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## AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, May 1, 2026

**CHRIS CARDELLA**  
Chair

**MIKE STEARNS**  
Vice-Chair

**CHRIS WHITE**  
Executive Director

**MINASIAN LAW**  
Legal Counsel

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, May 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.*, the Board of Directors of the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority*, otherwise known as the *Exchange Contractors*, will meet in the **Board Room of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority office** located at 541 H Street, Los Banos, California.

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*Notice: All members of the public can attend the meeting in person or by conference call.*

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**Eric Fontana**  
President

**Jarrett Martin**  
General Manager

### SAN LUIS CANAL COMPANY

**Cannon Michael**  
President

**John Wiersma**  
General Manager

### FIREBAUGH CANAL WATER DISTRICT

**Mike Stearns**  
President

**Jeff Bryant**  
General Manager

### COLUMBIA CANAL COMPANY

**Chris Cardella**  
President

**Mike Gardner**  
General Manager

The agenda for the meeting will be:

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Review of Agenda:**

The Board will consider corrections or additions to the agenda of items requiring immediate action that have come to the attention of the Exchange Contractors following the posting of the agenda.

**3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 3, 2026**

**4. Public Participation**

At this time, members of the public may address the representatives on matters which may affect the operations of the Exchange Contractors. The Chairman may limit the time allowed for comment.

**5. Board to approve April, 2026 Expenditures**

**6. Finance Committee Report**

**A) Review Financial Report Memo for April, 2026** – Board action will be requested.

- i.** April, 2026 General Budget Comparison
- ii.** April, 2026 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii.** April, 2026 Water Resources Plan (General Membership) Budget Comparison

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- iv. April, 2026 Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget Comparison
    - v. April, 2026 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
    - vi. Cash Activity Report
  - B) Finance Committee Minutes of March 30, 2026
- 7. **Water Report**
- 8. **Executive Director's Report**
- 9. **Director of Policy & Programs Report**
- 10. **Water Resources Plan**
  - A) General Update
  - B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (DPCR) Update
- 11. **Water Transfer Program - Water Transfer Committee Report** – Board action will be requested.
  - A) **CCID**
    - i) Groundwater Exchange Transfer from CCID to San Luis & Westlands Water Districts – up to 2,009 AF
  - B) Water Transfer Committee Minutes of March 30, 2026
- 12. **2025 Community Infrastructure Program Awards** – Presentation of the completed final product and consideration of approval of the final project cost of \$14,068.53 for the Milliken Museum Society's Restoration and Preservation of the Large Vintage Miller & Lux San Joaquin Valley Ownership Map project.
- 13. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
  - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory
- 14. **Legislative Report**
  - A) Legislative Committee Report – Recommendation Regarding Adoption of Positions on State Legislation. Board action will be requested.
  - B) State
  - C) Federal
- 15. **Public Outreach**
  - A) Lighthouse Public Affairs
- 16. **Attorney's Report**
- 17. **Four Entities' Manager's Reports**
- 18. **Informational**

**19. Closed Session:**

- A) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation. Firebaugh vs. United States – U.S. District Court Eastern District of California. Government Code Section 54956.9
- B) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation and administrative proceedings. NRDC vs. Rodgers (Friant Litigation) - U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. Government Code Section 54956.9
- C) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Friant Water Authority vs. Bureau of Reclamation, Re: 2014 Operations. Government Code Section 54956
- D) Conference with Legal Counsel. SWRCB Administrative Proceedings Regarding Water Rights Exercise, San Joaquin River and Tributaries. Government Code Section 54956.9
- E) Conference with Legal Counsel. Johnson vs. PGE Gas Company, et al. Government Code Section 54956.9
- F) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation. Two potential cases. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
- G) Conference with Real Property Negotiators: Government Code Section 54956.8. Property. Water subject to the control of the Exchange Contractors available for transfer. Agency Negotiator. Chris White and Board Members. Negotiating Parties. Triangle T Water District. Under Negotiation. Price, terms, conditions, and quantities of water available for transfer.
- H) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)). Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV – 20-005193, *Sierra Club, et. al., v. Del Puerto Water District*.
- I) Conference with Legal Counsel. Anticipated litigation (two cases). Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)

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**MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY  
HELD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (SJRECWA)* met in Regular Session on Friday, April 3, 2026 in the Board Room of the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority*, 541 "H" Street, City of Los Banos, County of Merced, State of California.

The following persons were present:

**REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Central California Irrigation District (CCID):** Eric Fontana, Director; Jarrett Martin, General Manager

**San Luis Canal Company (SLCC):** Cannon Michael, Director

**Firebaugh Canal Water District (FCWD):** Mike Stearns, Vice-Chair; Jeff Bryant, General Manager

**Columbia Canal Company (CCC):** Chris Cardella, Chair; Mike Gardner, General Manager

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

Chris White, Executive Director; Steve Chedester, Director of Policy and Programs; Joann White, Director of Finance and Administration; Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist; and Marisol Bonilla, Administrative Assistant

**PRESENT:**

Kimberly Brown, CCC Director; Andrew McClure, Minasian Law; David Cory, Consultant; and Kenneth D. Schmidt, Consultant (departed 9:39 a.m.)

The following participated via Conference Call:

Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard; Lauren Layne, Baker, Manock & Jensen; Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District; and Stephen Huerta, Cuttone & Mastro (departed 9:11 a.m.)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Chris Cardella called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:**

The Executive Director reported that to accommodate Kenneth D. Schmidt's schedule, he requested to move up Agenda item #8 following Agenda item #4.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The unapproved minutes from the March 6, 2026 Regular Board were presented. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Stearns to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Michael and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Introductions were provided by those present in person and participating by phone.

**PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024:**

Stephen Huerta of Cuttone & Mastro provided a page-by-page summary of the Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Following the presentation, a motion was made by Director Fontana and seconded by Vice-Chair Stearns to approve the Financial Statements and Supplemental Data as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**DRAFT ANNUAL GROUNDWATER REPORT- ANALYSIS REVIEW TO BE PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT, DR. KENNETH D. SCHMIDT:**

Dr. Kenneth Schmidt presented his analysis of the 2025 well pumping program which covered excerpts from each of the member entities' groundwater conditions reports in the various sub-areas within the Exchange Contractors' service area, and the current conditions of the service area's groundwater aquifers. The report also included management recommendations.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Stearns and seconded by Director Michael to approve the Draft Annual Groundwater Report as submitted. The motion was unanimously carried.

**BOARD TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2026 EXPENDITURES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Marisol Bonilla provided a summary of the March 2026 Expenditure List and Financial Report.

Following the report, the Executive Director said that based on the current cash flow, he is recommending a reduction to the General Budget second quarter dues of \$250,000.

A motion was made by Director Fontana and seconded by Vice-Chair Stearns to approve the Expenditure List and Financial Report as presented, in addition to approving the recommended reduction to the General Budget second quarter dues by \$250,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

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**WATER REPORT:**

The Water Resources Specialist reported that the South-of-Delta Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors' allocation was increased from 15% to 20% on March 26th.

Water demands in March were above average due to warm weather, with the current total demand for the four entities at approximately 1,400 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) is currently in its pulse flow phase. Flows peaked at approximately 650 cfs at Sack Dam and are now in the ramp-down phase, currently around 420 cfs. Flows are expected to remain at this level through the end of April before gradually decreasing to a summer target of 70 cfs by late May.

Mr. Hoffman next provided an update on the current reservoir storages: Shasta Dam is 4,090,291 acre feet (AF), San Luis Reservoir 1,809,264 AF, and Millerton at 419,856 AF. The Bill Jones Pumping Plant is currently at four units; reductions are expected next week due to Old and Middle River (OMR) limits. The State Water Project reduced pumping to approximately 600 cfs on April 1 and is expected to maintain that level through April and May. A 30-day CVP compliance period from April 13 to May 13 will likely further reduce pumping at Jones, with increases anticipated again in mid-May depending on conditions.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Executive Director White provided updates on several ongoing projects. Construction at Sack Dam remains underway and is expected to be completed by 2028. Staff continues coordination efforts with NMFS on consultation activities. Regarding the South Canal, a briefing was provided to CCC's board, and further discussions are underway to determine whether there is an opportunity to participate in a potential design-build.

Mr. White also highlighted ongoing SJRRP operations and noted continued monitoring of system conditions. Golden Mussel activity remains a growing statewide concern, with pilot programs underway.

On legislative matters, the Legislative Committee met on March 17 to review state issues and develop recommendations, with additional work needed on selected bills before finalization. It will be brought back to the Board at the May meeting. A legislative visit to Sacramento was held on March 24, and Mr. White reminded the Board about the ribbon-cutting event at Los Banos Creek on April 7.

Community Infrastructure Fund projects are gaining achievement, with activity underway in Firebaugh and Los Banos. The historic map restoration project has been completed and will be presented at the May Board meeting.

The Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir project continues to advance through the environmental review process, with responses to comments currently underway.

**UNAPPROVED****DIRECTOR OF POLICY & PROGRAMS REPORT:**

The Director of Policy & Programs recapped his monthly report which included status on the Mendota Pool Fish Screen & Control Structure, Reclamation Compact Bypass Facility, Fish Ladder, and Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA).

Mr. Chedester reported the Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley Chapter 5 is currently being redrafted. Both Chapter 5 and 6 are expected to be out for review in April.

**WATER RESOURCES PLAN (WRP) – UPDATE:**

Regarding the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery project, Steve Chedester informed State Water Contractors and staff are still working toward securing the permanent water rights, including progress on recovery wells and permits. He then announced there will be ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for April 14 at the Orestimba Creek project, with lunch to follow.

Mr. Chedester also recapped the outreach conducted with San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and local water districts regarding filtration challenges which is impacted by Golden Mussels.

**WATER TRANSFER PROGRAM:**

The Executive Director reviewed several 2026 water transfer proposals included in the Board packet. He explained that the Water Transfer Committee reviewed the information and recommended approval of the following transfers:

- CCID landowner to self in Panoche, San Luis and Westlands Water Districts - Redfern Ranches- up to 3,084 AF
- CCID Landowner to self in Westlands Water District - JEM Ranches- up to 602 AF
- CCID Groundwater Exchange Transfer from CCID to San Luis & Westlands Water Districts - up to 3,884 AF
- FCWD 2026-06 Landfallowing transfer from FCWD TO Pacheco and Panoche Water Districts - up to 536 AF

A motion was made by Director Michael and seconded by Director Fontana to approve the recommendation from the Water Transfer Committee as reported. The motion was unanimously carried.

**BAY-DELTA WATER QUALITY AND REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (RWOCB) REPORT:**

Consultant David Cory reported that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff held a public workshop on the draft Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel report on April 10, with public comments due by April 30. A final meeting to review public comments and endorse the

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final report is scheduled to meet in May with the Panel to present a recommendation to the SWRCB in June.

Mr. Cory informed comments on the nitrate control program specifically for the Modesto Management Zone have been extended to April 20. This program aims to incorporate nitrate management requirements into individual permits and waste discharge requirements.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:**

The Executive Director referred to the reports provided by Arc Strategies and Invariant.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

Reference was made to the updated report from Lighthouse Public Affairs included in the meeting packet. Mr. White stated that Andy Lynch is helping with the news media and press releases for the upcoming ribbon cutting events for Los Banos Creek and Orestimba Creek projects.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Andrew McClure provided updates on:

*Johnson v. PG&E et. al.* A motion to dismiss has been filed and is scheduled to be heard on April 28.

*Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Environmental Review Procedures and Litigation:* The Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir project, updates were provided on responses to EIS comments, with ongoing coordination on remaining issues. Under CEQA, the project previously prevailed in the Court of Appeal on all but one issue. To address that issue, a partially recirculated draft will be prepared.

*SWRCB Staff Report on San Luis & Delta-Mendota Subbasin and CSPA SGMA Litigation:* While there has been regulatory progress, final approval from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is still pending and it is considered premature to request dismissal.

*State Water Board Decision on Sites Reservoir Project Water Right Applications:* Review of the Draft Decision on the water right applications were provided.

**FOUR ENTITIES' MANAGER REPORTS:**

**Columbia Canal Company:** Manager Gardner informed deliveries in March were higher than average with total deliveries reaching 3,200 AF compared to the usual 2,300 AF. Working on field maintenance such as disking, mowing, and spraying, he is also coordinating a pilot project with a company called Wildlife to implement real-time water monitoring. One station is already operational and performing well, with four additional stations scheduled for installation next week for a year-long evaluation.

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**Firebaugh Canal Water District:** Manager Bryant noted similar trends, with above-normal March deliveries while maintaining regular operations. The second Solar plant is nearing completion.

**San Luis Canal Company:** Director Michael reported SLCC delivered approximately 8,500 AF in March. The Anderson projects are close to completion and expected to be finalized in early April.

**Central California Irrigation District:** Manager Martin reported March had high demands and anticipates continued high demands. Focusing on advancing reservoir funding opportunities, supporting watershed and water rights initiatives. Working on addressing challenges such as conflicts in water project pumping, SGMA compliance, and regulatory program improvements.

**INFORMATIONAL:**

Executive Director White acknowledged SLCC for their successful annual meetings they had for their landowners/shareholders. He then highlighted some upcoming events through May.

No further business came before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

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CHRIS CARDELLA, CHAIR

Attest a true record of proceedings had  
And taken at the foregoing meeting, our  
Presence thereat and our consent thereto.

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CHRIS WHITE, SECRETARY

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ERIC FONTANA, DIRECTOR

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CANNON MICHAEL, DIRECTOR

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MIKE STEARNS, VICE-CHAIR

**SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS  
EXPENDITURE LIST**

04/27/26

April 2026

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Apr 26</b>				
04/10/2026	DIRECT DEP	PAYROLL	3/22/26-4/4/26	-23,951.00
04/10/2026	20379	HEALTH EQUITY, INC.	HSA- ADMIN. FEE & EE DED 3'26 (575-05 G/W)	-117.81
04/10/2026	ACH DEB	LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	RETIREMENT 3'26 (215-09 G/W)	-11,299.45
04/10/2026	20380	VOYA LIFE AND ANNUITY COMPANY	DEFERRED COMP 3'26 (215-01 G/W)	-4,154.60
04/10/2026	ACH DEB	EDD ONLINE SERVICE (EDD TAXES)	STATE PAYROLL TAXES 3'26 (215-08, 10 G/W)	-5,157.37
04/10/2026	EFTPS	EFTPS (941 TAXES)	FED PAYROLL TAX SEMI-WKLY DEP. (215-04,16,17 G...	-5,312.74
04/10/2026	20381	ACWA JPIA	WORKERS COMP- QTR 3 1/1-3/31/26 (575-12 G/W)	-2,817.77
04/10/2026	20382	ANTHEM SMALL GROUP SERVICES	INS- VISION 5'26 (575-06 G/W)	-88.26
04/10/2026	20383	ARC STRATEGIES LLC	CONSULTANT 4'26 (550-05 C)	-7,500.00
04/10/2026	20384	BROAD DATA CONFERENCING	TELECONFERENCE 4'26 (635-03 G/W)	-117.65
04/10/2026	20385	CITY OF LOS BANOS	WATER/SEWER 2/21 - 3/20/26 (645-02 G)	-85.75
04/10/2026	20386	COPY SHIPPING SOLUTIONS	LBCDD RIBBON CUTTING SIGN 3'26 (620 G)	-26.75
04/10/2026	20387	CUTTONE & MASTRO	2025 AUDIT PREP (510 G)	-4,500.00
04/10/2026	20388	DANIEL B. STEINER	CONSULTANT - 2 MOS. FEB & MARCH '26 (550-22, 23...	-28,551.50
04/10/2026	20389	DEL PUERTO WTR DISTRICT	WRP-DPCR- INV 1200 (550-22 C, 585-18 L)	-132,922.37
04/10/2026	ACH DEB	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	VISA 2/18/26-3/18/26(515-02,600,630-03,635-03,635-01,...	-5,527.41
04/10/2026	20390	INVARIANT	CONSULTANT 4'26 (550-05 C)	-22,050.00
04/10/2026	20391	KENNETH D. SCHMIDT	CONSULTANT - MPG 3'26 (550-02 C)	-554.92
04/10/2026	20392	LIGHTHOUSE PUBLIC AFFAIRS LLC	PUBLIC AFFAIRS 3'26 (550-16 C)	-15,000.00
04/10/2026	20393	LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	LIFE INSURANCE 4'26 (575-07 G/W)	-192.91
04/10/2026	20394	MARK PTACEK	CATERING FOR LBCDD RIBBON CUTTING EVENT 4'...	-700.00
04/10/2026	20395	MID VALLEY DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE 3'26 (645-02 G)	-41.73
04/10/2026	20396	OFFICE SUPPLY EXPRESS	OFFICE SUPPLIES 3'26 (600G)	-29.31
04/10/2026	20397	PRIMO BRANDS	OFFICE SUPPLIES 3'26 (600 G)	-55.46
04/10/2026	20398	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY	SJVDA FY '26-'27 1ST INSTALLMENT (632-01 C)	-774,745.50
04/10/2026	20399	SPRIGGS, INC.	OFC. 365 BUS PREM. (570-03 G), MO. SERVER & DE...	-355.00
04/10/2026	20400	UNITED CONCORDIA INSURANCE CO.	DENTAL 4'26 (575-01 G/W)	-467.70
04/10/2026	ACH DEB	UNITED HEALTHCARE	HEALTH INS. 4'26 (575-05 G/W)	-8,941.58
04/10/2026	20401	WINDECKER, INC.	FUEL 3'26 (515-01 G/W)	-487.05
04/10/2026	20402	XEROX BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	COPIER MAINTENANCE 2/28/26-3/29/26 (CONT BAS...	-182.29
04/10/2026	20403	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER LEASE 3/31/26-4/29/26 (570-01 G)	-350.48
04/24/2026	DIRECT DEP.	PAYROLL	4/5/26-4/18/26	-22,927.59
04/24/2026	EFTPS	EFTPS (941 TAXES)	FED PAYROLL TAX SEMI-WKLY DEP. (215-04,16,17 G...	-5,008.20
04/24/2026	20404	ACWA JPIA	PROPERTY INS. 4/1/26-3/31/27 (575-04; 120 G/W)	-1,554.22
04/24/2026	20405	AG CENTERED MARKETING LLC	LBCDD RIBBON CUTTING - ARIAL & SPEAKERS (625 ...	-900.00
04/24/2026	20406	CAPITOL ENQUIRY	2026 LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORIES (565-02 G)	-222.36
04/24/2026	20407	DAVID CORY	CONSULTANT 3 '26 (550-03 C)	-537.50
04/24/2026	20408	ESPANA'S	WEF LUNCH (625 G)	-1,120.01
04/24/2026	20409	GERBI ENTERPRISES	OFC. RENT 5'26 (630-01 G)	-2,079.00
04/24/2026	20410	KAN VENTURES, INC	CONSULTANT 3'26- 4'26 (550-05 C)	-1,475.00
04/24/2026	20411	MARIA R VENEGAS	OFC. MAINTANCE 4'26 (535 G)	-600.00
04/24/2026	20412	MINASIAN LAW, LLP	LEGAL FEES 3'26 (585-01,02,16,18 L, 568 G)	-8,910.58
04/24/2026	20413	PG&E	ELECTRIC 3/9/26-4/6/26 (645-01 G)	-288.22
04/24/2026	20414	RICARDO JARAMILLO	RE-KEY FORD 2008 (515-02 G),CHANGE OFFICE LOC...	-745.00
04/24/2026	20415	SGS NORTH AMERICA INC	WATER SAMPLES INV.# 53100382 3 '26 (602-05 W)	-495.00
04/24/2026	20416	SLWD	LB CREEK PH 2 PRO-RATE 33.33% (550-22 C)	-195,745.10
<b>Apr 26</b>				<b>-1,298,892.14</b>



## MEMO

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Marisol Bonilla, Administrative Assistant  
**Date:** April 27, 2026  
**Subject:** May 1, 2026 Board of Director's Meeting Report – April 2026 Finance Update

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### **2026 Budget Comparisons:**

#### **General Budget:**

Actual Revenue to date is 35% of Budget (\$711,051)

Actual Expenses to date is 33% of Budget (\$666,739)

Baseline measurement to complete the year's expenses is 101% (12 months) – A true reflection of expenses is done at year-end after all accruals are booked and all necessary reconciliations are completed.

#### **Water Transfer Budget:**

Actual Revenue to date is 50% of Budget (\$46,213)

Actual Expenses to date is 31% of Budget (\$28,750)

Baseline measurement to complete the year's expenses is 100% (12 months) – A true reflection of expenses is done at year-end after all accruals are booked and all necessary reconciliations are completed.

#### **Water Resources Plan (General Membership) Budget:**

Actual Revenue to date is 50% of Budget (\$8,502)

Actual Expenses to date is 5% of Budget (\$5,086)

Baseline measurement to complete the year's expenses is 100% (12 months) – A true reflection of expenses is done at year-end after all accruals are booked and all necessary reconciliations are completed.

#### **Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget:**

Actual Revenue to date is 50% of Budget (\$328,851)

Actual Expenses to date is 29% of Budget (\$634,822)

Baseline measurement to complete the year's expenses is 108% (12 months) – A true reflection of expenses is done at year-end after all accruals are booked and all necessary reconciliations are completed.

**San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget:****Actual Revenue** to date is 50% of Budget**Actual Expenses** to date is 50% of Budget**Baseline measurement to complete the year's expenses is 100% (12 months)** – A true reflection of expenses is done at year-end after all accruals are booked and all necessary reconciliations are completed.**Cash Activity Report:** (Period Ending April 30, 2026)Total Cash balance for all accounts on **March 31, 2026** was **\$3,458,665.83**. Breakdown of accounts:

WestAmerica Checking: (\$28,731.58)  
 LAIF: \$949,550.16  
 Mechanic's Bank Money Market: \$690,939.83  
 Mechanic's Bank Money Market (Community Fund): \$1,101,479.77  
 WestAmerica Money Market: \$717,611.55  
 WestAmerica Money Market (MPG – restricted funds): \$27,437.69  
 WestAmerica Money Market (MM Society - restricted funds): \$278.41  
 Petty Cash: \$100.00

Total Receivables in April 2026 was \$1,163,349.90

Total Interest received in April 2026 was \$17,011.39

Total Expenditures in April 2026 was \$1,298,892.14

Transfers made through the month of April 2026 were:

From Money Market to Checking: \$230,200.00  
 From Checking to Money Market: \$278,000.00

Total Cash balance for all accounts on **April 30, 2026**, was **\$3,340,134.98**. Breakdown of accounts are:

WestAmerica Checking: (\$212,073.82)  
 LAIF: \$958,855.36  
 Mechanic's Bank Money Market: \$693,090.26  
 Mechanic's Bank Money Market (Community Fund): \$1,104,917.18  
 WestAmerica Money Market: \$767,473.29  
 WestAmerica Money Market (MPG – restricted funds): \$27,493.50  
 WestAmerica Money Market (MM Society – restricted funds): \$279.21  
 Petty Cash: \$100.00

Outstanding Accounts Receivables as of **April 30, 2026** was **\$84,996.10**.

**San Joaquin River Exchange  
Contractors Water Authority**

**2026 General Budget Comparison**

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>					
<b>PERIOD ENDING:</b>	<b>4/30/26</b>				
	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Percentage of Budget as of 4/30/26</b>
<b>REVENUES FOR:</b>					
GENERAL	971,634	314,936	656,698	100%	32%
WATERMASTER	207,939	77,977	129,962	100%	38%
BAY DELTA	31,000	10,048	20,952	100%	32%
WATER OPERATIONS	100,500	32,575	67,925	100%	32%
PUMPING	6,000	1,945	4,055	100%	32%
COMMUNICATIONS	182,200	59,057	123,143	100%	32%
GENERAL CONSULTANTS	360,000	116,687	243,313	100%	32%
SJ RIVER SETTLEMENT	100,000	32,413	67,587	100%	32%
GENERAL LEGAL	60,000	19,448	40,552	100%	32%
MISC. - INTEREST	0	25,965	174,035		
MISC. - MPG AGREEMENT	20,000	20,000	0	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,039,273</b>	<b>711,051</b>	<b>1,528,223</b>	<b>110%</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>EXPENSES FOR:</b>					
GENERAL	971,634	381,093	616,499	103%	39%
WATERMASTER	207,939	68,120	139,858	100%	33%
BAY DELTA	31,000	10,304	20,696	100%	33%
WATER OPERATIONS	100,500	19,709	80,791	100%	20%
PUMPING	6,000	2,540	3,460	100%	42%
COMMUNICATIONS	182,200	45,000	137,200	100%	25%
GENERAL CONSULTANTS	360,000	122,379	237,621	100%	34%
SJ RIVER SETTLEMENT	100,000	223	99,778	100%	0%
GENERAL LEGAL	60,000	17,374	42,626	100%	29%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,019,273</b>	<b>666,739</b>	<b>1,378,530</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>44,311</b>			

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<b>BUDGET DETAILED</b>				
<b>REVENUES FOR:</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Revenues YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2025 Budget</b>
GENERAL	971,634	314,936	656,698	100%
WATERMASTER	207,939	77,977	129,962	100%
BAY DELTA	31,000	10,048	20,952	100%
WATER OPERATIONS	100,500	32,575	67,925	100%
PUMPING	6,000	1,945	4,055	100%
COMMUNICATIONS	182,200	59,057	123,143	100%
GENERAL CONSULTANTS	360,000	116,687	243,313	100%
SJ RIVER SETTLEMENT	100,000	32,413	67,587	100%
GENERAL LEGAL	60,000	19,448	40,552	100%
MISC. - INTEREST		25,965	174,035	
MISC. - MPG AGREEMENT	20,000	20,000	0	100%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,039,273</b>	<b>711,051</b>	<b>1,528,223</b>	<b>110%</b>

<b>BUDGET REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS BY ENTITY YTD AS OF:</b>						<b>4/30/26</b>
<b>REVENUES FOR:</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>63.38 % C.C.I.D.</b>	<b>7.02 % C.C.C</b>	<b>10.12 % F.C.W.D.</b>	<b>19.48% S.L.C.C.</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
GENERAL	\$971,633.61	\$219,515.29	\$24,313.63	\$24,310.90	\$46,796.09	\$314,935.91
WATERMASTER	\$207,939.28	\$25,992.42	\$25,992.42	\$12,996.21	\$12,996.21	\$77,977.26
BAY DELTA	\$31,000.00	\$7,003.64	\$775.72	\$775.64	\$1,493.03	\$10,048.03
WATER OPERATIONS	\$100,500.00	\$22,705.36	\$2,514.86	\$2,514.58	\$4,840.31	\$32,575.11
PUMPING	\$6,000.00	\$1,355.54	\$150.13	\$150.12	\$288.97	\$1,944.76
COMMUNICATIONS	\$182,200.00	\$41,163.35	\$4,559.27	\$4,558.77	\$8,775.16	\$59,056.55
GEN. CONSULTANTS	\$360,000.00	\$81,332.61	\$9,008.44	\$9,007.43	\$17,338.42	\$116,686.90
SJR SETTLEMENT	\$100,000.00	\$22,592.40	\$2,502.34	\$2,502.06	\$4,816.23	\$32,413.03
GENERAL LEGAL	\$60,000.00	\$13,555.43	\$1,501.41	\$1,501.24	\$2,889.73	\$19,447.81
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,019,272.69</b>	<b>\$435,216.04</b>	<b>\$71,318.22</b>	<b>\$58,316.95</b>	<b>\$100,234.15</b>	<b>\$665,085.36</b>

Board approved reduction of \$250,000 to 2nd Qtr Dues - 4/3/26

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<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
AUDIT	11,000	10,500	500	100%
AUTO FUEL	5,200	739	4,461	100%
AUTO MAINT & REPAIR	2,000	762	1,238	100%
AUTO MILES & MISC	1,000	410	590	100%
<b>BENEFITS, SALARIES &amp; TAXES</b>				
<b>SALARIES</b>	<b>565,700</b>	<b>240,410</b>	<b>346,804</b>	<b>104%</b>
PENSION -1 (10%)	56,570	24,041	34,680	104%
PENSION -2 (6.55%)	37,053	15,747	22,716	104%
PAYROLL TAX (ETT,FUTA,SUI,MED)	8,089	5,024	4,008	112%
BUILDING MAINT	8,300	3,216	5,084	100%
CAPITAL EXPENSE	10,000	0	10,000	100%
CONFERENCES	6,500	2,334	4,166	100%
<b>DUES &amp; SUBSCRIPT</b>				
NEWS & PERIODIC	400	0	400	100%
ACWA	4,500	4,285	0	95%
BOOKS, ETC.	420	416	0	99%
OTHER ORG S	2,100	500	1,600	100%
<b>EQ MAINT &amp; RENT</b>				
MNT CONTRACT (COPIER)	11,000	1,869	9,131	100%
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	5,000	1,570	3,430	100%
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
GEN LIAB                   10/1/26	20,141	0	20,141	100%
PROPERTY                4/1/26	1,008	1,166	0	116%
WORK COMP               QTRLY	3,490	1,245	2,245	100%
HEALTH & VISION       12/1/26 & 4/1/26	66,238	33,881	32,357	100%
DENTAL                   12/1/26	2,100	787	1,313	100%
LIFE                      4/1/26	1,850	432	1,418	100%

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<b>GENERAL EXPENSES CONT.</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,500	1,863	5,637	100%
OUTSIDE SERVICES				
PENSION PLAN ADMIN. FEES	1,250	0	1,250	100%
PENSION PLAN ANNUAL FEE	525	0	525	100%
OTHER OUTSIDE SERVICES	500	0	500	100%
POSTAGE	3,200	29	3,171	100%
PRINT & REPRO	6,500	27	6,473	100%
PUB RELATIONS	55,000	13,279	41,721	100%
RENT (OFFICE/STORAGE UNIT)	27,500	8,994	18,506	100%
TELEPHONE				
OFFICE	3,500	990	2,510	100%
CELLULAR	3,400	1,005	2,386	100%
TRAVEL				
AIR FARE	7,000	917	6,083	100%
LODGE MEALS	20,000	3,193	16,807	100%
UTILITIES	6,000	1,465	4,535	100%
MISCELLANEOUS	100	0	100	100%
<b>GENERAL SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>971,634</b>	<b>381,093</b>	<b>616,499</b>	<b>103%</b>

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<b>WATERMASTER - EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
AUTO FUEL	3,000	427	2,573	100%
AUTO MAINT & REPAIR	1,500	69	1,431	100%
AUTO MILES & MISC	120	66	54	100%
<b>BENEFITS, SALARIES &amp; TAXES</b>				
SALARY	118,313	41,506	76,807	100%
RETIREMENT				
PENSION -1 (10%)	11,831	4,151	7,681	100%
PENSION -2 (6.55%)	7,749	2,719	5,031	100%
PAYROLL TAX (ETT,FUTA,SUI,MED)	2,148	995	1,153	100%
CAPITAL EXPENSE	1,000	0	1,000	100%
CONFERENCES	550	445	105	100%
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS				
DWR SNOW SURVEY REPORT	1,500	0	1,500	100%
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
GEN LIAB           10/1/26	6,714	0	6,714	100%
PROPERTY         4/1/26	350	389	0	111%
WORK COMP        QTRLY	5,356	1,395	3,961	100%
HEALTH & VISION 12/1/26 & 4/1/26	28,108	13,965	14,143	100%
DENTAL           12/1/26	1,100	357	743	100%
LIFE              4/1/26	650	206	444	100%
<b>OUTSIDE SERVICES</b>				
WATER QUALITY LAB FEES	6,200	495	5,705	100%
OTHER OUTSIDE SERVICES	6,500	0	6,500	100%
<b>TELEPHONE</b>				
OFFICE	1,800	330	1,470	100%
CELLULAR	900	281	619	100%
<b>TRAVEL</b>				
LODGE \ MEALS	2,500	324	2,176	100%
MISCELLANEOUS	50	0	50	100%
<b>WATERMASTER SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>207,939</b>	<b>68,120</b>	<b>139,858</b>	<b>100%</b>

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<b>BAY DELTA ISSUES - EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
CONSULTANTS				
COA/State Board Issues (Steiner)	5,000	0	5,000	100%
Special Projects (Cory)	6,000	1,273	4,728	100%
LEGAL	20,000	9,031	10,969	100%
<b>BAY DELTA SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>10,304</b>	<b>20,696</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>WATER OPERATIONS - EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
CONSULTANTS	90,000	19,375	70,625	100%
LEGAL	10,500	334	10,166	100%
	<b>100,500</b>	<b>19,709</b>	<b>80,791</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>PUMPING ISSUES - EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
MENDOTA POOL AGREEMENT				
Consultant	3,500	2,540	960	100%
Legal	2,500	0	2,500	100%
<b>PUMPING SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>3,460</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>COMMUNICATIONS - EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
CONSULTANTS				
Website Update/Maintenance	2,200	0	2,200	100%
Public Relations	180,000	45,000	135,000	100%
<b>COMMUNICATIONS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>182,200</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>137,200</b>	<b>100%</b>

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<b>GENERAL CONSULTANTS - EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
<b>LOBBYIST</b>				
Federal	270,000	92,379	177,621	100%
State	90,000	30,000	60,000	100%
<b>GENERAL CONSULTANTS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>360,000</b>	<b>122,379</b>	<b>237,621</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>SJ RIVER SETTLEMENT - EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
<b>CONSULTANT</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>LEGAL</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>74,778</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>SJ RIVER SETTLEMENT SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>99,778</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>GENERAL LEGAL - EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>17,374</b>	<b>42,626</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>GENERAL LEGAL SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>17,374</b>	<b>42,626</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,019,273</b>	<b>666,739</b>	<b>1,378,530</b>	<b>101%</b>
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Project Breakdown

4/30/2026

MENDOTA POOL PUMPING ISSUES/COST SHARE MONITORING					
Mo./Yr. of Inception	Mo./Yr. of Last Payment	Name	Expense	Annual Reimb. by MPG	Diff. Between Income/Exp.
3/99	7/25	KENNETH D. SCHMIDT & ASSOC.	\$ 203,925		
3/99	1/16	CCID	\$ 39,461		
7/99	1/00	JM LORD, INC.	\$ 15,581		
7/99	1/01	FGL ENVIR.	\$ 7,878		
7/99	12/99	MENDOTA POOL GROUP (L&S)	\$ 9,561		
3/99	7/22	MINASIAN LAW FIRM	\$ 80,787		
6/01	2/26	MENDOTA POOL GROUP		\$ 520,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 357,192</b>	<b>\$ 520,000</b>	<b>\$ 162,808</b>

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER SETTLEMENT ISSUES					
Mo./Yr. of Inception	Mo./Yr. of Last Payment	Name	Expense	Annual Reimb. by MPG	Diff. Between Income/Exp.
7/06	11/15	CH2M HILL	\$ 239,409		\$ 239,409
1/06	12/25	DUANE MORRIS LLP	\$ 2,152,143		\$ 2,152,143
8/05	6/19	SCHRAMM, WMS & ASSOC.	\$ 278,526		\$ 278,526
8/09	9/24	MINASIAN LAW FIRM	\$ 137,823		\$ 137,823
5/10	2/11	DAN STEINER	\$ 5,018		\$ 5,018
10/10	1/11	ITRC	\$ 42,576		\$ 42,576
11/10	11/10	KENNETH D. SCHMIDT & ASSOC.	\$ 538		\$ 538
5/15	12/17	FISHBIO	\$ 42,672		\$ 42,672
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 2,898,705</b>		<b>\$ 2,898,705</b>

DRAINAGE ISSUES			
Mo./Yr. of Inception	Mo./Yr. of Last Payment	Name	Expense
1/02	5/16	MINANSIAN LAW FIRM	\$ 847,974
1/02	4/26	DAVID CORY	\$ 717,158
1/02	10/11	HYDROFOCUS	\$ 86,297
6/03	8/07	DAN STEINER	\$ 18,150
1/02	3/05	CAL POLY	\$ 45,858
8/04	12/04	DAVIDS ENGINEERING	\$ 12,800
5/05	5/05	MASON, ROBBINS, ET AL LAW FIRM	\$ 13,894
7/10	11/11	KENNETH SCHMIDT & ASSOC.	\$ 12,283
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,754,414</b>

BAY DELTA ISSUES			
Mo./Yr. of Inception	Mo./Yr. of Last Payment	Name	Expense
7/09	10/10	ITRC	\$ 161,000
9/10	2/11	KENNETH SCHMIDT & ASSOC.	\$ 45,337
7/11	12/25	DAN STEINER	\$ 111,716
10/13	10/13	CH2M HILL	\$ 1,379
12/13	8/14	FWA (BDPC MODELING EFFORT)	\$ 26,857
5/19	5/19	STATE WATER CONTRACTORS	\$ 15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 381,289</b>

SUBSIDENCE ISSUES					
Mo./Yr. of Inception	Mo./Yr. of Last Payment	Name	Expense	Reimb. By Others	Total Costs Incurred
8/12	10/16	KENNETH SCHMIDT & ASSOC.	\$ 85,756		\$ 85,756
8/12	5/15	PROVOST & PRITCHARD	\$ 205,614		\$ 205,614
4/13	2/15	MINASIAN LAW FIRM	\$ 7,027		\$ 7,027
8/12	2/16	RED TOP AREA WATER PROJECTS		\$ (49,536)	\$ (49,536)
9/12	10/12	COUNTY OF MADERA		\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)
11/12	12/12	COUNTY OF MERCED		\$ (15,000)	\$ (15,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 298,397</b>	<b>\$ (74,536)</b>	<b>\$ 223,861</b>

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**2026 Water Transfer  
Budget Comparison**

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

PERIOD ENDING: 4/30/26

	2026 Budget	Actual YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget	Percentage of Budget as of 4/30/26
<b>REVENUES FOR:</b>					
ADMINISTRATION	46,425	23,213	23,213	100%	50%
CONSULTANTS	6,000	3,000	3,000	100%	50%
LEGAL	40,000	20,000	20,000	100%	50%
VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGR. (VSA)	840,000	0	0	0%	0%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>932,425</b>	<b>46,213</b>	<b>46,213</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>EXPENSES FOR:</b>					
ADMINISTRATION	46,425	25,457	20,968	100%	55%
CONSULTANTS	6,000	0	6,000	100%	0%
LEGAL	40,000	3,293	36,707	100%	8%
VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGR. (VSA)	840,000	0	840,000	100%	0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>932,425</b>	<b>28,750</b>	<b>63,675</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>BALANCE (Excludes VSA Revenue &amp; Expenses)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,463</b>			

**BUDGET DETAILED**

	2026 Budget	Actual Revenues YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
<b>REVENUES FOR:</b>				
ADMINISTRATION	46,425	23,213	23,213	100%
CONSULTANTS	6,000	3,000	3,000	100%
LEGAL	40,000	20,000	20,000	100%
VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGR. (VSA)	840,000	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>932,425</b>	<b>46,213</b>	<b>46,213</b>	<b>100%</b>

**BUDGET REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS BY ENTITY YTD AS OF:**

4/30/26

	2026 Budget	52.50% C.C.I.D.	7.02% C.C.C	12.50% F.C.W.D.	27.98% S.L.C.C.	100% TOTAL
<b>REVENUES FOR:</b>						
ADMINISTRATION	\$46,425.32	\$12,186.64	\$1,829.54	\$2,901.58	\$6,494.90	\$23,212.66
CONSULTANTS	\$6,000.00	\$1,575.00	\$210.60	\$375.00	\$839.40	\$3,000.00
LEGAL	\$40,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$1,404.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,596.00	\$20,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$92,425.32</b>	<b>\$24,261.64</b>	<b>\$3,244.14</b>	<b>\$5,776.58</b>	<b>\$12,930.30</b>	<b>\$46,212.66</b>
<b>VSA</b>	<b>\$840,000</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
		63.38%	7.02%	10.12%	19.48%	100.00%

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<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
<b>BENEFITS</b>				
<b>SALARIES</b>	<b>35,869</b>	<b>21,574</b>	<b>14,295</b>	<b>100%</b>
PENSION - 1 (10%)	3,587	2,157	1,430	100%
PENSION - 2 (6.55%)	2,349	1,413	936	100%
<b>PAYROLL TAX (ETT, FUTA, SUI, MED)</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>APPLICATION FEES</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>46,425</b>	<b>25,457</b>	<b>20,968</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>CONSULTANT EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
<b>CONSULTANTS</b>				
DAN STEINER	6,000	0	6,000	100%
VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT	840,000	0	840,000	100%
<b>CONSULTANTS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>846,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>846,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>LEGAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
<b>LEGAL</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>3,293</b>	<b>36,707</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>LEGAL SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>3,293</b>	<b>36,707</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES*</b>	<b>92,425</b>	<b>28,750</b>	<b>63,675</b>	<b>100%</b>
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## Project Breakdown

4/30/2026

<b>WATER TRANSFER ISSUES</b>			
<b>Mo./Yr. of Inception</b>	<b>Mo./Yr. of Last Payment</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Expense</b>
1/04	1/04	WATER TRANSFER ANALYSIS (CCID)	\$ 8,021
12/98	7/18	US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	\$ 104,129
12/98	2/00	GRANT DAVIDS	\$ 11,652
12/02	3/26	MINASIAN LAW FIRM	\$ 2,039,629
6/99	7/19	DAN STEINER	\$ 348,647
12/99	8/05	URS GREINDER WOODWARD CLYDE	\$ 439,600
8/06	5/25	DUANE MORRIS, LLP	\$ 123,026
10/09	5/13	CARDNO ENTRIX	\$ 444,389
12/10	1/11	CAL POLY, ITRC	\$ 4,291
9/11	11/11	KENNETH SCHMIDT	\$ 9,929
2/18	9/18	SUSAN HOOTKINS	\$ 7,350
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 3,540,663</b>

San Joaquin River Exchange  
Contractors Water Authority

WRP - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

2026 Water Resources Plan  
Budget Comparison

BUDGET SUMMARY					
PERIOD ENDING:	4/30/26				
REVENUES FOR:	2026 Budget	Actual YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget	Percentage of Budget as of 4/30/26
ADMINISTRATION	14,503	7,252	7,252	100%	50%
CONSULTANTS*	2,500	1,250	1,250	100%	50%
LEGAL	0	0	0	0%	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>17,003</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50%</b>
EXPENSES FOR:	2026 Budget	Actual YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget	Percentage of Budget as of 4/30/26
ADMINISTRATION	14,503	5,086	9,452	100%	35%
CONSULTANTS	89,164	0	69,164	100%	0%
LEGAL	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>93,667</b>	<b>5,086</b>	<b>88,616</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>-76,664</b>	<b>3,415</b>			

\*Revenue does not reflect cash carryover

BUDGET DETAILED				
REVENUES FOR:	2026 Budget	Actual Revenues YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
ADMINISTRATION	14,503	7,252	7,252	100%
CONSULTANTS	2,500	1,250	1,250	100%
LEGAL	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>17,003</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>100%</b>

BUDGET REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS BY ENTITY YTD AS OF:						
		4/30/26				
REVENUES FOR:	2026 Budget	63.38% C.C.I.D.	7.02% C.C.C	10.12% F.C.W.D.	19.48% S.L.C.C.	100% TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION	\$14,503.10	\$4,596.02	\$509.06	\$733.84	\$1,412.60	\$7,251.52
CONSULTANTS	\$2,500.00	\$792.24	\$87.76	\$126.50	\$243.50	\$1,250.00
LEGAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$17,003.10</b>	<b>\$5,388.26</b>	<b>\$596.82</b>	<b>\$860.34</b>	<b>\$1,656.10</b>	<b>\$8,501.52</b>

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Contractors Water Authority

WRP - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

2026 Water Resources Plan  
Budget Comparison

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	2026 Budget	Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
BENEFITS				
SALARIES	10,566	3,532	7,064	100%
PENSION - 1 (10%)	1,057	353	706	100%
PENSION - 2 (6.55%)	692	231	483	100%
PAYROLL TAX (ETT, FUTA, SUI, MED)	183	61	122	100%
INSURANCE				
WORK COMP	70	18	52	100%
HEALTH & VISION	1,841	859	982	100%
DENTAL	55	18	36	100%
LIFE	40	13	27	100%
ADMINISTRATION SUBTOTAL	14,503	5,086	9,452	100%

CONSULTANT EXPENSES	2026 Budget	Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
SURFACE STORAGE	2,500	0	2,500	100%
MILLIKEN MUSEUM/WATER AGENCY OFFICE	66,664	0	66,664	100%
CONSULTANT SUBTOTAL	69,164	0	69,164	100%

LEGAL EXPENSES	2026 Budget	Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
LEGAL	10,000	0	10,000	100%
LEGAL SUBTOTAL	10,000	0	10,000	100%

TOTAL EXPENSES	93,667	5,086	88,617	100%
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Contractors Water Authority

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

2026 Water Resources Plan  
Budget Comparison

BUDGET SUMMARY					
PERIOD ENDING:	4/30/26				
REVENUES FOR:	2026 Budget	Actual YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget	Percentage of Budget as of 4/30/26
ADMINISTRATION	130,515	65,258	65,258	100%	50%
CONSULTANTS*	452,186	226,093	226,093	100%	50%
LEGAL	75,000	37,500	37,500	100%	50%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>657,701</b>	<b>328,851</b>	<b>328,851</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50%</b>
EXPENSES FOR:	2026 Budget	Actual YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget	Percentage of Budget as of 4/30/26
ADMINISTRATION	130,515	45,777	85,061	100%	35%
CONSULTANTS	1,950,000	549,115	1,566,916	109%	28%
LEGAL	75,000	39,930	35,070	100%	53%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,155,515</b>	<b>634,822</b>	<b>1,687,048</b>	<b>108%</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>-1,497,814</b>	<b>-305,971</b>			

\*Revenue does not reflect cash carryover and grant funds to be received.

BUDGET DETAILED				
REVENUES FOR:	2026 Budget	Actual Revenues YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
ADMINISTRATION	130,515	65,258	65,258	100%
CONSULTANTS	452,186	226,093	226,093	100%
LEGAL	75,000	37,500	37,500	100%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>657,701</b>	<b>328,851</b>	<b>328,851</b>	<b>100%</b>

BUDGET REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS BY ENTITY YTD AS OF:						4/30/26
REVENUES FOR:	2026 Budget	78.71% C.C.I.D.	8.72% C.C.C	12.57% F.C.W.D.	0.00% S.L.C.C.	100% TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION	\$130,515.43	\$51,364.34	\$5,690.48	\$8,202.88	\$0.00	\$85,257.70
CONSULTANTS	\$452,186.00	\$177,957.80	\$19,715.31	\$28,419.88	\$0.00	\$226,092.99
LEGAL	\$75,000.00	\$29,516.26	\$3,270.00	\$4,713.75	\$0.00	\$37,500.01
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$657,701.43</b>	<b>\$258,838.40</b>	<b>\$28,675.79</b>	<b>\$41,336.51</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$328,850.70</b>

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2026 Water Resources Plan  
Budget Comparison

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	2026 Budget	Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
BENEFITS				
SALARIES	95,090	31,789	63,578	100%
PENSION - 1 (10%)	9,509	3,179	6,358	100%
PENSION - 2 (6.55%)	6,228	2,082	4,164	100%
PAYROLL TAX (ETT, FUTA, SUI, MED)	1,643	549	1,094	100%
INSURANCE				
WORK COMP	624	160	464	100%
HEALTH & VISION	16,570	7,735	8,835	100%
DENTAL	490	163	327	100%
LIFE	360	120	240	100%
<b>ADMINISTRATION SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>130,515</b>	<b>45,777</b>	<b>85,061</b>	<b>100%</b>

CONSULTANT EXPENSES	2026 Budget	Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
LOS BANOS CREEK*				
PROJECT 2 (LB CREEK DETENTION DAM)	1,500,000	383,084	1,116,916	100%
GOLDEN MUSSELL MITIGATION	450,000	0	450,000	100%
DEL PUERTO CANYON RESERVOIR**				
PROJECT DESIGN	(TBD)	166,031		
<b>CONSULTANT SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1,950,000</b>	<b>549,115</b>	<b>1,566,916</b>	<b>109%</b>

\*LBC 2025 Carryover - \$866,450.61

\*\*DPCR 2025 Carryover - \$861,215.99

LEGAL EXPENSES	2026 Budget	Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26	Estimated to Complete for 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
LEGAL	75,000	39,930	35,070	100%
<b>LEGAL SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>39,930</b>	<b>35,070</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,155,515</b>	<b>634,822</b>	<b>1,687,048</b>	<b>108%</b>
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Project Breakdown

4/30/2026

<b>WATER RESOURCES PLAN THRU 2012</b>			
<b>LOS BANOS CREEK</b>			
<b>Mo./Yr. of Inception</b>	<b>Mo./Yr. of Last Payment</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Expense</b>
5/12	1/13	PROVOST & PRITCHARD	\$ 171,278
5/12	10/12	KENNETH SCHMIDT & ASSOC.	\$ 8,869
5/12	7/12	MINASIAN LAW FIRM	\$ 328
5/12	7/12	CCID	\$ 445
7/12	8/12	DAN STEINER	\$ 579
12/12	1/13	U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	\$ 14,100
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 195,599</b>
<b>COLUMBIA CANAL COMPANY PROJECT</b>			
5/12	1/13	PROVOST & PRITCHARD	\$ 107,655
5/12	1/13	KENNETH SCHMIDT & ASSOC.	\$ 20,256
5/12	7/12	MINASIAN LAW FIRM	\$ 499
5/12	7/12	CCID	\$ 677
7/12	8/12	DAN STEINER	\$ 878
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 129,964</b>

<b>WATER RESOURCES PLAN - BEGINNING 2013</b>			
<b>LOS BANOS CREEK</b>			
<b>Mo./Yr. of Inception</b>	<b>Mo./Yr. of Last Payment</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Expense*</b>
5/12	11/19	PROVOST & PRITCHARD	\$ 462,575
6/13	10/13	CARDNO ENTRIX	\$ 8,496
5/12	5/17	KENNETH SCHMIDT & ASSOC.	\$ 5,147
5/12	9/25	MINASIAN LAW FIRM	\$ 58,441
5/12	6/30	CCID	\$ 370,468
12/12	6/20	U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	\$ 55,633
8/19	4/20	DAN STEINER	\$ 9,649
12/19	4/26	SLWD	\$ 754,178
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,724,587</b>

\*Grant Reimbursement - EC Share - \$672,206.43; \$174,732.41 (11/2023); \$36,807.09 (8/2024)

<b>COLUMBIA CANAL COMPANY PROJECT</b>			
5/12	3/17	PROVOST & PRITCHARD	\$ 31,702
5/12	1/17	KENNETH SCHMIDT & ASSOC.	\$ 11,766
3/13	4/13	RESOURCE CONSERV. SOLUTIONS	\$ 6,000
5/12	4/13	MINASIAN LAW FIRM	\$ 4,940
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 54,408</b>

<b>CCC WRMP - FARMERS WATER DISTRICT (50/50)</b>			
Mo./Yr. of Inception	Mo./Yr. of Last Payment	Name	EC's Share
4/17	7/18	CCID	\$ 6,775
8/16	10/18	PROVOST & PRITCHARD	\$ 16,585
1/17	2/17	TECHNICON	\$ 3,946
3/17	2/18	KENNETH D. SCHMIDT ASSOC.	\$ 2,815
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 30,122</b>

<b>CCC WRMP - B&amp;B FARMS SITE PROJECT</b>			
1/17	2/17	TECHNICON	\$ 3,700
5/17	9/18	PROVOST & PRITCHARD	\$ 11,733
4/17	9/18	CCID	\$ 15,478
4/17	2/18	KENNETH D. SCHMIDT ASSOC.	\$ 2,303
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 33,214</b>

<b>PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Project Number	Mo./Yr. of Last Payment	Contract Fee	Invoiced to Date
3495-13-B1*	7/14	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 76,207.90
3495-13-B2	10/13	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 44,998.56
3495-13-B3	6/13	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 392.50
3495-13-B4	1/14	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,258.21
3495-13-B5	12/13	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,987.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 165,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 171,844.67</b>

\*Amendment to Contract

<b>LOS BANOS CREEK - PROJECT 3 (50/50 - EC/SLWD)</b>			
Mo./Yr. of Inception	Mo./Yr. of Last Payment	Name	EC's * Share
8/13	2/14	PROVOST & PRITCHARD	\$ 6,334
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 6,334</b>

\*P&P Contract Total Amount - \$30,000 (EC Share - \$15,000)

<b>ORESTIMBA CREEK PROJECT (50/50 - EC/DEL PUERTO)</b>			
Mo./Yr. of Inception	Mo./Yr. of Last Payment	Name	EC's Share
3/14	1/19	PROVOST & PRITCHARD	\$ 163,368
3/14	3/21	CCID	\$ 423,854
4/15	5/15	TECHNICON	\$ 3,095
8/15	9/20	KENNETH D. SCHMIDT ASSOC.	\$ 8,723
9/17	2/20	DEL PUERTO WD	\$ 10,840
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 609,880</b>

<b>MENDOTA POOL CONVEYANCE INVESTIGATION</b>			
Mo./Yr. of Inception	Mo./Yr. of Last Payment	Name	EC's Share
9/17	11/17	CCID	\$ 16,358
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 16,358</b>

**SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE  
CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY**

**2026 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DRAINAGE  
AUTHORITY BUDGET COMPARISON**

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>				
<b>PERIOD ENDING:</b>	<b>4/30/26</b>			
<b>REVENUES FOR:</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
Fund 900 (General Membership)	58,169	29,085	29,085	100%
Fund 901 (Irrigated Lands Reg. Program)	1,491,322	745,661	745,661	100%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,549,491</b>	<b>774,746</b>	<b>774,746</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>EXPENSES FOR:</b>				
Fund 900 (General Membership)	58,169	29,085	29,085	100%
Fund 901 (Irrigated Lands Reg. Program)	1,491,322	745,661	745,661	100%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,549,491</b>	<b>774,746</b>	<b>774,746</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	0		0	

<b>BUDGET REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS BY ENTITY YTD AS OF:</b>						
						<b>4/30/26</b>
<b>REVENUES FOR:</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>63.38% C.C.I.D.</b>	<b>7.02% C.C.C</b>	<b>10.12% F.C.W.D.</b>	<b>19.48% S.L.C.C.</b>	<b>100% TOTAL</b>
Fund 900 (GM)	\$58,169	\$18,433.76	\$2,041.73	\$2,943.35	\$5,665.66	\$29,085
Fund 901 (ILRP)	\$1,491,322	\$527,331.46	\$57,043.06	\$0.00	\$161,286.48	\$745,661
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,549,491</b>	<b>\$545,765.22</b>	<b>\$59,084.79</b>	<b>\$2,943.35</b>	<b>\$166,952.14</b>	<b>\$774,746</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD as of 4/30/26</b>	<b>Estimated to Complete for 2026</b>	<b>Percentage of 2026 Budget</b>
Fund 900 (General Membership)	58,169	29,085	29,085	100%
Fund 901 (Irrigated Lands Reg. Program)	1,491,322	745,661	745,661	100%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,549,491</b>	<b>774,746</b>	<b>774,746</b>	<b>100%</b>

**SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY**  
**CASH ACTIVITY REPORT**  
 Period Ending: April 30, 2026

CASH BALANCE: March 31, 2026	Westamerica Checking	LAIF (3.01% daily; 3.11% (9M))	Mechanic's Bank Money Market Acc (3.61%)	Mechanic's Bank Community Fund NH Acc (3.61%)	Westamerica Money Market Account (2.63%)		Petry Cash	Total Cash
					General	MFG^		
	\$1,231,581	\$149,550.16	\$690,929.83	\$1,101,479.77	\$27,437.69	\$278.41	\$100.00	\$1,458,665.83
<b>Increases:</b>								
SLOC, Reimb. Legal Fees	3,003.75							3,003.75
FOWD, Re: SJVDA - '26 1st Installment Membership Dues	2,943.35							2,943.35
SLOC, '26 Wtr. Transf & WRP Budgets-2nd Qtr Dues; SJVDA-'26 1st Inst. Membership Dues	174,245.34							174,245.34
CCID, Reimb. Legal Fees	3,003.75							3,003.75
FOWD, Re: '26 Wtr. Transfer & WRP Budgets - 2nd Qtr Dues	23,986.73							23,986.73
CCC, Re: '26 WRP Budgets - 2nd Qtr Dues	14,636.30							14,636.30
CCC, Re: '26 Water Transfer Budget - 2nd Qtr Dues	1,622.07							1,622.07
CCID, Re: SJVDA-'26 1st Inst. Membership Dues; '26 Gen. Budget - 2nd Qtr Dues	85,968.90							85,968.90
CCID, Re: SJVDA - '26 1st Installment Membership Dues	545,765.22							545,765.22
San Luis & Delta Mendota WA, Re: M&I Option Water	16,350.00							16,350.00
Del Puerto Water District, Reimb. Consultant Fees 2'26 & 3'26	6,150.75							6,150.75
CCID, Re: '26 Wtr. Transfer - 2nd Qtr Dues	12,130.82							12,130.82
CCID, Re: '26 WRP Budgets - 2nd Qtr Dues	132,113.34							132,113.34
CCID, Re: Mendocino Pool Fish Screen/Control Structure March '26	138,383.02							138,383.02
Mechanic's Bank, March '26 Interest	3,046.56		2,150.43	3,437.41				3,046.56
Mechanic's Bank, March '26 Interest								
Westamerica, March '26 Interest								
LAIF, '26 1st Qtr Interest		9,305.20						9,305.20
Transfer from Money Market to Checking: 4/2/26	29,200.00							29,200.00
Transfer from Money Market to Checking: 4/13/26	49,000.00							49,000.00
Transfer from Money Market to Checking: 4/20/26	152,000.00							152,000.00
Transfer from Checking to Money Market: 4/23/26								
<b>TOTAL INCREASES</b>	\$1,393,549.90	\$9,305.20	\$2,150.43	\$3,437.41	\$55.81	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$1,408,561.29
<b>Decreases:</b>								
Check Disbursements	1,298,892.14							1,298,892.14
Transfer from Money Market to Checking: 4/2/26								
Transfer from Money Market to Checking: 4/13/26								
Transfer from Money Market to Checking: 4/20/26								
Transfer from Checking to Money Market: 4/23/26	278,000.00							278,000.00
<b>TOTAL DECREASES</b>	\$1,576,892.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,407,892.14
<b>CASH BALANCE: April 30, 2026</b>	<b>\$2,123,073.82</b>	<b>\$958,855.36</b>	<b>\$693,090.26</b>	<b>\$1,104,917.18</b>	<b>\$767,473.29</b>	<b>\$27,493.50</b>	<b>\$279.21</b>	<b>\$3,340,134.98</b>

Accounts Receivable:	0 - 30	31-60	61-90	>90	TOTAL
CCID	\$ 222.50				\$ 222.50
FOWD	\$ 33,016.95				\$ 33,016.95
SLOC	\$ 51,756.65				\$ 51,756.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 84,996.10</b>				<b>\$ 84,996.10</b>

Water Transfer Payment (M&I Option)	\$ (16,350.00)
Accounts Receivable:	\$ 445.00
Community Infrastructure Restricted Funds^	\$ (1,104,917.18)
MPG Restricted Funds^	\$ (27,493.50)
Milliken Museum Restricted Funds^	\$ (279.21)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,191,540.09</b>
WRP Balance*	\$ (1,563,195.32)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 628,344.77</b>
2026 Outstanding General Budget Membership Dues	\$ 1,104,187.53
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,732,532.30</b>
<b>Current Estimated Expenses for General Budget</b>	<b>** \$ (1,378,530.00)</b>
	<b>\$ 354,002.30</b>

\*Total General Budget Reserve set by Board of Directors to a minimum of \$150,000 on October 3, 2003

APPROVED-4/27/26

**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS  
WATER AUTHORITY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026**

The Finance Committee of the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (SJRECWA)* met in Regular Session on Monday, March 30, 2026 in the Board Room of the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority*, 541 "H" Street, City of Los Banos, County of Merced, State of California.

The following persons were present:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:** Chris White, Jarrett Martin (via teleconference), John Wiersma (via teleconference), Mike Gardner (via teleconference), Jeff Bryant (via teleconference), and Chris Cardella (via teleconference – 8:44 a.m.)

**OTHERS:** Steve Chedester, SJRECWA Director of Policy & Programs, Joann White, SJRECWA Director of Finance & Administration, and Marisol Bonilla Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chris White called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and reported there were no changes to the agenda.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2026  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The unapproved minutes of the March 3, 2026 Finance Committee meeting was presented. A motion was made by Jeff Bryant and seconded by John Wiersma to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

**MARCH 2026 GENERAL BUDGET COMPARISON**

The March 2026 General Budget Comparison was presented and a review of the revenue versus expenses was outlined.

**MARCH 2026 WATER TRANSFER BUDGET COMPARISON**

A review of the Water Transfer Budget Comparison for March 2026 was completed.

APPROVED-4/27/26

**MARCH 2026 WATER RESOURCES PLAN (GENERAL)  
BUDGET COMPARISON**

A review of the March report for the Water Resources Plan General Budget Comparison was provided.

**MARCH 2026 WATER RESOURCES PLAN  
(PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT) BUDGET COMPARISON**

The Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget Comparison was outlined.

**MARCH 2026 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DRAINAGE  
AUTHORITY BUDGET COMPARISON**

The San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority (SJVDA) Budget Comparison was presented. Ms. Bonilla stated that the first installment invoice had been received and invoiced to the member entities for reimbursement.

**MARCH 2026 CASH ACTIVITY REPORT AND EXPENDITURE LIST**

A review of the March Expenditure List and Cash Activity Report was next provided. Mr. White recommended a \$250,000 reduction to the General Budget second quarterly membership dues. After the Committee members' acknowledgment, Mr. White said he would make the recommendation to the Board on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A motion was made by John Wiersma and seconded by Jeff Bryant to recommend approval of the March 2026 financial report as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR THE  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024**

Joann White presented the Financial Statements and provided a brief overview, adding that Stephen Huerta of Cuttone & Mastro will provide their review of the Financial Statements at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

With no further business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

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CHRIS CARDELLA

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CHRIS WHITE

Four Entities Water Report

**To:** Chris White and the Four Entities Board of Directors  
**From:** Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist  
**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2026  
**Subject:** Water Report for the Four Entities Board Meeting

**General Information:**

		<u>San Joaquin River</u>	
Mendota Pool	810 cfs	Friant Release	855 cfs
Delta Mendota Canal	387 cfs	Gravelly Ford	640 cfs
SJRECWA Total Demand	1,197 cfs	Chowchilla Bypass	0 cfs
		Into Mendota Pool	561 cfs
		Mendota Dam	680 cfs
		Sack Dam	485 cfs

<b><u>Current Reservoir Storages:</u></b>	<b><u>Last</u></b>		<b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>Max</u></b>	<b><u>% of</u></b>	<b><u>% of</u></b>
	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Reported</u></b>				
	<b><u>Storage</u></b>	<b><u>4/3</u></b>	<b><u>in Storage</u></b>	<b><u>Storage</u></b>	<b><u>Max</u></b>	<b><u>Avg.</u></b>
Shasta	4,135,030	4,090,291	44,739	4,552,000	91%	108%
San Luis	1,741,076	1,809,264	-68,188	2,041,000	85%	103%
SL Federal	778,782	769,969	8,813	965,655	81%	114%
SL SWP	962,294	1,039,295	-77,001	1,075,345	89%	96%
Millerton	460,989	419,856	41,133	520,500	89%	125%
Pine Flat	840,648	780,742	59,906	1,000,000	84%	143%
Los Banos Creek D. Dam	9,070	14,273	-5,203	34,600	26%	45%

**Upper San Joaquin Basin:**

Edison	57,999	49,100	8,899	125,000	46%	185%
Florence	44,195	24,157	20,038	64,000	69%	317%
Huntington	85,340	86,258	-918	89,000	96%	165%
Shaver	103,530	88,613	14,917	136,000	76%	124%
Mammoth	120,778	112,790	7,988	120,000	101%	123%
Redinger	22,861	22,770	91	26,000	88%	98%
Bass Lake (Crane Valley Res.)	36,347	32,468	3,879	46,100	79%	103%
<b>Total Upstream Storage:</b>	<b>471,050</b>	<b>416,156</b>	<b>54,894</b>	<b>606,100</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>140%</b>

**Accumulated Full Natural Flow to Shasta Lake:**

<b><u>2026</u></b>	<b><u>% of Avg.</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>% of Avg.</u></b>	<b><u>104 Year</u></b>
3,805.4	94%	5,366.9	132%	<b><u>Average</u></b> 4,053.6

**Delta Operations:**

Sacramento River at Freeport	24,640 cfs	Yolo Bypass and East Side Streams.	1,991 cfs
San Joaquin River at Vernalis	2,872 cfs		
<b>Total Delta Inflow</b>	<b>29,558 cfs</b>		
Bill Jones Pumping Plant	1,800 cfs		
DMC-Calif. Aqueduct Intertie	0 cfs		
Harvey O Banks Pumping Plant	1,000 cfs		
<b>Total Delta Exports</b>	<b>2,938 cfs</b>		
<b>Outflow Index (Out the Gate)</b>	<b>24,700 cfs</b>		
<b>% of Inflow Diverted</b>	<b>10%</b>		
<b>Controlling Factor(s)</b>	<b>SJR I/E</b>		

## Water Year Forecasting

### DWR Apr. 1 Forecast

#### Shasta Lake Unimpaired Inflow [taf]

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	WY	Apr-Jul	WY % avg
99%	215	348	830	983	568	480	275	190	140	135	135	136	4,435	740	80%
90%	215	348	830	983	568	480	300	220	165	145	143	143	4,540	830	82%
75%	215	348	830	983	568	480	335	260	185	160	151	150	4,665	940	84%
50%	215	348	830	983	568	480	380	300	215	185	166	160	4,830	1,080	87%
25%	215	348	830	983	568	480	485	410	280	220	187	184	5,190	1,395	94%
10%	215	348	830	983	568	480	550	510	345	265	207	204	5,505	1,670	99%
1996-2025 avg													5,548	1,703	

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WATER YEAR	DATE												WATER YEAR TOTAL	90% PROBABILITY RANGE			WY % AVERAGE		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	EDW	EDW	EDW							
Inflow to Shasta			2,376	568	480	410	355	240	195	176	170		5,970	50%	4,755	90%	90%	5,655	90
San Joaquin, Below Friant			337	123	308	220	270	130	40	14	7		1,450		1,329			1,740	82

### DWR Apr. 1 Forecast

#### San Joaquin River inflow to Millerton Lake Unimpaired Flow [taf]

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	WY	Apr-Jul	WY % of
99%	33	59	76	169	123	308	130	155	60	20	8	3	1,145	365	85%
90%	33	59	76	169	123	308	140	175	80	25	11	5	1,205	420	68%
75%	33	59	76	169	123	308	150	200	98	29	13	6	1,265	477	71%
50%	33	59	76	169	123	308	160	230	130	40	14	7	1,350	560	76%
25%	33	59	76	169	123	308	180	290	190	65	21	10	1,525	725	86%
10%	33	59	76	169	123	308	200	340	235	85	28	13	1,670	860	94%
1996-2025 avg													1,772	1,210	

### River Forecast Center 4/29/2026 NOAA-Updated Daily

Station: SHDC1 (SACRAMENTO - SHASTA)						
Water Year Obs-To-Date: 3862.9 Avg: 5575.4						
WY2026	Prob. level:	90	75	50	25	10
	Fcst Residual:	1018	1039	1072	1142	1385
	Obs + Fcst:	4881	4902	4935	5005	5247
	% of average:			89%		

Station: FRAC1 (SAN JOAQUIN - MILLERTON)						
Water Year Obs-To-Date: 970.6 Avg: 1837.2						
WY2026	Prob. level:	90	75	50	25	10
	Fcst Residual:	568	582	615	650	756
	Obs + Fcst:	1539	1553	1586	1620	1726
	% of average:			86%		

# SHASTA DAM

Tuesday, April 28 2026

	<b>STORAGE Accumulation</b>	<b>OUTFLOW Average</b>	<b>River Release</b>	<b>Accumulation FNF</b>	<b>Rain Fall Total</b>
	46,766 A F	5,544 CFS	0 CFS	414,399 AF	6.36 Inches
<b>Date</b>					
3/29/2026	4,088,264	3,073	0	5,577	0.00
3/30/2026	4,089,874	4,297	0	5,007	0.00
3/31/2026	4,090,291	3,852	0	5,606	0.00
4/1/2026	4,101,252	3,705	0	9,243	0.48
4/2/2026	4,105,800	3,955	0	7,731	0.00
4/3/2026	4,111,296	3,595	0	6,270	0.00
4/4/2026	4,115,118	4,109	0	6,305	0.00
4/5/2026	4,118,522	4,205	0	3,376	0.00
4/6/2026	4,121,184	4,424	0	8,203	0.00
4/7/2026	4,122,865	3,925	0	5,194	0.00
4/8/2026	4,115,676	9,240	0	5,187	0.00
4/9/2026	4,113,863	9,631	0	5,174	0.10
4/10/2026	4,102,090	9,462	0	6,521	0.00
4/11/2026	4,099,606	9,600	0	7,777	0.80
4/12/2026	4,102,034	8,539	0	10,392	1.78
4/13/2026	4,103,736	6,498	0	8,059	0.71
4/14/2026	4,100,471	6,952	0	6,507	0.01
4/15/2026	4,106,470	5,137	0	7,219	0.00
4/16/2026	4,106,079	5,095	-	6,545	0.00
4/17/2026	4,105,939	4,954	0	5,175	0.00
4/18/2026	4,109,287	5,395	0	6,042	0.00
4/19/2026	4,111,798	4,818	0	6,148	0.00
4/20/2026	4,114,309	5,323	0	6,303	0.00
4/21/2026	4,118,494	5,016	0	8,635	1.21
4/22/2026	4,123,230	4,063	0	7,340	0.80
4/23/2026	4,126,705	5,392	0	6,752	0.00
4/24/2026	4,126,201	6,308	0	6,755	0.00
4/25/2026	4,123,594	6,246	0	6,519	0.00
4/26/2026	4,128,892	4,717	0	8,240	0.00
4/27/2026	4,135,871	4,816	0	7,664	0.47
4/28/2026	4,135,030	5,526	0	7,457	0.00

**WATER YEAR ACCUMULATION TO DATE:**

Full Natural Flow to Shasta Lake in TAF: ( Oct. 1 2025 to date)	3,805.4	94%
Accumulated Precipitation For Water Year To Date (Inches)	65.53	117%

**Average Daily Inflow into Shasta Lake by Month in cfs**

<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>
3,493	5,850	13,482	15,981	10,225	7,814
91%	109%	155%	140%	72%	58%

<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>
6,883	0	0	0	0	0
60%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Operator: USBR  
Elevation 1.076

Reservoir Flows are daily Averages  
Provisional Data and subject to change



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Historical Archive and Reports Database  
**Millerton Lake Daily Operations Report**

Run Date 04/29/2026

**4/28/2026**

Readings are for the following date as of 24:00 midnight (except as noted)

**Millerton Lake**

565.44 ft. Res Elev.	Storage	460,989 AF	Change	2,015 AF	Inflow	2,821 CFS
	Capacity	520,500 AF	% Capacity	88.6 %	Monthly Accum. Inflow	147,277 AF
	0 cfs, Average Spillway Discharge for 24 hours.				WY Accum. Inflow	844,541 AF
	855 cfs, Average San Joaquin River Outlets Discharge for 24 hours.				Monthly Accum. SJR	47,749 AF
	0 cfs, Average Madera Canal Discharge for 24 hours.				Monthly Accum. MC	0 AF
	913 cfs, Average Friant- Kern Canal Discharge for 24 hours.				Monthly Accum. FKC	56,407 AF
	1,768 cfs, Total Average Release from Friant Dam for 24 hours.					
	0.25 inches, Evaporation at Friant Dam for 24 hours ending at 06:00 the current day (report date + 1).					
	37 cfs, Evaporation at Friant Dam for 24 hours ending at 06:00 the current day (report date + 1).					

**Precipitation and Temperatures**

**Precipitation Totals**

	Month	WY
0.00 inches, Precipitation at Friant Dam for 24 hours ending 06:00 the current day (report date + 1).	1.48	13.50
0.00 inches, Precipitation at Crane Valley.	4.34	27.35
0.23 inches, Precipitation at Huntington Lake.	3.66	30.62
78 Maximum	43 Minimum	Temperatures at Friant Dam
52 Maximum	39 Minimum	Temperatures at Crane Valley
46 Maximum	29 Minimum	Temperatures at Huntington Lake

**Upstream Lake Storages**

	Capacity	% Capacity
57,999 AF, Thomas A. Edison Lake	125,000 AF	46 %
44,195 AF, Florence Lake	64,000 AF	69 %
85,340 AF, Huntington Lake	89,000 AF	96 %
103,530 AF, Shaver Lake	136,000 AF	76 %
120,778 AF, Mammoth Pool	120,000 AF	101 %
22,861 AF, Redinger Lake	26,000 AF	88 %
36,347 AF, Crane Valley Reservoir	46,100 AF	79 %
2,274 AF, Kerckhoff Reservoir	4,188 AF	54 %
291,064 AF, Total for Edison, Florence, Huntington and Shaver	414,000 AF	70 %
434,703 AF, Total for Southern California Edison Company	560,000 AF	78 %
473,324 AF, Total Upstream Storage	610,288 AF	78 %
934,313 AF, Total Storage	1,130,788 AF	83 %

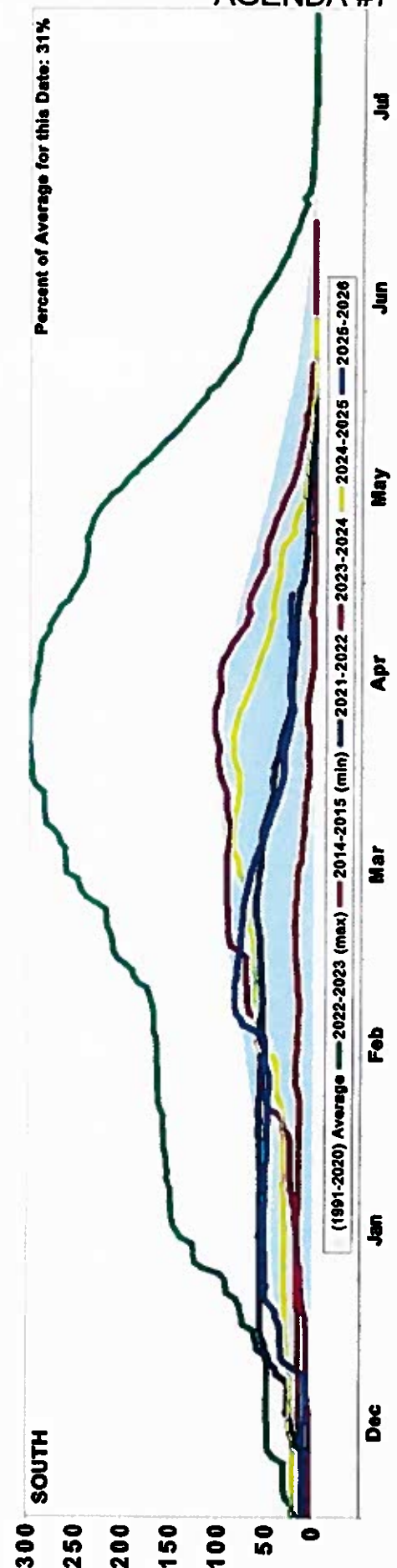
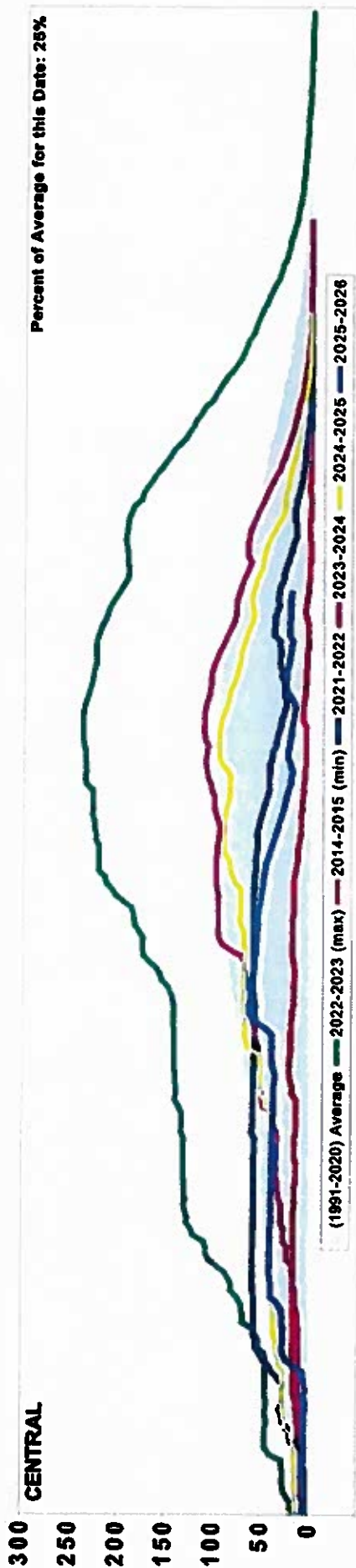
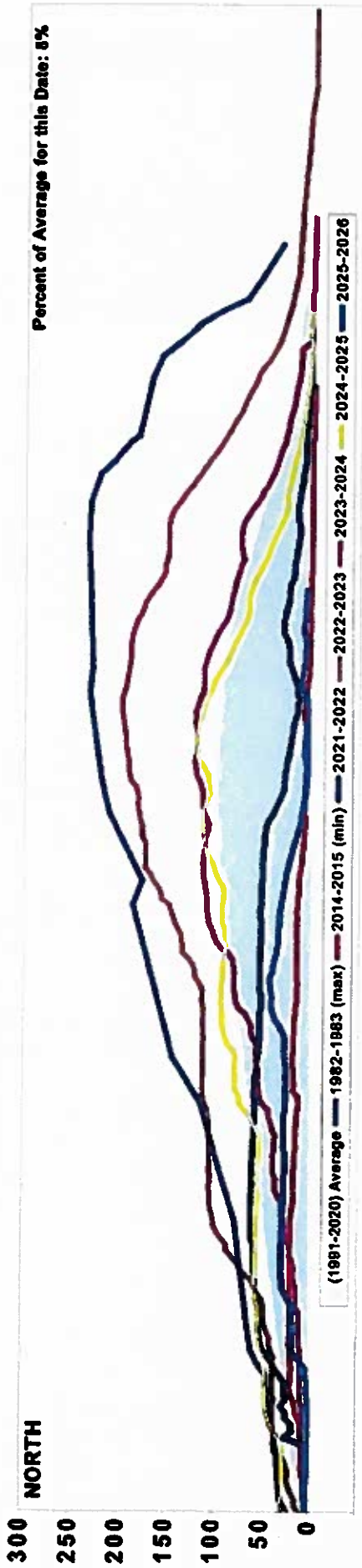
**Natural River**

2,816 CFS, Natural River	Monthly Accum. Natural River	202,224 AF
	WY Accum. Natural River	971,092 AF

**Gravelly Ford and Bifurcation**

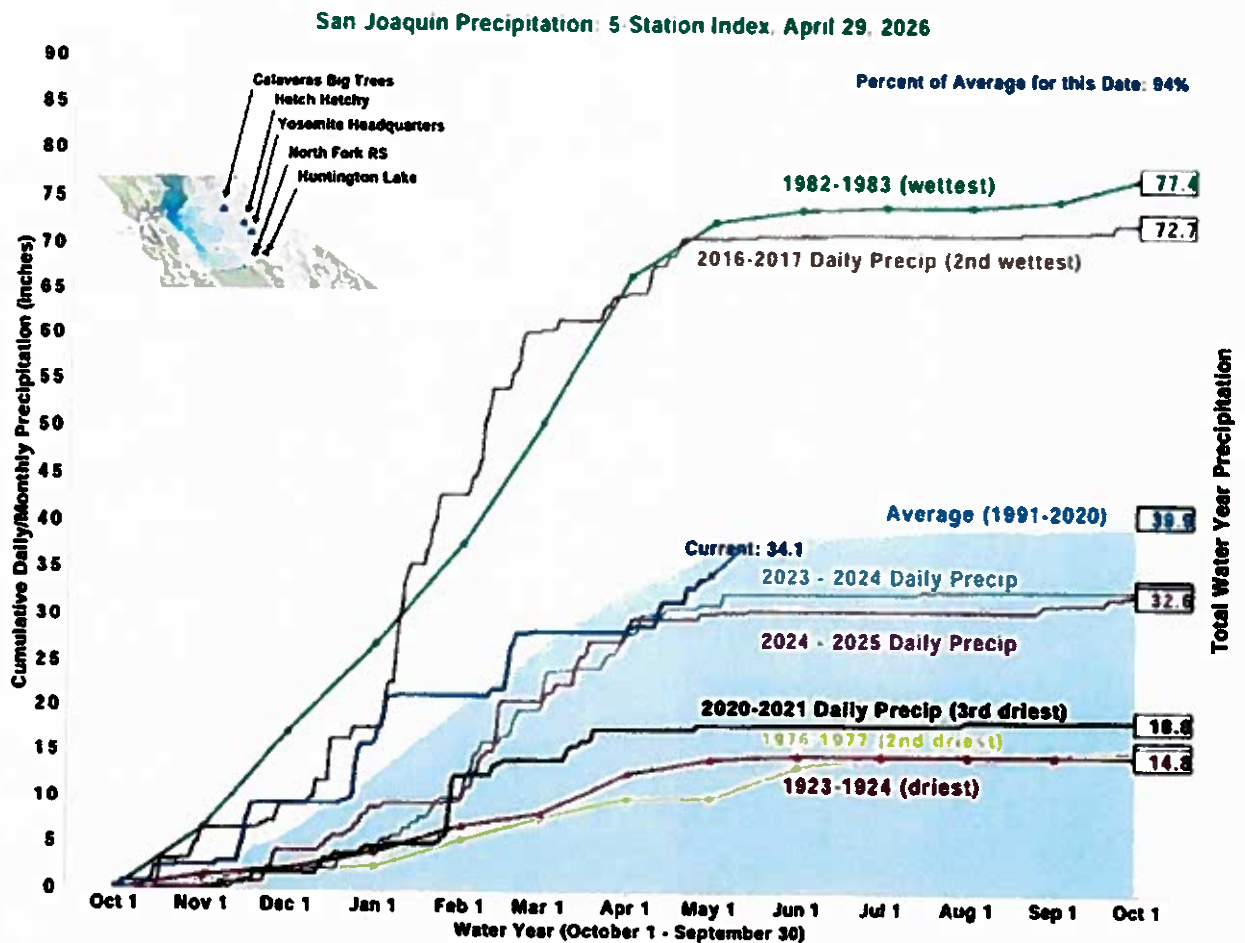
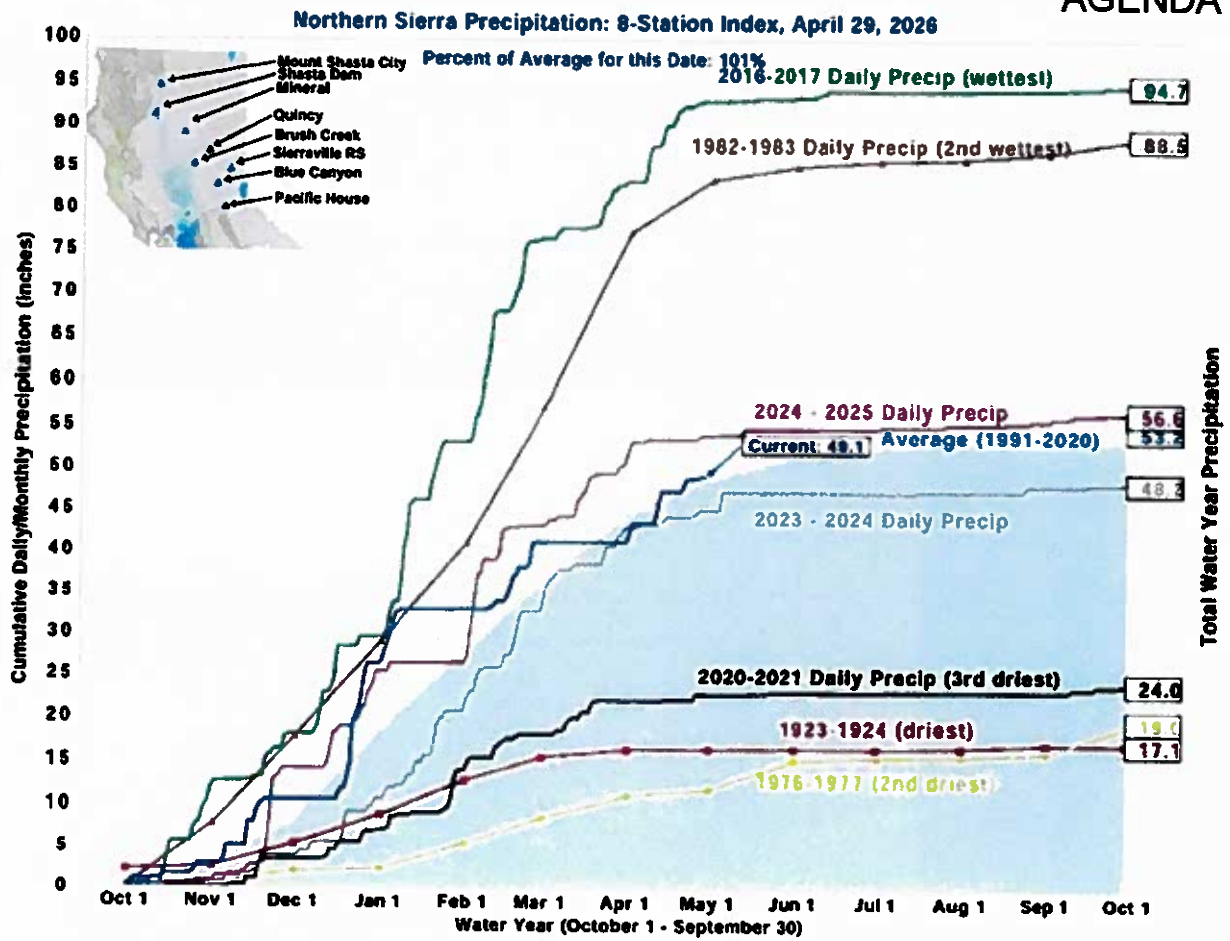
640 CFS, Flow at Gravelly Ford for current day (report date +1) @ 06:00	Monthly Accum. Gravelly Ford	34,098 AF
561 CFS, Flow at Bifurcation for current day (report date +1) @ 06:00	Monthly Accum. Bifurcation	28,949 AF

# California Snow Water Content, April 29, 2026, Percent of April 1 Average



Statewide Percent of April 1: 17.0%

Statewide Percent of Average for Date: 22.0%

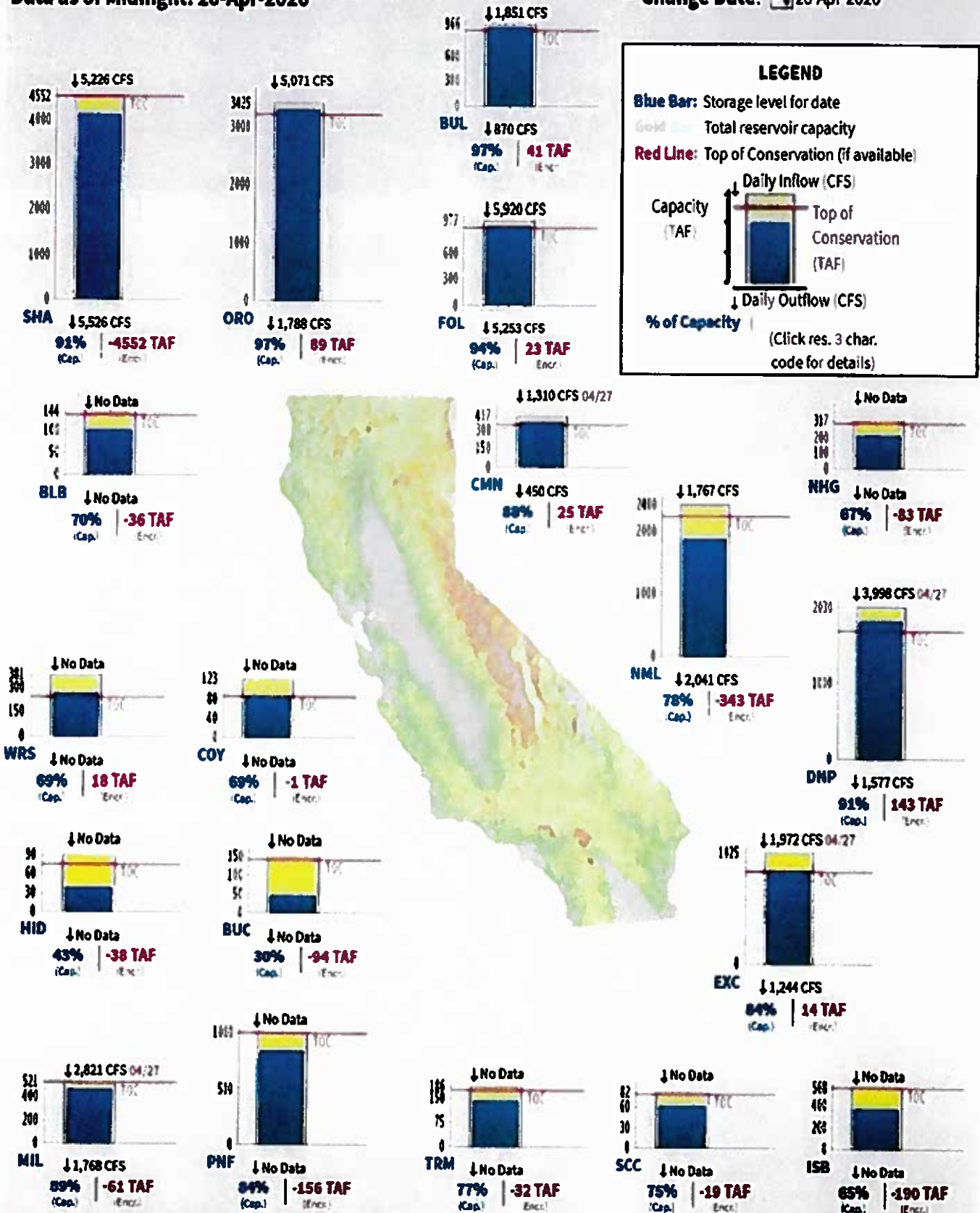


TOP OF CONSERVATION CONDITIONS:

CENTRAL VALLEY AND RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL RESERVOIRS: 28-APR-2026

Data as of Midnight: 28-Apr-2026

Change Date: 28-Apr-2026



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**Daily CVP Water Supply**

Run Date: 04/29/2026

April 28, 2026

**Reservoir Releases in Cubic Feet/Second**

Reservoir	Dam	WY 2025	WY 2026	15 Yr Median
Trinity	Lewiston	2,954	1,604	1,980
Sacramento	Keswick	6,145	5,923	6,145
Feather	Oroville(SWP)	2,300	2,400	1,800
American	Nimbus	4,668	5,011	3,303
Stanislaus	Goodwin	609	1,457	1,504
San Joaquin	Friant	455	855	542

**Storage in Major Reservoirs in Thousands of Acre-Feet**

Reservoir	Capacity	15 Yr Avg	WY 2025	WY 2026	% of 15 Yr Avg
Trinity	2,448	1,754	2,200	2,240	128
Shasta	4,552	3,687	4,405	4,135	112
Folsom	977	751	904	916	122
New Melones	2,420	1,544	1,994	1,870	121
Fed. San Luis	966	685	821	779	114
Total North CVP	11,363	8,422	10,324	9,940	118
Millerton	521	325	428	461	142
Oroville (SWP)	3,425	2,730	3,258	3,306	121

**Accumulated Inflow for Water Year to Date in Thousands of Acre-Feet**

Reservoir	Current WY 2026	WY 1977	WY 1983	15 Yr Avg	% of 15 Yr Avg
Trinity	954	112	1,475	776	123
Shasta	3,802	1,584	8,070	3,617	105
Folsom	1,823	226	4,118	1,736	105
New Melones	530	---	1,297	568	93
Millerton	845	118	1,915	684	123

**Accumulated Precipitation for Water Year To Date in Inches**

Reservoir	Current WY 2026	WY 1977	WY 1983	Average (N Years)	% of Average	Last 24 Hours
Trinity at Fish Hatchery	29.64	9.42	53.25	28.05 (66)	106	0.01
Sacramento at Shasta Dam	65.53	11.92	108.54	55.20 (71)	119	0.00
American at Blue Canyon	59.36	15.64	99.18	59.52 (52)	100	0.00
Stanislaus at New Melones	27.64	---	43.95	25.23 (49)	110	0.00
San Joaquin at Huntington Lk	30.62	11.50	78.00	36.83 (53)	83	0.23

## MEMO

**TO:** Chris White, SJRECWA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Chedester - *SC*  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026

### San Joaquin River Restoration Program Update:

#### **1. Jacobs - The Mendota Pool Fish Screen and Control Structure:**

- a. 60% Design- completed December 2022
- b. 90% Design
  - i. Jacobs completed the re-design of TSC's secondary fish screens, flume, pipe, and discharge to the Compact Bypass in January 2026. **Waiting for Reclamations' final comments.**

#### **2. Reclamation- Compact Bypass Facility, Fish Ladder and Fish Recapture Facility (FRF):**

- a. Jacobs conducted CFD modeling to improve flow balance and measurements in the Mendota Pool Control Structure due to the revised flume design. It was determined that moving the control gates downstream of the Vee screens (approximately 170 feet) resolved the issue.
- b. **Reclamation (TSC) plans to complete 90% design in 2026. The SJRRP changed the downstream end of the fish ladder to meet NMFS criteria and added a fish screen to the Auxiliary Water System (AWS) at the headworks.**
- c. Joint TSC- Jacobs' review in Denver was canceled in December 2025. The meeting has not been rescheduled.
- d. Jacobs 100% design support for the O&M Building was completed in February 2026.
- e. Reclamation reported they are now designing a 50 ft flat plate screen on the upstream side of the Compact Bypass structure, in front of the Alternative Water Supply (AWS) inlet, due to NMFS requirements for juvenile salmon.

#### **3. Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA):**

- a. Extension until December 31, 2023, was executed in November.
- b. In May 2024, CCID submitted a request to extend the FAA until December 31, 2025. CCID received the extension of the agreement until June 1, 2026. The requested documents to increase funding to complete the 100% design in FY 2025 have been submitted, and approval was received in June 2025.
- c. **Current agreement expires in June 2026.**

#### **4. Consultation with NMFS on the BiOP for all of Reach 2B is delayed until the summer of 2026. Finishing the designs will be delayed until the NMFS consultation is completed.**

#### **5. NMFS Tour of Sack Dam and the Reach 2B projects on February 27<sup>th</sup>.**

##### **a. Schedule (Jacobs revised):**

- i. FAA- June 2019
- ii. 5% design – August 2019

- iii. Original 30% design – December 2019
- iv. 30% redesign – Revised 30% December 2020 (Mendota Pool Fish Screen and Control Structure only). Modeling to be completed and delivered by June 2021 on the Fish Recapture Facility and Reverse Flow Facility.
- v. Jacobs 60% design- November 2022 (final)
- vi. Jacobs 90% design –February 2025
- vii. Jacobs completed their design in February 2026**
- viii. 30% consolidated design – June 27, 2022  
The rest of the schedule is unknown until the Geotech reports are completed and Reclamation updates its schedule. The schedule listed below will slip by at least 6-8 months.

Design Schedule (BOR & Jacobs)

- ix. Revised 60% consolidated design (TSC/Jacobs) –Feb 2025
- x. **90% consolidated design (TSC/Jacobs) – 2026**
- xi. **100% consolidated design (TSC/Jacobs) –2026**
- xii. **Construction Solicitation-Phase 1a – 2027**
- xiii. Bid Phase- Award Contract, start construction –2029 (Reclamation).  
Construction- 2 years – Spring 2030

**2. Reach 3 – Sack Dam, Fish Passage, and Arroyo Canal Fish Screen**

- a. Fish Screen and Combined Nature Like Fishway with Fish Passage
  - i. Agreement on the operations plan with SLCC and BOR was reached in late December 2025; final approval by the agencies is expected in January.
- b. Reclamation Schedule
  - i. Construction began in late October 2025. Clearing and grubbing on the right bank is done, and the initial sheet pile installation on the right bank of the river is also completed.
  - ii. Dewatering pumps(s) are installed, and 18” pipe piles are on site.
  - iii. Clearing and grubbing on the left bank is complete.
  - iv. **18” pipe piles are installed on the Eastside of the project.**
  - v. **Start pouring concrete in May for the bypass structure.**

**3. South Canal and Columbia Canal Siphon (Phase 1b):**

- a. Reclamation is considering soliciting a Design-Bid contract for the South Canal and CCC Siphon this summer/fall, with a proposed award in 2028.

**4. Reach 2B Levees**

- a. South Levee (includes CCC siphon) and North Levee – has been delayed.

**Bay Delta:**

- 1. Implementation of 2024 Record of Decision on Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project**

On December 4, 2025, Reclamation executed a Record of Decision on the Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, as a first step towards implementing EO 14181, updating operations associated with the Record of Decision executed by Reclamation and the Biological Opinions issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries in December 2024. This new operation is described as “Action 5”.

Specifically, the Action 5 ROD updates the operations of the Projects by: (1) **Removing the Delta Smelt Summer and Fall Habitat Action (Fall X2)**, in response to findings by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that the action is not anticipated to have observable effects on delta smelt survival, (2) **Removing the early implementation measure of the Delta export reduction of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (“HRL”) program**, in response to uncertainties associated with the timing of potential adoption and implementation of the HRL Program by California’s State Water Resources Control Board, (3) **Updating the Delta operating criteria** to expand the opportunities for Old and Middle River (“OMR”) management at no more negative than -5,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), and a stormflex action of - 6,500 cfs, including the use of predictive tools for real-time assessment of environmental conditions

**We continue to have high-level coordination with SLDMWA on these processes**

#### **Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan**

The State Water Resources Control Board released a draft Staff Report in support of possible updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) that are focused on the Sacramento River watershed, Delta, and Delta eastside tributaries (Sacramento/Delta).

The draft Staff Report includes scientific information and environmental and economic evaluations to support possible Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan. The report assesses a range of alternatives for updating the Sacramento/Delta portions of the Bay-Delta Plan, including:

- a) An alternative based on a 2018 Framework document identifying a 55% of unimpaired flow level (within an adaptive range from 45-65%) from Sacramento/Delta tributaries and associated Delta outflows.
- b) A proposed Voluntary Agreements alternative that includes voluntary water contributions and physical habitat restoration on major tributaries to the Delta and in the Delta. In addition, the draft Staff Report identifies the proposed addition of tribal and subsistence fishing beneficial uses to the Bay-Delta Plan. The Staff Report draft is available for review on the SWRCB’s website. The State Water Resources Control Board will conduct a public hearing to receive oral comments on the draft staff report. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination.

**We continue to have high-level coordination with SLDMWA on these processes.**

#### **1. SWRCB Phase 2**

Implementation of 2024 Record of Decision on Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project On December 4, 2025, Reclamation executed a Record of Decision<sup>2</sup> on the Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, as a first step towards implementing EO 14181, updating operations associated with the Record of Decision executed by

Reclamation and the Biological Opinions issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries in December 2024. This new operation is described as “Action 5”. Specifically, the Action 5 ROD updates the operations of the Projects by: (1) Removing the Delta Smelt Summer and Fall Habitat Action (Fall X2), in response to findings by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that the action is not anticipated to have observable effects on delta smelt survival.

The State Water Resources Control Board released a draft Staff Report in support of possible updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) that are focused on the Sacramento River watershed, Delta, and Delta eastside tributaries (Sacramento/Delta).

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- c) An alternative based on a 2018 Framework document identifying a 55% of unimpaired flow level (within an adaptive range from 45-65%) from Sacramento/Delta tributaries and associated Delta outflows.
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- e) **Lower San Joaquin River Flow/South Delta Salinity Implementation Next Steps, Assuming Regulatory Path (Phase 1)**
  - i) Winter 2024/Spring 2025 for Final draft Staff Report for Tuolumne River VA.
  - ii) On November 5, 2025, the SWRCB held a public workshop on the Draft Scientific Basis Report for the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement.
  - iii) **Final draft Staff report for the Tuolumne River VA.**
  - iv) **Final draft EIR and regulation implementing Lower SJR flows and South Delta Salinity.**
  - v) **Board consideration of regulations implementing Lower SJR flows and South Delta Salinity.**
- f) **Sac/Delta Update (Phase 2): Key Milestones**
  - i) Summer 2024: Development of Draft Program of Implementation
  - ii) Spring 2025: Response to comments and development of proposed final changes to the Bay-Delta Plan.
  - iii) **Winter 2026: Board consideration of revisions to the 2024 Draft Plan.**
- g) **Voluntary Agreements**

In March 2022, members of the Newsom Administration joined federal and local water leaders and federal and state agencies to announce the signing of a memorandum of understanding that advances integrated efforts to improve ecosystem and fisheries health in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta.

The July 2025 revised draft Bay-Delta Plan (2025 revised draft) incorporates proposed changes to the October 2024 draft (2024 draft) based on public input and comments received throughout the

planning process, including feedback on several options for plan changes identified in the 2024 draft. Specifically, the 2024 draft identified the possible inclusion of flow, cold water habitat, and related provisions that were based on the proposed Plan amendments and alternatives identified in the 2023 draft Staff Report in support of updates to the

Bay-Delta Plan, as well as options for these provisions. The 2024 draft also identified the possible inclusion of Voluntary Agreements (VAs) to provide flows and non-flow habitat, as proposed by state and federal agencies and water users, referred to as the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes proposal, as well as options associated with the inclusion of VAs. The regulatory provisions would apply to all water right holders if the Board did not move forward with VAs, or, if the Board moved forward with VAs, to water rights not participating in approved VAs. The 2025 revised draft proposes moving forward with the inclusion of VAs in the Bay-Delta Plan: water rights in approved VAs (VA pathway) and regulatory provisions for water rights not included in approved VAs (regulatory pathway). The 2025 revised draft also includes proposals for addressing other options identified in the 2024 draft. The 2025 revised draft also proposes designating Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL) as a beneficial use under the current plan.

### **Bay-Delta Plan update.**

The State Water Board is conducting a limited recirculation of the draft Staff Report/Substitute Environmental Document (Staff Report) in support of the Sacramento/Delta update to the Bay-Delta Plan by releasing a new chapter (Chapter 13) for public review and comment. Chapter 13, Revised Proposed Plan Amendments, provides an updated project description with supporting environmental and economic analyses.

The State Water Board will receive public comments on the revised draft updates and Chapter 13 of the draft Staff Report, both in writing and orally, at the January 28-30 hearing and in writing until February 2, 2026. We signed a joint comment letter with the SLMWA and WWD.

We continue to closely coordinate with SLDMWA and others on implementation activities.

## **SUMMARY OF REVISED DRAFT UPDATES**

- 1) **Tribal Beneficial Uses**
- 2) **Water Quality Objectives for Municipal, Industrial, and Agricultural Uses**
- 3) **Water Quality Objectives for Fish and Wildlife Uses**

## **2. Delta Conveyance**

**Delta Conveyance Project Petition for Change of Point of Diversion and Rediversion for the Delta Conveyance Project.**

On February 22, 2024, the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) received a Petition for Change from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to add two new points of diversion (POD) and rediversion (PORD) to the water right permits associated with the State Water Project. The proposed new PODs/PORDs would consist of screened intakes 2.3 miles apart, located on the lower Sacramento River between Freeport and Sutter Slough, which would allow DWR to divert

water from the northern Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Delta) and convey the water through a tunnel to existing water distribution facilities in the southern Delta.

### Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley:

#### 1. Activities

1. **Modified the by-laws to expand the number of members to 33.**
2. Blueprint has signed on to the Southern California Water Coalition and others to develop funding opportunities. This displays the growing importance of the Blueprint's goal of uniting the Valley.
3. The Board engaged West Coast Advisors for outreach and advocacy to the public and state and federal officials, specifically related to the efficacy of proposed regulations, water supply reductions, and environmental and socio-economic impacts in the SJV. The objective is to protect the operational flexibility restored by the 2019 biological opinions and the 2020 record of decision for coordinated operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, which increased the average south-of-Delta delivery capability by approximately 300,000 acre-feet, and to expand operational flexibility for the CVP and SWP. The plan is organized into four principal topics: (1) objectives; (2) obstacles to achieving objectives; (3) means of overcoming obstacles; and (4) time frame.

- ii. The California Water Institute, Research and Education Division, and the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley Education Fund (Blueprint) are working together to develop a Unified Water Plan for the San Joaquin Valley.
  1. The intent of the Report is not to review or evaluate individual projects or efforts, but rather to coordinate and integrate among San Joaquin Valley subregions in the development of a unified plan for the San Joaquin Valley, one that enables and is consistent with local projects/efforts.
  2. **Update: (currently chapters 1-6 are drafted and circulating for comments)**
    - Chapter 1. Introduction
    - Chapter 2. Water Supply Problems, Needs, and Opportunities.
    - Chapter 3. Overview of flood risks and management in the San Joaquin Valley and opportunities for improving flood management.
    - Chapter 4. Illustration of an environmental vision for the San Joaquin Valley and estimates of the water supplies needed to implement that vision.
    - Chapter 5. Evaluation of a range of potential projects and actions. (currently being redrafted)
    - **Chapter 6. Recommendations for a path forward and a roadmap for implementation. Including policy recommendations.**
    - **Circulated a draft for April review. Main Categories: Restore Authorized Facility Capability, Improve Management of In-Valley Supplies, Increase Access to Delta Water Supplies (Summary attached).**
    - **Anticipate finalizing in May.**

#### 2. Meetings:

- a. The Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- b. The Collective Group Update meetings are TBD. For details on future Large Group meetings, please sign up for our Newsletter.
- c. The Technical Work Group meets on the 1st Friday of every month from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- d. The Communications Work Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- e. The Education Work Group meets on the 2nd Monday of every month from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Draft Unified Water Plan Chapter 6 Summary- April 2026

### Summary

Chapter 6 (Advancing Potential Solutions) summarizes the Unified Water Plan to inform decisions on near-term priorities, funding advocacy, and strategic partnerships. Restoring existing conveyance capacity and advancing local nonstructural projects are foundational and time-sensitive; larger regional projects can further reduce the Valley's supply-demand gap but will require substantial additional funding, coordination, and land-use planning.

### Key findings

- **Foundational priority:** Projects that restore authorized design capacity to existing facilities should be prioritized for implementation.
- **Near-term yield from local + non-structural actions:** Implementation of local projects in combination with non-structural actions could reduce the supply-demand gap by approximately 800 TAF/YR to 1,400 TAF/YR.
- **Scale and cost:** Combined investments (restore capacity + local actions + large regional projects) are estimated at **\$10–\$19.4 billion**, depending on scenario; even at high investment levels, significant unmet demand and agricultural land repurposing (**180k–410k acres**) remain.
- **Economic risk:** Failure to act risks major economic losses (reduced farm revenue, jobs) and disproportionate impacts on low-income communities; funding burdens exceed typical agricultural budgets, requiring state/federal support and cross-sector partnerships.

### Report Recommendations

1. **Advocate for immediate funding for capacity restoration.** Prioritize advocacy for the ~\$7.2B+ needed to restore CVP/SWP canals and south-Delta channel capacity; emphasize that these projects are foundational to realizing other investments.
2. **Accelerate near-term non-structural and local projects.** Support shovel-ready local recharge, FIRO/I-FIRM re-operation, and Delta operational changes that can deliver hundreds of thousands of AF within shorter timelines and lower capital cost.
3. **Pursuing strategic partnerships.** Pursue cost-sharing agreements with ag and urban water agencies and state/federal programs for groundwater banking, conveyance, and shared recharge.
4. **Develop a land-repurposing strategy.** Development of a regional plan for strategic farmland conversion that protects communities and captures ecosystem/energy benefits where repurposing is unavoidable.
5. **Support coordinated funding.** Back creation of a San Joaquin Valley Water Supply Security program (or similar) and legislative requests for dedicated state/federal funding and streamlined permitting.

### Risks, constraints, and tradeoffs

- **Funding gap and affordability:** Capital needs likely exceed agricultural users' capacity; reliance on state/federal programs is essential.

- **Supply limits vs. project pipeline:** The inventory of local projects exceeds theoretical capability, but actual yields are constrained by available water, permitting, and operational limits—so not all projects will realize reported yields.
- **Timing and interdependencies:** Many local and regional projects depend on restored conveyance capacity; sequencing matters—investing in projects that cannot be delivered due to conveyance limits risks wasted funds.

# MEMO

**TO:** Chris White, SJRECWA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Chedester - *SC*  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026

## Water Resources Plan Update:

### 1. **Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery:**

- a. **Continue working with State Water Contractors and SWRCB staff to seek a resolution for the last protest on the permanent water right.**
- b. **Recovery well locations, permits, and construction are proceeding.**
- c. **Ribbon-Cutting ceremony on April 14, 2026, was a success.**
- d. **Grants**
  - i. Storm Water Grant -\$5,600,000
  - ii. IRWM Grant- \$800,000
  - iii. Federal Grant (BOR) \$2,100,000 Small Storage Grant Program round 2 award.
  - iv. SGMA Grant - \$900,000.  
Total Grants received-\$9,400,000

### 2. **Los Banos Creek Reservoir Regulation:**

- a. **Design/Construction:**
  - i. The bid package was sent out in August 2025, and 8 bids were received. Bids were opened on September 9 2025, and the low bidder was Laural Ag & Water.
  - ii. Contractor moved equipment on site in the last week of October 2025 and broke ground on November 10<sup>th</sup>.
    1. **The 450 cfs box culvert is constructed. Backfill and creek grading were completed on April 3rd.**
      - a. **Releases from the dam began on April 6<sup>th</sup> and ceased on April 19<sup>th</sup>.**
    2. The 54" and 30" HDP conveyance pipes have been installed.
    3. **Connection to the SLWD pipeline is not complete.**
    4. **The rehabilitation of SLWD's lift stations 8 & 9, including the pumps, motors, and valves, is progressing. Some of the valves could not be repaired and had to be replaced.**
    5. **Construction of extending the boat ramp is scheduled to start at the end of April.**
    6. **Completion of the discharge vault and riprap is scheduled for completion in May.**
    7. **Ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 7<sup>th</sup> was a success.**
    8. **Continue to conduct outreach with SLDMWA, MWD, WWD, and others to determine if there is a viable filtration solution for the removal of the golden mussel veligers.**
      - a. **One of our experimental filter stations is operational.(CCID shop)**
  - iii. **Blue Water was selected to build the new boat dock and has been ordered.**
- b. **Permits/Licenses:**

- i. Initial 401 request submitted in April, received final 401 certification on November 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. **Continue to work through questions that the SWRCB had on BOR/Project Partner water diversion conditions. Reclamation and the SWRCB are reviewing the final permit conditions.**
  - iii. The Operation and Management agreement was fully executed in October.
- c. Project Grant Funding:
- i. We were able to draw on FAA funds in late November to reimburse costs from August 2021 to the present. Received authorization to draw on additional funds from the grant. The grant funds are fully expended.
  - ii. Submitted semi-annual report by the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.
  - iii. The total amount of grants received was \$1,850,000.

**3. Los Banos Creek Recharge and Recovery Project:**

- a. In March 2024, we received a \$5.0 million community funding grant through Congressman Duarte's office.
- b. In July, we were able to coordinate with Reclamation and get clarification on the necessary information to access the grant.
- c. **We discussed with Reclamation at the Water Users Conference the two awards (\$2.5M each): one for the CCID project and one for the SLWD project.**
  - i. **The project partners have compiled the required information to initiate the separate grant approval process.**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chris White, Executive Director, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority  
Anthea Hansen, General Manager, Del Puerto Water District

**FROM:** Xavier Irias

**DATE:** April 24, 2026

**RE:** Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Progress Update for May 2026 Board Meeting

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Mr. White and Ms. Hansen:

Below is a summary of our progress on the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir project.

**Project Goals:**

- 1) Design, permit, and construct an 82,000 AF south-of-delta reservoir to provide locally-owned and controlled water storage for agricultural and west-side communities water supply.
- 2) Seek to obtain up to 25% federal cost share through the Water Infrastructure Improvements in the Nation (WIIN) Act. A proportional share of the project benefits are the federal benefits.

**Dam Design/Engineering**

With the technical materials ready for submission to the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD), the paperwork to formally apply for DSOD review is ready for submission in the near future.

**Utility Relocation**

The Program team continues to work with the dam and road designers, and PG&E, to coordinate the design of access roads and tower pads by TYLin with the tower design by PG&E's design team. The TYLin team continues to review comments provided by PG&E team on December 23 on the 35% drawings for the access roads and pads associated with the PG&E tower relocation.

The Crimson design team is refining the preliminary pipeline drawings provided to the program team in July.



### New Road Alignment

The TYLin team continues to review comments provided by Stanislaus County on the 35% design package the team submitted on September 18. The team is working with the County to set a meeting time to review all of the comments.

Reclamation continued work to obtain required environmental clearances for geotechnical field investigations scheduled to begin in June 2026. Property access needs were established so that coordination with landowners can be completed.

### Environmental

The agency comment period for the Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (PRDEIR) concluded on April 3, with comments received from CDFW and the Conservation Office. The team is developing responses to those 2 comments as well as to the 361 public comments received earlier.

The Program team continued to develop responses to the 1,130 comments received on the project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Accounting for a time extension that was granted recently, the deadline by which a Notice of Availability must be posted is now February 26, 2027.

### Project Financing

The team is coordinating with Reclamation on the latest progress reporting and is working to gain the release of additional WIIN Act funds under the budget authorized by Reclamation.

### Programmatic

- 1) Weekly client meetings
- 2) Weekly Reclamation meetings
- 3) Weekly internal team meetings
- 4) Bi-weekly internal meetings with the TGP dam design team, TYLin road design team, and clients

## WELL TRANSFER APPLICANTS 2026

LANDOWNER	TRANSFEROR ENTITY	VERIFIED OWNERSHIP	TRANSFeree ENTITY	VERIFIED OWNERSHIP	AF (Up to) PUMPED Non-C/Y	Confirmation of Farming Entity in Receiving Dist.
Robert Teixeira, Jr.	CCID	Deed	San Luis WD	Deed	424	X
Britz, Inc.	CCID	Deed	Westlands WD	Deed	2,500	X
Vaquero Farms	CCID	Deed	Westlands WD	Deed	960	X
Tom Teixeira	CCID	Deed	San Luis WD	Deed	698	X
Fortune Farms	CCID	Deed	Westlands WD	Deed	1,194	X
Nick Tatarakis	CCID	Deed	Westlands WD	Deed	117	X
Bowles Farming Co.	SLCC	Deed	San Luis WD	Deed	846	X
Gilardi Farms	SLCC	Deed	San Luis WD	Deed	699	X

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**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS  
WATER AUTHORITY WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026**

The Water Transfer Committee met on Monday, March 30, 2026 in the Board Room of the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (Exchange Contractors)*, 541 “H” Street, City of Los Banos, County of Merced, State of California.

**WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Kimberly Brown, Chair (via teleconference); Kirk Jensen; Jarrett Martin; John Wiersma; and Mike Gardner

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Cannon Michael (via teleconference); Chris White, Executive Director; Steve Chedester, Director of Policy & Programs; Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist; and Joann White, Director of Finance & Administration

Chair Brown opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and asked Chris White to lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

There were no changes to the Agenda.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2026  
WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE MEETING**

Upon presentation of the March 3, 2026 minutes, a motion was made by Mike Gardner and seconded by Jarrett Martin to approve the minutes as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

**PROPOSED 2026 WATER TRANSFERS**

The Executive Director referred to the landfallowing to self transfer proposals on behalf of CCID confirming the data calculations and required confirmations had been received and reviewed. He then outlined the FCWD landfallowing transfer proposal from FCWD to Pacheco and Panoche Water Districts, noting the calculations had been reviewed. The final transfer proposal was the

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Groundwater Exchange transfer from CCID to San Luis and Westlands Water Districts of up to 3,884 AF, again acknowledging that all required documentation had been received.

Manager Wiersma asked for clarification that a landfalling transfer from a member entity and not an individual landowner qualifies under the environmental coverage. Staff said they would research the matter to confirm the requirements.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Jarrett Martin and seconded by Kirk Jensen to recommend approval of the following transfer proposals as submitted noting that approval of the FCWD landfalling transfer proposal’s approval is contingent upon determining the transfer is within the environmental coverage requirements.

1. CCID – Landowner to self in Panoche, San Luis, and Westlands Water Districts of up to 3,084 AF on behalf of landowner, Redfern Ranches;
2. CCID – Landowner to self in Westlands Water District of up to 602 AF on behalf of landowner, JEM Ranches;
3. CCID – Groundwater Exchange Transfer from CCID to San Luis & Westlands Water Districts of up to 3,884 AF; and
4. FCWD 2026-06 – Landfalling transfer from FCWD to Pacheco and Panoche Water Districts of up to 536 AF.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

With no further business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

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KIMBERLY BROWN, CHAIR

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KIRK JENSEN

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JARRETT MARTIN

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JOHN WIERSMA

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MIKE GARDNER

**Overview of Exchange Contractors'  
Current Drainage Related Activities**  
(5/1/26)

**Nitrate Control Program**

Regional Board staff has released revisions to waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for discharges participating in Modesto nitrate management zone. The board is initially revising WDRs for dischargers within the Modesto Management Zone. However, it is expected that WDR revisions in other management zones will be consistent with the WDR revisions adopted in the Modesto Management Zone. The Regional Board is expected to hold a hearing on the Modesto Management Zone order on June 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. Comments on the tentative order were due on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Irrigated lands coalitions worked collectively to submit comments on the tentative order. Agricultural coalitions' comments focused on supporting the 35 year exception for meeting nitrate water quality objectives as well as comments on specific elements of the order including, the nitrate reduction program, interim drinking water program, long-term drinking water program, long-term managed aquifer restoration, surveillance and monitoring program, and record-keeping / reporting requirements.

Environmental Justice organizations also submitted comments on the tentative order. The environmental justice comments advocate that the board, accelerate timelines, require management zones to fully fund long-term drinking water solutions, require long-term managed restoration, and include additional enforcement measures. The environmental justice representatives' suggestions ignore the economic impacts of their proposed solutions and if adopted would devastate the Valley's agricultural economy and not provide clean drinking water for impacted communities.

**SWRCB Expert Panel**

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, The Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel released its draft report with responses to nine the charge questions developed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff. The panel is expected to finalize the report in May and present the report to the SWRCB in June. Irrigated lands coalitions are working collectively to develop comments on the draft report.

Expert panel members understand the realities of crop production and need to implement regulations that are achievable for growers. The draft report states "The diversity of agricultural production systems in the state makes it impossible to impose a one-size-fits-all approach to the regulatory process". Therefore, the panel recommends that regulations should be addressed on a local/regional basis. Unfortunately, the panel's recommendations are broad and could be susceptible to misinterpretation. After the panel submits their report, the SWRCB is expected to use the report to determine if changes to the state's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Programs (ILRP) are needed. Any changes to ILRP programs will need to be made by formal action of either the Regional Boards or the State Water Resources Control Board.

Prepared by:  
David W. Cory

To: Chris White  
 From: Steve Chedester  
 Date: May 1, 2026  
 RE: Legislative Committee Recommendation

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## **SUPPORT POSITIONS:**

### **AB 35 (Alvarez D) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria.**

#### **Summary:**

The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, approved by the voters as Proposition 4 at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. Current law authorizes certain regulations needed to effectuate or implement programs of the act to be adopted as emergency regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, as provided. Current law requires the emergency regulations to be filed with the Office of Administrative Law and requires the emergency regulations to remain in effect until repealed or amended by the adopting state agency. This bill, notwithstanding the above, would exempt the adoption of regulations needed to effectuate or implement programs of the act from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, as provided. The bill would require a state entity that receives funding to administer a competitive grant program established using the Administrative Procedure Act exemption to do certain things, including develop draft project solicitation and evaluation guidelines and to submit those guidelines to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, except as provided. The bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to post an electronic form of the guidelines submitted by a state entity and the subsequent verifications on the Natural Resources Agency's internet website.

### **AB 1754 (Pacheco D) State general obligation bonds: requirements.**

#### **Summary:**

The State General Obligation Bond Law generally sets forth the procedures for the issuance and sale of bonds governed by its provisions and for the disbursement of the proceeds of the sale of those bonds. Current law specifies various provisions required for inclusion in a bond act. Current law requires any state bond measure approved on or after January 1, 2004, to be subject to an annual reporting process, with the head of the lead state agency administering the bond proceeds reporting certain information about the projects being funded to the Legislature and the Department of Finance. Current law permits this information to be provided on the agency's internet website or the state's open data portal under certain circumstances. Current law authorizes the costs of the report to be included in the cost of administering the bond act unless prohibited by the bond act. For any state general obligation bond measure that is approved by voters on and after January 1, 2027, this bill would require a bond act to include specified information about the objectives of the bond expenditure and related data. The bill would also require the head of the lead state agency administering the bond to post on its internet website a notification that contains, among other information, details about the programs and projects authorized to be funded by the bond. The bill would require each state agency subject to these provisions to provide a written report to the Department of Finance, the Legislative Analyst, and

specified legislative committees that contains certain information regarding the general obligation bond, in accordance with the above-described provision permitting this information to be provided on the agency's internet website or the state's online data portal.

**ACA 11 (Macedo R) California Water Resiliency Act.**

**Summary:**

This measure, the California Water Resiliency Act, would require the Treasurer to annually transfer an amount equal to 1% of all state revenues from the General Fund to the Water Conveyance and Capacity Infrastructure Fund, which the measure would create. The measure would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund to the California Water Commission for its actual costs of implementing these provisions and for administering grants for the entitlement, repair, design, and construction of water infrastructure projects that will maintain or expand the availability of clean, safe drinking water for homes and businesses, and water for agricultural uses, consistent with area of origin water rights.

**SB 997 (Caballero D) North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency: lien authority.**

**Summary:**

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. The act authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin. The act deems certain agencies created by statute to manage groundwater the exclusive local agencies within their respective statutory boundaries with powers to comply with the act and authorizes these agencies to opt out of being the exclusive groundwater management agency. Current law establishes the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, requires the agency to be a groundwater sustainability agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for that portion of the Kings Subbasin that lies within the boundaries of the agency, and requires the agency to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan to achieve sustainable groundwater management within the territory of the agency. Current law generally specifies the powers of the agency, including the power to impose fees, including, but not limited to, permit fees and fees on groundwater extraction or other regulated activity, to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program. This bill would authorize the agency to impose civil penalties on any person who extracts groundwater in excess of the amount that person is authorized to extract under a rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution adopted by the agency. If any charges for water and other services, or civil penalties imposed by the agency pursuant to its authority, remain unpaid, the bill would authorize the amount of unpaid charges or penalties, in the discretion of the agency, to be secured at any time by filing for record in the office of the county recorder of any county a certificate specifying the amount of the charges or penalties and the name and address of the person liable for the charges.

**SB 1001 (Archuleta D) Local agency, public utility, or mutual water company: personnel access: Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable.**

**Summary:**

Existing law authorizes officers of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, police departments, marshal's office or sheriff's office, and officers or employees of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or the Department of Fish and Wildlife designated as peace officers to close to all unauthorized persons an area where a menace to the public health or safety created by a calamity exists for the duration of the menace and the immediate area surrounding any emergency field command post or any other command post activated for the purpose of abating a calamity, riot, or other civil disturbance, as specified. Under existing law, an unauthorized person who enters or remains in a closed area, as prescribed, is guilty of a misdemeanor. This bill would, beginning on July 1, 2028, require the Office of Emergency Services, upon request, to issue a local agency, public utility, or mutual water company responsible for public works and

critical infrastructure with specified credentialing to facilitate personnel access to an area during or following a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or other man-made disaster. The bill would specify that the credentialing, a Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable (PIV-I), would conform with the federal Personal Identity Verification standards pursuant to federal National Incident Management System guidelines.

### **WATCH:**

#### **AB 2026 (Aguiar-Curry D) Water diversion: groundwater recharge: permit.**

##### **Summary:**

Existing law declares that all water within the state is the property of the people of the state, but the right to the use of the water may be acquired by appropriation in the manner provided by law. Existing law requires the appropriation to be for some useful or beneficial purpose. Existing law provides, however, that the diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge does not require an appropriative water right if certain conditions are met, including that a local or regional agency that has adopted a local plan of flood control or has considered flood risks as part of its most recently adopted general plan has given notice, as provided, of imminent risk of flooding and inundation of lands, roads, or structures. Existing law defines "floodflow" for these purposes to include circumstances in which flows would inundate ordinarily dry areas in the bed of a terminal lake to a depth that floods dairies and other ongoing agricultural activities, or areas with substantial residential, commercial, or industrial development. Existing law applies those requirements to diversions commenced before January 1, 2029. Existing law prohibits an entity from substantially diverting or obstructing the natural flow of, or substantially changing or using any material from the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake, or from depositing or disposing of certain material where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake, without first notifying the Department of Fish and Wildlife of that activity, and entering into a lake or streambed alteration agreement if required by the department to protect fish and wildlife resources, except as specified. This bill would revise and recast those conditions required for the appropriative water right exemption for a diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge, would apply the requirements to a diversion commenced before January 1, 2034, and would further exempt those diversions from the requirements of CEQA and requirements relating to lake or streambed alteration agreements, subject to conducting tribal consultation, as provided.

Final

### **SUPPORT IF AMENDED:**

#### **SB 872 (McNerney D) Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund.**

##### **Summary:**

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 declares that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) is a critically important natural resource for California and the nation and it serves as both the hub of the California water system and the most valuable estuary and wetland ecosystem on the west coast of North and South America. Existing law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Water Resources. Existing law requires the department and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine the principal options for the Delta and requires the department to evaluate and comparatively rate each option for its ability to do specified things, including, among others, to maintain Delta water quality for Delta users, and to preserve, protect, and improve Delta levees. Existing law establishes in the agency the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. Existing law requires the conservancy to act as a primary state agency to implement ecosystem restoration in the Delta and to support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents. Existing law provides for the preservation of specified management areas of the Suisun Marsh, pursuant to a protection plan prepared and adopted by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as provided. This bill would establish the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund in the State Treasury and, upon appropriation, would make the moneys in the fund available to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency for expenditure consistent with the

allocations described below. The bill would authorize the secretary to seek out, and the fund to accept, state moneys from, among other sources, any bond funds, the General Fund, or the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The bill would authorize the fund to accept moneys from nonstate sources, including federal and private moneys, and would continuously appropriate those moneys without regard to fiscal year, for allocation as described below, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require the secretary to allocate moneys in the fund, through the 2046–47 fiscal year, subject to funding availability, as follows: (1) in the amount of \$150,000,000, annually, to the Department of Water Resources for the purposes of supporting capital improvements to restore the original design water conveyance capacity for state water conveyance systems, as defined, impacted operationally by land subsidence, and (2) in the amount of \$150,000,000, annually, to the conservancy for projects in the Delta or Suisun Marsh to improve existing levees, as specified.

### **REFER TO CCID AND SLCC FOR POSITION:**

#### **SB 1108 (Caballero D) Grassland Ecological Area Conservancy.**

##### **Summary:**

Would establish the Grassland Ecological Area Conservancy within the Natural Resources Agency, with jurisdiction over the Grassland Ecological Area and the Grassland Focus Area, as defined, for specified purposes, including to protect, conserve, and restore the physical, cultural, archaeological, historical, and living resources of the Grassland Ecological Area and the Grassland Focus Area and to provide increased opportunities for tourism and recreation. The bill would require the conservancy to be governed by a board composed of designated voting members, including certain members appointed by certain local agencies, and nonvoting liaison advisers. The bill would set forth the powers, duties, and limitations of the governing board and the conservancy, as provided. The bill would create the Grassland Ecological Area Conservancy Fund and would make moneys in the fund available for expenditure by the conservancy, upon appropriation by the Legislature, only for the purposes of these provisions. The bill would require all funds or income received by the conservancy, including proceeds from donations or a lease, rental, sale, exchange, or transfer of an interest or option in real property, to be deposited into the fund.

### **OPPOSED POSITION:**

#### **AB 2447 (Bauer-Kahan D) Water: Nitrogen Pollution Reduction Act.**

##### **Summary:**

Under existing law, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards are the principal state agencies with authority over matters relating to water quality. The act requires the state board to formulate and adopt state policies for water quality control and requires the regional boards to adopt regional water quality control plans in compliance with the state policies. Under the act, the state board and the regional boards prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge of waste that could affect the quality of the waters of the state. This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to require the regional boards to update the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program in order to reduce nitrogen waste discharges from commercial irrigated agricultural areas, as provided. The bill would require the regional boards to adopt revised orders with waste discharge requirements on or before January 1, 2028, that are sufficient to meet certain reductions in nitrogen waste discharges. The bill would require the state board to, on or before July 1, 2027, publish both a list of standardized crop names and categories, and a statewide methodology for calculating, and field-level reporting of, nitrogen balances for croplands, including nitrogen fertilizer applications and nitrogen discharges, that account for available soil nitrogen, to be used by the regional boards and incorporated into the revised orders.



TO: Chris White, Executive Director, Exchange Contractors  
 FROM: Dominic DiMare, Partner, Arc Strategies  
 DATE: April 28, 2026  
 Subject: April 2026 Report

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### Critical Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

The Legislature is in a pivotal phase. Bills that do not pass their house of origin fiscal or policy committees by May will likely die for the session. The following dates are critical for the tracked legislation:

Deadline	Significance
<b>May 1, 2026</b>	Last day for Assembly/Senate policy committees to hear and report to the floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house of origin.
<b>May 9, 2026</b>	Last day for policy committees to meet before June 1. Bills not passed from committee die.
<b>May 14, 2026</b>	Governor's May Revision of State Budget released — will affect fiscal analyses for bills in Appropriations.
<b>May 15, 2026</b>	Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house of origin. Bills in Appropriations suspense files (like several on our list) must clear by this date or die.
<b>May 29, 2026</b>	Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (floor deadline). Bills not passed to the second house by this date are dead for the session.
<b>August 31, 2026</b>	Constitutional deadline for any bill to pass the Legislature. All tracked second-house bills must clear by this date.
<b>September 30, 2026</b>	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills. Bills not acted upon are pocket vetoed.

### Bill Tracking Summary

Bill	Author	Subject	Current Location	Position
AB 35	Alvarez (D)	Prop 4 Bond — APA Exemption for Program Guidelines	S. Rules	Support

<b>AB 1754</b>	Pacheco (D)	State General Obligation Bonds — Reporting Requirements	A. APPR. Suspense	<b>Support</b>
<b>AB 1772</b>	Papan (D)	Fish & Wildlife — Invasive Mussels	A. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 1862</b>	Boerner (D)	Health Care Districts — Transfer of Assets	A. L. Gov.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 1972</b>	Patterson (R)	Water Right Fees — Small Pond Exemption	A. W.,P.&W.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 1987</b>	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Dept.-Managed Lands — Wildlife Area Hunting Contracts	S. Rules	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2026</b>	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Water Diversion for Groundwater Recharge — Permitting Reform	A. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2032</b>	Ransom (D)	Fish & Wildlife — Golden Mussels (Urgency)	A. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2045</b>	Connolly (D)	Habitat Restoration & Enhancement Act — Extension	A. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2125</b>	Bennett (D)	Groundwater Basin Adjudication — Notice Requirements	A. Third Reading	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2216</b>	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy — Valley Expansion	A. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2218</b>	Kalra (D)	Water Policy — California Native American Tribes	A. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2260</b>	Connolly (D)	Water Rights — Small Restoration Use Registration	A. APPR. Suspense	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2447</b>	Bauer-Kahan (D)	Nitrogen Pollution Reduction Act — Agricultural Discharge Limits	A. APPR.	<b>Oppose</b>
<b>AB 2568</b>	Johnson (R)	Water District Directors — Compensation (10 to 15 days)	A. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2619</b>	Papan (D)	Water Resources — Data Centers Reporting	A. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2630</b>	Bennett (D)	Water Diversion Reporting — Emergency Regulations Extension	A. Nat. Res.	<b>Oppose</b>
<b>AB 2728</b>	Soria (D)	Open & Transparent Water Data Act — Management Efficacy	A. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB 2739</b>	Soria (D)	Water Affordability & System Stabilization Fund	A. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>ACA 11</b>	Macedo (R)	California Water Resiliency Act — 1% GF Transfer to Infrastructure	A. Print	<b>Support</b>
<b>SB 872</b>	McNerney (D)	Delta Levees & Canal Subsidence Fund — \$300M/yr GGRF	S. APPR.	<b>Support if amended</b>
<b>SB 910</b>	Seyarto (R)	Municipal Water Districts — Indian Lands Water Service Extension	S. L. Gov.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>SB 997</b>	Caballero (D)	North Fork Kings GSA — Lien Authority & Civil Penalties	S. Jud.	<b>Support</b>
<b>SB 1001</b>	Archuleta (D)	PIV-I Credentialing — Critical Infrastructure Personnel Access	S. APPR.	<b>Support</b>
<b>SB 1068</b>	Alvarado-Gil (R)	Water Appropriations — Nonsubstantive Change	S. Rules	<b>Watch</b>
<b>SB 1085</b>	Durazo (D)	Water Supply Planning — Housing Development Projects	S. APPR.	<b>Watch</b>
<b>SB 1108</b>	Caballero (D)	Grassland Ecological Area Conservancy — Creation	S. APPR. Suspense	<b>Watch</b>

## Bills of Priority Interest — Detailed Commentary

### SUPPORT POSITIONS

#### **AB 35 (Alvarez) — Prop 4 Bond — Administrative Procedure Act Exemption [Proposed Support]**

Status: In Senate — Referred to Rules Committee (1/27/2026). Urgency statute.

- This bill would exempt guidelines and selection criteria for Proposition 4 (the \$10 billion Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024) from APA rulemaking requirements, allowing state agencies to adopt program guidelines more quickly.
- Commentary: Prop 4 passed November 2024 with strong voter support. Expediting implementation through APA relief is broadly supported by water agencies seeking prompt access to bond-funded programs. No significant opposition has surfaced publicly. This bill is an urgency statute and therefore not subject to the August 31 floor deadline.

#### **AB 1754 (Pacheco) — State General Obligation Bonds — Transparency Requirements [Proposed Support]**

Status: Assembly Appropriations — Suspense File (4/15/2026). Fiscal bill.

- Would require bond acts approved after January 1, 2027 to include outcome objectives and require lead agencies to report to the Legislature and post project information online.
- Commentary: This is a good-government transparency measure that has drawn no public opposition. It strengthens accountability for future bond expenditures, including water-related bonds. The bill must clear the Assembly Appropriations suspense file on or before May 15.

#### **AB 2132 (Macedo) — CEQA Exemption for Subsidence-Addressing Groundwater Recharge Projects [Proposed Support]**

Status: Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee — Rule 56 suspension pending re-refer (4/6/2026).

- Would create a CEQA exemption for groundwater recharge projects that the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency determines will address subsidence — a significant permitting barrier for recharge projects in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Commentary: This bill is proceeding more slowly than others in its class, having been held under Assembly Rule 56 and awaiting re-referral. The groundwater recharge policy space is active in 2026 (see also AB 2026), and CEQA reform for recharge projects has broad stakeholder support among water and agricultural interests. No public opposition identified.

#### **ACA 11 (Macedo) — California Water Resiliency Act — General Fund Transfer to Water Infrastructure [Proposed Support]**

Status: Assembly print (3/24/2025 introduction). Constitutional amendment requiring 2/3 vote in each house and voter approval.

- This constitutional amendment would require the Treasurer to annually transfer 1% of all state General Fund revenues to a new Water Conveyance and Capacity Infrastructure Fund, to be used for grants for water infrastructure construction, repair, and design, with priority to area-of-origin water rights.

- Commentary: ACA 11 is an ambitious measure that has not yet moved through committee. As a constitutional amendment, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to go before voters. The area-of-origin water rights alignment makes this particularly relevant to Exchange Contractors' interests. No public opposition identified but fiscal constraints in the current state budget environment and the author's political alignment will limit momentum.

### **SB 997 (Caballero) — North Fork Kings GSA — Lien Authority and Civil Penalties** [Proposed Support]

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee — Set for hearing April 28, 2026.

- Would authorize the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency to impose civil penalties on persons extracting groundwater in excess of authorized amounts and to record liens for unpaid fees or penalties.
- Commentary: This bill has support letters from the agency itself, American Pistachio Growers, and other San Joaquin Valley agricultural interests. Strengthening groundwater enforcement tools under SGMA is broadly viewed as essential to achieving basin sustainability. The Senate Judiciary Committee hearing is tomorrow, April 28.

### **SB 1001 (Archuleta) — PIV-I Credentialing for Critical Infrastructure Personnel** [Proposed Support]

Status: Senate Appropriations — Set for hearing today, April 27, 2026 (10 a.m., Room 2200).

- Would require the Office of Emergency Services to issue federal-standard Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable (PIV-I) credentials to local agencies, public utilities, and mutual water companies, beginning July 1, 2028, to facilitate personnel access to disaster zones.
- Commentary: This bill has been recently amended (4/21/2026) and is now in Senate Appropriations. Critical water infrastructure operators have long sought standardized credentialing to access work sites during and after disasters. No public opposition identified.

## **OPPOSE POSITIONS**

### **AB 2447 (Bauer-Kahan) — Nitrogen Pollution Reduction Act** [Proposed Oppose]

Status: Assembly Appropriations — Re-referred (4/15/2026). Passed Water Committee 5-2.

- Would require the State Water Resources Control Board and regional boards to update the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) to establish enforceable limits on nitrogen discharges from commercial irrigated agricultural lands, targeting reductions by January 1, 2030, with regional boards required to adopt revised waste discharge orders by January 1, 2028.
- Commentary: This is one of the most contentious water-agriculture bills of the 2026 session. Sponsored by NRDC, the bill is characterized by supporters as a public health measure to address nitrate contamination of drinking water, particularly in disadvantaged communities. Agricultural opponents, including water attorneys at Kahn, Soares & Conway and farm groups, argue it circumvents ongoing regulatory proceedings — noting the State Water Board itself determined in 2023 that the Central Coast regional board could not enforce nitrogen caps in Ag Order 4.0 due to scientific feasibility questions. According to reporting by Agri-Pulse, the bill passed its policy committee by a narrow 5-2 margin, with Republican Asm. Stan Ellis, a Bakersfield farmer, emphasizing that the bill escalates rather than duplicates existing ILRP requirements. State water regulators are simultaneously pursuing a different approach through the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel, which is developing regional targets and phased reductions — a framework agricultural stakeholders view as more workable.

### **AB 2630 (Bennett) — Emergency Regulations for Water Diversion Reporting — Extension to 2032** [Proposed Oppose]

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee — Hearing canceled at request of author (4/16/2026). Referred 3/24/2026.

- Would require all further regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board for water diversion measurement and reporting to be adopted as emergency regulations (bypassing normal APA rulemaking) through January 1, 2032, and would exempt those regulations from CEQA.
- Commentary: The hearing cancellation at the author's request suggests the bill may be undergoing substantial revision or faces internal opposition. The State Water Board is already implementing updated water measurement regulations — including new requirements taking effect October 1, 2026, requiring measuring device registration by January 31, 2027. Concerns about extending the emergency regulation pathway relate to due process, stakeholder input, and potential for unilateral regulatory expansion without standard public comment procedures. The bill passed the Assembly Water Committee 8-4 in late March before being redirected to Natural Resources.

## SUPPORT IF AMENDED POSITION

### **SB 872 (McNerney) — Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund [Proposed Support if amended]**

Status: Senate Appropriations — Set for hearing today, April 27, 2026 (10 a.m., Room 2200).

- Would establish the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund, continuously appropriating \$300 million annually from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) through 2046-47 — \$150 million to DWR for SWP canal subsidence repairs and \$150 million to the Delta Conservancy for levee improvements.
- Commentary: This bill has generated bipartisan and cross-sector support. According to reporting from Agri-Pulse and the Contra Costa News, the coalition backing SB 872 includes the State Water Contractors, Metropolitan Water District, Restore the Delta, Sierra Club California, Defenders of Wildlife, Delta Counties Coalition, and more than 60 organizations. State Water Contractors General Manager Jennifer Pierre has noted that subsidence has already impacted more than 200 miles of SWP infrastructure and that without repair, an 87% reduction in delivery capability is projected by 2040. Sen. McNerney has characterized the bill as a 'pragmatic and peaceful solution' bridging traditional North-South water conflicts. The California Farm Water Coalition has editorialized that SB 872 offers an opportunity to improve both Delta and south-of-Delta conveyance, particularly if amended to expand conveyance efficiency benefits — which aligns with the Exchange Contractors' conditional support position. The primary fiscal concern at Senate Appropriations today will be whether GGRF funds can sustain the \$300 million annual commitment given competing budget pressures.

## NOTABLE WATCH BILLS

The following Watch-position bills are of particular interest and warrant close monitoring as they advance:

### **AB 2026 (Aguilar-Curry) — Water Diversion for Groundwater Recharge — Permitting Reform [Watch]**

Status: Assembly Appropriations — Re-referred 4/23/2026 (after passing Water Committee 11-0 on 4/14).

- This is one of the most significant water supply bills of the 2026 session. AB 2026 would substantially reform the permitting process for groundwater recharge, expanding floodflow diversion exemptions (including reservoir flood releases), creating new water availability analysis pathways, providing CEQA and LSAA exemptions for qualifying recharge diversions, and extending temporary urgency permits to five-year terms.

- **Commentary:** The bill has strong backing from the Northern California Water Association, Regional Water Authority, water districts, and agricultural interests. A Somach Law firm policy alert describes the bill as creating 'predictable permitting timelines' and streamlining recharge project approvals. The bill passed committee unanimously (11-0), reflecting broad consensus. However, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority staff have raised concerns in a written memo about ensuring the bill's Delta conditions triggers properly account for OMR restrictions and CVP export constraints — a concern that may be directly relevant to Exchange Contractors' operations. Supporters emphasize that during wet winters of 2023-24, only a fraction of permitted water was physically diverted due to restrictive conditions — confirming this is a policy problem, not a hydrology problem.
- **Action:** Evaluate the SLDMWA concerns regarding Delta conditions triggers and assess whether amendments are needed to protect Exchange Contractors' water operations. The bill must clear Appropriations by May 15.

### **AB 2032 (Ransom) — Golden Mussel Response Act — Urgency Legislation [Watch]**

Status: Assembly Appropriations — Re-referred 4/20/2026. Urgency bill.

- Golden mussels (*Limnoperna fortunei*) have been detected in the San Joaquin Delta. This urgency bill would exempt water supply system operators from restricted species permit requirements for maintenance activities if they have submitted a golden mussel control plan to DFW.
- **Commentary:** Assemblymember Ransom has publicly warned that California is running out of time to contain the spread, noting the local San Joaquin Delta impacts on water supplies and recreational uses. AB 2032 complements AB 1772 (also Watch), which separately strengthens the Department of Fish and Wildlife's plan review requirements for all invasive mussel species. As an urgency bill, AB 2032 can proceed after August 31 if needed. The golden mussel threat has direct operational implications for Exchange Contractors' water supply infrastructure.
- **Action:** Monitor closely. Consider engaging DFW on control plan requirements to ensure they are workable for Exchange Contractors' operational needs.

### **AB 2216 (Aguiar-Curry) — Delta Conservancy Expansion to Include the Valley [Watch]**

Status: Assembly Appropriations — Re-referred 4/14/2026.

- Would rename the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy the 'Valley and Delta Conservancy' and expand its geographic jurisdiction to include the 'Valley' (San Joaquin Valley). This is a significant governance change that could affect how conservancy resources are allocated between Delta and Valley priorities.
- **Action:** Assess whether the expansion of conservancy jurisdiction complicates or benefits Exchange Contractors' interests.

### **SB 872 Companion — AB 2026 and Recharge Policy Package — Watch (Package monitoring) [undefined]**

*Staff notes that AB 2026, AB 2132, and AB 2630 together represent a significant 2026 water policy package focused on groundwater recharge. The Exchange Contractors currently propose to oppose AB 2630 (emergency rulemaking), propose to support AB 2132 (CEQA exemption), and watch AB 2026 (permitting reform).*

### **Recent Outreach Regarding Groundwater Recharge Activities:**

With the dedication of the Los Banos Creek and Orestimba Creek projects Arc Strategies distributed the press releases describing the projects to key members of the Legislature. We wanted to demonstrate the progress made toward increasing groundwater recharge.



**TO:** San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority

**FROM:** Invariant

**DATE:** 4/27/2026

**RE:** April 2026 Board Report

### **In General**

The government remains in partial shutdown due to the lack of passage of the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, though operations remain mostly normal due to funding for Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and an executive order signed by President Trump paying other DHS workers through an emergency fund, though that may run out in early May. Congressional Republicans are working on a second reconciliation bill to fund ICE and CBP for the next several years.

Congress has also begun to turn its attention towards FY 2027 appropriations. Member submissions portals have mostly closed, and the President's Budget Request (PBUD) was released in early April. The PBUD included \$1.49 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, and the White House said the budget sought to refocus Reclamation on its core missions rather than "woke projects." Both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have held budget hearings with cabinet members to discuss funding and the Trump Administration's priorities for their respective agencies.

### **Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Funding**

Invariant and the Exchange Contractors have submitted a community project funding (CPF) request to the Offices of Rep. Adam Gray (D-CA), Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA), and Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA), which would provide supplemental funding for Del Puerto Canyon Road. Invariant and SJRECWA have met with all three federal and local offices to discuss the formal request and provide the necessary supplemental information as required by Congress. We have since received confirmation that Rep. Gray has formally submitted the request to Congress, and we continue to work with the Offices of Sens. Padilla and Schiff to ensure that the request has bicameral support.

Invariant also assisted in getting Reps. Adam Gray and Jim Costa to attend the Los Banos Creek Ribbon Cutting in early April. Invariant followed up with Sen. Adam Schiff's office to ensure staff attendance, as well.

Lighthouse Public Affairs  
April 2026 Report to the Board of Directors  
San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority

### Overview

Lighthouse Public Affairs works with the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority on communications strategy, media engagement, and expanding the messaging reach of the organization. This has focused on revamping the organization's public messaging, expanding the communications channels that we use, making inroads with reporters who cover related issues, and responding to media inquiries and current events to effectively tell our story.

### Recent Deliverables

- Completed and distributed press release, media advisory, run of show, and media pitches for Los Banos Creek Detention Dam event on 4/7.
- Attended 4/7 Los Banos Creek Detention Dam event.
- Completed and distributed press release for the celebration of the completion of the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project on 4/14.
- Maintained social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter (X).

### Upcoming Work

- Produce updates for newsletter and local press on GSA plan developments.
- Produce timely statements and press releases on major events to promote the organization's point of view in media coverage.
- Continue to provide support on incoming media requests and public engagements.



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