North Kings GSA Advisory Committee 2-13-2026

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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1. Call to Order
   - Teleconference Instructions For Members of the Public

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Written and Verbal Comments

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the Advisory Committee and 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.

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2. Public Presentations

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3. Approval of Minutes:

   a. Discussion/Possible Action – December 5, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

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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)

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5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update (Samuelian)

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Kings Subbasin Update

- Allocation Framework out to GSAs
  - GSAs to accept/approve in Feb/Mar
- DWR reviewing Periodic Evals, starting to conference with some basins
  - Likely several more months before we hear back from DWR
- Annual Report Preparation draft being prepared
  - Still clarifying some data. Project & management action updates required in new DWR format
- DWR released Land Subsidence BMP – special meetings with POCs then basins
- Coordinated work on Interconnected Surface Water (ISW)
  - Awaiting DWR BMP
- Domestic Well Mitigation Program ongoing
- SJV Water Blueprint has reached out to review their summary of basin projects

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5.a. Discussion/Possible Action on the Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework (Samuelian and Chauhan)

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Allocation Framework

- Framework was developed by the basin coordination group
- Framework established because allocation methodology must be consistent across a basin
- GSAs being asked to accept/approve framework that will be used when/if GSA implements
  - Acceptance/approval of the framework is not implementing allocation. GSAs will implement on different timelines
- Framework establishes total "buckets" of water (Native and SWIG) for each GSA
- GSAs will separately determine how those buckets are divided up within their GSA
- GSAs asked to accept/adopt this allocation framework in Feb/Mar

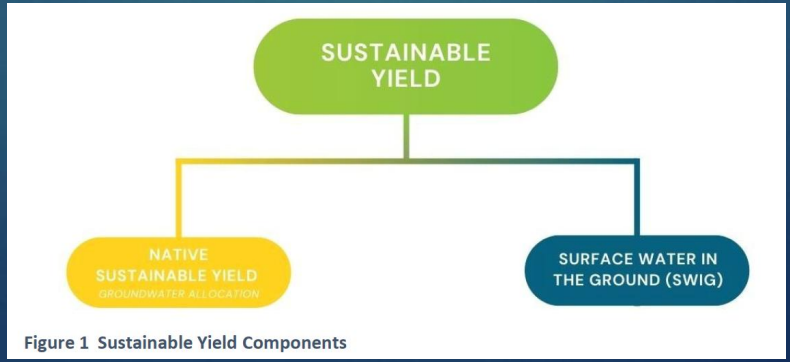

Figure 1 Sustainable Yield Components

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.

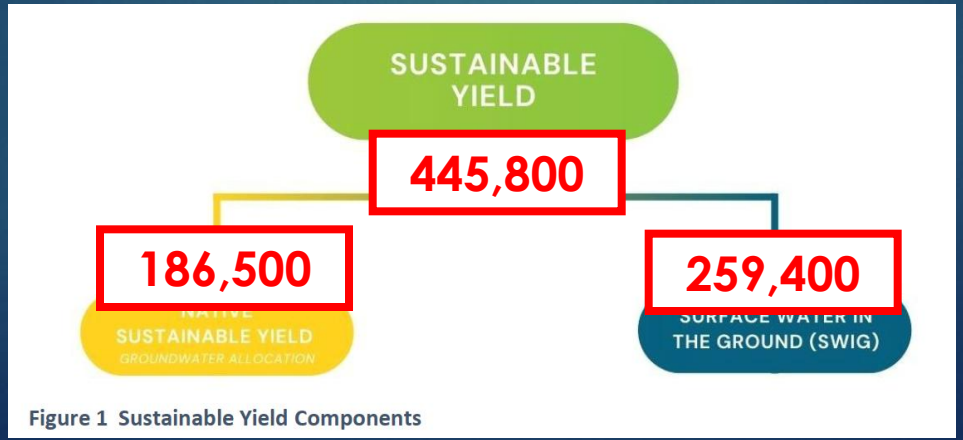

Figure 1 Sustainable Yield Components

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**	**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**

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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**	**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**

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6. Administrative

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6. Administrative:
   a. ACWA JPIA President's Special Recognition Award – North Kings GSA (Chauhan)
   b. Brown Act Training – Update on SB707, Effective January 1, 2026 (AALRR)

Brown Act Updates
SB 707

SB 707 Overview

- **Applicable ONLY to "Eligible Legislative Bodies"**
  - Agenda & Participation Requirements added
  - Effective July 1, 2026

- **Applicable to ALL agencies**:
  - ALL agencies must now post special meeting agendas on website
  - Board members must receive copy of Brown Act statutes
  - Permanently adopted social media restrictions (previously were temporary)
  - Expanded Report Out Requirements for Dept. Heads/Managers
  - Amended and Enhanced Teleconferencing Options
  - Effective January 1, 2026

“Eligible Legislative Body” (ELB) Definition

- **Board of Directors of Special Districts** that have a website and any of the following:
  - **Large Boundaries**: Boundaries including the entirety of a county with the population over 600,000 or more, and the special district has over 200 FTE.
  - **Large Workforce**: Over 1,000
  - **High Revenue**: Annual revenues of over $400,000,000 per year (adjusted annually based on CPI) and employ over 200 FTE
- **City Councils of City:**
  - With population of 30,000 or more; OR
  - Located in a county with 600,000 or more
- **Board of Supervisors of County:**
  - With population of 30,000 or more

Public Outreach

SB 707 - Requires ELBs to take specific actions to encourage residents to participate in public meetings:

- Provide a system for electronically accepting and fulfilling request for meeting agendas;
- Have an accessible internet webpage dedicated to information concerning public meetings and how members of the public may participate, including a link to the page on the agency's home page; and
- Make reasonable efforts to invite groups that do not traditionally participate in public meetings to attend those meetings
  - Via outreach to media organizations serving non-English speaking communities or civic engagement organizations

Electronic Public Participation

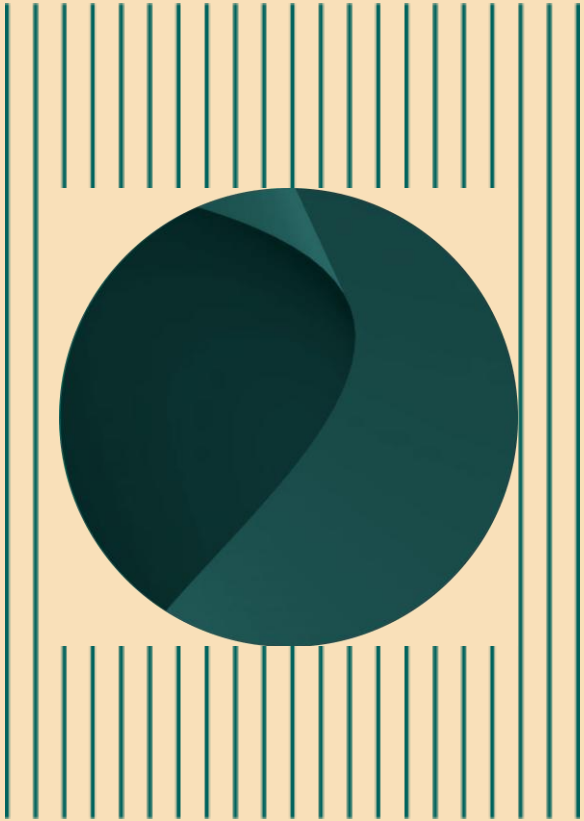
- SB 707 **REQUIRES** ELBs to offer hybrid meetings
  - Public must be able to participate through **a two-way phone or video platform** (unless technology not available at meeting location or meeting qualifies for exemption (i.e., off-site tour)

- On or before July 1, 2026, ELB must approve a **POLICY RE: DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC/INTERNET SERVICE DURING MEETING**:
  - Policy must address procedures for recessing & reconvening in the event of disruption, AND efforts to restore service
  - If a disruption prevents the public from attending a meeting, the body must take a recess and try to restore service for at least 1 hour
  - Afterward, Board must adopt a finding by roll call vote confirming that good-faith efforts were made to fix the issue and that resuming the meeting serves the public interest more than delaying it further

Language Translation & Interpretation

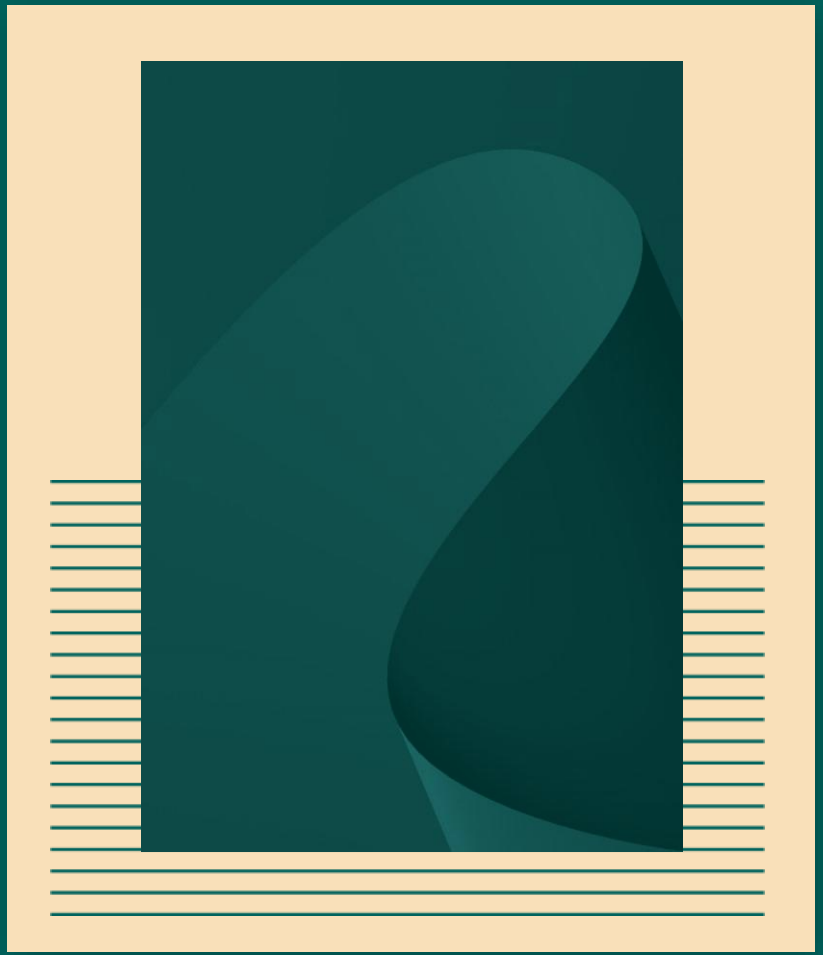
SB 707 - Requires ELBs to:

- Translate the agenda and instructions on how to participate in meetings into any language spoken jointly by 20% or more of an applicable population that also speaks English less than "very well" according to the American Community Survey;
- Provide reasonable assistance to members of the public who wish to use personal interpreters, such as arranging space for interpreters and allowing extra time for interpretation;
- Webpage dedicated to information concerning public meetings must be translated into any language spoken jointly by 20% or more of an applicable population that also speaks English less than "very well" according to the American Community Survey;
- Make a physical location, within reasonable proximity to the location where the agenda is posted, freely accessible to the public so the public may post additional translations of that agenda



New General Requirements Applicable to ALL Agencies

Effective January 1, 2026



Provision of Copy of Brown Act

- **REQUIREMENT:** Agency must provide a copy of the Brown Act to members of legislative bodies
  - All members, whether elected or appointed
  - All legislative bodies, including committees, commissions, all other Brown act applicable bodies
- **CONTENT:** Copy of Brown Act statutes
- **PURPOSE:** Ensure all individuals serving on legislative bodies are informed and have access to open meeting requirements of the Brown Act

Social Media Use

Board members *<u>may not</u>* use social media to "discuss among themselves" official business

- "A member of the legislative body shall not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform **regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body** that is **made, posted, or shared** by another other member of the legislative body."

- "Discuss among themselves" = communication made, posted, or shared on social media, **INCLUDING** comments or emojis, to communications made by other board members

Permissible Online Activity by Board Member

Interaction Type	Permitted
Member A responds to Resident's posted question	YES
Member B responds to Member A's Response	**NO, cannot respond to another Board member**
Member B responds to same Resident's posted question	YES, as long as not referencing or in response to Member A
Member A responds to a post by the Agency	YES
Member A comments on Member B's post about agency business	**NO**
Member A likes Member B's post on agency business	**NO**
Member A likes Member B's post sharing the birth of a grandchild	YES, not subject matter jurisdiction of the agency

Expansion of Open Session Salary Requirements

Prior Requirement: Brown Act always required that final action related to salary, compensation, or fringe benefits of a local agency executive (i.e., GM, Executive Director, etc.) be taken in open session at a regular meeting

New Requirement: Requirement extended to department heads and similar administrative officers of agency

Teleconferencing

Traditional (NO CHANGES)

- All votes taken during a teleconference meeting must be by **roll calls**

(This applies to all teleconference options)

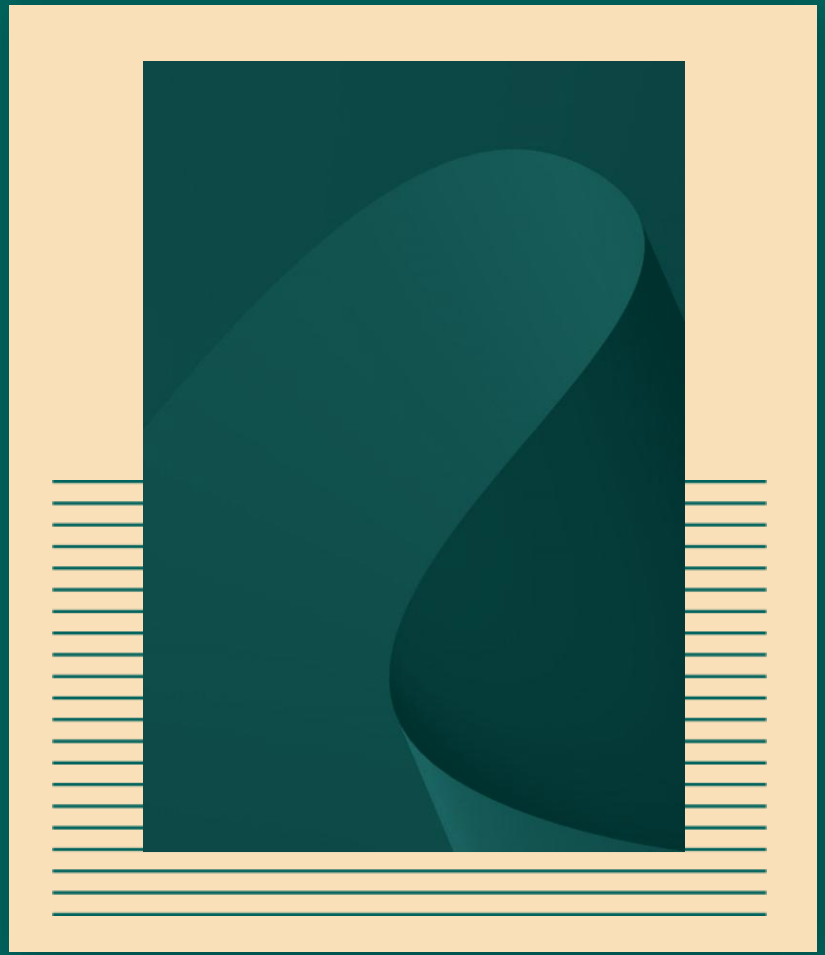
- Agendas must be **posted at each teleconference location**, **identify** each teleconference location, & each location must be **accessible to the public**
- During the teleconference, at least a **quorum** of the members of the legislative body must participate from locations within the jurisdiction of the local agency
- The agenda must provide an opportunity for members of the public to **address the legislative body directly from each teleconference location**

Non-Traditional - Expanded Post Covid Teleconferencing (changes made by SB 707) Under Gov. Code 54953.8

- State of Emergency (**Local** or State)
  - Allows use during proclaimed state of emergency *OR* **local emergency (declared by City or County)s**
- Just Cause/~~**Emergency Circumstances**~~
  - "Emergency circumstance" basis gone & rolled into "just cause"
  - Added "just cause" reasons:
    (1) immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
    (2) Physical or family medical emergency
    (3) Specific military service obligations
- **Specific Types of Bodies**

Disability Accommodation (NEW – added by SB 707)

- **Members with a disability can participate remotely as an accommodation**
- **Remote participation requires:**
  - BOTH audio & video technology
  - Audio only if disability results in need to participate off camera
- Member **must disclose** before any action is taken whether any other individuals 18+ are present in the room & the general nature of their relationship
- Participation under these rules **treated as in-person attendance**, including for quorum purposes



Disruptions During Teleconferencing

SB 707 added statutory authority to remove or limit persons who engage in disruptive behavior during a meeting while using a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform

New General Requirements for Non-Traditional Post Covid Teleconferencing Options

- **ONLY APPLICABLE IF USING GOV. CODE 54953.8 TELECONFERENCING**
- In most cases – both audio & video required
- Must provide public a way to remotely hear & visually observe the meeting & remotely address the Board through two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way telephonic service **and** a live webcast
- Notice of teleconference meeting must provide notice of how the public may access the meeting & offer public comment
  - Agenda must include call-in/webcast option or an internet-based service option
- If disruption occurs, Board must take no further action until public access restored
- **Cannot require** public comments to be submitted before meeting. Must allow for real time comments.
- If required by service provide (e.g., Zoom), registration of individual is allowed; but **cannot** be required as a condition of attending meeting

New General Requirements for Non-Traditional Post Covid Teleconferencing Options Cont.

- If no timed public comment period (e.g., some agencies restrict comments to non-agenda items to 30 minutes), Board must allow a "reasonable amount of time per agenda item" for public comment
- If teleconferencing from remote location (physical location designated in notice of meeting) – **meeting minutes must reflect legal grounds for teleconference**
- **Remote locations do not need to be accessible to the public**
- Board member must identify anyone 18+ present in room & describe nature of the relationship with those individuals
- Agency must have procedure to address requests for reasonable accommodations under the ADA for teleconference meetings
  - Must also provide notice of the procedure for receiving & resolving requests for accommodation

Committees & Multijurisdictional Bodies (JPAs)

Eligible subsidiary bodies, like committees, may teleconference meeting

- Powers only advisory w/ no final action authority, and
- NOT formed to address issues such as elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, library materials, or taxes
- Governing Board must authorize the committee to meet remotely both initially and every six months thereafter, after finding:
  - Remote meetings would enhance public access to meetings, and has been made aware of the option;
  - Would promote, attract, and diversify participants to join the committee
- Two-way audio and visual appearance in most circumstances
- Must still designate a physical location for public to attend AND at least one agency staff member must be present at that physical location during the meeting

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Multijurisdictional Bodies (JPAs)

- Requires resolution authorizing the use of teleconference, adopted at a regular meeting during open session
- Quorum required to participate in one or more locations that are open to the public & within jurisdictional boundaries
- Member of Eligible Multijurisdictional Body (EMB) who receives compensation for service on the Board must participate from a physical location that is open to the public
- Can participate remotely if:
  - Remote participation is identified on the agenda
  - Audio & visual technology is used
- May not participate remotely unless more than 20 miles away from physical location where quorum is participating
- Limited to a certain amount of meetings per year, depending on how many Board meetings occur

Thank You

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6. Administrative:
   c. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update (Chauhan)

6.d. Well Registration Progress Update

- To Date: 8,130 wells registered
- Required Effective May 1
- More than 10,000 wells within NKGSA
- Deadline:
  - Final Deadline was January 30, 2026
  - Late Fee Started – February 1, 2026

6.d. Well Registration Progress Update

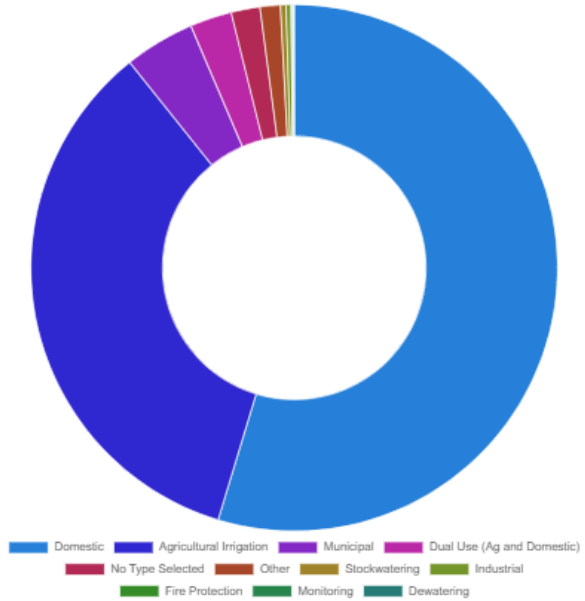
Well Types Distribution Report

Print Report

Region: North Kings GSA

Date Range: Jan 01, 2020 to Dec 31, 2026

Well Types Distribution Chart



Well Types Distribution Table

Well Type	Count	Percentage	Distribution
Domestic	4445	54.7%	
Agricultural Irrigation	2812	34.6%	
Municipal	351	4.3%	
Dual Use (Ag and Domestic)	209	2.6%	
No Type Selected	144	1.8%	
Other	101	1.2%	
Stockwatering	28	0.3%	
Industrial	24	0.3%	
Fire Protection	6	0.1%	
Monitoring	6	0.1%	
Dewatering	4	0%	
Total	**8130**	**100%**	

Well Registration Update –

- Next Steps:
  - Late Registration Fee Implemented - $100 per wellhead
    - Started February 1, 2026
    - 65 waivers issued; 19 pending; 22 late payments
  - Development of Enforcement Policy for Failing to Comply with GSA Policies/Requirements
    - Consider at March Meetings
  - Identify Landowners With Wells Not Registered
    - Ongoing – Most of 2026

6. Admin.

e. Well Permitting Update – 2025 and 2026 YTD

2024: 229 Total
2025: 242 Total
2026: 23 Total YTD

2025	242
Jan	**14**
Agricultural	3
Domestic Private	8
Domestic Public	1
Monitoring	2
Feb	**17**
Agricultural	6
Cathodic	2
Domestic Private	7
Soil Boring	2
Mar	**18**
Agricultural	2
Domestic Private	13
Monitoring	3
Apr	**14**
Agricultural	6
Domestic Private	7
Domestic Public	1
May	**20**
Agricultural	2
Domestic Private	16
Domestic Public	1
Monitoring	1
Jun	**19**
Agricultural	4
Domestic Private	14
Monitoring	1
Jul	**23**
Agricultural	7
Domestic Private	15
Soil Boring	1
Aug	**23**
Agricultural	4
Domestic Private	16
Domestic Public	1
Monitoring	1
Soil Boring	1
Sep	**21**
Agricultural	4
Domestic Private	17
Oct	**48**
Agricultural	7
Domestic Private	16
Domestic Public	1
Monitoring	24
Nov	**17**
Agricultural	4
Domestic Private	12
Soil Boring	1
Dec	**8**
Agricultural	3
Domestic Private	4
Domestic Public	1

2026	23
Jan	**12**
Agricultural	2
Domestic Private	10
Feb	**11**
Agricultural	1
Domestic Private	10

Type of Well	Count
2025	**242**
Agricultural	52
Cathodic	2
Domestic Private	145
Domestic Public	6
Monitoring	32
Soil Boring	5
2026	**23**
Agricultural	3
Domestic Private	20
Grand Total	**265**

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7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

7. Workgroup Updates

a. Technical Workgroup Update

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8. Member Agency Reports

a. i. Water Supply Update
a.ii. Others

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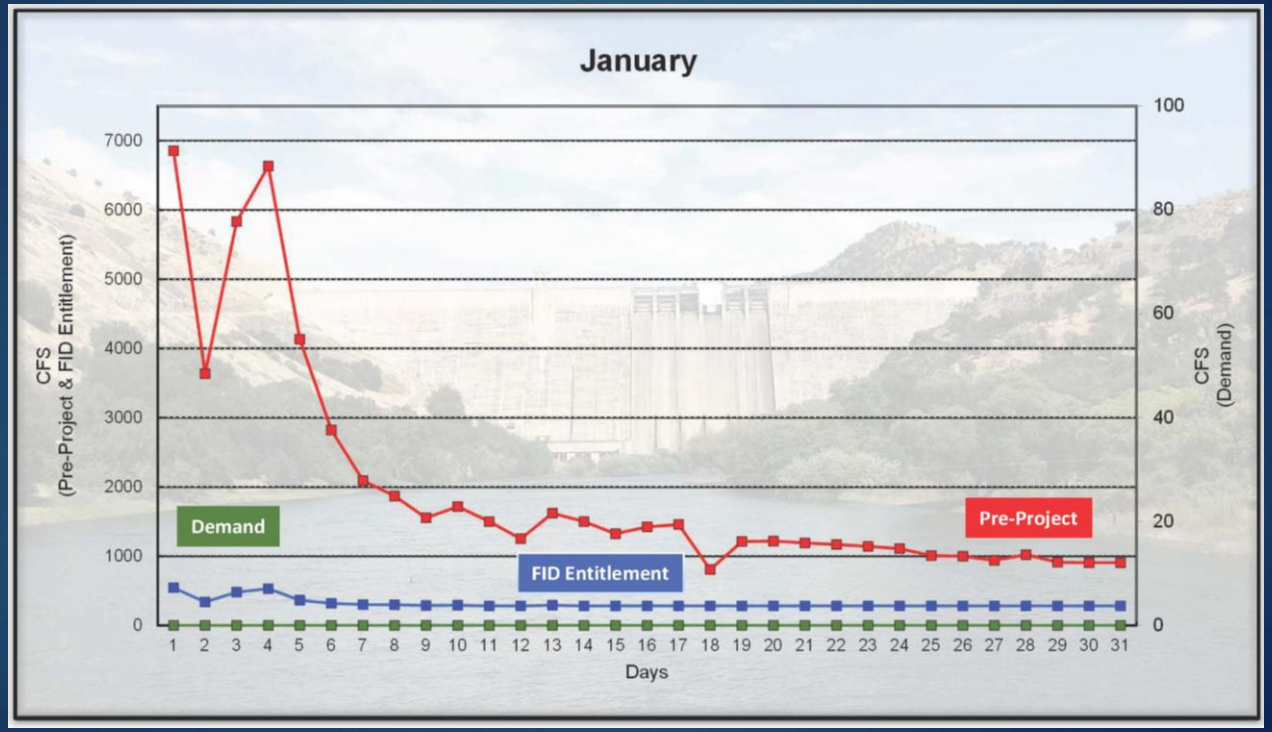
CVP & San Joaquin River (as of February 11):

- Millerton Lake Storage: 318,600 AF
- *Friant Class 1 – 100% (March 27, 2025)*
- **Friant Class 2:**
  - *URFs Tier 2 Blocks AA, BB, CC (1,926 AF for FID)*
  - **10% allocation (Jan 1-Feb 28) (7,500 AF for FID)**
  - **Additional 5% UCS (Jan 9-Jan 31) (3,750 AF for FID)**
  - **Total Jan/Feb FID Class 2: 11,250 AF**

Water Supply Update

Kings River as of February 11:

- Pine Flat Storage: 529,558 AF
- Pre-Project: 1,249 cfs (FID Entitlement: 470 cfs)
- FID Pine Flat Storage: ~93,000 AF
- Tracking combined Upper River storage:
  - Current: 154k AF
  - Max: 404k AF
- Current demands: Clovis SWTF & COF SESWTF on


January
CFS
(Pre-Project & FID Entitlement)
7000
6000
5000
4000
3000
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80
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CFS
(Demand)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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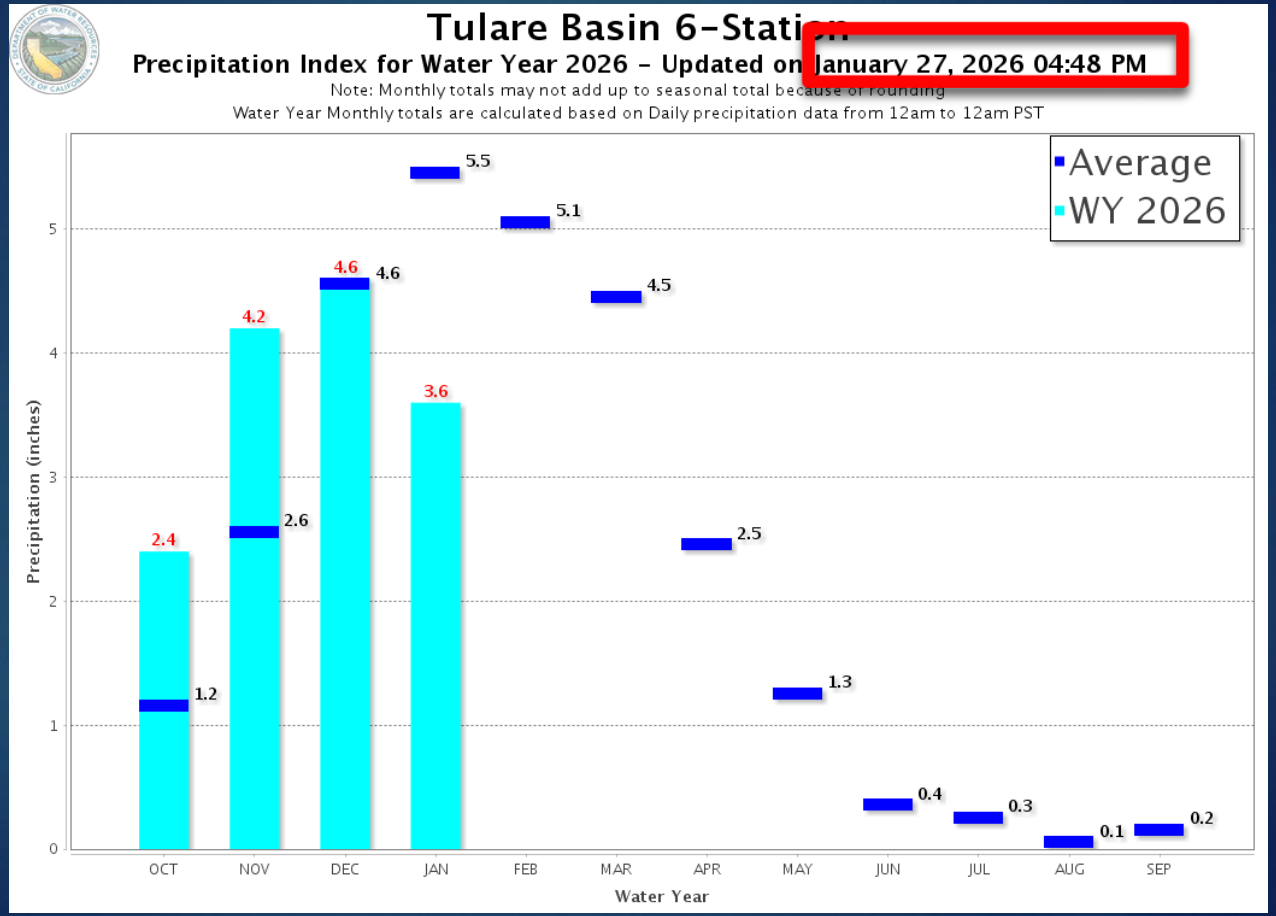
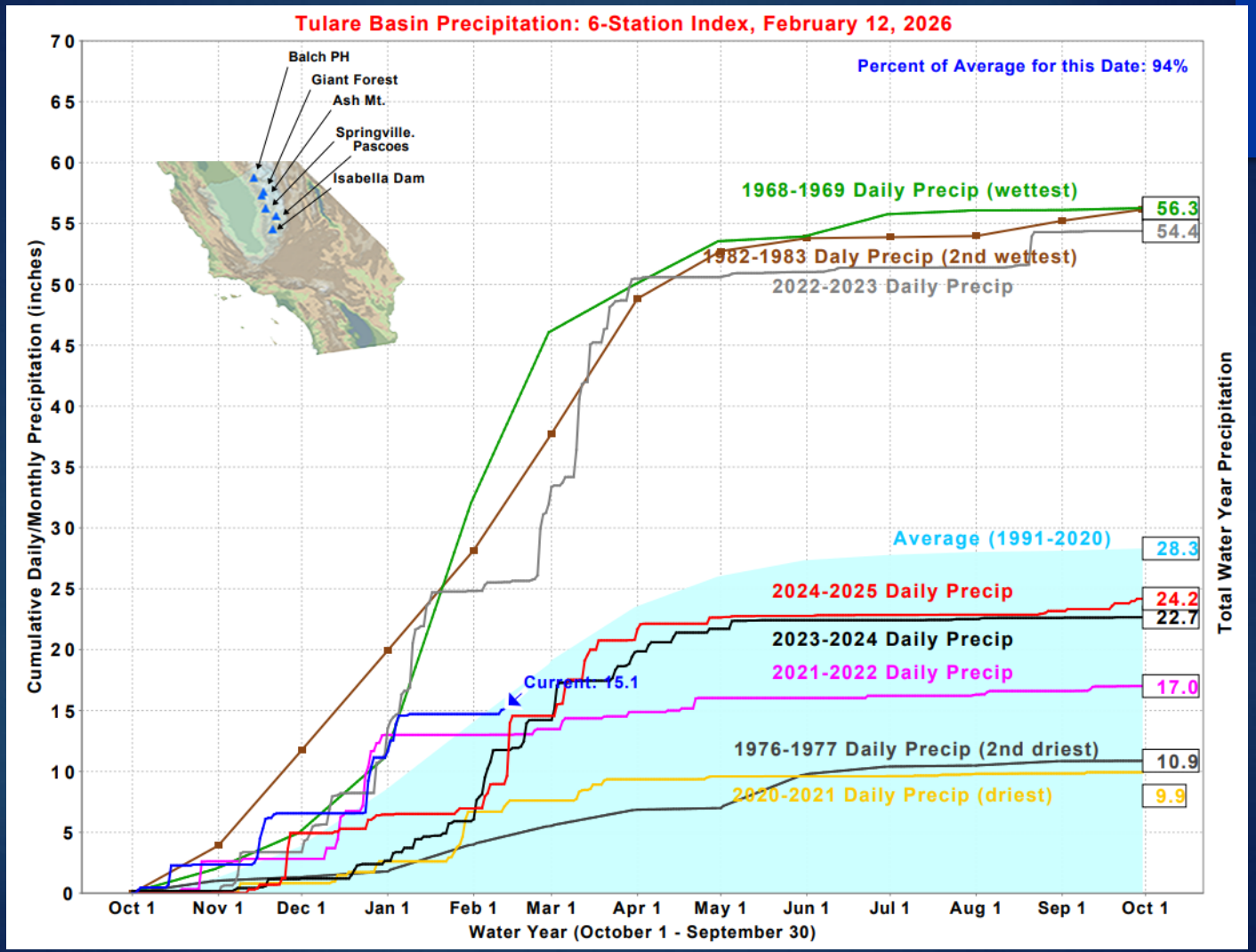
Tulare Basin 6-Station Precipitation Index




Tulare Basin Precipitation: 6-Station Index, February 12, 2026
Percent of Average for this Date: 94%
Balch PH
Giant Forest
Ash Mt.
Springville.
Pascoes
Isabella Dam
1968-1969 Daily Precip (wettest)
56.3
1982-1983 Daly Precip (2nd wettest)
54.4
2022-2023 Daily Precip
Average (1991-2020)
28.3
2024-2025 Daily Precip
24.2
2023-2024 Daily Precip
22.7
2021-2022 Daily Precip
17.0
Current: 15.1
1976-1977 Daily Precip (2nd driest)
10.9
2020-2021 Daily Precip (driest)
9.9
Cumulative Daily/Monthly Precipitation (inches)
Total Water Year Precipitation
Water Year (October 1 - September 30)
Oct 1
Nov 1
Dec 1
Jan 1
Feb 1
Mar 1
Apr 1
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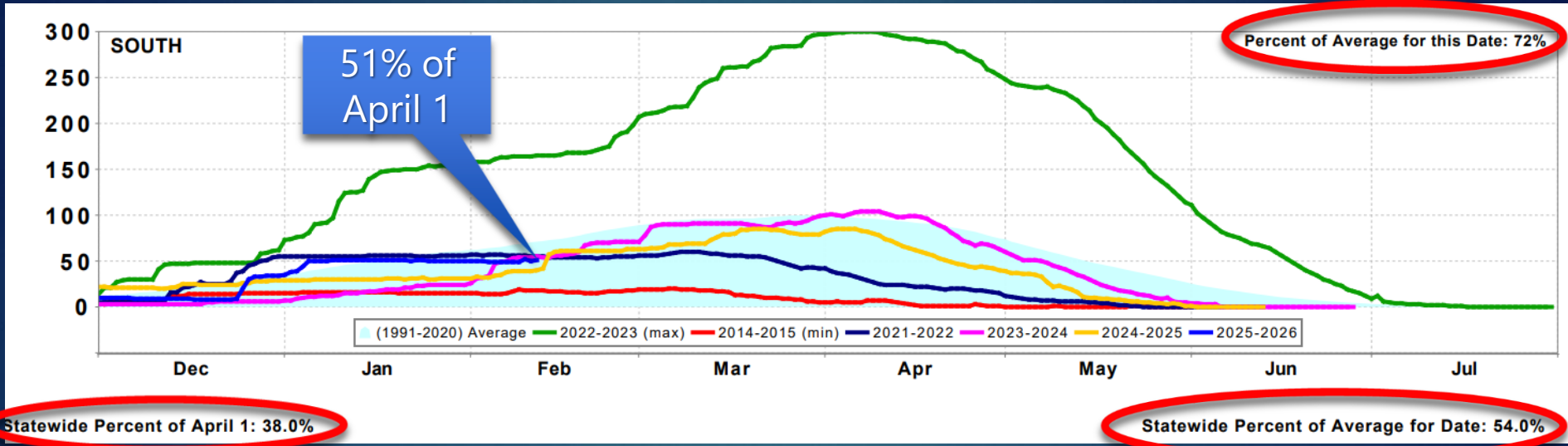
Sierra Nevada Snow Water Content



Northern Sierra: 27% of April 1 avg
Central Sierra: 39% of April 1 avg
Southern Sierra: 51% of April 1 avg

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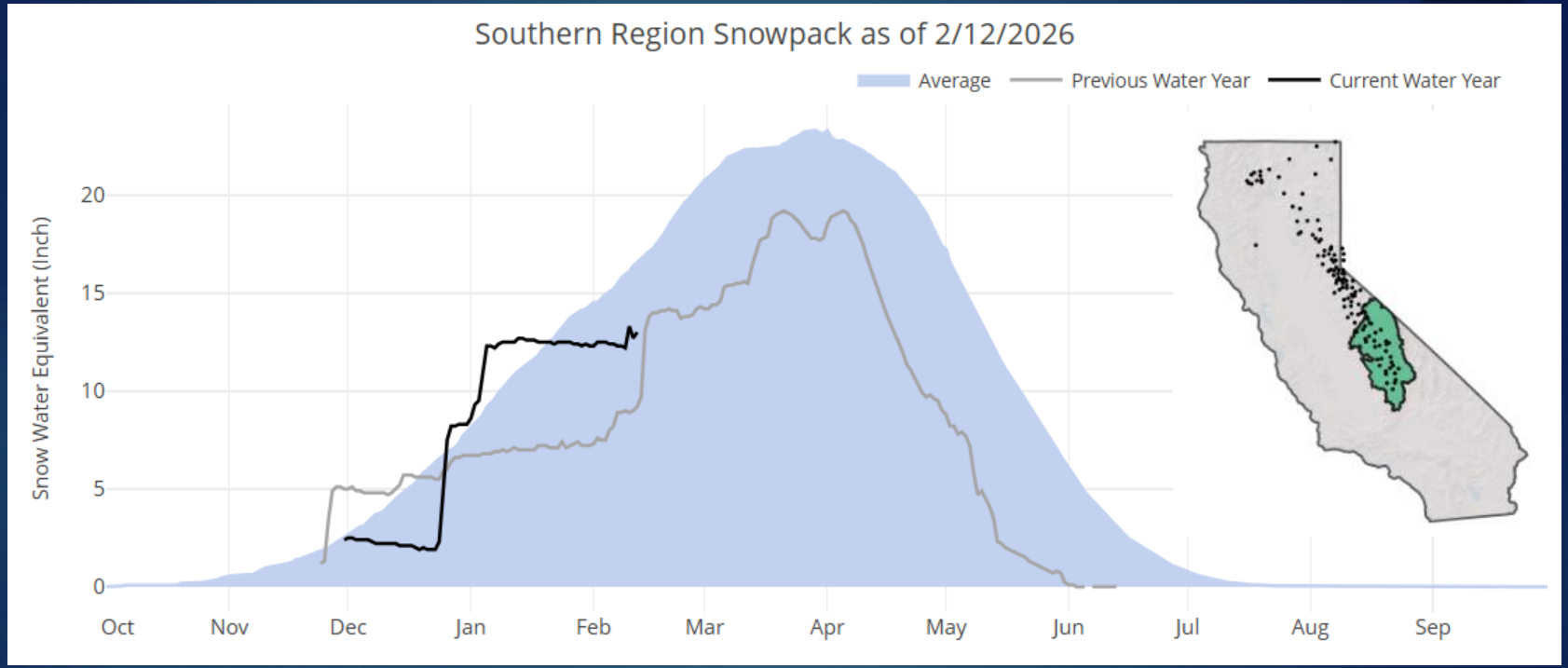


Southern Sierra ahead of last year…for now

February 1 Snow Survey Results & Forecasts

Kings River Watershed Snow Water Content:

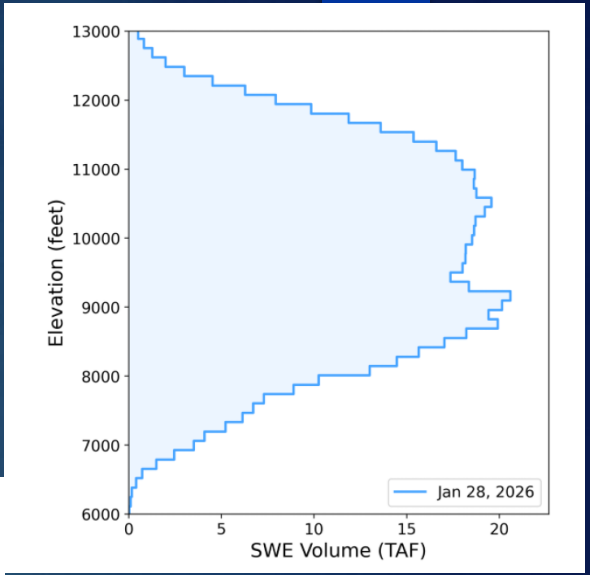
- 80% of Feb 1 avg
- 49% of April 1 avg
- Feb 1, 2026 ASO Water Content: 588,000 AF
  - Feb 1, 2025: 331k AF (1,234k AF WY runoff, 73%)
  - Feb 1, 2024: 293k AF (1,615k AF WY runoff, 95%)
  - Feb 1, 2023: 2,184k AF (4,510k AF WY runoff, 266%)

Kings River Runoff

- Feb 1 DWR B120 Runoff forecast: 75% A-J (809k AF)
- Feb 1 NWS NOAA CNRFC Runoff forecast: 99% A-J

2026 Friant Class 1 est: 70%

February 1 ASO Results



January Class 2 Water Import Operations

Summary:

- Dec 31: 10% Class 2 allocation (7,500 AF for FID) schedulable Jan 1-Feb 28
- Jan 8: 5% Class 2 UCS (3,750 AF for FID) available Jan 9 – Jan 31
- Water routed to FID and some FMFCD basins
- FID felt Class 2 availability window would shorten due to dry conditions, so goal to import all 11,250 AF by Jan 31
- Class 2 availability ended Feb 3
- FID imported/recharged all 11,250 AF (~300 cfs)

Golden Mussel Update

- Mussel testing being performed along entire FKC, Millerton, and rivers being crossed (including Kings).
- FWA current strategy (pending FWA board approval)
  1. Coordination (KRWA, USACE CDFW, USBR, So Cal Edison, PG&E, Kern County Water Agency)
  2. Permitting and Control Plan Development
     - Could affect Class 1 diversions into Kings River Wasteway
  3. Treatment Implementation
  4. Systematic Monitoring

8.a.ii Member Agency Reports

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9. Executive Officer Update

9.a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update

9. b. Outreach/External Affairs

9. c. Representative Monitoring Network

9. d. Miscellaneous

9b. Outreach and Education

- Social Media
- Website

9c. Representative Monitoring Network

- Construction Completed on 10 wells
- Easement Obtained for DWR TSS Well
- Planning for Next Phase of New Monitoring Wells
- Progress:

9.d. Miscellaneous

- Subsidence BMP's Released

10. Adjourn

Next Meeting

March 13, 2026