THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR
FEBRUARY 26, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.
2907 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE – FRESNO, CA

TELECONFERENCE / IN-PERSON MEETING

AGENCIES – DIRECTORS / ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT

Chairman Jerry Prieto, Jr., Fresno Irrigation District
Vice Chairman Brian Pacheco, County of Fresno
Director Steve Pickens, Bakman Water Company
Director Kyle Moeller, Fowler Packing
Alternate Director Nicholas Mascia, City of Fresno
Director Matthew Basgall, City of Clovis

BOARD SEATS ABSENT

Director Karl Kienow, Garfield Water District

MEMBER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Executive Officer Kassy Chauhan, North Kings GSA
Fresno Irrigation District Representative – Adam Claes
General Manager Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Legal Counsel Suparna Jain, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, & Romo (via teleconference)
Executive Assistant Laurie Kiser, Fresno Irrigation District

OTHERS PRESENT (who wanted to be identified for the record)

NKGSA Administrative Workgroup – Lisa Koehn (Retired City of Clovis)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Prieto at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Prieto led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Chauhan noted that no advance requests for public comments or written comments were received. Public comments will be taken under the appropriate action item and following each agenda item.

3. REVIEW AGENDA

(Additional Agenda Items – Requires Majority Approval of Board - §54954.2(b)

No changes to the agenda.

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4. REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes to future meetings.

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (for items not on agenda) – 3 Minutes Maximum Per Person, 10 Minutes Maximum Per Subject

No public presentations.

6. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter. [FPPC §18705]

None stated.

7. BROWN ACT TRAINING – SB 707

a. Board Member Training on Updates Per SB 707, effective January 1, 2026 (AALRR)

The Board received training on the Brown Act changes per SB707 by North Kings GSA legal counsel Ms. Suparna Jain from AALRR. The training included the following:

- 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

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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

Board members *may not* 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

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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

- SB 707 amended & enhanced teleconferencing options
- Added general requirements related to alternative (NON-TRADITIONAL) teleconferencing options

- **Multijurisdictional Bodies (e.g. JPAs) - Allowed to conduct teleconference - Gov. Code Section 54953.8.7 added**
  - **On the condition:**
    - Complies with newly added general requirements related to alternative teleconferencing AND
    - Meets the following **additional** requirements:
      - Requires resolution authorizing the use of teleconference, adopted at a regular meeting during open session
      - Quorum of members are required to participate in one or more locations that are open to the public & within jurisdictional boundaries
      - Member of eligible multijurisdictional body who receives compensation for service on the Board must participate from a physical location that is open to the public
      - Can participate remotely if: (1) Each member participating remotely is identified on the agenda AND (2) 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 number of meetings per year, depending on how many Board meetings occur

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

Ms. Chauhan stated that once COVID ended and in-person meetings resumed, teleconferencing for board members was discontinued. A virtual participation option continues to be available for the public, but board members must attend in person. It was noted that teleconferencing could be incorporated into the process if the Board chooses to do so, although it has not been necessary since the end of COVID.

8. ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Claes)

a. Advisory Committee Update from February 13, 2026, Meeting – Recommended Approvals

Mr. Claes reviewed the following:

- Update on Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2026
  - Received Brown Act Training – In Accordance with SB 707
  - Recommendations:
    - Approve Expense Reports
    - Approve Financial Statement
    - Accept / Approve the Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework – Not an Agreement on Individual Agency Allocations
    - Encouraged Staff to Continue Work on Enforcement Policy for Non-Compliance with NKGSA Policies

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS (Koehn)

a. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the Expense Reports for November and December 2025

Ms. Koehn reported that there were no unusual expenses for November. It was noted that expenses increased in December due to payment to Bradley & Sons for the six monitoring wells that have been completed and paid for.

Chairman Prieto inquired about the higher cost of two of the ten installed monitoring wells. Ms. Chauhan explained that the cost difference was due to those two wells being drilled to greater depths, as drilling costs are calculated on a per-foot basis.

b. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025

Ms. Koehn reported that the total expenses through December were all within the budget.

M/S/C (Basgall/Mascia) That the Board of Directors approved the Expense Reports for November and December 2025, and the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025, as presented by staff, by the following vote: (Ayes – Pickens, Moeller, Prieto, Jr., Mascia, Basgall, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – Kienow; Abstain – 0)

10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Discussion / Possible Action on Special Board Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2025

There were no corrections to the December 10, 2025, meeting minutes.

M/S/C (Pickens/Basgall) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes of the December 10, 2025, Special Board Meeting, as presented by Staff, by the following vote: (Ayes – Pickens, Moeller, Prieto, Jr., Mascia, Basgall, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – Kienow; Abstain – 0)

b. ACWA JPIA President's Special Recognition Award – NKGSA

Ms. Chauhan reported that the North Kings GSA received an award from JPIA for having no insurance claims. A copy of the certificate was provided for the Board's awareness, reflecting the NKGSA's continued record of no claims.

c. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update

Mr. Samuelian reviewed the following:

- Allocation Framework out to GSAs
    - GSAs to accept/approve in February/March

- DWR reviewing Periodic Evaluations
    - Starting to conference with some basins
    - Likely several more months before NKGSA hears back from DWR
        - Anticipating by the end of June
- Annual Report Preparation draft being prepared
    - Still clarifying some data
    - Project list & management action updates required in new DWR format
- DWR released Land Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP)
    - Statewide special meetings with only the point of contact from each basin

Mr. Samuelian reported that DWR does intend to schedule meetings by region, rather than by basin, focusing on areas identified as having significant land subsidence.

- Coordinated work on Interconnected Surface Water (ISW)
    - Awaiting DWR BMP
        - Anticipated to be completed soon
- Domestic Well Mitigation Program ongoing
- San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint has reached out to review their summary of basin projects

d. Discussion / Possible Action – Acceptance of Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework

Ms. Chauhan noted that the Allocation Framework has been a significant effort within the Kings Subbasin over the past several years and that the framework document was included in the Board packet. It was noted that legal counsel, including North Kings GSA counsel and counsel from other GSAs, has been heavily involved in reviewing the document and has confirmed its acceptability. The Board is now being asked to consider acceptance of the framework for use if and when an allocation is implemented. Ms. Chauhan then deferred to Mr. Samuelian to provide a summary of the document prior to potential Board action.

Mr. Samuelian reviewed the following:

- 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 Surface Water in the Ground (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 February/March

Mr. Samuelian presented graphics showing a breakdown between Native Sustainable Yield water and SWIG water, reflecting allocations of 186,400 acre-feet to Native Sustainable Yield and 259,400 acre-feet to SWIG, for a total of 445,800 acre-feet for the NKGSA. Further discussion was held regarding how the allocation amounts were determined. It was also noted that the allocation framework was approved by the Technical Committee and the Advisory Committee, which recommended that the framework be presented to the Board for approval.

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.

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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**

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**

Ms. Chauhan emphasized that acceptance of the allocation framework does not commit any GSA to an implementation schedule, nor does it allocate or define how the approximately 445,800 acre-feet would be distributed among the agencies participating in the North Kings GSA.

Further discussion was held regarding potential triggers that could result in implementation of an allocation.

M/S/C (Basgall/Moeller) That the Board of Directors approved the Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework, as presented by Staff, by the following vote: (Ayes – Pickens, Moeller, Prieto, Jr., Mascia, Basgall, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – Kienow; Abstain – 0)

e. Water Conditions Update

Mr. Claes presented the following:

- San Joaquin River
  - Millerton Lake Storage – ~355,000 AF
  - San Joaquin River Release - ~400 cfs
  - Friant-Kern Canal - ~900 cfs
  - Friant Class 1 – 100 % (2026 initial allocation today: 100% Class 1)
  - Friant Class 2 – in CY2025, 3 blocks of URFs (~1,900 AF total for FID), 11,250 AF of Class 2 UCS in January 2026 for recharge
- Kings River
  - Pine Flat Storage - ~584,000 AF
  - Pine Flat Release - ~52 cfs
  - Pre-Project - ~2,900 cfs
  - FID Storage - ~105,000 AF

Mr. Claes presented charts from KRWA illustrating inflows to Pine Flat Dam, which identified the months during which storm activity occurred.

Mr. Claes presented the Tulare Basin 6-Station Precipitation Index for the 2025–2026 water year, which began in October 2025. The data showed above-average precipitation in October and November, average precipitation in December, below-average precipitation in January, and above-average precipitation in February.

Snow Conditions & Runoff Forecasts:

- March 1 snow surveys being performed now
- February 1 snow surveys:
  - San Joaquin River: 47% of April 1 avg
  - Kings River: 50% of April 1 avg
- San Joaquin River Runoff (today)
  - DWR Bulletin 120: 83% of avg April-July runoff
  - NWS CNRFC: 84% of avg April-July runoff
- Kings River Runoff (today)
  - DWR Bulletin 120: 86% of avg April-July runoff
  - National Weather Service CNRFC: 88% of avg April-July runoff

Mr. Claes presented a chart that showed the snowpack water content curve for the Southern Sierra, noting that increases in the curve correspond to storm events, while flat periods reflect dry conditions. The most recent storm resulted in an increase, briefly bringing snowpack above average for this time of year; however, due to warm temperatures the snowpack is rapidly declining.

Mr. Claes shared two National Weather Service charts providing a three-month outlook for March through May 2026. The data indicated drier than normal conditions.

Mr. Claes gave the following update on the Golden Mussel.

- Golden mussels in CA Aqueduct, Cross-Valley Canal, southern end of Friant-Kern Canal (FKC) (Arvin-Edison WSD)
- Friant Water Authority (FWA) developed strategy for testing/mitigation
- Tests show no Golden mussel DNA in FKC north of Lake Woollomes/Delano area
- None in Millerton (SJR) or Pine Flat (Kings)
- FWA will continue to test periodically

Chairman Prieto mentioned that boat inspections need to be more stringent. Staff added that there is proposed legislation to provide funding to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and others, to help support the costs associated with increased inspections of boats.

f. Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Progress Update

Ms. Chauhan reviewed the following:

Well Registration Progress Update:

- To Date: 8,179 wells registered
  - Domestic: 4,472
  - Agricultural: 2,830
- Required Effective May 1
- More than 10,000 wells within NKGSA
- Deadline:
  - Final Deadline was January 30, 2026
  - Late Fee Started – February 1, 2026

Well Types Distribution Table

Well Type	Count	Percentage	Distribution
Domestic	4472	54.7%	
Agricultural Irrigation	2830	34.6%	
Municipal	351	4.3%	
Dual Use (Ag and Domestic)	209	2.6%	
No Type Selected	148	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	**8179**	**100%**	

- Next Steps:
  - Late Registration Fee Implemented - $100 per wellhead
    - Started February 1, 2026
    - 96 waivers issued; 20 pending; 24 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
    - 4,100 Parcels (2+ Acres) – No Registration Activity
    - 2,161 Parcels (5+ Acres) – No Registration Activity
        - 1,352 Addresses – 941 With Crops

Ms. Chauhan reported that the process of identifying parcels with unregistered wells is underway and it is anticipated that it will continue over the next several months.

Ms. Chauhan presented a map illustrating the distribution of well registrations across the GSA boundary. The map indicated strong participation across the entire NKGSA boundary.

Ms. Chauhan expressed appreciation to the Board for its support and to the support team for its efforts on the project.

Well Registration Campaign Wrap Up:

SUPPORT

As of February 1, 2026

Support	
Number of Support Tickets Logged	1,179
Number of Phone Calls Fielded	2,457
Number of Users in Subcurrent	3,353

WORKSHOPS

	Workshop Name	Count of Attendees
1	Kerman Workshop – 8/27/2025	35
2	Easton Workshop – 10/29/2025	60
3	FID Workshop – 11/6/2025	40
4	Clovis – 11/12/2025	100
	Total	235

PARTNERSHIPS & EVENTS

	Organization	Type of Engagement
1	Growing Together Small Farms Conference	Tabling event
2	Kings River Water Quality Coalition	Mail and email
3	UCANR	Radio, flyer distribution, and presentation
4	Grape, Nut, & Tree Fruit Expo 2025	Tabling event
5	Jordan College of Ag Science and Tech	Flyer distribution

IN THE MEDIA

	Outlet	Topic	Type
1	KMJ Now	Launch, extended deadline	Radio – ongoing spot
2	Punjabi Radio	Launch	Radio
3	Radio Bilingue	Launch	Radio
4	The Business Journal	Launch	News
5	SJV Water	Launch	News
6	Water Education Foundation	Launch	News
7	Bend Source Weekly	Wells	News
9	Public Policy Institute of California	Managing Water	Post
9	GV Wire	Workshops Series	News
10	SJV Water	Workshops Series	News
11	QWER	Workshops Series	News
12	Maven's Notebook	Workshops Series	News
13	SJV Water	Deadline	News
14	SJV Water	Extended Deadline	News

COMMUNTY ROAD SIGNS AND FLYERING

Type	Community	Count
Road sign	Northeast Fresno County Block 1	12
Road sign	Northeast Fresno County Block 2	6
Road Sign	Easton	9

Type	Community	Count
Flyers	Appaloosa/Northeast Clovis	75
Flyers	Southeast Clovis/Sanger	150
Flyers	Easton	60
Flyers	Kerman	100
	Total	385

- Paid Digital Advertising: Spent $255.39 to reach 7,672 people, with 431 clicks to Subcurrent
- Public Water System Letters Sent – 351 Municipal Wells Registered

DIRECT MAIL

Mailer	Audience	Mail Date	Counts of unique parcel owners
Postcard	FID lands	10/23/25	7,320
Letter & Flyer	White area lands	10/23/25	2,816
Final Notice Letter	2+ Acre Parcels with no registration progress on any owned parcels	1/20/26	5,327

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

EMAIL

Reports pulled from May 1, 2025 – February 1, 2026.

Digital Engagement	
Number of New Subscribers	3,075
Number of E-blasts Sent	69

ORGANIC VIDEO

Views are consolidated across all social media platforms, excluding Nextdoor, which reports only post impressions rather than video views. Table is organized by highest views to lowest views.

	Video Title	Views
1	North Kings GSA Well Registration - What it's for and why it matters	1356
2	The last day to receive registration support is Wednesday, November 26	508
3	Kassy Chauhan Interviewed by KMJ Radio	439
4	Growers Corner - Anthony Pacheco	422
5	Does registration mean metering domestic wells?	343
6	Deadline Extended to Jan 30	283
7	Attend Our Well Registration Workshop	262
8	Well Registration Support is Available	259
9	Why can't you just get the information from the county?	247
10	Join your Neighbors and Register Your Well	216
11	Why are domestic wells included in the well registration program?	216
12	Grower's Corner: Arshdeep Singh	190
13	Radio Bilingue Interview	10

g. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update

Ms. Chauhan reported limited demand for the program and presented the below chart.

	Central Kings	Kings River East	North Fork Kings	North Kings	Total Applications Completed
Prior to start of program	0	0	2	0	2
Well not dry	0	0	0	3	3
Age of well over 50	1	0	1	4	6
Over income limit	1	0	0	1	2
Total per GSA	2	0	3	8	13

h. Well Permitting Update

Ms. Chauhan reviewed the well permitting information below, noting that 242 well permits were issued in 2025 and 23 permits have been issued to date in 2026.

Well Type – 2025	Count
Agricultural	52
Cathodic	2
Domestic Private	145
Domestic Public	6
Monitoring	32
Soil Boring	5
Grand Total	242

Well Type – 2026	Count
Agricultural	3
Domestic Private	20
Grand Total	23

Well Type – 2026	Count
January	12 (Agricultural 2; Domestic Private 10)
February	11 (Agricultural 1; Domestic Private 10)
Grand Total:	23

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

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT (Chauhan)

a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update

Ms. Chauhan reported that the Fresno Irrigation District completed their 35-acre Carter-Bybee Basin and that staff is continuing to work with other agencies on their implementation of their individual projects.

b. Outreach / External Affairs Update

- Social Media
    - Strategic Communications Survey and Report – Priorities for 2026
- Website
    - Annual Audit Underway

Ms. Chauhan noted that a strategic communications survey was conducted with Provost & Pritchard and that staff would be setting communication priorities for 2026, including social media, website content, and email communications. Ms. Chauhan also noted that a website audit is underway to ensure all functions are operating properly.

c. Representative Monitoring Network Update

- Construction Completed on 10 wells
- Easement Obtained for DWR TSS Well – Executed January 2026
    - February – March 2026: Environmental Assessment – Nesting Swainson's Hawks
    - April – May 2026 – Possible Drilling if no Hawks
    - September 2026 – If Hawks Observed
- Planning for Next Phase of New Monitoring Wells

Ms. Chauhan shared photos of Bradley & Sons completing the monitoring well installation, as well as photos of the completed monitoring wells and the poles equipped with data loggers.

d. Miscellaneous

- Tulare Lake Basin – Court Ruling
    - Injunction Lifted
- SWRCB Probationary Process: Delta-Mendota Subbasin
    - Hearing has not been held yet but anticipated they will go back to DWR
- Aquaterra: Draft Environmental Impact Report
    - Comments Provided – December 22, 2025
    - Requested Additional Documents Including Modeling Files to Understand Potential Project Impacts
- DWR – Periodic Evaluation Review
    - More Engagement at Region Level

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12. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Pickens – nothing to report

Director Kienow – absent

Director Moeller – nothing to report

Director Prieto – nothing to report

Alternate Director Mascia – nothing to report

Director Basgall – nothing to report

Vice Chairman Pacheco - nothing to report#

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13. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Submitted by,

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Kassy Chauhan, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer