramirez provided the motion and Juan Cadena (MSWD) seconded. The GSA voted by roll call and the motion was passed unanimously by those present.

   C. Committee members reviewed and discussed possible cost-share revisions for member contributions. There was a discussion of alternatives. Steve Stadler provided an overview of different methods for determining groundwater extractions.

5. **Report Items**

   A. John Brodie called the attention of Committee members to a list of grant opportunities provided in the meeting packet and invited members to contact him if they were interested in more information or pursuing any of the items listed.
   B. Next steps were identified as Lauren developing a groundwater well metering policy and template for individual GSAs to consider. John will follow up with Leslie Dumas of Woodard & Curran to find out when she will have water usage data used for the Annual Report.
   C. There were no reports pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)

6. **Adjournment**

   The meeting was adjourned at 2:17pm.

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Central Delta-Mendota GSA
Statement of Income and Expenses

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1						2nd Qtr			
2	Adopted Budget Fiscal Year 2022-23					June, July, August			*Remaining*
3		*Budget to Actual*		Budget		2022-23		FYTD	*Budget*
4	**Operating Revenues**								
5	4000	Member Contributions		$ 37,000.00		$ 37,000.00		$ 37,000.00	-
6	4100	Interest Income		-		1.22		2.31	*(2.31)*
7	4300	Other Income		-		-		-	-
8		Total Operating Revenues		37,000.00		37,001.22		37,002.31	
9									
10	**Operating Expenses**								
11		*Administration:*							
12	5275	Bank Fees		150.00		-		-	*150.00*
13	5300	Office Supplies		500.00		-		15.86	*484.14*
14	5325	Regulartory Fees		250.00		-		-	*250.00*
15	5500	General Liabiilty Insurance		500.00		-		-	*500.00*
16									
17		Total Administration Expenses		1,400.00		-		15.86	
18									
19		*Professional Services:*							
20	5425	Auditor Fees		8,000.00		-		8,000.00	-
21	5450	Legal Fees/District		18,000.00		-		-	*18,000.00*
22	5475	Consultant Fee (SLDMWA)		7,668.00		-		-	*7,668.00*
23		Total Professional Services		33,668.00		-		8,000.00	
24									
25		Total Operating Expenses		35,068.00		-		8,015.86	
26									
27			Net Operating Revenue	$ 1,932.00		$ 37,001.22		$ 28,986.45	

Central Delta-Mendota GSA
Investment Report

2nd Quarter FY 2022-23
June, July, August

Current Assets		1st Quarter	1st Quarter	% Change
Unrestricted Funds				
1000-00	Wells Fargo Checking Account	38,561.36	48,294.18	-25.24%
	Total Current Assets	38,561.36	48,294.18	-25.24%

The Central Delta-Mendota GSA will meet operational expenditure requirements for the next six months.

**Government Code Section 66006(a): If a local agency requires the payment of a fee specified in subdivision (c) in connection with the approval of a development project, the local agency receiving the fee shall deposit it with the other fees for the improvement in a separate capital facilities account or fund in a manner to avoid any comingling of the fees with other revenues and funds of the local agency, except for temporary investments, and expend those fees solely for the purpose for which the fee was collected. Any interest income earned by the moneys in the capital facilities account or fund shall also be deposited in that account or fund and shall be expended only for the purpose for which the fee was originally collected.*

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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

NUMBER TWO

WELL METERING AND REPORTING

Adopted: _____

POLICY STATEMENT

In order for the Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("CDMGSA") to effectively administer and implement the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Regions Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("NCDM GSP") within its area, it is necessary for the CDMGSA to monitor and understand the groundwater usage within its boundaries.

To gain this better understanding, the CDMGSA Board adopted CDMGSA's Administrative Policy Number One – Well Census and Registration on January 25, 2021 ("Well Registration Policy") to obtain specific information from all users of groundwater wells and required that all wells be registered on CDMGSA-provided forms no later than April 1, 2021 and within 30 days of the completion of drilling activities for new wells installed after April 1, 2021.

The purpose of this Well Metering and Reporting Policy ("Well Metering Policy") is to build upon the Well Registration by establishing a requirement for the measurement of groundwater extractions from all wells located within the CDMGSA boundary, with certain exceptions. Therefore, all wells must have a CDMGSA-approved meter installed no later than December 1, 2023, or the CDMGSA will estimate extractions for that parcel. Any new wells constructed after said date shall be registered with the CDMGSA within 30 days of the completion of drilling activities and have a CDMGSA-approved meter installed.

To provide constructive notice to the public and to ensure adoption and enforcement of this Policy is within the authorities provided by the Sustainable Groundwater Management

Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), and any amendment thereto, the CDMGSA shall adopt a resolution or ordinance prior to this Well Metering Policy becoming effective.

This Well Metering Policy applies to all groundwater wells, including those that are active and non-active and those that are used solely for monitoring, except for *de minimus* wells, as defined below. This Well Metering Policy outlines the well metering and reporting process, timing for compliance, and actions for non-compliance.

AUTHORITY:

This Well Metering Policy is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the CDMGSA by Water Code Sections 10725.2, 10725.4, and 10725.8, and through the Joint Powers Agreement that formed the CDMGSA, pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the California Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law a three-bill legislative package (AB 1739, SB 1168, and SB 1319), collectively known as SGMA. SGMA required those subbasins designated by the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") publication Bulletin 118 as being medium to high priority to form Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSAs") by June 1, 2017, and then adopt and submit Groundwater Sustainability Plans ("GSPs") to DWR by January 31, 2020. The CDMGSA is located within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (Basin number 5-022.07), a high priority subbasin (the "Subbasin"). The CDMGSA is one of 23 separate GSAs in the Subbasin that developed and coordinated six independent GSPs to cover the entire Subbasin. The CDMGSA is one of eight GSAs that collaborated to develop the NCDM GSP. The NCDM GSP was adopted on January 6, 2020 and submitted to DWR on January 23, 2020. An amended NCDM GSP was adopted on July 7, 2022 and submitted to DWR on July 20, 2022 ("Amended NCDM GSP").

As part of implementation of the Amended NCDM GSP, the CDMGSA is committed to developing accurate information regarding groundwater extraction, water levels above and below the Corcoran clay, and evaluating the relationship between the Subbasin and the San Joaquin River. To provide specific solutions that are not overly burdensome, the CDMGSA needs to accurately assess the condition of the aquifers and identify those areas that may be considered Undesirable Results. In order to avoid a one-size-fits-all GSA-wide solution and to reduce dependence on assumptions in calculating groundwater balance, the CDMGSA needs to obtain accurate information. This information will be used to make area-specific determinations to resolve concerns about potential Undesirable Results, such as overdraft and subsidence, in order to achieve sustainability. Use of real-time groundwater use data will reduce or eliminate the reliance on potentially conservative estimations of groundwater use and lead to more accurate groundwater modeling.

PURPOSE & PROCEDURES:

The purpose of this Policy is to obtain accurate and consistent well data information by requiring all wells to either have a meter installed and that data from the meter be

available for review and/or reported to CDMGSA no less than annually, or to have the CDMGSA estimate extractions for the applicable parcel by satellite imagery.

The CDMGSA will follow these procedures to ensure adequate information is collected for all groundwater extractions as a commitment to evaluate and develop accurate data to implement the Amended NCDM GSP.

1) **Definitions** – Unless indicated otherwise, all capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning at the definitions in the Well Registration Policy.

2) **Meter Requirement** – CDMGSA requires an approved meter to be installed on existing or new Production (including Inactive or Standby) Wells (collectively, "Production Wells") within CDMGSA's boundaries. This Well Metering Policy shall not apply to Domestic Wells, Abandoned Wells, solely Monitoring Wells, or Cathodic Production Wells, as defined in the Well Registration Policy.

3) **Meter Installation** – The owner of any Production Well within the CDMGSA ("Well Owner") may choose one of the following three (3) options in order to record groundwater extractions:

    a. Installation by Well Owner: The Well Owner may install a CDMGSA-approved meter at Well Owner's sole cost, except that the meter must meet the following criteria:

        i. Be a flowmeter consistent with in-line meters meeting AWWA[1] C700 series standards. Flowrate indicators shall be in cfs and totalizers shall read in 0.00 acre-feet ("af").

        ii. Data must be able to be readily accessible and viewable by CDMGSA-authorized agents; and

        iii. Be calibrated according to manufacturer's specifications at installation and calibrated no less then every four (4) years thereafter.

    b. Installation by the CDMGSA: The Well Owner may authorize CDMGSA to install a CDMGSA-approved flowmeter on the Production Well, in which case the CDMGSA will invoice the Well Owner for all reasonable costs of installation, calibration, and maintenance.

    c. Use of Evapotranspiration ("ET") Data: If the Well Owner declines to have a meter installed on the Production Well, the CDMGSA will use ET information obtained via satellite technology to estimate groundwater extraction for the parcel(s) that are irrigated with the Production Well(s).

4) **Reporting Requirements** – The Well Owner shall be required to provide the following information to the CDMGSA:

[1] American Water Works Association.

a. At Installation: When a meter is installed by the Well Owner, the following information shall be provided to the CDMGSA no later than thirty (30) days after installation:

   i. Manufacturer and model of flowmeter;

   ii. Date flow meter installed;

   iii. Diameter of pipe and size of flow meter;

   iv. Name and business (if applicable) of person installing and calibrating flowmeter;

   v. Pictures of flowmeter to verify installed correctly;

   vi. Location of well (including County, Assessor's Parcel Number(s) ["APN"], and latitude/longitude or map of locations, if multiple wells with meters on an APN);

   vii. Type of crop, age of crop, irrigation methodology (e.g., flood, drip, sprinkler) for the irrigated acres served by the applicable Production Well; and

   viii. A statement signed by the Well Owner granting access to the CDMGSA to the property to verify the installation, operation, and/or readings of the meter(s).

b. Annual Reporting: The Well Owner shall be required to report the quantity of groundwater extraction by month to the CDMGSA, by no later than January 31 of each year following the applicable year ("Annual Reports"). Well Owners shall report any changes to the information described above (e.g., well abandonment, new flowmeter, different crops) in such Annual Report. Annual Reports shall be in Microsoft Excel format and e-mailed to CDMGSA at _____. Fillable Excel forms can be found on the CDMGSA website.

5) **CDMGSA Right to Inspect** – Under the authority granted by Water Code section 10725.4, the CDMGSA or its agents may conduct an inspection of a well to verify data, compliance with this Policy, or applicability of this Policy to a particular well.

6) **Timing for Compliance** – The owner of any groundwater well within the CDMGSA must install a CDMGSA-approved meter pursuant to section 3 above as follows:

   a. Installation of meters on existing wells shall be completed by December 1, 2023.

   b. Meters must be installed on new wells shall be completed within 30 days of the completion of the drilling of such a well.

   c. Groundwater wells with existing meters that do not comply with the requirements of this Well Metering Policy shall become compliant by December 31, 2023 by replacing any existing meter with a meter that is compliant with this Policy.

7) **Costs, Fees and Penalties**:

   a. The Well Owner shall be responsible for all costs for purchasing, installing, maintaining, record-keeping, and calibrating the meter on any of its groundwater wells that it installs.

   b. The Well Owner will be required to reimburse the CDMGSA for all costs of initial purchase and installation of a meter if the Well Owner opts to have CDMGSA purchase and install a meter.

   c. The CDMGSA shall not impose any fees for field reviews, collection and recordation of data, landowner communication, and related activities.

   d. If any action required by this Well Metering Policy (e.g., failing to install, identify or calibrate a meter, or other required submittal) is more than one (1) month delinquent, the CDMGSA has the full authority to take action to make the necessary purchases, repairs, calibrations, readings, and related activities and charge the delinquent Well Owner the full costs for performing such actions, including any expenses incurred by a contractor(s), staff, consultant(s), attorney(s), or vendor(s) to rectify the non-conformance with this Well Metering Policy.

8) **Notification** – The CDMGSA will provide notice of its adoption of this Well Metering Policy as required by law.

9) **GSA Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance to Local Agency** – The CDMGSA will issue a notice of Non-Compliance to the local member agency for any non-compliant Production Well that has been out of compliance for more than one quarter. The Non-Compliance notification will serve as an official request of the local member agency to enact its powers of enforcement for non-compliance.

10) **Request for Additional Time; Penalty Waiver** – Unless the Well Owner opts to allow the CDMGSA to use ET data to estimate groundwater extraction, the Well Owner may submit a written request to CDMGSA for a single extension of time to comply with Section 3 above. A request for an extension of time must be submitted prior to December 1, 2023 to avoid penalties as described in Section 6 above and a grant of an extension of time, in total, shall not exceed a period of three (3) months. The chairman of the CDMGSA Board of Directors may grant the extension if a finding of good cause can be made. For purposes of this Well Metering Policy, good cause includes, but is not limited to, (a) a demonstrated undue financial hardship, (b) factors outside the control of the Well Owner, or (c) proof that the Well Owner was not properly notified of the requirement.

11) **Amendment** – This Well Metering Policy is subject to changes in the regular operation of the CDMGSA, as it may be revised from time to time by the Board.

12) **Policy Review** – This Well Metering Policy shall be reviewed by the CDMGSA regularly, but in no event less than once every five (5) years.

Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Sustainability Goals Verification Procedure

On March 28, 2022, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-7-22 (EO) that places restrictions and requirements when a landowner seeks county permits for new groundwater wells in areas that are subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and classified as medium or high-priority basins.

Fresno County and Merced County are seeking written confirmation of compliance with the EO from Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (GSAs) in accordance with Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Both counties are providing forms with the well permit applications (Application) that need to be completed by the GSA confirming compliance.

The CDM GSA does not have a management plan in the GSP that prohibits new wells. The following interim procedure will be used for processing the Application.

A. The county will send the Application that will include their own EO confirmation form to the CDM GSA contact at the Santa Nella County Water District (SNCWD). SNCWD is the legal address for the CDM GSA.

B. The Application may be presented either by email or through the US Mail. If the Application is submitted by email, SNCWD will print the Application. If the Application is presented by US mail, the Application will be scanned.

C. SNCWD will forward the Application via email to San Luis Water District (SLWD) who is currently updating and maintaining the CDM GSAs well database.

D. SLWD will determine the water district where the proposed well will be located and reply to SNCWD with the information.

E. SNCWD will forward the Application to the water district where the proposed well will be drilled.

F. The water district where the proposed well to be drilled has five (5) business days to respond to SNCWD that the form can be signed confirming compliance with the EO, or an explanation as to why the form should not be signed. The water district shall include a contact at the water district.

G. On business day six (6), SNCWD will either:

    1. Answer the questions on the form confirming compliance with the EO, sign the form, and return it back to the county. If the form was presented by email, the signed form will be scanned and returned via email. If the Application was mailed, the signed form will be copied and the form with the original signature will be return via US Mail, **or**
    2. Return the unsigned form to the county with an explanation and who to contact at the water district concerning the Application.

H. SNCWD will file the email or scanned document in the file named Well Permit Requests on the SNCWD server [T:\GSA\Central DM GSA JPA\Well Permit Requests] and will file the hard copy in the Well Census Binder by owner last name. The document will be marked Approved or Denied.

Draft Timeline: 2025 Plan Update

October 10, 2022:	General review of comments received on GSP revisions, presentation of draft 2025 Update timeline to the Coordination Committee. Begin Coordination agreement revision discussion. Begin budget discussions.
November 14, 2022:	Finalize recommended changes to draft 2025 Update timeline. Initiate task/substask discussions/assignments for individual GSAs and consultants. CC/TWG presentation on CVHM2-SJV model from USBR/USGS. Review draft budget.
December 12, 2022:	Staff submits draft of example "simplified language" for possible adjustments to 2025 Plan update. Approve Coordinated fund 63 budget. Review of items needed for Annual Report.
January 10, 2023:	Review of DWR "Recommended Actions" on revised GSPs. Decision on addressing comments submitted by agencies/public on original and revised GSPs.
February 13, 2023:	Deadline for analysis/action plan for DWR "Recommended Actions" on revised GSPs – all GSAs. Additions/revisions and finalize task lists for individual GSAs, GSP groups, and consultants.
March 1, 2023:	Issue RFP for D-M Subbasin Common Chapter (CC) 2025 Update. Staff/GSA/GSP group analysis of "Basin" and "Setting" Chapters and recommended updates/changes. Further review of staff "simplified" text approach. Solicit feedback from DWR on simplified approach.
March 31, 2023:	Deadline for 2025 Update RFP Responses from Consultants. Continue discussions on Coordination Agreement revisions.
April 10, 2023:	Select consultants for interviews, interview panel, and format. Continue review and input on simplified approach based on DWR input.
May 8, 2023:	Choose consultant(s) for 2025 CC Update. Execute Fiscal Year task order. Consultant performs analysis of (any) DWR Plan Update guidance documents, recommended actions, and task/subtask lists and assignments including responses to comments.
June 12, 2023:	Deadline for consultant data adjustments for 2025 CC Update "Plan Area" and "Settings" Chapters. Begin outline of responses to "general comments." Begin review and discussions of Subbasin Water Budget and Sustainable Yield.

July 10, 2023:	Continue Water Budget and Sustainable Yield discussions. Continue Coordination Agreement revision discussions. Address DWR recommended actions.
August 14, 2023:	Finalize and approve CC water budget and sustainable yield. Begin discussions on CC Water Quality SMC and table. Finalize WQ if able and begin discussions on CC Interconnected Surface Water SMC and Table. Address DWR recommended actions.
September 11, 2023:	Finalize WQ SMC and Table (if not already done) and/or Interconnected Surface Water SMC and table (see above). If able, begin discussions on Chronic Lowering of Groundwater SMC and tables. Address DWR recommended actions.
October 2023:	Finalize Interconnected Surface Water SMC and Table (if not already done) and/or Chronic Lowering of Groundwater SMC and Table. Continue Coordination Agreement Revision discussions. Review consultant performance. Review GSA/GSP group assignments and status. Review and identify any new priorities for next fiscal year's budget. Address DWR recommended actions.
November 13, 2023:	Finalize Chronic Lowering of groundwater SMC and table. Begin discussions of Reduction in Groundwater Storage SMC and Table. Continue review of budget and Coordination agreement revisions. Address DWR recommended actions. Review items needed for Annual Report.
December 11, 2023:	Continue discussions of Reduction in Storage SMC and Table. Approve next fiscal year's budget. Continue to review simplified language efforts. Address DWR recommended actions (if needed).
January, 2024:	Finalize Reduction in Storage SMC and Table. Continue to review and discuss Coordination Agreement revisions. Begin discussions of SMC and Table for Subsidence. Address DWR recommended actions (if needed).
February 12, 2024:	Continue discussions of SMC and Table for Subsidence. Release draft of Coordination Agreement revisions. Address DWR recommended actions (if needed).
March 11, 2024:	Finalize SMC and Table for Subsidence. Discuss comments on draft Coordination Agreement revisions. Begin planning public meetings on 2025 CC update. Finalize action DWR recommended actions (if needed). Continue individual GSP revisions. Draft presentation on draft update.

April 8, 2024:	Buffer month for tying up loose ends. Possibly begin public meeting roadshow. Review simplified language changes and continue draft presentation.
May 13, 2024:	Begin holding public meetings on 2025 CC and GSP update(s). Note attendance and comments. Final review of GSA/GSP group task assignments and completion. Continue individual GSP revisions
June 10, 2024:	Continue public meetings. Finalize draft Coordination Agreement revisions. Continue individual GSP revisions.
July 15, 2024:	Continue Public Meetings. Continue individual GSP revisions. Coordination agreement out for GSA/GSP approval.
August 12, 2024:	Deadline for final review of CC, GSPs, and response to comments. Continue public meetings.
September 2024:	Final approval of Common Chapter 2025 Update.
October 2024:	Begin public notices, public hearings, and formal approval at GSA level for final 2025 Common Chapter and individual GSP updates.
January 23, 2025:	Submit 2025 GSP Updates including Common Chapter, other appendices, and Coordination Agreement.

Funding Opportunities – Updated 10/19/2022

Conservation Agriculture Planning Grants
Funding for the development of plans that help farmers and ranchers identify action for climate change mitigation, increase environmental stewardship, and ensure future food security. Up to $250,000 per award from CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture. Deadline 10/23/22

Biologically Integrated Farming Systems (BIFS)
The program seeks to develop projects to demonstrate and refine outreach of innovative, biologically integrated farming systems that reduce chemical pesticide inputs. Up to $1 million/project. Deadline 10/31/22 CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture.

Proactive IPM Solutions Program
The purpose of this program is to develop integrated pest management (IPM) program(s) or pieces of IPM program(s) that can be rapidly implemented if a new invasive pest becomes established in California. Up to $1 million/project. CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture. Deadline 10/31/22

Riparian Restoration Grants
The program provides funds to restore or enhance working lands and riparian corridors through restoration projects on agricultural lands. Activities funded under this program must target agricultural lands and may include: Planning grants and implementation grants. Funding is through the CA Dept. of Conservation and 25% funding match required. Deadline 11/18/22

Pollinator Habitat Program
Support pollinators by providing floral resources, host plants, and other suitable elements integrated with farming operations to benefit biodiversity and agricultural production. Maximum $2 million/project. CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture. Deadline 11/23/22

California Farmland Conservancy Program
The program supports local efforts to preserve important agricultural land resources and enhance sustainable agricultural uses. $4.9 Million available. Either a 5 or 10% match required, depending. CA Dept. of Conservation. Deadline 11/25/22 with a pre-proposal required.

SGMA Implementation Round 2 Funding
Will be similar to Round 1, except specific set asides per subbasin are not expected. This solicitation will be open to all medium, high, and critically over-drafted subbasins with submitted GSPs. Through the Department of Water Resources. Approximately $256 million dollars available. Deadline 11/30/22

2023 Alliance Grant Program
This program funds projects that promote or increase the implementation of IPM practices that reduces risks to health or the environment. Department of Pesticide Regulation. $1.5 million available. Deadline 12/8/22

CVPIA Habitat Restoration Program
Funding for projects that protect and restore native habitat impacted by the Central Valley Project. Up to $4.7 million available from the USBR and USFWS. Grants from $25,000 to $1,000,000. Deadline 12/30/22.

Urban Community Drought Relief Program
Includes set-aside funding for DACs, SDACs, and Underrepresented communities. A wide variety of eligible activities. Minimum $3 Million Award. Grants through DWR. Deadline January 31, 2023.

County-Wide and Regional Funding Program
Funding for regional programs that address drought-related and contamination issues for small water systems and domestic wells serving DACs. No deadline. Funding is from the State Water Board.

Riparian Habitat Conservation Program
The Wildlife Conservation Board is accepting concept proposals for projects that provide meaningful and sustainable improvements to riparian habitats. $3 Million available on a rolling basis.

Fertilizer Research and Education Program
Total of $225,000 available for projects on: improving input management, understanding plant-soil processes, and evaluating loss pathways. They are focused on nutrients in general with nitrogen/nitrates as a particular focus. It is a rolling deadline with funding awarded as projects are approved. CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture