

PORTERVILLE

IRRIGATION DISTRICT



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Convenes at 10:30 a.m.

Or immediately following the Porterville Irrigation District Meeting

<http://www.portervilleid.org> / PIDGSA@ocsnet.net

22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, CA 93257

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Action items are listed in **bold**.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Flag Salute

All items on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may consider agenda items in any order. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the Porterville Irrigation District, 22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, CA 93257, during regular business hours.

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

- a. No Announcements.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Consideration and Approval of May 21, 2026, GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes (Action).**

5. ADMINISTRATION

- a. **Consideration and Approval of Proposed Draft GSP/Coordination Agreement Cost-share MOU. (Action)**
- b. **Consider and Approve a Mandatory Deadline for Well Registration for PID GSA Basinsafe Accounts. (Action)**
- c. **Consider and Approve Participation in a Tule Subbasin Land Repurposing Economic Analysis, in Coordination with Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust. (Action)**
- d. **Consider, Review, and Schedule a 218 Public Hearing to Set the 2026 PID GSA Extraction Fee. (Action)**

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Provide a report to Committee Members on meetings conducted to facilitate the Tule Subbasin Multi-GSA efforts and progress.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

- 1. **Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation: One (1) case.**

8. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

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

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (Discussion of schedule possible conflict)

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 May 21, 2026, GSA Board Minutes (Action).

Submitted By: General Manager

PORTERVILLE

IRRIGATION DISTRICT



MINUTES OF THE GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD MAY 21, 2026

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026, at the Porterville Irrigation District Board Room, President Eric Borba called to order the Special 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
Brett McCowan

Members Absent: Timothy Witzel

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

List of signed-in attendees:

Terry Schuler Bill Morgan
Matt Kidder Adam Mendoza
Blake Wallace Alexa Altamirano
Jason Guthrie
Mike George

Additional members of the public were present in person and via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Eric Borba called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
Flag salute: Michael Knight

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Information on GSA assistance with Gears Reporting for 2025 Extraction (Reports Due May 1, 2026).

The GSA Manager provided an update regarding GSA assistance with 2025 groundwater extraction reporting through the State Water Resources Control Board's Groundwater Extraction Annual Reporting System ("GEARS"). Staff noted that reports were due May 1, 2026, and that PIDGSA assistance remained available to landowners and groundwater users needing help with reporting or understanding State Water Board requirements.

- b. Surface Water and 2026 Allocations have been posted in PID BasinSafe Accounts.

The GSA Manager reported that surface water and 2026 allocation information had been posted in PID BasinSafe accounts. Staff noted that landowners and account holders should review their BasinSafe accounts to confirm posted information and contact PIDGSA staff with questions or corrections.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Consideration and Approval of April 16, 2026, GSA Board Meeting Minutes (Action).

Action: Motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Vice President Gisler, to approve the GSA Board Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consideration and Approval of May 12, 2026, GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes (Action).

Action: Motion by Vice President Gisler, seconded by President Borba, to approve the GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Consider and Approve a Draft Resolution of the PID GSA Board of Directors Appointing Don Tucker (of 4Creeks, Inc.) as the Tule Subbasin Plan Manager and Point of Contact. (Action)

The GSA Manager presented a draft resolution appointing Don Tucker of 4Creeks, Inc. as the Tule Subbasin Plan Manager and designated point of contact. Staff explained that the Plan Manager serves as the authorized representative for submitting the Plan and as the point of contact between the agencies and the Department, consistent with applicable SGMA

regulations.

Staff further explained that prior Tule Subbasin coordination documents identified David De Groot of 4Creeks, Inc. as Plan Manager and point of contact. Due to internal staffing structures within 4Creeks, Inc., the Tule Subbasin GSAs proposed updating the designated Plan Manager and point of contact to Don Tucker, Principal Water Consultant with 4Creeks, Inc. as the Tule Subbasin continues coordinated efforts related to SGMA compliance, State Board review, and Multi-GSA planning.

Action: Motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Vice President Gisler, to approve the resolution appointing Don Tucker of 4Creeks, Inc. as the Tule Subbasin Plan Manager and designated point of contact. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider and Approve, in addition to the Draft Board Resolution, a Draft Tule Subbasin Plan Manager/ Point of Contact Agreement and Authorize the GSA Manager to Execute, subsequent to any Legal Recommendation. (Action)

The GSA Manager presented the draft Tule Subbasin Plan Manager / Point of Contact Agreement. Staff explained that the agreement would formalize the appointment of Don Tucker of 4Creeks, Inc. as the Tule Subbasin Plan Manager and point of contact among the participating Tule Subbasin GSAs.

Staff noted that the agreement identifies the Plan Manager as the person authorized to communicate with the State Water Resources Control Board and/or the Department on behalf of the Tule Subbasin GSAs.

Action: Motion by Vice President Gisler, seconded by Director McCowan, to approve the draft Tule Subbasin Plan Manager/Point of Contact Agreement and authorize the GSA Manager to execute the agreement, subject to any legal recommendations or final legal review. Motion carried unanimously.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Provide a report to Committee Members on meetings conducted to facilitate the Tule Subbasin Multi-GSA efforts and progress.

The GSA Manager provided a report on meetings held to facilitate the Tule Subbasin Multi-GSA efforts and the related progress. Staff summarized continued coordination among the Tule Subbasin GSAs regarding the Multi-GSA planning process, groundwater sustainability planning, coordination with consultants, regulatory response strategy, and ongoing communications with the State Water Resources Control Board.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to:

1. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated

Litigation – Initiation of Litigation: One (1) case.

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

The next regular meeting of the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Action: Motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Vice President Gisler, to schedule a Special Meeting of the GSA Board for June 9, 2026, for 10:30 a.m., or immediately following the Porterville Irrigation District Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Borba adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Knight, GSA General Manager

ADMINISTRATION

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: ADMINISTRATION / Consideration and Approval of Proposed Draft GSP/Coordination Agreement Cost-share MOU. (Action)

Submitted By: General Manager

The Tule Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies continue to coordinate on Subbasin-wide efforts necessary to support compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, including technical analyses, reporting, development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans, implementation activities, and coordination with the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board.

To support these shared efforts, the participating GSAs have prepared an Interim Cost Sharing Memorandum of Understanding. The purpose of the agreement is to establish an interim funding and administrative framework for approved Subbasin-wide activities through December 31, 2026.

The MOU is intended only as a cost-sharing and administrative mechanism and does not replace or supersede any existing coordination agreement unless expressly stated. The agreement also preserves each GSA's independent authority over its internal matters, including local groundwater management, surface water supplies, facilities, operations, and related authorities.

Under the proposed MOU, Subbasin-wide activities and shared costs must be approved in writing by all participating parties through a written scope of work, budget, or other approval documentation. Costs incurred solely for the benefit of an individual GSA would not be considered shared costs unless expressly approved by the parties.

The MOU provides that costs will be allocated based on each GSA's proportional acreage within the Tule Subbasin. The total acreage used for the agreement is approximately 475,379.24 acres. Porterville ID GSA's acreage is identified as 15,497.36 acres, representing 3.26% of the Tule Subbasin acreage.

Lower Tule Irrigation District is designated as the fiscal agent and administrator for the agreement. The administrator would receive and maintain party contributions, maintain accounting records, pay approved invoices, provide monthly financial reporting, and retain records related to the agreement.

The agreement also addresses approval of consultant services, ownership of work product, confidentiality of certain draft technical work product, invoicing, payment procedures, and the relationship of the interim MOU to potential future agreements beginning in 2027.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors approve the Tule Subbasin Interim Cost Sharing Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the GSA Manager to execute the agreement, subject to any final legal review or non-substantive revisions.

TULE SUBBASIN INTERIM COST SHARING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Interim Cost Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement” or “MOU”) is entered into as of _____, 2026 (“Effective Date”), by and among the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) within the Tule Subbasin, each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”:

1. Alpaugh Groundwater Sustainability Agency
2. Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency
3. Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority
4. Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency
5. Saucelito Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency
6. Terra Bella Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency
7. Kern-Tulare Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency
8. Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency
9. Pixley Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency
10. Tri-County Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency
11. Teapot Dome Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency
12. Vandalia Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties are groundwater sustainability agencies (“GSAs”) operating within the Tule Subbasin pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), Water Code section 10720 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are engaged in coordinated efforts necessary to support SGMA compliance within the Tule Subbasin, including technical analyses, reporting, Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development, implementation activities, and coordination with the California Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize that certain technical, legal, administrative, and consulting services are most efficiently performed on a Subbasin-wide basis; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to establish an interim framework for sharing costs associated with such Subbasin-wide activities through December 31, 2026, pending development of future agreements and updated scopes of work for subsequent years;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish an interim cost-sharing and administrative framework for the Parties to jointly fund and manage Subbasin-wide activities necessary to support coordinated SGMA compliance efforts within the Tule Subbasin through December 31, 2026.

This Agreement is intended solely as a funding and administrative mechanism and does not replace or supersede any existing Coordination Agreement unless expressly stated therein.

This Agreement is not intended to limit, or otherwise interfere with, a respective Party's rights and authorities over its own internal matters as recognized by SGMA, including, but not limited to, a Party's rights and powers as a GSA, its surface water supplies, its groundwater supplies, facilities, operations, water management, water supply matters, or anything else limiting a Party's police powers under any other authority.

2. PARTIES

This Agreement is entered into by and among the Parties identified in Exhibit A. Each Party is an independent public agency acting within its authority under SGMA.

3. SUBBASIN-WIDE ACTIVITIES AND SHARED COSTS

The Parties agree to share costs associated with approved Subbasin-wide activities supporting coordinated SGMA compliance within the Tule Subbasin ("Subbasin-wide Activities") as contained in Exhibit B. Approval of Subbasin-wide Activities or any other shared costs requires unanimous approval in writing by all Parties to this Agreement of a written scope of work describing the activity or shared cost, which shall be attached to this Agreement under Exhibit B.

Costs incurred solely for the internal benefit of an individual Party shall not constitute shared costs unless expressly approved by the Parties. The Parties acknowledge that certain activities may apply only to a subset of Parties. In such cases, costs may be allocated solely among the participating or benefiting Parties as identified in the applicable scope of work, invoice, budget, or approval documentation. Costs incurred, whether for Subbasin-wide Activities or solely for individual benefit, by an individual, non-Party, GSA shall not constitute shared costs subject to the cost allocation described in paragraph 4 of this Agreement, if said GSA does not become a Party to this Agreement within one month of the Effective Date.

Any GSA that becomes a Party to this Agreement shall be responsible for their proportional share of the total costs associated with Subbasin-wide Activities performed pursuant to this Agreement as described in this paragraph, including those costs incurred by the Parties prior to said GSA becoming a Party.

4. COST ALLOCATION

The Parties agree to collectively share the costs associated with Subbasin-wide Activities performed pursuant to this Agreement, with each Party contributing its proportional share of the total cost based upon the acreage percentages identified in Exhibit A. The Parties acknowledge that the total acreage utilized for purposes of this Agreement is approximately 475,379.24 acres, with each Party's proportional share calculated based upon its percentage of total Subbasin acreage. The Parties shall contribute their respective shares of approved costs through cash calls issued by the Administrator as necessary to fund approved Subbasin-wide Activities through December 31, 2026. The timing and amount of each cash call shall be determined by the Parties

based upon approved scopes of work, budgets, and anticipated project expenditures. A Party must timely complete its cost-share contribution before it is entitled to joint ownership of work product under Section 8 of this Agreement.

5. APPROVAL OF WORK AND CONSULTANT SERVICES

The consultants and other professional service providers that provide the subbasin-wide activities subject to this cost sharing Agreement will be retained by an individual GSA Party, pursuant to a scope of work and budget under Exhibit B approved by the Board of Directors of each of the Parties to this Agreement. These retained consultants shall take direction only from the authorized representatives of the Parties to this Agreement, and no individual Party may independently direct work in a manner that materially increases cost or expands or changes the scope of work without approval of all of the Parties. .

The Plan Manager is responsible for ensuring that consultants are following their approved scopes and will not authorize charges for items outside of the approved scope.

In some cases the consultants performing work subject to this Agreement are also consultants to one or more individual GSAs who are parties to this Agreement. A consultant's work on subbasin-wide activities subject to this Agreement (1) shall be separately billed from work directed by an individual GSA; and (2) shall not preclude a consultant from providing services for individual GSAs that are separate from and not subject to this Agreement

6. ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL AGENT

The Parties designate Lower Tule Irrigation District ("Administrator") to serve as the fiscal agent and administrator for purposes of this Agreement. The Administrator shall; (1) receive and maintain Party contributions; (2) maintain accounting records associated with this Agreement; (3) pay approved invoices; (4) provide financial reporting to the Parties on a monthly basis; and (5) retain financial records related to this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years following completion of work. The Administrator shall have no independent authority to incur obligations or make policy decisions except as expressly authorized by the Parties.

7. BUDGETING, INVOICING, AND PAYMENT

The Parties shall approve one or more budgets for Subbasin-wide Activities performed pursuant to this Agreement. The Administrator shall invoice each Party for its allocated share of approved costs. Payment shall be due within thirty (30) days of receipt unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. Consultant invoices may be circulated to the Parties for review prior to payment. Any Party objecting to an invoice shall notify the Administrator and Parties within ten (10) business days of receipt of the invoice, identifying the basis for the objection. Undisputed amounts may be paid while any disputed portion is addressed by the Parties. A Party failing to timely pay approved costs shall remain responsible for all obligations incurred prior to any withdrawal or termination of participation under this Agreement.

8. OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT AND NON-DISCLOSURE

All work product generated pursuant to this Agreement shall be jointly owned by the Parties participating in funding the applicable work product, and each such Party shall have access to and the ability to utilize such work product for SGMA-related purposes.

The Parties may unanimously forbid the participation of any non-Party, their consultants and representatives, in any technical group meeting intended to support Subbasin-wide Activities. All written work product in the form of technical memoranda, including drafts, sub-parts, and sections thereof, in support of Subbasin-wide Activities shall be subject to non-disclosure, including to non-Party GSAs, unless all Parties consent, in writing, to disclosure. Such non-disclosure shall terminate for each particular technical memorandum upon the Parties consenting to the transmission of and then transmitting said memorandum to SWRCB staff.

9. RELATIONSHIP TO FUTURE AGREEMENTS

The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement is intended as an interim cost-sharing mechanism through December 31, 2026. The Parties anticipate development of updated scopes of work, budgets, and potential future agreements governing Subbasin-wide coordination and cost-sharing activities beginning in 2027. This Agreement may be superseded, amended, replaced, or incorporated into future agreements approved by the Parties.

11. TERM AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Parties and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2026, unless earlier terminated or superseded by written agreement of the Parties. A Party may withdraw from this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the remaining Parties; provided, however, that withdrawal shall not relieve the withdrawing Party of financial obligations incurred prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

12. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may only be amended by a written instrument executed by the Parties.

13. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

14. COUNTERPARTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

Electronic signatures shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Alpaugh Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority

Date

Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

Saucelito Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

Terra Bella Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

Kern-Tulare Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

Pixley Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

Tri-County Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

Teapot Dome Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

Vandalia Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date

EXHIBIT A**COST ALLOCATION**

GSA	Acreage	Percentage of Subbasin Acreage
Alpaugh ID	14,403.99	3.03%
Delano-Earlimart ID	57,330.74	12.06%
Tule East GSA	98,403.50	20.70%
Porterville ID	15,497.36	3.26%
Saucelito ID	19,680.70	4.14%
Terra Bella ID	13,786.00	2.90%
Kern-Tulare WD	8,604.36	1.81%
Lower Tule River ID	104,630.97	22.01%
Pixley ID	69,880.75	14.70%
Tri-County WA	68,787.38	14.47%
Teapot Dome WD	2,994.89	0.63%
Vandalia WD	1,378.60	0.29%
Total	475,379.24	100.00%

ADMINISTRATION

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: ADMINISTRATION / Consider and Approve Participation in a Tule Subbasin Land Repurposing Economic Analysis, in Coordination with Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust. (Action)

Submitted By: General Manager

ERA Economics, LLC has prepared a scope of work for the Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust to conduct a Tule Subbasin Land Repurposing Economic Analysis. ERA is currently performing similar work for the Kaweah Subbasin and proposes to extend and adapt that analysis to the Tule Subbasin.

The purpose of the analysis is to evaluate the potential economic and fiscal impacts of land-repurposing scenarios associated with the implementation of groundwater sustainability. The work is intended to help quantify impacts to agriculture, downstream industries, local agencies, school districts, communities, tax base, and related local services.

The proposed scope includes six primary tasks:

1. Project management, meetings, workshops, and coordination;
2. Defining two land repurposing scenarios and the associated footprint;
3. Evaluating direct, secondary, and downstream economic impacts;
4. Assessing local fiscal impacts;
5. Preparing a Tule Subbasin report and executive summary; and
6. Preparing a combined analysis and summary of Kaweah and Tule Subbasin findings.

The analysis would provide information useful to the Tule Subbasin GSAs, local agencies, and stakeholders as SGMA implementation continues. In particular, the report may help document the broader economic and community impacts associated with reduced groundwater pumping, land repurposing, and potential changes in agricultural production.

The proposed work may also support future discussions with state and federal representatives, funding agencies, and local stakeholders regarding the need for financial assistance, mitigation support, and policy consideration for communities impacted by SGMA implementation.

The total proposed budget for Tasks 1 through 6 is \$68,000, inclusive of labor and direct expenses. A specific PID GSA cost share has not yet been identified and would depend on the final participation and funding structure approved by the participating agencies or partners.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board consider supporting participation in the Tule Subbasin Land Repurposing Economic Analysis and provide direction regarding PID GSA's participation and potential cost-share contribution. This Item was taken to the Stakeholder Committee, and they did not support the effort.

**Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust
Tule Subbasin Land Repurposing Economic Analysis**

**Scope of Work
May 5, 2026**

Background

ERA Economics, LLC (ERA) is currently working with the San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative Action Program (CAP) to conduct an economic analysis to evaluate the economic impacts of defined land repurposing “scenarios” for the Kaweah Subbasin. This includes quantifying impacts to downstream, forward-linked industries, and specific local fiscal impacts. The Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust (hereafter, ‘Tule Trust’ or ‘Client’) requested that ERA modify its scope of work to extend the analysis to the Tule Subbasin.

This scope of work summarizes the tasks and deliverables ERA will complete for Client.

Assumptions

The following assumptions apply to the specific tasks and proposed budget listed below:

- Level of effort reflects economic modeling that has already been developed for the Kaweah Subbasin and will be applied (with adjustments and additional information) for the Tule Subbasin.
- For any Deliverables, ERA will provide a draft version, Client will review and provide one round of synthesized comments on the draft, and ERA will respond to those comments and provide the final Deliverable.
- The scope and budget do not include any other direct costs. If necessary, these would be agreed to with Client in advance and billed at cost.
- Client and ERA will agree on two (2) land repurposing scenarios to be analyzed (which ERA will develop using the UC Merced MLRP toolkit).
- Client will provide ERA with Subbasin data required to complete an economic analysis that is consistent with the underlying data and assumptions in the GSP and the land repurposing scenarios. ERA will prepare a list of information/data needs for Client.
- Client will be responsible for organizing and leading stakeholder workshops and other meetings included in the scope of work; ERA will be responsible for preparing supporting materials for defined meetings.

Task 1 – Project Management, Meetings, Workshops, Coordination

ERA will prepare for and participate in up to two (2) coordination meetings (phone/video conference calls) of up to one (1) hour each.

ERA will prepare for and participate in one (1) presentation. ERA and Client will define the presentation.

This task also includes ongoing project coordination, administration, and project management.

Deliverables: If requested, meeting summary notes provided electronically via email.

Task 2 – Define Land Repurposing Scenarios and Footprint

Using the MLRP Shiny toolkit prepared by UC Merced, select the parcels to be considered in the analysis using parameters provided in the toolkit, in consultation with Client. This will be based on the total acres needed to reach pumping reduction per the GSPs.

Scenario development could include, but is not limited to, suitability for habitat restoration and groundwater recharge. ERA will follow a similar approach to the scenario development for the Kaweah Subbasin economic analysis, with customized preferences based on selected scenarios. Two (2) land repurposing scenarios will be developed and applied in the analysis.

Deliverables: Analysis and results will be described in the report under Task 5.

Task 3 – Evaluate Direct and Secondary Impacts and Impacts to Additional Downstream Industries

ERA will evaluate total (direct, indirect, and induced) economic impacts, as well as impacts on key downstream agricultural industries (i.e., the impacts on industries purchasing from the directly impacted agricultural sectors). This includes:

- Calculate direct, farmgate level impacts using acreage data from Task 2, and current data on crop prices and yields
- Calibrate IMPLAN model for Tulare County
- Identify sectors for developing and applying custom IMPLAN coefficients
- Develop analysis to prepare custom IMPLAN coefficients for selected local specialty crop industries
- Compile data and analyze local agricultural supply chain; prepare analysis to develop appropriate IMPLAN coefficients and input data
- Disaggregate limited/coarse default IMPLAN sectors to better represent local impacts in Tulare County (Tule Subbasin)

Deliverables: Analysis and results will be described in the report and presentation under Task 5.

Task 4 – Assess Local Fiscal Impacts

ERA will assess selected local fiscal impacts of the two selected land repurposing scenarios. This will include:

- Preparing an assessment of the effect of each scenario on local land values and the local tax base
- Researching and quantifying key local government agencies/programs that would be most impacted. Based on work in Kaweah, this is expected to include school districts, local county services, individual communities, and local water programs.
- Outreach will be conducted to representatives of key agencies/programs. Client will assist ERA in identifying and contacting these individuals. ERA will hold meetings via phone/video conference calls. Up to two (2) meetings will be held. ERA expects to leverage information collected as part of the Kaweah analysis in lieu of needing additional meetings.

- Assembling local industry and county budget data, quantifying changes in funding, and describing results to local services for selected industries.

The output of this task will include estimates of the impact on local funding to the identified local agencies/programs, and a qualitative assessment of the economic impacts on the individuals and businesses that depend on them. ERA may also develop additional funding and policy recommendations based on the findings.

Deliverables: Findings will be described in the report and presentation prepared under Task 5.

Task 5 – Prepare Report on Tule Subbasin

ERA will prepare a draft report describing the findings of its analysis in tasks 2 – 4. The report will include a description of the background conditions, analysis, and feature charts, maps, and figures to illustrate key impact measures. ERA will work with Client to define metrics of interest and messaging for key stakeholders, communities, and other parties. The report may also include funding and policy recommendations based on the findings.

Deliverables: Report and short executive summary (in MS Word and PDF) and presentation (in MS PowerPoint).

Task 6 – Prepare Combined Analysis and Summary of Kaweah and Tule Findings

ERA will prepare an executive summary that combines the results of the economic analysis for both the Kaweah and Tule Subbasins. This will be targeted at a broad range of stakeholders across Tulare County and specifically highlight impacts at the county level and the communities within the county that could be most impacted. This will include combining information from the Tule and Kaweah reports and refining analysis outputs to accurately portray wider economic and fiscal impacts. The summary will include pictures, graphics, charts, and other graphic design elements to display and summarize the information in a concise, easy-to-follow format for the target audience.

Deliverables: Executive summary (in PDF) including pictures, graphics, charts, and other graphic design elements targeted at selected group(s).

Estimated Budget

The estimated budget to perform Tasks 1 through 6 in the scope of work defined above is **\$68,000**, including all labor and direct expenses. A summary of costs by task is presented in Table 1. Estimated labor hours are based on the assumed assignments of responsibility described in the scope. The estimated task costs are for budgeting purposes only and will not necessarily constrain actual labor charges and costs by task or employee classification. However, the total estimated cost will not be exceeded without prior written authorization by Client.

Table 1. Estimated Budget (Tasks 1 through 6)

Task	Task Name	Estimated Budget
1	Project Management, Meetings, Workshops, Coordination	\$7,500
2	Define Land Repurposing Scenarios and Footprint	\$5,500
3	Evaluate Direct, Secondary, and Downstream Impacts	\$16,000
4	Assess Local Fiscal Impacts	\$17,500
5	Prepare Report on Tule Subbasin	\$9,000
6	Prepare Combined Analysis and Summary of Kaweah and Tule Findings	\$12,500
Total		\$68,000

Estimated Schedule

The schedule will be reviewed with Client to meet any specific Client policy deadlines and agreed to in advance.

ADMINISTRATION

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: ADMINISTRATION / Consider, Review, and Schedule a 218 Public Hearing to Set the 2026 PID GSA Extraction Fee. (Action)

Submitted By: General Manager

The Porterville Irrigation District GSA is responsible for implementing groundwater management activities within its jurisdictional boundary, including administration, accounting, technical support, legal review, engineering services, BasinSafe implementation, and coordination with the Tule Subbasin GSAs and the State Water Resources Control Board.

To fund these activities, staff has prepared a proposed 2026 GSA budget and groundwater extraction fee calculation. The proposed fee is intended to recover the costs necessary to operate and administer the GSA's groundwater management program for 2026.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors review the proposed 2026 groundwater extraction fee and authorize staff to proceed with the public noticing process and schedule a Public Hearing at its August 20, 2026, GSA Board Meeting for consideration of adoption.

PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT GSA PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET FOR EXTRACTION FEE

2026 PROPOSED

	Presented Budget	Revised Budget	Net Change	Detail	Cost per Acre	Cost per Acre
Extraction Fee - District Users	\$ 680,412.60	\$ 785,343.00	\$ 104,930.40			
	\$680,413	\$785,343	\$104,930			
Payroll - Gross Wages (A&G)	\$191,870	\$191,870	\$0	admin	\$12.38	\$12.38
Payroll Tax (A&G)	\$15,350	\$15,350	\$0	admin	\$0.99	\$0.99
Pension Expense (A&G)	\$22,300	\$15,350	(\$6,950)	admin	\$1.44	\$0.99
Health Insurance (A&G)	\$45,582	\$35,212	(\$10,370)	admin	\$2.94	\$2.27
Dental Insurance (A&G)	\$1,536	\$1,536	\$0	admin	\$0.10	\$0.10
Vision Insurance (A&G)	\$525	\$525	\$0	admin	\$0.03	\$0.03
Employee Training (A&G)	\$250	\$0	(\$250)	admin	\$0.02	\$0.00
Supplies - General (A&G)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	admin	\$0.16	\$0.16
Computer Expenses (A&G)	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$25,000	computer	\$3.23	\$4.84
Engineering Services (A&G)	\$275,000	\$373,000	\$98,000	engineer/consult	\$17.74	\$24.06
Legal Expenses (A&G)	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	legal	\$4.84	\$4.84
Meeting Expense (A&G)	\$500	\$0	(\$500)	admin	\$0.03	\$0.00
TOTAL Expenses	\$ 680,413	\$ 785,343	\$ 104,930		\$ 44	\$ 51

Basis of Groundwater Extraction Cost:		\$43.90	\$50.66
		\$680,412.60	\$785,343.00
Safe Yield	0.15	\$292.65	\$337.78
Pumped	0.27	\$162.58	\$187.66
		15,500 GSA Acres	
2026 Allocation			
Precip	0.86		
Safe Yield	0.15		
	1.01	\$43.90	\$50.66