

Board Meeting



December 2025

AGENDA
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

33380 Cawelo Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - 7:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER
PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Board Meeting Minutes
 - A. Approve Minutes of November 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
2. Consent Calendar

(The Board will consider various non-controversial routine items, issues and reports relating to matters of interest to the District. Any Board member or member of the public may request that any or all items be considered and acted upon independently.)

 - A. District Groundwater Levels
 - B. PG&E Monthly Analysis
 - C. District Exchange Balances
 - D. Operations Report
 - E. Approve 2026 District Memberships and Support for Organizations
 - F. Approve Task Order 26-01 for Providing General Engineering Tasks Support, GEI
 - G. Approve Task Order 26-02 for Providing SGMA Implementation Support, GEI
3. General Informational Items
 - A. Kern River Watermaster Report
 - B. Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority/Kern Water Collaborative Update*
4. Financial Matters
 - A. Approve Treasurer's Report
 1. NKWSD
 2. RRID
 - B. Monthly Financial Statements
 - C. Water Sales
 - D. Accounts Receivable
 - E. Approve Accounts Payable
5. Consulting District Engineer
 - A. Project Summary
 - B. Status of Grants*
 - C. Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program/CV-Salts*
6. Budget and Personnel Committee
 - A. Consider 2026 Budget
 - B. Consider Adoption of Publicly Available Pay Schedule
7. Engineering Committee
 - A. Consider 2026 Landowner Well Water Transportation Agreement
 - B. Consider Task Order 25-10 for NEPA Support Services for Partnership Program and

WaterSMART Drought Response Program, GEI

C. Consider Renewal of Consultant Services Agreement with GEI

8. Groundwater Committee

A. Meeting of the North Kern Groundwater Sustainability Agency and SGMA Update

1. GSP Implementation Update*

9. Produced Water Ad Hoc Committee*

10. Negotiating Committee*

11. Counsel of District*

12. Rosedale Ranch Improvement District

A. Consider Task Order 25-09 for CEQA Support Services for the Affentranger Groundwater Recharge and Banking Project, GEI

B. Assignment of Easement Exchange Agreement - R-1 Canal

13. General Manager's Report*

OTHER BUSINESS

14. Closed Session Matters:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION
(Govt. Code Section 54956.9(a) and (d)(1))

(i) North Kern Water Storage District v. City of Bakersfield
(VCSC #56-2011-00408712-CU-CO-VTA)

(ii) State Water Resources Control Board, Administrative Hearing Office
Adjudicative Hearing on Pending Applications 31673, 31674, 31675, 31676,
31677, and 31819

(iii) California High-Speed Rail Authority v. North Kern Water Storage District
(BCV-25-102876)

(iv) North Kern Water Storage District v. Rosedale Estates
(BCV-24-101361)

(vi) Bring Back the Kern et al. v. City of Bakersfield (Defendant/Respondent) and
Buena Vista Water Storage District et al. (Real Parties in Interest)
(BCV-22-1030220)

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section
54956.9: two cases

C. PERSONNEL MATTERS
(Govt. Code Section 54957)

D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Govt. Code Section 54956.8) – use of District and landowner facilities for
various potential water management programs; negotiator, David Hampton

15. Adjournment

*Oral report to be provided at the meeting.

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 1A

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
North Kern Water Storage District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2025

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of North Kern Water Storage District was in person - commencing at 7:00 a.m., on November 18, 2025.

President Andrew declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. The following Directors were present: Kevin Andrew, Joel Ackerknecht, Winn Glende, Robert Holtermann and Monte Mitchell. Others present: David Hampton (General Manager), Ram Venkatesan (Deputy General Manager), Marinelle Duarosan (Controller) and Christy Castaneda (Administrative Assistant) of North Kern Water Storage District, Scott Kuney, Mark Bateman and Alan Doud of Young Wooldridge, Guests present: Stephanie Hearn, Art Chianello, Sonia Lumus and John Gaugel.

President Andrew called the meeting to order at 7:03 am and opened the floor for Public Comments. At this time, there were none.

Board of Directors –

(25-111) Upon motion of Director Holtermann, seconded by Director Ackerknecht and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes from October 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Mitchell, Glende & Holtermann, Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

(25-112) Upon motion of Director Holtermann, seconded by Director Ackerknecht and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes from October 30, 2025, Special Board Meeting.
(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Mitchell, Glende & Holtermann, Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

Consent Calendar –

Consent Calendar included the following:

- A. District Groundwater Levels
- B. PG&E Monthly Analysis
- C. District Exchange Balances
- D. Operations Report
- E. Approve Common Use Agreement for Construction of Roadway over the R-1 Canal, City of Bakersfield

(25-113) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Calendar.
(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Mitchell, Glende & Holtermann, Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

General Informational Items –

Watermaster Chianello reported that he received a favorable response from Jenifer Fromm with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers related to the request for additional Lake Isabella winter storage carry-over. Mr. Chianello stated that storage was approved for up-to 190,000 AF of carry-over. He also reviewed various precipitation data impacting storage levels noting that significant precipitation forecasts could result in mandatory water release. He noted that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers appears to be cooperative in working with the Kern River water users on release requirements.

Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority/Kern Water Collaborative Update – No report at this time.

Public Hearing –

At this time, President Andrew asked the Board to begin the Public Hearing for Finalizing the NKWSD Base Service Charges. The hearing began at 7:15 a.m. District Counsel Doud stated the hearing notice was published as required by law and that the District had not received any written comment or objection. Mr. Doud stated the District needed to add the Proof of Publication and the Affidavit of Mailing to the Minutes. General Manager Hampton then summarized the projects contained in the 2025 Engineer's Report, noting that the maximum per acre authority of Base Service Charge was estimated to be \$217 per acre for Class 1 Lands and \$196 per acre for Class 2 Lands. Based on the year-to-date operations and forecasted 2025-year end operations, the proposed rates are \$188.00 per acre for Class 1 Lands and \$176.00 per acre for Class 2 Lands and tracts less than an acre at \$50.00. It was also noted that Exhibit A reflects the changes in ownership since the October meeting. Director Andrew then opened the hearing to the public for questions, comments, and/or objections. There were none. At 7:20 a.m. President Andrew closed the public hearing.

(25-114) Upon motion of Director Mitchell, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to approve to add Proof of Publication and the Affidavit of Mailing of Notice to Landowners to the Minutes.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Mitchell: Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

(25-115) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Glende and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution #25-115 Finalizing the NKWSD Base Service Charges and to fix the rates to \$188.00 per acre for Class 1 Lands and \$176.00 per acre for Class 2 Lands and \$50.00 for tracts under 1 acre.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Mitchell: Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

At this time, President Andrew asked the Board to begin the Public Hearing for Finalizing the RRID Base Service Charges. The hearing began at 7:22 a.m. District Counsel Doud stated the hearing notice was published as required by law and that the district had not received any written comment or objection. He also stated the District needed to add Proof of Publication and the Affidavit of Mailing to the Minutes. General Manager Hampton then summarized the projects contained in the 2025 Engineer's Report noting that the maximum per acre authority of Base Service Charge was determined to be \$30.32 per acre for the Administrative Charge for All Lands and \$203.95 per acre for Project Charge for Developed Lands. Based on the current operations and for the year 2025, the proposed rates are \$25 per acre for All Lands Administrative Costs and \$156.40 per acre for Developed Lands Project Costs. Director Andrew then opened the hearing to the public for questions, comments and/or objections. There were none. At 7:24 a.m. President Andrew closed the public hearing.

(RR25-116) Upon motion of Director Glende, seconded by Director Ackerknecht and unanimously carried, to approve to add Proof of Publication and the Affidavit of Mailing to the Minutes.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Mitchell: Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

(RR25-117) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution #RR24-117 Finalizing the RRID Base

Service Charges at \$156.40 per acre for Developed Lands Project Costs and \$25 per acre for All Lands Administrative Costs.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Mitchell: Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

Financial Matters –

(25-118) Upon motion of Director Holtermann, seconded by Director Mitchell and unanimously carried, to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the North Kern Water Storage District for the month of October as presented.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Mitchell, Glende & Holtermann, Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

(RR25-119) Upon motion of Director Holtermann, seconded by Director Mitchell and unanimously carried, to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the Rosedale Ranch Improvement District for the month of October as presented.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Mitchell, Glende & Holtermann, Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

The Financial Statements, Summary of Water Sales and the Accounts Receivable reports for the month of October were reviewed and accepted as presented.

(25-120) Upon motion of Director Akerknechet, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to approve payment of the Accounts Payable balance for the North Kern Water Storage District for the month of October as presented.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Mitchell, Glende & Holtermann, Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

(RR25-121) Upon motion of Director Akerknechet, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to approve payment of the Accounts Payable balance for the Rosedale Ranch Improvement District for the month of October as noted.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Mitchell, Glende & Holtermann, Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

Consulting District Engineer – Mrs. Hearn provided an update on the following:

Project Summary – the design team submitted the 90% design for 2022 DRP to the District for review, which is anticipated for completion early in 2026. It is anticipated that GEI Consultants will be submitting a task order in December for specifications and bidding support for the Calloway Canal Lining 7th Standard to 8-1 Backup Weir project.

Status of Grants – Most activity is related to transitioning between grant closings and obtaining new grant agreements. GEI recently closed out 2018 DRP program and are planning to close out the 2020 DRP program and one of the Calloway Canal Lining segments by the first quarter of 2026. NEPA activities for the Partnership Project with North Kern, and Kern-Tulare are underway the scope of which is to drill/connect 2 wells, connect a third well, and pipeline/discharge to the Friant Kern Canal, GEI is also working on NEPA for Calloway Canal Lining from CVC Intertie to Case Street. Ms. Hearn indicated they are still waiting for a response from the Bureau of Reclamation on the Calloway Canal Lining Case Street to Arrow Street grant application which was submitted in the Fall of 2024. GEI is also monitoring Prop 4 grant programs and DWR's Watershed Resilience Program specifically for how it impacts IRWMP and what new grant program requirements will be mandated.

ILRP/CV Salts - Mrs. Hearn reported that the Kern Water Collaborative consultants are working on the Final Management Zone Proposal, which is due to the Regional

Board by February 16. Other significant activities with the Nitrate Control Program are that the Regional Board is working on a Resolution that would require Priority 1 Management Zones to implement its Programs. The Draft Resolution will be available for Public Comment early next year. This draft Resolution is important because it will eventually be applied to all Nitrate Management Zones. The Salt Control Program is working to identify three pilot areas for salt management strategies to test the theoretical salt management approaches to real projects.

Budget & Personnel Committee –

(25-122) Upon motion of Director Mitchell, seconded by Director Ackerknecht and unanimously carried, to approve setting the District's merit and cost of living adjustment (COLA) at 3.00% and to adjust District's salary rate and schedules effective on December 29, 2025, the beginning of the 2026 pay cycle.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Mitchell, Glende & Holtermann, Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

Review Draft 2026 Budget – Staff briefly discussed the draft of the 2026 Budget, noting that the Budget has been prepared based on a projected 40% hydrology year reflecting a proposed water toll rate of \$220.00 per acre. A potential wet year projection reflecting a 125% hydrology year was also presented. Staff stated that they would schedule a meeting with the Finance and Budget Committee to review the draft Budget in detail including Reserve balances and present a final proposed Budget to the Board for consideration at the December meeting.

Engineering Committee –

(25-123) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Mitchell and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to execute the Pipeline Crossing Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company for the District's 8-31 pipeline.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Mitchell, Glende & Holtermann, Noes: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None)

Groundwater Committee –

General Manager Hampton stated that there were updated groundwater levels and water quality information. Ms. Hearn stated that water levels have been stable since 2023. Collection of groundwater quality samples for compliance with the 2024 plan has begun. Results show that all wells tested are within water quality standards except for TCP and well 88-29-014 unfiltered water exceeds the water quality objective for TCP and TDS.

Produced Water Ad Hoc Committee – No report at this time.

Negotiating Committee – No report at this time.

Counsel of District – No report at this time.

Rosedale Ranch – No report at this time.

General Manager's Report – No report at this time.

The President publicly stated that the legal authorities for holding Closed Session at today's Board Meeting are the following sections of the California Government Code:

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(Govt. Code Section 54956.9(a) and (d)(1))

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(Govt. Code Section 54956.8) – use of District and landowner facilities for
various potential water management programs; negotiator, David Hampton

The above legal grounds were determined to exist based on advice of counsel, and discussion of such matters in an Open Session would cause prejudice to the District. The Board went into Closed Session at 8:17 a.m. The Board reconvened back into the open session at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hampton, General Manager

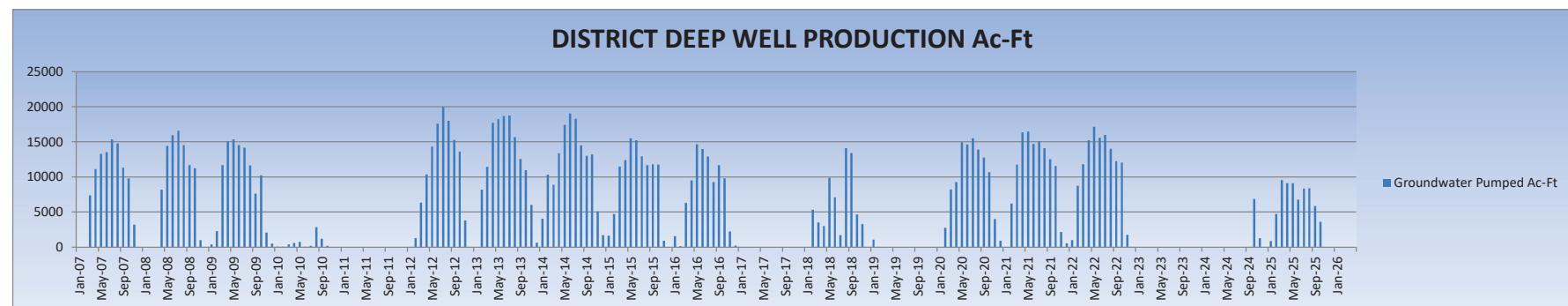
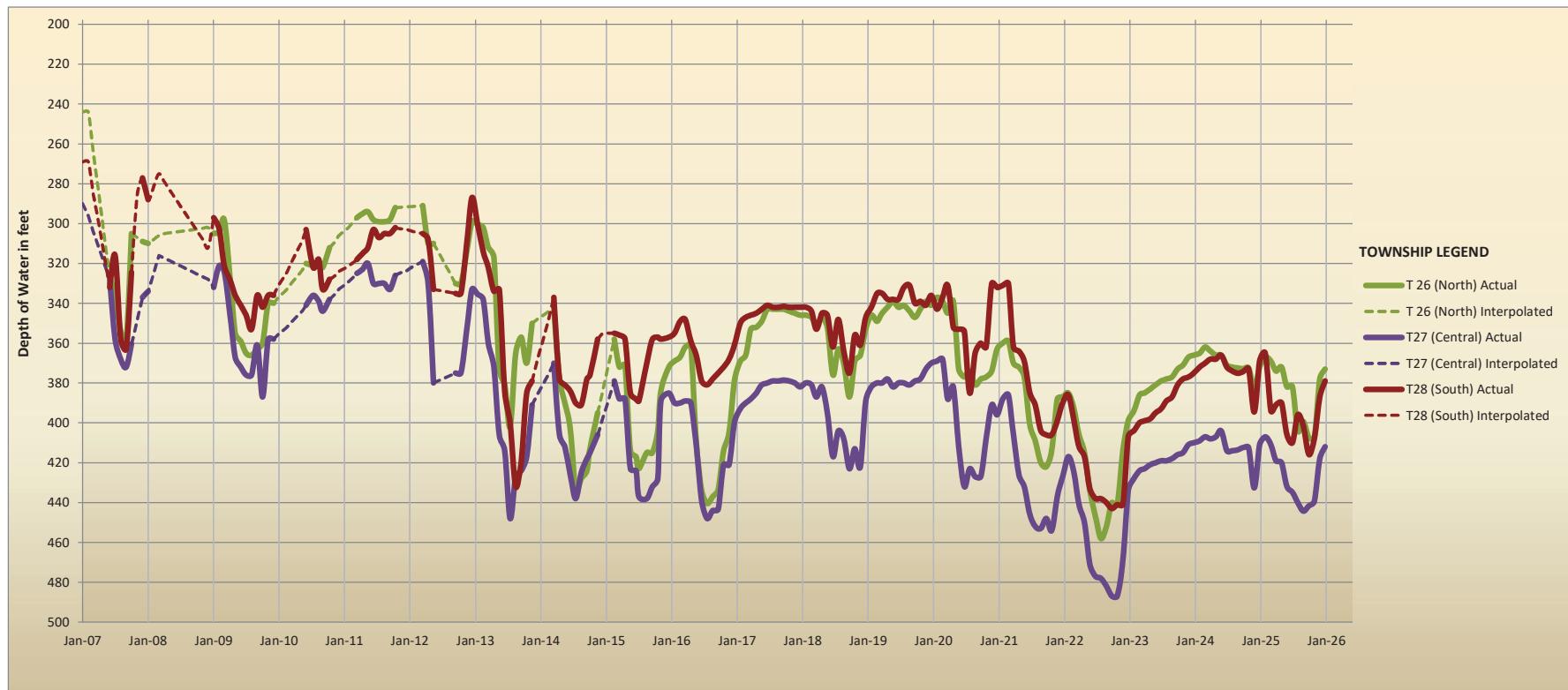
Approved by Board
December 16, 2025

Kevin Andrew, President

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 2A

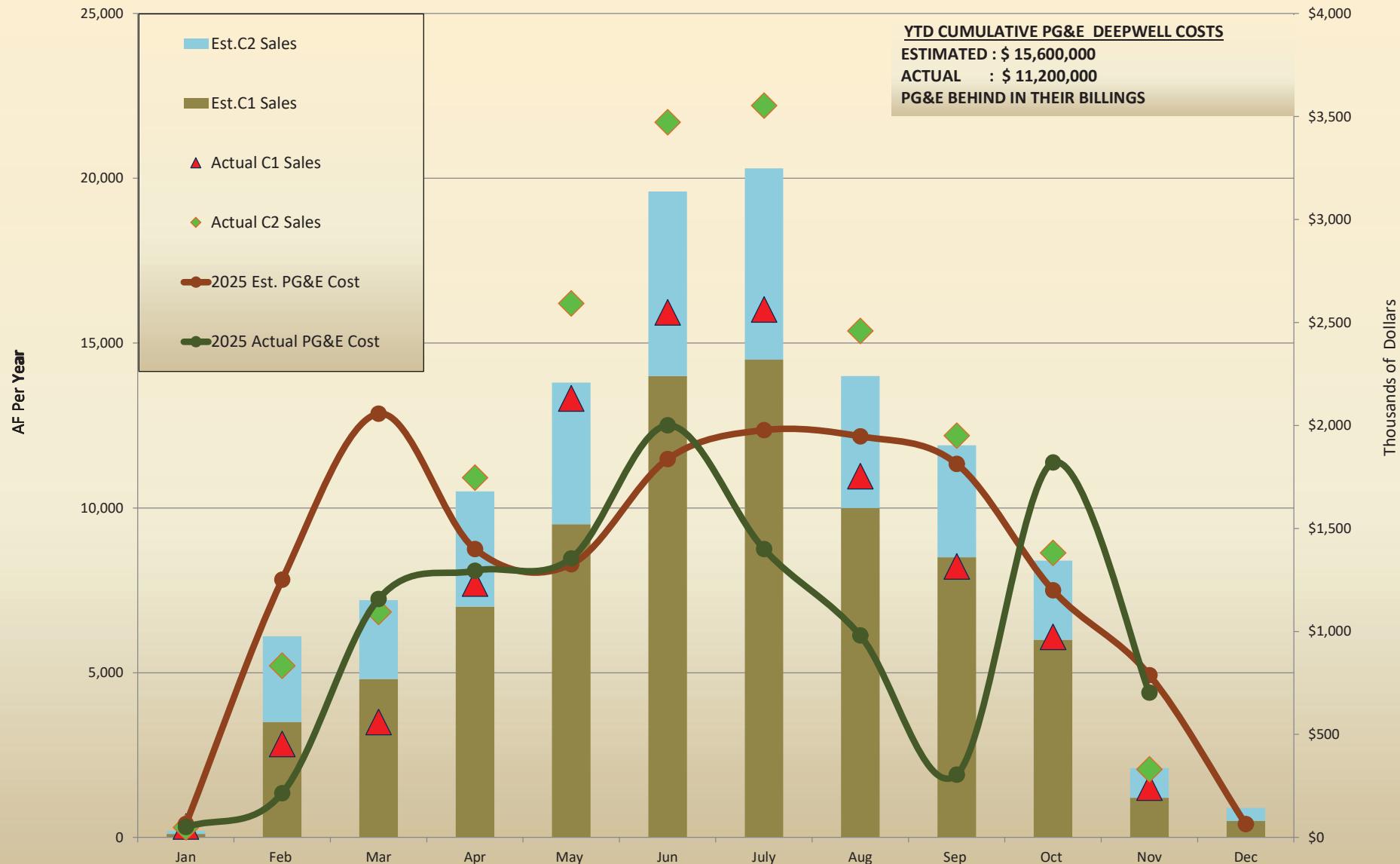
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
AVERAGE MONTHLY GROUNDWATER LEVELS BY TOWNSHIP



**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
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Agenda Item 2B

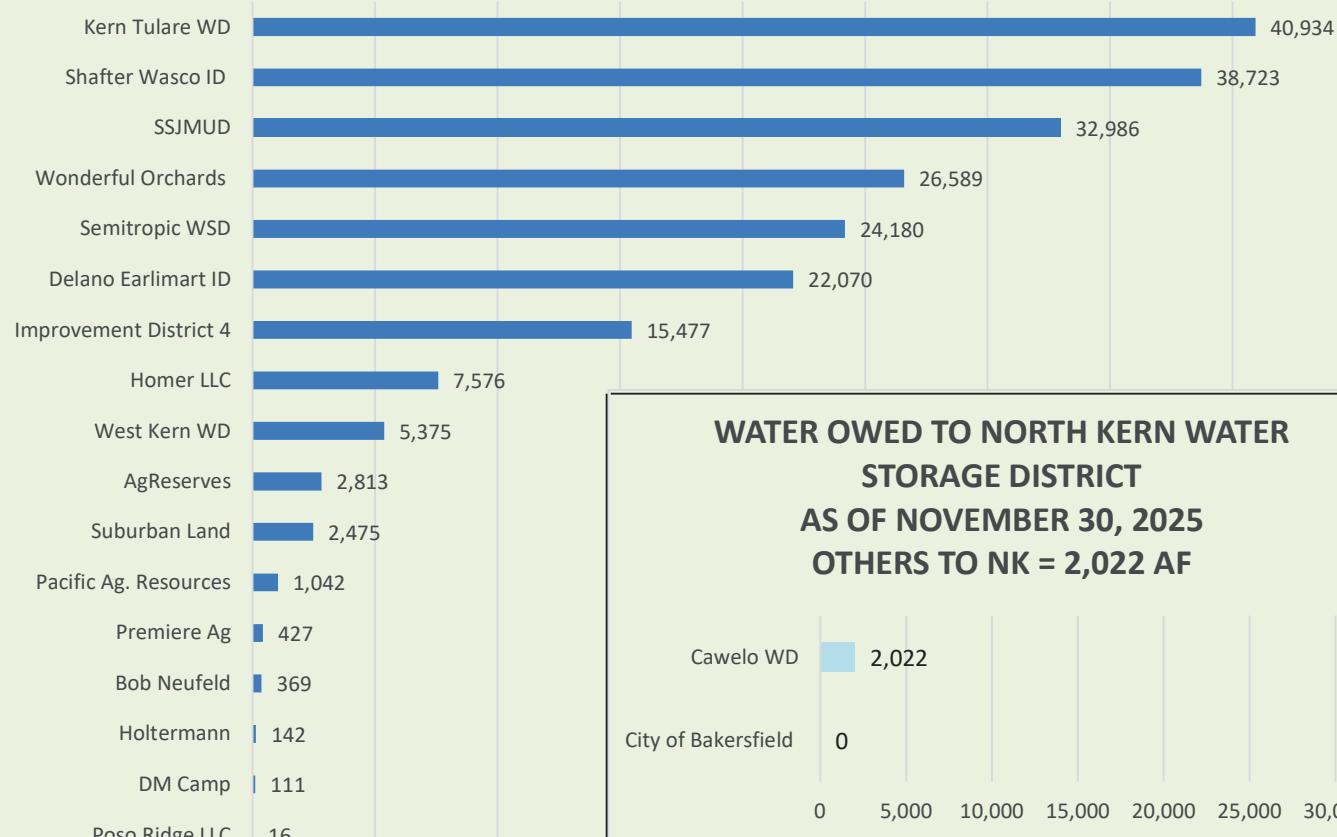
EXHIBIT "A"
Budgeted and Actual PG&E Costs for 2025



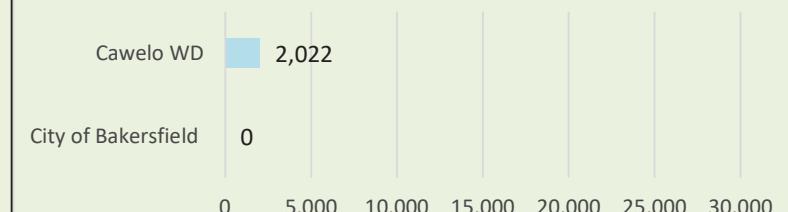
**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 2C

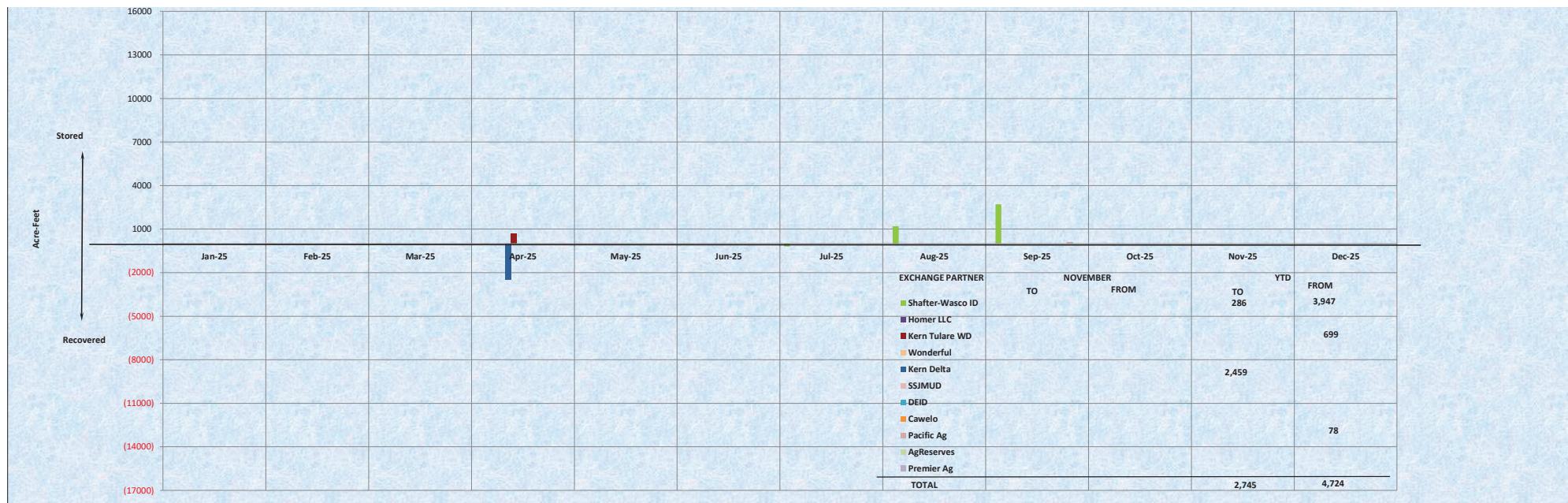
**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
GROUNDWATER BALANCE AS OF
NOVEMBER 30, 2025
NK TO OTHERS = 225,222AF**



**WATER OWED TO NORTH KERN WATER
STORAGE DISTRICT
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025
OTHERS TO NK = 2,022 AF**



NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MONTHLY EXCHANGE QUANTITIES FOR 2025
 (QUANTITIES IN AF)
 (INCLUDES LEAVE BEHIND)



**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
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Agenda Item 2D



December 12, 2025

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Heather Williams

RE: Operations Report

Operations

1. Lake Isabella storage is currently 183,732 AF. Today's estimated natural flow is 387 CFS and the regulated outflow is 412 CFS. The district's share of storage is estimated to be 47,500 AF and receiving an average of 340 CFS/day of Kern Delta WD release water. The District's Powerflow obligation is fulfilling minimal Class 1, Class 2 and system loss demands daily. District recharge is averaging 300 CFS.
2. There was no district deep well production for the month of November. An estimated 10,145 AF of Kern River water was diverted into the Beardsley Head. Class 1 deliveries averaged 25 CFS/day, and Class 2 deliveries averaged 15 CFS/day.
3. CRC produced water continues to be diverted to Rosedale Spreading. Daily flows are averaging 14.7 CFS. Califia continues with 1 CFS into the Lerdo.
4. The annual district maintenance shutdown will begin January 1, 2026. System refill operations will start January 26th.

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
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Agenda Item 2E



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Bakersfield, CA 933
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Water Orders
Operations: 33380 Cawelo Ave
Bakersfield, CA 933
office: (661) 393-33
www.northkernws

December 2, 2025

TO: BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Directors Ackerknecht and Glende, Alternate Holtermann

FROM: David Hampton, Ram Venkatesan, and Marinelle Duarosan

RE: Approve 2026 District Memberships and Support

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“Authorize staff to pay membership dues for the District to the organizations listed on Exhibit “C” in a total amount not to exceed \$65,000.”

DISCUSSION:

Coalitions have been established at the local, regional, state, and federal levels to pool the resources of the water community and provide broad support for the industry’s interests. The District has supported these coalitions for many years through memberships and other financial contributions. Attached Exhibit “A” provides a list of organizations supported by the District over the last five years and the level of contribution. Contributions over this period ranged from about \$52,000 to \$62,000 per year. Exhibit “B” provides descriptions of these organizations, including their respective missions and the membership benefits.

As shown in Exhibit “C”, the District has received requests from organizations for the payment of dues for 2026 and expects to receive additional requests in the near future.

Exhibit “C” also shows the staff’s recommendations for District memberships for 2026. These recommendations are consistent with the previous year. The total recommended District support is \$65,000 (not-to-exceed). Staff will bring any future requests from organizations not included in Exhibit “C” or requests for increases that exceed the recommended authorization to the Board for subsequent consideration.

Attachments:

Exhibit “A” – Annual Memberships for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025

Exhibit “B” – Summary of Membership Organizations Supported by the District

Exhibit “C” – 2026 Membership Recommendations

Exhibit "A"
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
 Annual Memberships for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025

Name of Organization	Account Number	Date Paid	2021	Date Paid	2022	Date Paid	2023	Date Paid	2024	Date Paid	2025
Association of CA Water Agencies (ACWA)	25600-293	1/19/21	\$24,005.00	2/15/22	\$24,730.00	1/17/23	\$26,790.00	1/16/24	\$26,790.00	1/21/25	\$26,790.00
Ag Energy Consumers Assoc. (AECA)	25320-292	10/19/21	\$12,500.00	7/19/22	\$12,500.00	6/20/23	\$12,500.00			6/17/25	\$12,500.00
California Farm Water Coalition	25600-295	1/19/21	\$7,500.00	1/18/22	\$7,500.00	1/17/23	\$7,500.00	1/16/24	\$7,500.00	1/21/25	\$7,500.00
California Chamber of Commerce	25600-296	4/20/21	\$799.00	3/15/22	\$799.00	3/21/23	\$799.00	4/16/24	\$875.00	3/21/25	\$800.00
KC Farm Bureau, Teachers Ag Seminar	25600-311							7/16/24	\$500.00		
Mobile Lab (North West Resource Conservation District)	25600-301	1/19/21	\$6,000.00	2/15/22	\$6,000.00	1/17/23	\$6,000.00	1/16/24	\$6,000.00	3/21/25	\$6,000.00
Pacific Legal Foundation	25600-302			5/17/22	\$2,000.00	6/20/23	\$2,000.00	7/16/24	\$2,000.00		
Valley Ag Water Coalition	25600-314	1/19/21	\$3,500.00	2/15/22	\$3,500.00	2/21/23	\$3,500.00	2/20/24	\$4,900.00	2/18/25	\$4,900.00
Water Association of Kern County	25600-302	1/19/21	\$2,250.00	2/15/22	\$2,250.00	2/21/23	\$2,250.00	2/20/24	\$2,250.00	8/19/25	\$2,250.00
Water Education Foundation	25600-291							10/15/24	\$750.00	4/16/25	\$750.00
Western Growers	25600-305	6/15/21	\$400.00	6/21/22	\$400.00	6/20/23	\$400.00	7/16/24	\$400.00	6/17/25	\$400.00
Total			\$56,954.00		\$59,679.00		\$61,739.00		\$51,965.00		\$61,890.00

Exhibit “B”

Summary of Membership Organizations Supported by the District

I. Association of CA Water Agencies (ACWA)

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide organization founded in 1910 composed of public agencies that provide water services to the citizens of California.

Mission

ACWA's mission is to assist its members in promoting the development, management, and reasonable beneficial use of good quality water at the lowest practical cost in an environmentally balanced manner.

In fulfilling its role, ACWA identifies issues of concern to the water industry and the public it serves; accumulates and communicates the best available scientific and technical information to the public and policy makers; facilitates consensus building; develops reasonable goals and objectives for water resources management; advocates sound legislation; promotes local service agencies as the most effective means of providing water service; provides additional services of value to its members; and fosters cooperation among all interest groups concerned with stewardship of the state's water resources.

Membership Benefits

- Protect the members interests in the legislative and regulatory arenas
- Gain access to expertise in water quality, local government, water management and other areas
- Stay up-to-date through conferences, workshops and other forums
- Receive timely, informative publications on important issues
- Save money on benefit and insurance programs
- Network with local, state and federal officials
- Locate money through a grant location service
- Access human resources advisory services
- Receive useful publications (free and reduced costs to members)
- Have a vote on Association issues

II. Agricultural Energy Consumers Association (AECA)

The Agricultural Energy Consumers Association (AECA) is a not-for-profit coalition of agricultural producers and related industry associations that works to ensure fair treatment of agriculture in California's energy markets. AECA was formed in 1991 in response to rapidly escalating energy rates. It had become apparent to several San Joaquin Valley producers that agriculture had been significantly underrepresented in the Legislature and in the California Public Utilities Commission, and these set out to give farmers a voice in energy policy.

Exhibit "B"

Summary of Membership Organizations Supported by the District

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Mission

- Ensuring the structure of California's energy markets fulfill the promise of competition, including lower rates and better service
- Encouraging the development of competitive distribution systems as a check on future distribution rate increases
- Representing the unique and growing needs of California's agricultural industry as it relates to energy before a variety of regulatory agencies
- Educating farm communities on Energy options to ensure growers and ranchers can make informed choices.

Membership Benefits

- Membership provides new contacts, a line of communication and a forum for the exchange of ideas and information within the profession
- Receive timely, informative publications on important issues
- Representations to stabilize the energy rates for agricultural users

III. California Farm Water Coalition (CFWC)

The California Farm Water Coalition was formed in 1989 in the midst of a six-year drought. CFWC was formed to increase public awareness of agriculture's efficient use of water and promote the industry's environmental sensitivity regarding water.

Mission

- To serve as the voice for agricultural water users.
- To represent irrigated agriculture in the media.
- To educate the public about the benefits of irrigated agriculture.

Membership Benefits

- Receive balanced information regarding the economic, social and environmental benefits of irrigated agriculture.
- Stay up-to-date through conferences, workshops and other forums
- Receive timely, informative publications on important issues

IV. California Chamber of Commerce

For more than 100 years, the California Chamber of Commerce has worked to make California a better place to do business by giving private-sector employers a voice in state politics and providing a full range of California-specific products and services. It provides the tools to make compliance easier after laws are passed, and they work within state and federal politics to ensure fair legislation and a pro-business climate.

Exhibit "B"

Summary of Membership Organizations Supported by the District

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Mission

The foundation is dedicated to preserving and strengthening the California business climate and private enterprise through accurate, impartial research and education on public policy issues of interest to the California business and public policy communities.

Membership Benefits

- Receive quick replies to legal questions the members may have.
- There is no limit on number of calls to the Helpline and the Helpline gives infinite access to the knowledge and solutions to the members
- There is no time limit with a Helpline Consultant on the phone.

V. Kern County Farm Bureau, Teachers Ag Seminar

Kern County Farm Bureau was organized in 1914. While the Farm Bureau does not affiliate itself with any political party, it does have a philosophical belief favoring the private competitive enterprise system, private property rights, and pricing determined by a free marketplace. Farm Bureau favors streamlined government regulation and fair taxation and it encourages its members to support candidates for public office who share these beliefs

Mission

The purpose of the Farm Bureau is to surface, analyze, and solve the problems of farmers and ranchers. By joining together, farmers and ranchers are able to accomplish much more than acting as individuals. Farm Bureau's roots can be traced back to the Cooperative Extension System and today, Farm Bureau and the Cooperative Extension have a close working relationship.

Teachers Ag Seminar

Teacher's Ag Seminar is an agriculture education program sponsored by the Kern County Farm Bureau for teachers in grades K-12. The seminar is designed to give teachers an up-close look at farming and ranching by giving them hands-on experiences. Teachers will not only take back this first-hand knowledge of agriculture from their experiences, but also many resources that will help them share what they have learned with their students.

Teachers who attend the seminar are treated to lively discussions and presentations about a variety of farm topics. The presenters are farmers and ranchers who are living and working in agriculture every day. The topics include top commodities in Kern County, processing food products, California's water supply, and much, much more.

Teachers also visit several farms and processing facilities for special tours of top quality agricultural enterprises. The highlight of the seminar is the half-day field trip with a local farmer or rancher in small groups of 2-3 teachers.

VI. North West Kern Resource Conservation District (Mobile Lab)

North West Kern Resource Conservation District (NWKRCD) is part of the California Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), set up under California law to be locally governed agencies with their own locally appointed, independent boards of directors.

There are numerous types of special districts throughout the state set up to administer needs of local people for pest control, fire fighting, water distribution, and a host of other services. Some special districts are "enterprise" districts and deliver services or products, such as water, to local customers on a fee basis. Other districts, "non-enterprise" districts, deliver services, such as fire or police protection, to all local residents. These are usually supported on a taxation basis. RCDs have characteristics of both enterprise and non-enterprise districts.

Mission

The NWKRCD provides Farmers and rancher's up-to-date scientific information and techniques to manage the natural resources on their properties, and the need for ongoing conservation education and assistance among all sectors of the public is as great as or greater than it ever has been.

NWKRCD also render's assistance to private landowners wishing to conserve soil and water and manage their resources on a sustainable basis. NWKRCD also sponsor's educational efforts to teach children and adults alike of the importance of conserving resources.

Mobile Lab

The NWKRCD conservation outreach programs also includes: Mobile Laboratory (for determining the uniformity and efficiency of irrigation systems) The Mobile Laboratory truck and a CIMIS weather station are all part of an ongoing program designed to evaluate irrigation systems on farms golf courses, condominiums, parks and schools Soil Modification and Salinity Control Program.

Mission

With an increase in population, urban and golf course groundwater demands have also increased rapidly resulting in a declining groundwater. The need for continuing efforts in irrigation water management for landscape and recreational areas has become apparent in recent years. The District responded to this new resource management issue by contracting with the California Department of Water Resources to conduct an urban and agricultural Mobile Laboratory Program to assist the valley's irrigators in the conservation of both surface and groundwater supplies.

VII. Pacific Legal Foundation

Established in 1973, Pacific Legal Foundation is the oldest and most successful public interest legal organization that fights for limited government, property rights, individual rights and a balanced approach to environmental protection

Mission

Pacific Legal Foundation is devoted to a vision of individual freedom, responsible government, and color-blind justice. They believe that each generation must defend those blessings against government encroachment. Every day, PLF attorneys litigate to build a future of economic freedom and equal opportunity.

PLF's litigation focuses on three major projects: to defend the fundamental human right of private property; to promote sensible environmental policies that respect individual freedom and put people first; and to create a nation in which people are judged by the content of their character. In addition, PLF's Economic Liberty and Free Enterprise Projects are devoted to protecting the rights to earn a living.

Membership Benefits

- Protect the members interests in the legislative and regulatory arenas
- Stay up-to-date through conferences, workshops and other forums
- Receive timely, informative publications on important issues

VIII. Valley Ag Water Coalition

The San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Water Committee known as Valley Ag Water Coalition (VAWC) was established in 2005 for the purposes of jointly and cooperatively address legislative and regulatory water issues that may impact the parties.

Mission

- To preserve the reliability, affordability and local control of their respective irrigation water supplies.
- To better educate and coordinate on legislative and regulatory matters and to work with individual parties and lobbyists on such matters.

IX. Water Association of Kern County

The Water association of Kern County is a non-profit business association, which is funded by voluntary memberships and grants from organizations and individuals interested in the economic, recreational, and conservation benefits of sound water management and development. It was organized in 1955 to keep the public well informed on activities in the field of water problems and the continuing need for water as the basis of full development of Kern County and California.

Mission

The mission of the Association is to provide up-to-date and understandable information regarding all aspects of water, its development, use, and availability. We all depend on water for health, recreation, power generation, and irrigation for our many agricultural crops. It is important to understand how we get it, manage it, bank it, and conserve it.

X. Water Education Foundation

For more than 30 years the Water Education Foundation has been a unique resource for unbiased information about water issues. A nonprofit, impartial organization, the Foundation maintains a strong commitment to high standards of objectivity and balance in all its publications and programs, earning respect from all sides in the debate over water in California and the Southwest.

Mission

The mission of the Water Education Foundation, an impartial, nonprofit organization, is to create a better understanding of water resources and foster public understanding and resolution of water resource issues through facilitation, education and outreach.

Membership Benefits

- One subscription to *Western Water* magazine
- One subscription to the biannual Colorado River Basin newsletter, *River Report*
- Copies of new and revised titles in our *Layperson's Guide* series
- Reduced rates to attend our special events
- Advance notice of water tours and other events

XI. Western Growers

Formed in 1926 in California's Imperial Valley, Western Growers was known as the Western Growers Protective Association. It began as a marketing protective organization to combat rate hikes instituted by the railroads. Bringing the industry together to support common goals remains a cornerstone of the association's strategy and purpose.

Mission

To enhance the profitability of the members and to lead the members and the fresh produce industry toward a healthy, sustainable and profitable future.

Exhibit "C"
 North Kern Water Storage District
 2026 Membership Recommendations

Organizations Previously Supported	2025 Support Provided	2026 Request to Date		2026 Staff Recommendation	
		\$	26,790	\$	26,790
Assoc. of CA Water Agencies	\$ 26,790	\$ 26,790	\$ 26,790	\$ 26,790	\$ 26,790
Ag Energy Consumers Assoc.*	\$ 12,500			\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
CA Farm Water Coalition	\$ 7,500			\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
CA Chamber of Commerce	\$ 800			\$ 800	\$ 800
KC Farm Bureau, Teachers Ag Seminar				\$ 500	\$ 500
NW Resource Cons. District Mobile Lab	\$ 6,000			\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Pacific Legal Foundation				\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Valley Ag Water Coalition	\$ 4,900			\$ 4,900	\$ 4,900
Water Assoc. Kern County	\$ 2,250			\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250
Water Education Foundation	\$ 750			\$ 750	\$ 750
Western Growers	\$ 400			\$ 400	\$ 400
TOTAL	\$ 61,890	\$ 26,790	\$ 64,390		
TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED FOR 2025				\$ 65,000	

* The District did not receive an invoice from KC Farm Bureau, and Pacific Legal Foundation in 2025 but expects to receive one in 2026.

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 2F



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December 1, 2025

TO: ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
Directors Ackerknecht and Mitchell, Alternate Andrew

FROM: David Hampton and Ram Venkatesan

RE: Approve Task Order with GEI Consultants for Technical Support to the District's General Engineering Tasks

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“Authorize the General Manager to execute Task Order 26-01 with GEI Consultants for providing technical support to the District's General Engineering Tasks for a budget amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.”

DISCUSSION:

GEI Consultants (“GEI”) periodically provides technical support for the District's general engineering tasks such as tasks related to water resources management, facilities and infrastructure, general consultation meetings, Board meetings etc., Staff requested GEI provide a task order (Exhibit “A”) that will cover activities related to providing general engineering services for calendar-year 2026 and GEI has provided the Task Order 26-01 with an estimated budget of \$60,000 for services spanning from November 2025 through December 2026. The previously approved 2025 budget has already been fully utilized due to various completed tasks.

Staff recommends Board approval for the General Manager to execute Task Order 26-01 with GEI Consultants to provide technical support to the District's General Engineering Tasks for a budget amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.

Attachments:

Exhibit “A”: Task Order 26-01 from GEI Consultants



November 12, 2025

Consulting
Engineers and
Scientists

David Hampton
General Manager
North Kern Water Storage District
33380 Cawelo Avenue
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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF WORK
FOR
TASK ORDER 26-01, GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

This Task Order defines a Scope of Services, Schedule, and Budget for work to be completed by GEI Consultants, Inc., (GEI) for North Kern Water Storage District (NKWSD, North Kern, District) per the terms and conditions of the Professional Services Agreement dated November 16, 2017, except as amended herein.

scope of services

Many tasks are of sufficient scope, duration, and budget to warrant a standalone Task Order which involves a unique GEI project number and invoice. This Task Order is intended to provide a budget authorization to fund generally small requests for engineering services from time to time with minimal or no additional paperwork or delay at the time of the request. By definition, as-requested tasks are not known at this time; however, it is anticipated that they would be generally related to supporting the district's various water resource management activities, such as performing specific technical tasks; participating in meetings; and general consulting. Participation in the District's Board Meetings would also be included under this Task Order. It is recognized that as-requested work may lead to the establishment of separate budget authorizations and separate project numbers as appropriate.

Schedule

This Task Order is intended to cover activities related to providing general engineering services from November 2025 through December 2026. Typically, general services Task Orders cover the calendar year; however, work conducted in 2025 is projected to exceed the budget and will be covered with the 2026 Task Order.

BUDGET

Based on expenditures in previous years and the current budget status, a budget of \$60,000 is proposed for Task Order 26-01. This is a budget to work against in responding to District requests for engineering assistance; it is not a cost estimate for a pre-determined scope of work. Billing for all work completed under this Task Order will be in accordance with the terms of the Professional Services Agreement, with labor billed at 3.05 times labor rate, and expenses billed at five percent above cost. All work will be performed on a time and materials not to exceed basis.

authorization

This Task Order is authorized and made an attachment to the above-identified Professional Services Agreement through the signatures below.

Authorized by:
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE
DISTRICT

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Accepted by:
GEI CONSULTANTS, INC.

By: *Stephanie Hearn* _____
Title: Stephanie Hearn, Project Manager _____
Date: November 12, 2025 _____
By: *Sam Schaefer* _____
Title: Sam Schaefer, Senior Engineer _____
Date: November 12, 2025 _____

Project Number

All work will be billed under a new, unique GEI project number.

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 2G



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December 1, 2025

TO: GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE
Directors Mitchell and Holtermann, Alternate Glende

FROM: David Hampton and Ram Venkatesan

RE: Approve Task Order with GEI Consultants for providing SGMA Implementation Support

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“Authorize the General Manager to execute Task Order 26-02 with GEI Consultants for providing SGMA implementation support for a budget amount not-to-exceed \$18,000.”

DISCUSSION:

GEI Consultants (“GEI”) regularly provides support for the District’s SGMA annual monitoring and reporting requirements. GEI coordinates with District staff in collecting and reporting required groundwater level measurements, water quality samples, and results for the District’s SGMA GSP plan. Additionally, GEI also prepares quarterly SGMA Progress Reports and coordinates with municipalities and other agencies as requested by the District.

Staff requested GEI to provide a task order (Exhibit “A”) to provide annual implementation support and to address other general SGMA-related requests.

Staff recommends Board approval for the General Manager to execute Task Order 26-02 with GEI Consultants for providing SGMA implementation support for a budget amount not-to-exceed \$18,000.

Attachments:

Exhibit “A”: Task Order 26-02 from GEI Consultants



November 12, 2025

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Engineers and
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General Manager
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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF WORK
FOR
TASK ORDER 26-02, SGMA IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT**

This Task Order defines a Scope of Services, Schedule, and Budget for work to be completed by GEI Consultants, Inc., (GEI) for North Kern Water Storage District (NKWSD, North Kern, District) per the terms and conditions of the Professional Services Agreement dated November 16, 2017, except as amended herein.

SCOPE OF WORK

This Task Order is to provide support for the District's annual monitoring and reporting requirements, as well as other as-needed support. The scope of work is to assist with small requests for SGMA implementation services.

SCHEDULE

Work described in Task Order will begin upon authorization and will continue through December 2026. The timeline for completing annual support tasks will be determined by District requests. Routine tasks and deliverables that GEI will continue to assume responsibility for are summarized in the following bullet points.

- Coordinate with District staff to collect Spring and Fall water level measurements and other compliance-related tasks.
- Collect water quality samples from the SGMA representative wells for groundwater quality.
- Assist with reconciling and validating records for the district's well inventory.

- Prepare quarterly SGMA Progress Reports to inform on Subbasin activities, seasonal water level measurements, and implementation of Projects and Management Actions.
- Other tasks, as requested.

BUDGET

Billing for all work completed under this Task Order will be in accordance with the terms of the Professional Services Agreement, with labor billed at 3.05 times labor rate, and expenses billed at five percent above cost. All work will be performed on a time and materials not to exceed basis. Based on the Scope of Work previously described, we suggest authorizing a **\$18,000** budget. The budget by task shall not be exceeded without written authorization from the District.

AUTHORIZATION

Task Order No. 26-02 is authorized and made an attachment to the above-identified Professional Services Agreement through the signatures below.

Authorized by:

NORTH KERN WATER
STORAGE DISTRICT

Accepted by:

GEI CONSULTANTS, INC.

By: _____

By: Stephanie Hearn

Title: _____

Title: Stephanie Hearn, Project

Date: _____

Title: Manager

Date: November 12, 2025

By: Sam Schaefer

Title: Sam Schaefer, Project

Title: Manager

Date: November 12, 2025

ACCOUNTING CODES

All work will be billed under a new GEI project number.

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 3A

KERN RIVER WATERMASTER

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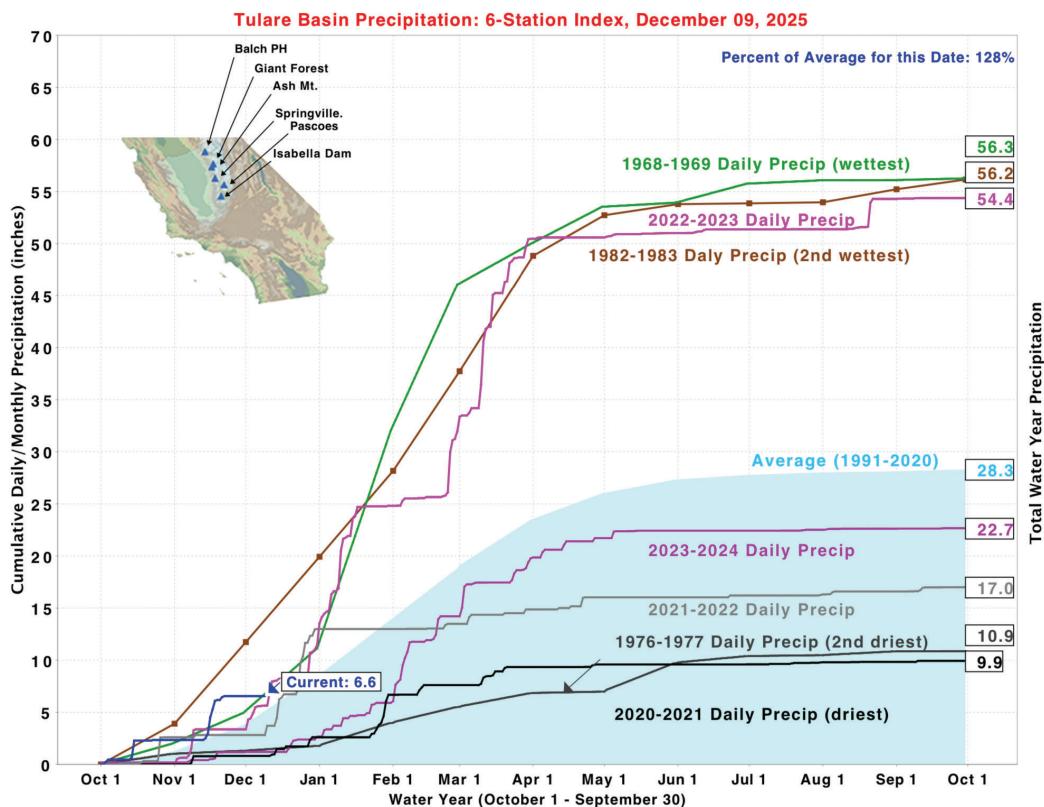
To: Kern River Interests

December 9, 2025

From: Art Chianello
Kern River Watermaster

RE: Report of Recent Activities

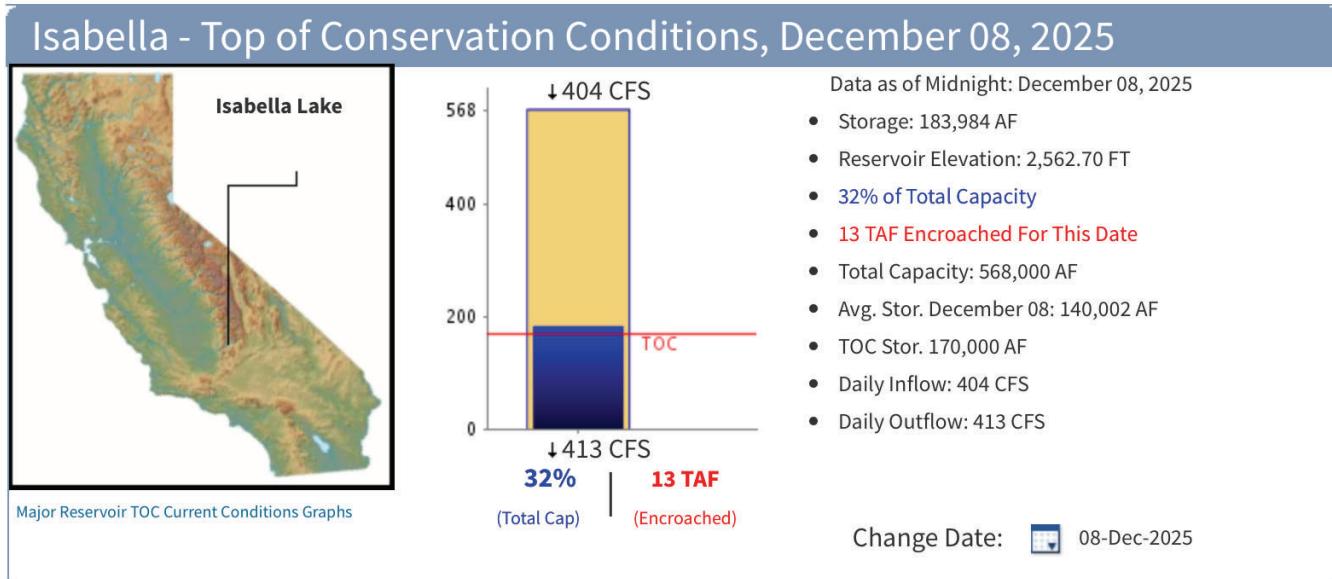
Tulare Basin Precipitation - Accumulated year to date precipitation for Water Year 2026 is currently at 128% of average.



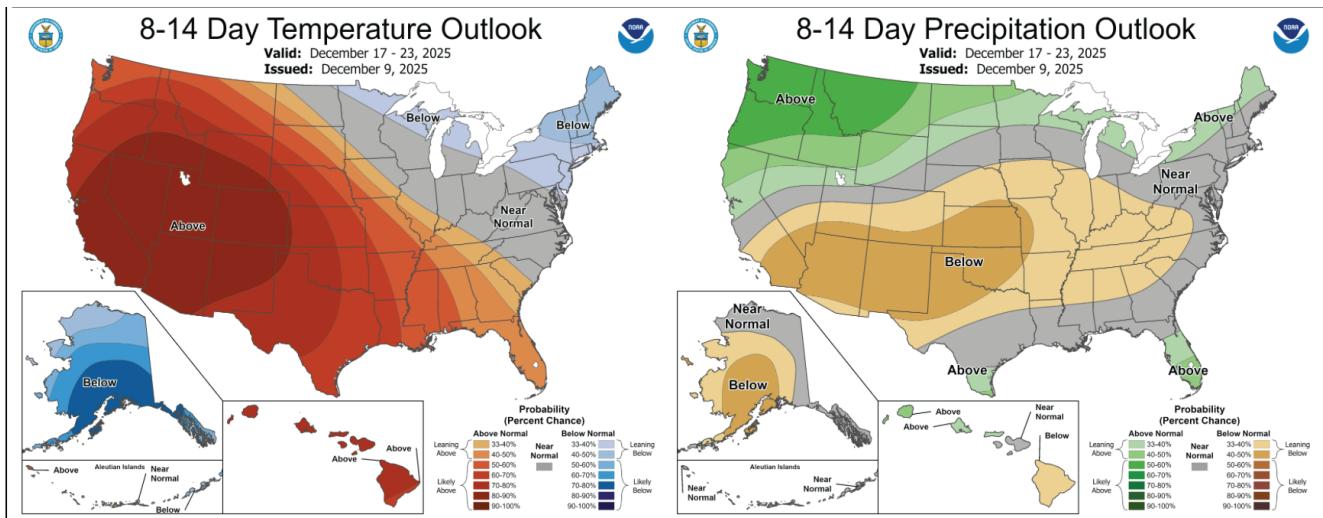
Kern River Watershed Runoff - According to DWR's Water Supply Index Forecast Report, the Kern River's unimpaired flow in percent of average for Water Year 2026 to date as of December 8, 2025 is:

River	Oct	Nov	Dec (Month to Date)
Kern	137	150	98

Isabella Reservoir Storage - The storage at midnight on December 8th was 183,984 ac-ft. The average storage for this date is 140,002 ac-ft.



Short Term Forecast - The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center shows likely above probability for temperature and normal/leaning below probability for precipitation.



Army Corps Communications and Coordination - I routinely update the Corps with the latest Isabella Dam and Reservoir routing forecast and California-Nevada River Forecast Center's 10-day forecast volume.

Record Keeping - I continue to coordinate with Central Records and review daily and monthly reports.

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 4A

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 5A

**Monthly Consulting Engineers' Report for
North Kern Water Storage District**



Summary of Project Activity in November 2025

1. Budgets
2. Active Projects
3. Pending and Closed Projects
4. Grants

Submitted by

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Summary of Project Activity in November 2025

North Kern Water Storage District

1. Budgets

Project	Project #	Incurred as of 11/28/2025	Budget	Percent Utilized	Budget Projection
General Services 2025	2500362	\$51,825	\$50,000	104%	100% Submitted Task Order to cover expenses through end of 2026
SGMA Implementation Support 2025	2500370	\$9,855	\$10,000	98%	100%
2022 DRP Design and Bidding	2503604	\$87,874	\$175,000	50%	100%
High Speed Rail	1605740	\$295,196	\$299,324	99%	100%
WDI Phase 3 and Canal Lining	2004274	\$299,044	\$327,300	91%	100%
Calloway Canal Lining 7 th Standard – 8-1 Backup Weir	2301760	\$5,087	\$25,000	20%	100%
Well Siting for Groundwater Banking	2200344	\$195,693	\$278,400	70%	90%
CM and Well Improvements for Long Term TCP	2104244	\$770,509	\$774,740	99%	100%
Landowner Groundwater Banking Program	2300158	\$25,046	\$56,050	45%	100%
2020 Return Capacity Improvements	2101445	\$13,894	\$38,500	36%	100%
Construction Management Services for the 2018 and 2020 Return Capacity Project (NK 622-623)	2403400	\$242,350	\$250,565	97%	100%
2022 Return Capacity Improvements	2301770	\$10,153	\$25,000	41%	100%
Grant Applications 2024 (FY25)	2406611	\$24,413	\$40,000	61%	100%
Young Wooldridge Program Support	2305891	\$106,256	\$247,524	43%	100%
Partnership Project Grant Administration	2501449	\$1,648	\$35,000	5%	100%
Calloway Canal Lining: CVC Intertie to Kern River	2501451	\$17,496	\$123,834	14%	100%
2025 AWMP Update	2505251	\$13,888	\$45,000	31%	100%

2. Active Projects

General Services 2025 (GEI Project No. 2500362)

November activity was routine, including tasks such as preparing board reports, participating in meetings, grant related correspondences, and general mapping efforts.

Upcoming Deliverables: none.

Active Task Order No.: 25-01

Budget Status: \$51,825 expended of \$50,000 budget (104%)

Budget Forecast: Budget will be expended by mid-November. A Task Order is submitted to cover expenses through the end of 2026.

Legal Counsel Support (GEI Project No. 1611225)

No activity during the month of November.

Upcoming Deliverables: As requested by Counsel.

Active Task Order No.: 20-02

Budget Status: \$93,431 expended of \$125,000 budget (75%)

Budget Forecast: It is expected the authorized work will be completed within budget.

SGMA Implementation Support 2025 (GEI Project No. 2500370)

In November, GEI collected water quality samples coordinated with fall water level measurements, focused on coordinating fall monitoring, including water quality sampling.

Upcoming Deliverables: Assistance with reconciling well inventory records and drafting a progress report for the November board package.

Active Task Order No.: 25-02

Budget Status: \$9,855 expended of \$10,000 budget (98%)

Budget Forecast: Budget may be expended before year end. A Task Order is submitted to cover expenses through the end of 2025 and 2026.

Ag Water Management Plan Update (GEI Project No. 2505251)

Activity as of November includes updated all sections except the water budget, which will happen once receive data from Todd that will be consistent with the GSP water balance.

Upcoming Deliverables: Incorporate demand information and submit draft to District for review.

Active Task Order No.: 25-06

Budget Status: \$13,888 expended of \$45,000 budget (31%)

Budget Forecast: It is expected the authorized work will be completed within budget.

High Speed Rail (GEI Project No. 1605740)

No activity in November.

Upcoming Deliverables: Prepare and submit invoice package 87.

Active Task Order No.: 23-09 Addendum 1 (Add-on to 20-07, 19-07, 18-09, and 02-2017)

Budget Status: \$295,196 expended of \$299,324 budget (99%)

Budget Forecast: The current scope of work is expected to be completed within the authorized budget. Task Order 23-09 was approved to augment the budget to support conflicts at the 9-22 canal and future phase of work from Poplar to F St.

WDI Phase 3 and Canal Lining (R19AP00140 and R20AP00064) (GEI Project 2004274)

Activities related to Grant Administration and Reporting:

- Time extension requests were completed and submitted to Reclamation for both federal grants for canal lining and WDI.
- The quarterly report for the DWR grant for canal lining was drafted and submitted. The project completion report for the DWR grant for canal lining was drafted.

Activities related to WDI Contract Management:

- WDI construction contract documents were reviewed and GEI prepared for a meeting with Reclamation regarding remaining WDI scope.

Upcoming Deliverables: Complete project completion report for DWR grant.

Active Task Order No.: 21-03, 21-08, 24-05, 24-08

Budget Status: \$299,044 expended of \$327,300 budget (91%)

Budget Forecast: The project is expected to be completed within the authorized budget.

Calloway Canal Lining 7th Standard – 8-1 Backup Weir (GEI Project No. 2301760)

A grant time extension request was drafted and submitted to Reclamation.

Upcoming Deliverables: None at this time.

Active Task Order No.: 23-06

Budget Status: \$5,087 expended of \$25,000 budget (20%)

Budget Forecast: This phase of work is expected to be completed within the authorized budget. A Task Order will be submitted for consideration in the future for contracting and construction management support.

Calloway Canal Lining: CVC Intertie to Kern River (GEI Project No. 2501451)

CVC Intertie to Fruitvale Avenue

No significant activity in November.

Fruitvale Avenue to Case Street

Activity in November included coordination with Reclamation on NEPA documentation.

Case Street to Arrow Street

No activity in November.

Arrow Street to Kern River

No activity in November.

Upcoming Deliverables: Submit NEPA documentation to Reclamation.

Active Task Order No.: 23-08

Budget Status: \$17,496 expended of \$123,834 budget (14%)

Budget Forecast: This phase of work is expected to be completed within the authorized budget. A Task Order will be submitted for consideration in the future for contracting and construction management support.

Well Siting for Groundwater Banking (GEI Project No. 2200344)

No activity during the month of November.

Upcoming Deliverables: Final Well Siting Study.

Active Task Order No.: 22-03

Budget Status: \$195,693 expended of \$278,400 budget (70%)

Budget Forecast: 90%

CM and Well Improvements for Long Term TCP (GEI Project No. 2104244)

Closeout documents were completed and submitted from SCI. GEI is working on final close-out and document retention.

Upcoming Deliverables:

Active Task Order No.: 21-11

Budget Status: \$770,509 expended of \$774,740 budget (99%)

Budget Forecast: Work is complete, project close-out documentation and reports are pending.

Landowner Groundwater Banking Project (GEI Project No. 2300158)

No activity during the month of November.

Upcoming Deliverables: CEQA Checklist, Cultural Resources Memo, and Biological Resources Memo.

Active Task Order No.: 22-13

Budget Status: \$25,046 expended of \$56,050 budget (45%)

Budget Forecast: This project is expected to be completed within the authorized budget.

2020 Return Capacity Improvements Grant Administration (GEI Project No. 2101445)

No significant activity during the month of November.

Upcoming Deliverables: Final grant report.

Active Task Order No.: 21-06

Budget Status: \$13,894 expended of \$38,500 budget (36%)

Budget Forecast: This project is expected to be completed within the authorized budget.

2018 and 2020 Return Capacity Project Construction Management (NK 622-623) (GEI Project No. 2403400)

Activity in November was related to working to resolve flowmeter issue and project closeout.

Upcoming Deliverables: Project closeout.

Active Task Order No.: 24-04

Budget Status: \$242,350 expended of \$250,565 budget (97%)

Budget Forecast: PM is working on balancing the budget between related projects to correct the overage.

2022 Return Capacity Improvements Grant Administration (GEI Project No. 2301770)

A grant time extension request was drafted and submitted to Reclamation.

Upcoming Deliverables: None.

Active Task Order No.: 23-07

Budget Status: \$10,153 expenditure of \$25,000 budget (41%)

Budget Forecast: This project is expected to be completed within the authorized budget.

2022 Return Capacity Improvements Design and Bidding (GEI Project No. 2503604)

Activity in November included completing 90% design and drafting specifications.

Upcoming Deliverables: 90% plans and specifications

Active Task Order No.: 25-05

Budget Status: \$87,874 expended of \$175,000 budget (50%)

Budget Forecast: This phase of work is expected to be completed within the authorized budget. A Task Order will be submitted for consideration in the future for construction management support.

Partnership Project Grant Administration (GEI Project No. 2501449)

Activity in November included coordination with Reclamation about the approach for NEPA documentation.

Upcoming Deliverables: NEPA documentation.

Active Task Order No.: 25-03

Budget Status: \$1,648 expended of \$35,000 budget (5%)

Budget Forecast: This phase of work is expected to be completed within the authorized budget. A Task Order will be submitted for consideration in the future for design, contracting, and construction management support.

NKWS Reclamation Grant Applications for FY25 (GEI Project No. 2406611)

No activity in November.

In November 2024, an application for lining approximately one mile of the Calloway Canal from Case Street to Arrow Street was submitted for Reclamation's Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (WEEG) program. The budget was \$10,078,500 (\$5,000,000 federal share request and \$5,078,500 District share). Reclamation has not announced funding selections for the WEEG program yet.

Upcoming Deliverables: None at this time.

Active Task Order No.: 24-07

Budget Status: \$24,413 expended of \$40,000 budget (61%)

Budget Forecast: This project is expected to be completed within the authorized budget.

3. Closed Projects

2018 Return Capacity Improvements Grant Administration (GEI Project No. 1804180, 2202819)

This project is complete and will be closed.

Upcoming Deliverables: None.

Active Task Order No.: 18-12, 22-10

Budget Status 1804180: \$63,818 expended of \$70,000 budget (91%)

Budget Status 2202819: \$297,975 expended of \$303,308 budget (98%)

Budget Forecast: These projects are expected to be completed within the authorized budget.

4. Grants

Pending Applications				
Program	Project	Scope	Requested Funding	Comments
WEEG	Calloway Canal Lining	Line approximately one mile of the Calloway Canal from approximately Case Street to Arrow Street	\$5,000,000 federal share request (\$5,078,500 District share. Total budget \$10,078,500.)	Application submitted November 13, 2024.

Pending Agreements					
Program	Project	Scope	Awarded Funding	Estimated District Cost	Comments

Pending Close-Out			
Project	Agreement #	Scope	Comments
Calloway Canal Lining and WDI Phase 3 (6,041 LF canal lining, WDI 30 wells and 15 RTUs)	R19AP00140	2,200 LF Calloway Canal lining, WDI 23 Wells, 15 RTUs	Reclamation grants will be closed after WDI scope is resolved. DWR grant will be closed in spring 2026.
	R20AP00064	3,841 LF Calloway Canal lining, WDI 7 wells	
	4600013880	1,370 LF Calloway Canal lining	

Summary of Project Activity in November 2025

North Kern Water Storage District

Active Agreements					
Project	Agreement #	Scope	Funding	Estimated District Cost	Agreement Completion Date
2020 Return Capacity Improvements	R20AP00114	Connect 2 existing wells to FKC; Drill, equip, and connect 2 replacement wells	\$735,000	TBD.	December 2025
Calloway Canal Lining: 7 th Standard to 8-1 Backup Weir	R22AP00032	6,744 linear feet concrete lining	\$2,000,000	TBD. Project is in preliminary stages.	December 2025
2022 Return Capacity Improvements	R22AP00412	3 replacement wells	\$2,000,000	TBD. Project is in preliminary stages.	December 2025
Calloway Canal Lining: Fruitvale Avenue to CVC Intertie	R22AP00515	5,280 linear feet concrete lining	\$2,000,000	TBD. Project is in preliminary stages.	September 2027
Partnership Project 1	R25AP00233	Drill 1 well and construct conveyance and discharge to FKC	\$4,000,000	\$4,200,000	December 2027
Partnership Project 2 (Kern-Tulare Water District)	R25AP00262	Drill 1 well and associated pipeline to deliver water to FKC	\$2,000,000	\$3,600,000	May 2028
Calloway Canal Lining: Fruitvale Avenue to Case Street	R24AP00262	linear feet concrete lining	\$4,886,505	\$4,887,000	May 2028

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 6A



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December 10, 2025

TO: BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Directors Ackerknecht and Glende, Alternate Holtermann

FROM: Management Team

RE: 2026 Budgets - North Kern Water Storage District and Rosedale Ranch Improvement District

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“Approve the 2026 North Kern Water Storage District and Rosedale Ranch Improvement District budgets and direct staff to closely track Kern River watershed precipitation through the winter/spring and make recommendations to the Board to adjust water tolls as necessary to match the District's costs and revenues with anticipated River supplies.”

DISCUSSION:

Draft 2026 budgets for North Kern and Rosedale Ranch were presented at the November 18th, 2025 Board meeting, and on December 4th, the draft budgets were reviewed in additional detail by the Budget and Personnel Committee. Based on discussions with the Committee, final draft budgets for both North Kern and Rosedale Ranch have been prepared and are attached to this memorandum.

As in previous years, since hydrology for 2026 on the Kern River (and the quantities of water that will accrue to the District's rights) are presently unknown, the budgets assume a little drier water year, with April through July Kern River runoff of 40% of average. This represents “moderately dry” conditions. Based on this core assumption, highlights of the budgets include:

Operations

1. At the 40% average hydrology year, staff estimates that North Kern would receive 26,900 AF of entitlement/releases through its River rights. At this hydrology, the District would expect to also receive 2,500 AF from Kern Delta under the terms of the 2017 settlement (see “Operations- Estimate” box on Exhibit 1 in the budget book).
2. In addition to Kern River supplies, it is assumed that the District will receive 6,400 AF of “produced water” from CRC during the irrigation season. This is a conservative estimate

and is somewhat less than the minimum volume described in the District's agreement with CRC.

3. Based on the surface supplies described in 1 and 2 above, the District would need to pump approximately 110,000 AF of groundwater to meet projected Class 1 demands. The District will have about 50% Class 2 supply as indicated in Exhibit 1 of the budget book.

Finances

1. Projected water tolls are \$220 per AF for both land Classes. Staff do not recommend the usage of the Rate stabilization fund; however, if the Board decides to use the Rate stabilization fund reserve of \$3.0 million (similar to 2022), the water tolls will be \$195 per AF.
2. As mentioned in the Operations section, to meet the Class 1 and part of Class 2 demands, the District will be pumping 110,000 AF of groundwater. The estimated net energy cost after the Solar savings to pump groundwater is \$22.3 million. The average cost for the season is about \$222.00/AF (see Exhibit 2 – Energy Cost Estimates). The estimate of \$22.3 million is based on the anticipated increase in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) energy cost for 2026. These estimates will change once PG&E updates its costs before the irrigation season.
3. Base Service Charge revenue is estimated to be \$10.1 million to cover the District's fixed costs of operations.
4. Rate stabilization fund reserve withdrawal is not included in this budget.
5. Costs related to SGMA, GSA, and monitoring and reporting (\$265,000) are included in the budget.
6. The proposed budget is expected to add about \$200,000 to the District's reserve funds.

Wet Year Budget Model

In addition to the base budget (40% Kern River flow), staff has run a wet year budget scenario (125% River runoff – would occur in about 1 out of 4 years based on historical River hydrology). Exhibit “A” includes tables that summarize water supplies and sales and expected District revenue and costs under these conditions. At this hydrology, the District could meet essentially all projected demands with River supplies (and produced water) and maximize Isabella carryover into 2026. The water toll would be \$40 per AF.

Rosedale Ranch Improvement District (RRID)

The Budget also includes estimates of revenues and costs for RRID. However, under the base moderately dry year hydrologic assumption, no surface water supplies are expected to be available for RRID, and revenues and costs are mostly limited to base service charges (revenue) and the allocation of a portion of District costs (primarily administration (“field office”) and weed control). Costs for work related to SGMA monitoring and reporting are included in the budget. Under wet-year hydrology, the District would actively seek surface water supplies for both recharge and direct delivery into RRID. Additionally, the Budget includes \$1.5 million for the acquisition of property for groundwater recharge facilities.

Finally, it is important to note that staff will recommend adjustments to the budget in response to 2026 hydrological conditions and associated District financial conditions.

Attachments:

Final Draft 2026 Budget

Exhibit "A": 2026 Wet-Year Budget

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2026 Budget (Proposed)



**NORTH KERN WATER
STORAGE DISTRICT**

December 16, 2025

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Exhibit 1 2026 Routing - #11-07-2025 - 40% - Kern River Runoff

Water Sales and Operations Estimate

Class 1 Demands				Class 2 Demands			
Month	Estimated AcFt	Estimated \$/AcFt	Estimated Revenue	Estimated AcFt	Cl2 % of Cl1	Estimated \$/AcFt	Estimated Revenue
JAN	100	\$220.00	\$22,000	100	100%	\$220.00	\$22,000
FEB	3,000	\$220.00	\$660,000	1,800	60%	\$220.00	\$396,000
MARCH	3,500	\$220.00	\$770,000	2,100	60%	\$220.00	\$462,000
APRIL	7,500	\$220.00	\$1,650,000	3,800	50%	\$220.00	\$836,000
MAY	12,500	\$220.00	\$2,750,000	6,300	50%	\$220.00	\$1,386,000
JUNE	15,500	\$220.00	\$3,410,000	6,200	40%	\$220.00	\$1,364,000
JULY	15,500	\$220.00	\$3,410,000	6,200	40%	\$220.00	\$1,364,000
AUG	10,000	\$220.00	\$2,200,000	4,000	40%	\$220.00	\$880,000
SEPT	8,500	\$220.00	\$1,870,000	3,400	40%	\$220.00	\$748,000
OCT	6,000	\$220.00	\$1,320,000	2,400	40%	\$220.00	\$528,000
NOV	1,200	\$220.00	\$264,000	700	60%	\$220.00	\$154,000
DEC	500	\$220.00	\$110,000	300	60%	\$220.00	\$66,000
Sum	83,800		\$18,436,000	37,300			\$8,206,000

Class 2 May-Oct = 28,500 acft

Operations - Estimate

+ Isabella Storage 3/1	51,088 AcFt
+ NKWSD Irrigable Entitlement after 3/1 thru 10/31	20,403 AcFt
+ NKWSD Extension Contract after 3/1 thru 10/31	15,000 AcFt
+ Produced Water after 3/1 thru 10/31	6,400 AcFt
+ KD Settlement Water after 3/1 thru 10/31	2,500 AcFt
+ NKWSD Borrow-Payback after 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
+ NKWSD COB Misc after 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
+ NKWSD KRIC after 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
+ Exchangors after 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
+ District Well Water or Other after 3/1 thru 10/31	97,308 AcFt
- Reservoir Losses 3/1 thru 12/31	9,428 AcFt
- Class 1 Demand 3/1 thru 10/31	79,000 AcFt
- Class 2 Demand 3/1 thru 10/31	34,400 AcFt
- Exchangors after 3/1	0 AcFt
- misc	0 AcFt
- Canal Losses 3/1 thru 10/31	31,600 AcFt
- Spreading 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
= Isabella Storage 12/31	22,455 AcFt
Carryover Storage Goal	20,000 AcFt
% of Goal	112%

Assumptions:

1. 40%Yr April-July Kern River runoff
2. 40% Yr Class 1 demand
3. Class 2 as shown
4. Bond and grant projects in budget.
5. Basic contract water Included

Exchangors	Total Amount	Amount after 3/1
SWID	0	0
KTRG	5,000	0
RootCreek	0	0
SSJMUD	3,000	0
MVLLC	0	0
CWD	0	0
DEID	3,000	0
ID#4	0	0
Total	11,000	0

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Exhibit 2 - Energy Cost Estimates

2026 Routing - #11-07-2025 - 40% - Kern River Runoff

Assumptions

Overall Efficiency = 60.00%

month	use factor	CFS	available wells			avoid peak	avoid partial	AcFt	Pumping Depth - Ft				Monthly Energy Cost	Expected PGE Cost Increase (5%)	Total Solar Savings (Incl 2025 Credits)	Est Net PGE costs (solar)	
			425	450	475	500											
January													\$65,000.00	\$68,250.00	(\$97,125.07)	(\$28,875.07)	
February	80%	325	100	50		0%	7,722	\$157.55	\$166.80	\$176.05	\$185.31	\$1,430,936.14	\$1,502,482.95	(\$122,158.31)	\$1,380,324.64		
March	80%	325	100	70		0%	10,811	\$157.58	\$166.83	\$176.08	\$185.33	\$2,003,611.62	\$2,213,990.84	(\$180,091.63)	\$2,033,899.21		
April	95%	308	100	70		0%	12,166	\$152.44	\$161.39	\$170.34	\$179.30	\$2,181,373.33	\$2,290,442.00	(\$203,425.10)	\$2,087,016.90		
May	95%	302	100	70	0%	0%	11,923	\$152.45	\$161.40	\$170.36	\$179.31	\$2,137,906.41	\$2,244,801.73	(\$236,654.58)	\$2,008,147.16		
June	95%	296	100	80	0%	0%	13,354	\$202.46	\$214.37	\$226.28	\$238.19	\$3,180,744.18	\$3,339,781.39	(\$246,487.17)	\$3,093,294.22		
July	95%	290	100	80	0%	0%	13,523	\$200.33	\$212.12	\$223.90	\$235.69	\$3,187,151.29	\$3,346,508.85	(\$244,129.23)	\$3,102,379.62		
Aug	95%	284	100	80	0%	0%	13,252	\$200.33	\$212.12	\$223.90	\$235.69	\$3,123,408.26	\$3,279,578.68	(\$231,801.48)	\$3,047,777.19		
Sept	90%	278	100	80	0%	0%	11,907	\$206.13	\$218.26	\$230.38	\$242.51	\$2,887,508.16	\$3,031,883.56	(\$203,862.12)	\$2,828,021.44		
Oct	80%	273	100	80	0%	0%	10,372	\$157.63	\$166.88	\$176.14	\$185.39	\$1,922,906.54	\$2,019,051.87	(\$171,956.65)	\$1,847,095.22		
Nov	70%	267	100	35	0%	0%	4,730	\$162.23	\$171.75	\$181.28	\$190.80	\$902,440.35	\$947,562.37	(\$118,124.04)	\$829,438.33		
Dec												\$65,000.00	\$68,250.00	(\$92,307.44)	(\$24,057.44)		
								109,760						\$23,087,986.29	\$24,352,584.25	(\$2,148,122.82)	\$22,204,461.43

Average cost for season (W/O Solar) = \$221.87 /AcFt
 Average cost for season (W Solar) = \$202.30 /AcFt

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Exhibit 3 - Estimated Budget and Cash Flow

2026 Routing - #11-07-2025 - 40% - Kern River Runoff

(Excluding TCP costs)

	PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
NKWSO SUMMARY													
WATER SALES	\$26,642	\$44	\$1,056	\$1,232	\$2,486	\$4,136	\$4,774	\$4,774	\$3,080	\$2,618	\$1,848	\$418	\$176
TRANSPORTATION	\$73	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
BASE SERVICE CHARGES	\$10,057	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,057
OTHER REVENUE	\$21,154	\$87	\$95	\$7,215	\$329	\$85	\$87	\$3,590	\$90	\$5,255	\$90	\$4,140	\$90
TOTAL REVENUE	\$57,926	\$137	\$1,157	\$8,453	\$2,821	\$4,227	\$4,867	\$8,370	\$3,176	\$7,879	\$1,944	\$4,564	\$10,329
SOURCE OF SUPPLY	\$940	\$130	\$41	\$29	\$128	\$39	\$39	\$138	\$50	\$17	\$116	\$39	\$173
WATER SUPPLY	\$4,177	\$343	\$90	\$540	\$790	\$564	\$564	\$790	\$540	\$90	\$342	\$90	(\$561)
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT	\$171	\$10	\$67	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
DISTRICT PUMPS & WELLS	\$24,185	\$136	\$1,545	\$2,199	\$2,252	\$2,173	\$3,258	\$3,267	\$3,213	\$2,993	\$2,012	\$995	\$141
SYSTEM OPERATIONS	\$1,369	\$114	\$114	\$114	\$114	\$115	\$114	\$114	\$114	\$115	\$114	\$114	\$114
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	\$1,443	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120
SYSTEM WEED CONTROL	\$839	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70
8-1 PUMPSTATION	\$514	\$2	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47
ADMINISTRATION	\$1,572	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131
FINANCING EXPENSES	\$9,446	\$4	\$4	\$8,080	\$4	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,352	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAPITAL & WORK ORDERS	\$9,841	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$1	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634
WATER PLANNING	\$265	\$24	\$28	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$21	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$24	\$25	\$22
ALLOCATED FIELD OFFICE	\$2,476	\$213	\$188	\$345	\$179	\$193	\$204	\$184	\$196	\$207	\$196	\$180	\$191
ALLOCATED LIGHT VEHICLES	\$313	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26
ALLOCATED HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$141	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12
ALLOCATED SYSTEM OPERATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ALLOCATED SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ALLOCATED CAPITAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL COSTS	\$57,693	\$1,341	\$2,488	\$11,753	\$3,909	\$3,528	\$4,616	\$6,562	\$6,181	\$6,841	\$4,853	\$3,490	\$2,129
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUNDS	***	\$233	(\$1,204)	(\$1,331)	(\$3,300)	(\$1,088)	\$699	\$251	\$1,807	(\$3,006)	\$1,038	(\$2,908)	\$1,074

Cash Balance*	\$6,500	\$5,296	\$3,966	\$665	(\$422)	\$277	\$528	\$2,335	(\$670)	\$367	(\$2,541)	(\$1,467)	\$6,733
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* Cash Balance = MMA acct - prior month reserve + revenue from prior month - expenses from current month

** note end of month bills paid at board meeting of following month

Non-Cash Item: Depreciation Expense	\$2,154	\$179	\$179	\$179	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$179	\$179	\$179	\$180	\$180	\$180
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(Excluding TCP costs)

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OPERATING STATEMENT													
ROSEDALE RANCH IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
RRID SUMMARY													
WATER SALES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BASE SERVICE CHARGES	\$1,626	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,626
OTHER REVENUE	\$16	\$2	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$2
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,642	\$2	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$1,628
COSTS													
WATER SUPPLY	\$650	\$0	\$43	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$131	\$154	\$0	\$0	\$322	\$0	\$0
SYSTEM OPERATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	\$41	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
SYSTEM WEED CONTROL	\$12	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
ADMINISTRATION	\$132	\$18	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$14	\$10
CAPITAL	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ALLOCATED FIELD OFFICE	\$221	\$19	\$17	\$31	\$16	\$17	\$18	\$16	\$17	\$18	\$17	\$16	\$17
ALLOCATED LIGHT VEHICLES	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ALLOCATED HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL COSTS	\$2,562	\$42	\$75	\$46	\$31	\$32	\$164	\$185	\$1,532	\$33	\$354	\$35	\$32
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUNDS	(\$920)	(\$40)	(\$75)	(\$43)	(\$29)	(\$31)	(\$163)	(\$183)	(\$1,532)	(\$32)	(\$353)	(\$33)	\$1,596
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(Excluding TCP costs)

		PROJECTED	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
		(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	
OPERATING STATEMENT														
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT														
NKWSRD REVENUE														
		PROJECTED	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
		(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)	(\$1,000'S)
WATER SALES														
24141-	CLASS I	\$18,436	\$22	\$660	\$770	\$1,650	\$2,750	\$3,410	\$3,410	\$2,200	\$1,870	\$1,320	\$264	\$110
24142-	CLASS II	\$8,206	\$22	\$396	\$462	\$836	\$1,386	\$1,364	\$1,364	\$880	\$748	\$528	\$154	\$66
24143-	SPECIAL CLASS 2 STANDBY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
INPUT	LANDOWNER FACILITY CREDITS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	MISCELLANEOUS SALES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal	\$26,642	\$44	\$1,056	\$1,232	\$2,486	\$4,136	\$4,774	\$4,774	\$3,080	\$2,618	\$1,848	\$418	\$176
TRANSPORTATION REVENUE														
24171-	CWD/BEARDSLEY	\$73	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
24172-	CWD/LERDO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24173-	RRID	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24174-	OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24175-	CALLOWAY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24180-	OTHER WHEELING	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal	\$73	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
BASE SERVICE CHARGES														
24832-	\$188/ac	CLASS I BSC	\$5,376	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,376
24833-	\$176/ac	CLASS II BSC	\$4,681	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,681
	Subtotal	\$10,057	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,057
OTHER REVENUE														
24851-	LOWER RIVER ISABELLA STORAGE RENTAL	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	CALIFIA DISCHARGE FEES	\$420	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35
24856-	EXCHANGE FEES (offset PG&E costs)	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,250	\$0
24857-	KERN TULARE WD FEES (offset PG&E costs)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24858-	ROOT CREEK WD FEES *	\$242	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$242	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24859-	DELANO EARLMART ID FEES (offset PG&E costs)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24859-	NEW DEBT PROCEEDS - REFI 2015 WFB BONDS	\$7,130	\$0	\$0	\$7,130	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24859-	NEW DEBT PROCEEDS - 2026 DRP/CALLY LINING	\$9,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
	2018 WELL REPLACEMENT - UNSPENT from BSC funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24921-	INTEREST EARNED ON DEPOSITS	\$600	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
24922-	HISTR CF PENALTIES & INTEREST	\$10	\$2	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$0
24952-	HISTR CF MISC. NON-WATER SALES REVENUE	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$1
New Line	Offset Interest-26 Refi & DRP/Cally loan resv	\$415	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$415	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2023 WELL REPLACEMENT COSTS - UNSPENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unspent funds	PROF. ENG. - GW BANKING & STATE BRD EIR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	HISTR CF SALE OF ASSETS, proceeds from sale	\$31	\$0	\$8	\$0	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$4	\$5	\$5	\$0	\$4
	Subtotal	\$21,154	\$87	\$95	\$7,215	\$329	\$85	\$87	\$3,590	\$90	\$5,255	\$90	\$4,140	\$90
TOTAL NKWSRD REVENUE		\$57,926	\$137	\$1,157	\$8,453	\$2,821	\$4,227	\$4,867	\$8,370	\$3,176	\$7,879	\$1,944	\$4,564	\$10,329
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2026 Routing - #11-07-2025 - 40% - Kern River Runoff

(Excluding TCP costs)

	PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
OPERATING STATEMENT													
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT													
NKWS DIRECT EXPENSES	PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SOURCE OF SUPPLY													
25111- ISABELLA STORAGE O&M	\$144	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$144
25114- WATERMASTER SPECIAL (Isabella protect)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25115- FORECASTS (snow survey)	\$42	\$0	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$0	\$10
25116- MILLER-HAGGIN JOINT (records)	\$10	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$0	\$0
25117- WATERMASTER	\$9	\$3	\$3	(\$4)	\$4	\$3	(\$4)	\$3	\$4	(\$4)	\$3	\$3	(\$4)
25117-500 WATERMASTER-COB	\$28	\$0	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$7	\$0
25118- CENTRAL/NORTH KERN JT (Calloway)	\$26	\$0	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$7	\$0
25118-240 CENTRAL/NK JOINT - MAINT./REPAIR	\$20	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$0
25119- CALLOWAY RIVER WEIR	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$5
25120- KERN RIVER/NORTH KERN JT. (Beardsley)	\$134	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
25121- WEATHER MODIFICATION	\$88	\$14	\$14	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12	\$12
25122- CVC O&M	\$420	\$105	\$0	\$0	\$105	\$0	\$0	\$105	\$0	\$0	\$105	\$0	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$940	\$130	\$41	\$29	\$128	\$39	\$39	\$138	\$50	\$17	\$116	\$39	\$173
WATER SUPPLY													
25124- EXT. CONTRACT, CITY (15,000 AF)	\$2,700	\$0	\$0	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25125- BORROW-PAYBACK, CITY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25126- MISC. WATER, CITY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25130- KRC&I CO.	\$48	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24	\$24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25131- PRODUCED WATER COSTS -PR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25132- PRODUCED WATER COSTS	\$1,020	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85
CRC - RRID REIMBURSEMENT	(\$650)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$650)
25133- CVC & PS'A' FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25134- MISC WATER PURCHASES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25136- MISC EXCHANGE FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25138- PERMIT FEE POSO	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$0	\$0
25139- LEGAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
KERN DELTA SETTLEMENT	\$1,000	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0
PRODUCED WATER TECH SUPPORT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PRODUCED WATER MOU	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PRODUCED WATER QUALITY TESTING	\$54	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
New Line													
PRODUCED WATER - Kern Water Collab	\$3	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25140- SO.CAL.EDISON PROGRAM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$4,177	\$343	\$90	\$540	\$790	\$564	\$564	\$790	\$540	\$90	\$342	\$90	(\$561)
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT													
25310-211 SALARIES	\$42	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
25310-215 PR TAX	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25310-216 PR INS	\$10	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25310-217 PR PERS	\$8	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25310-219 MISC BENEFITS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25310-220 SUPPLIES	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25310-240 MAINT. COSTS	\$26	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
25310-245 RENT	\$22	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
UNIFORMS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25310-270 WATER RECHARGE ANNUAL FEE - SVF	\$57	\$0	\$57	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$171	\$10	\$67	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10

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OPERATING STATEMENT		PROJECTED	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT		PROJECTED	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
NKWSD DIRECT EXPENSES - CONTINUED														
DISTRICT PUMPS & WELLS														
25320-211	SALARIES		\$53	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
25320-215	PR TAXES		\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25320-216	PR INS.		\$13	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25320-217	PR PERS		\$10	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25320-219	MISC BENEFITS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25320-240	MAINT/REPAIR		\$1,584	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132
25320-241	WELL SERVICE (Oil and PVC Pipe)		\$253	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$21
25320-250	DISTRICT WELLS - UTILITIES (excl Exchg Ptr reimb)		\$22,204	(\$29)	\$1,380	\$2,034	\$2,087	\$2,008	\$3,093	\$3,102	\$3,048	\$2,828	\$1,847	\$829
	SOLAR COSTS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25320-223	INSURANCE		\$31	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
	SCALE INHIBITOR		\$20	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
	OUTSIDE SERVICES (Water Samples/SGMA)		\$12	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
	Subtotal		\$24,185	\$136	\$1,545	\$2,199	\$2,252	\$2,173	\$3,258	\$3,267	\$3,213	\$2,993	\$2,012	\$995
SYSTEM OPERATIONS														
25330-211	SALARIES		\$640	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53
25330-215	PR TAXES		\$51	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
25330-216	PR INS		\$157	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13
25330-217	PR PERS		\$118	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
25330-219	MISC BENEFITS		\$24	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
25330-220	SUPPLIES		\$28	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
25330-240	MAINT/REPAIRS		\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0
25330-250	UTILITIES		\$315	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26
	CONTINUING EDUCATION		\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	WASTE MANAGEMENT		\$6	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
	UNIFORMS		\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25330-260	OUTSIDE SERVICES		\$26	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
	Subtotal		\$1,369	\$114	\$114	\$114	\$114	\$115	\$114	\$114	\$114	\$115	\$114	\$114
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE														
25340-211	SALARIES		\$553	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$46
25340-215	PR TAXES		\$44	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
25340-216	PR INS.		\$136	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11
25340-217	PR PERS		\$102	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9
25340-219	MISC BENEFITS		\$8	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25340-220	SUPPLIES		\$42	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
25340-240	MAINT/REPAIRS		\$505	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42
	UNIFORMS		\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	EQUIP RENT		\$31	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
	OUTSIDE SERVICES		\$19	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
	Subtotal		\$1,443	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120

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		PROJECTED	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
OPERATING STATEMENT		PROJECTED	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT		PROJECTED	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
NKWSD DIRECT EXPENSES - CONTINUED														
SYSTEM WEED CONTROL														
25360-211	SALARIES	\$127	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11
25360-215	PR TAXES	\$10	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25360-216	PR INS.	\$31	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
25360-217	PR PERS	\$23	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
25360-219	MISC BENEFITS	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25360-220	SUPPLIES	\$18	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
25360-221	CONTRACT LABOR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25360-223	AGRI CHEMICALS AQUATIC	\$420	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35
25360-224	AGRI CHEMICALS OTHER	\$185	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
25360-240	MAINT/REPAIRS	\$8	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25360-245	UNIFORMS	\$11	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
	EQUIP RENTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal	\$839	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70
8-1 PUMPSATION														
25380-	8-1 PUMPSATION OM&R	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25380-211	8-1 PUMPSATION OM&R-SALARIES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25380-215	8-1 PUMPSATION OM&R-PR TAXES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25380-216	8-1 PUMPSATION OM&R-PR INS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25380-217	8-1 PUMPSATION OM&R-PERS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25380-219	8-1 PUMPSATION OM&R-MISC BENE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25380-240	8-1 OM&R-OUTSIDE MAINT/REPAIRS	\$24	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
25380-245	8-1 OM&R-CWD MAINT/REPAIRS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25380-250	8-1 OM&R-UTILITIES	\$490	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45
25380-500	8-1 OM&R- CWD REIMBURSE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal	\$514	\$2	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47
OPERATING STATEMENT														
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT		PROJECTED	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
ADMINISTRATION - DIRECT														
25601-	MISC DIRECT EXPENSE (ie: Travel Exp)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25617-	BASIC CONTRACT LITIGATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25610-	WATER USE PROTECT - ENGINEERING	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25611-	PAYROLL TAX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25615-	LEGAL COUNSEL	\$960	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80
25616-	LEGAL COUNSEL CONFIDENTIAL	\$420	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35
25620-	PROF. ENGINEERING DIRECT	\$120	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
25621-	PROF. ENG. - GW BANKING	\$12	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25621-01	PROF. ENG. - STATE BRD EIR	\$60	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
25625-	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal	\$1,572	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131

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(Excluding TCB costs)

	PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
FINANCING EXPENSES													
VRB/TCB 2010 BONDS REFI+WELL CONSTR-Principal	\$425	\$0	\$0	\$213	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$213	\$0	\$0	\$0
VRB/TCB 2010 BONDS REFI+WELL CONSTR-Interest	\$217	\$0	\$0	\$110	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$107	\$0	\$0	\$0
PG&E LOAN REPAYMENTS - (Principal)	\$18	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2015 WATER BONDS-PAY OFF	\$7,130	\$0	\$0	\$7,130	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2026 NEW LOAN (INT PYMTS)-Refi & D RP/Cally Lining	\$415	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$415	\$0	\$0	\$0
2015 BOND FEE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25711- 2024 TCB WELLS / CALLY LINING (Interest)	\$453	\$0	\$0	\$230	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$223	\$0	\$0	\$0
25711-02 2024 TCB WELLS / CALLY LINING (Principal)	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0
25712- 2022 TCB FINANCING WITH TCB-Interest)	\$288	\$0	\$0	\$144	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$144	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$9,446	\$4	\$4	\$8,080	\$4	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,352	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES	\$44,143	\$1,057	\$2,181	\$11,292	\$3,618	\$3,225	\$4,306	\$4,640	\$4,247	\$4,896	\$2,914	\$1,568	\$198
CAPITAL													
25801- METERS, GATES & TURNOUTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25802- WEIRS & STRUCTURES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25915-* CRC PIPELINE COSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
18 & '20 WELL REPLACEMENT COSTS (DRP), net grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25810- 2024 CANAL LINING PROJECT, net of grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25810-100 2018 WELL REPLACEMENT - UNSPENT from BSC funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25810-200 REPLACEMENT WELLS (Wells 7-10) - 2022	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WORK ORDERS													
25833- GRANT APPLICATIONS	\$66	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$0	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
25835- GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25826- 8-17 CALLOWAY CROSSING	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25904-297 SURFACE RECHARGE SITES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25839- CALLOWAY LINING PROJECT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25841- WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM - SVF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25847- CT-1 LINING	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25898- FRIANT TURNOUT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25870- SWID NORTH INTERCONNECTION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25856- SWID NORTH PUMP STATION (BILLING)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25920- SWID - North Moda	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CALLOWAY LINING AND WELL TELEMETRY, net grant	\$4,360	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$727	\$727	\$727	\$727	\$727	\$727
CALLOWAY LINING AND WELL TELEMETRY, net grant	\$5,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900
POSO CREEK IRWMP	\$15	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25849- SCADA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$9,841	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$1	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634
CAPITAL & WORK ORDERS	\$9,841	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$1	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634
WATER PLANNING													
KERN FAN MONITORING	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NCK GSA	\$168	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14
MILLER HAGGIN GW GRP - BVWSD	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GSP / GSP ANNUAL REPORT	\$14	\$4	\$8	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2
LAND ICI E.T. PROGRAM	\$56	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
SGMA PMA-LANDOWNER WELL METERS	\$12	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
SGMA MONITORING AND REPORTING	\$14	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$5	\$0
Subtotal	\$265	\$24	\$28	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$21	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$24	\$25	\$22

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			PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
OPERATING STATEMENT			PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
ROSEDALE RANCH IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT			PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
WATER SALES															
34141- HISTR CF		WATER SALES		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BASE SERVICE CHARGES															
34832- HISTR CF		ADM/PROJECT BSC	\$1,626	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,626
34832-01		PROP 218 - 2020 UNSPENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER REVENUE															
34921- HISTR CF		INTEREST EARNED	\$15	\$2	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$2
34922- HISTR CF		PENALTIES & INTEREST	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Subtotal		\$16	\$2	\$0	\$2	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$2
TOTAL RRID REVENUE				\$1,642	\$2	\$0	\$2	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$1,628
RRID DIRECT EXPENSES															
WATER SUPPLY															
35126- HISTR CF		MISC. CONTRACT, CITY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35134- HISTR CF		MISC. WATER, PURCHASES	\$650	\$0	\$43	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$131	\$154	\$0	\$0	\$322	\$0	\$0
		Subtotal		\$650	\$0	\$43	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$131	\$154	\$0	\$0	\$322	\$0
SYSTEM OPERATION															
35330-211		SALARIES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35330-215		PR TAXES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35330-216		PR INS.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35330-217		PR PERS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35330-219		MISC BENEFITS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35330-220 HISTR CF		UTILITIES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35330-240 HISTR CF		MAINT/REPAIRS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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		PROJECTED	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
OPERATING STATEMENT		PROJECTED	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
ROSEDALE RANCH IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT		PROJECTED	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
EXPENSES CONTINUED														
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE														
35340-211	SALARIES		\$27	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
35340-215	PR TAXES		\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35340-216	PR INS.		\$7	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
35340-217	PR PERS		\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35340-219	MISC BENEFITS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35340-220	SUPPLIES		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35340-240	MAINT/REPAIRS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35340-245	EQUIP RENT		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal		\$41	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
SYSTEM WEED CONTROL														
35360-211	SALARIES		\$8	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
35360-215	PR TAXES		\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35360-216	PR INS.		\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35360-217	PR PERS		\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35360-219	MISC BENEFITS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35360-220	SUPPLIES		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35360-221	CONTRACT LABOR		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35360-223	HISTR CF	AGRI CHEMICALS AQUATIC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35360-224	HISTR CF	AGRI CHEMICALS OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35360-240	MAINT/REPAIRS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35360-220	SUPPLIES		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal		\$12	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
ADMINISTRATION - DIRECT														
35600-230	HISTR CF	ADM - OFFICE EXPENCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35615-000		LEGAL COUNSEL CONFIDENTIAL	\$60	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
35615-	HISTR CF	LEGAL COUNSEL	\$12	\$8	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4
6210		PROF. ENGINEERING	\$24	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
7300		GRANTS APPLICATION	\$36	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
35625-	HISTR CF	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal		\$132	\$18	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES			\$186	\$23	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$18	\$14
DIRECT CAPITAL														
35801-	HISTR CF	METERS, GATES & TURNOUTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35802-	HISTR CF	WEIRS & STRUCTURES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	LAND ACQUISITION	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal		\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
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		PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
OPERATING STATEMENT		PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT		PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
ALLOCATED EXPENSES														
FIELD OFFICE														
25400-211	SALARIES	\$1,160	\$97	\$97	\$97	\$97	\$97	\$97	\$97	\$97	\$97	\$97	\$97	\$97
25400-215	PR TAXES	\$92	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8
25400-216	PR INS	\$285	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24
25400-217	PR PERS	\$214	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18
25400-218	WORKER'S COMP	\$90	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8
25400-219	MISC BENEFITS (HSA/FSA)	\$10	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25400-200	EMPLOYEE SAFETY BOOTS	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES- FINC AUDIT	\$51	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$0	\$0
	COMPUTER LICENSE (STORM / GIS)	\$36	\$2	\$10	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
	COMPUTER SERVICES (ABM / ACCTG SOFTWARE)	\$113	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
	UTILITIES POWER	\$29	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
	UTILITES GAS	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	BANK CHARGES	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	DIRECTORS	\$6	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
	MEMBERSHIPS DUES (ACWA)	\$27	\$27	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS MISC	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	FIRST AID	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	LICENSES (KC & LAFCO)	\$8	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	RENT EXPENSE (TOWER LEASE)	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	MEALS	\$13	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
	VEHICLE PURCHASES, gross amount	\$161	\$0	\$0	\$161	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25400-270	CAPITAL PURCHASES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Not In Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Not In Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Not In Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25400-222	SMALL TOOLS	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25400-223	INSURANCE	\$64	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7
25400-230	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$40	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
25400-231	COMPUTER SUPPLIES / MAINT	\$6	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25110-	EDUCATION / SEMINARS (Ind Notary)	\$8	\$2	\$0	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25400-243	OUTSIDE SERVICES (Ind COB Hydrographics)	\$96	\$4	\$4	\$16	\$4	\$4	\$16	\$4	\$4	\$16	\$4	\$4	\$16
25400-250	UTILITIES OTHER (ALARM &WATER)	\$9	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25400-251	PHONES, INTERNET, SCADA	\$34	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
25400-260	OTHER OUTSIDE SERVICES	\$30	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
25400-261	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$3	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25400-224	MEDICAL / OCCUPATIONAL TESTING	\$6	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
	Not In Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25123-	PROPERTY TAXES, BEARDSLEY + WELL SITES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25400-295	SAFETY PROGRAM	\$27	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
25400-290	MEMBERSHIPS / ASSOCIATIONS	\$40	\$8	\$2	\$1	\$0	\$15	\$7	\$6	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal	\$2,697	\$232	\$204	\$375	\$195	\$210	\$222	\$201	\$214	\$225	\$214	\$196	\$208
91.82% 2023 Rate	Allocated to NKWSD	\$2,476	\$213	\$188	\$345	\$179	\$193	\$204	\$184	\$196	\$207	\$196	\$180	\$191
8.2%	Allocated to RRID	\$221	\$19	\$17	\$31	\$16	\$17	\$18	\$16	\$17	\$18	\$17	\$16	\$17

Exhibit 3 - Estimated Budget and Cash Flow

2026 Routing - #11-07-2025 - 40% - Kern River Runoff

(Excluding TCP costs)

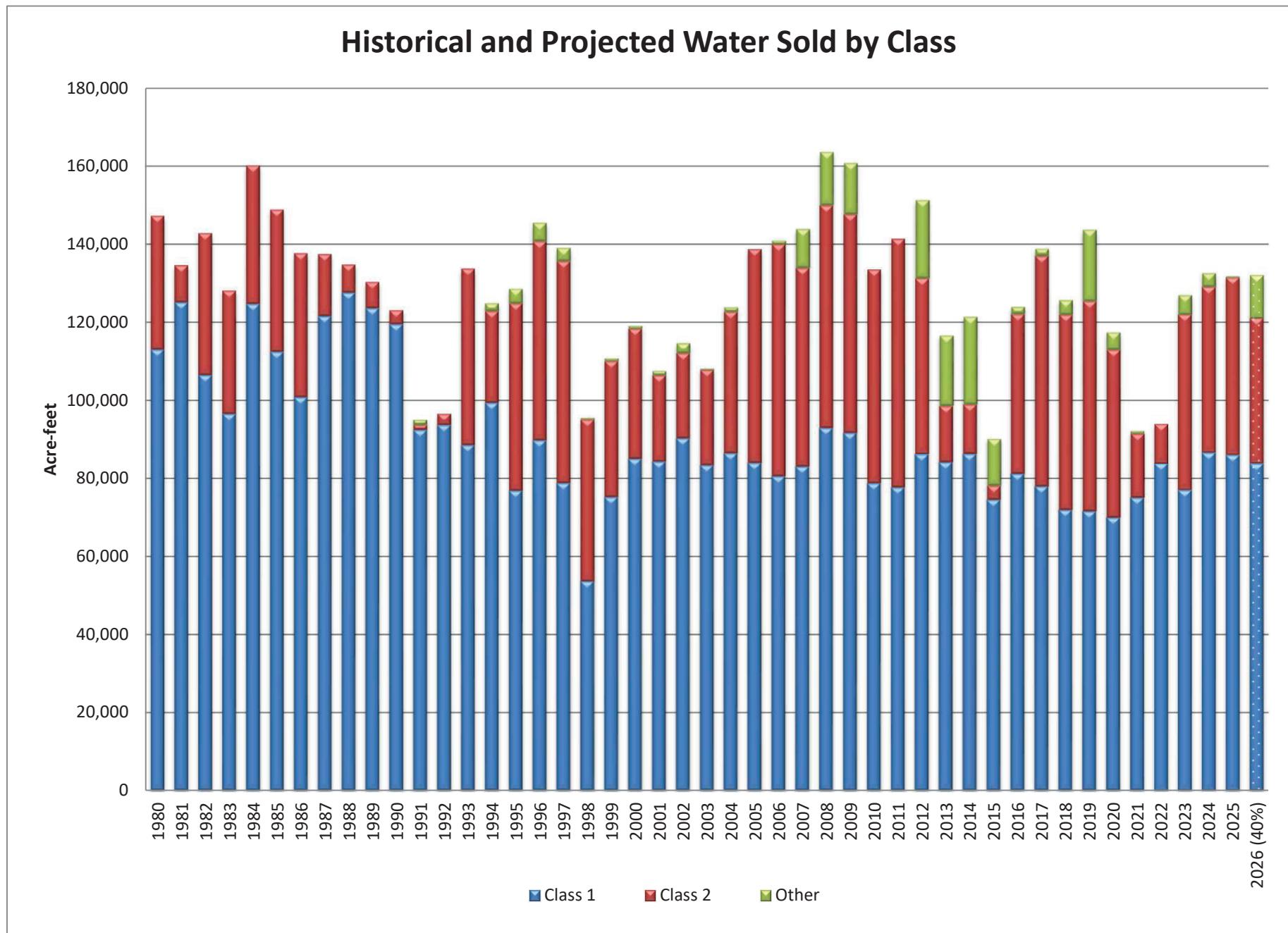
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LIGHT VEHICLES														
25401-223	LT. VEH - INSURANCE	\$48	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
25401-225	EQUIP COSTS	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25401-242	FUEL\OIL	\$187	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16
25401-243	OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$70	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
25401-244	SUPPLIES	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	GPS	\$6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25401-245	LT. VEH - EQUIP RENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal	\$316	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26
99.01% 2023 Rate	Allocated to NKWSD	\$313	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26
1.0%	Allocated to RRID	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING STATEMENT														
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT														
ALLOCATED EXPENSES - CONTINUED														
HEAVY EQUIPMENT														
25402-242	FUEL\OIL	\$66	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
25402-243	OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$50	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
25402-244	SUPPLIES	\$10	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
	NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	INSURANCE	\$13	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
25402-245	RENTAL COSTS	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal	\$143	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12
98.45% 2023 Rate	Allocated to NKWSD	\$141	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12
1.6%	Allocated to RRID	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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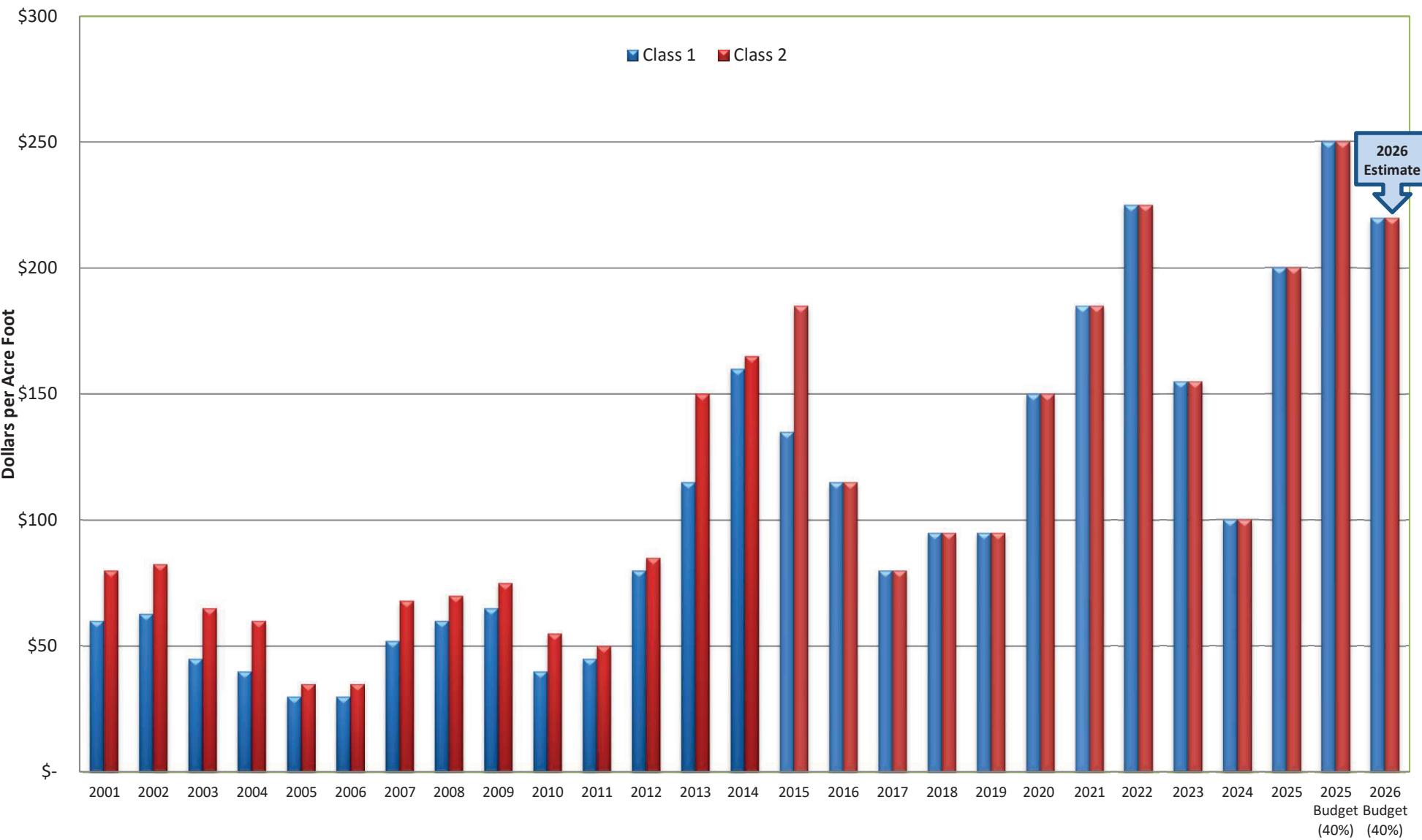
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	PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)
TOTAL ALLOCATED EXPENSES	\$3,156	\$271	\$243	\$414	\$233	\$248	\$261	\$239	\$252	\$264	\$252	\$234	\$247
Allocated to NKWSD	\$2,930	\$251	\$225	\$383	\$217	\$230	\$242	\$222	\$234	\$245	\$234	\$218	\$229
Allocated to RRID	\$226	\$19	\$17	\$31	\$16	\$18	\$19	\$17	\$18	\$19	\$18	\$16	\$17



Historical and Projected 2025 Class 1 and 2 Peak Irrigation Season Water Tolls



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**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
2026 BUDGET - CAPITAL COSTS SUMMARY**

<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Est 2025 Costs</u>	<u>Reimbursements</u>	<u>Sources</u>	<u>Net Cash Flow</u>
Other Revenue:					
Capital	2026 Calloway Lining and Well Telemetry	\$ 4,360,000	net of grants		\$ 4,360,000
Capital	2022 DRP	\$ 5,400,000	net of grants		\$ 5,400,000
Work Orders	Grant Applications	\$ 66,000			\$ 66,000
Work Orders	Poso Creek IRWMP	\$ 15,000			\$ 15,000
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 9,841,000	\$ -		\$ 9,841,000
Field Office / Purchases:					
	3 Vehicles	\$ 161,000	\$ (31,000)	Sale Proceeds of Old Vehicles	\$ 130,000
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 161,000	\$ (31,000)		\$ 130,000
	TOTAL NET CAPITAL COSTS	\$ 10,002,000	\$ (31,000)		\$ 9,971,000

**North Kern Water Storage District
2026 Budget
Revenue and Cost Category Descriptions**

The North Kern Water Storage District and Rosedale Ranch Improvement District (RRID) “Operating Statements” segregate the revenue and expenses (costs) to operate the overall District into the functionally based categories described below.

Revenue Category Descriptions

Water Sales

For decades prior to 2014, water sales, collected through a per acre-foot “water toll”, accounted for 80% to 90% of annual District revenue, and a fairly substantial portion of water toll revenue was used to recover a large portion of the District’s fixed costs of operations. With landowner approval of increased District “base service charge” authority back in 2014, the proportion of District revenue received from water tolls has declined. The water toll may be adjusted during the year to reflect the District’s current costs to produce and deliver water to customers and due to changes in hydrology.

Transportation

North Kern has agreements with adjacent water districts that provide for those districts to use North Kern facilities to transport water. These agreements call for fees to be paid by these districts to North Kern to offset costs associated with the use of District facilities.

Base Service Charge

The increased District base service charge authority approved by landowners in 2023 was predicated on the District having the ability to recover its fixed costs of operations through “fixed” base service charge revenue. This markedly changed the District’s historical cost recovery structure with significantly higher proportions of revenue to be collected from the base service charge (and lower proportions collected from water tolls).

Other Revenue

This revenue category includes intermittent revenue associated with the disposition of excess District assets, including right-of-way and water supplies, and revenue generated through water exchange, transfer, and banking arrangements. These revenues are highly variable depending primarily on the quantities of exchange water returned and have accounted for near zero to almost 20% of annual District revenues. Water exchange revenues are typically higher in drier years when the District is returning substantial quantities of water and lower in wetter years when exchange returns are minimal. Water transfer revenue is typically limited to wet conditions when the District may have water supplies that temporarily exceed its management capability. It is also important to keep in mind that exchange revenues are gross revenues that are partially offset by the costs associated with returning these supplies.

Cost Category Descriptions

The cost categories described below segregate the District's primary cost elements (labor - salaries and benefits, materials/supplies, energy, etc.) into "direct" and "allocated" costs. Direct costs are associated only with the original District, whereas allocated costs are proportioned to both North Kern and RRID based on the estimated benefits derived by each district.

Direct Expenses

Source of Supply

Source of Supply costs typically arise out of the operation and maintenance of water delivery facilities which are not part of the District's Project. In most cases, these are shared among several agencies. There are presently no costs associated with North Kern's base contract for water supply from the Kern River (1952 Agreement). However, the District does incur costs associated with the operation and maintenance of storage capacity in Lake Isabella and portions of Kern River watermaster activities, funding for Kern River recordkeeping and operation by the City of Bakersfield, and weather modification programs.

Water Supply

Water Supply costs are the direct cost of acquiring water from sources outside the District's Project. These costs include water purchases from the City of Bakersfield, produced water from California Resources Corporation and from other districts.

Groundwater Replenishment

The ability to replenish groundwater levels during wetter hydrologic periods is critical to optimizing the District's water supplies for the benefit of landowners. Costs in this category focus on annual maintenance of the District spreading ponds (mowing, berm maintenance, gate maintenance, etc.) to ensure ponds are available as needed for recharge activities, and the costs to operate the ponds when they are in use.

District Wells and Pumps

Costs to extract groundwater are recorded in this category. Recovery is through a network of deep wells and pumps which discharge into the District's canals and reservoirs.

There is a direct inverse relationship between the availability of surface water supplies from the Kern River and the costs to operate District wells. When runoff from the River falls below average levels, the costs for the maintenance and operation of District wells can exceed 50% of the entire North Kern budget, by far the largest single cost component in the budget. Energy costs for pumping typically account for 80% to 90% of well costs. To reduce these costs North Kern has invested in several natural gas engines that can pump water at a very substantial discount compared with electrically powered

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Revenue and Cost Category Descriptions
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pumps. North Kern has also partnered with White Pines Renewables to install a 14 MW solar field to offset a portion of the District's energy cost.

System Operations

This category captures direct District costs to operate the canal and piping network to deliver surface or groundwater to customers. The majority of these costs are for labor (salaries and benefits) associated with tending the canals and adjusting water flows. Additional costs include pumping required to regulate water flows to better match supplies with demands (i.e., pumping from reservoirs).

System Maintenance

Direct system maintenance includes repairs to canals, installation of turnouts and other minor repairs not large enough to be deemed a capital project. Greater than 50% of costs are labor for District maintenance personnel. Additional maintenance costs are for materials and supplies.

System Weed Control

North Kern's weed control program is managed through the Maintenance Department and involves the application of regulated chemicals to District canals, canal banks, etc. to control weed growth. Chemical costs make up the bulk of costs in this category, with remaining costs associated with staff labor. Over the last several years the District has allocated additional resources to weed control activities.

8-1 Pump Station (Calloway to Lerdo Intertie)

This category includes costs to operate and maintain the large pump station installed in 2010.

Administration

The vast majority of direct administration costs are for routine and special legal costs, with special costs associated primarily with activities to preserve the District's water rights (litigation, etc.). Additional costs in this category are for professional engineering services.

Financing Expenses

This cost category differentiates financing expenses (primarily interest expense and debt retirement) from direct "Capital and Work Order" expenses. Significant financing activities include financing for unplanned costs related to the TCP mitigation project in 2022, additional financing during 2024 for the DRP/Calloway Canal Lining project, and for 2026 refinance of the 2015 WFB Bonds plus additional construction costs for DRP/Calloway Canal Lining.

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Capital & Work Orders

This category includes major maintenance, improvements, and expansion of District facilities necessary to maintain a high level of service to District customers. These improvements include the refurbishment of existing District wells and the construction of new well capacity, delivery system conveyance improvements to increase operational flexibility and efficiency (e.g., the replacement of small canals with pipelines), and construction of interconnections with adjacent agencies to improve regional water management. These projects also provide benefits related to mid to long-term District water resources management.

Water Planning

This category includes expenses for work related to Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) including the District's participation in the North Kern Central GSA group and associated monitoring and reporting costs of the District's "Management Area Plan".

Allocated Expenses

Some of the District's costs are "allocated" between the original North Kern district and the Rosedale Ranch Improvement District (RRID) based on the relative benefits derived by each district from the associated activity. These benefits vary year to year and are primarily dependent on the availability of water to RRID, with RRID allocations generally increasing in proportion to the quantity of water supplied by North Kern. When minimal or no supplies are available to RRID, the overall allocation of costs to RRID is less than 10% of total North Kern allocated costs. These allocations support general management oversight of the entire District, as opposed to direct costs which are more closely tied to actual supplied water.

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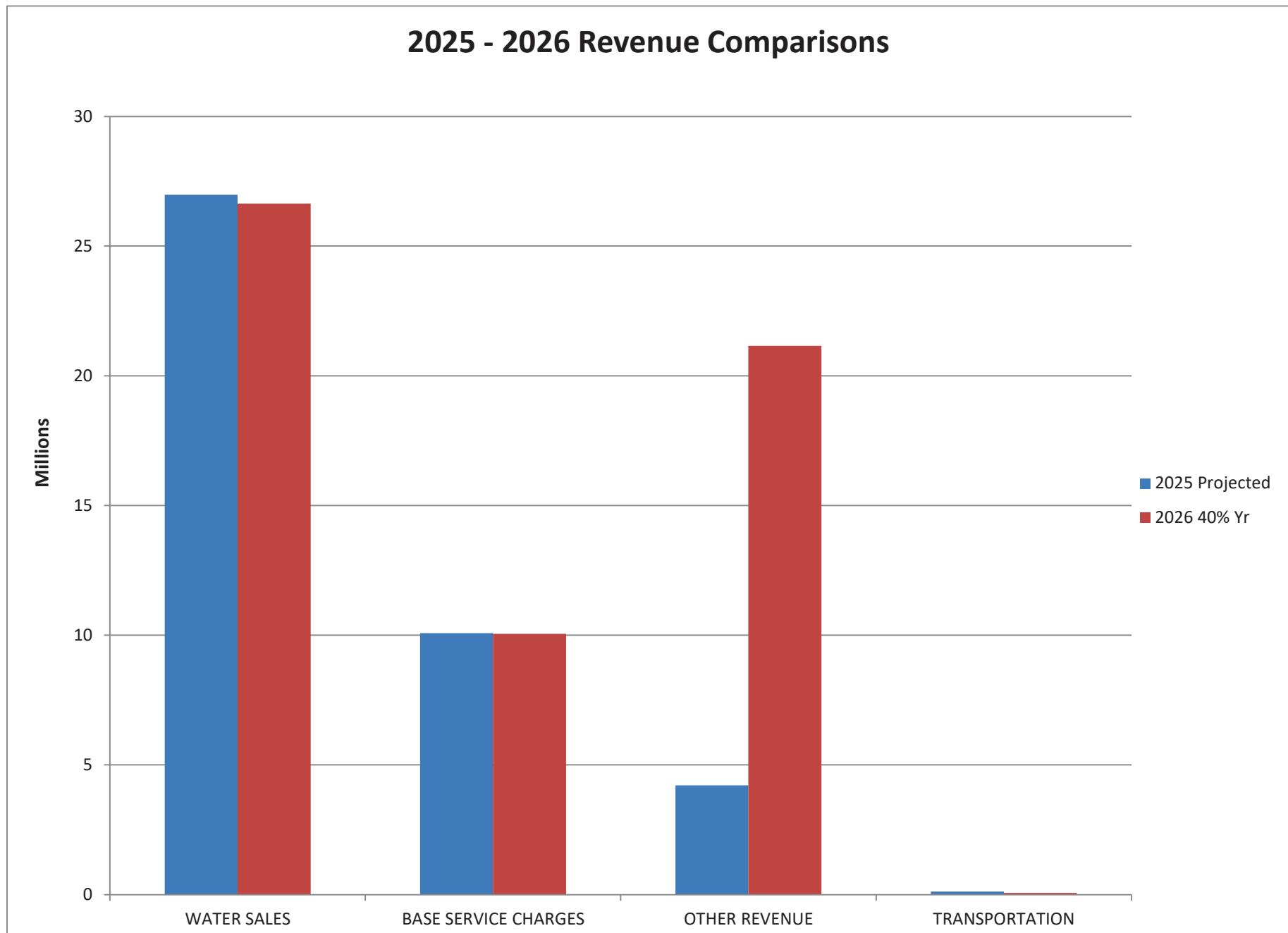
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Budget by Revenue Source
2026 Draft Budget- 40% of Average Kern River Flow

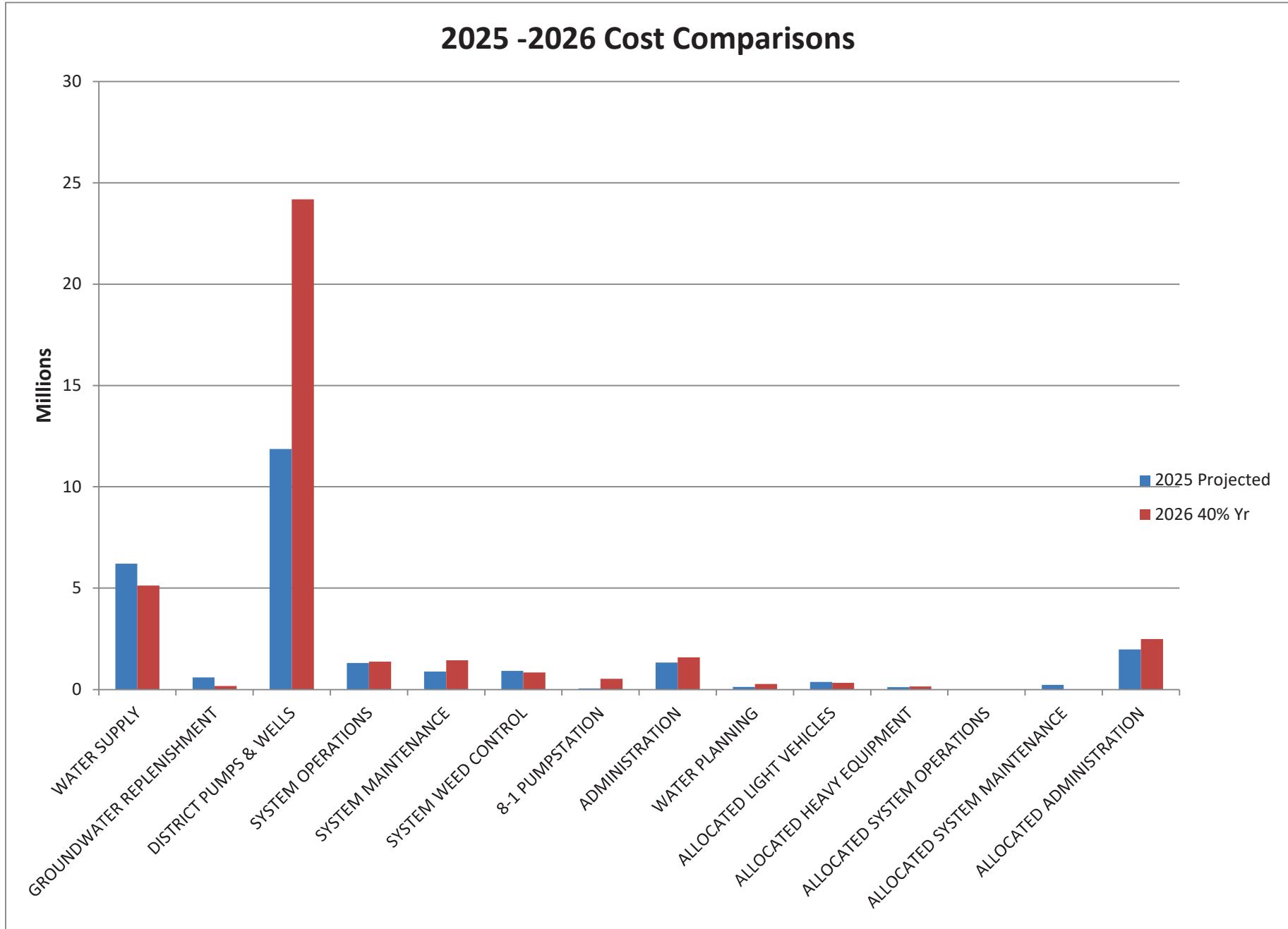
	2026 Budget					
	BSC (\$1000's)	Toll (\$1000's)	Reserve (\$1000's)	NKWSD (\$1000's)	RRID (\$1000's)	Total (\$1000's)
Water Sales		\$ 26,642		\$ 26,642	\$ -	\$ 26,642
Transportation		\$ 73		\$ 73	\$ -	\$ 73
Base Service Charges	\$ 10,057			\$ 10,057	\$ 1,626	\$ 11,683
Other Revenue	\$ 17,976	\$ 3,178	\$ -	\$ 21,154	\$ 16	\$ 21,170
Total Revenue	\$ 28,033	\$ 29,893	\$ -	\$ 57,926	\$ 1,642	\$ 59,568
Source Of Supply	\$ 564	\$ 376		\$ 940		\$ 940
Water Supply		\$ 4,177		\$ 4,177	\$ 650	\$ 4,827
Groundwater Replenishment	\$ 171			\$ 171		\$ 171
District Pumps & Wells	\$ 144	\$ 24,041		\$ 24,185		\$ 24,185
System Operations	\$ 1,369			\$ 1,369		\$ 1,369
System Maintenance	\$ 1,443			\$ 1,443	\$ 41	\$ 1,484
System Weed Control	\$ 839			\$ 839	\$ 12	\$ 851
8-1 Pump Station		\$ 514		\$ 514		\$ 514
Legal, Engineering & Grant Apps	\$ 140	\$ 1,432		\$ 1,572	\$ 132	\$ 1,704
Financing/Bond Expense	\$ 9,446			\$ 9,446		\$ 9,446
Capital & Work Orders	\$ 9,841			\$ 9,841	\$ 1,500	\$ 11,341
Water Planning	\$ 265			\$ 265		\$ 265
Allocated Field Office	\$ 2,476			\$ 2,476	\$ 221	\$ 2,697
Allocated Light Vehicles	\$ 313			\$ 313	\$ 3	\$ 316
Allocated Heavy Equipment	\$ 141			\$ 141	\$ 2	\$ 143
Total Costs	\$ 27,152	\$ 30,540	\$ -	\$ 57,692	\$ 2,561	\$ 60,253
Net	\$ 881	\$ (647)	\$ -	\$ 234	\$ (919)	\$ (685)

NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
2026 DRAFT BUDGET - COST COMPARISON
40 % average Kern River Flow

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 ESTIMATED	2026 BUDGET
REVENUE				
Water Sales (Tolls)	15,699,948	14,214,251	26,970,265	26,642,000
Transportation	469,414	293,926	124,342	73,000
Base Service Charges	9,210,906	9,762,537	10,082,496	10,057,000
Other Revenue	<u>3,051,606</u>	<u>4,403,022</u>	<u>4,216,578</u>	<u>21,154,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u>28,431,874</u>	<u>28,673,736</u>	<u>41,393,681</u>	<u>57,926,000</u>
COSTS				
Water Supply	7,132,472	5,095,133	6,206,226	5,117,000
Groundwater Replenishment	92,751	78,021	583,205	171,000
District Pumps & Wells	1,391,092	3,088,411	11,853,013	24,185,000
System Operations	1,307,111	1,450,225	1,300,879	1,369,000
System Maintenance	805,354	1,291,930	872,837	1,443,000
System Weed Control	822,434	826,222	910,823	839,000
8-1 Pumpstation	241,603	128,938	43,311	514,000
Administration - Direct (w/o TCP)	1,282,311	1,388,195	1,328,640	1,572,000
Water Planning	855,966	33,749	125,450	265,000
Allocated Light Vehicles	269,656	275,659	265,724	313,000
Allocated Heavy Equipment	184,348	146,112	107,000	141,000
Allocated System Operations	5,501	11,375	4,935	-
Allocated System Maintenance	105,238	168,523	212,621	-
Allocated Administration (w/o TCP)	1,247,285	1,681,485	1,969,691	2,476,000
Allocated Capital	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Costs	<u>15,743,122</u>	<u>15,663,978</u>	<u>25,784,355</u>	<u>38,405,000</u>
CHANGE IN FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS	12,688,752	13,009,758	15,609,326	19,521,000
NON OPERATING BUDGETS				
Capital & Work Order *	(1,051,802)	(8,142,413)	(5,042,950)	(9,841,000)
Debt Service (P&I)	<u>(2,292,535)</u>	<u>(2,070,417)</u>	<u>(2,343,542)</u>	<u>(9,446,000)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUNDS	<u>9,344,415</u>	<u>2,796,928</u>	<u>8,222,834</u>	<u>234,000</u>
POTENTIAL TRANSFER TO RESERVE FUNDS				<u>200,000</u>

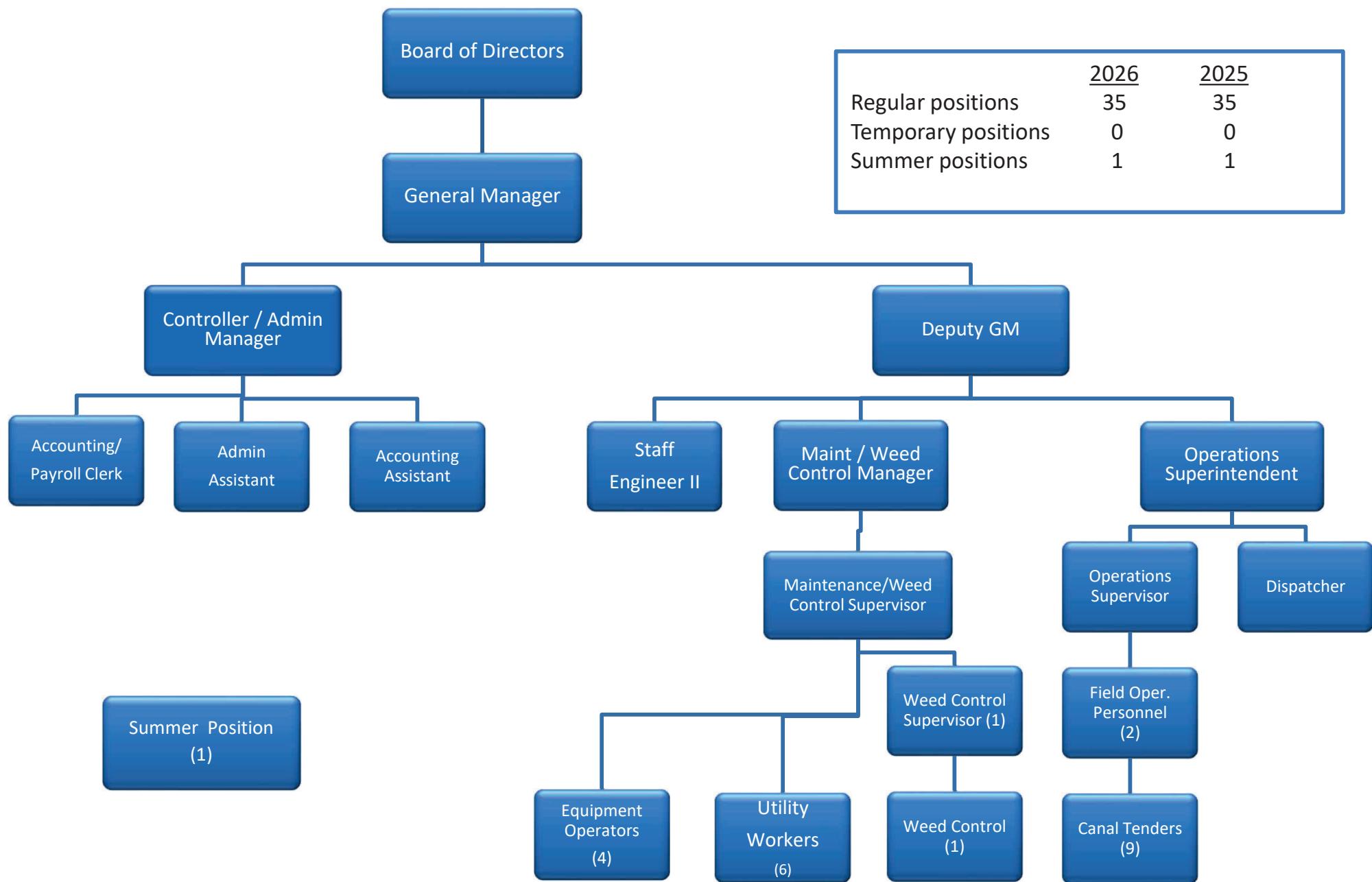
* Net of Grant Reimbursements and exclusive of TCP costs





North Kern Water Storage District

2026 Organization Chart



**North Kern Water Storage District
2026 Budget
Department Descriptions**

District Administration

The General Manager is responsible for the overall administration and management of the District. Additionally, the General Manager with assistance from the Deputy General Manager and Controller/Administrative Manager is responsible for direct coordination and communication with the Board of Directors including the development of District policies, procedures, and budgets. The Deputy General Manager oversees three departments: Operations; Maintenance/Weed Control; and Engineering. Both in-house and consultant engineering functions are also managed through the Deputy General Manager.

Administration

The Administration Department under the leadership of the District's Controller/Administrative Manager has primary responsibility for managing the District's finances/accounting and administrative/support activities. These activities include tracking payables and receivables, preparing annual District land-based assessments (base service charges), coordination of the District payroll and preparation of financial reports, including the annual financial audit.

Administration also provides a lead role for the District's personnel functions in conjunction with District management (including management of employee benefits) and provides technological and administrative support for all District departments.

Operations

The hydrographic portion of Operations tracks and manages the District's Kern River water supplies (hydrographic functions), landowner water accounting/billing source and dispatch functions. Hydrographic functions ensure that the District is accurately tracking its River supplies in conjunction with the Kern River Watermaster and the City of Bakersfield (as the record keeper and operator of the Kern River) and receiving its full and proper entitlement to these supplies. These functions also entail tracking other water supplies available to the District through exchanges or other water management programs, coordinating customer water orders received through the dispatch desk and adjusting District orders of Kern River supplies through Bakersfield.

The Operations Department is also responsible for operating the District's surface and groundwater systems to ensure water deliveries are made efficiently as ordered by District customers. Operations works closely with the District's dispatchers to respond to changes in customers water orders and adjust and optimize the use of the District's water supplies accordingly. Operations personnel (canal tenders) then adjust flow in the District's delivery canals and at customer turnouts to match orders, and track water use through the turnouts. Canal tenders also provide a vital role in monitoring the District's canal/reservoir system for potential problems.

In prior years, Operations also managed the District's groundwater wells, including optimizing the use of ground water in conjunction with the District's surface supplies (including operating wells consistent with the District's energy management program). However, in the fall of 2017, maintenance activities associated with the District's groundwater wells were moved to the Maintenance and Weed Control Department to improve the coordination of all maintenance activities, provide more consistent work products, and allow the Operations Department to focus on its core operational responsibilities.

Maintenance and Weed Control

The primary function of the Maintenance/Weed Control Department is to maintain the District's system of canals, structures, pumps, etc. to ensure that water supplies are efficiently conveyed to the District's customers. To a degree, the Department's functions fluctuate with District water demands. For example, correlated with temperature and sunlight, weed control activities are minimal during the winter, but become critical to making water deliveries during the peak spring and summer irrigation demand period. During the low demand winter months the Department's activities shift to "major maintenance/construction" that is difficult to perform during the irrigation season. These activities include replacement of existing structures (headgates, turnouts, pump stations), installation of new structures, and major canal maintenance (dredging, repairs to concrete lining, etc.). In addition to installing structures and turnouts it is important to note that Maintenance staff pre-cast a large number of the structures in the District yard, thereby saving substantial sums compared with other construction methods.

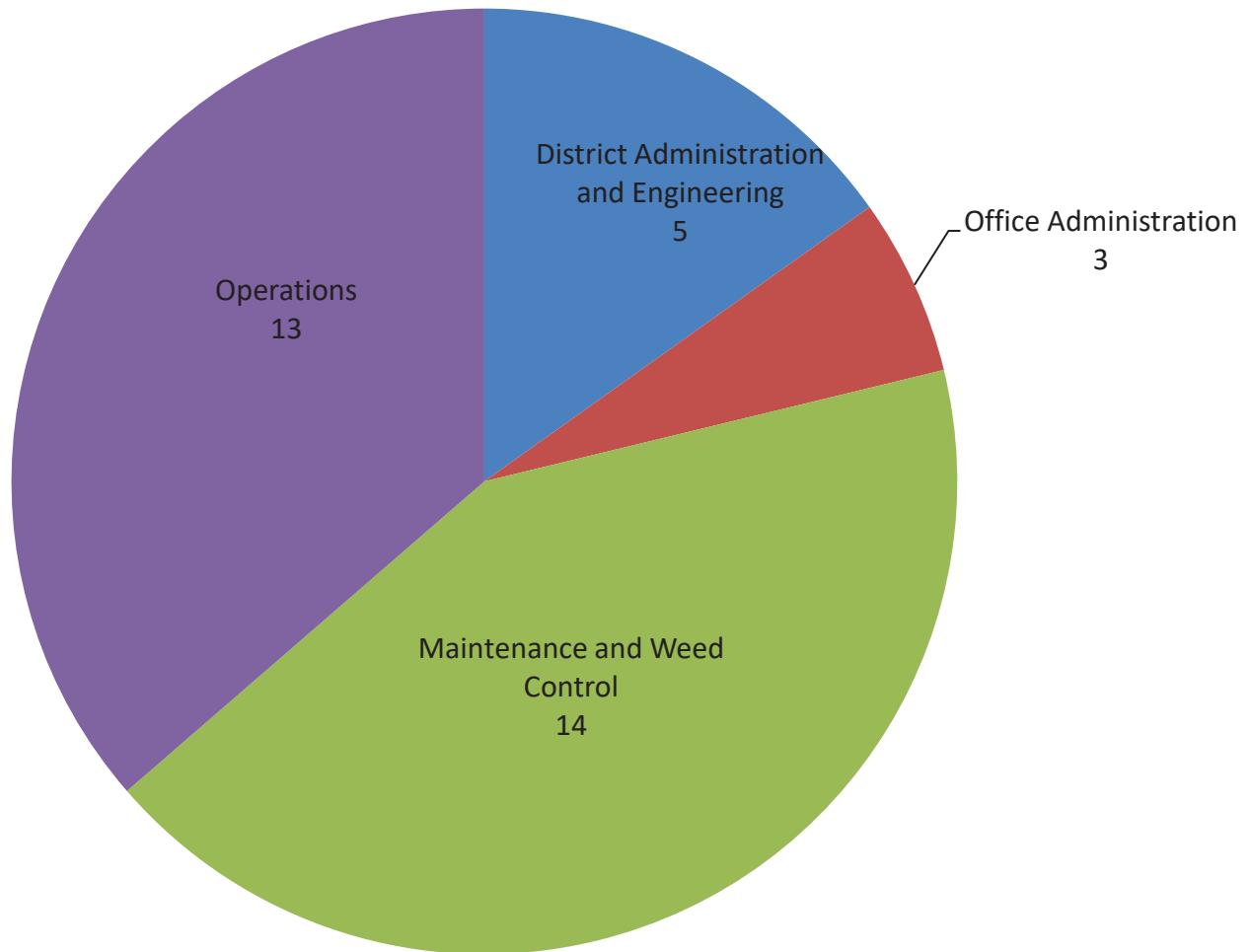
Additionally, as noted above, in the fall of 2017 well maintenance and repairs and associated activities including groundwater monitoring (water levels and quality testing) were moved from the Operations Department to Maintenance. Within Maintenance, the District continues its improved well maintenance capabilities and is able to perform many routine tasks previously contracted to outside companies.

Finally, in addition to the above functions the Maintenance Department is primarily responsible for the District's emergency response efforts, safety program, and vehicle and equipment maintenance program.

Engineer II

Under the general direction from the General Manager and Deputy General Manager, this position provides critical support for District activities to protect its fundamental water rights on the Kern River. This will be accomplished through the development of detailed knowledge on the history, operations and records of Kern River water rights, flows and diversions. This position will also assist with key District engineering and water management programs and functions covering a wide range of District activities including facility operations, maintenance and improvements; right of way issues; water resources planning; program development and implementation; and, environmental and regulatory issues.

2026 Personnel Budget
Department Position Count
(35 Regular Employees)
Salary and Benefit Budget = \$3,970,000

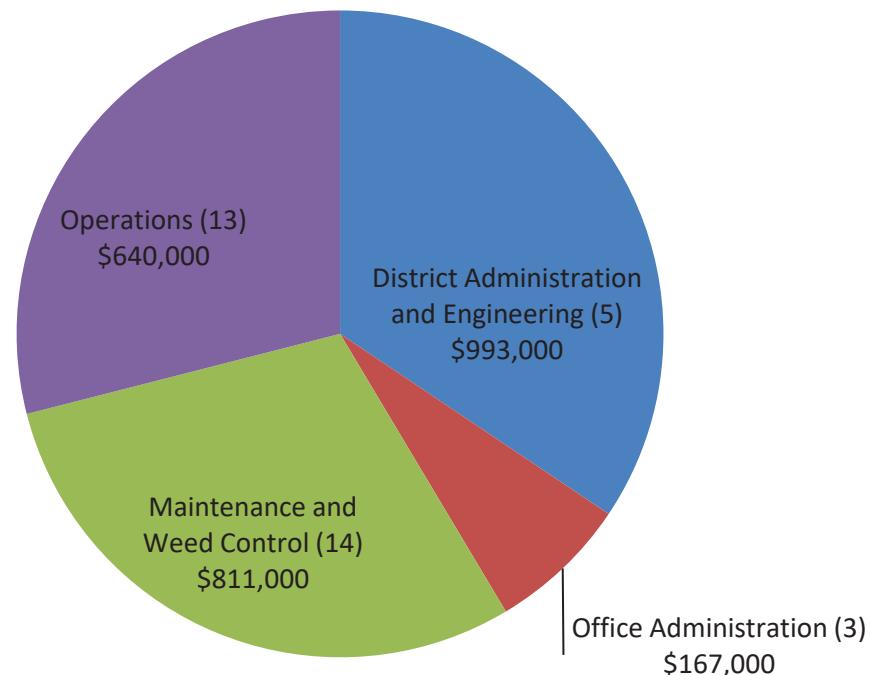


2026 Personnel Budget

Salaries by Department

(35 Regular Employees)

Total Salaries = \$2,611,000



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NKWSD 2026 Budget - Historical Payroll Costs

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Exhibit “A”

Budget Model - Wet Hydrology

Exhibit 1 2026 Routing - #11-07-2025 - 125% - Kern River Runoff

Water Sales and Operations Estimate

Class 1 Demands				Class 2 Demands			
Month	Estimated AcFt	Estimated \$/AcFt	Estimated Revenue	Estimated AcFt	Cl2 % of Cl1	Estimated \$/AcFt	Estimated Revenue
JAN	100	\$40.00	\$4,000	100	100%	\$40.00	\$4,000
FEB	3,000	\$40.00	\$120,000	2,300	75%	\$40.00	\$92,000
MARCH	3,500	\$40.00	\$140,000	2,100	60%	\$40.00	\$84,000
APRIL	7,500	\$40.00	\$300,000	4,500	60%	\$40.00	\$180,000
MAY	12,500	\$40.00	\$500,000	7,500	60%	\$40.00	\$300,000
JUNE	15,500	\$40.00	\$620,000	9,300	60%	\$40.00	\$372,000
JULY	15,500	\$40.00	\$620,000	9,300	60%	\$40.00	\$372,000
AUG	10,000	\$40.00	\$400,000	6,000	60%	\$40.00	\$240,000
SEPT	8,500	\$40.00	\$340,000	5,100	60%	\$40.00	\$204,000
OCT	6,000	\$40.00	\$240,000	3,600	60%	\$40.00	\$144,000
NOV	1,200	\$40.00	\$48,000	900	75%	\$40.00	\$36,000
DEC	500	\$40.00	\$20,000	400	75%	\$40.00	\$16,000
Sum	83,800		\$3,352,000	51,100			\$2,044,000

Class 2 May-Oct = 40,800 acft

Operations - Estimate

+ Isabella Storage 3/1	40,529 AcFt
+ NKWSD Irrigable Entitlement after 3/1 thru 10/31	147,826 AcFt
+ NKWSD Extension Contract after 3/1 thru 10/31	20,000 AcFt
+ Produced Water after 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
+ KD Settlement Water after 3/1 thru 10/31	12,500 AcFt
+ NKWSD Borrow-Payback after 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
+ NKWSD COB Misc after 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
+ NKWSD KRIC after 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
+ Exchangors after 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
+ District Well Water or Other after 3/1 thru 10/31	7,934 AcFt
- Reservoir Losses 3/1 thru 12/31	9,428 AcFt
- Class 1 Demand 3/1 thru 10/31	79,000 AcFt
- Class 2 Demand 3/1 thru 10/31	47,400 AcFt
- Exchangors after 3/1	0 AcFt
- misc	0 AcFt
- Canal Losses 3/1 thru 10/31	31,600 AcFt
- Spreading 3/1 thru 10/31	0 AcFt
= Isabella Storage 12/31	42,126 AcFt
Carryover Storage Goal	43,000 AcFt
% of Goal	98%

Assumptions:

1. 125%Yr April-July Kern River runoff
2. 125% Yr Class 1 demand
3. Class 2 as shown
4. Bond and grant projects in budget.
5. Basic contract water Included

Exchangors	Total Amount	Amount after 3/1
SWID	0	0
KTRG	0	0
RootCreek	0	0
SSJMUD	0	0
MVLLC	0	0
CWD	0	0
DEID	0	0
ID#4	0	0
Total	0	0

Exhibit 3 - Estimated Budget and Cash Flow

2026 Routing - #11-07-2025 - 125% - Kern River Runoff

(Excluding TCF costs)

	PROJECTED (\$1,000'S)	JAN (\$1,000'S)	FEB (\$1,000'S)	MARCH (\$1,000'S)	APRIL (\$1,000'S)	MAY (\$1,000'S)	JUNE (\$1,000'S)	JULY (\$1,000'S)	AUGUST (\$1,000'S)	SEPT (\$1,000'S)	OCT (\$1,000'S)	NOV (\$1,000'S)	DEC (\$1,000'S)	
NKWSO SUMMARY														
WATER SALES	\$5,396	\$8	\$212	\$224	\$480	\$800	\$992	\$992	\$640	\$544	\$384	\$84	\$36	
TRANSPORTATION	\$73	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	
BASE SERVICE CHARGES	\$10,057	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,057	
OTHER REVENUE	\$21,154	\$87	\$95	\$7,215	\$329	\$85	\$87	\$3,590	\$90	\$5,255	\$90	\$4,140	\$90	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$36,680	\$101	\$313	\$7,445	\$815	\$891	\$1,085	\$4,588	\$736	\$5,805	\$480	\$4,230	\$10,189	
SOURCE OF SUPPLY	\$940	\$130	\$41	\$29	\$128	\$39	\$39	\$138	\$50	\$17	\$116	\$39	\$173	
WATER SUPPLY	\$5,077	\$343	\$90	\$690	\$940	\$714	\$714	\$940	\$690	\$90	\$342	\$90	(\$561)	
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT	\$171	\$10	\$67	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	
DISTRICT PUMPS & WELLS	\$1,992	\$136	\$373	\$333	\$322	\$281	\$378	(\$37)	(\$26)	(\$1)	\$18	\$74	\$141	
SYSTEM OPERATIONS	\$1,369	\$114	\$114	\$114	\$114	\$115	\$114	\$114	\$114	\$115	\$114	\$114	\$114	
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	\$1,443	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	
SYSTEM WEED CONTROL	\$839	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	
8-1 PUMPSTATION	\$514	\$2	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	
ADMINISTRATION	\$1,572	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	
FINANCING EXPENSES	\$9,446	\$4	\$4	\$8,080	\$4	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,352	\$0	\$0	\$0	
CAPITAL & WORK ORDERS	\$9,841	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$1	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	
WATER PLANNING	\$265	\$24	\$28	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$21	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$24	\$25	\$22	
ALLOCATED FIELD OFFICE	\$2,476	\$213	\$188	\$345	\$179	\$193	\$204	\$184	\$196	\$207	\$196	\$180	\$191	
ALLOCATED LIGHT VEHICLES	\$313	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	
ALLOCATED HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$141	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	
ALLOCATED SYSTEM OPERATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
ALLOCATED SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
ALLOCATED CAPITAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL COSTS	\$36,400	\$1,341	\$1,316	\$10,037	\$2,128	\$1,786	\$1,886	\$3,408	\$3,093	\$3,847	\$2,859	\$2,570	\$2,129	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUNDS	***	\$279	(\$1,240)	(\$1,003)	(\$2,592)	(\$1,313)	(\$895)	(\$801)	\$1,180	(\$2,357)	\$1,958	(\$2,378)	\$1,661	\$8,060
Cash Balance*	\$6,500	\$5,260	\$4,257	\$1,665	\$352	(\$543)	(\$1,343)	(\$163)	(\$2,520)	(\$562)	(\$2,941)	(\$1,280)	\$6,780	

* Cash Balance = MMA acct - prior month reserve + revenue from prior month - expenses from current month

** note end of month bills paid at board meeting of following month

Non-Cash Item: Depreciation Expense	\$2,136	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$177	\$177	\$177	\$179	\$179	\$179	\$180	\$180	\$180
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Exhibit “B”

Draft Reserve Account Information

NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT										
Reserve Account Information										
1	2	24	25		26		27	28		
Reserve Account	Bank	Reserve Fund Target	Estimated Balance @ 12/31/24	Planned 2024 Withdrawals		Additions for 2024	Loan Reqmts	Interest (Net Use) on Deposits	Estimated Balance @ 10/31/25	
Debt Service Reserve (2015 Bonds)*	WFB		\$878,217					\$ 21,588	\$899,805	
Debt Service & Parity Reserve (2010 Bonds+Well Constr) *	KC+TCB		\$740,037					\$25,865	\$765,903	
Debt Service & Parity Reserve (TCP)*	KC+TCB		\$648,770					\$22,900	\$671,670	
Debt Service Parity Reserve (Calloway Lining/DRP)*	KC+TCB		\$509,973				\$ 417,857	\$26,843	\$954,673	
Total Restricted			\$2,776,997					\$70,354	\$3,292,051	
Operations	KC	\$2.5 – \$10.0 million						\$58,887	\$2,728,239	
Rate Balancing - new acct	KC-Rate Stab	\$5.0 – \$20.0 million						\$265,198	\$12,286,533	
Legal & Regulatory Compliance	KC-Rsv	\$2.0 - \$3.0 million						\$38,817	\$1,798,379	
Equipment	KC-Eqmt	\$250,000 - \$500,000						\$225	\$10,407	
Water Supply	KC-Gen	spot market = \$1.0 million long-term = \$10.0 million				Surface Recharge Site	\$ 100,479	2024 Water Sales (Wonderful/Lennar)		
New Program**	KC-Gen	\$3.0 - \$5.0 million					\$ 233,858	2025 Root Creek Standby Fees		
Infrastructure**	KC-Gen	\$5.0 - \$10.0 million					\$ 381,368	2025 Califia Farms Discharge Fees		
Emergency**	KC-Gen	\$2.5 - \$6.5 million	\$0					\$0	\$0	
Total Board Designated Reserves		\$21.0 - \$55.0 million	\$24,936,619	\$0	\$0		\$715,705		\$363,126	\$26,015,451
Total KC-Gen			\$8,476,188					Total KC-Gen	\$9,191,893	

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 6B



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December 11, 2025

TO: BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Directors Ackerknecht and Glende, Alternate Holtermann

FROM: Management Team

RE: Adoption of District Publicly Available Pay Schedule for 2026

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“Adopt the Publicly Available Pay Schedule as presented on Exhibit A, effective for year 2026”

DISCUSSION:

On an annual basis as part of the District’s salary review process, Staff presents the recommended COLA increases to the Board. The 2026 COLA adjustment of 3.0% was considered by the Board at the November meeting and was approved. Staff has updated the District’s internal Salary Schedule reflecting a maximum COLA of 3.0% increase based on the Board’s approval. The attached “Publicly Available Pay Schedule” reflects COLA adjustments of 3.0% of the amount approved by the Board for year 2026 for most positions. However, it is important to note that not all positions were adjusted by the 3.0% increase as only certain positions deemed appropriate by management were increased based on review of existing salary levels.

As required by Calpers, a Publicly Available Pay Schedule as per Exhibit A is required to be provided to Calpers on a yearly basis requiring the Board to formally adopt this Schedule in the “acceptable format” as shown. Under PERL (Public Employees’ Retirement Law) and PEPRA (Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013), compensation earnable and pensionable compensation are determined in accordance with amounts identified on a publicly available pay schedule. This Schedule is used by Calpers “to verify all members’ pay rates when calculating members’ retirement benefits. Maintaining a compliant publicly available pay schedule will support transparency and expedite Calpers’ review process” in employee retirement cases.

Therefore, Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached Publicly Available Pay Schedule for year 2026 as shown on Exhibit A. The 2025 Publicly Available Pay Schedule is included for reference and discussion.

NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Compensation Ranges by Position
PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PAY SCHEDULE
per California Code of Regulations, Title 2, §§ 570.5
Proposed to the Board December 16, 2025; Effective December 29, 2025

Title	Salary Grade	Monthly		Hourly	
		Bottom of Range	Top of Range	Bottom of Range	Top of Range
Accounting Assistant I	30	3,813	5,529	22.00	31.90
Accounting Clerk I	33	4,708	6,020	27.16	34.73
Admin. Assistant I	16	3,467	4,563	20.00	26.33
Admin. Assistant II	25	4,245	5,368	24.49	30.97
Payroll Clerk I	32	4,021	4,687	23.20	27.04
Staff Accountant	34	5,417	6,750	31.25	38.94
Canal Tender I	16	3,467	4,563	20.00	26.33
Canal Tender II	22	4,005	5,447	23.10	31.43
Canal Tender III	25	4,638	6,309	26.76	36.40
Canal Tender Trainee	9	3,467	3,774	20.00	21.77
Controller/Admin Manager		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$120,000 to \$204,000/year			
Deputy General Manager		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$134,000 to \$227,000/year			
Dispatcher I	16	3,467	4,563	20.00	26.33
Dispatcher II	25	4,372	5,951	25.22	34.33
Dispatcher Trainee	12	3,467	4,119	20.00	23.76
Equipment Operator I	22	4,005	5,447	23.10	31.43
Equipment Operator II	25	4,638	6,309	26.76	36.40
Extra Help Retired Annuitant		Hourly rate set within the salary range for the position with comparable duties			
General Manager		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$200,000 to \$340,000/year			
Hydrographer I	18	3,558	4,836	20.53	27.90
Hydrographer II	22	4,005	5,447	23.10	31.43
Hydrographer Trainee	12	3,467	4,119	20.00	23.76
Maintenance Supervisor	30	5,072	6,900	29.26	39.81
Maint/Weed Control Manager		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$67,000 to \$113,000/year			
Operations Superintendent		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$87,000 to \$147,000/year			
Operations Supervisor	38	6,425	8,741	37.07	50.43
Operations Foreman	30	5,072	6,900	29.26	39.81
Staff Engineer		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$67,000 to \$113,000/year			
Engineer I		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$80,000 to \$136,000/year			
Engineer II		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$95,000 to \$159,000/year			
Utility Worker I	16	3,467	4,563	20.00	26.33
Utility Worker II	22	4,244	5,772	24.48	33.30
Utility Worker Trainee	9	3,467	4,001	20.00	23.08
Weed Control Applicator I	16	3,467	4,838	20.00	27.91
Weed Control Applicator II	25	4,372	5,951	25.22	34.33
Weed Control Supervisor	38	6,425	8,741	37.07	50.43

NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

Compensation Ranges by Position

PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PAY SCHEDULE

per California Code of Regulations, Title 2, §§ 570.5

Adopted by Board December 17, 2024; Effective December 30, 2024

Title	Salary Grade	Monthly		Hourly	
		Bottom of Range	Top of Range	Bottom of Range	Top of Range
Accounting Clerk I	32	5,227	6,601	30.16	38.08
Admin. Assistant I	16	3,358	4,431	19.37	25.56
Admin. Assistant II	25	4,246	5,368	24.49	30.97
Accounting Assistant I	30	3,813	5,893	22.00	34.00
Admin. Assistant Trainee	12	3,358	3,999	19.37	23.07
Canal Tender I	16	3,358	4,431	19.37	25.56
Canal Tender II	22	3,888	5,288	22.43	30.51
Canal Tender III	25	4,503	6,125	25.98	35.34
Canal Tender Trainee	9	3,358	3,664	19.37	21.14
Controller/Adm Manager		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$120,000 to \$198,000/year			
Deputy General Manager		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$134,000 to \$220,000/year			
Dispatcher I	16	3,358	4,431	19.37	25.56
Dispatcher II	25	4,246	5,777	24.49	33.33
Dispatcher Trainee	12	3,358	3,999	19.37	23.07
Equipment Operator I	22	3,888	5,288	22.43	30.51
Equipment Operator II	25	4,503	6,125	25.98	35.34
Extra Help Retired Annuitant		Hourly rate set within the salary range for the position with comparable duties			
General Manager		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$200,000 to \$330,000/year			
Hydrographer I	18	3,455	4,695	19.93	27.09
Hydrographer II	22	3,888	5,288	22.43	30.51
Hydrographer Trainee	12	3,358	3,999	19.37	23.07
Maintenance Supervisor	30	4,924	6,699	28.41	38.65
Maint/Weed Control Manager		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$67,000 to \$110,000/year			
Operations Superintendent		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$87,000 to \$143,000/year			
Operations Supervisor	38	6,238	8,486	35.99	48.96
Operations Foreman	30	4,924	6,699	28.41	38.65
Staff Engineer		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$67,000 to \$110,000/year			
Engineer I		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$80,000 to \$132,000/year			
Engineer II		(FIXED BY BOARD) - Range of \$95,000 to \$154,000/year			
Technology Specialist	25	4,246	5,777	24.49	33.33
Utility Worker I	16	3,358	4,431	19.37	25.56
Utility Worker II	22	4,121	5,604	23.77	32.33
Utility Worker Trainee	9	3,358	3,885	19.37	22.41
Weed Control Applicator I	16	3,358	4,697	19.37	27.10
Weed Control Applicator II	25	4,246	5,777	24.49	33.33
Weed Control Supervisor	38	6,238	8,486	35.99	48.96
Well Specialist	28	4,642	6,315	26.78	36.43

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 7A



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December 8, 2025

TO: ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
Directors Ackerknecht and Mitchell, Alternate Andrew

FROM: David Hampton and Ram Venkatesan

RE: Approve 2026 Landowner Well Water Transportation Agreement

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“Approve form 2026 Landowner Well Water Transportation Agreement.”

DISCUSSION:

To provide landowners with flexibility regarding the operation of their wells in drier years, the District has entered into agreements that allow landowners to transport their deep well supplies through the District’s conveyance system. The 2026 Landowner Well Transportation Agreement helps mitigate the impacts of limited District water supplies (if any) available for Class 2 landowners.

Staff recommends that the District allow landowners to convey well water in the District’s system pursuant to the 2026 “Landowner Well Water Transportation Agreement” (see Exhibit “A”).

Attachments:

Exhibit “A” – 2026 Landowner Well Water Transportation Agreement

2026 LANDOWNER WELL WATER TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
AND
FOR DELIVERY OF WELL WATER**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into on the date hereinafter set forth between **NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**, a California water storage district, hereinafter called **“District,”** and _____, a landowner within said District, hereinafter called **“Landowner.”**

R E C I T A L S

- 1 This Agreement is entered into between the District and Landowner to help mitigate the impacts of limited supplies of water available for Class 2 landowners.
- 2 District is the owner and operator of a water distribution system, hereinafter called “system,” designed to serve certain lands within the District.
- 3 Landowner has groundwater developed from wells on lands within or outside the District which it owns or leases, hereinafter called “well water,” and wishes to utilize the District's system to deliver said water to other lands it owns or leases within the District's boundaries.
- 4 District has determined that there will be excess capacity available in the system during 2026 and that it will be physically possible to assist in delivering said well water to Landowner's other lands situated within the District's boundaries.

A G R E E M E N T

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by the parties hereto as follows:

1. As requested from time to time by the Landowner, and as approved by the District, District will accept well water made available by Landowner into District's system from the sources and at the location shown on Exhibit “A” attached hereto and delivered said well water to other lands owned or leased by Landowner at locations shown on Exhibit “B” hereto. Delivery of well water into the District's system may be terminated at any time without notice by the District if the District determines that such deliveries of well water may be injurious to other landowners within the District.
2. Deliveries to Class 1 Lands will be allowed only to mitigate any impacts of a delivery prorate assessed to Class 1 Lands. Class 1 Lands shall otherwise only take delivery of District Class 1 supplies.

3. Landowner will construct any physical works determined by the District to be reasonably required to deliver the well water into and from District's system, including valves, meters or other facilities as determined by District to be necessary. Any existing connection into the District's system that is not metered, will be required to install the necessary facilities for the District to estimate the amount of water pumped into the District's system by the landowner. Landowner may encroach upon the District's right-of-way for the purpose of constructing, operating and repairing such necessary physical works in a manner approved by the District and shall remove such facilities upon termination of this Agreement, unless written consent is otherwise provided by the District.
4. District will maintain current records of water received from and delivered to Landowner through the system as authorized by this Agreement. In computing such amounts, conveyance losses will be assessed where the District determines appropriate. Landowner will provide any technical data and water quality data required by District relating to the delivery of water under this Agreement.
5. Well water which Landowner delivers into system shall be used by Landowner on a simultaneous basis, such that deliveries into and from the system balance on a daily basis, except that the District may approve "banking" of water for use during future periods on a limited basis. Available capacity to "bank" water will be allocated only to Class 2 lands. Transfer of water "up-canal" will be limited by available supplies and deliveries "down-canal" from the point the well water is delivered into the system.
6. Landowner shall pay within thirty days from the date of invoice therefore, the same as regular District billings, all costs and expenditures related to the performance of this Agreement.
7. Well water delivered into the District's facility shall be subject to a canal loss of fifteen percent (15%) per acre-foot, which loss shall be borne by the Landowner; provided, however, that if the well water is delivered into a District facility that is within one quarter (1/4) mile of Landowner's turnout is, the canal loss shall be reduced to two percent (2%) per acre-foot delivered into the District.
8. The District may buy from Landowner well water pumped inside the District to the extent Landowner has capacity available to provide such water to the District. If the District elects to purchase said water, the District shall pay Landowner for such water in the amount of the variable energy cost for each well used to provide the District with water, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per acre-foot plus any charge imposed by a governmental entity for pumping such groundwater.
9. Landowner shall submit to the District a reasonable time in advance any proposed changes in the source(s) of well water (Exhibit "A"), the place of delivery (Exhibit "B") or any other changes in the manner or method of delivering well water through District facilities.

10. Landowner hereby assumes all responsibility and waives any claim against District for damages to persons, crops or equipment including Landowner's equipment resulting from the performance of this Agreement. Landowner shall assume the defense and indemnify and hold harmless District, its officers, employees and agents, from any and all loss, damage, liability, claims or causes of action of every nature whatsoever for damages to or destruction of property, including District's property or third party crops, or for the injury or death of persons in any manner arising out of or incidental to the performance of this Agreement, except those caused by the extraction, conveyance and use of water for District purposes.
11. In event of any dispute or claim alleging that the well water cannot be extracted and conveyed to Landowner's lands as herein permitted, Landowner shall assume the defense of and indemnify and hold harmless the District, its officers, employees and agents, from any and all loss, damage, liability, claims or causes of action of every nature whatsoever arising out of such arrangements and/or conveyance of well water.
12. Nothing herein contained shall be interpreted as a waiver, relinquishment and/or abandonment of the District's title to water stored in the underground as a result of the District's project. Pumping of groundwater and use of the District's facilities to convey well water is permitted herein for the purpose of mitigating effects of insufficient water supplies during years of dry hydrologic conditions. Nothing herein shall be construed as establishing any right or precedent for use of District facilities or pumping of groundwater, except as otherwise may be permitted by law.

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13. Delivery of Landowner's well water and use of District's system shall otherwise be in strict accordance with District's Rules and Regulations for Distribution of Water.

14. This Agreement shall be effective upon execution by both parties, and approval of required physical facilities by the District, and may be terminated by either party or December 31, 2026, whichever occurs first.

Dated: _____, _____

NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

By: _____

LANDOWNER

By: _____

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT TO WHICH WELL WATER IS BEING CONVEYED (If applicable.)

By: _____

Attachments: Exhibit A and Exhibit B

EXHIBIT “A”

Description:

EXHIBIT “B”

Delivery Locations:

Description: N/A

Sketch: N/A

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 7B



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December 5, 2025

TO: ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
Directors Ackerknecht and Mitchell, Alternate Andrew

FROM: David Hampton and Ram Venkatesan

RE: Approve National Environmental Policy Act Support Services for the WaterSMART Drought Response Program Grant Award

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“Authorize staff to execute task order 25-10 with GEI Consultants to provide National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) support services for a budget amount not to exceed \$38,000 for the 2024 WaterSMART Drought Response Program grant award.”

DISCUSSION:

As indicated at prior Board meetings, the District was successful in getting grant funding from the Bureau of Reclamation (“Bureau”) (\$4,000,000) under the 2024 WaterSMART Drought Response Program grant program for the Partnership Project to construct new/replacement wells (1 well) and well pipeline connections to the Friant Kern Canal (2 wells). In addition, Kern Tulare Water District received a separate grant to construct a new/replacement well within North Kern’s boundaries and to build pipeline connections to the FKC. The Partnership Project will provide both North Kern and Kern Tulare with defined priority capacities in these wells.

As part of the grant award, several environmental tasks such as an Environmental Assessment, Cultural Resources survey, and Biological survey have to be performed. Also, NEPA reports have to be prepared and approved by the Bureau. Because the project facilities are located in the same general area, GEI will prepare a combined NEPA document. GEI Consultants has estimated a budget of \$38,000 to assist North Kern in preparing the environmental report (Exhibit “A”). A portion of the costs for the work are recovered from grant funding.

Staff recommends Board approval for staff to execute Task Order 25-10 with GEI to provide NEPA support services, with a budget amount not to exceed \$38,000, for the 2024 WaterSMART Drought Response Program grant award.

Attachments:

Exhibit “A” – Task Order 25-10 from GEI Consultants

December 4, 2025

Consulting
Engineers and
Scientists

David Hampton
General Manager
North Kern Water Storage District
33380 Cawelo Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93308

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF WORK
FOR
TASK ORDER 25-10
NEPA FOR 2025 RETURN CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

This Task Order defines a Scope of Work (SOW), Schedule, and Budget for work to be completed by GEI Consultants, Inc., (GEI) for North Kern Water Storage District (NKWSD, North Kern, District) per the terms and conditions of the Professional Services Agreement dated November 16, 2017, except as amended herein.

BACKGROUND

In 2025, NKWSD was awarded a grant (R25AP00233) from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for the Return Capacity Improvements project (Project) to construct part of the Partnership Project including drilling one well and constructing a pipeline and discharge to the Friant-Kern Canal. Similarly, the Kern-Tulare Water District (KTWD) was awarded a grant (R25AP00262) for another part of the Partnership Project including drilling one well, constructing a pipeline from the new well to the pipeline to be constructed under NKWSD's grant, and connecting an existing well to that pipeline. Because the projects are funded by federal grants, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related laws including Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act are required. Due to the similar nature and common location of the projects, Reclamation has agreed to combine NKWSD's and KTWD's projects into a single effort for purposes of compliance with NEPA and related laws noted above. A separate Task Order will be executed with KTWD for NEPA efforts related to the part of the scope under their grant.

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has already been prepared and adopted under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the entire Partnership Project. To the greatest extent practicable, information from the IS/MND will be used for the tasks within the Scope of Work (SOW).

SCOPE OF WORK

The SOW includes preparation of a Project Description, Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation Report, and Biological Assessment; coordination with Reclamation; and Project Management. To the extent possible, GEI will use existing information from the Groundwater Partnership Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that was prepared in 2023.

Task 1: Assist with Development of the Project Description

GEI will prepare location maps and a Project Description adequate for NEPA purposes. The Project Description and maps will be incorporated into the Cultural and Biological technical reports (Tasks 2 and 3, respectively). The Project Description will be drafted based on information from preliminary design and planning.

Task 2: Cultural Resources Survey and Report

Task 2.1: Conduct Background Research and Field Survey. GEI will conduct a records search of the Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center for the Area of Potential Effects (APE), which includes the wells, pipeline alignments, discharge point, staging areas, and access routes. A GEI architectural historian and a GEI archaeologist will review previously completed environmental documents to establish the extent to which any previous work was conducted within the proposed Project area. A limited desktop geoarchaeological study will be included as part of the background research conducted for the Project. GEI will consult with the Native American Heritage Commission for potential Tribal resources. GEI's archaeological team, which includes Registered Professional Archeologists who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards, will conduct a pedestrian survey of the APE.

Task 2.2: Prepare Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation Report. GEI cultural resources specialists will prepare a draft and final Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation Report to support Reclamation's consultation with the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) under NHPA Section 106. Information produced through previous reports will be used for this effort to the greatest extent possible.

Assumptions

For the purposes of this proposal, the following assumptions are made:

- The budget includes time for recordation of up to one archaeological site in the APE. No isolated artifacts will be recorded during the survey.
- Archaeological site evaluations are outside the scope of this Task Order. If the Project cannot avoid the archaeological sites, evaluations may be required. GEI will work with the District to determine the level of effort should site evaluations be necessary.
- No buildings or other structures will require inventory or evaluation.
- Should historic/significant properties be identified in the Project area/footprint, a finding of Less Than Significant Impact will be possible if the resource can be avoided (archaeology) or if the disturbance/changes will be at a single point location (water conveyance structures or flood canals/levees).
- One round of review by the District and one round of review by Reclamation will be required for the Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation Report.
- A copy of the Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation Report will be submitted to the Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center as per the reciprocating information agreement after OHP concurrence is received.

- No Native American Tribes have requested direct consultation with District under Assembly Bill 52.

Deliverables

- Draft and Final Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation Report

Task 3: Biological Resources Survey and Report

Task 3.1 Conduct Background Research and Field Survey. GEI will review information on sensitive biological resources in the study area, including the California Natural Diversity Database; California Native Plant Society Inventory of Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants of California; a species list from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation website; and relevant biological reports.

A GEI biologist will conduct a reconnaissance-level field survey of the study area. The purpose of the survey is to identify habitat types present, evaluate potential for special-status species to occur within the Project area, and evaluate potential effects to sensitive biological resources.

Task 3.2 Prepare Biological Assessment. Based on the desktop-level review and survey, GEI will prepare a draft and final Biological Assessment (BA) to support Reclamation's consultation with the USFWS under ESA Section 7. Habitats present in the Project area will be described and mapped, and potential for federal- and state-listed special-status species to occur in the area will be discussed. Potential effects of implementing the proposed Project on sensitive habitats and special-status species will also be assessed, including applicability of federal and state laws and regulations regarding protected species and habitats. Recommendations to avoid/minimize these effects will be provided. Information produced through previous reports will be used for this effort to the greatest extent possible.

Assumptions

- Protocol-level surveys for plant and wildlife species will not be conducted.
- A formal wetland delineation performed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers standards will not be conducted.
- One round of review by the District will be required for the BA. One round of review for the BA for Reclamation.

Deliverables

- Draft and Final BA

Task 4: Coordination with Reclamation

GEI will participate in monthly coordination meetings with Reclamation. Topics are anticipated to include schedule, progress, and Reclamation's comments on reports. Additional coordination will include email correspondence between meetings and special meetings as needed.

Assumptions

- Meetings with Reclamation will be conducted via Microsoft Teams.
- Meetings with Reclamation will extend for one year and two GEI employees will attend.

Task 5: Project Management

GEI will manage the Project to successfully complete the agreed upon SOW within budget and on schedule. This task includes regular coordination with the District. Additionally, this task includes coordination between NKWSD and KTWD's projects.

Assumptions

- Meetings, as needed, will be conducted via Microsoft Teams.

SCHEDULE

GEI's work will commence upon signed authorization. While the schedule will be informed by the timing of Reclamation's review and agency consultations, it is anticipated that NEPA will be completed by December 2026.

BUDGET

Billing for all work completed under this Task Order will be in accordance with the terms of the Professional Services Agreement, with labor billed at 3.05 times labor rate, and expenses billed at 5 percent above cost. All work will be performed on a time and materials not to exceed basis. Based on the SOW described, we suggest authorizing a **\$38,000** budget.

AUTHORIZATION

This Task Order is authorized and made an attachment to the above-identified Professional Services Agreement through the signatures below.

Authorized by:

NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE
DISTRICT

By:

Title:

Date:

Accepted by:

GEI CONSULTANTS, INC.

By:



Ginger Gillin

Title: Vice President

Date: December 4, 2025

By:



Nicholas Tomera

Title: Project Manager

Date: December 4, 2025

NEPA FOR 2025 RETURN CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Hourly Rates are Estimated, Actual Rates will be Based on 3.05 Labor Multiplier

Expenses include 5% mark-up. 3.05 multiplier, 2021.

Task No.	Description	Hourly Rates										Expenses			Total Cost
		Ginger Gillin	Anne King	Nick Tomera	Jesse Martinez	Katelyn Matroni	GIS	Admin	Subtotals		Travel/Mileage	Other Expenses	Subtotal		
		\$325 /hr	\$248 /hr	\$237 /hr	\$197 /hr	\$213 /hr	\$137 /hr	\$128 /hr	Hrs	Cost					
Task 1 - Assist with Development of Project Description															
	Project Description and Figures	2		2		2	2		8	\$1,824			\$0	\$1,824	
	Task 1 Totals	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	8	\$1,824	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,824	
Task 2 - Cultural Resources Survey and Report															
	Background Research and Field Survey				12		2		14	\$2,638	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$4,138	
	Native American Heritage Commission				4				4	\$788			\$0	\$788	
	Cultural Resources Inventory Report	1		1	28		2	2	34	\$6,608			\$0	\$6,608	
	Task 2 Totals	1	0	1	44		4	2	52	\$10,034	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$11,534	
Task 3 - Biological Resources Survey and Report															
	Background Research and Field Survey		12				2		14	\$3,250	\$500		\$500	\$3,750	
	Biological Assessment	1	28	1			4	2	36	\$8,310			\$0	\$8,310	
	Task 3 Totals	1	40	1	0		6	2	50	\$11,560	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$12,060	
Task 4 - Coordination with Reclamation															
	Coordination with Reclamation	4		20					24	\$6,040			\$0	\$6,040	
	Task 4 Totals	4	0	20	0	0	0	0	24	\$6,040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,040	
Task 5 - Project Management															
	Project Management and Coordination	4		20					24	\$6,040			\$0	\$6,040	
	Task 5 Totals	4	0	20	0	0	0	0	24	\$6,040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,040	
	PROJECT TOTALS	12	40	44	44	2	12	4	158	\$35,498	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$37,498	

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 7C

CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____ 2025, by and between North Kern Water Storage District ("District") and GEI Consultants, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant"), for professional and related services to be provided to the District. This Agreement replaces in its entirety the Consultant Services Agreement between the District and Consultant dated add date.

I SCOPE OF SERVICES

The parties shall determine the scope of services to be performed by Consultant (the "Services") on a per task basis by the mutual execution and delivery of individual task orders (a "Task Order") in substantially the same form as that attached hereto as Exhibit A. Each Task Order shall be effective upon execution and shall thereafter become a part of this Agreement. Each Task Order shall be consecutively numbered with the year and sequence number (e.g., 26-01), and include a description of the Scope of Services to be provided, the time for completion, a budget, and the method of compensation for the services defined in such Task Order. At the District's request, Consultant shall prepare and furnish to the District, monthly written status reports of Consultant's activities with regard to each Task Order, including expenditures to-date, estimated costs to completion, and scheduling for Services performed according to this Agreement.

II FEES FOR SERVICES

For services provided by Consultant to District pursuant to this Agreement, District shall pay Consultant on a time and material basis per the Consultant's Fee Schedule and Payment Terms attached as Exhibit B.

III BILLING AND PAYMENT

Consultant shall submit a monthly statement to District setting forth the amount due for services and itemizing amounts due for expenses. The statement shall contain supporting documentation including, but not limited to, the billing classification, name, and hours billed for each of Consultant's employees who performed services pursuant to this Agreement. District shall pay Consultant all undisputed sums within sixty (60) days after date of the monthly statement by Consultant.

IV INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Consultant shall provide services to District as an independent contractor, not as an employee of District. Consultant shall not have or claim any right arising from employee status.

V SUBCONTRACTORS

Consultant may use approved subcontractors to assist in providing professional services hereunder, provided that Consultant shall first obtain written permission from District to utilize said subcontractors. The subcontractors will function as independent contractors and rely on Consultant for all administrative and billing functions.

VI FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party to this Agreement shall be liable for its failure to perform its obligations hereunder due to events beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to, strikes, riots, wars, fire, earthquakes, acts of God and/or unusual acts of nature, acts in compliance with any law, regulation or order (whether valid or invalid) of the United States of America or any state thereof or any other domestic or foreign governmental body or instrument thereof having jurisdiction in the matter. Delay occasioned thereby shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement.

VII TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- (a) Unless otherwise terminated as provided herein, this Agreement shall terminate (i) upon completion of the services provided for in Exhibit A or (ii) **December 31, 2033**, whichever occurs first.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, District may terminate this Agreement by giving fifteen (15) days' advance written notice thereof to Consultant.
- (c) Upon termination of this Agreement, Consultant shall have no further obligation to provide services to District pursuant to this Agreement and, except for payment of all undisputed fees to Consultant for services rendered prior to the date of termination, District shall have no further obligation to pay Consultant. If the Agreement is terminated prior to completion of the services to be provided hereunder, Consultant shall render a final bill for services to District within thirty (30) days from the date of termination and District shall pay all undisputed portions of that bill in accordance with Section III.
- (d) **This Agreement may be terminated by Consultant for cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to District.**

VIII **COMMUNICATION OF ADVICE**

All reports, documents, or other communications prepared by Consultant shall be delivered in writing to an individual or individuals designated by District. Communications may also be made orally or in person when mutually convenient and mutually agreed upon by the parties.

IX **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

The parties may from time to time send, receive or exchange electronic versions of documents and e-mails with one another using commercially available computer software and internet access. Each party acknowledges that it has invested and will continue during the term to invest in commercially available software that identifies and rejects files containing known viruses. Each party acknowledges that such software may occasionally interfere with the delivery of electronic communications between the parties and each party acknowledges that this occurrence is to be expected as part of the ordinary course of business. Each party will use commercially reasonable efforts to assure that its communications are virus free, and each party shall advise the other if it discovers a virus in its system that may have been communicated to the other party.

X **INSURANCE**

(a) Consultant shall maintain in effect at its own expense: employer's liability insurance; two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) of comprehensive general liability insurance (bodily injury and property damage); one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of comprehensive automobile liability insurance (bodily injury and property damage) with respect to Consultant's employees and vehicles assigned to the prosecution of work under this Agreement; and five-million dollars (\$5,000,000) of professional liability insurance. Consultant shall also maintain statutory workers' compensation insurance and will provide District upon its request a Waiver of Subrogation relating to any claim by Consultant's employees.

(b) Consultant shall obtain and thereafter maintain in effect, if available, such additional insurance as may be requested in writing by District, the cost of which will be reimbursed by District.

(c) Consultant shall name District as an additional insured on each and every policy set forth in paragraph (a), above excluding professional liability.

XI **INDEMNIFICATION**

*To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, and hold harmless the District, its directors, officers, managers, **agents**, legal representatives, and employees (“Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all liability, claims, allegations, causes of action, demands, damages, judgments, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorney’s fees and expert costs, to the extent that such are caused by the willful, reckless, or negligent acts, errors, or omissions, whether active or passive, of Consultant, its directors, officers, managers, partners, **agents**, employees, material suppliers, subconsultants and/or subcontractors in performance of services under this Agreement including any Task Order. Liability, claims, demands, damages, losses, or expenses resulting from the negligent acts, errors, or omissions, whether active or passive, of District, its directors, officers, managers, **agents**, legal representatives, or employees are excluded from the Consultant’s obligations pursuant to this section. In the event a third-party files a claim against the District alleging Consultant’s work was negligently performed or breached the applicable standard-of-care, the District at its sole discretion may tender a written demand to Consultant for indemnification. Within ten (10) business days of receiving such tender, the Consultant and District shall enter into a tolling agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit C that shall include defense cost sharing provision whereby the District and Consultant shall share equally on all defenses costs pertaining to defending the allegation of Consultant’s negligence or breach of the applicable standard-of- care. The entering into of the tolling agreement shall not preclude the District from full recovery under a claim for indemnification upon the determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Consultant was negligent or breached its applicable standard-of-care.*

XII

CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA, INFORMATION, AND DOCUMENTS

(a) Consultant agrees that all information communicated to it with respect to services to be performed under this Agreement, including any confidential information gained by Consultant by reason of association with District, which is identified at the time of disclosure by an appropriate legend, marking, stamp, or other positive written identification in a prominent location to be confidential to District, is confidential. Consultant further agrees that all information, conclusions, recommendations, reports, advice, or other documents generated by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement are confidential. However, Consultant's obligation to hold any information confidential under this Agreement shall not apply to any information if the same is:

(1) In the public domain at the time of disclosure to Consultant by District, or subsequent to the date of disclosure, without breach of this Agreement by Consultant; or

(2) Known to Consultant, as evidenced by written documentation, prior to disclosure of such information by District; or

(3) Disclosed without restriction to Consultant by a third party having a bona fide right to disclose the same to Consultant and without breach of this Agreement by Consultant; or

(4) Disclosed with the prior written approval of District; or

(5) Independently developed by employees of Consultant who did not have access to said confidential information.

(b) Consultant shall not disclose any confidential information to any other person or entity unless specifically authorized in writing by District to do so. If District gives Consultant written authorization to make any disclosures, Consultant shall do so only within the limits and to the extent of that authorization.

(c) Consultant shall use its best efforts to prevent inadvertent disclosure of any confidential information to any third party by using the same care and discretion that it uses with similar data that Consultant designates as confidential.

(d) Consultant agrees that copies of confidential information may not be made without the express written permission of District and that all such copies shall be returned to District along with the originals.

(e) Consultant shall return to District promptly at District's request, all confidential materials. Any materials, the return of which is not specifically requested, shall be returned to District promptly at the conclusion of the work on the project or activity to which the materials relate.

(f) The provisions of this Section XI shall survive termination of this Agreement.

XIII COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall not, directly or indirectly, either as an employee, employer, consultant, agent, principal, partner, stockholder, corporate manager, director, or in any other individual or representative capacity, engage or participate in any competitive activity relating to the project or activity to which this Agreement relates.

XIV OWNERSHIP OF DATA, INFORMATION, AND DOCUMENTS

All reports, studies, plans, specifications, data, and other information developed, written, prepared, or contributed by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, shall be delivered to and become the sole property of District. Upon receipt of written approval from District, Consultant may retain one copy of such items solely for its use as historical and legal reference. Any use of Deliverables for purposes other than those for which they were explicitly prepared shall be at District's sole risk and liability. District agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold Contractor harmless from and against any claims, losses, liabilities, and damages arising out of or resulting from the unauthorized use of Deliverables.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the total liability, in the aggregate, of Consultant and its officers, directors, employees, agents, and independent professional associates and consultants, and any of them, to District and any one claiming by, through or under District, for any and all injuries, claims, losses, expenses, or damages whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to Consultant's services, the project, or this Agreement, will not exceed the total compensation received by Consultant under the specific applicable project and/or task order, or Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) whichever is less. This limitation will apply regardless of legal theory, and includes but is not limited to claims or actions alleging negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, breach of contract, breach of warranty of Consultant or its officers, directors, employees, agents, or independent professional associates or consultants, or any of them. District further agrees to require that all contractors and subcontractors agree that this limitation of Consultant's liability extends to include any claims or actions that they might bring in any forum.

XV STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

The Consultant's services shall be performed in a manner consistent with that degree of skill and care ordinarily exercised by practicing design professionals performing similar services in the same locality at the same site and under the same conditions.

XVI SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST

This Agreement shall be binding on, and inure to the benefit of, each party's successors in interest, including their heirs, legatees, assignees, and legal representatives.

XVII ASSIGNMENT

Neither party shall transfer or assign its rights nor delegate its duties under this agreement, in whole or in part, without the written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any attempt to effect an assignment, transfer, or delegation made without such written consent shall be null and void and confer no right on any third party.

XVIII WAIVER

Any waiver at any lime by either party of its rights with respect to a default under this Agreement, or with respect to any other matters arising in connection with this Agreement, shall not be deemed a waiver with respect to any subsequent default or other matter.

XIX

SEVERAL OBLIGATIONS

Except where specifically stated in this Agreement to be otherwise, the duties, obligations, and liabilities of the parties are intended to be several and not joint or collective. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create an association, trust, partnership, or joint venture or impose a trust or partnership duty, obligation, or liability on or with regard to either party. Each party shall be individually and severally liable for its own obligations under this Agreement.

XX AMENDMENT

All changes or modifications to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties.

XXI GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the laws of the State of California. Venue for any legal actions between the parties shall be in any state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in California. In the event of a dispute amongst the parties any or all such disputes shall first be submitted to the General Manager of the District and the Consultant's President for review and discussion in an attempt to find a mutually agreeable resolution. After thirty (30) days of submission, either party may request that the parties agree to schedule a mediation no later than forty-five (45) days after such election.

XXII ATTORNEY'S FEES

In the event of any litigation concerning enforcement or interpretation of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses (including expert witness fees), in addition to any other relief to which that party may be entitled. This provision shall be construed as applicable to the entire Agreement.

XXIII ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the complete and final expression of the agreement of the parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of their agreements and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous offers, promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, communications, and agreements which may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof.

XXIV SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is found or deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall be considered severable from the remainder of this Agreement and shall not cause the remainder to be invalid or unenforceable. In such event, the parties shall reform this Agreement to replace such stricken provision with a valid and enforceable provision which comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

XXV
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- a. Mediation.** If a dispute arises under this Agreement, the Parties agree to first try to resolve the dispute with the help of a mutually agreed-upon mediator. Any costs and fees other than attorney fees associated with the mediation shall be shared equally by the Parties.
- b. Arbitration.** If it proves impossible to arrive at a mutually satisfactory solution through mediation, either Party shall have the option to submit the dispute to a mutually agreed-upon arbitrator. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction to do so. Costs of arbitration, including attorney fees, will be allocated by the arbitrator.
- c. Litigation.** A Party that elects not to arbitrate a dispute following unsuccessful mediation shall have the right to commence an action in court.

XXVI
NOTICES

- (a) Any notice, demand, information, invoice, report, or item other required, authorized, or provided for in this Agreement, unless otherwise specified herein, shall be deemed properly given if delivered in person or sent by United States Mail, First Class postage prepaid:**

To District: Mr. Dave Hampton
General Manager
North Kern Water Storage District
33380 Cawelo Ave
Bakersfield CA 93308

To Consultant: (ADD INFO)

- (b) All notices shall be deemed effective upon receipt by the party to whom such notice is given.**

XXVII
SIGNATURE CLAUSE

The signatories hereto represent that they are authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom they sign.

Consultant
GEI Consultants, Inc.

North Kern Water Storage District

By: _____

By: _____

Its: President

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**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Board Meeting**

Agenda Item 12A



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December 5, 2025

TO: RRID Board of Directors
Directors Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann, Mitchell

FROM: David Hampton and Ram Venkatesan

RE: Approve Task Order for CEQA Support

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“Authorize the General Manager to execute Task Order 25-09 with GEI Consultants to provide California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) support services for the Affentranger Groundwater Recharge and Banking Project for the Rosedale Ranch Improvement District for a budget amount not to exceed \$62,100.”

DISCUSSION:

As discussed at prior Board meetings, and as defined in the District’s Groundwater Sustainability Plan, the Rosedale Ranch Improvement District (“RRID”) is planning for direct groundwater recharge opportunities within RRID. Earlier this year, RRID purchased the Affentranger Recharge property that is located at the terminus of the District’s R-3 canal.

Staff contacted GEI consultants (“GEI”) regarding providing CEQA support for the Affentranger Groundwater Banking Project. Exhibit “A” is the task order from GEI to provide the necessary CEQA support for the implementation of the project.

Staff recommends Board approval for the General Manager to execute task order 25-09 with GEI to provide CEQA, support services for the Affentranger Groundwater Recharge and Banking Project for the Rosedale Ranch Improvement District for a budget amount not to exceed \$62,100.

Attachments:

Exhibit “A” – Task Order 25-09 from GEI Consultants



December 4, 2025

Consulting
Engineers and
Scientists

Ram Venkatesan
Deputy General Manager
Rosedale Ranch Improvement District
33380 Cawelo Avenue
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF WORK
FOR
TASK ORDER 25-09
CEQA FOR THE ROSEDALE RANCH IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
AFFENTRANGER RECHARGE PROJECT (APN 463-020-05)

This Task Order defines a Scope of Work (SOW), Schedule, and Budget for work to be completed by GEI Consultants, Inc., (GEI) for Rosedale Ranch Irrigation District, as directed by North Kern Water Storage District (NKWSD, North Kern, District) per the terms and conditions of the Professional Services Agreement dated November 16, 2017, except as amended herein.

SCOPE OF WORK

Rosedale Ranch Improvement District (RRID) proposes to undertake the Affentranger Recharge Project (Project), which involves constructing ponds, on parcel number (APN) 463-020-05, which is approximately 162 acres. This Task Order is to assist the District with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance.

Task 1: Assist with Development of the Project Description

GEI will assist the District by preparing a Project description for adequacy for CEQA purposes and associated maps. The Project description and maps will be incorporated into Initial Study/Mitigative Negative Declaration (IS/MND).

Task 2: Cultural Resources Record Search and Survey

GEI will conduct a records search of the Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center for the Area of Potential Effects (APE), which includes the anticipated recharge facility footprint, staging areas, and access routes. A GEI architectural historian and a GEI archaeologist will review previously completed environmental documents to establish the extent to which any previous work was conducted within the proposed Project area. A limited desktop geoarchaeological study will be included as part of the background research conducted for the Project. GEI will consult with the Native American Heritage Commission for potential Tribal

resources. GEI's archaeological team, which includes Registered Professional Archeologists who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards, will conduct a pedestrian survey of the APE.

GEI will not prepare a cultural resources report; however, information obtained from the records search, desktop geoarchaeological study, and pedestrian survey will be added to the IS/MND.

Assumptions

For the purposes of this proposal, the following assumptions are made:

- Compliance with National Historic Preservation Act is not included under this Task Order.
- The budget includes time for recording up to one archaeological site in the APE. No isolated artifacts will be recorded during the survey.
- Archaeological site evaluations are outside the TO. If the Project cannot avoid the archaeological sites, evaluations may be required. GEI will work with the District to determine the level of effort should site evaluations be necessary.
- No buildings or other structures will require inventory or evaluation.
- Should historic/significant properties be identified in the Project area/footprint, a finding of Less Than Significant Impact will be possible if the resource can be avoided (archaeology) or if the disturbance/changes will be at a single point location (water conveyance structures or flood canals/levees).
- A Cultural Resources Inventory Report will not be prepared.
- No Native American Tribes have requested direct consultation with District under Assembly Bill 52.

Deliverable

- Cultural resources write-up for the IS/MND

Task 3: Biological Resources Record Search and Survey

GEI will review information on sensitive biological resources in the study area, including the California Natural Diversity Database; California Native Plant Society Inventory of Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants of California; a species list from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation website; and relevant biological reports.

A GEI biologist will conduct a reconnaissance-level field survey of the study area. The purpose of the survey is to identify habitat types present, evaluate potential for special-status species to occur within the Project area, and evaluate potential effects to sensitive biological resources.

GEI will not prepare a biological resources report; however, information obtained from the CNDDDB search and reconnaissance-level field survey will be added to the IS/MND.

Assumptions

- Protocol-level surveys for plant and wildlife species will not be conducted.
- A formal wetland delineation performed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers standards will not be conducted.

Deliverable

- Biological resources write-up for the IS/MND

Task 4: Prepare Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

GEI will prepare an IS/MND based on the CEQA Guidelines Appendix G format to meet the requirements of CEQA. GEI will also prepare other required CEQA documents, such as the Notice of Intent (NOI); Notice of Completion (NOC); Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP); and the Notice of Determination (NOD). GEI will also facilitate the public noticing, including delivery to the State Clearinghouse and County Clerk. Please note that the TO includes the CEQA filing fee of \$3,019.

GEI will prepare an Administrative Draft IS/MND which will be reviewed by the District and their attorneys. Following comments/edits, GEI will prepare the Draft IS/MND for public comment. GEI will review, but will not provide responses to, public comments. GEI will prepare a Final IS/MND, based on the public comments if necessary. GEI will prepare the Draft Board Resolution and accompanying memo.

Assumptions

- A qualitative analysis of potential impacts to air quality be suitable for the IS/MND.
- The District will be responsible for paying the newspaper notification cost.

Deliverables

- Administrative Draft IS/MND, Draft IS/MND, and Final IS/MND
- State Clearinghouse documents, including the NOI, NOC, MMRP, and NOD; Draft Board Resolution and accompanying memo; and newspaper legal notice.

Task 5: Project Management

GEI will manage the contract to successfully complete the agreed-to SOW within budget and on schedule. This task includes regular monthly coordination meetings with the District.

Assumptions

- GEI assumes that Project management meetings and presentations can be performed via Microsoft Teams.
- We assume the project will extend for one year, and that two GEI employees will participate in monthly coordination meetings.

SCHEDULE

GEI's work will commence upon signed authorization and notice to proceed. The schedule for this Project is to complete the draft deliverables within 90 days of completion of the Project description (see Task 1). The final deliverables will be submitted to the District within 30 days of receipt of the District's comments/edits on the draft deliverables.

BUDGET

Billing for all work completed under this Task Order will be in accordance with the terms of the Professional Services Agreement, with labor billed at 3.05 times labor rate, and expenses billed at 5 percent above cost. All work will be performed on a time and materials not to exceed basis. Based on the SOW previously described, we suggest authorizing a **\$62,100** budget.

AUTHORIZATION

This Task Order is authorized and made an attachment to the above-identified Professional Services Agreement through the signatures below.

Authorized by:

NORTH KERN WATER
STORAGE DISTRICT

By:

Title:

Date:

Accepted by:

GEI CONSULTANTS, INC.

By:



Title: Vice President

Date:

December 5, 2025

By:



Title: Senior Regulatory Specialist

Date:

December 5, 2025

PROJECT NUMBER

All work will be billed under a new, unique GEI Project Number

CEQA Services for RRID Affentranger Recharge Project

Hourly Rates are Estimated, Actual Rates will be Based on 3.05 Labor Multiplier

Expenses include 5% mark-up. 3.05 multiplier, 2025.

Task No.	Description	Hours Worked								Expenses			Total Cost	
		Ginger Gillin	Katelyn Matroni	Anne King	Nick Tomera	Jesse Martinez	GIS	Admin	Subtotals		Travel/ Mileage	Other Expenses	Subtotal	
		\$325 /hr	\$213 /hr	\$248 /hr	\$237 /hr	\$197 /hr	\$137 /hr	\$128 /hr	Hrs	Cost				
Task 1 - Assist with Development of Project Description														
	Project Description and Figures	2	10		2		4		18	\$3,802	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,802
	Task 1 Totals	2	10	0	2	0	4	0	18	\$3,802	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,802
Task 2 - Cultural Resources Survey														
	Background Research and Field Survey					40	4		44	\$8,428	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$9,928
	Native American Heritage Commission					10			10	\$1,970	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,970
	Task 2 Totals	0	0	0	0	50	4	0	54	\$10,398	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$11,898
Task 3 - Biological Resources Survey														
	Background Research and Field Survey			40			4		44	\$10,468	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$10,968
	Task 3 Totals	0	0	40	0	0	4	0	44	\$10,468	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$10,968
Task 4 - Prepare Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration														
	Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration	6	72	12	12	18	4	12	136	\$28,736	\$0	\$3,019	\$3,019	\$31,755
	Task 4 Totals	6	72	12	12	18	4	12	136	\$28,736	\$0	\$3,019	\$3,019	\$31,755
Task 5 - Project Management														
	Project Management and Coordination		8		8				16	\$3,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,600
	Task 5 Totals	0	8	0	8	0	0	0	16	\$3,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,600
	PROJECT TOTALS	8	90	52	22	68	16	12	268	\$57,004	\$1,000	\$4,019	\$5,019	\$62,023

**NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
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December 12, 2025

TO: RRID Board of Directors
Directors Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann, Mitchell

FROM: David Hampton and Ram Venkatesan

RE: Approve Assignment of Canal Right of Way Exchange with Palmetto Estates LLC

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“Authorize the General Manager to assign the Canal Right of Way Exchange Agreement currently with V Lions Holdings, LLC to Palmetto Estates LLC.”

DISCUSSION:

V Lions Holdings, LLC (VLH) is in the process of developing the parcel south of Snow Road (north of Olive Drive, west of Allen Road). The District’s R-1 canal runs adjacent to Snow Road and the proposed development. As part of the approved Tentative Map, a portion of the District’s R-1 Canal easement is needed to accommodate a lot, along with additional public right-of-way for landscaping improvements along Snow Road. To facilitate this, the developer is required to convert a segment of the District’s R-1 Canal to a pipeline.

At the June 17, 2025, Board Meeting, the Board authorized staff to enter into a Canal Right of Way Exchange Agreement with VLH. Palmetto Estates LLC (“Palmetto”) is in the process of buying the parcel from VLH and has requested that the Exchange Agreement be assigned to them.

Staff requests Board approval to execute the Assignment Agreement.

Attachments:

Exhibit “A” – Assignment Agreement with Palmetto

ASSIGNMENT OF EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

This ASSIGNMENT OF EXCHANGE AGREEMENT ("Assignment Agreement") is entered into this _____ day of December, 2025, by and between the NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, a California water storage district duly formed and existing under California Water Code §39000 et seq. ("District"), V LIONS HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("VLH"), and Palmetto Estates LLC, a California limited liability company ("Palmetto"). The District, VLH, and Palmetto shall sometimes be referred to herein collectively as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, District and VLH are parties to that certain Agreement for Right-of-Way Exchange ("Exchange Agreement") dated May 20, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Agreement affects property owned by VLH that is described therein as the "Servient Parcel", and is more particularly described in Exhibit 2 of the Exchange Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Palmetto and VLH are parties to a purchase and sale agreement ("PSA") which sets forth certain terms and conditions under which the Servient Parcel will be conveyed to Palmetto; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bakersfield has tentatively approved the development of a residential subdivision called Tract 7186 on the Servient Parcel (the "Development"); and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Agreement is intended in part to facilitate said Development by undergrounding the District's facilities into an underground pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Exchange Agreement states that the District's written consent is required before VLH can assign the Exchange Agreement to anyone; and

WHEREAS, by this Assignment Agreement, the District is providing its express written consent to VLH's assignment of the Exchange Agreement to Palmetto; and

WHEREAS, this Assignment Agreement also amends and clarifies the Exchange Agreement.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Recitals

The above recitals are expressly made part of the terms and conditions of this Assignment Agreement.

2. Condition Subsequent

This Assignment Agreement shall be effective upon the recording of a grant deed by which VLH grants the Servient Parcel to Palmetto. If such grant deed is not recorded within 12 months of the date listed in the introductory paragraph above, this Assignment Agreement shall be null and void. (Accordingly, while this Assignment Agreement is dated December ____, 2025 in its introductory paragraph, and constitutes a legally binding contract upon its execution by all of the Parties, the Parties respective rights and obligations under this Assignment Agreement shall not go into effect until the Servient Parcel is conveyed to Palmetto at the close of escrow under the PSA.)

3. District Not Bound by PSA.

The Parties acknowledge that the District is not in any way bound by any language contained in the PSA. The District is not a party to the PSA and has not seen the PSA. The District acknowledges that VLH and Palmetto desire to keep the terms of the PSA confidential.

4. Amendments to Exchange Agreement.

4.A. Amendment To Section 4 of the Exchange Agreement.

The following sentence is added to the end of Section 4 of the Exchange Agreement:

“Nothing in this Exchange Agreement shall be construed as requiring the District’s express written consent of the conveyance of any residential lot within the Servient Parcel.”

4.B. District’s Approval of Paved Roadways Located Above Pipeline

The District acknowledges that the City’s requirements for the Development include the construction and paving of the planned portion of Snow Road within a forty to sixty foot wide strip of the Servient Parcel that abuts the Development’s planned residential lot(s) (the “Snow Road Improvements”) that will be located directly above portions of the District’s Underground Water Pipeline (Underground Pipeline). The District hereby approves of the placement of said

Snow Road Improvements above the Underground Pipeline, and has entered into a Common Use Agreement with the City to facilitate the same.

4.C. Notices

Section 9 of the Exchange Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following:

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Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
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Palmetto Estates LLC
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North Kern Water Storage District
Attn: Ram Venkatesan
P.O. Box 81435
Bakersfield, CA 93380

Young Wooldridge, LLP
Attn: Alan Doud
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5. Assignment of Exchange Agreement.

VLH hereby transfers and assigns to Palmetto, and Palmetto hereby acquires from VLH all of VLH's rights, and interests in and to the Exchange Agreement, of whatever kind or nature, and Palmetto hereby assumes and agrees to perform all obligations, duties, liabilities and commitments of VLH under the Exchange Agreement, of whatever kind or nature.

6. District's Consent to Assignment of Exchange Agreement.

The District hereby consents to VLH's assignment of the Exchange Agreement to Palmetto as set forth in this Assignment Agreement.

7. Counterparts.

This Assignment Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, including facsimile counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original copy of this Assignment Agreement, and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of such counterparts by facsimile or electronic mail (in PDF or .tiff format) shall be deemed effective as manual delivery.

8. Entire Agreement.

This Assignment Agreement, including its exhibits, sets forth the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties relating to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior discussions between the Parties. Unless expressly provided for herein, no modification of or amendment to this Assignment Agreement, nor any waiver of rights under this Assignment Agreement, shall be effective unless in writing, signed by the Party to be charged.

VLH: V LIONS HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company

By: V LIONS MANAGEMENT, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company

By: _____
KEITH B. GARDINER
Its: Manager

PALMETTO ESTATES LLC, a California limited liability company

By: _____
JANET AXELSEN
Its: Authorized Agent

DISTRICT:
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____