



STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 2, 2026, Convenes at 10:00 a.m.

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22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, CA 93257

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Action items are listed in **bold**.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

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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 Committee at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to provide comments at the time the Committee considers the item. Any person addressing the Committee 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

- a. Ongoing efforts for the transition from ETGSA to PID GSA.
- b. Information for GSAs and Reporters on Extraction Reports Due May 1, 2026.
- c. PID GSA Board Action to Approve a Draft Resolution of the Board Continuing Groundwater Management Program.
- d. State Water Board Draft Resolution for Exclusion of Small Pumpers in the Tule Subbasin from extraction reporting.
- e. State Water Board Draft Resolution Denying Groundwater Agencies' Exclusion Request.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Consider Approval of February 5, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes (Action).**

5. PRESENTATION

- a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Status Update from Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers.

6. POLICY DISCUSSION

- a. Committee discussion on the Water Year 2026 Sustainable Yield Allocations, specific to Groundwater Extraction of Sustainable Yield Allocation.
- b. Committee discussion on Tule Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Reserve Fund.

7. OTHER MATTERS

- a. Budget Process and 218 Discussion.
- b. Future discussion items.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next Regular Stakeholder Committee Meeting - **Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**

9. ADJOURNMENT

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request the PIDGSA to provide a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in any public meeting. This assistance includes suitable alternative formats for agendas and agenda packets used in public meetings of the GSA Committee. Requests for such assistance and for agendas and packets should be made in person, by phone, fax, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Stakeholder Committee

Subject: ANNOUNCEMENTS / Discussion and updates to the Committee.

Submitted By: General Manager

State Water Resources Control Board

March 10, 2026

Correspondence ID: «#####-###-0-#####»

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«City», «State» «Zip»

EXAMPLE

Groundwater Extraction Reporting Requirements Under The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

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Why Did You Receive This Letter?

You received this letter because you own a groundwater well in the Tule Subbasin. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) designated the Tule Subbasin as "probationary" pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) on September 17, 2024. Consequently, certain groundwater extractors (people who pump groundwater) in this subbasin are required to submit their annual groundwater extraction reports to the State Water Board by **May 1, 2026**. Some extractors may also need to pay a fee. The information below describes how these requirements apply to you.

Do These Requirements Apply to You?

The requirements **do not** apply to you if you meet any of the exemptions below:

- You do not own any groundwater wells in the Tule Subbasin.
- You do not own or do not have legal responsibility for the property or any properties you were contacted about. For example, if you rent a property, you are not responsible for reporting; the owner of the property is responsible for submitting an annual report.
- You are a *de minimis* extractor, meaning you pump no more than two acre-feet (approximately 650,000 gallons) per year for domestic (household) purposes only.
- You extract groundwater only within the boundaries of Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or Kern-Tulare Water District GSA and you comply with your GSA's groundwater management requirements. Identify your GSA here bit.ly/my-gsa.
- Potential Exclusion: You extract 20 acre-feet or less per year cumulatively from all wells you own in the Tule Subbasin. This potential exclusion and the threshold for its application will be considered for adoption by the Board at its April 7, 2026, public meeting. Visit bit.ly/sgma-tule for updates on the Board's decision.

You can also see the flow chart on the last page of this letter to understand if the requirements apply to you.

If any of the exemptions above apply to you, refer to the "What to Do If You Are Exempt" section below. If you do not qualify for any of these exemptions, **the groundwater reporting requirements apply to you**. Refer to the "What to Do If You Are **Not** Exempt" section below for further details.

The reporting obligations discussed in this letter are distinct from any obligations imposed on you by your local Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

What to Do If You Are Exempt (Requirements Do Not Apply)

If you are exempt from these reporting requirements, you should notify the Board by visiting our Groundwater Extraction Annual Reporting System (GEARS) at [the Board's reporting site](#) before May 1, 2026. Once you notify the Board, we will remove you from this mailing list. If you do not notify the Board, we may assume the reporting requirements apply to you and will contact you again.

What to Do If You Are Not Exempt (Reporting Requirements Apply)

If you are **not** exempt from these reporting requirements, you are required to:

- Step 1 - Track your monthly groundwater extractions (pumping),
- Step 2 - Once a year, report how much you pumped to the State Water Board, and
- Step 3 - Pay an annual groundwater fee to the Board (unless your fees are waived, see below for further details).

Step 1 - Tracking Your Groundwater Extractions

If you are not exempt from groundwater extraction reporting requirements, you are required to track your groundwater pumping from the Tule Subbasin that occurred between **January 1, and December 31, 2025**. The document titled “Options for Measuring Extraction Volumes” outlines ways you can measure your groundwater pumping: bit.ly/measure-extractions.

Special Requirements for Large Groundwater Extractors

If you extract **more than 500 acre-feet of groundwater per year** from the Tule Subbasin, beginning March 1, 2025, you were required to measure your extractions using certified flow meters or one of the alternative methods identified in the State Water Board’s probationary designation resolution. Visit bit.ly/sgma-tule to learn more about this requirement.

Step 2 - Submit Your Annual Groundwater Extraction Report

You must submit an annual groundwater extraction report to the State Water Board by **May 1, 2026**, for the period of **January 1, 2025 through December 30, 2025**.

System for Reporting

Submit all groundwater extraction reports through the Board’s Groundwater Extraction Annual Reporting System (GEARS): [reporting system](#). You will need a Correspondence ID to create a GEARS account. You may have received Correspondence ID(s) that were mailed to you in 2024. Those Correspondence ID(s) should work interchangeably with the Correspondence ID in this letter. Your Correspondence ID is: «#####-###-0-#####».

Required Information

Groundwater extraction reports must include the following information:

- Well owner information
- Well location, pumping capacity, and the year pumping began
- Where the groundwater is being used and the purpose of use
- Monthly groundwater extraction volumes for January through December of 2025

The “Groundwater Extraction Annual Reporting User Guide” provides additional information about reporting groundwater extractions in GEARS: bit.ly/GEARS-Resources.

Step 3 – Pay Annual Fees

You are required to pay an annual groundwater extraction report filing fee unless one or more of the following apply:

- You are exempt from the groundwater extraction reporting requirements described above.
- You receive a fee waiver (see below).
- The subbasin exits probation.

You may still be responsible for partial-year fees if the subbasin exits probation midyear.

After submitting your annual groundwater extraction report, you will receive a separate fee invoice in the mail. Fees are due thirty days after the State Water Board issues an invoice. As illustrated in the table below, the fees currently include an annual base fee and a volumetric rate per acre-foot of groundwater extracted. Please note that these fees are subject to change.

An automatic late fee will be applied if you fail to submit your annual groundwater extraction reports by May 1, 2026. Should you miss this deadline, the State Water Board may conduct an investigation to determine your groundwater extraction volumes and other necessary information. The investigation would occur at your expense. Additional details regarding the current extraction fee schedule can be found on our website: bit.ly/sgma-reporting.

Fee Category (more than one may apply)	Current Fee Amount	Applicable Parties
Annual Base Fee	\$300 per well	All <i>non-exempt</i> groundwater extractors required to report extractions
Volumetric Rate	\$20 per acre-foot of groundwater pumped	
Late Fee	25% of total fee amount per month late	<i>Non-exempt</i> extractors who do not file reports by the due date

You May Not Have to Pay Fees

The State Water Board may waive extraction fees, upon request, for certain extractors.¹ Groundwater extractors may qualify for a fee waiver if they meet **any** of the following criteria:

1. You qualify as a low-income resident:
 - a. Your household income is 200 percent or less of the federal poverty level. For more details, visit [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](https://www.hhs.gov); **or**
 - b. You are enrolled in a qualified income-based public assistance program.
2. You are a public water system or state small water system serving a disadvantaged community where the primary purpose providing water is for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.
3. You are a public school.

To qualify for a fee waiver, you must submit your annual groundwater extraction report by May 1, 2026. When you submit your report, GEARS will provide a link to the SGMA Fee Waiver Request Form. To expedite your request, submit the form by May 8, 2026. Fee waiver requests must be submitted no more than 30 days after the fee is due. More information on fee waivers is available at: bit.ly/sgma-reporting.

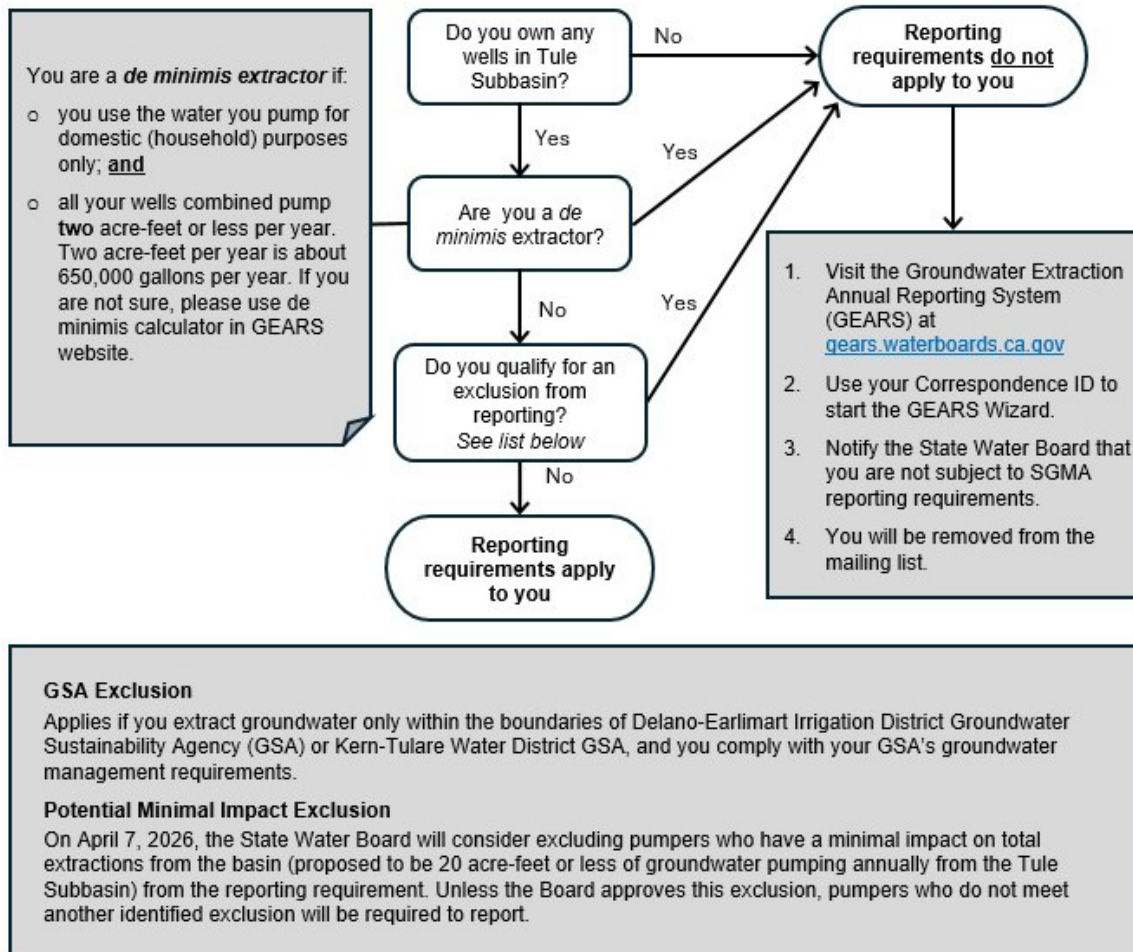
Future Extraction Reports

Extraction reports must be submitted annually while the Tule Subbasin is in probation. If the subbasin is in probation for only a portion of a year, you will only need to report your extractions for that portion of the year; reporting will not be required for extractions that

¹ Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 1044, a waiver request must be submitted to the Board within 30 days of when the fee is due for the waiver to apply to that billing and must be supported by adequate substantiation that the waiver applies.

occur after the State Water Board determines that the Tule Subbasin GSAs can manage the subbasin sustainably and ends the subbasin’s probationary status. The May 1, 2026, reporting deadline is specific to 2026. In subsequent years, extraction reports must be submitted by February 1 every year for the preceding water year.²

“Do These Requirements Apply to Me?” Flow Chart



Need more help or have questions?

For more information about SGMA and the State Water Board’s role, visit the Water Board’s SGMA website at [Water Board online](#) or refer to the “Groundwater Extractors and State Intervention Under SGMA FAQ”: bit.ly/SGMA-pumper-FAQ.

Sign up for SGMA Groundwater Extraction Reporting and Fees and SGMA Groundwater Management email updates at bit.ly/SWRCB-email-subscriptions (under State Water Board General Interests).

Visit bit.ly/GEARS-Resources for GEARs reporting resources and events.

Email us at sgma@waterboards.ca.gov or call us at (916) 322-6508.

This notice is regarding Assessor’s Parcel Number(s) (APN):

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² “Water year” means the 12-month period from October 1 through the following September 30.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

EXCLUSION OF SMALL PUMPERS IN THE TULE SUBBASIN FROM THE REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTING IN BASINS DESIGNATED PROBATIONARY PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

WHEREAS:

1. Groundwater provides a significant portion of California's water supply, making up more than one-half of the water used by Californians in drought years when other sources are unavailable. When properly managed, groundwater resources provide for communities, farms, and the environment and help protect against prolonged dry periods and climate change, preserving water supplies for existing and potential beneficial uses. However, excessive groundwater extraction can cause long-term overdraft, failed wells, deteriorated water quality, environmental damage, and irreversible land subsidence that damages infrastructure and diminishes the capacity of aquifers to store water for the future, all of which can have substantial economic impacts. Additionally, failure to manage groundwater to prevent long-term overdraft can potentially infringe on rights to or use of groundwater or interconnected surface water.
2. In 2014, the State of California enacted Assembly Bill 1739, and Senate Bills 1168 and 1319, collectively referred to as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA's intent is to ensure the proper and sustainable management of groundwater resources in California.
3. SGMA authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to designate groundwater basins as probationary. Most persons who extract groundwater from a basin the Board has designated probationary must report their extractions to the Board and pay an associated filing fee to the Board.
4. SGMA authorizes the State Water Board to exclude a class or category of extractions from the requirement for reporting that applies to probationary groundwater basins if those extractions are likely to have a minimal impact on basin withdrawals. Persons excluded from the requirement for reporting are also excluded from the requirement to pay the associated filing fee.

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5. The State Water Board designated the Tule Subbasin as probationary after a public hearing on September 17, 2024 ([Resolution No. 2024-0030](#)). The probationary designation took effect on October 3, 2024.
6. Staff evaluated the potential scope and impacts of excluding extractions of 20 acre-feet per year (AFY) or less from reporting and fee requirements in the Tule Subbasin. Using 2022 evapotranspiration data as a proxy, staff's analysis indicates that approximately 49% of water users consume less than 20 AFY, accounting for 1% of total water use in the subbasin. If all of this use is attributed to groundwater pumping, it would represent approximately 2% of total groundwater pumped from the Tule subbasin in 2022.
7. Based on the staff evaluation, it is reasonable to conclude that persons extracting no more than 20 acre-feet annually have a minimal impact on Tule subbasin withdrawals and recommends that the State Water Board exclude such persons from the requirement for reporting that applies to this probationary basin.
8. Subsidence impacts have interfered with the integrity and capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal and there is uncertainty regarding the cumulative contribution of small amounts of pumping in the vicinity of the Friant-Kern Canal to subsidence impacts. Accordingly, staff recommends that the Board not extend the proposed minimal impact exclusion to persons who extract groundwater from the Tule Subbasin from wells located within two miles of the Friant-Kern Canal, meaning that the probationary reporting requirement will continue to apply to such persons.
9. The State Water Board recognizes that near-term SGMA implementation has the potential to result in substantial economic impacts in overdrafted basins. The State Water Board further recognizes that the goal of SGMA is sustainable groundwater management that will ensure the long-term viability of groundwater resources for future use by communities, farms, businesses, and the environment.
10. The State Water Board has a duty to consider adverse impacts groundwater extraction would have on public trust resources and to protect public trust resources where feasible.
11. The State Water Board recognizes the established Human Right to Water policy of the state that every human being has the right to safe, clean,

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affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.

12. The State Water Board is committed to upholding California's human right to water and making racial equity, diversity, inclusion, and environmental justice a central consideration in the Board's decision.
13. The State Water Board has reviewed and considered the staff recommendation and supporting data and considered public comments and testimony, and proposes that in the Tule Subbasin extractions by individuals who extract no more than 20 acre-feet of groundwater annually and do not extract groundwater within two miles of the Friant-Kern Canal should be excluded from the reporting requirement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Finds that groundwater extractions in the Tule Subbasin by persons who individually extract a total of no more than 20 acre-feet annually and do not extract groundwater from wells located within two miles of the Friant-Kern Canal are likely to have a minimal impact on withdrawals from the Subbasin and are not expected to adversely impact public trust resources.
2. Pursuant to subdivision (c) of Water Code section 10735.2, excludes, as a class, persons who extract a total of no more than 20 acre-feet annually from the Tule Subbasin and do not extract groundwater from wells located within two miles away from the Friant-Kern Canal from the requirement for reporting extractions and paying fees that is imposed by Part 5.2 (commencing with Section 5200) of Division 2 of the California Water Code. For purposes of this exclusion, eligibility for each reporting period shall be based on a pumper's extractions during the water year (October 1 of each year to September 30 of the following year) in which the majority of the reporting period falls.
3. Directs staff to provide notice in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act before presenting a resolution rescinding this exclusion or reducing the class of excluded persons to the Board for consideration and potential approval at a regular Board meeting if available information indicates that groundwater extractions in the Tule Subbasin by persons who extract a total of no more than 20 acre-feet annually are resulting in more than a minimal impact on basin withdrawals.

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4. Directs staff to provide notice in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act before presenting a resolution expanding the class of excluded persons to the Board for consideration and potential approval if available information indicates that groundwater extractions in the Tule Subbasin by persons who extract more than 20 acre-feet annually are likely to have a minimal impact on basin withdrawals or that small amounts of pumping from wells located within two miles of the Friant-Kern Canal are not substantially contributed to subsidence impacting the Canal.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on April 7, 2026.

Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board

State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Board Meeting and Opportunity to Comment Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Consideration of a Proposed Resolution Denying Requests for Exclusion from Probationary Reporting and Fees to Eight Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Tule Subbasin

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) is seeking comments from the public on the Review of Requests for Exclusion from Probationary Reporting and Fees for the Tule groundwater subbasin, a probationary subbasin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The report outlines staff's assessment of requests from eight groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) to be considered for exclusions from probationary reporting and fee requirements and recommends that the Board not grant any of the exclusion requests.

The State Water Board will consider the exclusion requests and the staff recommendation at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on April 21, 2026. Additional information on the exclusion recommendations is provided below. The Board may take action consistent with the staff recommendation or take other action regarding the reporting and fee requirement in the Tule Subbasin.

The Board will also hear updates from staff on possible next steps for interim plan development for the basin.

Participation Options

Review the Available Documents

Review the available documents through the links below. Physical copies of the documents may be mailed to you upon request by contacting staff as described below.

Tule Subbasin Exclusion Report (covering Lower Tule River Irrigation District, Pixley Irrigation District, Porterville Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District, Terra Bella Irrigation District, Tri-County Water Authority, Tea Pot Dome Water District, and Vandalia Irrigation District GSAs):

- [Full Report](#)

Draft Resolution Denying Requests for Exclusion from Probationary Reporting and Fees to Eight GSAs in the Tule Subbasin

- [Draft Resolution](#)

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- For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the webcast remains available at either youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport or video.calepa.ca.gov (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.

Submit Written Comments

Written comments on the Tule Subbasin Exclusion Reports must be received by **12:00pm (noon) on April 20, 2026**. Comments received after this time and date may not be considered.

Please email your written comments in PDF format to SGMA-Tule@waterboards.ca.gov and include "**Comments – Tule Subbasin**" the subject line. You may also mail, or hand deliver your written comments to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board
Attention: Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 (by mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

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- Visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance on 10th Street.
- Please allow 5 to 10 minutes to receive security clearance.

Background

The State Water Board designated the Tule subbasin as probationary under SGMA on September 17, 2024. Most groundwater pumpers in the Tule subbasin are required to report their groundwater extractions by May 1, 2026, and pay fees to the Board.

After the probationary designation, eight Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Tule subbasin requested to be considered for exclusions from reporting and fees. Board staff evaluated these requests and does not recommend exclusions for any of the eight GSAs.

Board staff will provide an overview of the GSAs' requests for exclusions, staff's proposed recommendations regarding the requests to the Board, and possible next steps for developing an interim plan for the subbasin. The Board may take action based on the staff recommendation or may take other action regarding the reporting and fee requirement in the Tule Subbasin at the Board meeting. If the Board grants an exclusion for a GSA, groundwater pumpers within that GSA's boundaries would not need to report extractions and pay fees to the State Water Board for groundwater extractions.

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Any person interested in receiving additional information about State Water Board SGMA activities, including any change to the date, time, or meeting location in this public notice, should subscribe to the email distribution list.

Contact Information

- Program contact: sgma@waterboards.ca.gov or 916-322-6508
- Website: www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma

Date March 19, 2026



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board

CONSENT CALENDAR

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Stakeholder Committee

Subject: CONSENT CALENDAR / Consideration and approval of February 5, 2026, GSA Stakeholder Committee Minutes (Action).

Submitted By: General Manager

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Brett McCowan opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ongoing efforts for the transition from ETGSA to PID GSA.

Staff provided updates regarding:

- Continued transition from Eastern Tule GSA (ETGSA) to PID GSA
- Ongoing implementation efforts, including Account migration and data validation, and Development of technical documents
- Continued stakeholder engagement opportunities with the Tule Subbasin

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Consider Approval of October 2, 2025, GSA Board Minutes.

Action:

A motion was made by Stakeholder Chair Brett McCowan, seconded by Stakeholder Member Seth Bowser, to approve the October 2, 2025, minutes.

4. POLICY DISCUSSION

- a. Committee discussion on the Draft PID GSA Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model.

Staff presented the Draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (HCM) and provided an overview of:

- Basin geology, aquifer structure, and groundwater flow dynamics
- Interaction between surface water and groundwater systems
- Recharge mechanisms and constraints
- Role of HCM in supporting SGMA compliance and future modeling efforts

The HCM is intended to establish the technical foundation for groundwater management decisions.

Committee Discussion Included:

- Clarification on localized aquifer conditions within PID boundaries
- Relationship between HCM and future sustainable yield determinations
- Data gaps and opportunities for refinement

Direction Provided:

Committee members provided feedback and requested continued refinement as additional data becomes available.

b. Committee discussion on the Draft PID GSA Water Budget.

Staff presented the Draft Water Budget, including:

- Components of the groundwater system:
 - Inflows: precipitation, surface water recharge, subsurface inflows
 - Outflows: evapotranspiration (ET), pumping, subsurface outflows
- Integration with:
 - Historical subbasin data
 - PID-specific land use and irrigation practices

Discussion Topics Included:

- Relationship between precipitation (0.83 AF/ac) and native sustainable yield (0.15 AF/ac) assumptions
- Accounting methodology using ET-based consumption versus metering
- Consideration of surface water deliveries and groundwater credits
- Long-term sustainability trends

Committee Feedback:

- Emphasis on clarity for landowners regarding how pumping is calculated
- Need for consistency with subbasin-wide methodology
- Interest in simplified communication for stakeholders

5. OTHER MATTERS

- a. Future discussion items.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next Regular Stakeholder Meeting – Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the PID GSA Stakeholder Committee is scheduled for: Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Stakeholder Committee, Chairman Brett McCowan adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Knight, GSA General Manager

POLICY DISCUSSION

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Stakeholder Committee

Subject: POLICY DISCUSSION / Committee discussion on the Water Year 2026 Sustainable Yield Allocations, specific to Groundwater Extraction of Sustainable Yield Allocation.

Submitted By: General Manager

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM



4CREEKS

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



POLICY DISCUSSION

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Stakeholder Committee

Subject: POLICY DISCUSSION / Committee discussion on Tule Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Reserve Fund.

Submitted By: General Manager

At the recent Tule Subbasin Policy Ad-hoc meeting, one of the primary discussion items was implementation of the proposed **Drinking Water Well Mitigation Program** and, specifically, the structure and funding of the **Mitigation Reserve Fund**. The discussion began with the process for claim review and approval, and then moved to the practical and policy considerations associated with reserving mitigation funding identified in the 2024 Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

As previously discussed at the Subbasin level, the Mitigation Reserve Fund concept was generally supported as an important measure to demonstrate to the State Water Resources Control Board that the GSAs in the Tule Subbasin would have readily available funding to respond to drinking water well impacts associated with groundwater management. This funding structure was intended to support the argument that potential impacts could be addressed quickly and effectively, thereby reducing the likelihood that such impacts would be considered significant and unmitigated.

Based on the undesirable result quantification criteria included in the 2024 GSPs, the Subbasin-wide reserve fund amounts proposed are as follows:

- **Impacted Domestic Wells from Declining Groundwater Levels: \$3,344,800**
- **Impacted Domestic Wells from Degraded Groundwater Quality: \$500,000**
- **Total Proposed Reserve Fund: \$3,844,800**

The Policy Ad-hoc Group generally supported assigning each GSA an initial prorated contribution based on the number of anticipated impacted domestic wells located within its jurisdictional boundary. However, the group did not reach consensus on whether those funds should be pooled into a single Subbasin-wide reserve account or maintained separately by each GSA within its own accounts.

Discussion

1. Reserve Fund Purpose

The proposed reserve fund is intended to ensure that mitigation resources are available if domestic drinking water wells are impacted by groundwater conditions associated with sustainable groundwater management. A reserve fund would allow a GSA or group of GSAs to respond quickly to verified claims and provide emergency or full mitigation measures without delay.

From a regulatory perspective, a readily available mitigation reserve may strengthen the Subbasin's ability to demonstrate that its sustainability criteria are supported by an actionable mitigation mechanism. This is particularly important where the State has emphasized that claim review and attribution should be conducted objectively and consistently.

2. Subbasin-Wide Reserve Fund vs. Individual GSA Reserve Accounts

Two implementation structures were discussed by the Policy Ad-hoc Group.

Subbasin-Wide Reserve Fund

Under this option, each GSA would contribute its prorated share into one common reserve account administered on a Subbasin-wide basis. Supporters of this structure noted that a centralized reserve may:

- Promote consistency in claim handling and mitigation response,
- Provide a more uniform approach to claim attribution,
- Demonstrate coordinated Subbasin action to the State, and
- Improve the ability to respond promptly where impacts occur.

Individual GSA Reserve Accounts

Under this option, each GSA would maintain mitigation funds equal to or greater than its assigned amount within its own reserve or budget accounts. Supporters of this option noted that:

- Some GSAs have already acted proactively to reduce domestic well vulnerability,
- Some GSAs have relatively few domestic wells and therefore may be reluctant to subsidize impacts elsewhere,
- It preserves local control over budgeting and expenditures, and
- It may better align responsibility with local conditions and local management actions.

3. Funding Basis if a Subbasin-Wide Account is Supported

If the Committee recommends participation in a Subbasin-wide reserve fund, the next policy question is the amount of the initial contribution.

Two approaches were presented:

Option A – Full Mitigation Funding Basis

This option would fund the full estimated mitigation cost using:

- **\$90,400 per impacted domestic well** for groundwater level impacts, and
- **\$2,500 per impacted domestic well** for groundwater quality impacts.

Under this option, Porterville ID's initial contribution would be **\$336,200**.

Option B – Interim/Emergency Mitigation Funding Basis

This option would require the Subbasin-wide reserve to cover at minimum:

- **\$17,900 per impacted domestic well** for emergency and interim water supply costs associated with declining groundwater levels, and
- **\$2,500 per impacted domestic well** for degraded groundwater quality impacts.

Under this option, Porterville ID's initial contribution would be **\$118,700**, with the balance of any full mitigation obligation to remain reserved within the individual GSA's own accounts.

4. Basis for Porterville ID's Initial Contribution

The attached Subbasin analysis estimates PID's prorated share based on anticipated impacts within its boundary using the following assumptions:

- **Groundwater Level Impacts:** 20% of impacted wells at the model-generated upper aquifer minimum threshold surface
- **Groundwater Quality Impacts:** 12.5% of total domestic wells within each GSA boundary

For Porterville ID, the analysis identifies:

- **3 impacted wells** for groundwater level reserve contribution calculations
- **26 impacted wells** for groundwater quality reserve contribution calculations
- **Full mitigation total: \$336,200**
- **Interim mitigation total: \$118,700**

PID GSA Considerations

As the Stakeholder Committee evaluates this matter, the following policy considerations may be relevant:

First, PID GSA should consider whether participation in a Subbasin-wide reserve fund materially improves claim administration, consistency, and regulatory defensibility. A common reserve may present a stronger coordinated framework to outside agencies, but it may also reduce local control over fund use.

Second, PID GSA should consider the degree to which its own domestic well risk profile justifies either a pooled or siloed funding approach. Because PID has a measurable estimated contribution under either option, the Committee may wish to weigh both fairness and practical program administration.

Third, if a centralized reserve is supported, the Committee should consider whether an initial contribution based on **interim mitigation** is a more reasonable and cost-conscious starting point than immediate full mitigation capitalization. The interim option reduces the immediate funding burden while still demonstrating the availability of emergency response funds.

Finally, the Committee should consider how any reserve commitment would be incorporated into future PID GSA budgeting, financial reserves, and implementation planning.

Committee Direction Requested

Staff requests that the Stakeholder Committee discuss the reserve fund structure and provide direction on the following:

1. Should PID GSA support a **Subbasin-wide Drinking Water Well Mitigation Reserve Fund account**?
2. If so, should the initial PID GSA contribution be based on:
 - o **Full mitigation cost**; or
 - o **Interim/emergency mitigation cost only**?
3. If not, should PID GSA maintain mitigation funds in an amount equal to or greater than its assigned share within its own PID GSA reserve accounts?

Suggested Stakeholder Committee Recommendation

Following discussion, the Stakeholder Committee may consider recommending one of the following to the PID GSA Board:

Option 1: Recommend that PID GSA support participation in a Subbasin-wide reserve fund using the **full mitigation contribution basis**.

Option 2: Recommend that PID GSA support participation in a Subbasin-wide reserve fund using the **interim mitigation contribution basis**, with any remaining full mitigation obligation reserved locally if necessary.

Option 3: Recommend that PID GSA **not participate in a pooled Subbasin reserve account** and instead maintain its assigned reserve amount within PID GSA's own accounts.

Potential fiscal impact to PID GSA based on the Subbasin reserve analysis is estimated as follows:

- **Full Mitigation Contribution: \$336,200**
- **Interim Mitigation Contribution: \$118,700**

Any final funding commitment would be subject to the Board's direction and to incorporation into the PID GSA budget or reserve structure.

Recommendation

Review the Tule Subbasin Drinking Water Well Mitigation Reserve Fund framework and provide a recommendation to the PID GSA Board regarding:

1. Whether PID GSA should support participation in a **Subbasin-wide Mitigation Reserve Fund account**, or
2. Whether PID GSA should maintain its **proportionate mitigation reserve within its own PID GSA budget and accounts**, and

3. If a Subbasin-wide fund is supported, whether the initial contribution basis should be:
 - o **Full mitigation cost**, or
 - o **Emergency/interim mitigation cost only**, with the remaining mitigation obligation reserved at the individual GSA level.

The reserve fund analysis provided to the Subbasin identifies Porterville ID’s estimated initial contribution at **\$336,200 under a full mitigation approach** and **\$118,700 under an interim mitigation approach**.

Table 2 - Tule Subbasin Drinking Water Well Mitigation Program Reserve Fund
Groundwater Quality Impacts

GSA	# of Domestic Wells	12.5% Impacted ¹	GWQ Reserve Fund Initial Contribution (Full Mitigation)	
			Cost per Well	
				\$2,500
Alpaugh	6	1	\$	2,500
Delano-Earlimart ID	76	10	\$	25,000
Lower Tule River ID	269	34	\$	85,000
Kern Tulare WD	5	1	\$	2,500
Pixley ID	179	23	\$	57,500
TCWA	51	7	\$	17,500
Vandalia WD	16	2	\$	5,000
Tea Pot Dome WD	45	6	\$	15,000
Saucelito	28	4	\$	10,000
Porterville ID	207	26	\$	65,000
Terra Bella ID	26	4	\$	10,000
Tule East	652	82	\$	205,000
Totals	1560	200	\$	500,000

1: 12.5% Impacted Domestic Wells tied to Undesirable Result Criteria for Degraded Groundwater Quality

Table 1 - Tule Subbasin Drinking Water Well Mitigation Program Reserve Fund
Groundwater Level Impacts

GSA	# of Impacted Wells @ Minnum Threshold	20% of Impacted @ Minimum Threshold ¹	GWL Reserve Fund Initial Contribution	
			(Full Mitigation)	(Interim Mitigation)
			<i>Cost per Well</i>	
			\$ 90,400	\$ 17,900
Alpaugh	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Delano-Earlimart ID	7	2	\$ 180,800	\$ 35,800
Lower Tule River ID	47	10	\$ 904,000	\$ 179,000
Kern Tulare WD	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Pixley ID	44	9	\$ 813,600	\$ 161,100
TCWA	10	2	\$ 180,800	\$ 35,800
Vandalia WD	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Tea Pot Dome WD	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Saucelito ID	4	1	\$ 90,400	\$ 17,900
Porterville ID	12	3	\$ 271,200	\$ 53,700
Terra Bella ID	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Tule East	49	10	\$ 904,000	\$ 179,000
Totals	173	37	\$ 3,344,800	\$ 662,300

1: 20% Impacted Wells tied to Undesirable Result Definition for Declining Groundwater Levels

**Table 3 - Tule Subbasin Drinking Water Well Mitigation Program Reserve Fund
GSA Contributions
Groundwater Level & Groundwater Quality Impacts**

GSA	Full Mitigation¹	Interim Mitigation²
Alpaugh	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Delano-Earlimart ID	\$ 205,800	\$ 60,800
Lower Tule River ID	\$ 989,000	\$ 264,000
Kern Tulare WD	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Pixley ID	\$ 871,100	\$ 218,600
TCWA	\$ 198,300	\$ 53,300
Vandalia WD	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Tea Pot Dome WD	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Saucelito	\$ 100,400	\$ 27,900
Porterville ID	\$ 336,200	\$ 118,700
Terra Bella ID	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Tule East	\$ 1,109,000	\$ 384,000
Totals	\$ 3,844,800	\$ 1,162,300

1: Full mitigation includes \$90,400 at 20% of impacted well from declining groundwater levels at Minimum Threshold & \$2,500 at 12.5% of wells impacted from degraded groundwater quality

2: Interim mitigation includes \$17,900 at 20% of impacted well from declining groundwater levels at Minimum Threshold & \$2,500 at 12.5% of wells impacted from degraded groundwater quality