



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, December 18, 2025, Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

Immediately following will be a Special PID Board Meeting

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AGENDA

Action items are listed in **bold**.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Flag Salute

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted

upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to provide comments at the time the Board considers the item. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, or at the Chairman's discretion. At all times, please state your name for the record.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Consider Approval of November 17, 2025, GSA Board Minutes (Action).**

5. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Water Year 2025-2026 Sustainable Yield Allocation Setting (Announcement).

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. No Report, December 4, 2025, Stakeholder Committee Meeting was Canceled.

7. CLOSED SESSION: No closed session.

8. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: No Report.

- a. Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request that the PIDGSA provide a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in any public meeting. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats for the agendas and agenda packets used for any public meetings of the GSA. Requests for such assistance and for agendas and agenda packets shall be made in person, by telephone, facsimile, or written correspondence to the General Manager of the Porterville Irrigation District GSA at (559) 782-6321, at least 48 hours before a public meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: CONSENT CALENDAR / Consideration and approval of November 17, 2025, GSA Board Minutes (Action).

Submitted By: General Manager



**MINUTES OF THE
GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

At approximately 11:15 a.m. on November 17, 2025, at the Porterville Irrigation District, Board Room, President Eric Borba called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("PIDGSA"). The meeting was also conducted remotely for members of the public.

Members Present: Eric Borba, David Gisler
 Timothy Witzel Brett McCowan

Members Absent:

Others Present: Michael Knight, *GSA Manager*
 Sean Geivet, *District Manager*
 Aubrey Mauritson, *District Legal Counsel*
 Nick Keller, *District Engineer*
 Jeff Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer*

List of signed-in attendees:

Mathew Kidder	Nick Gatti	Brian Kidder
Adam Mendoza	Mike George	Nathan Magsig
Blake Wallace	Seth Bowser	Ed Farquharson
Terry Schuler	David Payne	Lisa McEwen
Jason Guthrie	Robert Alvarez	
Armando Leal	Bill Wallace	

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Eric Borba called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.
Flag salute, Michael Knight.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Borba opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements provided.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Consider Approval of Amended September 18, 2025, GSA Board Minutes.

Action: Motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Vice-President Gisler, to approve the GSA Minutes of September 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider Approval of October 16, 2025, GSA Board Minutes.

Action: Motion by Vice-President Gisler, seconded by Director Witzel, to approve the GSA Minutes of October 16, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Consideration and Action on Tier 1 Allocation Transfer or Retirement before transition into Porterville Irrigation District GSA.

The GSA Manager presented the staff report summarizing prior Board action, coordination with the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA), and the PIDGSA Stakeholder Committee's unanimous recommendation. The report addressed the removal of Tier 1 Transitional Pumping, honoring prepaid Tier 1 allocations during reconciliation, and completing all accounting prior to the PIDGSA assuming full groundwater management authority.

Board discussion focused on SGMA compliance, ensuring clarity in groundwater accounting, and minimizing confusion during the transition from ETGSA to PIDGSA.

Action: Motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Director Witzel, to adopt a resolution confirming the retirement and removal of the Tier 1 Allocation, honoring prepaid Tier 1 balances through reconciliation, and directing staff to complete coordination with ETGSA. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consideration to Adopt New Logo for the Porterville Irrigation District GSA.

The GSA Manager presented the recommended logo selected by the Stakeholder Committee, emphasizing the bold "GSA" text and minimal reference to the irrigation district to distinguish the GSA's role clearly.

Board members concurred that the selected logo provides a clear, professional identity suitable for reports, outreach materials, and official documents.

Action: Motion by Vice President Gisler, seconded by Director McCowan, to adopt the recommended PIDGSA logo as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Water Year 2026 Sustainable Yield Allocation Status Update.

The GSA Manager provided an informational update on the ongoing sustainable yield evaluation being conducted by Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE). The Board was advised that, pending completion of the localized technical memorandum, the District will continue to apply an interim allocation consistent with the ETGSA framework to ensure continuity in accounting and compliance. No action was taken.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. No Report, November 6, 2025, Stakeholder Committee Meeting was Canceled.

No report was provided, as the November 6, 2025, Stakeholder Committee meeting was canceled.

7. CLOSED SESSION: No closed session.

8. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: No Report.

a. Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1.

There was no reportable action pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Knight, GSA General Manager

ADMINISTRATION

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: ADMINISTRATION / Water Year 2026 Sustainable Yield Allocation Status Update.

Submitted By: General Manager

Pursuant to Article IV of the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (PIDGSA) Rules and Regulations, the General Manager is directed to determine annual groundwater allocations based on available technical data and consistency with the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement.

In support of this requirement, the PIDGSA received a Technical Memorandum dated December 11, 2025, prepared by 4Creeks, Inc., summarizing the proposed Water Year 2026 Sustainable Yield allocations applicable within the PIDGSA boundary.

The 4Creeks Technical Memorandum identifies Sustainable Yield allocations using methodologies consistent with the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement, including both extraction-based and evapotranspiration (ET)-based approaches.

For Water Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026), the recommended allocations are as follows:

- Groundwater Extraction Sustainable Yield Allocation:
 - 0.27 acre-feet per acre
- Evapotranspiration (ET) Sustainable Yield Allocation:
 - Native Sustainable Yield: 0.14 AF/ac
 - Long-term Average Precipitation (1991-2025): 0.83 AF/ac
 - Total ET-Based Allocation: 0.97 acre-feet per acre

These allocations are consistent with historical Tule Subbasin modeling and prior allocation frameworks applied within the region, with the understanding that future allocations may be adjusted based on the results of the ongoing consultant review.

Concurrently, the PIDGSA has initiated a consultant-led evaluation to assess Sustainable Yield conditions specific to the PIDGSA boundary. This effort will examine localized groundwater conditions, surface water deliveries, recharge characteristics, and aquifer response within District lands.

The consultant's analysis is intended to inform future allocation years and does not affect the recommended Water Year 2026 allocation presented in this staff report. Upon completion, the results will be presented to the Stakeholder Committee and the Board for future allocation determinations.

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

To: Porterville ID GSA Board of Directors
From: Don Tucker – 4Creeks, Inc.
cc: Sean Geivet – Porterville ID GSA General Manager
Date: December 11, 2025
Re: Porterville ID GSA – Water Year 2026 Sustainable Yield Allocations



In accordance with the current Porterville Irrigation District (PIDGSA or GSA) Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Directors, the following technical memorandum summarizes the proposed Water Year 2026 (October 2025 through September 2026) groundwater allocations made available for landowners within the GSA. Article IV. Allocation of Water, Section 4.02 Determination of Allocations of the Rules and Regulations states the following:

“Each year by October 1, or as soon as reasonably practical, the General Manager shall determine the allocations available for use within the PID GSA based on PID GSA Technical Group’s data and calculations regarding whether the PID GSA GSP’s Minimum Thresholds or Measurable Objectives require allocation adjustments. In providing such data and calculations to the General Manager, the PID GSA Technical Group shall use the methodologies and calculations defined in this Article 4.”

Further, Section 4.03 Sustainable Yield Allocation of Article IV describes the Sustainable Yield allocations based on the landowner elected measurement methodologies in conformance with the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement¹ and developed using the Tule Subbasin groundwater flow model. The two Sustainable Yield allocation methodologies consist of:

- (a) Groundwater Extraction Sustainable Yield Allocation
- (b) Evapotranspiration (ET) Sustainable Yield Allocation

Table 1 describes the groundwater inflow components of the projected Tule Subbasin water budgets included for each of the Sustainable Yield allocation methodologies.

Table 1- Sustainable Yield Water Budget Components

Groundwater Inflow Components of the Tule Subbasin Projected Water Budget	Extraction Sustainable Yield	Consumptive Sustainable Yield
Inflow from Areal Recharge of Precipitation	✓	
Inflow from Infiltration of Runoff in Stream Beds	✓	✓
Inflow from Mountain-Block Recharge	✓	✓
Inflow from Return Flow of Applied Water from Groundwater Pumping	✓	

¹ Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement (2022); Attachment 2 – Tule Subbasin Setting, Section 2.3.2. – Sustainable Yield

Groundwater Extraction Sustainable Yield Allocation

Section 2.3.2.3, Attachment 2 – Basin Setting of the 2022 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement, describes the allowable groundwater pumping Sustainable Yield the Tule Subbasin as 130,000 acre-feet annually and is available for 475,895 acres within the Tule Subbasin, amounting to **0.27** acre-feet per acre.

Evapotranspiration (ET) Sustainable Yield Allocation

ET Sustainable Yield allocation is comprised of the following two components:

(A) Native Sustainable Yield. ET based measurements methodology only captures the portion of water consumed by the crop, and neglects inefficiencies such as the portion of total precipitation that areal recharges and return flows of applied water from groundwater pumping. Therefore, these groundwater inflow components of the projected water budget are not allocated as part of Sustainable Yield under an ET model. Only natural channel loss water within the Tule River, Porter Slough, Deer Creek, and White River channels and the calculated underflow from the Sierra Nevada Mountains are included in the Native Sustainable Yield allocation.

Section 2.3.2.3, Attachment 2 – Basin Setting of the 2022 Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement, describes the consumptive (Native) Sustainable Yield the Tule Subbasin as 65,000 acre-feet annually and is available for 475,895 acres within the Tule Subbasin, amounting to **0.14** acre-feet per acre.

(B) Total Precipitation. ET measurements do not distinguish between the source of water that is either applied irrigation (groundwater or surface water) or natural occurring precipitation, therefore, it is necessary to allocate the non-groundwater sources to be able to deduct to the portion of ET made up by applied groundwater. This includes surface water deliveries, which are credited to individual landowners monthly by the district and total precipitation.

Total precipitation is calculated as the long-term average total precipitation from calibrated weather stations within and adjacent to the PID GSA, interpolated to lands within PID GSA. The 34-year average (1991-2025) for PID GSA is **0.83 acre-feet per acre**.

The Water Year 2026 ET Sustainable Yield allocation, comprised of Native Sustainable Yield plus Total Precipitation for PID GSA, amounts to **0.97 acre-feet per acre**.

Water Year 2026 Sustainable Yield allocations for PID GSA are presented by allocation methodology in **Table 2**.

Table 2 - Water Year 2026 Sustainable Yield Allocation by Allocation Methodology

Allocation Component	Evapotranspiration Allocation (AF/acre)	Extraction Allocation (AF/acre)
A. Native Sustainable Yield	0.14	0.27
B. Total Precipitation	0.83	NA
Sustainable Yield	0.97	0.27