NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Advisory Committee Meeting – February 13, 2026

In-Person and Teleconference Meeting

Please Note: All Committee Members are required to attend in person unless provisions of AB2449 have been satisfied.

Please notify Laurie Kiser immediately if you or your designated alternate(s) are unable to attend the Advisory Committee Meeting at the City of Clovis Public Safety Room on February 13, 2026.

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA
NKGSA Advisory Committee
February 13, 2026, 1:30 PM

TELECONFERENCE and IN-PERSON MEETING

The NKGSA is offering its Advisory Committee meeting both via teleconference and in-person. Members of the public are encouraged to participate either in person at the City of Clovis Public Safety Community Room, 1233 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA, or virtually using the information provided below. All committee members participating in the meeting will be in person.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
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Written and Verbal Comments

- Members of the public participating virtually will have an opportunity to provide public comments during the meeting under Agenda Item No. 2 and following each agenda item discussion. No prior arrangements are required to be able to make public comment but comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

- Written Comments can also be provided up to one hour prior to the scheduled meeting. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be read onto the record during the public comment portion when the item is heard. Any portion of your comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions but will be made part of the record of proceedings.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Public Presentations

3. Approval of Minutes:
    a. Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2025, Special Meeting

4. Financial Report
    a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for November and December 2025 (Koehn)
    b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025 (Koehn)

5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update (Samuelian)
    a. Discussion / Possible Action on the Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework (Samuelian and Chauhan)

6. Administrative
    a. ACWA JPIA President's Special Recognition Award – North Kings GSA (Chauhan)
    b. Brown Act Training – Updates per SB 707, effective January 1, 2026
    c. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update (Chauhan)
    d. Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Progress Update (Chauhan)
    e. 2025 Year End Well Permitting Update (Chauhan)

7. Workgroup Updates and Actions
    a. Technical Workgroup Update (Claes)

8. Member Agency/Committee Member Reports
    a. Advisory Committee/Member Agency Reports/Updates
        i. Water Supply Update (Claes)
        ii. Others

9. Executive Officer Update (Chauhan)
    a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
    b. Outreach / External Affairs Update
    c. Representative Monitoring Network Update
    d. Miscellaneous

10. Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting: March 13, 2026

3 (a) – SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES –

December 5, 2025

MINUTES
(Preliminary – Subject to Revision/Approval at Next Meeting)

NKGSA Advisory Committee Special Meeting
December 5, 2025

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Jarrod Takemoto (Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Roy Jimenez (Fresno County)
*Jesus Gonzalez (City of Kerman)
*Anthony White (City of Fresno)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard) – online
Nick Torstensen (City of Clovis)
Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)
Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
Don Wright (reporter) - online
Andrew Aller – Legal Counsel - online

** - Committee Chair
* - Voting Representative on Advisory Committee

*__**Note:__ This meeting was conducted in-person at the City of Clovis Public Safety Community Room (1233 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612) as well as via web conference for members of the public wishing to participate remotely.*

Item 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:31 PM.

Instructions:
Instructions for participation by both remote and in-person attendees were given by Executive Officer Kassy Chauhan. Both written and verbal comments are accepted by all attendees and time will be made after each agenda item for comments to be heard.

Members of the Advisory Committee attended in person and were present/absent as follows:

Agency Name	Present/Absent	Name of Person
Bakman Water Company	Present	Shay Bakman
Biola CSD	Absent	---
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
City of Fresno	Present	Anthony White*
City of Kerman	Present	Jesus Gonzalez
Fresno County	Present	Roy Jimenez
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Jarrod Takemoto
Garfield Water District	Absent	---

**Arrived after Item 3a – vote counts for that item and items prior reflect the vote tally accordingly.*

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2025 Meeting

Member Claes requested clarification on Item 4a for some numbers that appeared to be incorrect. After review, corrections were made to better clarify the numbers reported in the financial report. Specifically, the meeting minutes were amended to include: “The total revenues increased by 186.09% (by $525,391 to $807,726)…” and “Additionally, the expenses increased by about 24.17% (by $110,178 to $566,112)…”.

Motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections made by member Claes; second by member Takemoto. Motion passed unanimously 6-0, 3 absent.

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for September and October 2025
(Koehn)

Expenses for September 2025 totaled $79,839.08, including costs for attorneys, CJ Brown & Company CPAs, FID, Emmanuel Lutheran Church for a workshop, Intuit Quickbooks, and Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group.

Expenses for October 2025 totaled $58,860.76, including costs for ACWA for insurance, attorneys, Constant Contact, Dumont Printing, FID, Fresno Reprographics, Intuit Quickbooks, Malcolm Media for an expo, Print Shack, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, Salsa's Cantina, and the US Postmaster.

Motion to recommend approval of the expense reports made by member Bakman; second by member Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously 7-0, 2 absent.

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of October 31, 2025
(Koehn)

Total assets as of October 31, 2025, were $3,024,620.86. Current liabilities were $19,161.05. Total expenses through October 2025 were $210,401.91, which is approximately 12% of the annual budget. Interest accumulated this fiscal year is $20,628.17.

A revised financial statement was sent prior to the meeting. The initial financial statement included in the meeting packet listed public information costs. Due to the budget layout, those charges were moved to the line item for public outreach in the revised financial statement.

Motion to recommend approval made by member Jimenez; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously 7-0, 2 absent.

Item 5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update
(Samuelian)

Discussion continues on the allocation framework. The framework document is expected to be completed this month and then sent out to the GSAs for consideration and acceptance/approval in January or February.

DWR comments on the Periodic Evaluation are expected this month, but most likely for other basins and not the North Kings yet.

Preparation for the Annual Report is underway. Some data is still being checked and clarified.

The domestic well mitigation program is ongoing but without much activity currently.

A letter requesting exemption from Prop 4 funding guidelines has been drafted to be sent to the State Senate and Assembly. All agencies are encouraged to send a similar letter.

Coordinated work on interconnected surface water continues, but currently waiting for DWR BMP.

Item 6. Administrative

Item 6a. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update
(Chauhan)

There hasn't been much activity recently. A couple of denial letters were issued – one due to the failure of the well and another due to the age of the well. The program is fully staffed but there is not currently a high demand.

Item 6b. Discussion / Possible Action – Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Progress and Next Steps – Recommend Approval
(Chauhan)

All wells are required to be registered within the NKGSA. The deadline for registrations to be completed was November 30, 2025. There is currently no consequence in place for non-registered wells, although the policy does allow/call for fines in that instance.

Currently, 5,750 wells are registered within the GSA, but there are between 7,000 – 8,000 wells within the boundary. A lot of work has been done to provide information and outreach to affected populations.

The current recommendation is to allow some additional time before imposing fines, mostly because the outreach done so far has been successful. The proposed “grace period” is through January 30, 2026, and to continue doing more outreach in the interim to encourage more registration before the extended deadline. Following that date, late registration fees would be authorized (in the amount of $100), and the website would be set up to be able to collect those fees.

There was discussion regarding the utility of the deadline extension and the possible anticipated number of additional registrations that the extension might encourage. There was also discussion on the timing of the extension, and whether a final date in January or February was most beneficial.

Motion to recommend approval of an extended deadline of January 30, 2026, and prepare to apply late registration fees after that date made by member Jimenez; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously 7-0, 2 absent.

Item 6c. 2025 Well Permitting Update
(Chauhan)

There has been a total of 153 well permit applications through September 2025. The number is not expected to increase significantly throughout the rest of the year.

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 7a. Technical Workgroup Update
(Claes)

A subgroup of the Technical Workgroup met in the beginning of September to discuss the cost share. A subsequent meeting will be needed to include an additional member agency. The group has settled on a proposed tentative cost share methodology, but further discussion is needed to explore specifics.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

Item 8a. Advisory Committee/Member Agency Reports/Updates

i. Water Supply Update
(Claes)

Millerton and Pine Flat are starting to fill up due to significant storms in November. Millerton Lake levels might need to be lowered slightly for the winter season. The Kings River levels spiked during mid-November and are now declining gradually. There was almost double average precipitation in October and November, but December has been dry so far. The snowpack is fairly shallow, so despite the amount of rain we received, it does not equate to the snowpack. The 3-month forecast from the National Weather Service looks to be average for December, January, and February.

ii. Others

The City of Kerman reported that on November 13th, they received an American Public Works Association Award for their recent Lions Park Recharge Project. The Chapter President will be presenting Kerman's City Council with a plaque. *(Jesus)*

Item 9. Executive Officer Update
(Chauhan)

Item 9a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update

Progress continues on FID's Carter Byby Basin. Prop 4 funds will be available soon and attempts to expedite those funds are ongoing. There is additional NRCS funding available and the deadline to apply for them was extended until the end of December.

Item 9b. Outreach / External Affairs Update

The primary effort has been well registration, and that will likely continue due to the recommendation to extend the deadline. General social media outreach continues, including highlights on projects. The website now includes a few self-service tools, including the minimum well depth tool and the groundwater level tool.

Item 9c. Representative Monitoring Network Update

Construction has begun on the dedicated monitoring wells approved by the Board for Phase 1 of the network improvements. A contract was awarded to Bradley & Sons for 10 new dedicated monitoring wells, and construction on 3 of those wells has started. 2 additional wells are due to start next week. All 10 wells should be completed prior to the time for spring measurements.

Item 9d. Miscellaneous

Earlier this week, the State Water Board had a probationary hearing for the Kaweah Basin and approved returning the Kaweah Basin to DWR. There will be a follow-up evaluation process by DWR.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2026

4 (a-b) - FINANCIAL REPORT – Expense Report – November and December 2025; Financial Statements Through December 31, 2025

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO:	**4 (a-b)**
Executive Officer:	KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: De Ann Stork – Fiscal Agent

DATE: February 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Financial Update

ATTACHMENTS:
(A) NKGSA Expense Report – November 2025
(B) NKGSA Expense Report – December 2025
(C) Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to recommend approval of the Expense Reports for November and December 2025, and Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025, to the NKGSA Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fiscal agent, DeAnn Stork, has prepared the monthly expense reports for November 2025 and December 2025 (Attachments A and B) and the financial statements as of December 31, 2025 (Attachment C). All expenses are within the budget amounts and no unexpected expenses were noted. The public information expenses, through December 31, 2025, are at about 88% of the total budget amount which is expected given the extensive outreach and education related to the well registration efforts. Since the main effort for the well registration campaign has passed, the expenses are expected to be more typical in nature. However, January 2026, was a heavy expense month given the

number of calls received, support provided and a second mass-mailing ahead of the final registration deadline of January 30, 2026. Any expenses beyond the budget will be addressed through a budget revise. Staff has been tracking the expenses separately for staffing support hours from the support team, well registration specific outreach and our general outreach efforts since this is the first large campaign the North Kings GSA has carried out. This information will be used in the future to account for costs associated with future efforts as the North Kings GSA works towards continued implementation of its GSP.

Additionally, the December 31, 2025, financial statements show a new line item to reflect funds being expended from the dedicated representative monitoring well reserves. The Board approved establishing a reserve and moving all excess funds from the FY 2024-2025 budget line item for well monitoring to the reserve funds with plans to expend those in FY 2025-2026, along with the $200,000.00 approved in the FY 2025-2-26 budget. To date, $72,609.75 of the well monitoring network reserve have been used to cover expenses associated with the first batch of dedicated monitoring network wells. Future draws on the well monitoring network reserves will be shown in this new line item.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is shown on the attached reports. Expenses are in line with the amounts included in the NKGSA 2025-2026 Budget including a call on reserves to cover expenses for the dedicated monitoring network efforts..

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The reports represent expenses and revenues for the NKGSA for this reporting period.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The expense reports and financial statements will be provided to the NKGSA Board of Directors for approval at its next board meeting scheduled for February 26, 2026, or the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Prepared by: De Ann Stork

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Transaction List with Splits

November 2025

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo					
11/01/2025	769049	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo		Accounts Payable	1,699.43
			October 2025 Legal	Legal	1,699.43
C.J. Brown & Company CPAs					
11/01/2025	20251031	C.J. Brown & Company CPAs		Accounts Payable	1,140.00
			2024-2025 Audit	Audit Expense	1,140.00
Falcon Security Services					
11/01/2025	21723	Falcon Security Services		Accounts Payable	100.00
			Unarmed Guard Services	Professional Services:Security Services	100.00
Fresno Irrigation District					
11/18/2025	07719	Fresno Irrigation District	OCTOBER 2025 HOURS JOB# 2132	Accounts Payable	14,368.56
			October 2025 Hours	Staff Expense:Executive Officer	12,271.56
			October 2025 Fiscal Agent Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	823.69
			October 2025 Recording Secretary Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	249.52
			October 2025 GIS Specialist Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	210.48
			October 2025 Admin Fee 6%	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	813.31
Fresno Reprographics					
11/13/2025	354074	Fresno Reprographics		Accounts Payable	145.44
			Domestic Well Resource Sept 2025 - Qty 100	Public Information:PR - Well Registration	145.44
Intuit QuickBooks Online					
11/15/2025	10001443411048	Intuit QuickBooks Online		Accounts Payable	115.00
			Intuit subscription payment	Office Supplies	115.00
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					
11/16/2025	125351	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	1,230.40
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin - 002	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	1,230.40
11/21/2025	125557	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	583.41
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin 001	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	583.41
11/21/2025	125560	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	46,460.71
			On-going GEN	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	13,250.40
			On-going MON	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	1,841.40
			On-going PUB	Public Information:PR - General Outreach	31,368.91
11/21/2025	125563	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	3,851.52
			Kings Basin Coord COR	Kings Basin Coordination	1,554.05
			Kings Basin Coord GWP	Kings Basin Coordination	1,156.40
			Kings Basin Coord REP	Kings Basin Coordination	1,141.07
US Postmaster					
11/19/2025		US Postmaster		Accounts Payable	30.00
			Returned Check Fee	Public Information:PR - Well Registration	30.00

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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November 2025

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North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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December 2025

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Association of California Water Agencies					
12/15/2025	20251215	Association of California Water Agencies		Accounts Payable	3,313.17
			2026 Dues	Dues and Subscriptions	3,313.17
12/30/2025	300000616	Association of California Water Agencies		Accounts Payable	100.00
			Membership dues	Dues and Subscriptions	100.00
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo					
12/01/2025	771692	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo		Accounts Payable	768.60
			November 2025 Services	Legal	768.60
Bradley & Sons Inc					
12/18/2025	000205490000	Bradley & Sons Inc		Accounts Payable	37,675.00
			MW #10 Academy & Shields	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	37,675.00
12/18/2025	000205500000	Bradley & Sons Inc		Accounts Payable	35,740.00
			MW #15 Riverbend Ave	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	35,740.00
12/18/2025	000205510000	Bradley & Sons Inc		Accounts Payable	46,265.00
			MW #4 Shaw & Thompson	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	46,265.00
12/18/2025	000205520000	Bradley & Sons Inc		Accounts Payable	35,660.00
			MW #2 Cole & Thompson	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	35,660.00
12/18/2025	000205530000	Bradley & Sons Inc		Accounts Payable	48,965.00
			MW #8 International & Minnewawa	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	48,965.00
12/18/2025	000205540000	Bradley & Sons Inc		Accounts Payable	34,465.00
			MW #7 McKinley & Viau	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	34,465.00
Constant Contact, Inc.					
12/25/2025		Constant Contact, Inc.		Accounts Payable	91.00
				Public Information:PR - General Outreach	91.00
Falcon Security Services Inc					
12/01/2025	23238	Falcon Security Services Inc		Accounts Payable	100.00
			November 2025 Services	Professional Services:Security Services	100.00
Fresno Irrigation District					
12/18/2025	07731	Fresno Irrigation District	NOVEMBER 2025 HOURS	Accounts Payable	9,364.50
			November 2025 Hours	Staff Expense:Executive Officer	7,640.80
			November 2025 Fiscal Agent Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	658.95
			November 2025 Recording Secretary Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	534.68
			November 2025 Admin Fee 6%	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	530.07
Groundwater Resources Assn of CA					
12/30/2025	300000616	Groundwater Resources Assn of CA		Accounts Payable	100.00
				Dues and Subscriptions	100.00

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December 2025

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Intuit QuickBooks Online					
12/15/2025	10001451304731	Intuit QuickBooks Online		Accounts Payable	115.00
				Office Supplies	115.00
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					
12/09/2025	125757	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	1,115.80
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin 002	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	1,115.80
12/09/2025	125758	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	53,114.57
			On-going GEN	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	9,625.90
			On-going MON	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	11,726.32
			On-going PUB	Public Information:PR - General Outreach	31,762.35
12/10/2025	125785	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	255.74
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin 001	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	255.74
12/10/2025	125790	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	4,110.03
			Kings Basin Coord COR	Kings Basin Coordination	1,912.30
			Kings Basin Coord GWP	Kings Basin Coordination	1,438.76
			Kings Basin Coord REP	Kings Basin Coordination	758.97

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Five Star Bank Checking		125,000.00
Five Star Bank Money Market		2,206,781.93
LAIF		561,003.60
Total Bank Accounts	**$**	**2,892,785.53**
Total Current Assets	**$**	**2,892,785.53**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$**	**2,892,785.53**
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable		252,316.27
Total Accounts Payable	**$**	**252,316.27**
Credit Cards		
Five Star Credit Card		191.00
Total Credit Cards	**$**	**191.00**
Total Current Liabilities	**$**	**252,507.27**
Total Liabilities	**$**	**252,507.27**
Net Position		
Member Agency Participation Balances		225,573.58
Reserves - Legal Fund		500,000.00
Reserves - Well Mitigation Program		481,594.74
Reserves - Well Monitoring Program		192,390.88
Net Income		1,240,719.06
Total Net Position	**$**	**2,640,278.26**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	**$**	**2,892,785.53**

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Budget vs. Actuals
July - December, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Interested Party Contribution	7,113.20	7,113.20	0.00	100.00%
Member/Contracting Entity			0.00	
Bakman Water Company	7,421.02	7,421.02	0.00	100.00%
Biola Community Services Distr	427.63	427.63	0.00	100.00%
City of Clovis	65,519.06	65,519.06	0.00	100.00%
City of Fresno	331,491.51	331,491.51	0.00	100.00%
City of Kerman	7,768.87	7,768.87	0.00	100.00%
County of Fresno	330,389.79	330,389.79	0.00	100.00%
Fresno Irrigation District	963,870.74	963,870.74	0.00	100.00%
Garfield Water District	6,725.31	6,725.31	0.00	100.00%
International Water District	2,782.87	2,782.87	0.00	100.00%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	**$ 1,716,396.80**	**$ 1,716,396.80**	**$ 0.00**	**100.00%**
Total Income	**$ 1,723,510.00**	**$ 1,723,510.00**	**$ 0.00**	**100.00%**
Expenses				
Audit Expense	5,070.00	6,000.00	-930.00	84.50%
Dues and Subscriptions	3,513.17	3,315.00	198.17	105.98%
Insurance	2,057.50	2,085.00	-27.50	98.68%
Kings Basin Coordination	18,305.09	100,000.00	-81,694.91	18.31%
Legal	9,589.67	50,000.00	-40,410.33	19.18%
Office Supplies	690.00	1,500.00	-810.00	46.00%
Professional Services		0.00	0.00	
Engineering Consultant	65,145.92	100,000.00	-34,854.08	65.15%
Security Services	250.00	1,200.00	-950.00	20.83%
Total Professional Services	**$ 65,395.92**	**$ 101,200.00**	**-$ 35,804.08**	**64.62%**
Project Costs			0.00	
Well Mitigation	5,402.85	1,000,000.00	-994,597.15	0.54%
Well Monitoring	272,609.75	200,000.00	72,609.75	136.30%
Well Monitoring Reserves	-72,609.75		-72,609.75	
Well Registration		30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.00%
Total Project Costs	**$ 205,402.85**	**$ 1,230,000.00**	**-$ 1,024,597.15**	**16.70%**
Public Information		0.00	0.00	
PR - General Outreach	37,141.76	90,000.00	-52,858.24	41.27%
PR - Well Registration	66,252.05	40,000.00	26,252.05	165.63%
PR - Well Registration Support Staff	54,680.92	50,000.00	4,680.92	109.36%
Total Public Information	**$ 158,074.73**	**$ 180,000.00**	**-$ 21,925.27**	**87.82%**
Staff Expense			0.00	
Executive Officer	42,785.88	100,000.00	-57,214.12	42.79%
Supporting Staff (FID)	8,012.23	30,000.00	-21,987.77	26.71%
Total Staff Expense	**$ 50,798.11**	**$ 130,000.00**	**-$ 79,201.89**	**39.08%**
Total Expenses	**$ 518,897.04**	**$ 1,804,100.00**	**-$ 1,285,202.96**	**28.76%**
Net Operating Income	**$ 1,204,612.96**	**-$ 80,590.00**	**$ 1,285,202.96**	**-1494.74%**
Other Income				
Interest Income	36,551.50	10,000.00	26,551.50	365.52%
Unrealized Gain/Loss	-445.40	0.00	-445.40	
Total Other Income	**$ 36,106.10**	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ 26,106.10**	**361.06%**
Change in Net Position	**$ 1,240,719.06**	**-$ 70,590.00**	**$ 1,311,309.06**	**-1757.64%**

5 (a) – BASIN COORDINATION UPDATE – Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO:	**5 (a)**
Executive Officer:	KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Kassy Chauhan – Executive Director

DATE: February 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework – Recommended Action

ATTACHMENTS: (A) Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework – December 30, 2025

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the North Kings GSA Advisory Committee to recommend acceptance of Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework to the North Kings GSA Board of Directors in February and/or March 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

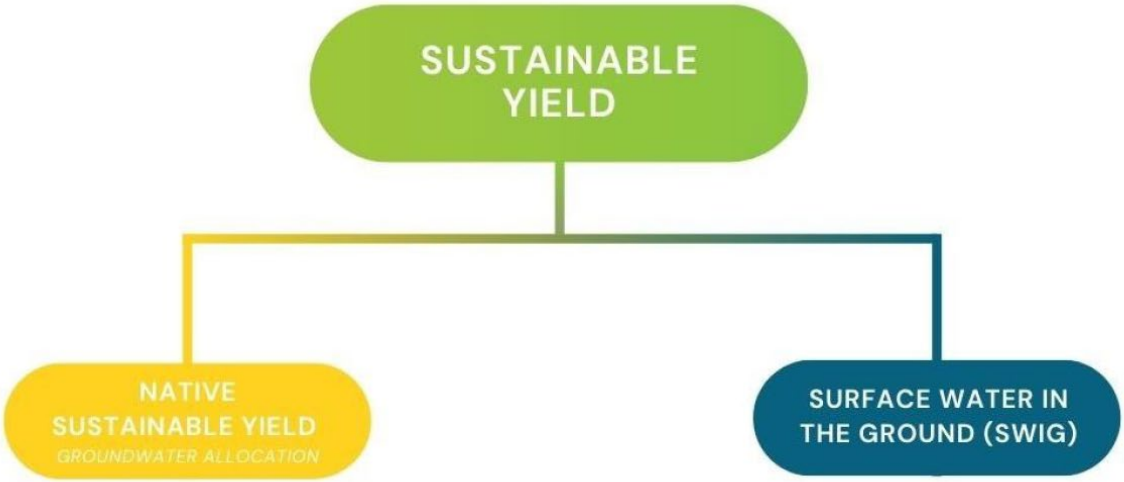
Groundwater Allocation Framework:

The Kings Subbasin includes representatives from the North Kings, Central Kings, Kings River East, South Kings, McMullin Area, North Fork Kings, and James Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and has worked on the development of the groundwater allocation framework for more than a year. The final draft of the Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework was released on January 5, 2026, following multiple rounds of revisions and a thorough review by the legal counsels for each of the GSAs. Each GSA in the Kings Subbasin is being asked to have their boards take action on the

Kings Subbasin Allocation Framework to ensure any future allocations are implemented in accordance with the criteria included in the framework.

All allocation items related to the implementation of an allocation including GSA-specific decisions, were removed from the framework memo and will be placed in a separate document to help with simplifying the allocation framework document. While the allocation framework will be adopted at the Kings Subbasin level to stay coordinated, each GSA will have discretion on if and when to implement pumping restrictions in accordance with the water allocation framework.

The native sustainable yield represents the amount of groundwater that can be pumped and considers precipitation, natural seepage of local supplies from rivers and streams and mountain front runoff. Each component needs to be considered and methodology for calculating amounts of precipitation and how river seepage is distributed is needed to develop the native sustainable yield. In addition to the native sustainable yield, there is a surface water in the underground (SWIG) component that accounts for all of the recharge activities that have occurred by agencies within the Kings Subbasin. The total allocation would be a combination of the native sustainable yield and the SWIG as shown in the image below:



Per the allocation framework document, North Kings GSA's native sustainable yield is 186,400 acre-feet and the SWIG calculation results in an additional 259,400 acre-feet for a sustainable yield of 445,800 acre-feet. Future decisions on how to divide the sustainable yield amongst the agencies in the North Kings GSA will need to be made. The Kings Subbasin Allocation Framework aims to establish the native sustainable yield (groundwater allocation) and SWIG for each GSA so that the sustainable yield for each GSA is known. Decisions on implementation of a groundwater allocation program and/or how to divide the allocation amongst agencies in the GSA will take additional effort. The information is filtered through the NKGSA Technical Workgroup chaired by FID's Adam Claes.

The North Kings GSA's GSP does include a project related to implementation of a groundwater allocation program to address total groundwater demands in the event more than 15% of the representative monitoring wells are showing levels which are lower than

the minimum thresholds established for the wells. The acceptance of this framework provides the tools needed for implementation if and when the groundwater conditions deem it necessary. Many additional steps would be needed before an allocation could effectively be implemented including a means to measure usage of groundwater by each agency.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will not be any fiscal impact to the North Kings GSA to accept the allocation framework and agreement to use it for any future allocation. Financial impacts will be associated with ensuring there is an effective means to measure groundwater usage by each agency ahead of implementation of an allocation.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Some GSAs in the Kings Subbasin, including North Fork Kings GSA, have determined that the implementation of pumping restrictions is needed sooner than later and the allocation determinations have to be coordinated amongst all GSAs in the subbasin. As such, staff is recommending the North Kings GSA Board of Directors accept the allocation framework for use in the future depending on current groundwater conditions.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Kings Subbasin Allocation Framework will be presented to the North Kings GSA Board of Directors at the next board meeting scheduled for February 26, 2026, or the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Prepared by: Kassy Chauhan

Kings Subbasin
Groundwater Allocation Framework

The Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) within the Kings Subbasin have prepared the following document for purposes of establishing a common methodology for creating groundwater allocations pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) within their respective GSAs. The purpose of this document is to reach an understanding as to how the Subbasin Sustainable Yield will be divided amongst the GSAs within the Subbasin, including an understanding as to how each component of the Subbasin Sustainable Yield will be divided amongst the GSAs. This document does not implement an allocation within each GSA. This document does not set forth a schedule for any GSA to implement a groundwater allocation, and each GSA will determine when to implement an allocation.

Background/Purpose:

For purposes of creating a water budget pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. §354.18, the Kings Subbasin agreed upon a Sustainable Yield for the Subbasin that is included in each of the GSAs' 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) as required. The purpose of this allocation framework is to establish a methodology for how the Subbasin Sustainable Yield shall be divided amongst the GSAs for purposes of potential allocations within each GSA.

Neither the water budget(s), nor this document, is an allocation of a final determination of any water rights. This understanding is consistent with California Water Code § 10720.5(b) of SGMA, which provides that nothing in SGMA or in a plan adopted pursuant to SGMA determines or alters surface or groundwater rights under common law or any provision of law that determines or grants surface water rights.

The 2025 revised GSPs contain a coordinated historic and current water budget for each GSA as well as an overall water budget for the Kings Subbasin, which was used to determine the estimated sustainable yield of the Kings Subbasin of 1,240,000 acre-feet/year. A detailed description for calculating the water budgets is contained in Section 3.3 of the 2025 GSPs, as well as in Exhibit B of the Kings Subbasin Coordination Agreement, which was revised in January 2025 prior to submission of the 2025 GSPs. It is recognized that due to numerous uncertainties, assumptions and estimates in the water budgets, the sustainable yield is considered approximate in nature. The sustainable yield estimate can, and will likely, change over time due to better information, changes in surface water usage, changes in water demands, and potential climate change impacts. SGMA defines the water budget as "an accounting of the total groundwater and surface water entering and leaving a basin including the changes in the amount of water stored." To assess flow into the groundwater aquifer, SGMA's implementing regulations direct GSAs to quantify all flows into the groundwater system by water source type. The inflow categories include subsurface groundwater inflow/outflow, infiltration of precipitation, deep percolation of applied water, and seepage from surface water systems, such as lakes, streams, rivers, canals, springs and conveyance systems.

The Subbasin's objective in developing a framework for determining the allocation of groundwater is to provide a common methodology for determining the sustainable yield of a GSA to enable the continued beneficial use of groundwater for the current and planned uses within the Subbasin in

a cumulative quantity that, under the identified management actions, will avoid undesirable results.

The groundwater allocation method described herein is a consumptive use-based allocation. When implementing an allocation, however, each GSA within the Kings Subbasin will need to consider the method of measurement used to determine groundwater use. An allocation based on consumptive use is different than an allocation based on extracted volume since the two methods use different approaches to return flow of applied groundwater.

Sustainable Yield:

The GSAs agree that the Sustainable Yield components for the Kings Subbasin are Native Sustainable Yield ("NSY") and Surface Water in the Ground ("SWIG"), graphically indicated in **Figure 1** below:

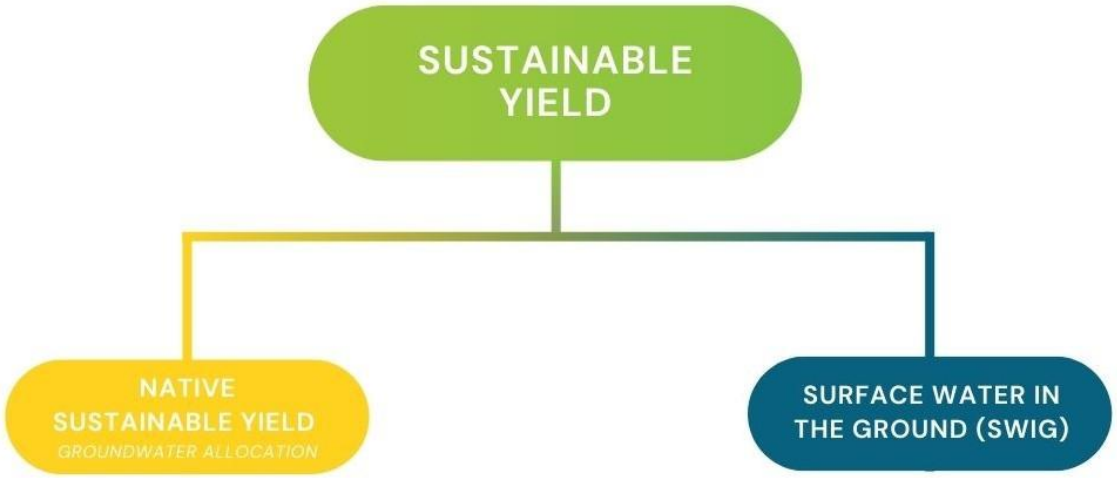


Figure 1 Sustainable Yield Components

The Native Sustainable Yield ("NSY") component is groundwater that naturally exists in the Subbasin and includes the following:

- Precipitation;
- Deep percolation from irrigation by riparian, or claimed riparian, water users;
- Mountain front recharge;
- Natural subsurface flow.

The Surface Water in the Ground ("SWIG") component is present because of operations and recharge of surface water and includes the following:

- All imported surface water supplies;
- Local water supplies from the Kings River that are intentionally diverted, recharged or banked.

The SWIG credit is additional water above the Native Sustainable Yield (Groundwater Allocation) that can be pumped by those with a legal surface water right.

Seepage from local water supplies from the Kings River could be attributed to either NSY or SWIG. For purposes of this document, the GSAs agree to attribute to each GSA the quantity of estimated river seepage where it occurs. From there, each GSA then may make its own determination as to how to allocate such river seepage. Attributing the quantity of river seepage where it occurs assures there will be no inadvertent double counting of seepage throughout the Kings Subbasin.

The GSAs agree that a proposed groundwater allocation will allocate the NSY component of Sustainable Yield. The GSAs agree that they must account for SWIG, but ultimate discretion for use, distribution, deliveries, etc., are left to the jurisdiction of the relevant surface water entity with ownership or control of the surface water at issue.

Precipitation

The GSAs agree to use a 15-year rolling average for calculating precipitation based on rainfall data and contour maps developed by the PRISM Climate Group (Oregon State), with the Kings Subbasin determining average precipitation values for each GSA that are used in the water budgets. A 15-year average for precipitation was chosen because the water budgets cover a 15-year period.

The GSAs within the Subbasin are using a variety of methods to estimate groundwater use - including consumptive use methods such as remote sensed evapotranspiration (ET) methods (LandIQ or similar) or estimating crop ET using a crop coefficient basis or refence crop data, and metered (or planned to be metered) extraction (applied) data. That variety requires different approaches to treating precipitation when estimating consumed groundwater, however, a common methodology in handling precipitation is needed to divide the Subbasin sustainable yield among the GSAs. It was agreed that an equitable way to treat precipitation was to give a proportional credit to each GSA for the amount of precipitation received by that GSA as part of the NSY so that, when combined with the other components of the NSY and with the calculated average SWIG credit, the total produces a sustainable yield approximately equal to the estimated Subbasin sustainable yield. The precipitation amount assigned to NSY may be adjusted in the future based on additional data and analytical information to modify the NSY allocation as needed when the calculated Kings Subbasin sustainable yield is revised.

Methodologies for Estimating Groundwater Use

As noted above, the Kings GSAs will likely use different methods to estimate groundwater use such as consumptive use (ET) or metering physical extractions. Depending on the method used to estimate groundwater use, the allocation used by the Kings GSAs may be different due to the addition of return flow of applied groundwater that would be added to the Native Sustainable Yield Allocation discussed herein if using meters to measure extracted groundwater. Precipitation will be treated differently depending on the method used to estimate groundwater use, however, the amount of allowable use of native groundwater does not change based on the method of measurement. The purpose of this document is to ensure the GSAs utilize the same data and a common methodology for determining distribution of the Subbasin sustainable yield and allocation of native groundwater, regardless of which method is chosen for purposes of measuring groundwater use.

APPENDIX

Average precipitation data used for the 2025 GSP revised water budget for each GSA as well as the weighted average in the Kings Subbasin is shown in **Table 1** below:

Table 1 Average Precipitation Data by GSA and Subbasin Weighted Average (inches)

Agency	15-year rolling average WY 2009 - 23			
	Avg	Min	Max	Variance
Central Kings GSA	9.09	8.29	10.83	2.54
James GSA	6.86	6.34	8.59	2.26
Kings River East GSA	10.79	9.79	13.20	3.40
McMullin Area GSA	7.27	6.75	9.23	2.48
North Fork Kings GSA	7.17	6.52	8.32	1.80
North Kings GSA	9.90	9.19	11.79	2.61
South Kings GSA	9.99	9.21	11.96	2.76
Weighted Avg	9.07	8.36	10.92	2.55

Table 2 below shows the amount of Kings River seepage allocated to each GSA as part of the water budgets in the 2025 GSPs for the period WY 2009 – WY 2023.

Table 2 Estimated Kings River Seepage used in GSPs

Estimated Kings River seepage by reach (where it occurs)

Kings River Reach		Kings River seepage [a]	Estimated Seepage by Reach (09-23)								
			Kings River East	North Kings	Central Kings	North Fork Kings	James ID	MAGSA	Tulare Lake Subbasin GSAs	WWD	Total
1	Piedra to Peoples	50,500	25,000	6,800	18,500	0	0	0	200	0	50,500
2	Peoples to Lemoore + Cole Sl	63,400	0	0	22,600	20,100	0	0	20,700	0	63,400
3	Lemore to Island	7,000	0	0	0	3,500	0	0	3,500	0	7,000
4	Island to Crescent	4,900	0	0	0	4,900	0	0	0	0	4,900
5	Crescent to Stinson	10,200	0	0	0	10,200	0	0	0	0	10,200
6	Stinson to James Bypass [b]	19,300	0	0	0	10,900	4,200	4,200	0	0	19,300
7	South Fork + Clarks Fork	5,900	0	0	0	2,200	0	0	2,100	1,600	5,900
		161,200	25,000	6,800	41,100	51,800	4,200	4,200	26,500	1,600	161,200

[a] Estimated amount of river loss attributed to seepage during base period 2009-2023 after estimating evaporation and river pumping. Includes losses during flood release periods.

[b] Occurs during flood releases, losses occur downstream of Kings River users within Kings Subbasin except for James ID (along with Tranquillity ID).

Table 3 Native Sustainable Yield (NSY) Calculation

Kings Subbasin estimated Sustainable Yield by GSA

NSY calculation - Equal proportional credit of precipitation, "natural" river seepage in NSY, any remaining river seepage in SWIG

Preliminary Calculation	*CKGSA / SKGSA*	*JGSA*	*KREGSA*	MAGSA	NFKGSA	*NKGSA*	*Total*
GSA Acreage	160,770	29,040	191,330	120,570	168,300	310,730	980,740
Native Groundwater							
Precipitation - AF	**73,100**	**10,000**	**103,200**	**43,800**	**60,300**	**153,800**	**444,200**
Mountain Front Runoff (inflow) estimate (AF)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Agreed Natural Internal Groundwater Flow - 1925 (AF)	**(10,500)**	**2,500**	**0**	**16,600**	**13,600**	**(22,200)**	**0**
"Natural" River Seepage where it occurs (AF)	**41,100**	**4,200**	**39,000**	**25,900**	**35,800** [4]	**53,000**	**199,000**
Kings River	41,100	4,200	25,000	4,200	35,800	6,800	117,100
San Joaquin River	0	0	0	17,700	0	37,100	54,800
Other sources	0	0	14,000	4,000	0	9,100	27,100
Deep Percolation River Pumpers							
Estimated River Pumpers - AF	6,500	0	6,200	0	10,200	10,300	33,200
Assumed Irrigation Efficiency	84%	90%	82%	83%	80%	83%	
Estimated Deep Percolation river pumpers - AF	**1,000**	**0**	**1,100**	**0**	**2,000**	**1,800**	**5,900**
Native Sustainable Yield (GW Allocation)	**104,700**	**16,700**	**143,300**	**86,300**	**111,700**	**186,400**	**649,100**

Notes:

1) Data for average precipitation, river seepage, and estimated volume pumped by river pumpers obtained from 2009-23 water budgets for each GSA.
2) Precipitation gives proportional credit to each GSA for the amount of precipitation received by that GSA and is an adjustment factor to balance total Subbasin SY.
3) Mountain front runoff (inflow) assumed to be zero, but seepage from local streams could be considered mountain front runoff (at least partially).
4) NFKGSA calculated amount of seepage within GSA applicable to delivery of entitlement water as SWIG, remainder is "natural" seepage for NSY (flood years).
5) Each GSA will determine how NSY is spread within their GSA.

Table 4 Surface Water in Ground (SWIG) Calculation

Kings Subbasin estimated Sustainable Yield by GSA
SWIG calculation based on current water budgets in 2025 GSPs

Preliminary Calculation	CKGSA / SKGSA	JGSA	KREGSA	MAGSA	NFKGSA	NKGSA	Total
GSA Acreage	160,770	29,040	191,330	120,570	168,300	310,730	980,740
Surface Water in Ground (SWIG)							
Surface Water for Irrigation (estimated)	114,100	23,000	172,600	1,400	104,900	253,000	669,000
Assumed Irrigation Efficiency	84%	90%	82%	83%	80%	83%	
Estimated Deep Percolation of SW irrig - AF	**18,300**	**2,300**	**31,100**	**200**	**21,000**	**43,000**	**115,900**
Surface Water for M&I and Recharge	200	0	1,700	0	0	116,300	118,200
Deep Percolation of M&I Surface Water (prorate)	**100**	**0**	**800**	**0**	**0**	**48,200**	**49,100**
River Seepage above "natural" seepage (AF)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**16,000** [2]	**0**	**16,000**
Other Recharge: Friant-Kern Canal Seepage	**0**	**0**	**5,100**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5,100**
Seepage of Channels & Pipelines	**59,600**	**9,000**	**37,700**	**0**	**27,600**	**75,500**	**209,400**
Seepage - Reservoirs	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400**	**0**	**0**	**400**
Groundwater - Intentional Recharge	80,400	6,200	7,100	4,300	8,000	100,300	206,300
Evaporation - Reservoirs & Recharge Basins	1,700	0	400	0	200	7,600	9,900
Net Intentional Recharge	**78,700**	**6,200**	**6,700**	**4,300**	**7,800**	**92,700**	**196,400**
Surface Water in Ground (SWIG)	**156,700**	**17,500**	**81,400**	**4,900**	**72,400**	**259,400**	**592,300**

Notes:
1) Data obtained from current water budgets contained in revised 2025 GSP.
2) NFKGSA calculated amount of seepage within GSA applicable to delivery of entitlement water as SWIG, remainder is "natural" seepage for NSY (flood years).
3) Only those entities or landowners with legal water rights that developed the SWIG credit will be allocated SWIG.

Table 5 Summary of Estimated Sustainable Yield by GSA

Kings Subbasin estimated Sustainable Yield by GSA
Summary of Agreed Methodology

Preliminary Calculation

Sustainable Yield of Subbasin contained in 2025 GSPs = 1,240,000 AF

Equal percentage of precipitation, "natural" river seepage in NSY, any remaining river seepage in SWIG	CKGSA / SKGSA	JGSA	KREGSA	MAGSA	NFKGSA	NKGSA	Total
GSA Acreage	160,770	29,040	191,330	120,570	168,300	310,730	980,740
Native Sustainable Yield (GW Allocation)	104,700	16,700	143,300	86,300	111,700	186,400	649,100
Surface Water in Ground (SWIG)	156,700	17,500	81,400	4,900	72,400	259,400	592,300
Sustainable Yield (NSY + SWIG)	261,400	34,200	224,700	91,200	184,100	445,800	1,241,400

Each GSA will determine how NSY is spread within their GSA, and only those with legal water rights that developed the SWIG credit will be allocated SWIG.

6 (a) – ACWA JPIA President's Special Recognition Award – North Kings GSA

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General Manager:

Each year at Fall Conference, the JPIA recognizes members that have a Loss Ratio of 20% or less in either of the Liability, Property, or Workers' Compensation programs (loss ratio = total losses / total premiums).

The members with this distinction receive the **"President's Special Recognition Award"** certificate for each Program that they qualify in.

The JPIA is extremely pleased to present North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency with this special recognition and commends the District on the hard work in reducing claims.

Congratulations to you, your staff, Board, and District. Keep up the good work!

The JPIA wishes you the best in 2026.

Sincerely,

Melody McDonald
President

Enclosure: President's Special Recognition Award(s)

President's Special Recognition Award

The President of the

ACWA JPIA

hereby presents Special Recognition Award to

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

In recognition of outstanding performance in the Liability program, demonstrated by maintaining exceptionally low claim costs relative to contributions during the period 10/01/2021 - 09/30/2024 announced at the ACWA JPIA Board of Director's meeting held in San Diego, California.

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Melody McDonald, President

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6 (d) – Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Progress Update

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO:	**6 (d)**
Executive Officer:	KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Kassy Chauhan – Executive Officer

DATE: February 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Update and Next Steps

ATTACHMENTS: None

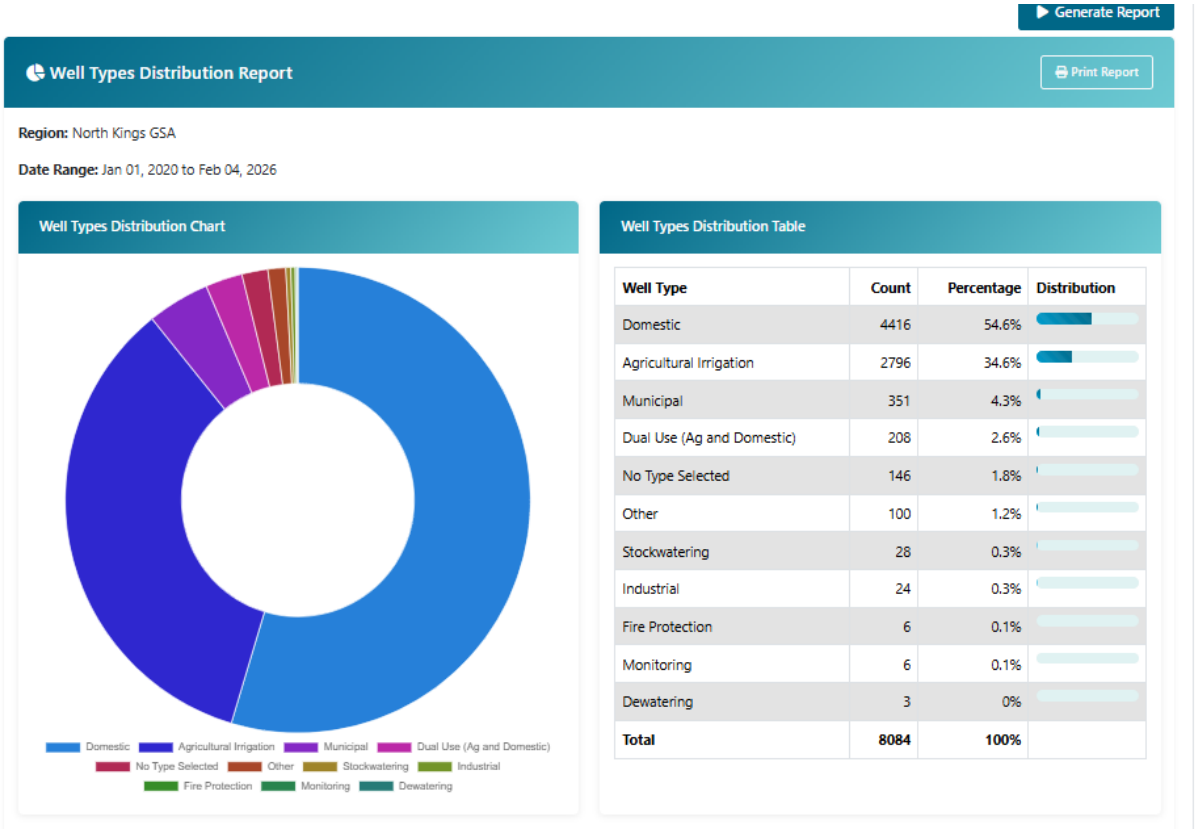
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NKGSA Board of Directors unanimously approved the NKGSA Policy 2025-001 Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Policy at its April 24, 2025, board meeting requiring all wells within the NKGSA boundary to be registered by November 30, 2025. At that time, the number of registered wells was approximately 5,700 wells (as of November 30, 2025) in the North Kings GSA. At the December 10, 2025, special board meeting, the North Kings GSA Board of Directors approved additional time for landowners to register their wells and established the extended deadline of January 30, 2026, with the late registration fee set to start on February 1, 2026.

To date (as of the writing of this report), a total of 8,084 wells have been registered. The following shows the wells registered based on the well type:



The NKGSA hosted three workshops, provided support to numerous landowners/individuals seeking assistance and used social media to promote the well registration campaign to ensure all affected individuals within the NKGSA boundary were aware of the requirement and the deadline to register. In addition, there were two direct mailings that were sent to the FID landowners and all Fresno County white area landowners (un-districted customers) to provide direct notice to affected landowners. One direct mailer was sent in November 2025 ahead of the first deadline of November 30, 2025, and the second mailer was sent in January 2026, ahead of the final registration deadline ahead of the implementation of late registration fees. There were also more than 40 road signs placed in strategic areas which turned out to be an effective means of communicating with affected landowners.
All well registration materials have been translated to Hmong, Punjabi, and Spanish to assist with reaching as many stakeholders as possible. The full support team has been available for assistance.

Starting February 1, the late registration fee was enacted and is currently $100 per wellhead. Late registration fees can be paid online through the SubCurrent application or in person at the North Kings GSA via cash, check or money order. Landowners are required to pay the registration fee prior to their registration being considered complete. There is an option to request a waiver for the late registration fee. All waiver requests are reviewed and to date, the primary reason why a waiver is being requested is due to late notice or becoming aware of the registration requirement after the registration deadline. To date, 45 waivers have been granted and a total of $1,700.00 has been received in late registration fees. There are 11 pending registrations which have not requested a waiver and have not paid the late registration fee.

Next Steps:

With 8,084 wells registered with the North Kings GSA, staff will now transition to identifying parcels where there is likely a well but no information has been provided to the North Kings GSA. Staff is estimating there are likely upwards of 10,000 total wells in the GSA boundary and will work to identify unregistered wells in the coming months. This evaluation will be completed using existing data sets and phase one will focus on unregistered agricultural wells and then eventually unregistered domestic wells. Currently, there are 2,796 agricultural wells, 4,416 domestic wells registered, and 208 dual-use wells.

Staff will also begin working on an enforcement policy for the policy workgroup, Advisory Committee and Board of Directors to consider adopting as previously directed by the North Kings GSA Advisory Committee. The Enforcement Policy will need to be adopted and effective prior to beginning to notify non-compliant landowners of the need to register their wells within a given time frame. Enforcement would ramp up the longer the landowner does not comply with the registration requirement. It is expected a draft enforcement policy will be ready for possible action at the March 2026 Advisory Committee and North Kings GSA Board meeting.

Certified mail will be sent to landowners suspected to be out of compliance with the well registration requirements starting in April 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total budget for the well registration efforts including the outreach and support staff is currently at about 88% of the total budget and additional funds will be needed after all expenses are billed. Staff will work with P&P to determine the additional funds needed and present a request in the budget revision for FY 2025-2026 in April 2026.

Prepared by: Kassy Chauhan

9 (a - d) – Executive Officer Report

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO:	**9 (a) - (d)**
Executive Officer:	KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TO: Chair and Committee Members

FROM: Executive Officer – Kassy Chauhan

DATE: February 4, 2026

SUBJECT: NKGSA Executive Officer Report

ATTACHMENTS: (A) NONE

SGMA Implementation Project Updates

Progress continues on the projects being constructed under the Round 1 and 2 SGMA implementation grant funds. FID's Carter-Bybee Basin project is complete and water was diverted to the Basin for the first time in January 2026.

Fresno State and Fresno Irrigation District submitted applications to the NRCS for a list of projects and have been awarded contracts for the projects. The projects are aimed at helping both Fresno State and FID reach their sustainability goals. The next round of funding from NRCS was available and both entities applied for funding for additional projects in January 2026.

Outreach and External Affairs

The NKGSA remains active on social media. Additionally, the NKGSA actively engages with stakeholders via e-blogs and by providing information on the website. Participation in the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, the Collaborative Action Plan and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley continues.

Since the last Advisory Committee meeting on December 5, 2025, most of the content and outreach efforts have been focused on the well registration program as presented in agenda item 6b.

Dedicated Representative Monitoring Well Improvements:

The North Kings GSA Board of Directors approved investments for the development of a dedicated representative monitoring network. The first phase of dedicated monitoring wells includes ten monitoring wells and the construction on those wells is nearing completion. FID's Engineering Technician, Chris Lundeen, is working on installation of the data loggers to allow for real time monitoring of groundwater levels. DWR continues to emphasize the importance of the bi-annual groundwater level measurements from the representative monitoring wells and continuing to use private agricultural wells and private domestic wells could be costly to the North Kings GSA. The contract was awarded to the low bidder, Bradley & Sons Well Drilling. All funds from the FY 2025-2026 budget have been expended and remaining expenses will be paid from the well monitoring network reserve fund approved by the Board of Directors.

Plans are underway to identify the next phase of monitoring wells to be drilled including physical locations and working to secure easements for those wells. Funds for the next phase of monitoring wells will be presented in the FY 2026-2027 budget in May 2026.

Well Permit Review:

The NKGSA continues to review each of the well permit applications submitted to permitting agencies for wells being drilled within the NKGSA boundary. Data obtained from the well permit applications is compiled to facilitate ease of review and tracking. The NKGSA has been reviewing all new well permit applications submitted to Fresno County. The locations of the proposed new wells (including replacement wells) are being mapped to enable the NKGSA to identify any areas of concern. In addition, the NKGSA is notified by the State of California any time there is a report of a well going dry through the My Well Went Dry portal housed on DWR's website.

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