



# ITEM 4b: Weather Outlook










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Data valid: April 28, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT

## Intensity

-  None
-  D0 (Abnormally Dry)
-  D1 (Moderate Drought)
-  D2 (Severe Drought)
-  D3 (Extreme Drought)
-  D4 (Exceptional Drought)
-  No Data

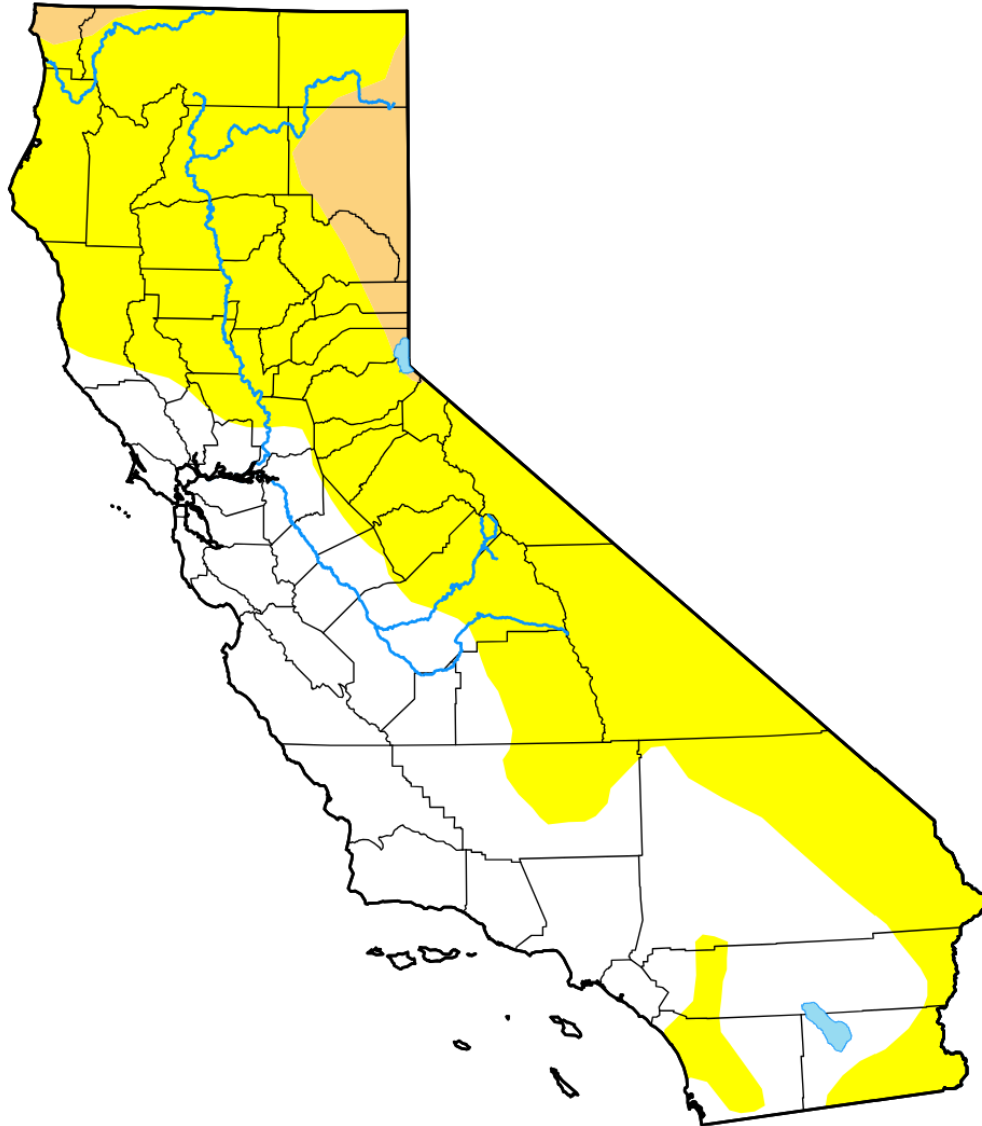
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# Track California Snow Conditions

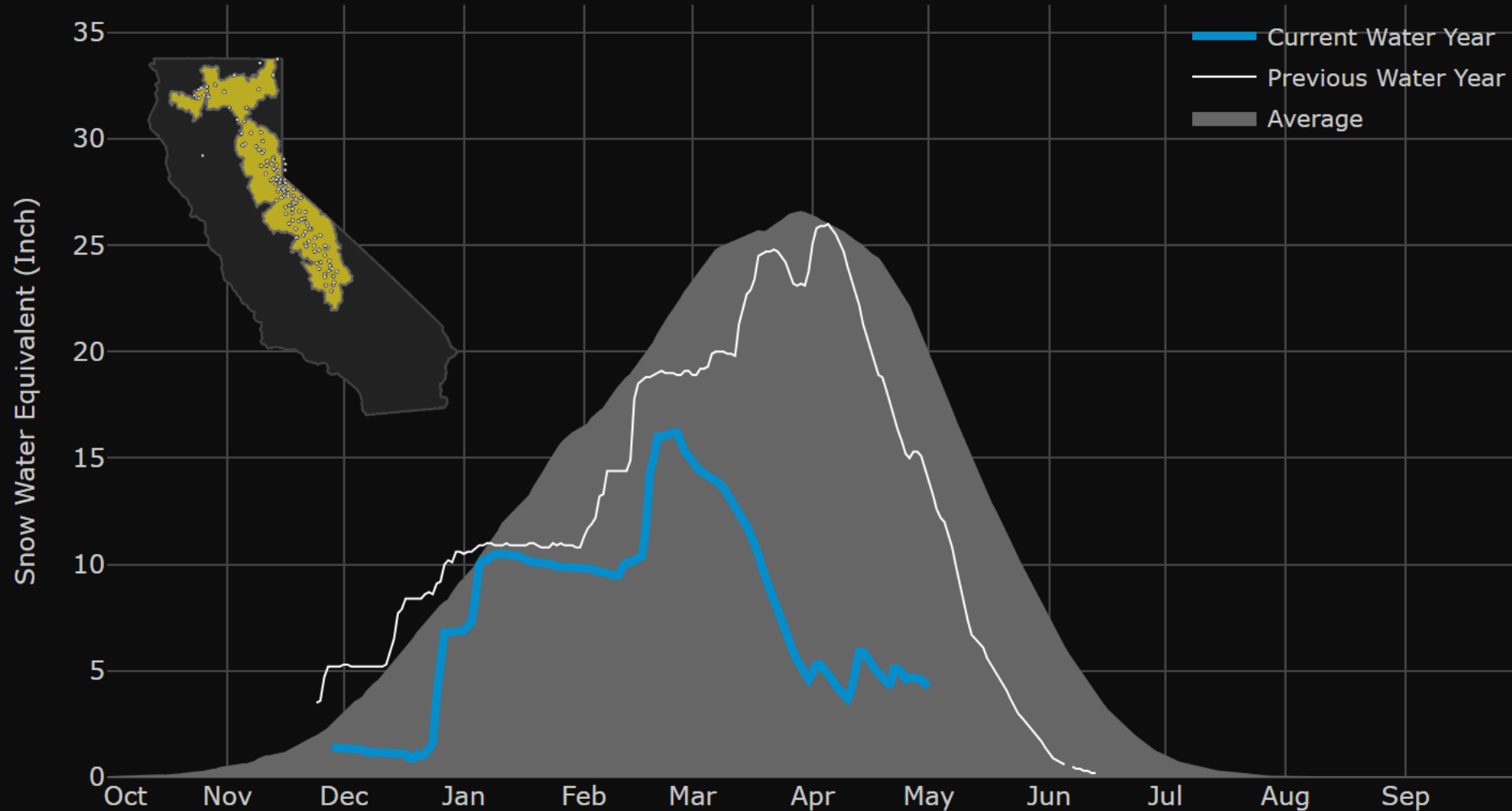
The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) California Cooperative Snow Surveys (CCSS) program supports DWR's water supply forecasting and flood management mission



## Statewide Snowpack as of 5/1/2026

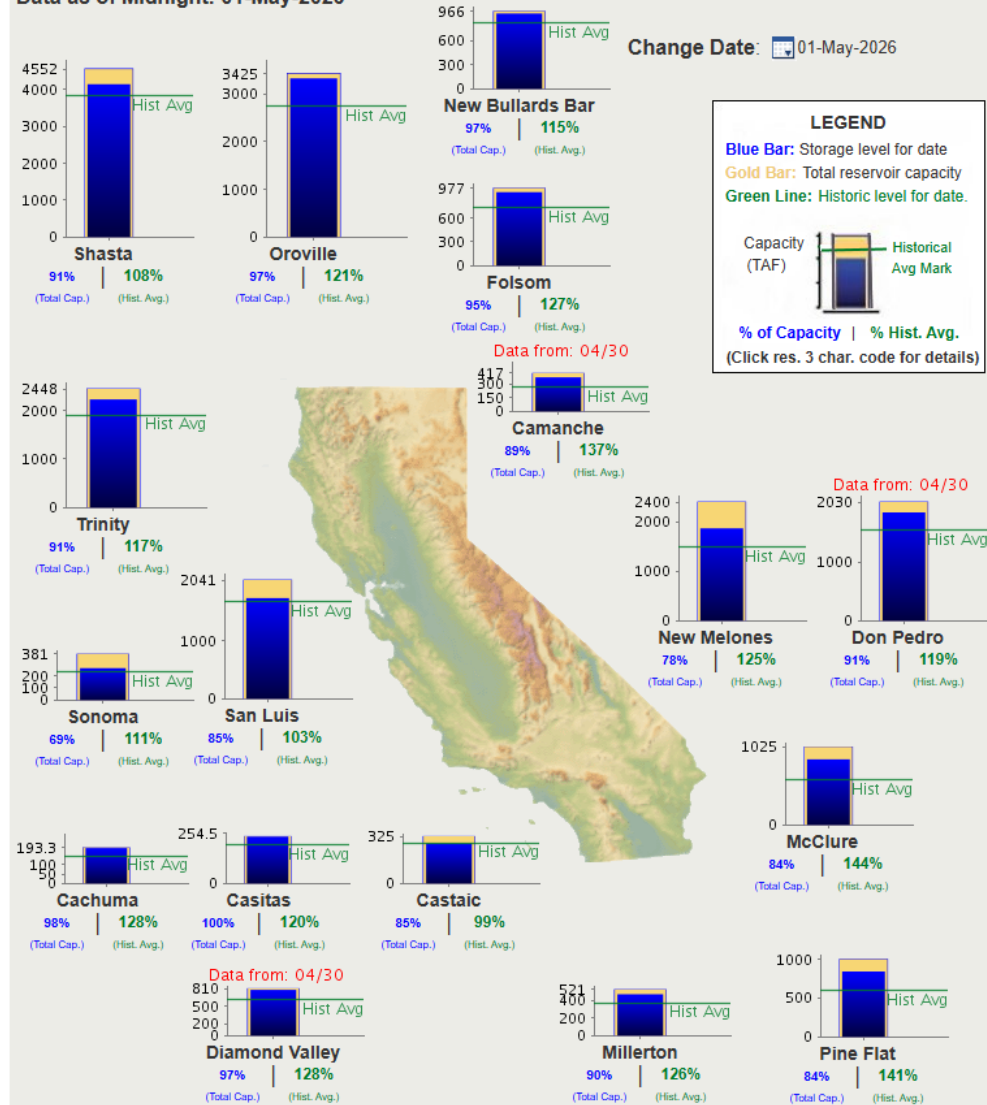


Percent of Normal: 21.0, Percent of April 1st Avg: 16.0



**CURRENT CONDITIONS: MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS:01-MAY-2026**

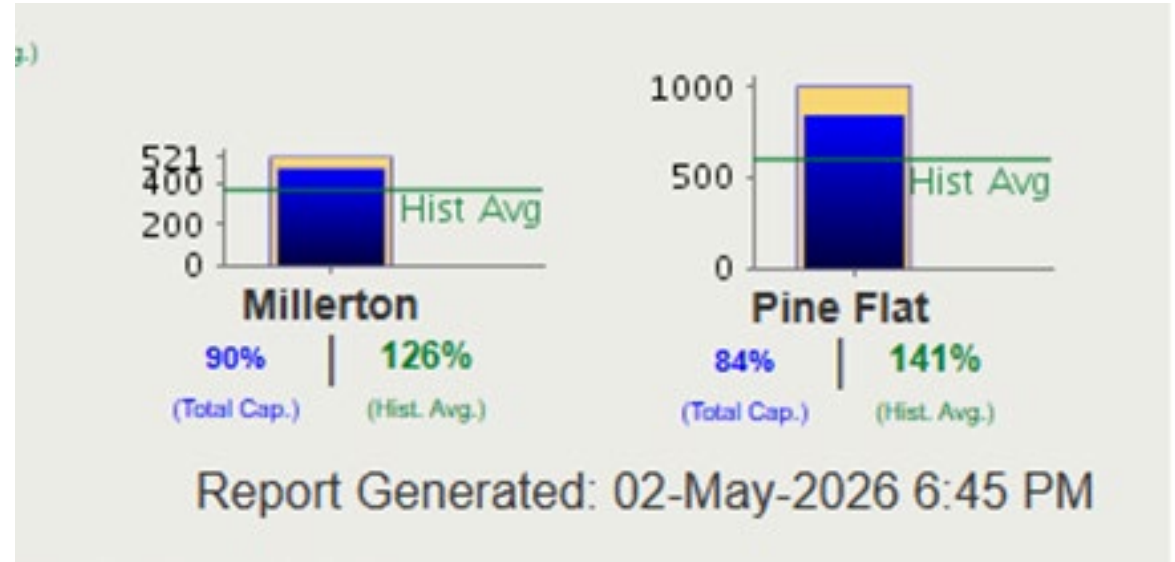
Data as of Midnight: 01-May-2026



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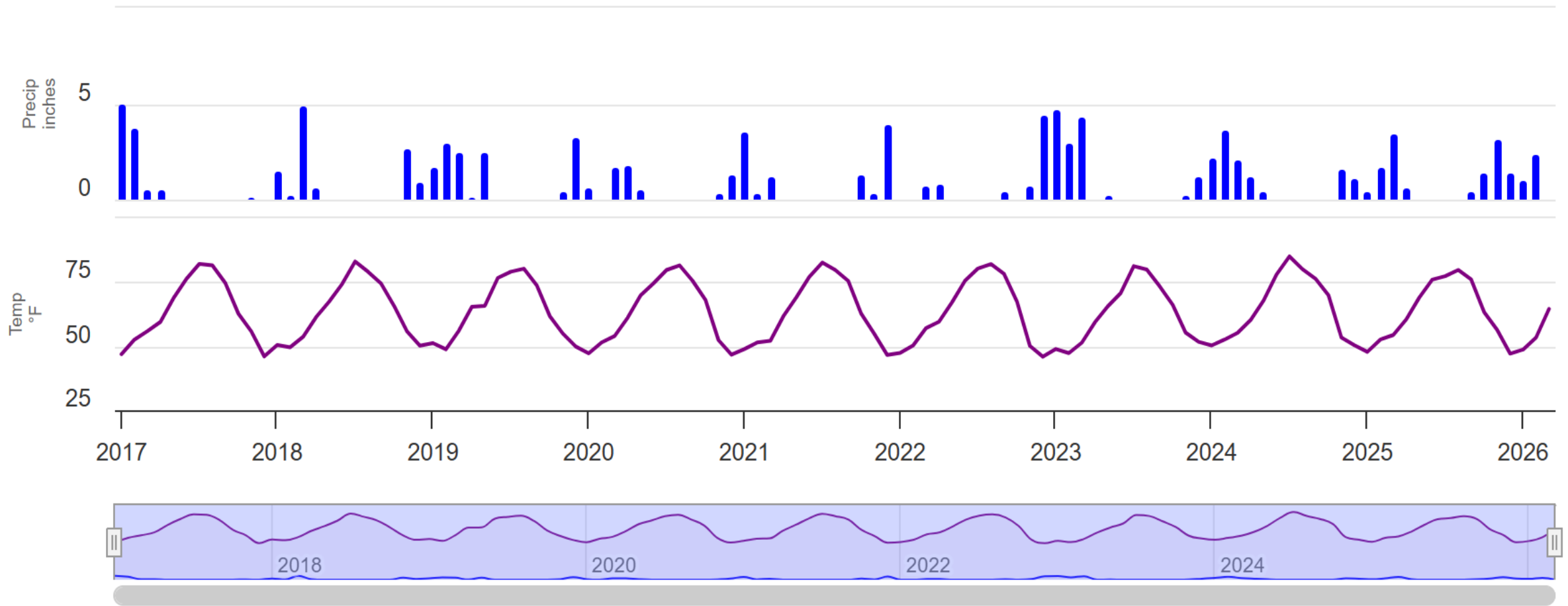
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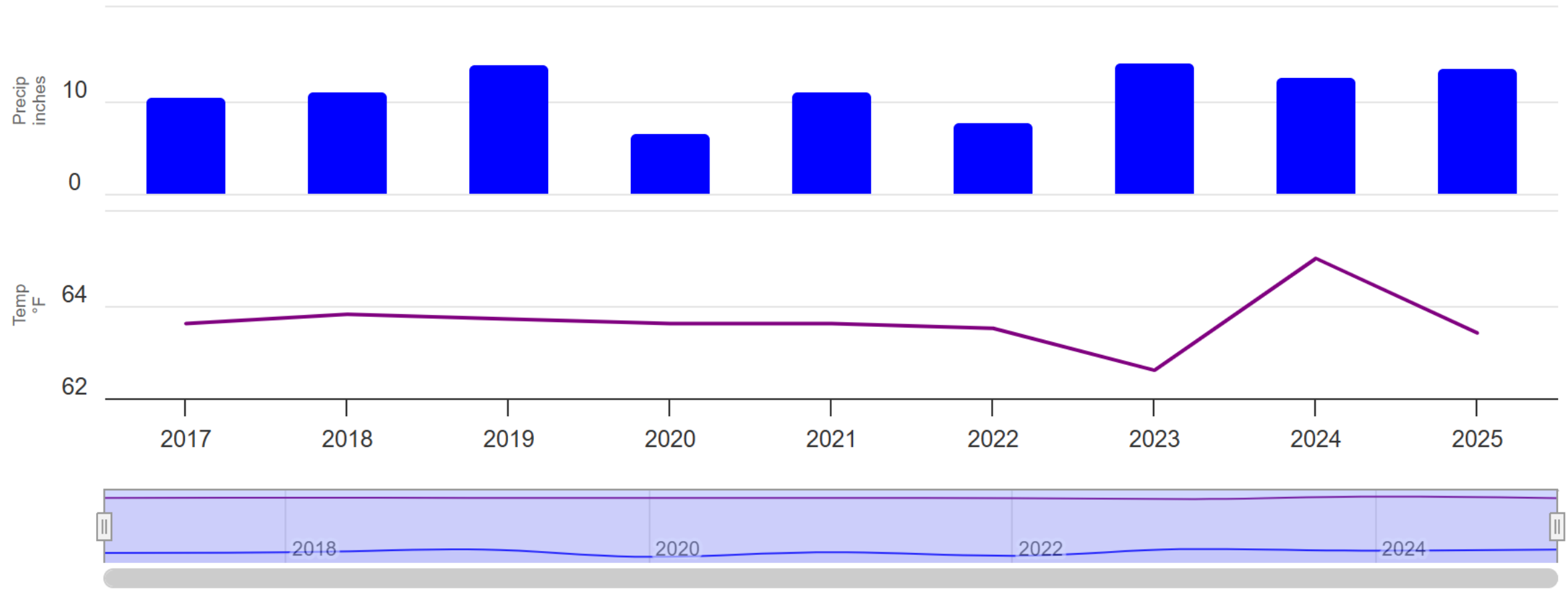
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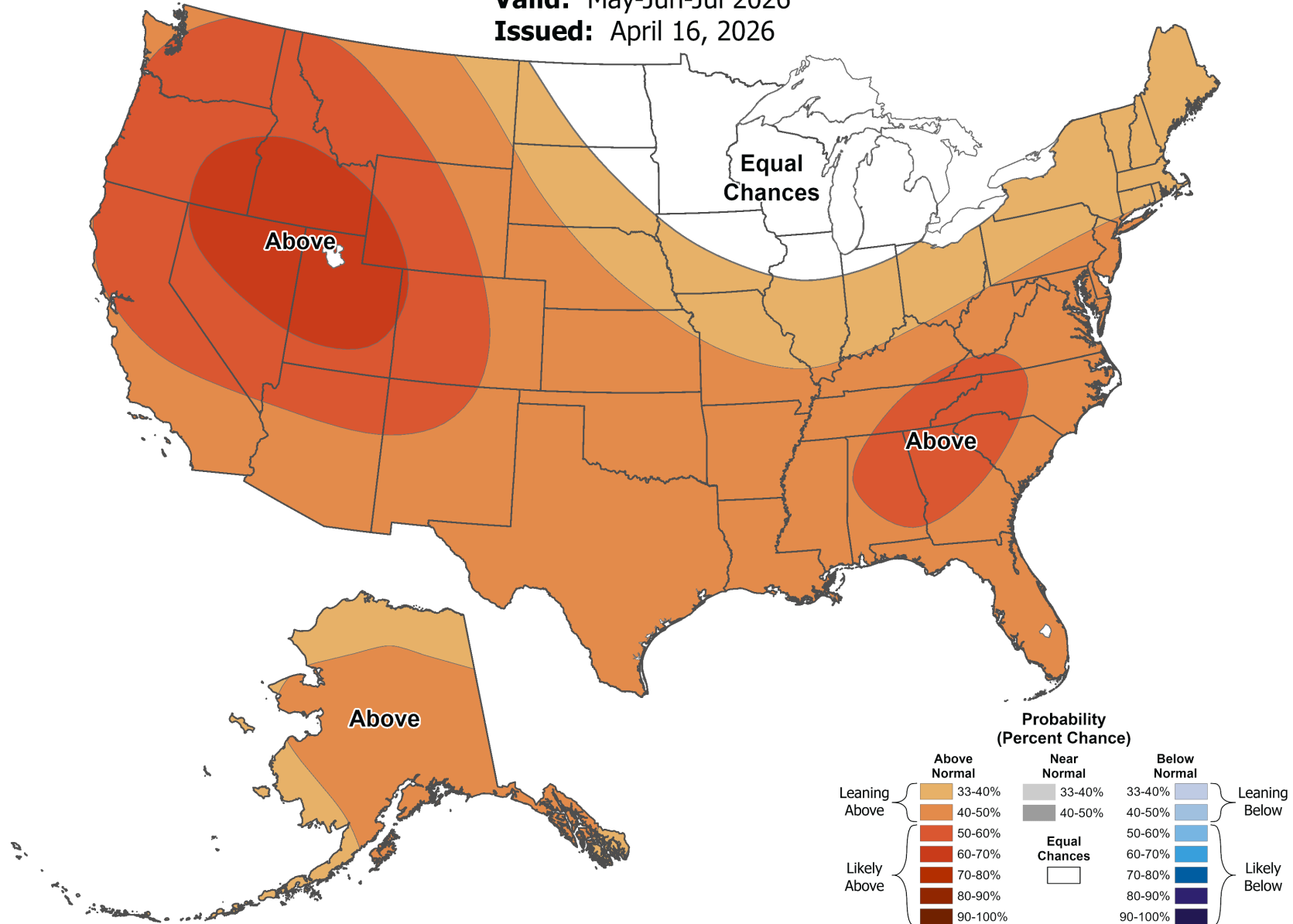


# Seasonal Temperature Outlook



**Valid:** May-Jun-Jul 2026

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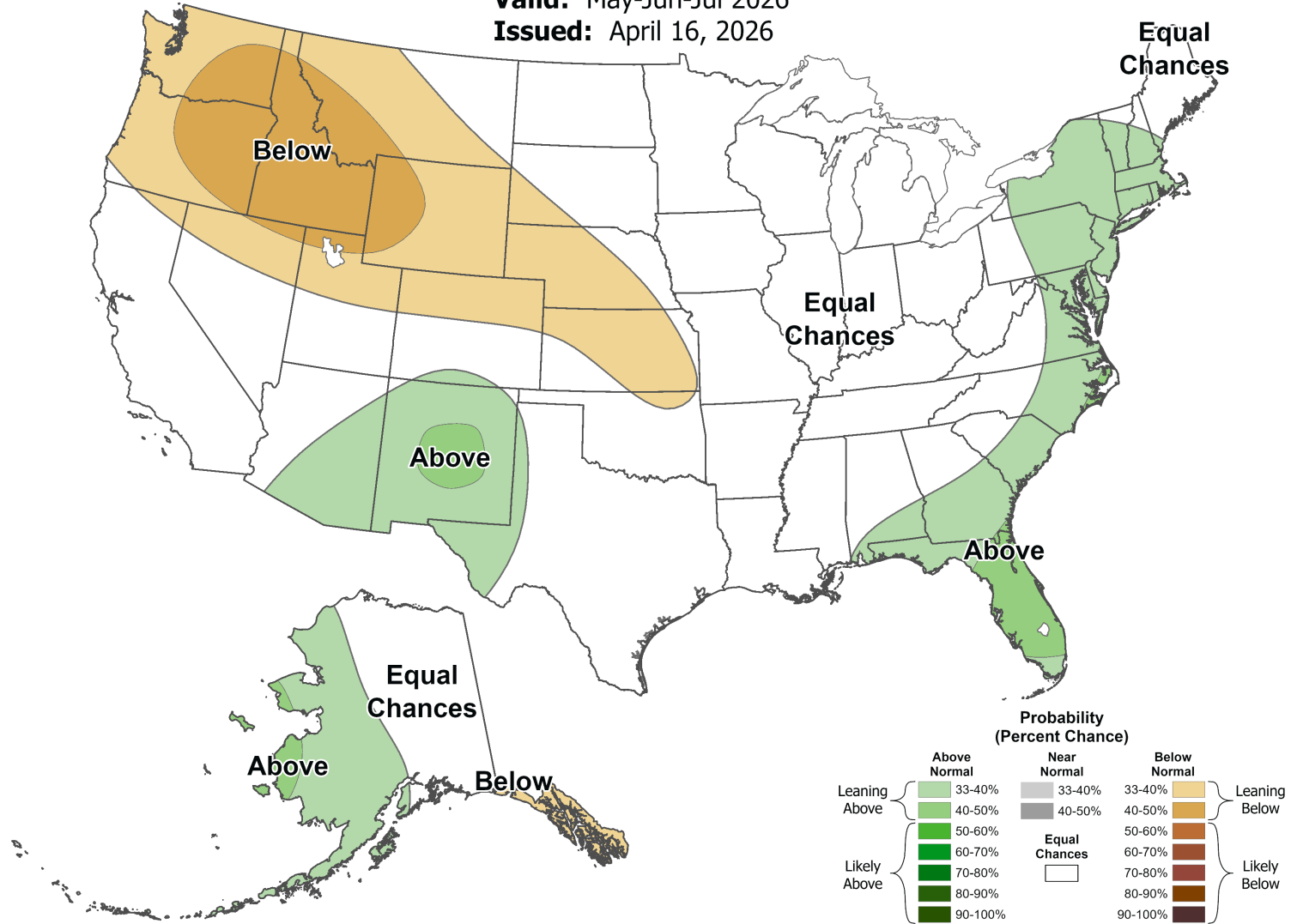


# Seasonal Precipitation Outlook



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# Takeaways

Snow pack is low statewide

Reservoir levels are high from an early melt (warm March)

Historically, rainfall is concentrated from November to March, but can be highly variable and still normal

Late season rainfall typically does not help snowpack



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# ITEM 4c: 2026 GSA Progress



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## 2026 Policy Implementation Work

- Recertification/retrain for all vendors for meter installation / calibration
- ✓ Education and outreach to growers for Irrigate
- ✓ Begin Domestic Well Mitigation (with quarterly updates)
- ✓ Delta Mendota Subbasin coming out of State Water Resources Control Board jurisdiction
- ✓ Publish 2026 Summary of Rules Booklet
- ✓ Annual Reports for all subbasins complete



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## 2026 Policy Development Work

- Evaluate Department of Water Resources Subsidence Guidance
- Evaluate and potentially develop Fallow Fields Program
- Evaluate and potentially develop Madera County GSA Groundwater Export Rule
- ✓ Evaluate and develop a Groundwater Demand Management Program and Subsidence Mitigation Measures for the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP



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# Item 4d

Informational Item: 2026 Summary of Rules Booklet Publication Outreach



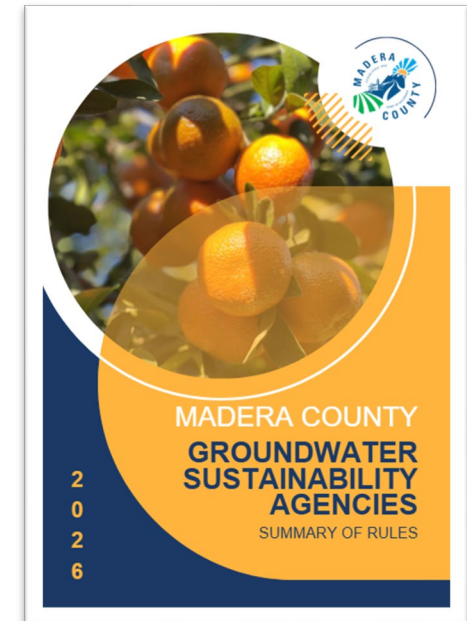
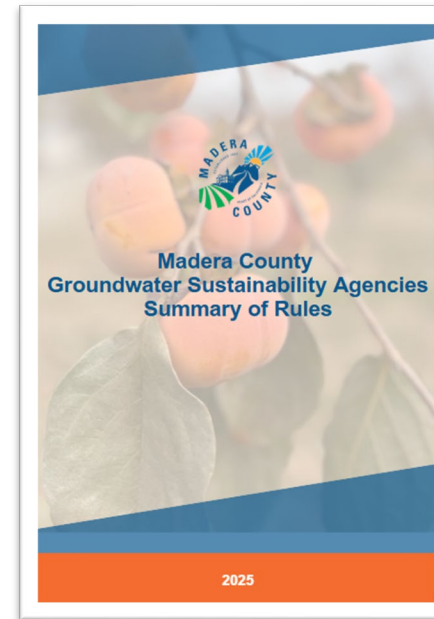
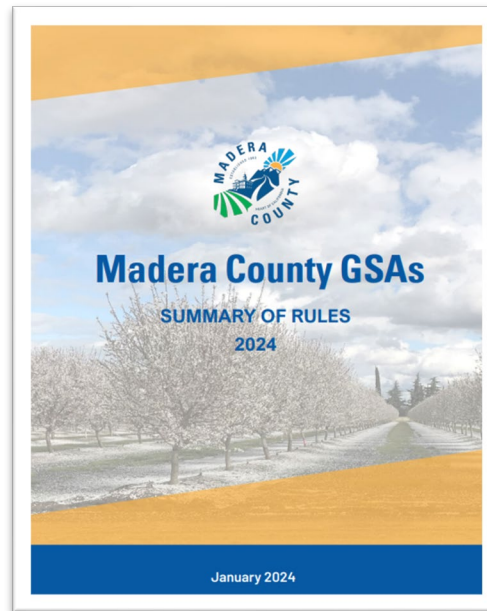
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# Summary of Rules Booklets

- Provides a summary of approved rules across the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins
- Covers topics such as allocations, measurement, recharge, land repurposing, fees, and finances
- Updated each year with new and revised policies



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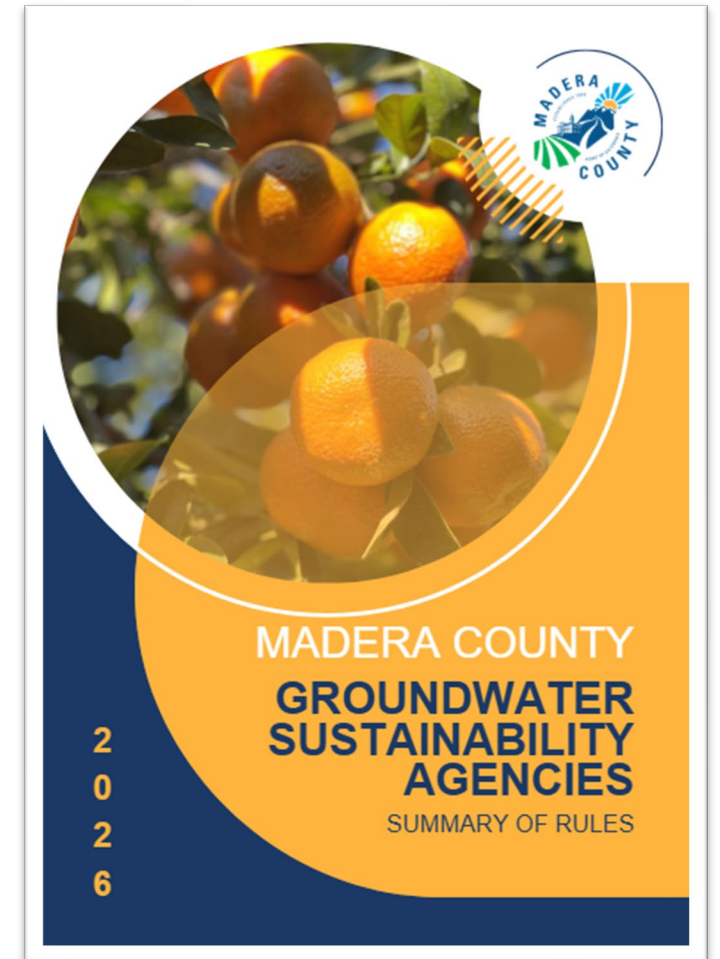
# 2026 Summary of Rules Booklet

## Third annual edition

- Includes both newly added pages and updates to existing content

## Adds information on:

- Status on Groundwater Sustainability Plans
- 2026–2040 Allocations
- Understanding a Groundwater Allocation Report
- La Viña Pilot Project Update
- Madera Dry Well Program



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# Newly Added Pages

## GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS: STATUS

### MADERA COUNTY GSA Madera Subbasin

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) evaluated the four Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) submitted for the seven Madera Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, and determined the four GSPs were approved with a list of conditions to address in 2025.

As of January 2025, the 2025 Joint GSP Amendment was completed to address the required corrective actions, adopted, and then submitted to DWR as part of the first periodic evaluation.

The Madera Subbasin GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2025 has been submitted to DWR and can be viewed on our [website](#).

### MADERA COUNTY GSA Chowchilla Subbasin

In June 2025, following the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff's review of the January 2025 Revised GSP, the SWRCB determined that a probationary designation for the Subbasin was not necessary and that it would return the Subbasin to DWR's jurisdiction.

As of April 2026, the January 2025 Revised GSP remains under review by DWR staff.

The Chowchilla GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2025 has been submitted to DWR and can be viewed on our [website](#).

### MADERA COUNTY GSA Delta-Mendota Subbasin

At its April 7th Board meeting, the SWRCB approved a resolution to return the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin to the DWR's jurisdiction under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

The 21 GSAs in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin formed a Joint Powers Authority to continue implementing and coordinating among the GSAs in the Subbasin for the subbasin wide GSP.

The Delta-Mendota GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2025, has been submitted to the DWR and can be viewed on our [website](#).



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## 2026 - 2040 ALLOCATIONS

In September 2025, the Board of Directors of the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (MCGSA), adopted the 2026-2040 Allocation Tables in response to grower's request. These tables help show what to expect over time, making it easier to plan ahead as groundwater use is gradually reduced. The goal is to reach sustainable groundwater use by 2040.

Madera County GSA			
Year	Madera County GSA		
	Sustainable Yield	Transitional Water	Total
2026	12.9	12.9	25.8
2027	12.8	12.0	24.8
2028	12.6	11.1	23.7
2029	12.4	10.2	22.6
2030	12.1	9.2	21.3
2031	11.9	8.3	20.2
2032	11.7	7.4	19.1
2033	11.5	6.5	18.0
2034	11.3	5.5	16.8
2035	11.1	4.6	15.7
2036	10.9	3.7	14.6
2037	10.7	2.8	13.5
2038	10.5	1.9	12.4
2039	10.3	1.0	11.3
2040	10.1	0.0	10.1

Madera County GSA			
Year	Subbasin of ETAW		
	Sustainable Yield	Transitional Water	Total
2026	12.9	12.9	25.8
2027	12.8	12.0	24.8
2028	12.6	11.1	23.7
2029	12.4	10.2	22.6
2030	12.1	9.2	21.3
2031	11.9	8.3	20.2
2032	11.7	7.4	19.1
2033	11.5	6.5	18.0
2034	11.3	5.5	16.8
2035	11.1	4.6	15.7
2036	10.9	3.7	14.6
2037	10.7	2.8	13.5
2038	10.5	1.9	12.4
2039	10.3	1.0	11.3
2040	10.1	0.0	10.1

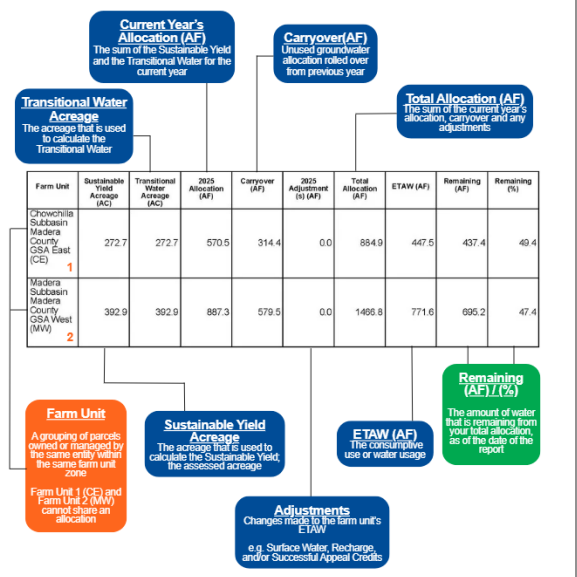
The Allocation Tables (2026-2040) shows how groundwater use will change over time to reach sustainability. Allocations may include a combination of sustainable yield and transitional water, depending on eligibility to help ease the transition. Each year, transitional water is reduced, gradually lowering total allocations.

Madera County GSA			
Year	Subbasin of ETAW		
	Sustainable Yield	Transitional Water	Total
2026	15.3	15.3	30.6
2027	15.1	14.4	29.5
2028	14.9	13.5	28.4
2029	14.7	12.6	27.3
2030	14.5	11.7	26.2
2031	14.3	10.8	25.1
2032	14.1	9.9	24.0
2033	13.9	9.0	22.9
2034	13.7	8.1	21.8
2035	13.5	7.2	20.7
2036	13.3	6.3	19.6
2037	13.1	5.4	18.5
2038	12.9	4.5	17.4
2039	12.7	3.6	16.3
2040	12.5	2.7	15.2

To determine which Allocation Table applies to your property, you will need to identify the Subbasin in which you are located. Property owners can find this information by using the interactive map available on our website or by contacting our office. Our team can help connect you with your assigned Water Resources Specialist, who can provide guidance based on your location.

## UNDERSTANDING A GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION REPORT

**Farm Unit Summary:** This section details the breakdown of the total allocation (AF), the amount of water used (ETAW), and the amount of allocation remaining (AF) within a farm unit, as of the date of the Groundwater Allocation Report.





# Newly Added Pages

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## THE LA VIÑA PILOT PROJECT IS AN ON-GOING SUCCESS

The project in the community of La Viña created a "buffer" area between residential homes and an adjacent ag parcel that now supports water savings and air quality improvements.

The pilot project area in La Viña encompasses a little over 5-acres of land owned by a local farmer that was planted with almond and walnut orchard. To make room for the new habitat area, four rows of trees were removed to create pollinator habitat and partially fallowed land that will be maintained for a minimum of 10 years (per MLRP program requirements).

The habitat component of this project consists of two hedgerows. The first and largest hedgerow borders the residential housing units. This hedgerow is 2,022 feet long and will grow to an approximate height of 10 feet.

The second hedgerow is to beautify the street side for the community and provide diverse pollinator habitat. This hedgerow is 270 feet long and consists of small-medium sized shrubs that will grow to a maximum of 6 feet.

Both hedgerows will provide drought-tolerant native plants that will establish climate-smart pollinators and beneficial insect habitat. This habitat will have the potential to reduce pests such as leaf-footed bugs and navel orange worms, which could help reduce the number of pesticides that need to be applied to the remaining orchard.




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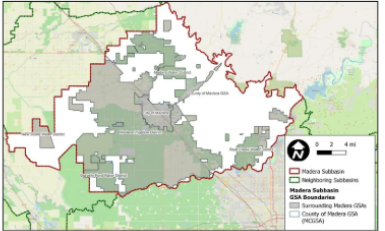
## SECTION 06: MADERA DRY WELL PROGRAM

### About Madera County GSA's Dry Well Program

The Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (MCGSA) Dry Well Program (Program) provides financial assistance to landowners impacted by declining groundwater levels in the Madera Subbasin, within the MCGSA. This Program helps fund (up to \$35,000) the drilling of new domestic well or connection to an existing community water system to replace those that have gone dry or been damaged by subsidence.

**MCGSA Dry Well Program Contact Information**  
 Phone: (559) 655-6807 | Email: [info@maderadrywell.com](mailto:info@maderadrywell.com) | Website: [www.maderadrywell.com](http://www.maderadrywell.com)

### Madera County GSA Dry Well Program Eligibility



To determine which GSA your property is within, please visit the Program website at [maderadrywell.com](http://maderadrywell.com).

### Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a landowner with a domestic well located within the MCGSA boundaries.
- Property must have a domestic well that went dry after 1/1/2026 or is on the Self-Help Enterprises interim water assistance list (with a dry domestic well due to declining groundwater levels that occurred after the 1/1/2020 cutoff).
- Property owner must have owned property for a minimum of one year.
- Dwelling unit must be considered "habitable."

For more information, scan the QR Code for Program Details & Application

### Pre-Qualified Drillers

For a list of pre-qualified drillers, please visit [maderadrywell.com](http://maderadrywell.com).

### Madera County GSA Dry Well Program Process

<b>Apply</b> Complete application and submit a \$100 application and assessment fee. If the well qualifies for mitigation, the application and assessment fee will be reimbursed as an eligible mitigation cost.	<b>Assessment</b> MCGSA or its agents will conduct a well assessment.	<b>Approval</b> If well qualifies, the landowner will solicit three (3) bids from well drillers - at least two (2) bids must be from the MCGSA qualified well driller list. MCGSA will approve one of the bids.	<b>Payment</b> MCGSA will advance the landowner up to \$35,000 in eligible mitigation costs on a schedule set by MCGSA. At completion, the landowner must provide sufficient documentations to support the amount advanced, and landowner must return any advanced funds to MCGSA that were not used (as specified in landowner agreement).	<b>Record</b> Record of mitigation is filed on the deed.
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**Contact Information for Surrounding Madera Subbasin GSAs**

Madera Irrigation District, City of Madera, Madera Water District - (559) 655-9099  
 Root Creek Water District - (559) 255-2305  
 Gravelly Ford Water District - (559) 474-1000  
 New Stone Water District - (559) 834-6677



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# Updated Pages

## Updates information on:

- Allocation frequently asked questions
- Farm Unit Zone Map (reflecting SGMA Portal coverage as of April 2026)
- Measurement methods
- Private meter requirements
- Land repurposing
- Recharge
- Fees
- Finances
- Resolutions



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## SECTION 02: ALLOCATIONS

**What is an allocation?**  
An allocation is a water budget made available to agricultural water users within the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (MCGSA). Over time, the allocated water budget will decrease to sustainable levels.

**Who has an allocation?**  
There are allocations for irrigated acres within the MCGSA in the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins.

**What makes up an allocation?**  
Allocations are made up of two types of water: Sustainable Yield (SY) and Transitional Water (TW).  

- SY is the amount of natural groundwater present in the subbasins through seepage and percolation.
- TW is excess groundwater being pumped from the subbasins; this decreases over time until it reaches zero.

**How is my allocation calculated?**  
If your land has been irrigated prior to June 08, 2021 (Resolution 2021-069) then you will receive both SY and TW. If you decide to opt-in "Never Irrigated" lands you are only eligible to receive SY for the irrigated acreage portion. Please see tables below.

Madera County GSA				Chowchilla County GSA				Delta-Mendota County GSA			
Year	SY	TW	Total	Year	SY	TW	Total	Year	SY	TW	Total
2016	12.3	12.9	25.2	2016	7.1	15.9	23.0	2016	15.3	17.2	32.5
2027	12.3	12.0	24.3	2027	7.1	15.6	22.7	2027	15.3	16.0	31.3
	12.3	11.1	23.4	2028	7.1	14.4	21.5	2028	15.3	14.7	30.0
	12.3	10.2	22.5	2029	7.1	13.2	20.3	2029	15.3	13.5	28.8
	12.3	9.2	21.5	2030	7.1	12.0	19.1	2030	15.3	12.3	27.6

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## FARM UNIT CHANGES

**What is a farm unit?**  
To allow for both flexibility and to mimic real-world farming conditions in which resources are shared among owned or commonly managed lands, the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies' (MCGSA) per-acre, parcel-based allocations will be allowed to be shared within designated "farm units".

For the purpose of sharing water allocations, more than one parcel can be grouped together to form a farm unit. In order for the grouping to exist, the parcels would need to be owned or managed by the same family, company, or organizations.

**When are changes to farm units allowed?**  
In October 2025, the Board of Directors adopted a policy for Allocation of Carryover Credits and Penalties during Farm Unit Reorganization (Resolution 2025-114) for the Madera County GSAs.

At the end of each year, the MCGSA allow farm units to be reorganized within farm unit zones. This might include a farm unit that is split from one farm unit into multiple farm units. This also might include a farm unit that is created by combining existing farm units. If members of a farm unit wish to split a farm unit or sell land within a farm unit, MCGSA staff recommend notifying the MCGSA at least 30 days before the proposed split or sale.

Farm Unit Zone Map as reflected in the SGMA Portal of MCGSA coverage as of April 2026

**What happens if I go over my allocation?**  
Currently, there are penalties in place for using water over the farm unit allocation. See the table for amounts per year.

Subbasin	Year	Amount Over the Farm Unit Allocation Penalty
Chowchilla Subbasin	2023	\$100 / AF
	2024	\$200 / AF
	2025	\$300 / AF
	2026	\$400 / AF
Madera Subbasin	2023	\$100 / Farm Unit
	2024	\$200 / Farm Unit
	2025	\$300 / Farm Unit
	2026	\$500 / Farm Unit
Delta-Mendota Subbasin	2023	\$100 / AF
	2024	\$200 / AF
	2025	\$300 / AF
	2026	\$500 / AF



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## SECTION 03: MEASUREMENT

### How is my water measured in 2026?

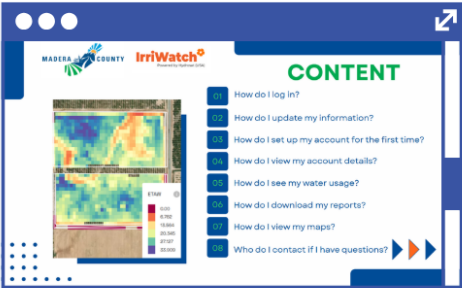
The Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (MCGSA) measure water used by irrigated agriculture within the MCGSA. Currently, the MCGSA offers two methods for growers to choose from for measurement:

1. **Hydrosat (IrriWatch)** is a remote sensing measurement method that uses satellite data algorithms to measure evapotranspiration (total ET). Hydrosat (IrriWatch) offers access to an online portal with personalized logins that allows growers to monitor data in real time.
2. **Private meters** with paper reports mailed and e-mailed monthly.

### When can I change my measurement method?

Growers can choose to change their measurement method at the start of each year. Once a method is selected, it must be followed for the entire year. If a grower wishes to keep the same measurement method, no action is needed. All parcels within a farm unit must have the same measurement method.

If a landowner opts to use private groundwater flow meters but does not meet the standards outlined in the resolutions, the satellite measurement method will be assigned as the method instead.



To learn more about IrriWatch, visit [maderacountywater.com/measurement/](http://maderacountywater.com/measurement/) where you'll find a helpful guide covering all the key information.

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## PRIVATE METER MEASUREMENT METHOD

### What are the requirements for using private meters?


#### Establishing Approval

To use your meter(s) as the primary method for tracking water usage, they must first be approved. Meters cannot be selected as the primary measurement method until approval is granted. Here are the requirements:

1. Provide a map showing the precise location of your groundwater well(s), the corresponding parcel(s) and field(s) that are served by those well(s).
2. Submit photographs and a meter installation report from an approved vendor for the well(s) that supply water to the parcel(s).
3. Ensure that the meter(s) comply with calibration standards by providing a calibration report from an approved vendor certified by the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (MCGSA) every two years.\*
4. Confirm that the designated well(s) exclusively serve the identified parcel(s) or field(s).\*
5. Provide a signed attestation verifying that all the information submitted accurately represents the current conditions for the well(s).\*

### How to submit monthly meter data using a mobile device:

- 1.) Open the camera application and scan the Quick Response (QR) code on the Madera County Flowmeter Identification (ID) Sticker.
- 2.) Default browser will pop up at the bottom of your screen. Click "Open in Edge".
- 3.) If this is your first time, click "new user".
- 4.) Enter first and last name, email address, and phone number.
- 5.) Current date and time will auto-populate when you hit the blue checkmark.
- 6.) Click the target symbol to detect the current location.
- 7.) Take a photo of the flowmeter's readout and fill in the corresponding data.
- 8.) You should receive a text message as confirmation that the submission went through.



Make sure your meter(s) are in **Total Screen** or **Forward Total** with no error codes.

Monthly meter readings are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Tip:** It may say something different depending on your default browser.

**Tip:** Make sure your location services are enabled. You can adjust this in your phone settings.

**Tip:** Make sure the flowmeter ID is visible in your photo. If not, add an additional photo.



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# Updated Pages

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## SECTION 04: LAND REPURPOSING


### What is the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program?

The Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) is a California Department of Conservation (DOC) block grant aimed at funding local entities in regions needing to improve groundwater sustainability. Madera County is one of eight grantees across the state that has been awarded an MLRP grant to develop and implement a local MLRP program. The Madera County MLRP helps incentivize landowners to voluntarily transition irrigated farmland to more sustainable uses, while protecting local economies and communities.



Stuart Woolf Agave Farm

The program is voluntary yet recognizes that SGMA-related impacts have and will require many growers in Madera County to make land use changes. MLRP offers the opportunity for ag landowners to access state and other funding sources to proactively transition their land (or a portion of their land) to a less water intensive use. The goal of the Madera County MLRP is to implement at least seven multibenefit projects, prioritizing those nearby communities, domestic wells, and waterways. The Madera County Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan (MALRP) also includes strategies for building a durable, long-term framework to sustain land repurposing beyond the initial grant period. The Madera County team has begun implementation of the La Viña Community Buffer pilot project as well as successfully selected six projects for funding awards. These projects represent a diverse portfolio of project types and outcomes aligned with regional priorities, including stormwater management, community/cultural space, recharge/flood management, agave crop transition, community buffer zone, and a large-scale recharge project.



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## SECTION 05: RECHARGE

### What is going on with recharge?

In March 2024, the Board of Directors adopted the Recharge Credit Policy (Resolution 2024-030) for the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (MCGSA). This allows growers to obtain water credits for (1) water purchased from a water right or contract and (2) water diverted from an approved flood event.

Recharge credits are subject to a floor of 75% and a ceiling of 90%, with additional documentation required for higher credits.

The policy limits water extraction to the aquifer where recharge occurred and allows credits to be carried over from one year to the next. Notably, dairy lands are not subject to any additional burdens beyond existing laws.


### How much recharge credits have been applied?

#### Direct Recharge

In 2024, the MCGSA applied 29,244 acre-feet (AF) of direct recharge credits to 15 farm units. In 2025, an additional 1,426 AF was applied to 3 farm units. In total, as of April 2026, approximately 30,670 AF of direct recharge credits has been applied across 18 farm units.

#### In Lieu Recharge, Purchased Surface Water from a Water Right or Contract:

In 2023, the MCGSA applied 599 AF of in-lieu recharge and/or surface water credits to 5 farm units. In 2024, 23,452 AF was applied to 29 farm units, followed by 15,382 AF applied to 20 farm units in 2025. In total, as of April 2026, approximately 39,393 AF of in-lieu recharge and/or surface water credits has been applied across 54 farm units.



### Interested in recharge?

The MCGSA maintains a list of potential projects for grant funding opportunities. Contact your Water Resources Specialist to get on the list or visit our website to complete the [Madera County Recharge Interest Form](#).



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# Updated Pages

## SECTION 08: FINANCES

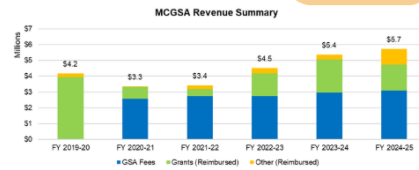
### Financial Recap for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY 24-25)

The Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (MCGSA) is funded through a combination of GSA Admin Fee, grant reimbursements, and other revenues. The Admin Fee provides a stable, ongoing funding source to support core operations such as regulatory compliance, staffing, and program coordination. Grant and reimbursed funding help expand programs, but these sources are temporary and vary year to year.

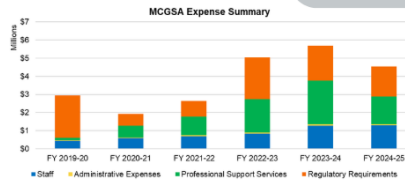
### Revenue Trends Over Time

The MCGSA revenues have increased over the past several years, reaching about \$5.7 million in FY 24-25. This increase is supported by grant funding and reimbursements, which can vary depending on program activity and are not a reliable source of funding from year to year. While these funds help support programs, the Admin Fee remains the most reliable source for ongoing operations.

In FY 24-25, revenue was about 24% higher than expenses primarily from reimbursed grant activity.



In FY 24-25, expenses decreased by approximately 24%. This indicates the MCGSA brought in more revenue than it spent, allowing for more savings to support future needs.



**Use of Funds**  
In FY 24-25, the MCGSA expenses totaled about \$4.6 million. Spending was primarily driven by professional support services (such as technical, legal, and financial expertise) and regulatory compliance (including groundwater monitoring, reporting, and SGMA requirements), which continue to be the largest cost areas. Additional costs include staffing and administrative expenses that support daily operations and program coordination.



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## RESOLUTIONS

The Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (MCGSA) approved resolutions serve as comprehensive documents that carefully define the guiding principles, rules, and regulations. Below is a list of the resolutions referenced in this booklet. For more information, please refer to the complete resolutions on the Madera County Water and Natural Resources website at [maderacountywater.com](http://maderacountywater.com).

### Allocations and Other Demand Management

- Resolution No. 2020-166 — Adopts a groundwater allocation approach
- Resolution No. 2021-069 — Establishes groundwater allocation amounts for 2021-2025 and farm unit documentation
- Resolution No. 2021-113 — Establishes groundwater allocation refinements
- Resolution No. 2025-085 — Adopts a groundwater allocation amounts for 2026 through 2040

- Resolution No. 2026-040 — Adopting the Chowchilla Subbasin Groundwater Demand Management Programs and Subsidence Mitigation Measures

### Appeals

- Resolution No. 2024-121 — Revises rules for appealing Satellite Data

### Domestic Well Mitigation Program

- MCC NO. 12652-23 — Establishes a Domestic Well Mitigation Program for a portion of the Chowchilla Subbasin and develops a working relationship with the Chowchilla Subbasin Growers
- Resolution No. 2025-115 — Adopts the Revised Delta Mendota Domestic Well Mitigation Policy
- Resolution No. 2025-141 — Adopts the Domestic Well Mitigation Program rules and eligibility criteria for the Madera Subbasin
- Resolution No. 2026-017 — Amending the Domestic Well Mitigation Program for the Madera Subbasin and revise procedures to improve implementation
- Resolution No. 2026-041 — Amending the Domestic Well Mitigation Program for the Madera Subbasin and refinement to the program rules

### Farm Unit

- Resolution No. 2021-069 — Establishes groundwater allocation amounts for 2021-2025 and farm unit documentation
- Resolution No. 2026-114 — Adopts a policy for Allocation of Carryover Credits and Penalties during Farm Unit Reorganization

### Fees

- Resolution No. 2019-172 — Approves a GSA Administrative fee for the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins

- Resolution No. 2022-068 — Adopts a GSP fee for the Madera Subbasin

- Resolution No. 2022-087 — Adopts a GSP fee for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin

- Resolution No. 2025-067 — Adopts a Domestic Well Mitigation fee for the Madera Subbasin

### Land Repurposing

- Resolution No. 2022-193 — Adopts the Voluntary Land Repurposing Program and program rules for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin

- Resolution No. 2022-194 — Adopts the Voluntary Land Repurposing Program and program rules for the Madera Subbasin

- Resolution No. 2023-058 — Adopts State rules for the Targeted Land Repurposing Program (LandFlex)

### Measurement

- Resolution No. 2022-192 — Adopts measurement methods for the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins

- Resolution No. 2022-143 — See paragraph 2 explaining the private meter pre-approval process

- Resolution No. 2022-144 — See paragraph 2 explaining the private meter pre-approval process

- Resolution No. 2022-145 — See paragraph 2 explaining the private meter pre-approval process

- Resolution No. 2025-044 — Adopts Groundwater Flow Meter Rule Refinements for a Measurement Method

### Penalties

- Resolution No. 2022-145 — Establishes penalties in the Madera Subbasin

- Resolution No. 2022-143 — Establishes penalties in the Chowchilla Subbasin

- Resolution No. 2022-144 — Establishes penalties in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin

### Recharge

- Resolution No. 2024-030 — Adopts Recharge Credit Policies for the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins

## SECTION 07: FEES

### GSA Admin Fee

The GSA Admin fee is designed to help the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (MCGSA) recover the administrative costs associated with GSA activities, such as outreach, grant administration, technical support services, legal and professional services, studies (e.g., recharge), annual and five-year reporting, revisions to the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), and grower assistance by addressing questions and concerns.

The current GSA Admin fee is approximately \$27 per irrigated acre in the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins. It increases annually based on the previous year's Consumer Price Index (CPI) and appears on property tax bills as 'County GSA Fee'.

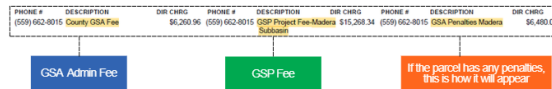
### GSP Project Fee

In 2022, the MCGSA conducted a rate study under proposition 218 to be able to adopt and collect fees to implement projects, such as recharge, land repurposing, and domestic well mitigation.

On March 4, 2025, the injunction that was filed for the Madera and Delta Mendota subbasin was dissolved, and the MCGSA could resume the collection of fees, however, it was decided that the previously approved fee for projects would be amended and reduced to only collect fees for a Domestic Well Mitigation Program (Madera Dry Well Program) in the Madera Subbasin.

In July 2025, Resolution 2025-067, establishing the revised fee for the Domestic Well Mitigation Program in the Madera Subbasin, was adopted. The GSP fee starts out as \$59 per enrolled acre for 2026 and appears on property tax bills as 'GSP Project Fee - Madera Subbasin'.

### How it will appear on the Madera County Property Tax Bill:





## Item 4e

Informational Item: Financial Update: GSA Quarterly Update, including Domestic Well Mitigation Program, and review of proposed FY 26-27 budget



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# Quarterly Financial Update

July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026



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# Outline & Updates

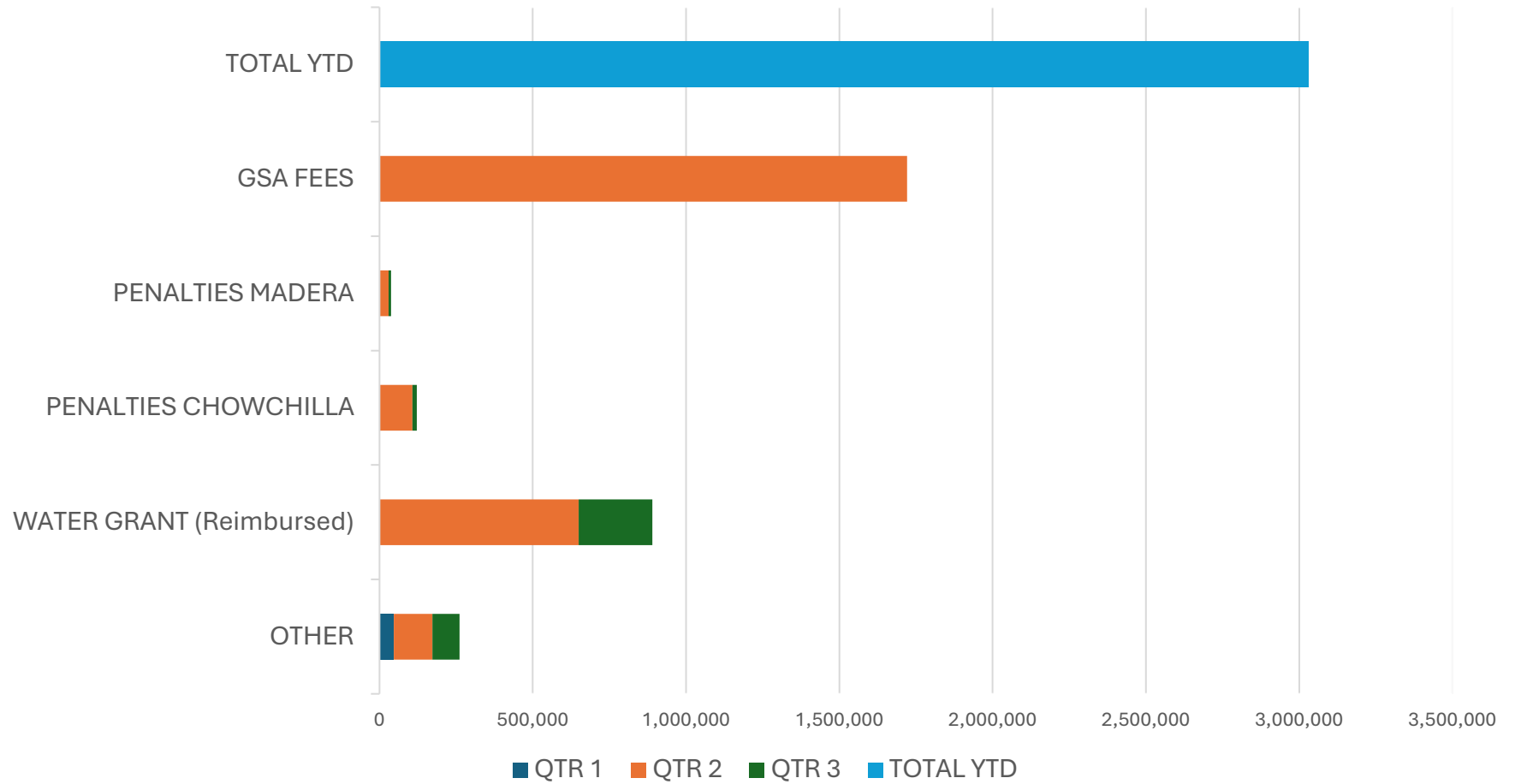
- GSA – Revenue, Expenditures, Cash Balance
- Domestic Well Mitigation - Revenue, Expenditures, Cash Balance
- GSA Proposed Budget – Professional Services & Regulatory Compliance
- Funding Opportunities
- Prior Program/Financial Updates
  - October 7, 2025 (Financial)
  - November 12, 2025 (Program)
  - February 3, 2026 (Program/Financial)
  - March 3, 2026 (Program/Financial)
  - April 7, 2026 (Program)
- Updates to be provided at regular intervals



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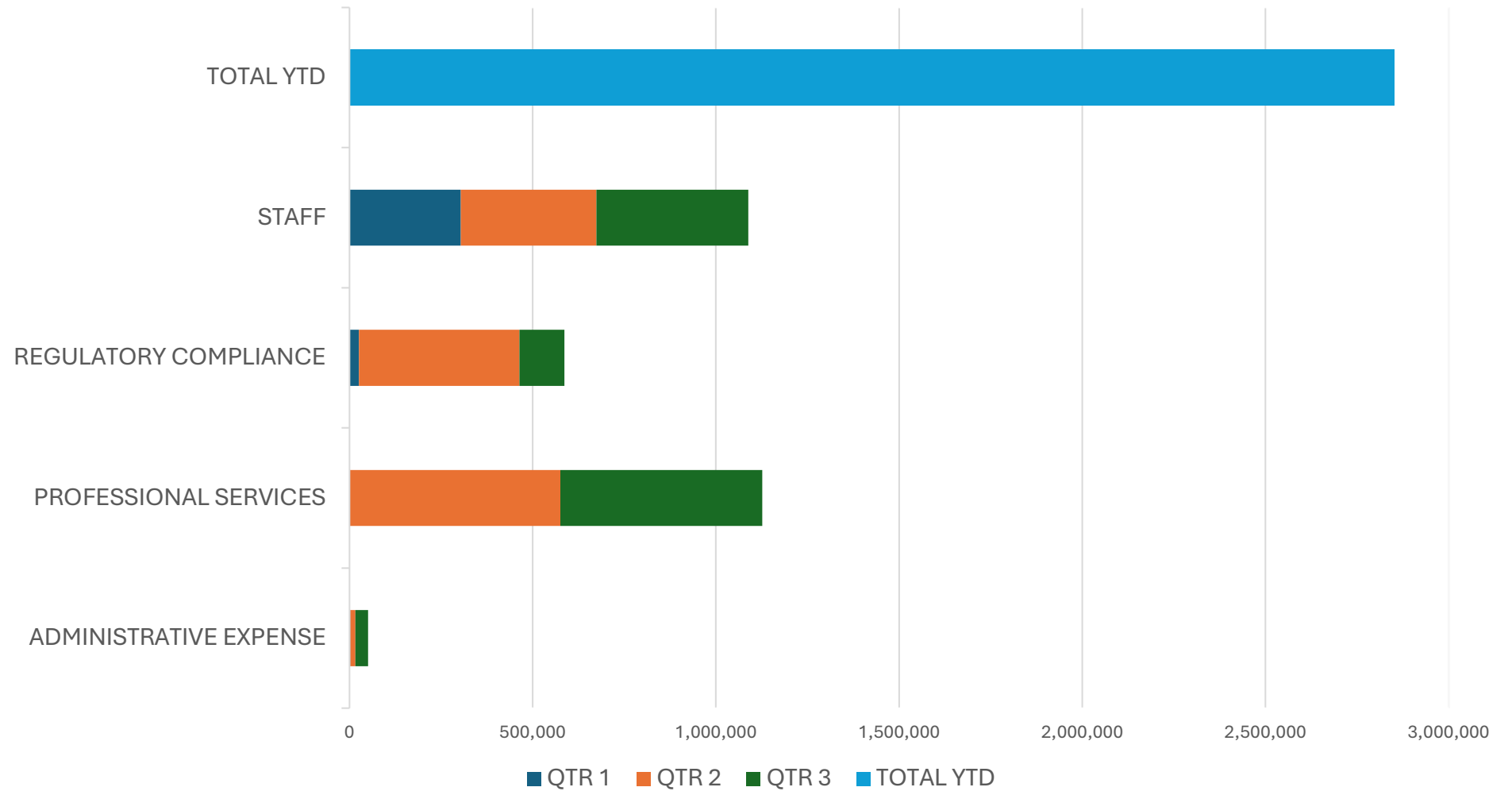


## GSA Revenue





## GSA Expenditures by Category



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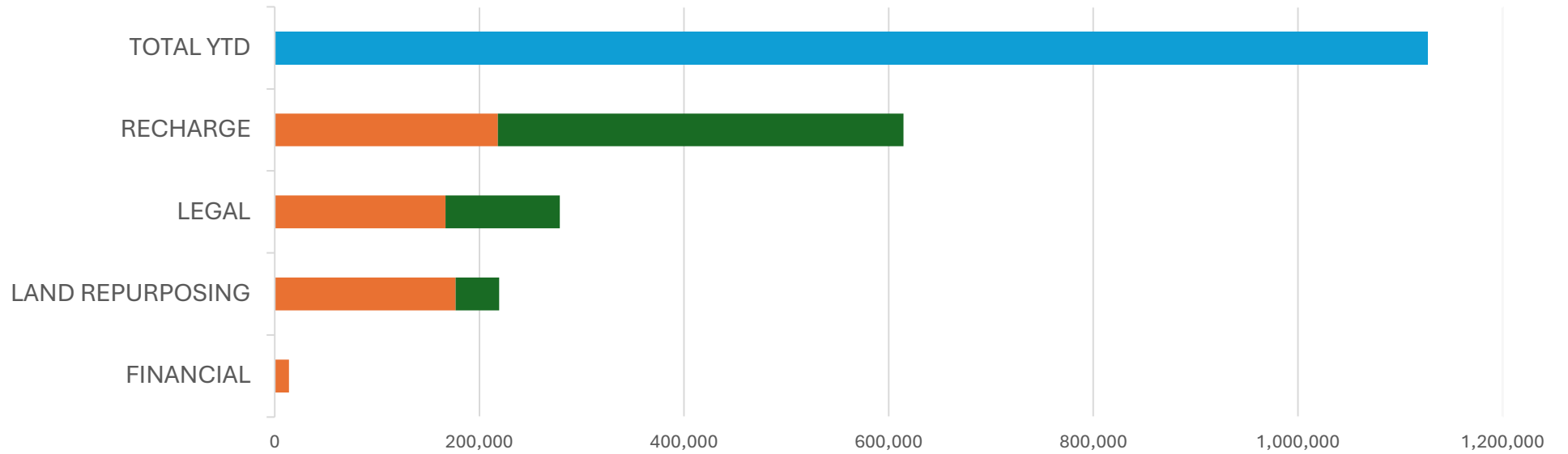




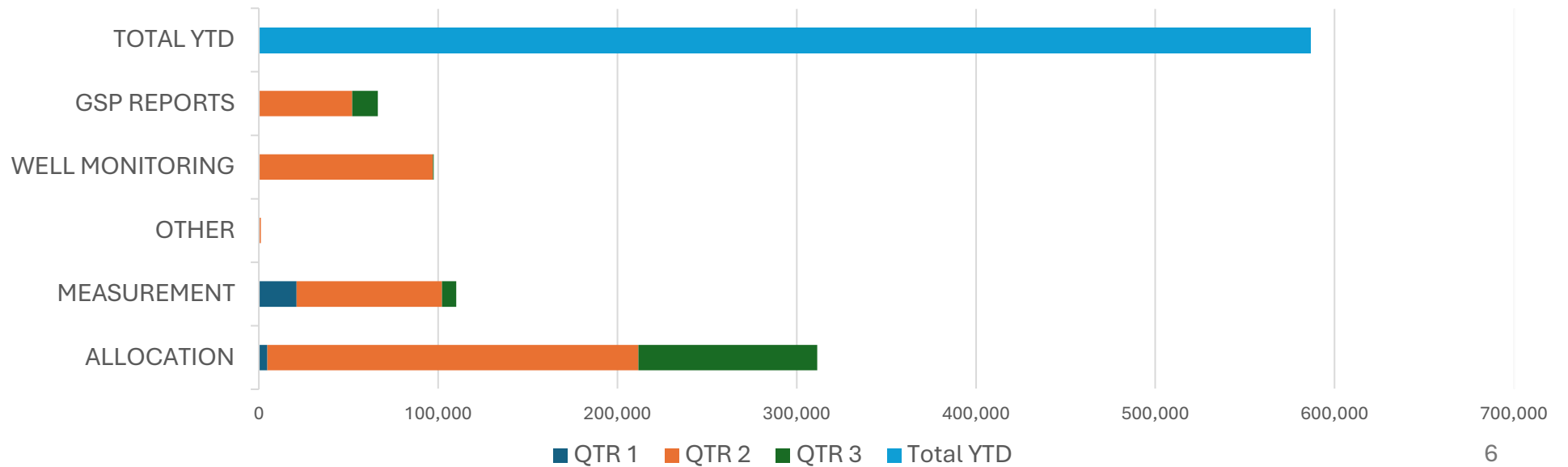
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## Professional Services



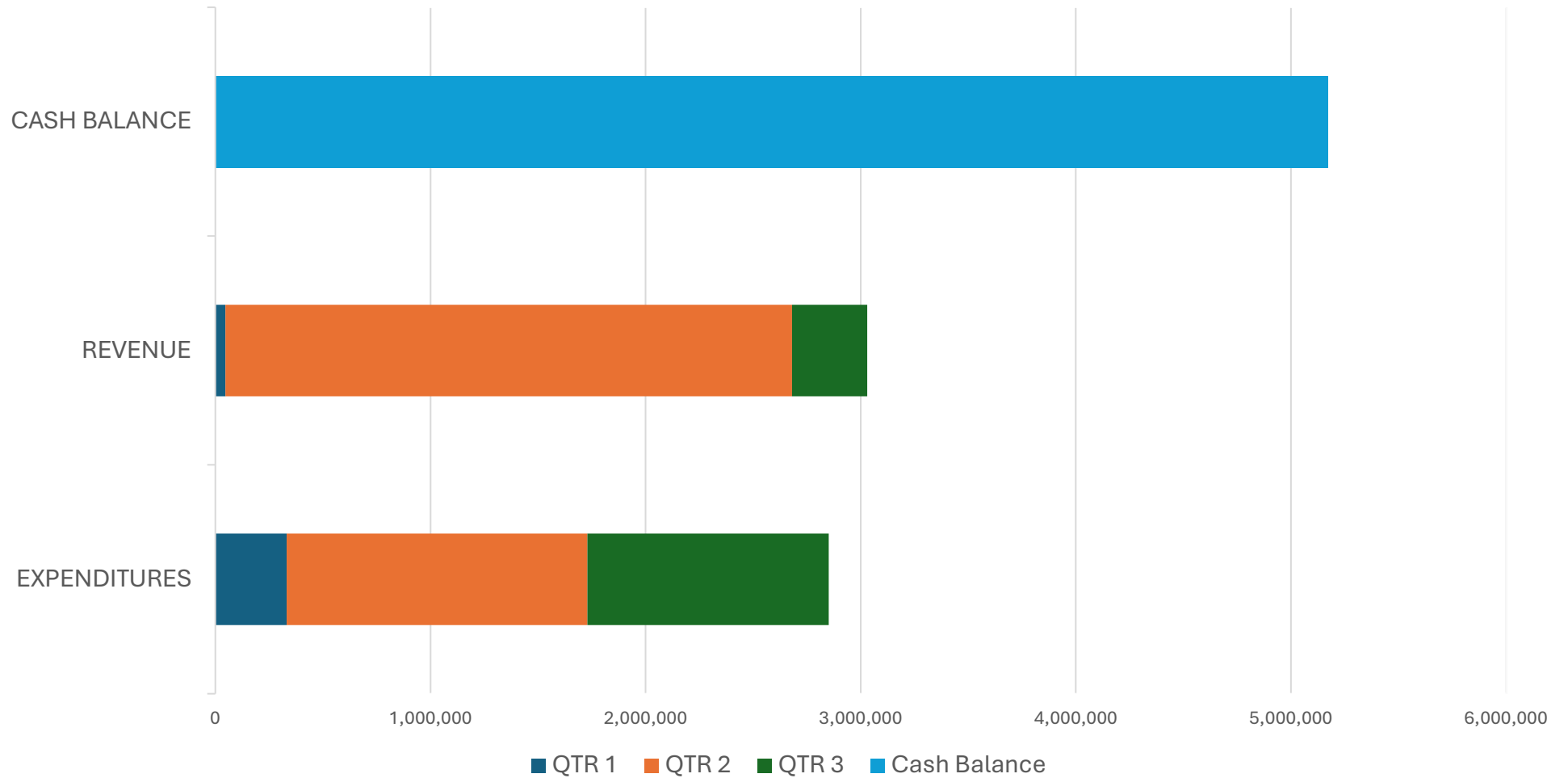
## Regulatory Compliance





# Summary of Financial Position

As of 3/31/2026



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## Revenues

Object Description	QTR 1	QTR 2	QTR 3	Total YTD
ST - WATER GRANT	0	649,860	240,517	890,377
GSA - Penalties Chowchilla	0	107,665	13,600	121,265
GSA - Penalties Madera	0	29,880	7,380	37,260
GSA FEES	0	1,720,881	0	1,720,881
INTEREST ON CASH	46,480	24,038	64,714	135,232
ENV HLTH PERMITS	-89	0	0	-89
INTERFUND REVENUE	0	0	23,774	23,774
CASH OVRAGE	0	1	0	1
MISC REIMBURSEMENT-OTHER	0	101,753	0	101,753
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	0	0	0	0
INTEREST ON PROPERTY TAX COLL	0	0	0	0

## Expenditure by Category

Row Labels	QTR 1	QTR 2	QTR 3	TOTAL YTD
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	1,941	14,241	34,196	50,378
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	322	575,343	550,590	1,126,255
REGULATORY COMPLIANCE	25,767	438,243	122,607	586,617
STAFF	304,017	370,032	414,536	1,088,584

## Professional Services

Row Labels	QTR 1	QTR 2	QTR 3	Total YTD
FINANCIAL	0	14,005	0	14,005
LAND REPURPOSING	0	176,716	42,506	219,222
LEGAL	0	166,818	111,774	278,592
RECHARGE	322	217,804	396,309	614,436

## Regulatory Compliance

Row Labels	QTR 1	QTR 2	QTR 3	Total YTD
ALLOCATION	4,680	206,978	99,769	311,427
MEASUREMENT	21,034	81,089	8,008	110,131
OTHER	53	1,080	0	1,133
WELL MONITORING	0	97,072	426	97,498
GSP REPORTS	0	52,024	14,404	66,428

## Summary

Row Labels	QTR 1	QTR 2	QTR 3	Total YTD
EXPENDITURES	332,047	1,397,859	1,121,928	2,851,834
REVENUE	46,480	24,038	64,714	135,232
CASH BALANCE	3,331,945	5,113,708	5,173,282	5,173,282



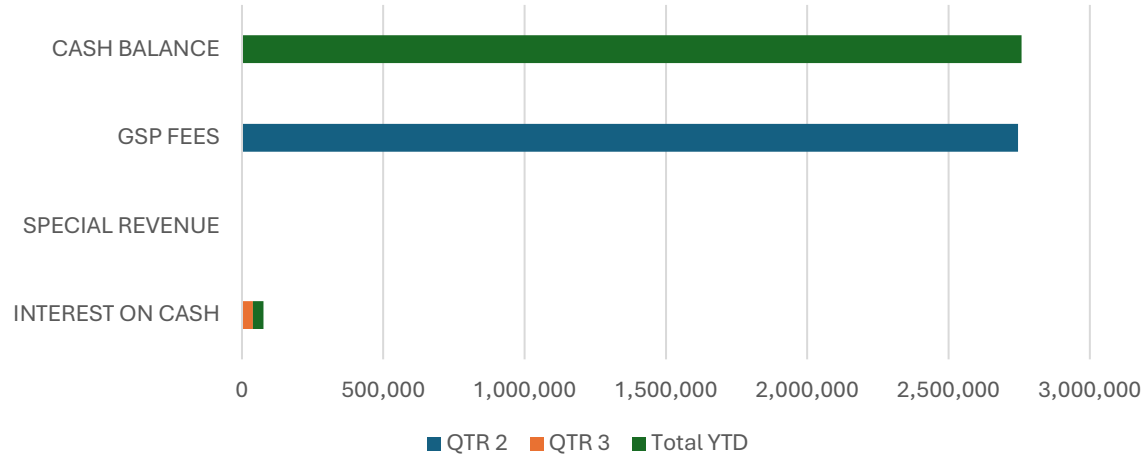
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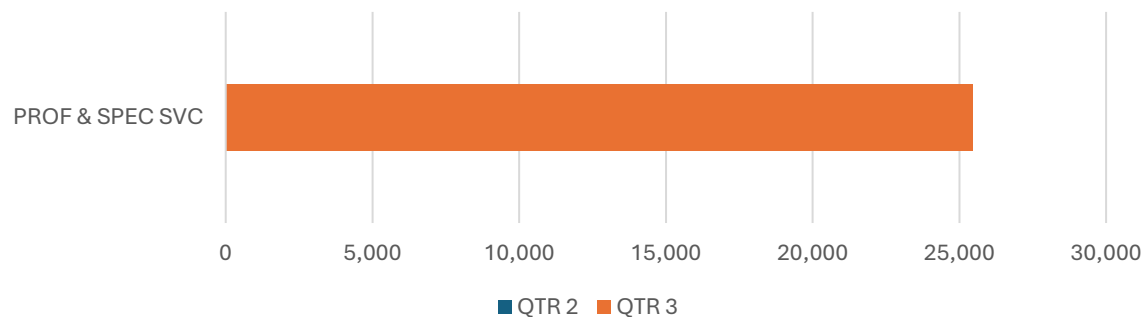


# Madera Dry Well Financial Summary

Well Mitigation Revenues & Cash Balance



Well Mitigation Expenditures



Object Description	QTR 2	QTR 3	Total YTD
INTEREST ON CASH	3,340	34,798	38,138
SPECIAL REVENUE		500	500
GSP FEES	2,745,533		2,745,533
PROF & SPEC SVC		25,453	25,453
CASH BALANCE	2,748,872	2,758,717	2,758,717



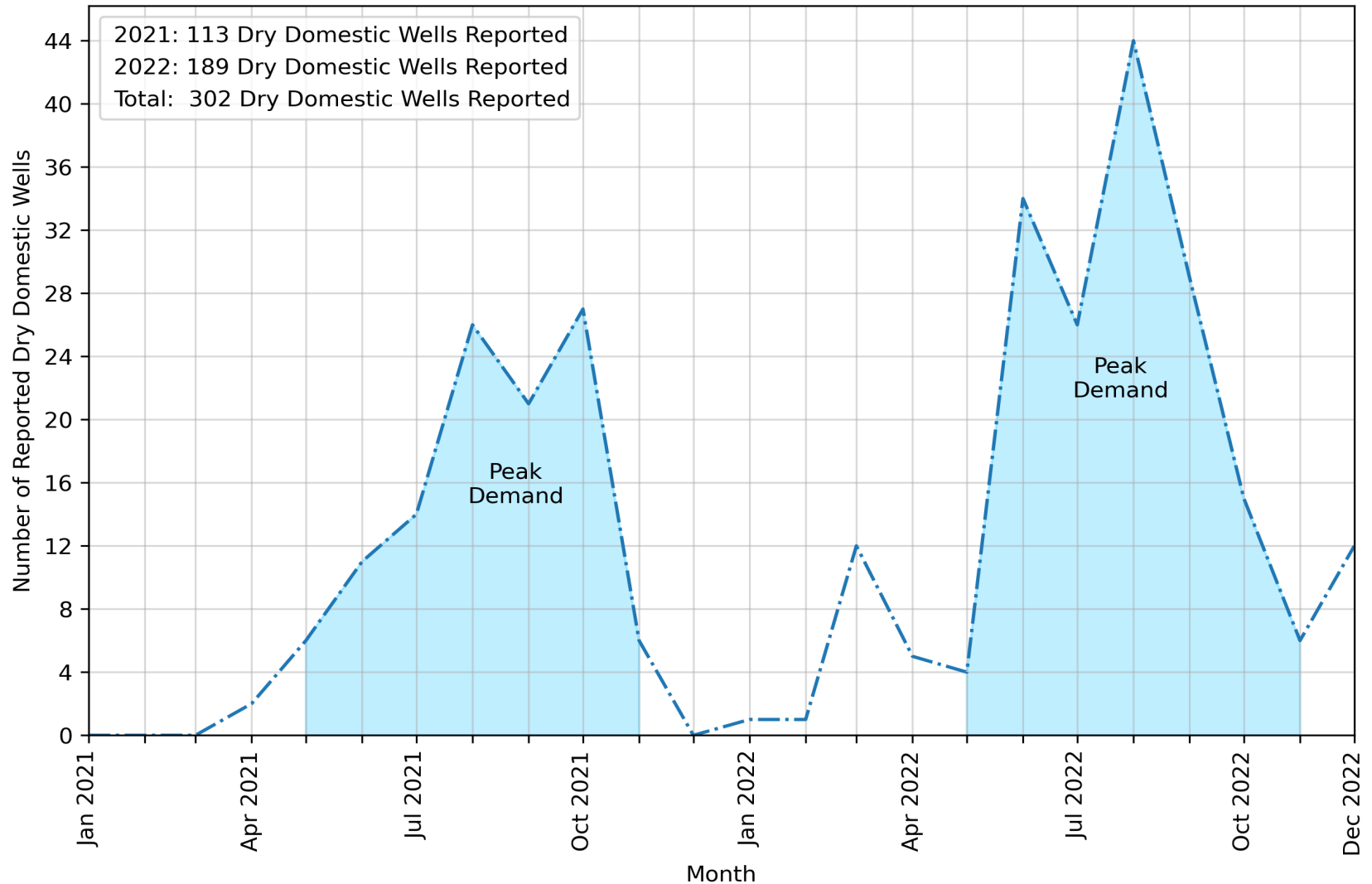
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# Madera Dry Well Demand

Number of Dry Domestic Wells Reported to Department of Water Resources for the Madera Subbasin 2021 (C) - 2022 (C)



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# Madera Dry Well Fee Review Resolution 2025-067

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Revised Fee schedule in the Supplemental Report represents the annual cost of service and does not include the collection of more revenue than the cost of providing services for the Domestic Well Mitigation Program. The Revised Fee will be reviewed annually and brought before the Board of Directors to ensure it continues to represent the annual cost of service and does not include the collection of more revenue or less revenue than the cost of providing service; and

**WHEREAS**, during the annual review of the Revised Fee, monies from groundwater allocation exceedance penalties will be applied towards the rate.



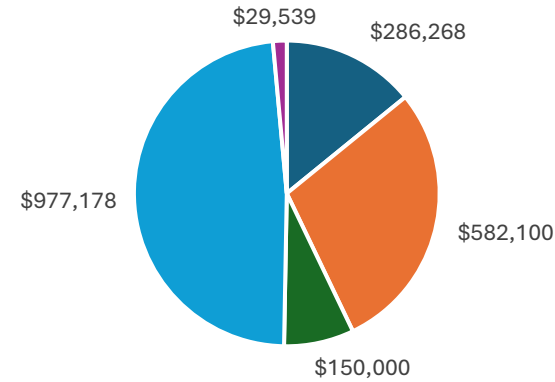
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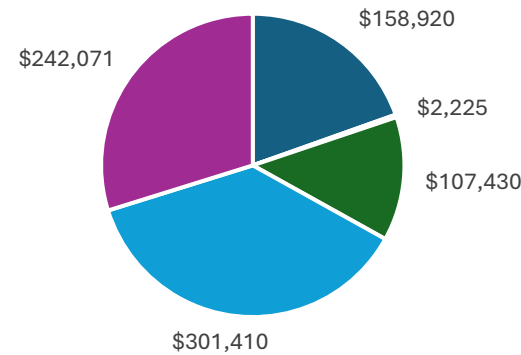
# Proposed GSA Budget - FY 26-27

## Professional Services



■ Legal ■ Land Repurposing (Grant Funded) ■ Financial ■ Recharge (Grant Funded) ■ Misc

## Regulatory Compliance



■ GSP Reports ■ Other ■ Well Monitoring Network ■ Allocation ■ Measurement



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# Funding Opportunities (Prop 4)

## Competitive

- Watershed resilience - \$152M
- SGM - \$320M

## Two-step process – (1) concept proposal and (2) full application Schedule

- Draft guidelines for public comment – fall 2026
- Final guidelines
- Concept proposals and applications – early 2027
- Awards – late 2027-2028

**Prop 4 does offer a 25% advanced payment to initiate an awarded project**

**No local cost share is required**



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