KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY

(FORMERLY KERN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY)

3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308
Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 28, 2026, 2:00 p.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. *August 24, 2026

5. **Financial Report**
   a. *Financial Reports and Accounts Payables
   b. *Cost Share Agreement 26-03 Revised Funding Request
   c. Budget Ad Hoc Committee

6. **Administration**
   a. Executive Director Report

b. *Proposed Meeting Date Changes 2026
c. *Review and consideration of approving an informational flyer on the development of a groundwater demand management program for public release.

7. ***Famoso Hills proposed Mitigation Agreement pursuant under Technical Assistance**

a. Consider approval of Agreement with Famoso Hills Estates Mutual Water Company to provide technical support pursuant to the Kern County Subbasin Mitigation Program

8. **Legal (Valerie)**

a. Statewide Update

9. **New Business**

10. **Correspondence**

11. **Closed Session**

a. Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Development groundwater demand management program).

12. **Adjournment**

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JPA Special Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
Monday, August 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Derek Yurosek, AEWSD
Amrit Mangat, BVWSD
Spencer Birch, Cawelo
Wes Shyrock KCWA ID4
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta
Andrew Hart, Kern Tulare
Eric McDaris, Kern Water Bank
Kevin Andrew, North Kern
Jeff Siemens, Olcese
Royce Fast, Pioneer
Barry Watts, Rosedale
David Daniels, Semitropic
Kris Lawrence, SWID
Kris Lawrence, 7th Standard
Dolores Salgado, Tejon
Gary Morris, West Kern
Colby Fry, Wheeler Ridge
Devon Yurosek, Non-Districted Land Representative

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES BY TELECONFERENCE

Chad Hathaway, EWMA

OTHERS PRESENT/ PARTICIPATING

Jenny Holtermann, KNDLA Executive Director
Valerie Kincaid, Paris Kincaid Wasiewski, LLP
Rachelle Echeverria, RRB
Lauren Bauer, KCWA
Taylor Blakslee, EWMA
Dan Bartel
Michelle Anderson
Dave Hampton
Steven Teglia
Joe Butkiewetz
Jeevan Muhar
Richard Iger
David Halopoff
Greg Hammett

OTHERS VIRTUAL

Alan Doud
Alanna Goodell
David Cameron
Don Wright
Jamie Marquez
Kate Zenger
Michael Miller
Rick Iger
Skye Grass
Steve Torigiani
Trent Taylor
Vanessa Y. Escobedo

1. **Roll Call**
   Chairman Watts called the meeting to order at 2:04 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 Derek Yurosek and seconded by Director Fast to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2026, 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 Fast and seconded by Director Morris to approve the July financial report and authorize payment of disbursements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Administration**
   a. **Executive Director Report.**
      Ms. Holtermann reported on administrative and SGMA-related activities, including data-gap coordination and landowner outreach, Land IQ evaluations, landowner GIS requests and property identification, Demand Management Ad Hoc work and water-demand analysis, the EWMA demand-management process, audit coordination, cash-call invoices, subsidence exceedance review, LAFCO SGMA 101 coordination, and Board meeting preparation.
   b. **Demand Management Phase 3 Approval**
      Ms. Holtermann presented Provost & Pritchard's Phase 3 proposal to develop a Groundwater Allocation Policy. The work was included in the approved budget, but the consultant proposal had not previously been approved. The proposal estimates approximately $40,000 for Phase 3. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Yurosek to approve the Phase 3 proposal. The motion carried.

7. **Technical Assistance**
   a. **Subsidence Proposal**
      The Board reviewed an Aquilogic proposal for a subsidence exceedance investigation near the California Aqueduct in an area shared with the Westside Water Authority. The investigation is required under the Kern Subbasin GSP subsidence action-plan process and will evaluate the source, extent, and root cause of the exceedance. The total proposal is $15,000, with KNDLA's proposed share of $7,500. The work is expected to take approximately six weeks and will be funded under the mitigation budget category. A motion was made by Director Fry and seconded by Director McDaris to approve KNDLA's share of the proposal. The motion carried.
   b. **Data Gaps Update**
      Staff reviewed maps showing remaining groundwater-monitoring data gaps and available wells. Landowner outreach remains ongoing, including targeted outreach to verify well

information and perforations. Hexagons 18 and 19 were discussed because of the sparse, rocky character of the area and the difficulty of locating willing monitoring participants. Staff discussed whether the data gaps could be addressed through existing wells, further coordination with DWR, or construction of a new monitoring well. Members were asked to review the landowner list and assist with contacts where possible. If a new well is needed, the goal would be to have it operational for spring sampling next year. Funding for a new well is currently included through member contributions.

8. **DWR Grant Administration**
   a. **Report on DWR Grant Administration** - completed

9. **Legal**
   a. **Statewide Update**
      Ms. Kincaid provided a statewide update. DWR is developing Proposition 4 SGMA implementation funding guidelines, with webinars scheduled for September 21 and 22; potential eligible activities may include data-gap and implementation work at the watershed, basin, or subbasin scale. Updates were also provided on the California Water Data Consortium's new groundwater accounting survey, inviting GSAs across California to share how they track and report groundwater use. Ms. Kincaid also discussed a Third District Court of Appeal decision challenging groundwater sustainability plans, State Water Board SGMA fees applicable to probationary subbasins, and the recently released Healthy Rivers and Landscapes plan.

10. **New Business**
    None.

11. **Correspondence**
    Ms. Holtermann reported that SAFER requested support for reinstatement of funding. The request was received on August 21, with a September 1 deadline.

12. **Closed Session**
    Closed session commenced at 2:42 p.m. and concluded at 3:05 p.m. No reportable actions were taken.

13. **Adjournment**
    A motion to adjourn was made by Director Salgado and seconded by Director Morris. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Holtermann

ANDREA R. HILL, CPA
An Accountancy Corporation

September 22 2026

TO: Kern Non-Districted Land Authority

FROM: Andrea R. Hill CPA, AAC

SUBJECT: August 2026 Accountant's Report

DISCUSSION

Exhibit A is the Authority's unaudited financial statements on August 31, 2026. They include a Statement of Net Position as of August 31, 2026, and a Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the one month and eight months ended August 31, 2026. 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 August 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026. There were $1,652.79 deposits during the month. Disbursements totaling $405,100.43 were issued during the month. The cash balance on August 31, 2026, was $207,462.20. There were $95,556.00 subsequent deposits as shown on **Exhibit C**.

The Accounts Receivable balance on August 31, 2026, was $119,445.00 as shown on **Exhibit D**.

Exhibit E is the details of Accounts Payable and Credit Card Payables for the month of August 2026, reflecting total payables on August 31, 2026, of $7,339.79. Currently, invoices totaling $33,882.48 are submitted for payment approval.

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Exhibit A - Statement of Net Position
As of August 31, 2026

	Aug 31, 26	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Valley Strong Money Market		185,583.79
Valley Strong Savings		5.00
Valley Strong Checking		21,873.41
Total Checking/Savings		207,462.20
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable		119,445.00
Total Accounts Receivable		119,445.00
Other Current Assets		
Undeposited Funds		39,815.00
Total Other Current Assets		39,815.00
Total Current Assets		366,722.20
TOTAL ASSETS		**366,722.20**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable		7,339.79
Total Accounts Payable		7,339.79
Total Current Liabilities		7,339.79
Total Liabilities		7,339.79
Equity		
Net Assets		
GSP - SAA#4	60,124.65	
ITRC - SAA#1	(13,626.47)	
KGA - General	(10,781.21)	
KRGSA-RMC (Ph2)	24.69	
KRGSA-Todd GW	20.00	
Total Net Assets		35,761.66
Net Income		323,620.75
Total Equity		359,382.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		**366,722.20**

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

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Exhibit A - Statement of Revenue & Expenses
August 2026

	Aug 26	Jan - Aug 26
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Grant - State	0.00	513,146.90
Investment Income	1,652.79	6,094.91
Member Contributions	159,260.00	520,060.00
Total Income	160,912.79	1,039,301.81
Expense		
Administration		
Accounting	1,000.00	8,404.95
Auditor	0.00	13,500.00
Executive Director	4,975.43	34,810.67
Fees	41.67	253.98
General Administration Support	589.08	2,227.73
General Attorney Support	0.00	45,844.00
Grant Administration	0.00	9,901.40
Insurance	0.00	2,469.67
Interest Expense	8.33	18.35
Website Hosting & Maintenance	84.00	612.00
Total Administration	6,698.51	118,042.75
Demand Management	12,903.00	47,741.00
Office Expense	90.15	858.04
Technical		
General Technical Support	0.00	5,827.19
GIS	592.80	8,079.80
Grant Outside Services	0.00	473,593.00
Land IQ Irrigated	3,188.44	7,554.31
Land IQ Nonirrigated	3,158.38	18,976.98
Subbasin Corrdination	0.00	32,055.26
Water Quality/Level Sampling	0.00	2,192.73
Total Technical	6,939.62	548,279.27
Mitigation		
Well Mitigation	0.00	760.00
Total Mitigation	0.00	760.00
Total Expense	26,631.28	715,681.06
Net Ordinary Income	134,281.51	323,620.75
Net Income	**134,281.51**	**323,620.75**

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Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Exhibit B - Bank Activity
As of August 31, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Debit	Credit	Balance
Valley Strong Money Market						583,931.00
Transfer	08/26/2026				400,000.00	183,931.00
Deposit	08/31/2026		Valley Strong Credit Union	1,652.79		185,583.79
Total Valley Strong Money Market				1,652.79	400,000.00	185,583.79
Valley Strong Savings						5.00
Total Valley Strong Savings						5.00
Valley Strong Checking						26,973.84
Check	08/24/2026	3358	Valley Strong Credit Union		794.52	26,179.32
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2026	3350	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		32,083.00	(5,903.68)
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2026	3351	Todd Groundwater		338,017.12	(343,920.80)
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2026	3352	Andrea R. Hill CPA AAC		1,000.00	(344,920.80)
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2026	3353	Holtermann Consulting Corp		5,781.23	(350,702.03)
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2026	3354	Land IQ LLC		4,068.49	(354,770.52)
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2026	3355	Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP		6,424.00	(361,194.52)
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2026	3356	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		1,709.07	(362,903.59)
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2026	3357	Land IQ LLC		2,320.00	(365,223.59)
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2026	3359	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		12,903.00	(378,126.59)
Transfer	08/26/2026			400,000.00		21,873.41
Total Valley Strong Checking				400,000.00	405,100.43	21,873.41
TOTAL				**401,652.79**	**805,100.43**	**207,462.20**

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Exhibit B - Deposit Detail
August 2026

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Amount
Deposit	**08/31/2026**	**Valley Strong Credit Union**	**DIVIDEND DEPOSIT**	**1,652.79**
			DIVIDEND DEPOSIT	(1,652.79)
TOTAL				(1,652.79)

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority
Exhibit B - Check Detail
August 2026

Type	Num	Date	Name	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	**3350**	**08/24/2026**	**Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group**		**(32,083.00)**
Bill	125228	10/31/2025		(5,594.90)	5,594.90
Bill	125978	11/30/2025		(3,852.70)	3,852.70
Bill	127058	12/31/2025		(2,253.00)	2,253.00
Bill	127618	01/31/2026		(7,776.20)	7,776.20
Bill	128223	02/28/2026		(10,481.00)	10,481.00
				(2,125.20)	2,125.20
TOTAL				(32,083.00)	32,083.00
Bill Pmt -Check	**3351**	**08/24/2026**	**Todd Groundwater**		**(338,017.12)**
Bill	83501-525	01/27/2026		(20,130.87)	41,707.50
Bill	83501.625	01/27/2026		(10,168.75)	10,168.75
Bill	83501-725	01/27/2026		(10,831.25)	10,831.25
Bill	83501-825	01/27/2026		(39,338.75)	39,338.75
Bill	83501-925	01/27/2026		(70,316.25)	70,316.25
Bill	83501-10...	01/27/2026		(72,002.50)	72,002.50
Bill	83501 11...	02/23/2026		(48,437.50)	48,437.50
Bill	83501 12...	02/23/2026		(30,481.25)	30,481.25
Bill	83501 126	02/23/2026		(36,310.00)	36,310.00
TOTAL				(338,017.12)	359,593.75
Bill Pmt -Check	**3352**	**08/24/2026**	**Andrea R. Hill CPA AAC**		**(1,000.00)**
Bill		07/23/2026		(1,000.00)	1,000.00
TOTAL				(1,000.00)	1,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	**3353**	**08/24/2026**	**Holtermann Consulting Corp**		**(5,781.23)**
Bill		07/31/2026		(5,781.23)	5,781.23
TOTAL				(5,781.23)	5,781.23
Bill Pmt -Check	**3354**	**08/24/2026**	**Land IQ LLC**		**(4,068.49)**
Bill	8128	08/01/2026		(868.44)	868.44
				(3,158.38)	3,158.38
				(41.67)	41.67
TOTAL				(4,068.49)	4,068.49
Bill Pmt -Check	**3355**	**08/24/2026**	**Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP**		**(6,424.00)**
Bill		07/31/2026		(6,424.00)	6,424.00
TOTAL				(6,424.00)	6,424.00
Bill Pmt -Check	**3356**	**08/24/2026**	**Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group**		**(1,709.07)**
Bill	132595	07/21/2026		(139.07)	139.07
				(1,534.00)	1,534.00
				(36.00)	36.00
TOTAL				(1,709.07)	1,709.07

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Exhibit B - Check Detail
August 2026

Type	Num	Date	Name	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	**3357**	**08/24/2026**	**Land IQ LLC**		**(2,320.00)**
Bill	8199	08/11/2026		(2,320.00)	2,320.00
TOTAL				(2,320.00)	2,320.00
Check	**3358**	**08/24/2026**	**Valley Strong Credit Union**		**(794.52)**
				(794.52)	794.52
TOTAL				(794.52)	794.52
Bill Pmt -Check	**3359**	**08/24/2026**	**Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group**		**(12,903.00)**
Bill	133479	08/18/2026		(12,903.00)	12,903.00
TOTAL				(12,903.00)	12,903.00

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Exhibit C - Subsequent Deposits
September 1 - 22, 2026

Type	Num	Date	Name	Amount
Deposit		**09/17/2026**		**95,556.00**
Payment	005132	08/14/2026	Olcese Water District	-7,963.00
Payment	10231	08/20/2026	Eastside Water Mgmt Area	-7,963.00
Payment	48941	08/21/2026	Kern Delta Water District	-7,963.00
Payment	5371	08/21/2026	Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD	-7,963.00
Payment	41725	08/25/2026	Semitropic Water Storage Dist	-7,963.00
Payment	2352	09/01/2026	Southern San Joaquin MUD	-7,963.00
Payment	60798	09/03/2026	West Kern Water District	-7,963.00
Payment	18404608	09/03/2026	Tejon-Castac Water District	-7,963.00
Payment	135894	09/04/2026	Kern Co Water Agency ID4	-7,963.00
Payment	001076	09/08/2026	Kern Water Bank GSA	-7,963.00
Payment	1531	09/09/2026	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	-7,963.00
Payment	18153	09/10/2026	Kern Tulare Water Dist	-7,963.00
TOTAL				-95,556.00

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Exhibit D - Accounts Receivable Detail
As of August 31, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Open Balance
Arvin-Edison Water Storage District				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-21	Arvin-Edison Water Storage District	7,963.00
Total Arvin-Edison Water Storage District				7,963.00
Buena Vista Water Storage Dist				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-22	Buena Vista Water Storage Dist	7,963.00
Total Buena Vista Water Storage Dist				7,963.00
Cawelo Water Dist				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-23	Cawelo Water Dist	7,963.00
Total Cawelo Water Dist				7,963.00
Kern Co Water Agency ID4				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-25	Kern Co Water Agency ID4	7,963.00
Total Kern Co Water Agency ID4				7,963.00
Kern Co Water Agency Pioneer GSA				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-26	Kern Co Water Agency Pioneer GSA	7,963.00
Total Kern Co Water Agency Pioneer GSA				7,963.00
Kern Tulare Water Dist				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-29	Kern Tulare Water Dist	7,963.00
Total Kern Tulare Water Dist				7,963.00
Kern Water Bank GSA				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-28	Kern Water Bank GSA	7,963.00
Total Kern Water Bank GSA				7,963.00
North Kern WSD				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-30	North Kern WSD	7,963.00
Total North Kern WSD				7,963.00
Shafter-Wasco 7th Standard				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-34	Shafter-Wasco 7th Standard	7,963.00
Total Shafter-Wasco 7th Standard				7,963.00
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation Dist				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-35	Shafter-Wasco Irrigation Dist	7,963.00
Total Shafter-Wasco Irrigation Dist				7,963.00
Southern San Joaquin MUD				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-36	Southern San Joaquin MUD	7,963.00
Total Southern San Joaquin MUD				7,963.00
Tejon-Castac Water District				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-37	Tejon-Castac Water District	7,963.00
Total Tejon-Castac Water District				7,963.00
West Kern Water District				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-38	West Kern Water District	7,963.00
Total West Kern Water District				7,963.00
Westside District Water Authority GSA				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-39	Westside District Water Authority GSA	7,963.00
Total Westside District Water Authority GSA				7,963.00

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Exhibit D - Accounts Receivable Detail
As of August 31, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Open Balance
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD				
Invoice	08/10/2026	KNDLA 26-40	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	7,963.00
Total Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD				7,963.00
TOTAL				**119,445.00**

Exhibit E

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Accountant's Report - Accounts Payable detail as of August 31, 2026 and subsequent payables through 09/28/2026

Vendor	Description	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Invoice Amount	
Andrea R. Hill, CPA AAC	Process July Accounting and Prepare August Reports	37212	8/31/2026	$ 1,000.00	
Holterman Consulting Corp	August Executive Director Services	Aug-26	8/31/2026	$ 4,975.43	
Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	August Professional Services	3310	9/1/2026	$ 7,446.00	
Provost & Pritchard Consulting	July Management Servicces	133512	8/18/2026	$ 1,265.88	
Provost & Pritchard Consulting	July Water Demand	134322	9/16/2026	$ 11,822.70	
Land IQ LLC	Monthly Evapotranspiration Evalution: September	8216	9/1/2026	$ 4,068.49	September
Valley Strong Credit Union	August Credit Card Statement	13-3000	8/31/2026	$ 98.48	
SGMA CC	SGMA Coordination Committee-Cost Share Agreement	26-03	9/18/2026	$ 3,205.50	
	TOTAL PAYABLES REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING			$ 33,882.48	

INVOICES ON HOLD:

PAYABLES/INVOICES ON HOLD pending Grant Proceeds		
TOTAL PAYABLES Outstanding at 9/28/26	$	33,882.48
LESS SEPTEMBER PAYABLES SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT		(26,542.69)
TOTAL PAYABLES Outstanding at 08/31/26	$	7,339.79

Buena Vista Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Funding Request #21

September 18, 2026

KNDLA GSA
Attn: Jenny Holtermann
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Bakersfield, Ca 93303

To Whom It May Concern:

Below is a breakdown of the funding due to the SGMA Coordination Committee (SGMA CC) for Cost Share Agreement 26-03. Please pay $3,205.50 for your agency's portion, as shown below:

Agency	Total Cost Share 26-03 Funding Requests:	Agency % Funding Request	#Agencies Billed
Tejon-Castaic Water District GSA	3,205.50	3.75%	1.00
Olcese Water District GSA	3,205.50	3.75%	1.00
KCWA - Pioneer GSA	3,205.50	3.75%	1.00
West Kern Water District GSA	3,205.50	3.75%	1.00
Eastside Management Area	3,205.50	3.75%	1.00
Kern Water Bank GSA	3,205.50	3.75%	1.00
Kern-Tulare Water District GSA	3,205.50	3.75%	1.00
KNDLA GSA	3,205.50	3.75%	1.00
Henry Miller Water District GSA	3,205.50	3.75%	1.00
Cawelo Water District GSA	5,148.23	6.02%	1.00
Buena Vista GSA	5,148.20	6.02%	1.00
RRBWSD	5,148.23	6.02%	1.00
SWID GSA	5,148.23	6.02%	1.00
SSJMUD GSA	5,148.23	6.02%	1.00
NKWSD GSA Group	5,148.23	6.02%	1.00
WRMWSD GSA	5,148.23	6.02%	1.00
Arvin GSA	5,148.23	6.02%	1.00
Westside District Water Authority GSA	5,148.23	6.02%	1.00
Semitropic Water Storage District GSA	5,148.23	6.02%	1.00
Kern River GSA	5,148.23	6.02%	1.00
Totals:	**85,480.00**	**100.00%**	**20.00**

Please make check payable to the following address:
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Kern Subbasin Cost Share Agreement 26-03

	Date:	Amount:
Base Agreement (26-03):	6/6/2026	$85,480.00
Exhibit A - Water Quality Monitoring Program:		
MLJ Environmental: (RRB GSA)	1/1/26 - 12/31/26 Change Order No. 1	$12,070.00
Exhibit B - Water Budget/Checkbook Update WY25:		
Todd GW (Cawelo GSA)	7/15/26 - 8/13/26	$33,345.00
Exhibit C - DMS/Website Improvements/Support:		
GEI (BV GSA)	10/1/26 - 12/31/26	$30,000.00
Exhibit D - Data Gaps Analyis:		
LSCE (HM GSA)	2/1/26 - 12/31/26	$2,300.00
Contingency Remainder:	1/1/26 - 12/31/26	$7,765.00
		$85,480.00
	Total:	**$85,480.00**

Attachment A

Scope of Work – Kern County Subbasin Water Quality Implementation Services

January 1, 2026, Amended on May 15, 2026

The following Kern County Subbasin WQ scope amendment for MLJ Environmental is proposed to address changes in project assumptions, level of effort, and requested services that differ from the original scope and budget. Primary factors contributing to the increased level of effort are summarized for the 2026 and 2027 calendar years.

1. The total number of wells included in the program is higher than originally assumed in the budget (approximately 70 wells versus the assumed 55 wells).

    - Monitoring Coordination to support coordination associated with the increased number of wells included in the program; and
    - Domestic Well Notification to support preparation and distribution of additional notifications associated with the expanded well inventory.

2. Additional time has been required to address workflow coordination during initiation of the program, including the lack of electronic analytical result files and inconsistencies in sample identification information (additional time to associate results to well IDs). Some of this additional effort may decrease as processes become more streamlined and standardized.

    - Processing analytical results received as PDF reports rather than electronic data deliverables (EDDs); and
    - Tracking result sample IDs back to assigned RMW IDs used for the program.

3. Additional tasks outside the original scope have been requested, including attendance at meetings and preparation of summary emails to GSAs. Depending on project priorities and budget considerations, these tasks could be reduced, reassigned, or discontinued moving forward.

    - Attendance at Kern Subbasin Program Managers meetings;
    - Attendance at monthly technical program lead meetings;
    - Coordination check-ins with technical leads; and
    - Preparation and distribution of summary status update emails to GSA managers.

Table 1-A. Budget Adjustment Breakdown by Category.

Budget Adjustment Category	2026 Amendment		2027 Amendment	
Task 1. WQ SMC Implementation	Hours	Cost	Hours	Cost
1. Higher Well Count (approximately 70 wells vs. 55 wells assumed)	15	$2,550	15	$2,550
2. Additional Workflow Coordination During Program Initiation	24	$4,080	24	$4,080
3. Additional Coordination and Communication	32	$5,440	32	$5,440
Total Amendment Amount	**71**	**$12,070**	**71**	**$12,070**

This amendment is intended to align the scope, budget, and level of effort with current project conditions and requested services. As summarized in **Table 2-A**, certain changes, such as the increased number of wells included in the program, represent ongoing adjustments that affect both the 2026 and 2027 scope and budget assumptions. Other factors, including additional workflow coordination and supplemental communication tasks, are more variable in nature and are included in the amendment based on the current level of effort. These items may be revisited for 2027 depending on project needs, process improvements, and the level of support requested as the program gains efficiencies.

Table 2-A. Amended MLJ Environmental Cost Estimate for 2026 and 2027 Water Quality Implementation Services.

Tasks	2026 Original Budget	*Amendment (5/15/26)*	Revised 2026 Budget	2027 Original Budget	*Amendment (5/15/26)*	Revised 2027 Budget
Task 1. WQ SMC Implementation	$6,120	*$12,070*	$18,190	$6,120	*$12,070*	$18,190
Task 2. Coordination with Well Inventory Database Representative	$2,040	*$0*	$2,040	$2,040	*$0*	$2,040
Task 3. Annual Report Coordination	$3,060	*$0*	$3,060	$3,760	*$0*	$3,760
Total	**$11,220**	***$12,070***	**$23,290**	**$11,900**	***$12,070***	**$23,990**

Project Background and Description

MLJ Environmental recognizes that successful implementation of the Kern County Subbasin WQ SMC requires more than executing a set of technical tasks; it requires consistent coordination across agencies, disciplined data management practices, and proactive communication with the Subbasin's partners and consultants. Because water quality responsibilities intersect with the Well Mitigation Program, domestic well notifications, Subbasin data management, and annual reporting requirements, MLJ's role centers on **ensuring that these interconnected workflows function smoothly and predictably**.

The Kern County Subbasin GSAs rely on a unified process for tracking water quality trends, documenting exceedances, and communicating with affected well owners. MLJ understands that **accuracy, transparency, timely notifications, and clearly documented decisions** are essential for maintaining compliance with the GSP, supporting the Well Mitigation Program, and producing defensible Annual Report content. MLJ also recognizes the importance of alignment with other Subbasin service providers such as GEI, the Well Mitigation Program Implementation Consultant, and the Kern Water Collaborative, to maintain a consistent and streamlined process across all GSAs.

For annual reporting, MLJ Environmental will prepare well mitigation summaries and supporting narrative for incorporation into the Subbasin's GSP Annual Report, including tracking of exceedance-related notifications and program performance metrics.

As the program evolves, MLJ Environmental will identify opportunities for improving efficiency, consistency, and alignment with GSP requirements, and will draft recommended revisions to the Well Mitigation Program document for GSA review. This approach ensures a transparent, consistent, and well-documented process that the subbasin can rely on as mitigation activity increases in future years.

Project Scope

MLJ will implement the Kern County Subbasin WQ SMC through three coordinated tasks to ensure consistency, accuracy, and timely communication. All work described below will be performed by Project Manager, Jennifer Glenn.

Task 1. Water Quality Sustainable Management Criteria Implementation

Task 1.1 Monitoring Collection Program Coordination

MLJ will support the bi-annual RMW WQ monitoring program by coordinating with the GSAs and the laboratories responsible for collecting samples from the 55 representative monitoring wells and analyzing the six constituents of concern (arsenic, nitrate as N, nitrite, total dissolved solids (TDS), 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP), and uranium). MLJ will confirm that all planned Spring and Fall sampling is completed on schedule. MLJ will provide suggested revisions to the Monitoring Protocol and updated electronic reporting templates by January 31, 2026, to support Spring 2026 sampling.

Upon receiving laboratory results, MLJ will review and validate the data, including checking for completeness, assessing hold-time compliance, and following up with the laboratory regarding any questions or issues. MLJ will coordinate with the appropriate GSA if any re-sampling is required.

MLJ will track all water quality results against the established minimum thresholds and water quality objectives, identify any exceedances that require Subbasin action, and notify the independent qualified professional assigned to conduct the Minimum Threshold Exceedance Investigation. MLJ will provide the data and communication support needed for investigations, as necessary. MLJ will also coordinate with the Well Mitigation Program Implementation Consultant when an exceedance is associated with a domestic well mitigation request.

Throughout each monitoring cycle, MLJ will maintain organized monitoring records and prepare bi-annual data packages formatted for GEI's DMS, including implementing any necessary template updates or recommended monitoring protocol refinements.

Task 1.1 Deliverables

- Document tracking the coordination and notification steps.
- Reviewed laboratory Excel data files (bi-annually).
- Excel file tracking water quality exceedances and monitoring completeness.
- Template and protocol update recommendations.

Task 1.1 Assumptions

- Timely receipt of laboratory data
- Laboratory data meets QA/QC standards.
- MLJ provides coordination and data support only.
- GEI DMS templates will be provided; any template updates will require approval.

Task 1.2 Domestic Well Notification Program

MLJ will manage the domestic well notification workflow for all water quality exceedances by using the Subbasin's approved notification templates and the existing domestic well notification database. MLJ will identify domestic wells located within the required radius of each exceedance and prepare complete notification packages for the GSAs to deliver to the landowners of record.

Coordination with the Kern Water Collaborative will focus on confirming notification procedures and documenting the distribution of nitrate-related exceedance notifications. MLJ will also ensure compliance with all notification deadlines, including the 30-day requirement for nitrate exceedances and the 60-day requirement for non-nitrate exceedance notifications or investigations.

All notification activities will be logged and summarized to support Subbasin reporting needs, ongoing data management, and preparation of the Annual Report.

Task 1.2 Deliverables

- Notification packages for GSAs.
- Tracking and summarizing notifications for reporting.

Task 1.2 Assumptions

- MLJ will receive up to date notification templates.
- GSAs are responsible for sending notifications to landowners of record
- MLJ will be provided with landowner information.
- Well location data are accurate.

Task 2. Coordination with the Well Inventory Database Representative

MLJ will coordinate with the Well Inventory Database Representative to support the maintenance, refinement, and application of the well inventory database for notification and water quality tracking purposes. MLJ will also work with other Subbasin consultants so that WQ SMC implementation, data formatting requirements, and DMS integration are aligned and compatible across all related workflows.

Task 2 Deliverables

- Recommendations for database improvements.
- Coordination summaries.

Task 2 Assumptions

- Well inventory is maintained by the Inventory Database Representative.

Task 3. Annual Report Coordination

MLJ will support preparation of the Kern County Subbasin Annual Report by compiling, summarizing, and reporting water quality monitoring results. This work includes preparing narrative text, data

summaries, exceedance counts, and WQ SMC compliance evaluations, such as tracking the percentage of RMW WQ samples exceeding thresholds and determining whether undesirable results criteria are triggered. MLJ will coordinate with both the Well Mitigation Program Implementation Consultant and the Annual Report consultant so that all water quality content is accurate, consistent, and ready for inclusion in the April 2027 submission.

Task 3 Deliverables

- Annual Report content, including:
  - Complete monitoring results
  - Exceedance summaries
  - Notification documentation
  - Narrative text on WQ SMC implementation

Task 3 Assumptions

- Timely data and guidance from Subbasin consultants.

Project Schedule

The following schedule assumes a January 2026 start date and spans 12 months. The timeline and associated budget assumes that preparation for the Annual Report due in April 2027 will take place in November and December 2026.

- **Project Kick-Off (January 2026):** Review of program protocols, receipt of templates, and confirmation of workflow pathways.
- **Monthly:** monthly updates on coordination activities and water quality result tracking.
- **Spring Implementation (January – June 2026):** Coordination with the GSAs regarding well monitoring in the spring including data receipt and review, completeness checks, exceedance tracking, and exceedance notification packages (as needed).
- **Fall Implementation (May – October 2026)**: Coordination with the GSAs regarding well monitoring in the fall including data receipt and review, completeness checks, exceedance tracking, and exceedance notification packages (as needed).
- **Annual Reporting (November 2026 – December 2026):** Prepare the narrative for the Annual Report pertaining to water quality monitoring and exceedance notifications (including supporting Excel files).

Budget

The budget itemized in **Table 1** estimates the cost on a time-and-materials basis to facilitate and coordinate the Water Quality Implementation tasks as outlined in the Scope of Work above, for work performed for 2026 and 2027 (January 1 – December 31). Jennifer Glenn will notify the Kern County Subbasin if any project implementation differs from assumptions outlined above that could affect costs and/or timelines. MLJ will not perform work that exceeds the budget without consent from the Kern County Subbasin.

As Principal-in-Charge, Melissa Turner will provide strategic oversight and high-level program direction as part of MLJ Environmental's commitment to this project at no additional cost. This approach reflects MLJ's commitment to cost-effective program delivery by allocating billable hours only to staff directly responsible for day-to-day implementation, while still ensuring that the project benefits from senior-level expertise and consistent program stewardship.

Table 1. MLJ Environmental Cost Estimate for 2026 Water Quality Implementation Services.

Tasks	Hourly Rate	2026 Hours	2026 Cost	2027 Hours	2027 Cost
Task 1. WQ SMC Implementation					
1.1 Preparation of recommended updates to protocols and reporting templates.	$170	5	$850.00	5	$850.00
1.1 Coordination on sampling logistics, analytes, and schedules.	$170	15	$2,550.00	15	$2,550.00
1.1 Validation of laboratory data and comparison to thresholds.	$170	4	$680.00	4	$680.00
1.1 Formatting results for GEI DMS, preparation of bi-annual data submittals.	$170	4	$680.00	4	$680.00
1.2 Preparation of notification packages and tracking.	$170	8	$1,360.00	8	$1,360.00
	Task 1 - 2026 Subtotal		***$6,120.00***	***2027 Subtotal***	***$6,120.00***
Task 2. Coordination with Well Inventory Database Representative					
2.1 Database updates and coordination.	$170	12	$2,040.00	12	$2,040.00
	Task 2 - 2026 Subtotal		***$2,040.00***	***2027 Subtotal***	***$2,040.00***
Task 3. Annual Report Coordination					
3.1 Annual Report text and tables, analysis of SMC performance metrics.	$170	16	$2,720.00	20	$3,420.00
3.1 Coordination with Subbasin consultants	$170	2	$340.00	2	$340.00
	Task 3 Subtotal		***$3,060.00***	***2027 Subtotal***	***$3,760.00***
	2026 Total		**$11,220.00**	**2027 Total**	**$11,900.00**

MLJ Environmental Rate Sheet – 2026

MLJ Environmental will submit monthly invoices by the 15th of each month for the work performed in the prior month.

Labor Classifications	Rate Per Hour
Principal	240
Senior Cloud Architect	240
Senior Developer	230
Senior Program Manager	230
Program Manager	220
Cloud Architect	207
Database Administrator	180
Senior Data Manager	180
Product Manager	180
Data Manager	170
Project Manager/Senior Staff	170
Business Analyst	160
QA Officer	160
Product Designer	160
GIS Specialist	150
Web Developer	145
Staff Scientist III	140
Junior Project Manager	140
Data Analyst II	140
GIS Analyst	135
Staff Scientist II /Data Analyst	130
GIS Technician	120
Data Associate	115
Staff Scientist	115
Administrative Assistant	100

Other Direct Charges

Personal Vehicle Mileage	$0.70/mile*
Travel and Subsistence	Actual Cost
4-Wheel Drive Truck Rental	$135.00 per day
Truck Rental Less than 6 hours	$22.50 per hour
Meter Rentals	$30 - $90 per day
Black and White Printing	$0.05 each
Color Printing	$0.50 each
Scanning	$0.50 each

- Large Document Reproduction, Binding, *etc.* Subcontracted ..... Actual Cost + 10%
- Rented Vehicles, Tools, and Other Equipment (including fuel, *etc.*) ..... Actual Cost + 10%
- Express Delivery and Courier Services for Projects ..... Actual Cost + 10%

Online Database Access for Projects ..... Actual Cost + 10%

*Based on current IRS 2025 rates. May be adjusted per IRS notifications.

TODD GROUNDWATER

August 28, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: David Halopoff, Cawelo Water District

From: Michael Maley and Lindsay Hall, Todd Groundwater

Re: Extra Scope of Work Budget Request for PMA Checkbook Update

This memo describes the extra scope of work requested to update the Checkbook water accounting tool to support the current Project and Management Action (PMA) Subcommittee. Todd Groundwater's work supporting the PMA Subcommittee is funded through the sponsoring GSA, Cawelo GSA. However, the Checkbook update benefits all the Subbasin GSAs by providing a consistent water-accounting framework for evaluating water budgets across all 20 GSAs and can support the potential future evaluation of PMA benefits. Therefore, it is proposed that the cost of this extra scope be shared among the GSAs in accordance with the current Subbasin Cost-Sharing Agreement.

The additional work was required to bring the Checkbook current through WY2025, incorporate data and reporting changes resulting from the amended 2025 GSP, improve the workbook for future annual updates, and provide the PMA Subcommittee with an up-to-date tool for quantifying PMA benefits based on water-budget data.

Background

The Checkbook and Banking Ledgers were developed as part of the amended 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to create the GSA Operational Water Budgets that were used to assign PMA targets for each GSA. This work was done from September to November 2024. The process evolved right up to the end of the GSP period based on input from the Water Budget Subcommittee and GSAs. During the process, several GSAs provided updated data that was not in the Subbasin DMS, so it was entered manually. As a result, not all of these updates were optimized for future updates.

Since the Checkbook and Banking Ledgers had not been updated since November 2024, a provision was included to update them with the WY2025 Annual Report. The Banking Ledgers were updated by the GSAs, and Todd Groundwater tabulated those data. However, after reviewing the Checkbook, we realized that this was a larger effort than anticipated. The 2025WY Annual Report and DWR SGMA Portal required substantial new reporting for sustainability indicators and PMAs. In addition, this was the first year that DWR required GSAs to update the new DWR PMA Portal. Since the Checkbook is not required for the Annual Report, these new reporting requirements took precedence.

Description of the Extra Scope of Work

Work on the Checkbook update for the PMA Subcommittee was conducted between July 15 to August 13, 2026. This was considered a high-priority item to better support quantifying the PMA

benefits by the GSAs for the Subbasin water budgets and to update the Checkbook through the 2025WY. As noted above, the Checkbook required unanticipated extra effort for this first update following its development for the amended 2025 GSP. The following summarizes extra scope of work tasks:

Checkbook Update

- Added Water Years (WY) 2024 and 2025 data to the checkbook.
- Updated tables, graphs, linkages, and equations for the additional years.
- Downloaded, processed, and incorporated DMS data into the Checkbook Data tab.
- Performed QA/QC for all 20 GSAs and identified missing, inconsistent, or questionable data.
- Investigated and resolved missing data where possible.
- Followed up with districts regarding questionable or missing data, including North Kern, Cawelo, Rosedale-Rio Bravo, Semitropic and Kern County Water Agency.
- Updated checkbook data based on information received through district follow-up.
- Compared checkbook ET with LandIQ raster ET for irrigated agricultural areas within the Subbasin boundary.
- Evaluated differences between modeled and raster ET, including differences associated with small fields and field-edge slivers represented in the raster but excluded from the checkbook model.
- Developed GSA-level ET comparisons for use in subcommittee discussions.
- Updated municipal, industrial and rural residential water use for all years to include additional data from work conducted for the amended 2025 GSP and Basin Study after November2024.

Checkbook Improvements

- Added the Subbasin as a "GSA" result to simplify workbook organization and reporting.
- Revised the workbook structure to reduce the effort required to incorporate future years into tables and graphs.
- Added new summary table to more clearly compare GSA groundwater deficits derived GSA water supply and use to their PMA targets from the 2025 GSP in context with water year types.
- Added tables and functionality to support PMA review and assessment.
- Updated the Readme and Control tabs.
- Added controls needed for PMA review and assessment.
- Removed controls associated with banking adjustments.

Benefits of the Extra Scope of Work

Overall, the work maintains and improves an established 20-GSA Basin-wide water accounting tool developed for the 2025 GSP so that it can continue to support the assessment of PMA implementation performance using the ongoing water-budget data. The improvements made during this update also establish a more efficient process for incorporating future annual data and reduce the need for manual data collection and workbook modifications. The update also identified data gaps and process improvements that can potentially be addressed through future DMS upgrades. Improvements to the DMS, including incorporating additional data that currently requires manual collection or processing, could reduce the amount of manual effort required for future Checkbook updates and reduce associated

annual costs. A DMS scope of work will be developed in the near future, providing an opportunity to consider and prioritize these improvements as part of the planned DMS upgrades.

Budget Request

Based on the scope of completed work described herein, the extra scope of work for the PMA Checkbook Update is estimated at $33,345, as summarized in Table 1. The work has been organized into four categories that distinguish the effort required to complete the current update from improvements intended to streamline future updates:

- **Checkbook Process Review and Upgrades:** Review and update Checkbook processes, including identifying opportunities to better integrate future Checkbook updates with the Annual Report and water-budget model updates. These improvements are intended to streamline the update process and reduce the effort and cost required for future annual updates.
- **Implementing DMS Checkbook Updates:** Perform the primary annual Checkbook update, including loading DMS and model data, QA/QC, and revising tables, graphs, and calculations to incorporate for WY2024 and WY2025. This represents the core portion of the work expected to be repeated annually.
- **Manual Checkbook Updates and GSA Coordination:** Coordinate with GSAs to address data that is missing, incomplete, or require clarification in the DMS and incorporate necessary information into the Checkbook. As DMS data availability and quality improve, the need for this manual effort is expected to decrease, reducing the cost of future Checkbook updates.
- **PMA Subcommittee Support**: Incorporate changes and enhancements to the Checkbook based on direction and input from the PMA Subcommittee to support its ongoing work and potential future evaluation of PMA benefits.

Table 1 summarizes the extra scope of work that was performed for the Checkbook update for the PMA Subcommittee. The requested budget amount is $33,345.

Table 1. Extra Scope of Work Budget Request for PMA Checkbook Update

TASKS	Billed Hours	Billed Cost
Checkbook Process Review and Upgrades	31.5	**$7,005**
Implementing DMS Checkbook Updates	57	**$15,390**
Manual Checkbook Updates and GSA Coordination	36	**$8,520**
PMA Subcommittee Support	9	**$2,430**
TOTAL	133.5	**$33,345**

Exhibit C

August 19, 2026

Kristin Pittack
Basin Point of Contact
kpittack@rinconconsultants.com

Consulting Engineers and Scientists

Subject: Additional Budget Request for DMS Support

Dear Ms. Pittack:

The GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) scope of work for the Kern Data Management System (DMS) support included unexpected bug fixes and technical support on an as-requested basis. Through the end of July, GEI has provided support for 40 requests for technical support for the DMS (see the attached Table 1 for requests since April). GEI also developed a WQ Exceedance report outside of the scope of work as requested and approved by the Manager's at their July 17, 2026 meeting. Many requests for technical support require an email exchange to clearly understand the request, completion of the request, and documentation.

The August 14, 2026 Manager's meeting requested GEI to prepare an additional budget request for the policy group. The budget increase is for:

1. a new task to work with the Manager's and GSAs to identify and develop costs for DMS improvements, and
2. for DMS support for the following three priority items:
    1) Support GSAs as needed to add new Water Quality wells to fill data gaps
    2) Support GSA fall water level upload to Kern DMS
    3) Support Basin Point of Contact with fall water level report to DWR

Table 2 outlines the total additional budget request of $30,000.

Table 2. GEI Additional Budget Request for DMS

Budget Item	Budget
Task 6 (new). Identify and develop costs for DMS improvements	$10,000
Task 1. DMS Support budget increase	$20,000
Total	$30,000

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We appreciate the opportunity to be of continued service to the Kern Subbasin. Please contact our Project Manager, Bryan Thoreson at 530.867.2510 or via email at bthoreson@geiconsultants.com if you have questions about this request.

Sincerely,

GEI Consultants, Inc.

Bryan Thoreson, Ph.D., P.E.
Project Manager

August 19, 2026

Dave Miller, Ph.D., P.E.
Principal-in-Charge

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Table 1. DMS Issues Resolved April through July.

Date received	Date Resolved	Contact	Issue	Resolution
15-Apr	7-May	Christina Lucero	Not all the Representative Monitoring Wells for Water Quality are showing up when WQ wells is selected.	Must be logged into account rather than guest view
5-May	5-May	Christina Lucero	Incorrect date inputted in data	Charlie updated to correct dates
28-Apr	21-May	Markus Nygren	Incorrectly entered a few dates on some non-RMW wells in the dms and I'd like to get those corrected.	updated to correct dates provided by Markus on 5/19
24-Apr	12-May	Christina Lucero	I've been poking around the in the DMS this morning and trying to do a batch WL download and am not getting it to work / download all the data properly. I think this may be a permissions issue to be honest. When I open up the DMS under guest view, I am able to see all the WQ wells, but when I am logged in under me, I cannot. Can you do me a favor and go to the data management - run reports - Water Elevation Export, and export data for 1/1/2026 through current and send me the excel file that comes out? I want to compare it to the one I am getting.	Charlie and Bryan resolved on 5/12 and updated Christina's permissions issues
28-Apr	13-May	Markus Nygren	The second is that we have two of our RMW wells that Kern County Water Agency that measures for us. I'd like them to have access to directly enter those groundwater readings into the dms for me.	Can give permission to enter data for wells but they will also have permission to enter data for ALL rio bravo wells. Permissions are set at agency level not well level.
14-May	28-May	Grace Bianchi	While finalizing the EWMA groundwater level data in the DMS, I noticed that Cameo #13 is no longer listed, although we've entered data for it in the past. Could you look into this and let us know how we should proceed?	Grace confirmed owner should be EWMA and Melissa changed in DMS.
24-Feb	29-May	Lindsay Hall	Can you send me an updated DMS pull for the 1995- present time period? I am looking to update the Checkbook and what to make sure I have all the latest and greatest data.	
29-May	2-Jun	Jennifer Glenn	I attempted to upload data for the first time today, and got an error "Insufficient user access"	Added agency importer as a role to her account - did not have to add to each individual GSA

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Date received	Date Resolved	Contact	Issue	Resolution
21-Apr	2-Jun	Kristin Pittack	Can you confirm GWL-RMS information in the attached spreadsheet matches GWL-RMS data in the DMS?	Confirmed all wells in download from SGMA portal are in DMS. Five wells in DMS were not on the list of wells downloaded from the SGMA portal.
15-Jun	24-Jun	Jennifer Glenn	Some of the GSAs used laboratories that do not seem to have a valid look up in the DMS. The laboratories are Oilfield Environmental and Compliance, FGL Environmental, Dellavalle Laboratory Inc., and Zalco Laboratories Inc.	Used add agency interface to add laboratories.
15-Jun	24-Jun	Jennifer Glenn	The rest seem to be issues with the well. Either I don't have the well name correct or I do not have authorization for the well. I attached the corresponding templates for each of these. Here is the list: • Meadows of the Kern Mutual WC 03 - unauthorized import for the well (Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority GSA) • Shafter Well 18 - invalid well (NKWSD) • SSJMUD 68 (Christina St.) and SSJMUD 67 (Hacienda Well) - I get an error and the file won't even run	Revised permissions for first two. Corrected code to handle parenthesis in well name for the last one.
15-Apr	24-Jun	Christina Lucero	All the historical WQ data populated and uploaded by the GSAs are now missing. We are hoping this is just a broken link and that all the data on the backend is still available and has not been erased. This is critical to fix as the exceedance investigation reports will rely on this data.	Data shows. Need to remove message showing 'no/insufficient WQ data found' and replace with 'more detail' link
23-Jun	24-Jun	Kristin Pittack	When uploading Spring 2026 groundwater level data to the SGMA Portal, there were a few agency titles that did not match. DWR compiled a list noting which titles should be changed and what to change them to. To reduce errors from occurring in the future, I wanted to request agency titles to be changed.	Used the edit agency interface to change agency names

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Date received	Date Resolved	Contact	Issue	Resolution
2-Jul	2-Jul	Lindsay Hall	I cant figure out how to get all the gw pumping data out in one batch. I can get it out 100 wells at a time using this form (screenshot below) but I need all the data (more than 5000 wells)	Pulled data and sent to Lindsay on 7/2
2-Jul	2-Jul	John Ellis	Can we get the RMS GWLs time series of data through this spring? I couldn't seem to figure out how to do this using the DMS, but it's probably user error on my end.	Christina Lucero copied us for reference and we have not heard anything back from John.
6-Jul	7-Jul	Stephanie Hearn	Can you assign the City of Delano and McFarland wells to me in the DMS? I can see them on the map viewer but cannot see them in the Data Management module unless they're assigned to me.	Added the City of Delano and City of McFarland GSAs to Stephanie's permissions
21-Jul	22-Jul	Trey Driscoll	Hi Brian, We are in the process of updating the RMS for Hexagon 39 (SWID Office Well) that we will want to update in the Kern Subbasin DMS. Will you please send me the form to complete for inputting a new well into the DMS.	There are two options for adding wells to the DMS. One option is use the attached excel templates. The second option is to enter the data through forms available through the data management tab on the DMS. Below are example screenshots for entering the well directly into the DMS.
27-Jul	27-Jul	Multiple Users	SharePoint access for External Users (received approx. 10 emails	Coordinated with IT
21-Jul	30-Jul	Maureen Reilly	We have added a few wells to fill data gaps and we removed four (RMW-40,42,200, and 18 because they were considered insufficient by the State Board (they did not have well construction. Attached is our current network and we would like the DMS to reflect this. We've included the Greenfield GSA well, and the retailers wells as they are all part of KRGSA but may report separately.	Set the "priority name" to "Former RMW-xxx" and delete the RMS name. Deleted all the records for these four wells from the well_sustainability_indicator table.
16-Jul	30-Jul	Jennifer Glenn	Looking at the RMW list, I believe there is a replacement well for the original RMW-312, now RMW-312R that needs to be added to the DMS. The site name is Lamont #17. Can you look into that before the next round of monitoring starts August 15?	Added sustainability indicators to well added by GSA
29-Jul	31-Jul	Trey Driscoll	Will you set-up a login for the Kern DMS for me.	Setup account and asked for info from Trey on 7/31 to adjust permissions
31-Jul	31-Jul	Neda Mohamadzadeh	We've filled out the spreadsheets for adding Hexagon 39 (SWID Office well) to the Kern Subbasin DMS, the spreadsheets are attached. Please let us know if you need anything else on our end to finalize this.	Uploaded templates provided by Neda into the DMS and found well in DMS already. Updated GSA Name in existing record, added screen type, and uploaded lithology data; Moved sustainability indicator data into correct template, corrected GSA name and Threshold_Bound and uploaded to DMS
31-Jul	10-Aug	Neda Mohamadzadeh	We need to update the well on the SGMA Data Viewer. The well is already showing up there (see screenshot below), so it looks like we may just need to classify it correctly or update the water quality data. Do you have any guidance on what steps we should take for that?	Suggested checking in with Christina Lucero for an answer to this question.

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September 14, 2026 Project No. 26-1-033

Kern Subbasin GSAs

SUBJECT: LSCE Request for Budget Amendment for 2026

Dear Managers:

This letter documents a formal request from LSCE for a budget amendment of $2300.00 for our current work related to data gaps. This amendment is being requested due to out-of-scope items completed by LSCE. Our total out-of-scope work to date amounts to $5175.00.

LSCE's scope under the current contract was limited to support filling data gaps, providing simplified well construction information for new monitoring well construction, and a technical memorandum documenting the Subbasins' efforts to fill data gaps.

However, during this year, many GSAs made changes to their monitoring networks. LSCE was asked to verify that new wells did not create data gaps and were representative of inventory wells by examining screen intervals. LSCE also devised protocols for replacing existing monitoring network wells and created visuals to document the process of submitting proposed replacement wells for review.

In addition to this work related to the replacement of existing monitoring wells, LSCE also incorporated changes to the well inventory to re-evaluate data gaps in several hexagons. This re-evaluation was also out of scope under the current contract. Lastly, in support of the out-of-scope efforts, LSCE participated in multiple meetings and corresponded with GSAs and TCs to coordinate efforts to replace existing monitoring wells.

All out-of-scope efforts were tracked by LSCE in a separate task number on invoices (Task 5). Our August invoice budget summary table is attached for your reference with Task 5 containing the out-of-scope amount billed to date.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions regarding this request and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

LUHDORFF AND SCALMANINI
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Pavan Dhaliwal
Senior Hydrogeologist

Attachment(s): August Budget Summary Table

Budget Status

Description	Contract Amount	Prior Billed	Current Billed	Total Billed	Remaining	Remaining Percent
1 Identify Wells for Existing Gaps	5,000.00	5,646.00	115.00	5,761.00	-761.00	-15.22
2 New Monitoring Wells Design Support	5,000.00	115.00	172.50	287.50	4,712.50	94.25
3 Technical Memo	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.00
4 Project Coordination and Management	8,000.00	7,077.00	57.50	7,134.50	865.50	10.82
5 RMN, SMC, Well Inventory, Other Coordination (Out-of-Scope)	0.00	5,060.00	115.00	5,175.00	-5,175.00	0.00
Total	23,000.00	17,898.00	460.00	18,358.00	4,642.00	20.18

Aging Summary

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Outstanding	Current	Over 30	Over 60	Over 90	Over 120
45039	08/06/2026	1,495.00	1,495.00				
	Total	1,495.00	1,495.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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September 2026

To: KNDLA Board of Directors

From: Jenny Holtermann

Re: Executive Director Report, September

Administration

- Coordination with P&P, LSCE and EKI on data gaps still needing to be filled
    - Follow up on potential additional data gaps to fill with EWMA
- Land IQ review, monthly review and analysis
- Groundwater quality and levels collection coordination
- Landowner GIS coordination
- Demand Management Ad Hoc
    - Coordination with P&P on phase 2 and 3
- EWMA Meeting
    - Annual Meeting and Board Meeting
        - Water District formation update, election of officers
        - EKI scope of work for model review and native yield estimate change
    - Demand management plan process update
- Audit coordination and collection of materials
- Coordinate Financial statements, deposits and payables.
- Subsidence Exceedance Review
    - ongoing analysis and coordination
- Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes, prep and coordination

Kern Subbasin SGMA Managers Meetings, Coordination Committee Meetings

- Data Gaps and Technical analysis
    - Groundwater quality and level data gaps across the basin
    - Groundwater quality exceedances
- Well Permitting process with Kern County, ongoing

- Subsidence Updates
    - Subsidence watch list within “pool boundaries”
- Project Management Plans
    - Update on model work
- Ground water Quality Program Updates
    - Well Mitigation Program/SHE contract
    - Action Plan Version 3.0 approval
- 2027 Proposals
    - Review and collection of consulted proposals for the upcoming year planning
    - POC transition

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2026 Proposed KNDLA Board Meeting Schedule

2026

October 26- cancelled due to scheduling conflict

November 9- proposed board meeting

November 23- cancelled due to holiday

December 7- proposed board meeting

December 28- cancelled due to holiday

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Groundwater Demand Management program for KNDLA

KNDLA has begun the process of developing a groundwater demand management program on land within its boundary. The purpose is to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) which requires each groundwater sustainability agency to have programs in place to achieve sustainable groundwater management. KNDLA is committed to developing this program based on the best available information and in compliance with the legal rules and constraints that govern how groundwater is allocated.

What KNDLA has committed to

KNDLA adopted the Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, which is currently being reviewed for adequacy by the California Department of Water Resources. The plan commits each groundwater sustainability agency in the subbasin to reduce demand to a sustainable level — with the goal of eliminating overdraft. KNDLA has begun the development of a groundwater management program to comply with this commitment.

Why KNDLA's situation is different

KNDLA represents a groundwater-dependent service area with limited access to alternative supplies. Other agencies in the subbasin may have access to imported surface water, recharge projects, and banking programs. KNDLA's options for controlling overdraft are limited to demand management because the only water supply currently available is groundwater.

KNDLA is joint powers authority comprised of Kern Subbasin groundwater sustainability agencies. In addition to the subbasin GSAs, the KNDLA Board includes two landowner seats, held by landowners in KNDLA's jurisdiction. It is this group that will oversee the development of the groundwater demand management program and the potential adoption of allocation limits.

How decisions will be made

Best available information
Pumping, land use, and water balance data for lands within the KNDLA boundary, updated as better information becomes available.

Legal rules and constraints
State law, the adopted plan, and the rules that govern how groundwater may be allocated among landowners.

Landowner input
KNDLA is providing opportunities to review and comment on each step in the development of the groundwater management program. We need public input and landowners within the KNDLA to participate and inform this process.

A multi-phase process, started in Spring 2026

Options Analysis- completed, report available now kndla.org

1. Phase 1 is an options analysis that will be used as a foundation for the next steps in evaluating a groundwater allocation policy. As the first phase of a long-term initiative, it identifies potential policy approaches based on feedback from stakeholders and local water agencies, and outlines the next steps needed to develop a groundwater demand management program.
2. **Water Budget Analysis** in process
3. **Develop Groundwater Allocation Policy**
4. **Funding Development**
5. **Groundwater Allocation Implementation**

This notice describes a process that is underway. It does not establish an allocation, and no pumping limit takes effect until KNDLA adopts a policy.

KNDLA will continue to share each phase and will notify landowners of meetings and comment periods.
For questions or more information please contact
Jenny Holtermann, Executive Director, at 661-595-5514 or jenny@kndla.org or visit kndla.org

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY AND THE FAMOSO HILLS ESTATES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT PURSUANT TO THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN MTIIGATION PROGRAM – STATE SMALL MITIGATION TRACK

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of October _____, 2026, by and between the KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY (KNDLA), a joint powers authority and groundwater sustainability agency within the Kern Subbasin, and FAMOSO HILLS ESTATES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY (Applicant).

A. WHEREAS, the KNDLA adopted the Kern County Subbasin Mitigation Program (Kern Mitigation Program) which includes State Small Mitigation Track; and

B. WHEREAS, the Applicant submitted an application under the State Small Mitigation Track on June 12, 2026; and

C. WHEREAS, pursuant to the Kern County Subbasin Mitigation Program, the Kern (KMEC) provided a recommendation to provide Applicant limited mitigation support; and

D. WHEREAS, KNDLA and Applicant enter into this Agreement pursuant to the Kern Mitigation Program and the resulting KMEC recommendation.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS AGREED:

1. **TECHNICAL SUPPORT FROM KNDLA**

KNDLA will provide the following reimbursement:

A. No more than $500 per year not to exceed five (5) years to support annual monitoring and measurement of Applicant wells.

B. No more than $10,000 for the development of a contingency plan that considers the limitations included in the Kern Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), conservation, reuse, and recycling of water supplies, a state small water well stewardship and groundwater conservation plan to proactively address future growth of the community served by the Applicant, land use restrictions to limit the development of land in Applicant's service area to domestic use, and conservation programs to meet de minimis use definitions.

Reimbursement shall be provided by KNDLA within 45 days of receiving and approving a reimbursement request from Applicant supported by receipts and documents costs for services covered under and developed pursuant to this section. Any reimbursement provided by KNDLA through this Agreement shall be applied toward the limitation or cap included in the Kern Mitigation Program on the date this Agreement is executed.

2. **APPLICANT COMMITMENTS**

The Applicant agrees to provide the following information:

A. Verification the Applicant qualifies as a State Small System as defined by section 6 of the Kern Mitigation Program. Specifically, the Applicant will provide documentation that it provides drinking water supplies through well or a system of wells that serve at least 5, but no more than 14, service connections and does not regularly serve drinking water to more than an average of 25 individuals daily for more than 60 days out of the year. This information shall be provided prior to submitting a reimbursement claim pursuant to this Agreement.

B. An outline of scope and content for contingency plan prior to submitting a reimbursement claim pursuant to section 1B.

3. **OWNERSHIP**

A. Any physical property including measuring devices, machine, device, or property resulting from or developed through this Agreement shall be the property and responsibility of the Applicant. Other than as set forth in section 1 of this Agreement, KNDLA shall have no ownership, no responsibility to maintain, and no liability related to the devices or property that the Applicant acquires related to or with funding from this Agreement.

B. The Applicant agrees that all data, information, measurements, or technical information generated by, through, or related to this Agreement shall be owned by the Applicant, but publicly available and provided to KNDLA upon request.

4. **PRODUCTS ARE NON-BINDING**

Any report, recommendation, data, technical analysis, contingency plan, or other planning document funded by this Agreement shall not be binding on KNDLA in any way. KNDLA

expressly disclaims that it is bound or otherwise agrees to any actions or recommendations that may be developed through this Agreement; specifically, through this Agreement KNDLA is not agreeing to take any action or accept any recommendations that are included in a contingency plan or other document or report developed pursuant to this Agreement.

5. **TERMS AND TERMINATION**

This Agreement shall become effective on the date that the last of the named parties executes the Agreement. Applicant may terminate this Agreement by providing KNDLA thirty (30) days' notice. KNDLA may terminate this Agreement for breach of any of the terms of the Agreement. Termination will end the obligations of all Parties pursuant to this Agreement but will not automatically result in any refund or return of costs.

6. **DISCLAIMER**

By entering into this Agreement, KNDLA does not concede it has caused any injury to the Applicant, either by pumping, management, failure to manage, or in any other manner. Under this Agreement, KNDLA is agreeing to terms, conditions, and a process set forth in the Kern Mitigation Program. KNDLA is not a groundwater extractor. KNDLA is not responsible for the impact, injury, or other result from any action of any landowner in the KNDLA boundary. KNDLA's groundwater management role and its decision relating to whether it limits groundwater extractions within its boundaries does not make it responsible or liable for any impacts resulting from groundwater pumping.

7. **INDEMNIFICATION**

The Applicant shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify KNDLA and its members, officers, employees, and consultants from and against any liability, claims, actions, costs, damages or losses of any kind, including death or injury to any person and/or damage to property arising out of this Agreement. The foregoing indemnification obligations shall continue beyond the term of the Agreement as to any acts of omissions occurring before or under this Agreement or any extension of this Agreement.

The GSA shall not be liable to the Applicant's staff or guests for any injury incurred while on the property in which mitigation will take place. The Applicant is responsible for paying all

taxes owed for income or property value the Applicant receives as a result of the mitigation measure.

8. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement represents the entire agreement among the parties as to its subject matter and no prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect. No part of this Agreement may be modified without the written consent of all of the parties.

9. **HEADINGS**

Section hearings are provided for organizational purposes only and do not in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions under the headings.

10. **NOTICES**

Except as may be otherwise required by law, any notice to be given shall be written and shall be either personally delivered, sent by facsimile transmission, emailed or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

KNDLA

Jenny Holtermann, Executive Director

Kern Non-Districted Land Authority

1518 Mill Rock Way, Suite 100,

Bakersfield, CA 93311

APPLICANT

Jerel Kratt, President

Famoso Hills Estates Mutual Water Co.

606 Famoso Hills Drive

Bakersfield, CA

Notice delivered personally, sent by facsimile transmission or emailed is deemed to be received upon receipt. Notice sent by first class mail shall be deemed received on the fourth day after the dame of mailing. Any party may change the above address by giving written notice pursuant to this Section.

11. **NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES INTENDED**

Unless specifically set forth, the parties to the Agreement do not intend to provide any other party with any benefit or enforceable legal or equitable right or remedy.

12. **WAIVERS**

The failure of any party to insist on strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement shall not be considered a waiver of any right to do so, whether for that breach or any subsequent breach.

13. **CONFLICT WITH LAWS OR REGULATIONS/SEVERABILITY**

This Agreement is subject to all applicable laws and regulations. If any provision of this Agreement is found by any court or other legal authority, or is agreed by the parties, to be in conflict with any code or regulation governing its subject, the conflicting provision s shall be considered null and void. If the effect of nullifying any conflicting provision is such that a material benefit of the Agreement to any party is lost, the Agreement may be terminated at the option of the affected party. In all other cases the remainder of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

14. **COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

15. **AMENDMENT**

This document may only be amended through written agreement by both parties.

THE PARTIES, having read and considered the above provision, indicate their agreement by their authorized signature.

KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY

_____ Date_____

Executive Director

FAMOSO HILLS ESTATES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

_____ Date_____

Title: