KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY

(FORMERLY KERN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY)

3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 15, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

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KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

This meeting is held in accordance with the Brown Act pursuant to Section 54956 of the California Government Code and the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

1. **Roll Call- Quorum Determination.**
   In the absence of a quorum, the Board will handle only those items not needing a quorum.

2. **Flag Salute**

3. **Public Input**
   This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the public with an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Board matters of which the Board may not be aware and which are not on the current agenda. No action can be taken on any matter raised during this portion of the meeting; however, a Board member may request that the matter be placed on any future agenda for further review and possible action. Members of the public may directly address the Board of Directors on any item of interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, before or during the Board's consideration of the item. The President may limit the time allowed for comment

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. *October 27, 2025 (Jenny)

5. **Financial Report**
   a. *Financial Report & Accounts Payables
   b. *2026 Budget Approval

6. **Administration (Jenny)**
   a. Executive Director Report
   b. Data Gaps Review
   c. Land IQ Water Year Report

7. **DWR Grant Administration**
   a. Report on Grant Administration (Jason)

8. **County of Kern Participation**
   a. Kern County Participation Ad Hoc Committee Report (Royce)

9. **Legal**
   a. Statewide Update (Valerie)
   b. Kern County Well Permitting (Vanessa)

10. **New Business**

11. **Correspondence**

12. **Closed Session**
   a. KNDLA Manager Ad Hoc Report

13. **Adjournment**

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JPA Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
Monday, October 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andrew Hart, Kern Tulare
Brandon Morris, Southern San Joaquin
Bret Sill, Shafter-Wasco/7th Standard Annex
Colby Fry, Wheeler Ridge
Dan Bartel, RRBWSD
Dave Halopoff, Cawelo
Dave Hampton, North Kern
David Daniels, Semitropic
Derek Yurosek, Arvin-Edison
Devon Yurosek, KNDLA
Dolores Salgado, TCWD
Eric McDaris, Kern Water Bank
Gary Morris, West Kern
Jeff Siemens, Olcese
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta
Nick Pavletich, KCWA
Rob Goff, Westside
Royce Fast, Pioneer
Tim Ashlock, BVWSD
Wes Shyrock, KCWA ID4

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES BY TELECONFERENCE

Barry Watts, RRBWSD
Chad Hathaway, Eastside
Debbie Wise, KNDLA

OTHERS PRESENT/ PARTICIPATING

Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic
Jenny Holtermann, KNDLA
Rachelle Echeverria, RRBWSD

OTHERS VIRTUAL

Alanna Goodell
Angelica Martin
Dave Cameron
Jamie Marquez
Jeevan Muhar
Kate Zenger
Larry Rodriguez
Sam Blue
Sheridan Nicholas
Skye Grass
Stephanie Hearn
Valerie Kincaid, Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP
Vanessa Y. Escobedo

1. **Roll Call**
   Vice Chairman Fast called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. after confirming the presence of a quorum, as required by the JPA Agreement.

2. **Flag Salute**
   Completed.

3. **Public Input**
   None.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. A motion was made by Director Hart and seconded by Director Daniels to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025, regular board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Financial Report**
   a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable**
      Ms. Holtermann reviewed the deposits, monthly bills, and grant balances. A motion was made by Director Blaine and seconded by Director Salgado to approve the financial report and authorize payment of disbursements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Administration**
   a. **Executive Director Report.**
      Ms. Holtermann provided a report on the past month's administrative duties, technical assistance application, well monitoring, data gaps review, and outreach efforts with the landowner assessment Ad Hoc committee. She also summarizes the weekly Manager Meetings and Policy Meetings cost share discussions, plan updates, and proposal reviews.
   b. **Landowner Assessment Ad Hoc**
      Ms. Holtermann reviewed the assessment discussions that occurred during Ad Hoc committee meetings. Ms. Kincaid addressed the process of a Proposition 26 election.
   c. **November/December Meeting Schedule**
      Due to the holiday season, Ms. Holtermann suggested cancelling the November and December scheduled meetings due to the lack of quorum. Director Antongiovanni made a motion for a Special Meeting to occur on December 15th at 8 am, seconded by Director Ashlock. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **DWR Grant Administration**
   a. **Report on DWR Grant Administration**
      Mr. Gianquinto reported that work is underway to close out activities and finalize all needs.

8. **County of Kern Participation**
   a. **Kern County Participation Ad hoc Committee Report**
      Director Fast reported that there were no updates at this time.

9. **Legal**
   a. **Statewide Update**
      Ms. Kincaid reported on the Department of Water Resources Subsidence update findings. There was an update on the interconnected surface water report. SWRCB issued the

Kaweah subbasin hearing date for December 2nd, with the matter for returning to DWR.

10. New Business

None.

11. Correspondence

12. Closed Session

a. KNDLA Assessment

Closed session commenced at 2:16 p.m. and concluded at 2:54 p.m. Vice Chairman Fast reported that a Manager Ad Hoc was established to address assessment background materials. Motion was made by Director Fry and seconded by Director Salgado. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Salgado and seconded by Director Fry. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Holtermann

ANDREA R. HILL, CPA
An Accountancy Corporation

November 19, 2025

TO: Kern Non-Districted Land Authority

FROM: Andrea R. Hill CPA, AAC

SUBJECT: October 2025 Accountant's Report

DISCUSSION

Exhibit A is the Authority's unaudited financial statements on October 31, 2025. They include a Statement of Net Position as of October 31, 2025, and a Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the one month and ten months ended October 31, 2025. We believe both statements fairly present the financial position and results of the Authority's activities for the general JPA membership and each specific Special Activity Agreements at this time.

Exhibit B is the Accountant's Report for the Authority's financial activities from October 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025. There were $98,634.06 deposits during the month. Disbursements totaling $95,069.42 were issued during the month. The cash balance on October 31, 2025, was $179,486.66. There were no subsequent deposits as shown on **Exhibit C**.

The Accounts Receivable balance from Members on October 31, 2025, was $0 as shown on **Exhibit D**.

Exhibit E is the details of Accounts Payable and Credit Card Payables for the month of October 2025, reflecting total payables on October 31, 2025, of $90,056.19. Currently, invoices totaling $88,407.48 are submitted for payment approval.

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Exhibit A - Statement of Net Position
As of October 31, 2025

	Oct 31, 25	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Valley Strong Money Market		243,759.90
Valley Strong Savings		5.00
Valley Strong Checking		-64,278.24
Total Checking/Savings		179,486.66
Total Current Assets		179,486.66
TOTAL ASSETS		**179,486.66**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable		89,977.95
Total Accounts Payable		89,977.95
Credit Cards		
Valley Strong Visa		78.24
Total Credit Cards		78.24
Total Current Liabilities		90,056.19
Total Liabilities		90,056.19
Equity		
Net Assets		
GSP - SAA#4	60,124.65	
ITRC - SAA#1	-13,626.47	
KGA - General	-13,772.23	
KRGSA-RMC (Ph2)	24.69	
KRGSA-Todd GW	20.00	
Total Net Assets		32,770.64
Net Income		56,659.83
Total Equity		89,430.47
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		**179,486.66**

No Assurance is Provided. All Required Discolsures Have Been Omitted.

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Exhibit A - Statement of Revenues & Expenses
October 2025

	Oct 25	Jan - Oct 25
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Grant - State	98,084.15	3,157,896.70
Investment Income	549.91	7,297.77
Member Contributions	0.00	262,300.00
Total Income	98,634.06	3,427,494.47
Expense		
Administration		
Executive Director	4,239.20	45,747.67
General Administration Support	0.00	4,556.56
Grant Administration	0.00	34,629.40
Insurance	0.00	2,705.00
Total Administration	4,239.20	87,638.63
Fees	0.00	1.00
Interest Expense	1.08	25.19
Office Supplies	77.16	813.29
Other Outside Services		
General Technical Support	13,161.73	39,185.87
GIS	0.00	700.00
Website Management	0.00	1,335.20
Other Outside Services - Other	95,623.35	3,134,247.01
Total Other Outside Services	108,785.08	3,175,468.08
Outreach	0.00	1,308.20
Professional - Accounting	1,000.00	10,783.75
Professional - Auditor	0.00	8,250.00
Professional - Legal	3,577.00	86,347.25
Telephone	0.00	199.25
Total Expense	117,679.52	3,370,834.64
Net Ordinary Income	-19,045.46	56,659.83
Net Income	**-19,045.46**	**56,659.83**

No Assurance is Provided. All Required Disclosures Have Been Omitted.

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Exhibit B - Bank Activity
As of October 31, 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Debit	Credit	Balance
Valley Strong Money Market						145,125.84
Deposit	10/30/2025			98,084.15		243,209.99
Deposit	10/31/2025			549.91		243,759.90
Total Valley Strong Money Market				98,634.06	0.00	243,759.90
Valley Strong Savings						5.00
Total Valley Strong Savings						5.00
Valley Strong Checking						30,791.18
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3264	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		24,379.60	6,411.58
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3265	Andrea R. Hill CPA AAC		1,000.00	5,411.58
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3266	Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman LLP		5,500.00	-88.42
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3267	Jenny Holtermann		4,326.70	-4,415.12
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3268	Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP		8,577.50	-12,992.62
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3269	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		8,869.30	-21,861.92
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3270	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		3,857.30	-25,719.22
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3271	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		7,600.30	-33,319.52
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3272	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		3,256.30	-36,575.82
Check	10/22/2025	3273	Valley Strong Credit Union		79.09	-36,654.91
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3274	Land IQ LLC		27,623.33	-64,278.24
Total Valley Strong Checking				0.00	95,069.42	-64,278.24
TOTAL				**98,634.06**	**95,069.42**	**179,486.66**

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Exhibit B - Deposit Detail
October 2025

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Amount
Deposit	**10/30/2025**		**Deposit**	**98,084.15**
			DWR SGMA INV #12	-98,084.15
TOTAL				-98,084.15
Deposit	**10/31/2025**		**Deposit**	**549.91**
			October dividend	-549.91
TOTAL				-549.91

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Exhibit B - Check Detail
October 2025

Type	Num	Date	Name	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	**3264**	**10/22/2025**	**Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group**		**-24,379.60**
Bill	119634	04/30/2025		-1,818.10	1,818.10
Bill	120758	06/18/2025		-10,984.30	10,984.30
Bill	121208	06/30/2025		-10,094.90	10,094.90
Bill	122166	07/31/2025		-1,482.30	1,482.30
TOTAL				-24,379.60	24,379.60
Bill Pmt -Check	**3265**	**10/22/2025**	**Andrea R. Hill CPA AAC**		**-1,000.00**
Bill	35782	09/18/2025		-1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL				-1,000.00	1,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	**3266**	**10/22/2025**	**Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman LLP**		**-5,500.00**
Bill	159137	09/01/2025		-5,500.00	5,500.00
TOTAL				-5,500.00	5,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	**3267**	**10/22/2025**	**Jenny Holtermann**		**-4,326.70**
Bill	Sep2025	09/30/2025		-4,326.70	4,326.70
TOTAL				-4,326.70	4,326.70
Bill Pmt -Check	**3268**	**10/22/2025**	**Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP**		**-8,577.50**
Bill	2988	09/30/2025		-8,577.50	8,577.50
TOTAL				-8,577.50	8,577.50
Bill Pmt -Check	**3269**	**10/22/2025**	**Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group**		**-8,869.30**
Bill	123513	09/22/2025		-7,241.30	7,241.30
				-1,628.00	1,628.00
TOTAL				-8,869.30	8,869.30
Bill Pmt -Check	**3270**	**10/22/2025**	**Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group**		**-3,857.30**
Bill	123705	09/23/2025		-755.40	755.40
				-486.00	486.00
				-2,615.90	2,615.90
TOTAL				-3,857.30	3,857.30
Bill Pmt -Check	**3271**	**10/22/2025**	**Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group**		**-7,600.30**
Bill	123928	09/30/2025		-7,600.30	7,600.30
TOTAL				-7,600.30	7,600.30
Bill Pmt -Check	**3272**	**10/22/2025**	**Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group**		**-3,256.30**
Bill	124354	09/30/2025		-2,763.00	2,763.00
				-379.30	379.30
				-114.00	114.00
TOTAL				-3,256.30	3,256.30

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Exhibit B - Check Detail
October 2025

Type	Num	Date	Name	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	**3273**	**10/22/2025**	**Valley Strong Credit Union**		**-79.09**
				-79.09	79.09
TOTAL				-79.09	79.09
Bill Pmt -Check	**3274**	**10/22/2025**	**Land IQ LLC**		**-27,623.33**
Bill	7243	10/09/2025		-27,623.33	27,623.33
TOTAL				-27,623.33	27,623.33

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Exhibit C - Subsequent Deposits
November 1 - 18, 2025

Type	Num	Date	Name	Amount

No Subsequent Deposits to Report

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Exhibit D - Accounts Receivable Detail
As of October 31, 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Open Balance
TOTAL				

Exhibit E

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority

Accountant's Report - Accounts Payable detail as of October 31, 2025
and subsequent payables through 11/18/25

Vendor	Description	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Invoice Amount	
Valley Strong Credit Union	October credit card statement		10/31/2025	$ 78.24	
Andrea R. Hill, CPA AAC	Sept accounting service for Oct meeting	35930	10/31/2025	$ 1,000.00	
Dee Jaspar and Associates, Inc.	October service for KMEC Project	25-01074	10/31/2025	$ 380.00	
Jenny Holtermann	October executive director services	Oct-25	10/31/2025	$ 4,239.20	
Land IQ LLC	November monthly evapotranspiration evaluation	7289	11/1/2025	$ 3,946.19	November
Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	October services	3016	10/31/2025	$ 3,577.00	
Arvin Edison Water Storgage Dist.	SGMA #12 expense reimbursement	SGMA#12	10/31/2025	$ 281.20	
Eastside Water Management	SGMA #12 expense reimbursement	SGMA#12	10/31/2025	$ 1,147.30	
Land IQ LLC	SGMA #12 expense	6,732	10/31/2025	$ 73,243.95	
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage	SGMA #12 expense reimbursement	SGMA#12	10/31/2025	$ 514.40	
	TOTAL PAYABLES REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING			$ 88,407.48	
INVOICES ON HOLD:					
SGMA Planning Grant (Pending Grant Submittal/Proceeds):					
Provost & Pritchard	SGMA Implementation Grant	125228	10/31/2025	5,594.90	
				5,594.90	
	PAYABLES/INVOICES ON HOLD pending Grant Proceeds			$ 5,594.90	
	TOTAL PAYABLES Outstanding at 11/18/25			$ 94,002.38	
	LESS NOVEMBER PAYABLES SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT			(3,946.19)	
	TOTAL PAYABLES Outstanding at 10/31/2025			$ 90,056.19	

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
General Ledger
As of October 31, 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Valley Strong Money Market							145,125.84
Deposit	10/30/2025			Deposit	98,084.15		243,209.99
Deposit	10/31/2025			Deposit	549.91		243,759.90
Total Valley Strong Money Market					98,634.06	0.00	243,759.90
Valley Strong Savings							5.00
Total Valley Strong Savings							5.00
Rabo Op Account							0.00
Total Rabo Op Account							0.00
Valley Strong Checking							30,791.18
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3264	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...			24,379.60	6,411.58
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3265	Andrea R. Hill CPA AAC	Inv 35782 Client 10481		1,000.00	5,411.58
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3266	Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffma...	Invoice 159137 Client B08844.00		5,500.00	-88.42
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3267	Jenny Holtermann	September 2025 Executive Director Services		4,326.70	-4,415.12
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3268	Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	Invoice 2988		8,577.50	-12,992.62
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3269	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...	Inv 123513		8,869.30	-21,861.92
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3270	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...	Inv 123705		3,857.30	-25,719.22
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3271	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...	Inv 123928		7,600.30	-33,319.52
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3272	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...	Inv 124354		3,256.30	-36,575.82
Check	10/22/2025	3273	Valley Strong Credit Union	Member Acct 13 Loan 3000		79.09	-36,654.91
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3274	Land IQ LLC	Invoice 7243		27,623.33	-64,278.24
Total Valley Strong Checking					0.00	95,069.42	-64,278.24
VRB - Operating Account							0.00
Total VRB - Operating Account							0.00
Accounts Receivable							0.00
Total Accounts Receivable							0.00
Accounts Receivable - Grants							0.00
GSP- SAA#4							0.00
Total GSP- SAA#4							0.00
ITRC - SAA#1							0.00
Total ITRC - SAA#1							0.00
KGA - General							0.00
Total KGA - General							0.00
KGA - SGMA							0.00
Total KGA - SGMA							0.00
Accounts Receivable - Grants - Other							0.00
Total Accounts Receivable - Grants - Other							0.00
Total Accounts Receivable - Grants							0.00

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
General Ledger
As of October 31, 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Prepaids							0.00
Total Prepaids							0.00
Retainer							0.00
Total Retainer							0.00
Undeposited Funds							0.00
Total Undeposited Funds							0.00
Suspense							0.00
Total Suspense							0.00
Accounts Payable							-67,367.00
Bill	10/09/2025	7243	Land IQ LLC	Invoice 7243		27,623.33	-94,990.33
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3264	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...		24,379.60		-70,610.73
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3265	Andrea R. Hill CPA AAC	Inv 35782 Client 10481	1,000.00		-69,610.73
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3266	Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffma...	Invoice 159137 Client B08844.00	5,500.00		-64,110.73
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3267	Jenny Holtermann	September 2025 Executive Director Services	4,326.70		-59,784.03
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3268	Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	Invoice 2988	8,577.50		-51,206.53
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3269	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...	Inv 123513	8,869.30		-42,337.23
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3270	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...	Inv 123705	3,857.30		-38,479.93
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3271	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...	Inv 123928	7,600.30		-30,879.63
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3272	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...	Inv 124354	3,256.30		-27,623.33
Bill Pmt -Check	10/22/2025	3274	Land IQ LLC	Invoice 7243	27,623.33		0.00
Bill	10/31/2025	35930	Andrea R. Hill CPA AAC	Client 10481 Inv 35930		1,000.00	-1,000.00
Bill	10/31/2025	25-01...	Dee Jaspar and Associates, Inc.	Invoice 25-01074		380.00	-1,380.00
Bill	10/31/2025	Oct2025	Jenny Holtermann	October Executive Director Services		4,239.20	-5,619.20
Bill	10/31/2025	3016	Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	Invoice 3016		3,577.00	-9,196.20
Bill	10/31/2025	125228	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...	11/15/25 Invoice 125228		5,594.90	-14,791.10
Bill	10/31/2025	6732	Land IQ LLC	Invoice 6732		73,243.95	-88,035.05
Bill	10/31/2025	SGMA...	Arvin Edison Water Storage Distr...	SGMA #12 Exp Reimbursement 4/1/25 - 6/30/25		281.20	-88,316.25
Bill	10/31/2025	SGMA...	Eastside Water Management Area	SGMA # Exp Reimbursement 4/1/25 - 6/30/25		1,147.30	-89,463.55
Bill	10/31/2025	SGMA...	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water ...	SGMA #12 Exp Reimbursement 4/1/25 - 6/30/25		514.40	-89,977.95
Total Accounts Payable					94,990.33	117,601.28	-89,977.95
Valley Strong Visa							-79.09
Check	10/22/2025	3273	Valley Strong Credit Union	Member Acct 13 Loan 3000	79.09		0.00
Credit Card Char...	10/22/2025		Verizon Wireless			77.16	-77.16
Credit Card Char...	10/31/2025		Interest Charged on Purchases			1.08	-78.24
Total Valley Strong Visa					79.09	78.24	-78.24
Accrued Payables							0.00
Total Accrued Payables							0.00
Payroll Liabilities							0.00
Total Payroll Liabilities							0.00

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
General Ledger
As of October 31, 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
YTD Net Income							0.00
Total YTD Net Income							0.00
Net Assets							-150,502.34
GSP - SAA#4							-60,124.65
Total GSP - SAA#4							-60,124.65
ITRC - SAA#1							13,626.47
Total ITRC - SAA#1							13,626.47
KGA - General							-103,959.47
General Journal	10/31/2025	2025-5		Close 2024 income & expense to KGA - General	117,731.70		13,772.23
Total KGA - General					117,731.70	0.00	13,772.23
KRGSA-RMC (Ph2)							-24.69
Total KRGSA-RMC (Ph2)							-24.69
KRGSA-RMS (Ph1)							0.00
Total KRGSA-RMS (Ph1)							0.00
KRGSA-Todd GW							-20.00
Total KRGSA-Todd GW							-20.00
Net Assets - Other							0.00
Total Net Assets - Other							0.00
Total Net Assets					117,731.70	0.00	-32,770.64
Opening Balance Equity							0.00
Total Opening Balance Equity							0.00
Retained Earnings							117,731.70
General Journal	10/31/2025	2025-5		Close 2024 income & expense to KGA - General		117,731.70	0.00
Total Retained Earnings					0.00	117,731.70	0.00
Grant - Federal							0.00
Total Grant - Federal							0.00
Grant - State							-3,059,812.55
Deposit	10/30/2025			DWR SGMA INV #12		98,084.15	-3,157,896.70
Total Grant - State					0.00	98,084.15	-3,157,896.70
Investment Income							-6,747.86
Deposit	10/31/2025			October dividend		549.91	-7,297.77
Total Investment Income					0.00	549.91	-7,297.77

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
General Ledger
As of October 31, 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Member Contributions							-262,300.00
Total Member Contributions							-262,300.00
Member Refunds							0.00
Total Member Refunds							0.00
Administration							83,399.43
Executive Director							41,508.47
Bill	10/31/2025	Oct2025	Jenny Holtermann	October Executive Director Services	4,239.20		45,747.67
Total Executive Director					4,239.20	0.00	45,747.67
General Administration Support							4,556.56
Total General Administration Support							4,556.56
Grant Administration							34,629.40
Total Grant Administration							34,629.40
Insurance							2,705.00
Total Insurance							2,705.00
Rent Expense							0.00
Total Rent Expense							0.00
Administration - Other							0.00
Total Administration - Other							0.00
Total Administration					4,239.20	0.00	87,638.63
Bank Charges							0.00
Total Bank Charges							0.00
Discounts Taken							0.00
Total Discounts Taken							0.00
Fees							1.00
Total Fees							1.00
First Aid							0.00
Total First Aid							0.00
Interest Expense							24.11
Credit Card Char...	10/31/2025		Interest Charged on Purchases		1.08		25.19
Total Interest Expense					1.08	0.00	25.19
Meetings/Meals							0.00
Total Meetings/Meals							0.00

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As of October 31, 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Office Supplies							736.13
Credit Card Char...	10/22/2025		Verizon Wireless		77.16		813.29
Total Office Supplies					77.16	0.00	813.29
Other Outside Services							3,066,683.00
General Technical Support							26,024.14
Bill	10/09/2025	7243	Land IQ LLC	Invoice 7243 Apr - Oct evapotranspiration evaluation	27,623.33		53,647.47
Bill	10/31/2025	25-01...	Dee Jaspar and Associates, Inc.	Inv 25-01074 KMEC Project	380.00		54,027.47
General Journal	10/31/2025	2025-4		Reclassify SGMA expenses from invoice 12		14,841.60	39,185.87
Total General Technical Support					28,003.33	14,841.60	39,185.87
GIS							700.00
Total GIS							700.00
Website Management							1,335.20
Total Website Management							1,335.20
Other Outside Services - Other							3,038,623.66
Bill	10/31/2025	125228	Provost & Pritchard Consulting G...	Inv 125228 October SGMA services	5,594.90		3,044,218.56
Bill	10/31/2025	6732	Land IQ LLC	Inv 6732 dated 4/1/25 SGMA #12	73,243.95		3,117,462.51
Bill	10/31/2025	SGMA...	Arvin Edison Water Storage Distr...	SGMA #12 Exp Reimbursement 4/1/25 - 6/30/25	281.20		3,117,743.71
Bill	10/31/2025	SGMA...	Eastside Water Management Area	SGMA # Exp Reimbursement 4/1/25 - 6/30/25	1,147.30		3,118,891.01
Bill	10/31/2025	SGMA...	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water ...	SGMA #12 Exp Reimbursement 4/1/25 - 6/30/25	514.40		3,119,405.41
General Journal	10/31/2025	2025-4		Reclassify SGMA expenses from invoice 12	14,841.60		3,134,247.01
Total Other Outside Services - Other					95,623.35	0.00	3,134,247.01
Total Other Outside Services					123,626.68	14,841.60	3,175,468.08
Outreach							1,308.20
Total Outreach							1,308.20
Payroll Expenses							0.00
Total Payroll Expenses							0.00
Professional - Accounting							9,783.75
Bill	10/31/2025	35930	Andrea R. Hill CPA AAC	Invoice 10481 Sept Accounting for October Meeting	1,000.00		10,783.75
Total Professional - Accounting					1,000.00	0.00	10,783.75
Professional - Auditor							8,250.00
Total Professional - Auditor							8,250.00
Professional - Engineering							0.00
Total Professional - Engineering							0.00

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General Ledger
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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Professional - Legal							82,770.25
Bill	10/31/2025	3016	Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	Invoice 3016 October Services	3,577.00		86,347.25
Total Professional - Legal					3,577.00	0.00	86,347.25
Telephone							199.25
Total Telephone							199.25
Well Mitigation							0.00
Total Well Mitigation							0.00
Ask My Accountant							0.00
Total Ask My Accountant							0.00
No accnt							0.00
Total no accnt							0.00
TOTAL					**443,956.30**	**443,956.30**	**0.00**

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December 15, 2025

To: Board of Directors
Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Agenda Item: 5b

From: Jenny Holtermann

Re: 2026 Budget Approval

Discussion:

		2025 KNDLA Budget	2025 KNDLA Actual as of Nov 1	2026 KNDLA DRAFT
ADMINISTRATION				
	Executive Director	$ 60,000.00	$ 45,747.67	$ 80,000.00
	General Administration Support	$ 10,000.00	$ 4,556.56	$ 5,000.00
	Insurance	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,705.00	$ 3,000.00
	Grant Administration	$ 30,000.00	$ 34,629.40	$ -
	Rent	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Outreach	$ -	$ 2,121.49	$ 20,000.00
	General Attorney Support	$ 103,102.00	$ 86,347.25	$ 100,000.00
	Accounting	$ 12,000.00	$ 10,783.75	$ 12,000.00
	Auditor	$ 6,500.00	$ 8,250.00	$ 3,000.00
	Website Hosting and Maintenance	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,335.20	$ 5,000.00
	Fees, Interest		$ 26.19	$ 100.00
	Communication		$ 199.25	$ 300.00
ADMIN SUBTOTAL		**$ 226,402.00**	**$ 196,701.76**	**$ 228,400.00**
TECHNICAL				
	Grant Outside Services		$ 3,134,247.01	$ -
	Subbasin Coordination			$ 40,000.00
	Land IQ irrigated			$ 10,200.00
	Land IQ non-irrigated			$ 37,200.00
	Water Quality/Level Sampling			$ 10,000.00

	Annual Report Support			$ 10,000.00
	GIS		$ 700.00	$ 30,000.00
	General Technical Support	$ 25,898.00	$ 39,185.87	$ 10,000.00
TECHNICAL SUBTOTAL		**$ 25,898.00**	**$ 3,174,132.88**	**$ 147,400.00**
MITIGATION				
	Friant-Kern Mitigation		$ -	$ -
	Well Mitigation		$ -	$ 280,000.00
MITIGATION SUBTOTAL				**$ 280,000.00**
	KNDLA TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 252,300.00**	**$ 3,370,834.64**	**$ 655,800.00**

REVENUE	Landowner Assessment	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Member Contributions	$ 252,300.00	$ 262,300.00	$ 375,800.00
	Grant		$ 3,157,896.70	$ -
	SGMA Fees			$ -
	Investment Income		$ 7,297.77	
	TOTAL REVENUE	**$ 252,300.00**	**$ 3,427,494.47**	**$ 375,800.00**

	TOTAL PROFIT	**$ -**	**$ 56,659.83**	**$ (280,000.00)**

	1/20 SPLIT ANNUALLY	**$ 12,615.00**	**$ 13,115.00**	**$ 18,790.00**

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December 15, 2025

To: Board of Directors
Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Agenda Item: 6a

From: Jenny Holtermann

Re: Executive Director Report

Administration

- Landowner communication of APN identification/ GIS mapping
- Correspondence and organization of Landowner Coordination regarding Well Technical Assistance Application
- Coordination with P&P on GIS platform and mapping, ongoing
- Coordination with P&P on well monitoring and collection of water level, quality for updating in the DMS by deadline
- Assessment tool expansion and calculations, ongoing coordination of next steps
- Land IQ review and contract completion, monthly review, and analysis
- EWMA Meeting
    - Land IQ discussions on relevance to graze land/ET
    - Basin Study review and need for own analysis
    - Water District formation progress, faster approach
    - Budget Review for 2026 to be finalized at next meeting
    - Cost Share discussion of Basin and an in-depth understanding of EWMA impact
- Managers' Ad Hoc on assessment background on white lands
    - November 14 Meeting
        - Overview of each white land fee and structure to relevant districts
        - Demand management reduction tools used
    - December 10 Meeting
        - Discussion on recommendations to the KNDLA board
        - Analysis of process and stakeholder involvement
- Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes cancellation, prep, and coordination
- Coordinate Financial statements, deposits, and payables.
- DMS background and research done with GEI to better prepare for Annual Report

- Annual Report work
    - Recommendations from outside support meetings
    - Background knowledge and research into the report
- Presentation of KNDLA background to the California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Kern Subbasin SGMA Weekly Friday Managers Meetings, Monday Policy Meetings

- Plan Updates
    - Annual Report review, content analysis, and update
    - GSP Updates of well inventory clean up, data gaps finalizing
- Updates and review of proposals on SGMA management
    - Review of additional scopes and consulting proposals
    - Cost Share discussions ongoing for potential change in subbasin split
        - KNDLA addition of 10,634 "developed acres."

GSA Name	Developed Acreage	Subbasin Dev Ac %	Existing (1/22 Method)	#1 (All Dev Ac Method)	#2 (Blended Method)	#3 (Cost Pool Method)
TCWDGSA	317	0.03%	$11,364	$84	$6,292	$7,917
OWDGSA	1,142	0.12%	$11,364	$304	$6,402	$7,917
Pioneer GSA	**1,462**	**0.16%**	$11,364	$389	$6,444	$7,917
WKWDGSA	5,881	0.63%	$11,364	$1,563	$7,032	$9,583
EWMA	6,895	0.73%	$11,364	$1,833	$7,166	$9,583
KWBGSA	**8,336**	**0.89%**	$11,364	$2,216	$7,358	$9,583
KTWDGSA	10,041	1.07%	$11,364	$2,669	$7,585	$9,583
KNDLA	10,634	1.13%		$2,827	$7,663	$9,583
HMWDGSA	18,565	1.97%	$11,364	$4,935	$8,718	$9,583
CWDGSA	38,975	4.14%	$11,364	$10,361	$11,431	$12,000
BVGSA	39,902	4.24%	$11,364	$10,608	$11,554	$12,000
RRBWSDGSA	41,449	4.41%	$11,364	$11,019	$11,759	$12,000
SWIDGSA	44,270	4.71%	$11,364	$11,769	$12,134	$12,000
SWID7th St			$11,364	$0	$0	$0
SSJMUDGSA	56,973	6.06%	$11,364	$15,146	$13,823	$13,313
NKWSDGSA	60,531	6.44%	$11,364	$16,092	$14,296	$13,313
WRMGSA	62,186	6.61%	$11,364	$16,532	$14,516	$13,313
Arvin GSA	88,891	9.45%	$11,364	$23,631	$18,065	$13,313
WDWAGSA	113,856	12.11%	$11,364	$30,267	$21,384	$14,750
SWSDGSA	139,857	14.87%	$11,364	$37,180	$24,840	$14,750
KRGSA	190,253	20.23%	$34,091	$50,577	$31,538	$38,000
Total:	**940,416**	**100%**	**$250,000**	**$250,000**	**$250,000**	**$250,000**

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December 15, 2025

To: Board of Directors
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Agenda Item: 6b

From: Jenny Holtermann, Gavin O'Leary

Re: KNDLA Data Gaps

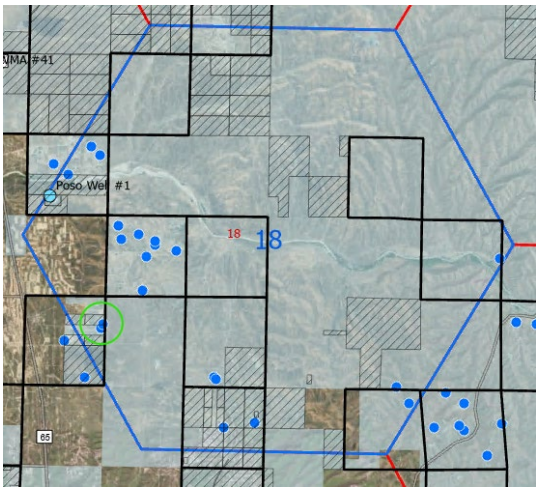
Recommendation:

KNDLA will need to contact landowners within the Hexagons of concern for GWL and GWQ to fill the data gaps. Confirmation of the Data Gaps candidate wells by December 31, 2025. Construction of a new monitoring well or contract of partnership to fill gaps completion by December 31, 2026.

Background:

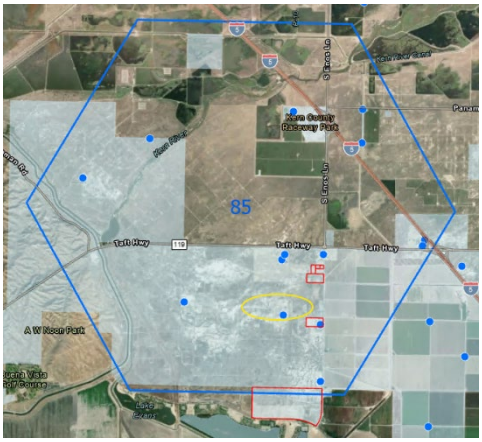
The following Data Gaps have been identified regarding Groundwater Level and Groundwater Quality monitoring.

- Hex 18 (GWL & GWQ): WCR0052772 and WCR0116396 both meet the Subbasin criteria for Hex 18 AND Hex 19. You can use one of these two wells to fill the Hex 18 GWQ gap AND the GWL gap in Hex 19. Based on location, it is recommended to use WCR0052772. WCR0052772 and WCR0116396 are both near a road (WCR0116396 is in EWMA), there are other residential wells in the area but some lack well construction info in our current inventory. WCR0052772 appears to have participated in a USGS study in 2021 and had acceptable water quality results at the time (Arsenic was 6.9 ug/l with an MCL of 10 ug/l).



- Hex 19 (GWL): Cover the GWL gap in this Hex with the well in adjacent Hex 18. If necessary, as a backup, WCR0240840 is close to Poso Creek or WCR02404509 in sparse residential area end of road, other residential wells in the area (but need well construction info, most appear to have locked gate access).

- Hex 85 (GWQ): RMW-316 is screened through the clay and therefore not representative of wells completed above the clay. WCR2022-000539 appears to be screened entirely above the clay and would address State Board Staff concern. However, it has been noted that wells in this area have high levels of Arsenic (per John Parker of KWB) and some have been deemed non-potable (parcels outlined in red). Recommend reaching out to Kern County Health Dept. for any additional knowledge of the area, and field level verification that there are active 'residential' wells supplying potable water(yellow circle area shows residences).



ACTUAL EVAPOTRANSPIRATION ANALYSIS
September, 2025

Prepared for

Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority GSA

LAND IQ

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November 20, 2025

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF GSA-WIDE (CROPPED AND NON-CROPPED) ET AND PRECIPITATION (KNDLAGSA: 239,838 AC)

KNDLAGSA	ET (ac-ft)	Precipitation (ac-ft)
Current Water Year to Date (OCT 1, 2024 - SEP 30, 2025)	199,101	104,015

This summary is only reflective of land area within the GSA boundary. It does not include cropped area outside of the boundary, even when a contiguous agricultural field crosses the GSA boundary.

TABLE 2. SENSORS USED IN DAILY AND MONTHLY ET_A ANALYSIS BY CROP CATEGORY

	Number of Active Stations	Number of Used Stations in model
Alfalfa	7	7
Almonds	22	22
Annual	4	3
Citrus	18	18
Fallow/Native	9	5
Grapes	7	7
Olives	0	0
Pistachios	17	17
Walnuts	2	1
Miscellaneous	2	2

REMOTE SENSING RESULTS

TABLE 3. IMAGE DATES AND SOURCES

Date	Image Source
2025-09-10	Landsat 8
2025-09-26	Landsat 8
2025-09-04	Sentinel-2A
2025-09-07	Sentinel-2B
2025-09-12	Sentinel-2C
2025-09-22	Sentinel-2C
2025-09-27	Sentinel-2B
2025-09-01	Landsat 8
2025-09-17	Landsat 8
2025-09-17	Sentinel-2B
2025-09-07	Sentinel-2A
2025-09-15	Sentinel-2C
2025-09-20	Sentinel-2B
2025-09-27	Sentinel-2C

TABLE 4. MONTHLY GSA-WIDE (CROPPED AND NON-CROPPED) ET_A

Units	Oct, 2024	Nov, 2024	Dec, 2024	Jan, 2025	Feb, 2025	Mar, 2025	Apr, 2025	May, 2025	Jun, 2025	Jul, 2025	Aug, 2025	Sep, 2025
(mm)	4.4	9.4	20.9	24.9	36	55.4	48.8	25.3	9.9	6.3	4.6	7.2
(inch)	0.2	0.4	0.8	1	1.4	2.2	1.9	1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
(AF)	3,433	7,401	16,440	19,586	28,348	43,606	38,404	19,944	7,767	4,922	3,585	5,665

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TABLE 5. MONTHLY CROPPED ET_A

ETa (in) including fallow												
Value	**Oct, 2024**	**Nov, 2024**	**Dec, 2024**	**Jan, 2025**	**Feb, 2025**	**Mar, 2025**	**Apr, 2025**	**May, 2025**	**Jun, 2025**	**Jul, 2025**	**Aug, 2025**	**Sep, 2025**
Average (in)	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.2	2.2	2.4	2.6	3.2	3	2.9	2.1
Total (AF)	1,863	879	1,031	1,337	1,952	3,472	3,738	3,744	4,681	4,034	3,924	3,001
ETa (in) excluding fallow												
Value	**Oct, 2024**	**Nov, 2024**	**Dec, 2024**	**Jan, 2025**	**Feb, 2025**	**Mar, 2025**	**Apr, 2025**	**May, 2025**	**Jun, 2025**	**Jul, 2025**	**Aug, 2025**	**Sep, 2025**
Average (in)	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.2	2.2	2.5	2.9	3.9	3.6	3.6	2.6
Total (AF)	1,808	769	836	1,091	1,602	2,956	3,299	3,483	4,613	4,008	3,900	2,943

This summary is reflective of the agricultural field boundaries that are included in the GSA's monthly deliverables. In some cases, the GSA has instructed Land IQ to include agricultural field boundaries that are partially within the GSA or completely outside the GSA. For this reason, volume totals from this table are not comparable to those presented in Tables 1, 5, and 7.

TABLE 6. MONTHLY GSA-WIDE (CROPPED AND NON-CROPPED) PRECIPITATION

Units	Oct, 2024	Nov, 2024	Dec, 2024	Jan, 2025	Feb, 2025	Mar, 2025	Apr, 2025	May, 2025	Jun, 2025	Jul, 2025	Aug, 2025	Sep, 2025
(mm)	0.1	31.1	13.1	10.3	15.1	46.8	10.3	0.1	0	0	0	5.2
(inch)	0	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.8	0.4	0	0	0	0	0.2
(AF)	88	24,511	10,272	8,123	11,918	36,861	8,068	72	5	0	20	4,078

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ACCURACY OF REMOTE SENSING RESULTS

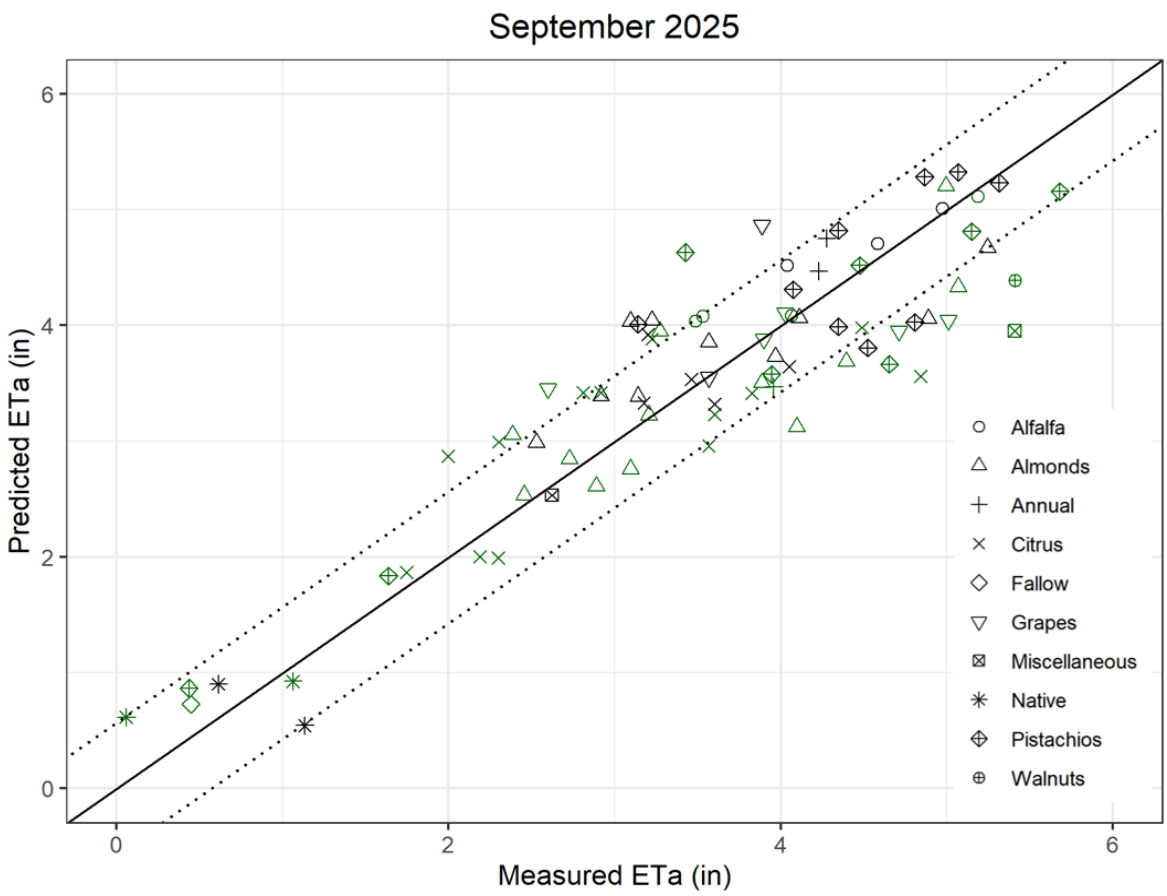

FIGURE 1. MEASURED VERSUS PREDICTED ETA FOR THE MONTH. SYMBOL COLORS REPRESENT THE STATION TYPES (BLACK = FULL, GREEN = WATER IQ (WIQ)). THE SOLID LINE REPRESENTS 1:1 LINE, WHILE THE DOTTED LINE ARE THE 1:1 LINE PLUS AND MINUS THE RMSE (ROOT MEAN SQUARE ERROR).
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TABLE 7. FIT OF MEASURED VS. PREDICTED MONTHLY ET_A

R^2	RMSE (IN)
0.79	0.57

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May 12, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kern AWG

FROM: David Cameron

DATE: May 12, 2025

RE: County Well Permit Ordinance & GSA Liability Minimization

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I. Tulare County Ordinance No. 3656

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors on April 29, 2025, adopted an ordinance that temporarily reinstates and extends a review process for certain groundwater well permit applications by participating GSAs.

A. Background and Purpose:

- The ordinance acknowledges previous Executive Orders (E.O. N-7-22 and E.O. N-3-23) that mandated county verification from GSAs before issuing most non-domestic well permits in basins subject to SGMA.
- E.O. N-3-24 rescinded these requirements.
- Tulare County intends to update its permanent well permitting ordinance once Bulletin 74 is updated
- The ordinance serves as a bridge, continuing the GSA review process established under the prior executive orders until a new permanent county ordinance is enacted.

B. Key Ordinance Provisions:

1. Elective Participation by GSAs:

- GSAs voluntarily participate in the well permit application review process.

- To participate, a GSA submit a letter to the County Health Officer.
- GSA review is limited to the GSA's jurisdiction within the county.
- GSAs can terminate participation at any time.

2. **GSA Review Process:**
   - The Health Officer will submit all applicable groundwater well permit applications to the relevant GSA via email.
   - GSAs have 60 days to review the application and confirm that the proposed well and its extraction:
     - Would not be inconsistent with any GSP.
     - Would not decrease the likelihood of achieving basin sustainability goals.
     - Is not likely to interfere with existing nearby wells.
     - Is not likely to cause subsidence damaging nearby infrastructure.
   - The Health Officer shall deny any permit if the GSA identifies that the proposed well fails any of these criteria.
   - Failure by a GSA to respond within 60 days waives its right to review that specific application under this ordinance.
3. **Exemptions:** The ordinance's review requirements do <u>not</u> apply to permits for:
   - Wells providing less than two acre-feet per year for individual domestic users.
   - Wells exclusively for public water supply systems (as defined in Health and Safety Code section 116275).
   - Replacement wells (producing an equivalent quantity) for existing permitted wells acquired by eminent domain or under threat of condemnation.
   - Monitoring wells.
   - Minor alterations of production wells that don't increase discharge rate or significantly alter extraction depth, and do not increase total pumping capacity.
4. **Existing Permitting Requirements and Administrative Variance:**

- The ordinance does not replace or alter other existing well permitting laws, policies, or procedures.

- Permits that might be denied under this ordinance can be granted through an existing Administrative Variance procedure.

II. GSA Liability Minimization

1. **Voluntary Participation:** GSAs are not mandated to participate. If a GSA chooses not to participate, it bears no responsibility under this ordinance for well permit reviews or denials.

2. **Administrative Variance Provision:** The Ordinance allows for an Administrative Variance. If a GSA recommends against a permit based on the criteria, the County retains a mechanism to approve if a variance is sought under existing County ordinances. Final discretion rests with the County.

3. **Waiver of Review:** If a GSA fails to respond to the submission of an application within 60 days, or elects to not respond, it waives its right to review that application and makes no finding on the permit.

4. **County is the Permitting Authority, GSA is a Reviewer:** The ultimate authority to issue or deny a permit still rests with the County. While the ordinance states the Health Officer shall deny a permit if a GSA finds non-compliance with the specified criteria (Section 6), the GSA itself is not the denying entity.

III. Well Permit Acknowledge Form

During the period of the Executive Orders, GSAs utilized an Acknowledgement Form (see e.g. https://aewsd.org/wp-content/uploads/ARVIN-GSA.Well_.Permit.Ack_.Form_.10.22_wplg.pdf, or https://www.cawelowd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/cgsa-eo-n-7-22-well-permit-acknowledgment-letter-fillable-2022-0525.pdf) to recognize the application of GSA rules and regulations; disclaim any guarantee of water availability; waive liability for costs; obtain hold harmless and indemnification; and incorporate the acknowledgement form into the terms of the permit conditions.

If a GSA were to voluntarily participate in permit review under the ordinance, the GSA could further limit its liability using a similar, or expanded, well permit acknowledgement form where the applicant prospectively agrees to the GSA's authority and waives certain claims against the GSA.