TRI-COUNTY
WATER AUTHORITY

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AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING

June 19, 2025
1:00 p.m.
944 Whitley Avenue
Corcoran, CA 93212

This Tri-County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting will be accessible via Zoom and dial-in at:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81412724713?pwd=SqJ6nd55yhxM8Y4WJTNQDT5a6EgirV.1
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Passcode: 624500
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The public may participate in the meeting as otherwise permitted under the Brown Act by calling the telephone number above. Any member of the public may address the Tri-County Water Authority concerning any item on the agenda before or during its consideration of that matter, as appropriate.

CALL TO ORDER 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Cory VanderHam, Chair
Myron Schotanus, Vice Chair
Craig Andrew
Erik Hansen – alternate for Wade Magden
Dick VanderHam

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Directors welcomes participation in Board meetings. The public may address matters under the jurisdiction of the Board that have not been posted in the Agenda. However, California Law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter that is not on the posted Agenda unless the Board determines that it is an emergency or one of the other situations specified in Government Code section 54954.2. The public will be given the opportunity to address the Board on any item on the Agenda at this time or before the Board's consideration of that item. If members of the public desire to address the Board relative to a particular Agenda item at the time it is to be considered, they should notify the Chair of the Board at this time. The Chair may limit the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues for each individual speaker.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS
(Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse himself from discussing and voting on the matter.) [FPPC § 87105.]

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar items will be voted on together by a single motion unless separate action is requested by a Director, staff or member of the public.

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 1, 2025
2. Warrants and Finances (04/26/2025 – 06/10/2025)

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Pursuant to Water Code Section 10730.6, **Public Hearing on Delinquent Groundwater Fees in Accordance with TCWA Policy.**
   - **a.** Open Public Hearing
   - **b.** Receive comments and/or materials from landowners (or their designees) against which penalties are potentially applicable
   - **c.** Close Public Hearing

ACTION AGENDA

4. Review and consider **action on delinquent accounts as outlined in the TCWA Policy and Procedures for Collecting Delinquent Fees, Assessments, or Charges**.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Pursuant to Water Code Section 10732, **Public Hearing on the Assessment of Civil Penalties for the First Quarter of 2025 as to specific Landowners.**
   - a. Open Public Hearing
   - b. Receive comments and/or materials from landowners (or their designees) against which penalties are potentially applicable
   - c. Close Public Hearing

ACTION AGENDA

6. Review and consideration of action(s) regarding **civil penalties under Water Code Section 10732 potentially applicable in the first quarter of 2025 and comments/materials submitted during Public Hearing regarding the same**
7. Consider for adoption Resolution 2025-09 **A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY APPROVING THE LEVYING OF 2026 ASSESSMENTS**
8. Consider for adoption Resolution 2025-10 **A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE THE VALIDITY OF THE LEGAL PROCESS USED TO PLACE DIRECT CHARGES (SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS) ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL**
9. Consider for adoption Resolution 2025-11 **A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF KINGS TO PLACE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON THE 2024-2025 TAX ROLL AND CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF KINGS THE VALIDITY OF THE LEGAL PROCESS USED TO PLACE DIRECT CHARGES (SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS) ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL**
10. Consider for adoption Resolution 2025-12 **A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY APPROVING THE LEVYING OF 2026 PUMP FEE**

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11. Consider for adoption Resolution 2025-13 **A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN DELINQUENT ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES AND REMOVING DIRECT ASSESSMENT FROM THE SECURED PROPERTY TAX ROLL FOR INDIVIDUAL PARCEL**

12. Consider for adoption Amended Resolution 2025-01 **A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVING A MONTHLY PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER WELLS**

13. Consider scheduling a **special meeting on August 7, 2025**

14. **Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestions**

15. **Communications**

a. Tulare County Environmental Health Services Division
b. Tule Subbasin 2025 Annual Report Comment Letter May 11, 2025

16. **Reports of General Interest**

a. Tule Trust – Kathy Wood McLaughlin
b. Tulare Lake Subbasin Update – Deanna Jackson / Amer Hussain
c. Tule Subbasin Update – Deanna Jackson / Amer Hussain
   - Meeting with SWRCB Staff
d. Proposed change to SGMA fee structure – Deanna Jackson
e. Advisory Committee Update – Deanna Jackson / Amer Hussain
   - Domestic Well Mitigation Program
   - Meter Reimbursement Program
   - Groundwater levels / Groundwater quality
f. Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Grant Update – Deanna Jackson / Amer Hussain
g. Legal Counsel Update – David Cameron
h. Other Updates, as appropriate

CLOSED SESSION

17. Conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation [Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] (2 potential cases)

18. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation [Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Angiola Water District v. Tri-County Water Authority, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU3162960

ADJOURNMENT

19. Adjourn to the next regular Board Meeting, scheduled on September 4, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., at the Authority Office Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

- Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order.
- Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda.
- Writings relating to open session Agenda items that are distributed to members of the Board of Directors will be available for inspection at the Authority office, excluding writings that are not public records or are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

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TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
May 1, 2025

The Board of Directors of Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted both in person and via Zoom.

Chair VanderHam presided and Secretary Wilkins kept the minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Cory VanderHam, Chair
Myron Schotanus
Craig Andrew
Erik Hansen (alternate for Wade Magden)
Dick VanderHam

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:
Deanna Jackson, Executive Director
Staci Wilkins, Board Secretary
David Cameron, AALRR
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec
John Gaugel, Wonderful
Kathy Wood McLaughlin, TKM Consulting
Rachel Clement, Field Representative for Congressman Valadao
Alanna Goodell, DWR Consultant
Nicole Bonna, Manulife Management Services
Brandon Spain, Manulife Management Services
Gabe Gaeta, Six-33 Solutions
Monserrat Solis, SJV Water
Steve Jackson, Next Gen Water Inc.
Sebastian Silveira, Gladstone Farms
Johnny Gailey, South Fork Kings GSA
Bruce Howarth, Alpaugh ID
Max Dugan, Geosyntec
Jay teVelde, Double J Dairy
Fernando Almaraz, Baker Manock & Jensen
Julie Martella
Melissa Hilvers

Chair VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT - Mr. Gaugel asked if the Board would take into consideration alternate language while reviewing the Policy and Procedures for Groundwater Extraction Allocation in section 5.1.3 for landowners that have land in both the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins. The proposed documents in agenda items 4 – 6 do not allow transfers of water between the subbasins.

There were no other public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on March 6, 2025
2. Warrants and Finances (03/04/2025 – 04/25/2025)

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Schotanus, the Directors voted to approve the Minutes, Warrants and Finances as presented. The Directors voted as follows:

Andrew	Hansen	Schotanus	D. VanderHam	C. VanderHam
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

ACTION AGENDA

3. Review and consider adoption of Resolution 2025-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY PLACING IN NOMINATION DEANNA JACKSON AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2026 – 2027 TERM.

   On a motion by Director D. VanderHam and seconded by Director Hansen, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 2025-02. The Board voted as follows:

Andrew	Hansen	Schotanus	D. VanderHam	C. VanderHam
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

* Agenda items 4 – 6 were considered and voted on as one item.

4. Review and consider adoption of Resolution 2025-03, ADOPTING A POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION ALLOCATION (TULE SUBBASIN - NORTH MANAGEMENT AREA) AND DETERMINING THAT SUCH ADOPTION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA GUIDELINES § § 15307, 15308, 15061(b)(3)).
5. Review and consider adoption of Resolution 2025-04, ADOPTING A POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION ALLOCATION (TULE SUBBASIN - SOUTHEAST MANAGEMENT AREA) AND DETERMINING THAT SUCH ADOPTION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA GUIDELINES § § 15307, 15308, 15061(b)(3)).
6. Review and consider adoption of Resolution 2025-05, ADOPTING A POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION ALLOCATION (TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN - TULARE LAKE MANAGEMENT AREA) AND DETERMINING THAT SUCH ADOPTION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA GUIDELINES § § 15307, 15308, 15061(b)(3)).

On a motion by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Hansen, the Board voted to adopt Resolutions 2025-03, 2025-04, and 2025-05 with a change to the wording in section 5.1.3 as proposed across all management areas. The Board voted as follows:

Andrew	Hansen	Schotanus	D. VanderHam	C. VanderHam
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

* Agenda items 7 – 9 were considered and voted on as one item.

7. Review and consider adoption of Resolution 2025-06, ADOPTING A SUBSIDENCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (TULE SUBBASIN - NORTH MANAGEMENT AREA) AND DETERMINING THAT SUCH ADOPTION IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA GUIDELINES § § 15307, 15308, 15061(b)(3)).

8. Review and consider adoption of Resolution 2025-07, ADOPTING A SUBSIDENCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (TULE SUBBASIN - SOUTHEAST MANAGEMENT AREA) AND DETERMINING THAT SUCH ADOPTION IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA GUIDELINES § § 15307, 15308, 15061(b)(3)).

9. Review and consider adoption of Resolution 2025-08, ADOPTING A SUBSIDENCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN – TULARE LAKE MANAGEMENT AREA) AND DETERMINING THAT SUCH ADOPTION IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA GUIDELINES § § 15307, 15308, 15061(b)(3)).

   On a motion by Director Hansen and seconded by Director D. VanderHam, the Board voted to adopt Resolutions 2025-06, 2025-07, and 2025-08 as presented. The Board voted as follows:

Andrew	Hansen	Schotanus	D. VanderHam	C. VanderHam
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

10. Review and consider approval of a letter returning the SGMA Round 1 Grant Funds to the Tule Subbasin.

    The Allensworth project was funded by SGMA Round 1 Grant Funding. Due to environmental concerns held by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the project was unable to be completed. The remaining balance of $1,567,443.50 will be returned to the Tule Subbasin to be used towards other projects. On a motion by Director Schotanus and seconded by Director D. VanderHam, the Board voted to approve the letter as presented. The Board voted as follows:

Andrew	Hansen	Schotanus	D. VanderHam	C. VanderHam
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

11. Review and consider approval of Tule Subbasin financials.

    Executive Director Jackson explained that the subbasin's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had been approving the financials, but a decision was made to send the scope of work for both 4Creeks and Thomas Harder back to the GSAs for approval. On the motion of Director D. VanderHam and seconded by Director Schotanus, the Board voted to approve the Tule Subbasin financials as presented. The Board voted as follows:

Andrew	Hansen	Schotanus	D. VanderHam	C. VanderHam
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

12. Review and consider canceling the regular meeting scheduled for July 3 and setting a special meeting date in June.

    The Board concurred that a meeting should not be held near Independence Day, so a special meeting date of Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. was scheduled and the July 3 meeting was canceled.

13. Review and consider setting a Public Hearing on the Assessment of Civil Penalties for the 2025 first quarter to specific landowners.

    On a motion by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Hansen, the Board voted to set a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. to consider civil penalties for 2025 first quarter groundwater extraction. The Board voted as follows:

Andrew	Hansen	Schotanus	D. VanderHam	C. VanderHam
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

14. Review and consider setting a Public Hearing on delinquent accounts as outlined in the TCWA Policy and Procedures for Collecting Delinquent Fees, Assessments, or Charges.

    On a motion by Director Hansen and seconded by Director Schotanus, the Board voted to set a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. to review delinquent accounts. The Board voted as follows:

Andrew	Hansen	Schotanus	D. VanderHam	C. VanderHam
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

15. Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestion - none
16. Communications
    a. Allensworth Project
17. Reports of General Interest
    a. Tule Trust
        - Ms. McLaughlin noted that they will be looking for a new Executive Director and that there will be no fallowing program for 2025 – 2026.
        - There is $400,000 available for a flood plain project along White River and lower Deer Creek.
    b. MLRP Local Plan Presentation
        - Mr. Dugan reviewed the background (purpose) and local plan content of the TCWA MLRP Plan. It would be coordinated to work with the Core Plan of the Tule Subbasin which is

still in the developmental stage. There is a significant need for repurposing land within TCWA and current funding is short of what is needed to mitigate negative impacts. There will be plenty of opportunities with the hope of attracting interested project partners (funders).

c. Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Hussain noted that the committee will now begin working on the management plans for water levels and water quality now that the subsidence document is complete.

d. Tulare Lake Subbasin Update

There is still no communication between the State and the subbasin, but progress is being made on coordination with the other GSAs. The Board approved the allocation policy and subsidence management plan earlier in the meeting and they will go into the GSP to be submitted. Still missing are the water level and water quality management plans. The GSAs will be meeting next week.

e. Tule Subbasin

The GSP will be complete once the missing water level and water quality management plans are completed. In a SGMA update recently before the State Board, Paul Gosselin noted that "emergency regulations" for subsidence may have to be put in place. A Best Management Practices document will be released in either May or June as a draft which will need to have an appropriate public comment period.

f. Legal Counsel Update

- The injunction in the Tulare Lake Subbasin has resulted in the State and GSAs not being able to communicate. The case has been fully briefed but there has been no date set.
- The Chowchilla plan was returned to DWR and they will not go before the State Board for a Probation Hearing.

g. Other updates – Well registration continues.

CLOSED SESSION

18. CLOSED SESSION – The Board entered into Closed Session at 2:35 p.m.

    a. Conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation [Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] (3 potential cases)

* Directors Andrew, and VanderHam, and Secretary Wilkins left Closed Session at 3:08 p.m. due to a possible conflict of interest with agenda item 18.b at 3:08 p.m.

    b. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation [Gov.t Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] *Angiola Water District v. Tri-County Water Authority*, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU3162960

19. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:13 p.m. and Secretary Wilkins returned to the meeting. Vice Chair Schotanus reported there was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

20. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the May 1, 2025, meeting, Vice Chair Schotanus adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m. until the next meeting to be held on June 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

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Cory VanderHam, Chair

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Deanna Jackson, Executive Director

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Tri-County Water Authority

Check Detail

April 26 - June 10, 2025

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
100 Checking						
04/28/2025	Check		American Funds		R	-1,358.33
				Retirement contribution		-400.00
				Retirement contribution		-958.33
04/29/2025	Tax Payment		CA EDD	Tax Payment for Period: 01/01/2025-03/31/2025	R	-378.00
				CA SUI / ETT		-378.00
04/30/2025	Tax Payment		IRS	Tax Payment for Period: 01/01/2025-12/31/2025	R	-84.00
				Federal Unemployment (940)		-84.00
04/30/2025	Payroll Check	DD	Deanna S. Jackson	Pay Period: 04/13/2025-04/27/2025	R	-4,257.09
				Direct Deposit		-4,257.09
04/30/2025	Payroll Check	DD	Staci Wilkins	Pay Period: 04/13/2025-04/27/2025	R	-1,454.23
				Direct Deposit		-1,454.23
05/05/2025	Check	1475	Tulare County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder		R	-58.00
				Notice of exemption (county fee) Tule Subbasin - North Management Area		58.00
05/05/2025	Check	1476	Tulare County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder		R	-58.00
				Notice of exemption (county fee) Tule Subbasin - Southeast Management Area		58.00
05/05/2025	Check	1477	Tulare County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder		R	-58.00
				Notice of exemption (county fee) Tulare Lake Subbasin - Tulare Lake Management Area		58.00
05/05/2025	Check	1478	Tulare County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder		R	-58.00
				Notice of exemption (county fee) Tule Subbasin - North Management Area		58.00
05/05/2025	Check	1479	Tulare County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder		R	-58.00
				Notice of exemption (county fee) Tule Subbasin - Southeast Management Area		58.00
05/05/2025	Check	1480	Tulare County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder		R	-58.00
				Notice of exemption (county fee) Tulare Lake		58.00

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				Subbasin - Tulare Lake Management Area		
05/07/2025	Tax Payment		IRS	Tax Payment for Period: 04/30/2025-05/02/2025	R	-3,075.14
				Federal Taxes (941/943/944)		-3,075.14
05/07/2025	Tax Payment		QuickBooks Payroll	Tax Payment	R	-720.94
				CA PIT / SDI		-720.94
05/13/2025	Check		American Funds		R	-1,358.33
				Retirement contribution		-400.00
				Retirement contribution		-958.33
05/15/2025	Payroll Check	DD	Staci Wilkins	Pay Period: 04/28/2025-05/12/2025	R	-1,614.23
				Direct Deposit		-1,614.23
05/15/2025	Payroll Check	DD	Deanna S. Jackson	Pay Period: 04/28/2025-05/12/2025	R	-4,257.09
				Direct Deposit		-4,257.09
05/21/2025	Tax Payment		IRS	Tax Payment for Period: 05/14/2025-05/16/2025	R	-2,975.14
				Federal Taxes (941/943/944)		-2,975.14
05/21/2025	Tax Payment		QuickBooks Payroll	Tax Payment	R	-660.94
				CA PIT / SDI		-660.94
05/27/2025	Check		American Funds		R	-1,358.33
				Retirement contribution		-400.00
				Retirement contribution		-958.33
05/30/2025	Payroll Check	DD	Deanna S. Jackson	Pay Period: 05/13/2025-05/27/2025	R	-4,257.09
				Direct Deposit		-4,257.09
05/30/2025	Payroll Check	DD	Staci Wilkins	Pay Period: 05/13/2025-05/27/2025	R	-1,614.22
				Direct Deposit		-1,614.22
06/04/2025	Tax Payment		IRS	Tax Payment for Period: 05/28/2025-05/30/2025		-2,975.16
				Federal Taxes (941/943/944)		-2,975.16
06/04/2025	Tax Payment		QuickBooks Payroll	Tax Payment		-660.94
				CA PIT / SDI		-660.94
1072 Bill.com Money Out Clearing						
05/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		4 Creeks	Multiple invoices		- 11,586.03

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DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
						-11,586.03
05/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Atkinson, Andelson, Loya,Ruud, & Romo	Inv 745148		-14,123.03
						-14,123.03
05/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		ACWA/JPIA	Inv 04/15/2025		-341.23
						-341.23
05/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		4 Creeks	Multiple invoices		-16,574.07
						-16,574.07
05/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	Multiple invoices		-46,478.14
						-46,478.14
05/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Citizens Business Bank	Inv 3060425754		-2,566.59
						-2,566.59
05/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	Inv 32623927		-38,522.97
						-38,522.97
05/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		M. Green and Company LLP	Inv 188337		-1,885.00
						-1,885.00
05/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Land IQ	Inv 6816		-7,443.38
						-7,443.38
05/15/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		ACWA/JPIA (Health Benefits)	Inv 0706091		-3,522.32
						-3,522.32
05/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Angiola Water District A/P	Inv 3912		-1,500.00

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DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
						-1,500.00
05/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Thomas Harder & Co. Groundwater Consulting	Inv 25-154-138.1		-2,241.83
						-2,241.83
05/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Self-Help Enterprises	Multiple invoices (details on stub)		-124.92
						-124.92
05/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	Multiple invoices		-23,513.86
						-23,513.86
05/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Atkinson, Andelson, Loya,Ruud, & Romo	Inv 748388		-30,424.50
						-30,424.50
05/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Land IQ	Inv 6874		-7,443.38
						-7,443.38
06/03/2025	Bill Payment (Check)		Citizens Business Bank	Inv 05/27/2025		-2,421.35
						-2,421.35

Note
No assurance is provided on these financial statements.

Tri-County Water Authority

Statement of Net Assets

As of June 10, 2025

	TOTAL		
	AS OF JUN 10, 2025	AS OF JUN 10, 2024 (PY)	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
100 Checking	394,904.59	150,404.61	244,499.98
101 LAIF	489,904.57	600,982.82	-111,078.25
102 California CLASS	11,200,286.59	7,936,629.84	3,263,656.75
Total Bank Accounts	**$12,085,095.75**	**$8,688,017.27**	**$3,397,078.48**
Accounts Receivable			
110 A/R	1,706,685.62	413,238.00	1,293,447.62
Total Accounts Receivable	**$1,706,685.62**	**$413,238.00**	**$1,293,447.62**
Total Current Assets	**$13,791,781.37**	**$9,101,255.27**	**$4,690,526.10**
Fixed Assets			
150 Auto & Truck	40,347.56	40,347.56	0.00
160 Accumulated Depreciation	-21,182.42	-8,405.73	-12,776.69
Total Fixed Assets	**$19,165.14**	**$31,941.83**	**$ -12,776.69**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$13,810,946.51**	**$9,133,197.10**	**$4,677,749.41**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
200 A/P	25,404.96	153,863.96	-128,459.00
Total Accounts Payable	**$25,404.96**	**$153,863.96**	**$ -128,459.00**
Other Current Liabilities			
215 Landowner Payable	0.00	514,258.13	-514,258.13
Total Other Current Liabilities	**$0.00**	**$514,258.13**	**$ -514,258.13**
Total Current Liabilities	**$25,404.96**	**$668,122.09**	**$ -642,717.13**
Total Liabilities	**$25,404.96**	**$668,122.09**	**$ -642,717.13**
Equity			
32000 Total Net Postion	13,429,739.26	9,150,457.04	4,279,282.22
Prior Period Adjustment	-514,258.13	-514,258.13	0.00
Net Income	870,060.42	-171,123.90	1,041,184.32
Total Equity	**$13,785,541.55**	**$8,465,075.01**	**$5,320,466.54**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$13,810,946.51**	**$9,133,197.10**	**$4,677,749.41**

Note
No assurance is provided on these financial statements.

Tri-County Water Authority

Budget vs. Actuals: 2025 Budget - FY25 P&L

January 1 - June 10, 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
401 Groundwater Extraction	707,149.75	390,000.00	317,149.75	181.32 %
402 Direct Assessments		7,350,000.00	-7,350,000.00	
405 Property Taxes - Prop 218				
405-01 Prop 218 - Kings County	160,024.84	160,025.00	-0.16	100.00 %
405-02 Prop 218 - Tulare County	216,518.84	216,519.00	-0.16	100.00 %
405-03 Prop 218 Direct Assessment	24,926.80	24,927.00	-0.20	100.00 %
Total 405 Property Taxes - Prop 218	**401,470.48**	**401,471.00**	**-0.52**	**100.00 %**
409 Grant Revenue	9,933.23		9,933.23	
409-01 Tule SGMA Grant	104,991.13	1,200,000.00	-1,095,008.87	8.75 %
409-03 DOC MLRP Grant	31,538.85	220,000.00	-188,461.15	14.34 %
Total 409 Grant Revenue	**146,463.21**	**1,420,000.00**	**-1,273,536.79**	**10.31 %**
Total Income	**$1,255,083.44**	**$9,561,471.00**	**$ -8,306,387.56**	**13.13 %**
GROSS PROFIT	**$1,255,083.44**	**$9,561,471.00**	**$ -8,306,387.56**	**13.13 %**
Expenses				
517 Water Management Charges				
517-02 Tule Basin IRWM		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
517-03 Tule Basin SGMA	29,033.20	60,000.00	-30,966.80	48.39 %
517-04 TL Basin SGMA	4,262.15	75,000.00	-70,737.85	5.68 %
Total 517 Water Management Charges	**33,295.35**	**140,000.00**	**-106,704.65**	**23.78 %**
536 Payroll	97,916.69	230,000.00	-132,083.31	42.57 %
538 Payroll Expenses TCWA				
538-1 Payroll Taxes	8,078.63	33,000.00	-24,921.37	24.48 %
538-2 Retirement Contributions	3,230.08		3,230.08	
538-3 Workers' Comp	1,101.25		1,101.25	
Total 538 Payroll Expenses TCWA	**12,409.96**	**33,000.00**	**-20,590.04**	**37.61 %**
540 Health Benefits		45,000.00	-45,000.00	
540-1 Medical	19,812.96		19,812.96	
540-2 Dental	839.04		839.04	
540-3 Vision	283.92		283.92	
540-4 Life	198.00		198.00	
Total 540 Health Benefits	**21,133.92**	**45,000.00**	**-23,866.08**	**46.96 %**
546 Telephone	748.61	1,400.00	-651.39	53.47 %
548 Office Expense	689.68	25,000.00	-24,310.32	2.76 %
548-1 Office Rent	9,000.00		9,000.00	
548-2 Office Supplies	808.50		808.50	
548-3 IT Equipment and Support	425.00		425.00	
Total 548 Office Expense	**10,923.18**	**25,000.00**	**-14,076.82**	**43.69 %**
552 Tule Subbasin Mitigation	4,676.26	1,000,000.00	-995,323.74	0.47 %
553 Education	3,857.00	3,500.00	357.00	110.20 %
554 Legal	130,847.90	300,000.00	-169,152.10	43.62 %
555 Audit	7,460.00	6,500.00	960.00	114.77 %

Tri-County Water Authority

Budget vs. Actuals: 2025 Budget - FY25 P&L

January 1 - June 10, 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
562 Dues/Subscriptions	1,422.14	23,000.00	-21,577.86	6.18 %
566 Bank Charges	-12.00	100.00	-112.00	-12.00 %
574 Vehicle Expense		500.00	-500.00	
576 Fuel	856.28	3,000.00	-2,143.72	28.54 %
578 Meals & Travel	4,147.58	9,600.00	-5,452.42	43.20 %
580 Outside Services				
580-01 Website Development	45,697.42	95,000.00	-49,302.58	48.10 %
580-02 Engineering	60,712.11	135,000.00	-74,287.89	44.97 %
580-03 Insurance		24,000.00	-24,000.00	
580-04 GSP/CA Revisions	3,115.67	50,000.00	-46,884.33	6.23 %
580-05 Land IQ	44,660.28	89,500.00	-44,839.72	49.90 %
580-06 Tule Monitoring/Data Collection	11,515.00	30,000.00	-18,485.00	38.38 %
580-07 TL Monitoring/Data Collection	3,161.42	25,000.00	-21,838.58	12.65 %
580-08 Grant Writing	7,879.74	50,000.00	-42,120.26	15.76 %
580-10 Consulting	59,082.02	50,000.00	9,082.02	118.16 %
580-11 Bookkeeping	11,000.00	24,000.00	-13,000.00	45.83 %
580-13 Tule Annual Report	5,349.16	5,500.00	-150.84	97.26 %
580-14 TL Annual Report	9,885.34	9,000.00	885.34	109.84 %
Total 580 Outside Services	**262,058.16**	**587,000.00**	**-324,941.84**	**44.64 %**
590 Projects/Blueprint				
590-01 Project/Blueprint		500,000.00	-500,000.00	
590-02 Allensworth Project-Grant	2,819.00	1,200,000.00	-1,197,181.00	0.23 %
590-03 MLRP-Grant	40,671.10	220,000.00	-179,328.90	18.49 %
Total 590 Projects/Blueprint	**43,490.10**	**1,920,000.00**	**-1,876,509.90**	**2.27 %**
Total Expenses	**$635,231.13**	**$4,327,600.00**	**$ -3,692,368.87**	**14.68 %**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**$619,852.31**	**$5,233,871.00**	**$ -4,614,018.69**	**11.84 %**
Other Income				
700 Interest Earned	262,924.47	600,000.00	-337,075.53	43.82 %
710 Late Fee Income	-8,029.36	100,000.00	-108,029.36	-8.03 %
Total Other Income	**$254,895.11**	**$700,000.00**	**$ -445,104.89**	**36.41 %**
Other Expenses				
800 Depr and Amort - Allowable	3,833.00		3,833.00	
810 Assessment Fees	854.00		854.00	
Total Other Expenses	**$4,687.00**	**$0.00**	**$4,687.00**	**0.00%**
NET OTHER INCOME	**$250,208.11**	**$700,000.00**	**$ -449,791.89**	**35.74 %**
NET INCOME	**$870,060.42**	**$5,933,871.00**	**$ -5,063,810.58**	**14.66 %**

Note
No assurance is provided on these financial statements.

TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY APPROVING THE LEVYING OF 2026 ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Water Authority (the "Authority") is a joint powers authority, formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code §§ 6500, *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), the Authority is also an exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") in a portion of the Tule Subbasin and a portion of the Tulare Lake Subbasin (Subbasins 5-22.13 and 5-22.12, respectively, of the San Joaquin Valley Basin as defined by California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118) underlying the Authority's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10730 provides that a GSA may levy fees or assessments and each member of the Authority has the authority to impose assessments in compliance with Proposition 218 as specified in Article XIIID of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2018, the Authority adopted an engineer's report to explain the need for the imposition of a land-based assessments pursuant to Proposition 218 and authorized mailing ballots to the landowners, and the ballots were mailed by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2018, the Authority held a public hearing to receive public comment and calculated the ballots for the Proposition 218 election; and

WHEREAS, 72.8 percent of the landowners that returned their ballots voted in favor of levying the land-based assessments in an amount up to and including SIX AND 50/100 DOLLARS ($6.50) per acre per year for those parcels that are five acres or more for 2018 and 2019, and FOUR AND NO/100 dollars ($4.00) per acre per year thereafter for those parcels that are five acres or more; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2024, the Authority held a public hearing to receive public comment and calculate the ballots for the Proposition 218 election on the parcels managed for the County of Tulare through a Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement 29110) dated April 30, 2019, and later amended on January 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, 99.6 percent of the landowners that returned their ballots voted in favor of levying the land-based assessments in the amount of FOUR AND NO/100 dollars ($4.00) per acre per year for those parcels that are five acres or more; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Authority has authorization and desires to set the 2025 land-based assessments.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY does hereby find, resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. The above Recitals are deemed true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

2. The Board of Directors of the Authority hereby sets the 2026 land-based assessment rate at FOUR AND NO/100 dollars ($4.00) per acre per year for those parcels that are five acres or more.

3. The Authority hereby directs and authorizes the County of Tulare and the County of Kings to collect the assessments on the Authority's behalf for the 2025-2026 assessment year.

4. Authority consultants/staff are authorized and directed to complete the necessary documentation to levy the Authority's 2026 assessment and send out invoices to those that either county does not assess.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2025, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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STACI WILKINS
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

DRAFT

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY
OF
TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY,
a California joint powers agency

I, Staci Wilkins, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized and appointed Secretary of the Tri-County Water Authority (the "Authority"), a California joint powers agency; that the following is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-09 duly and unanimously adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Authority on the 19th day of June, 2025; and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as the date hereof:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 19th day of June, 2025.

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Secretary to the Board
Tri-County Water Authority

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TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF TULARE TO PLACE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON THE SECURED PROPERTY TAX ROLL CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE THE VALIDITY OF THE LEGAL PROCESS USED TO PLACE DIRECT CHARGES (SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS) ON THE SECURED PROPERTY TAX ROLL

WHEREAS, the notices and election for special assessment fees for the purpose of Groundwater Sustainability Management to be included on the regular County of Tulare property tax bill for property owners of the Tri-County Water Authority (the "Authority") was completed on May 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorizing the placement of special assessments on the County of Tulare's secured property tax roll for collection; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has complied with all laws pertaining to the levy of the special assessments to be collected; and

WHEREAS, the monies collected are not in any way to be based on the assessed valuation of the properties involved; and

WHEREAS, the Authority agrees that it shall be solely liable and responsible, and will defend and hold the County of Tulare harmless from any liability as a result of claims or claims for refunds and related interest due filed by taxpayers against any assessments, fees, charges or taxes placed on the roll for the Authority by the County of Tulare.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY does hereby find, resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. That the list submitted with parcel numbers and amounts is certified as being correct.

2. That the Executive Director or Chair are hereby authorized to sign any documents required and directed to give the list to the Tulare County Auditor on behalf of the Authority for placement on the secured property tax roll for collection, including, but not limited to:

   a. Parcel and Assessment listing
   b. Direct Charge (Special Assessment) Control Sheet
   c. Direct Charge (Special Assessment) Change Authorization Sheet

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d. Compliance Certification and Hold Harmless Statement

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2025, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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STACI WILKINS
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY
OF
TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY,
a California joint powers agency

I, Staci Wilkins, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized and appointed Secretary of the Tri-County Water Authority (the "Authority"), a California joint powers agency; that the following is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-10 duly and unanimously adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Authority on the 19th day of June, 2025; and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as the date hereof:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 19th day of June, 2025.

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Secretary to the Board
Tri-County Water Authority

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TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2025-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF KINGS TO PLACE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON THE 2024-2025 TAX ROLL AND CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF KINGS THE VALIDITY OF THE LEGAL PROCESS USED TO PLACE DIRECT CHARGES (SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS) ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL.

WHEREAS, the notices and election for special assessment fees for the purpose of Groundwater Sustainability Management to be included on the regular County property tax bill for property owners of the Tri-County Water Authority ("Authority") was completed on May 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorizing the County of Kings to place the special assessments on the County of Kings' 2024-2025 secured property tax roll for collection; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has complied with all laws pertaining to the levy of the special assessments to be collected; and

WHEREAS, the monies collected are not in any way to be based on the assessed valuation of the properties involved; and

WHEREAS, the Authority agrees that it shall be solely liable and responsible, and will defend and hold the County of Kings harmless from any liability as a result of claims or claims for refunds and related interest due filed by taxpayers against any assessments, fees, charges or taxes placed on the roll for the Authority by the County of Kings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY does hereby find, resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. That the list submitted with parcel numbers and amounts is certified as being correct.

2. That the Executive Director or Chair are hereby authorized to sign any documents required and directed to give the list to the Kings County Auditor on behalf of the Tri-County Water Authority for placement on the secured tax roll for collection, including, without limitation:

    a. Parcel and Assessment listing
    b. Direct Charge (Special Assessment) Control Sheet

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2025, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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STACI WILKINS
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY
OF
TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY,
a California joint powers agency

I, Staci Wilkins, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized and appointed Secretary of the Tri-County Water Authority (the "Authority"), a California joint powers agency; that the following is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-11 duly and unanimously adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Authority on the 19th day of June, 2025; and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as the date hereof:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 19th day of June, 2025.

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Secretary to the Board
Tri-County Water Authority

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TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12

RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY APPROVING THE LEVYING OF 2026 PUMP FEE

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Water Authority (the "Authority") is a joint powers authority, formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code §§ 6500 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), the Authority is also an exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") in a portion of the Tule Subbasin and a portion of the Tulare Lake Subbasin (Subbasins 5-22.13 and 5-22.12, respectively, of the San Joaquin Valley Basin as defined by California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118) underlying the Authority's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10730 provides that, as a GSA, the Authority may levy fees or assessments in compliance with Proposition 218 as specified in Article XIIID of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2019, the Authority did adopt a commissioned rate study setting forth the need for the imposition of a groundwater extraction fee of up to TEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($10.00) (the "Fee") per acre-foot extracted , which Fee is based upon the cost of the Authority's provision of services (the "Services") in proportion to the cost of rendering such Services to each affected landowner for the purpose of monitoring and limiting groundwater extraction to sustainable yield in accordance with the requirements of SGMA; and

WHEREAS, following the adoption of the rate study, the Authority did, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 218, timely mail notice of a public hearing regarding implementation of the Fee to all affected landowners of record located within the Authority's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the Authority did hold a public hearing in order to receive public comment and protests on the Authority's intended implementation of the Fee on all groundwater extracted, at which hearing less than fifty percent (50%) of the potentially affected landowners subject to the Fee submitted a written protest against said Fee; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2020, having met the requirements set forth in Proposition 218 for the imposition of the Fee, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Authority did authorize the Fee on all groundwater extracted for the 2021 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2021, pursuant to powers granted under Water Code §§10725 *et seq*., the Board did vote to adopt the Authority's Policy and Procedures for Groundwater Extraction Allocation (the "Policy") in furtherance of its management of groundwater usage within the Authority's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board did thereafter duly authorize the Fee on all groundwater extracted for the 2022 calendar year; and

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WHEREAS, without waiving its right to apply the Fee to all groundwater extracted, the Board did thereafter duly authorize that the Fee be applied to each acre-foot of groundwater extracted within sustainable yield limits for the 2023 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2024, the County of Tulare amended a Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement 29110) to empower the Authority to provide the Services to a specific list of parcels in the County of Tulare; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2024, the Authority did hold a public hearing in order to receive public comment and protests on the Authority's intended implementation of the Fee on each acre-foot of groundwater extracted within sustainable yield limits for the 2024 calendar year, at which hearing less than fifty percent (50%) of the potentially affected landowners subject to the Fee submitted a written protest against said Fee; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2024, without waiving its right to apply the Fee to all groundwater extracted, the Board did also duly authorize that the Fee be applied to each acre-foot of groundwater extracted within sustainable yield limits for the 2024 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined, after due consideration of the continuing and projected costs related to the Authority's provision of the Services, that the Fee shall remain TEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($10.00) per acre-foot for groundwater extraction within sustainable yield limits for the 2025 calendar year, provided that the Board reserves the right, upon a vote duly noticed and taken, to modify the Fee as may be necessary, including but not limited to modifications that include groundwater pumping fees imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board ; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Policy, as amended from time-to-time, remains in effect and enforceable.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY does hereby resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. The above Recitals are deemed true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

2. The 2026 groundwater extraction fee is set at TEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($10.00) per acre-foot for groundwater extraction within sustainable yield limits.

3. The Board of Directors of the Authority reserves the right to apply said fee on all groundwater extraction upon the occurrence of certain conditions and a vote duly taken, on a going forward basis.

4. The Authority's consultants/staff are authorized and directed to collect the groundwater extraction fee on the Authority's behalf for the 2026 year.

5. The Authority's consultants/staff are authorized and directed to complete the necessary documentation to levy the Authority's 2026 groundwater extraction fee.

6. The Authority's consultants/staff are authorized and directed to continue to enforce the Policy, as it may be amended from time-to-time.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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STACI WILKINS
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY
OF
TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY,
a California joint powers agency

I, Staci Wilkins, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized and appointed Secretary of the Tri-County Water Authority, a California joint powers agency (the "Authority"); that the following is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2025-12 duly and unanimously adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Authority on the 19th day of June, 2025; and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as the date hereof:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 19th day of June, 2025.

Staci Wilkins, Secretary
Tri-County Water Authority

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TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN DELINQUENT ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES AND REMOVING DIRECT ASSESSMENT FROM THE SECURED PROPERTY TAX ROLL FOR INDIVIDUAL PARCEL

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2014, the California Legislature passed comprehensive groundwater legislation contained in Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739. Collectively, thosebills, as subsequently amended, enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"). SGMA became effective on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SGMA, the Authority is also an exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") in a portion of the Tule Subbasin and a portion of the Tulare Lake Subbasin (Subbasins 5-22.13 and 5-22.12, respectively, of the San Joaquin Valley Basin as defined by California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118) underlying the Authority's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10730 provides that a GSA has the authority to impose fees compliant with Proposition 218 as specified in Article XIIID of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Authority complied with the statutory requirements of Proposition 218 to implement assessment rates for imposition of fees; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Authority imposed special assessments through direct billing to landowners, which process has since changed so that special assessments are collected through property tax bills issued by the respective counties; and

WHEREAS, certain delinquent assessments, as identified in Exhibit A, are in amounts that are (1) too small to expend resources to collect; and/or (2) the responsible landowners cannot be identified or located; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that it is in the best interests of the Authority, property owner and taxpayer, to remove these delinquent special assessments and the accrued penalty and interest on the special assessments from the Authority's delinquent account receivables; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare's Property Tax Accounting office ("County") has informed the Authority that Assessor's Parcel Number ("APN") 330-070-042-000 ("Parcel") is a parcel with no taxable value and cannot be sold at a tax sale; and

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WHEREAS, the County has requested from the Authority that it release the direct assessment on this Parcel since 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that it is in the best interests of the Authority to grant the County's request and release the direct assessment on the Parcel since 2019 and exempt the Parcel from future land-based direct assessments through the County's secured property tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, if conditions change after the effective date of this Resolution, the Authority retains the right to authorize the County to place the Parcel's special assessments on the County's secured property tax rolls.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY does hereby find, resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. The above recitals are deemed true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

2. That the Executive Director is directed to remove the delinquent special assessments listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, from the Authority's delinquent account receivables.

3. That APN 330-070-042-000 is hereby released from direct assessment through the County of Tulare.

4. That the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documentation requested by the County of Tulare to effectuate the release of APN 330-070-042-000 from direct assessment through the County of Tulare.

5. That APN 330-070-042-000 is hereby exempted from future land-based direct assessments through the County of Tulare's secured property tax rolls.

6. That if conditions change after the effective date of this Resolution, the Authority retains the right to authorize the County of Tulare to place APN 330-070-042-000 special assessments on the County of Tulare's secured property tax rolls.

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7. That the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2025, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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STACI WILKINS
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY
OF
TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY,
a California joint powers agency

I, Staci Wilkins, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized and appointed Secretary of the Tri-County Water Authority (the "Authority"), a California joint powers agency; that the following is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-13 duly and unanimously adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Authority on the 19th day of June, 2025; and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as the date hereof:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 19th day of June, 2025.

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Secretary to the Board
Tri-County Water Authority

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EXHIBIT "A"

Tax Year	Fiscal Year	Taxes	Penalty	Cost	Redemption Penalty	Total
2019	2020	$40.00	$4.00	$10.00	$36.00	$90.00
2020	2021	$40.00	$4.00	$10.00	$28.80	$82.80
2021	2022	$40.00	$4.00	$10.00	$21.60	$75.60
2022	2023	$40.00	$4.00	$10.00	$14.40	$68.40
2023	2024	$40.00	$4.00	$10.00	$7.20	$61.20

Totals	$200.00	$20.00	$50.00	$108.00	$378.00

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TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVING A MONTHLY PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER WELLS

WHEREAS, in August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September the Governor signed, legislation creating the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") "to provide local groundwater sustainability agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater" (Wat. Code, §10720(d)); and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Water Authority GSA ("TCWA") was created as a joint powers authority under a joint powers agreement dated January 1, 2015 as subsequently amended and restated, and submitted notice of its election to form a GSA to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") on February 28, 2017, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8; and

WHEREAS, TCWA is authorized to exercise all actions required or authorized by DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board") for GSA purposes; and

WHEREAS, TCWA's jurisdictional area is divided into three management areas: the North Management Area, the Southeast Management Area and the West Management Area. The North and Southeast Management Areas overlay a portion of Tule Subbasin number 5.022-13 in Tulare County, and the West Management Area overlies a portion of Tulare Lake Subbasin number 5.022-12 in Kings County. Both subbasins are in the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin identified in DWR Bulletin 118, as its boundaries may be modified as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, TCWA utilizes BasinSafe as a groundwater accounting system; and

WHEREAS, TCWA through Resolution 2024-10 adopted a Well Registration Policy for the purpose of requiring registration of all groundwater wells within its management area in order to facilitate policy decisions and protect groundwater availability for all beneficial users; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Well Registration Policy all well-owners within TCWA's management area must, among other things, register all non-domestic groundwater water wells in their BasinSafe that pump more than 70 gallons per minute or two (2) acre feet per year (af/y) account no later than December 15, 2024, and all domestic well owners and de minimus users are required to register their wells by December 30, 2025.

WHEREAS, enforcement and compliance with the Well Registration Policy is imperative to ensure its effective implementation; and

WHEREAS, well owners who fail to comply with the Well Registration Policy or who provide inaccurate data may be subject to penalties.

THEREFORE the Board of Directors of TCWA finds that:

1. The above Recitals are true and correct.

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2. The Board of Directors approves a monthly penalty on well owners who fail to comply with the Well Registration Policy or who provide inaccurate data.
3. The penalty is set at ONE HUNDRED-FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($150.00) per active landowner account (accounts that receive or have received quarterly invoices), per month, with interest accruing at a rate of 1% per month, commencing on March 1, 2025.
4. The Executive Director is directed to take all necessary and reasonable action to implement this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Cory VanderHam, Chair

Attest:

_____ Date:_____

Staci Wilkins, Secretary

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May 6, 2025

Tulare County Environmental Health Services Division
Via email: tularecountyehwells@tularecounty.ca.gov

Re: Request to participate in the review of well permit applications

To whom it may concern:

Tri-County Water Authority (TCWA) is a groundwater sustainability agency located in the Tule Subbasin of Tulare County. Please accept this letter as my formal request to participate in the review of well permit applications. I understand that participation in the well permitting review process is voluntary. TCWA welcomes the ability to review agricultural and industrial well permits for consistency with our Groundwater Sustainability Plan and implementation policies adopted by the TCWA Board of Directors, and will consider each well permit application for approval or denial.

Sincerely,

Deanna Jackson

Deanna Jackson
Executive Director

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May 5, 2025

Subject: Urgency Ordinance; Tulare County Ordinance No. 3656

On April 29th, 2025, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved the urgency ordinance, which would temporarily extend the review of sustainability requirements by participating GSA's, for certain groundwater well permitting. For reference, see Chapter 13 ("Construction of wells") of Part IV ("Health, Safety and Sanitation") of the Tulare County Ordinance Code. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the urgency ordinance, which is effective immediately.

Tulare County is offering each GSA the opportunity to voluntarily participate in the review and approval of well permit applications. Note: this participation only applies to certain types of well permit applications (see the urgency ordinance for details). To indicate participation, each GSA shall submit a letter to the Health Officer. Please see the attached instructions for more information about how to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (559) 624-7416.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Health Services Division

Attachments:
Urgency Ordinance No 3656
GSA Voluntary Participation Instructions for Urgency Ordinance No 3656

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Tule Subbasin Technical Advisory Committee
Attn: Mr. David De Groot
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Visalia, California 93292

Subject: Tule Subbasin 2025 Annual Report

Dear Mr. DeGroot:

Tri-County Water Authority (Tri-County) provides this letter to (1) provide comment on Delano Earlimart Irrigation District's (DEID) proposed separate 2025 Annual Report, and (2) advise the subbasin regarding Tri-County's actions taken to reach sustainability in the Tule Subbasin including adopt of new allocation policies and new subsidence management plans.

Regarding DEID's annual report, Tri-County believes that the subbasin should operate and report using the best available data and science as required under SGMA. The best available data includes the monitoring network developed over time across the subbasin, actual water level measurements, and actual measured data regarding pumping. Any attempts to cherry pick data, obfuscate water levels and subsidence impacts, and inflate recharge activities, should be rejected. For 5 years the subbasin has reported using shared, coordinated data. For the first time, DEID now desires to submit a separate, stand-alone report using methodologies that are in conflict with the subbasin's coordinated approach. We encourage the subbasin to reject this approach and return to a single coordinated annual report that is devoid of representations that reduce subbasin credibility.

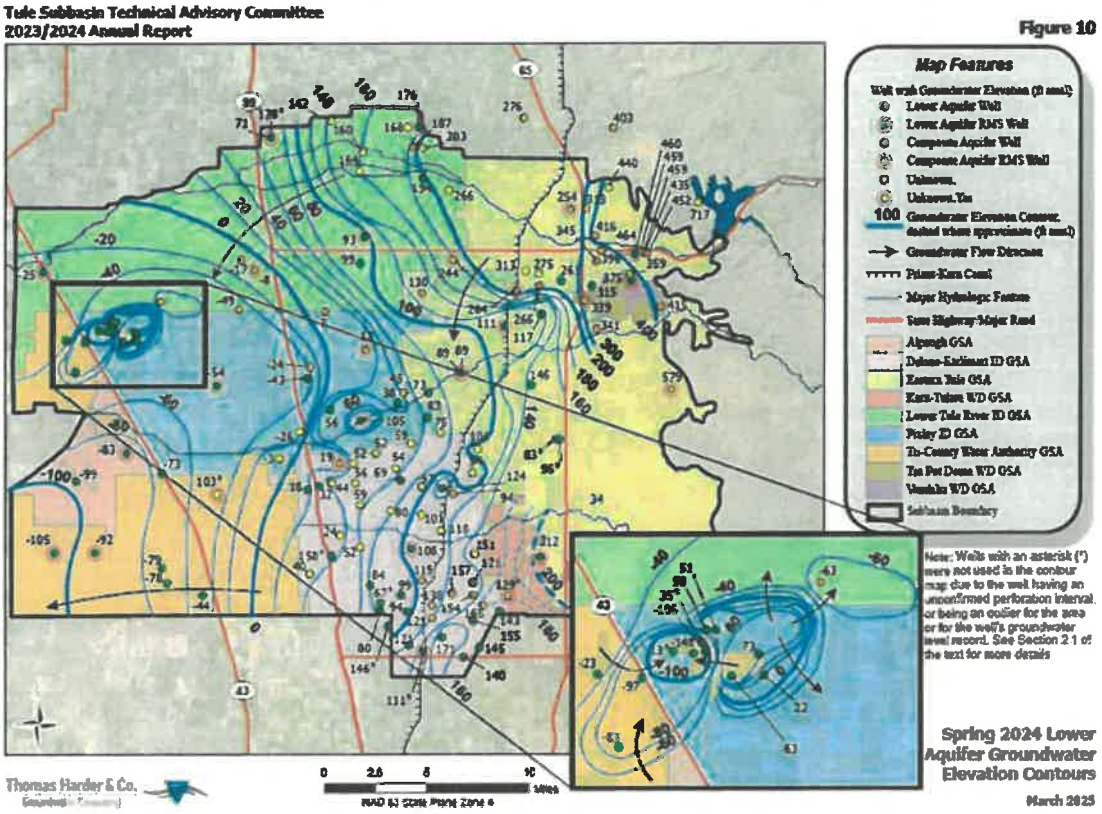
I. DEID's Annual Report is Inconsistent with Subbasin Data

A. DEID Removes 87% the Subbasin Monitoring Network in its Boundary

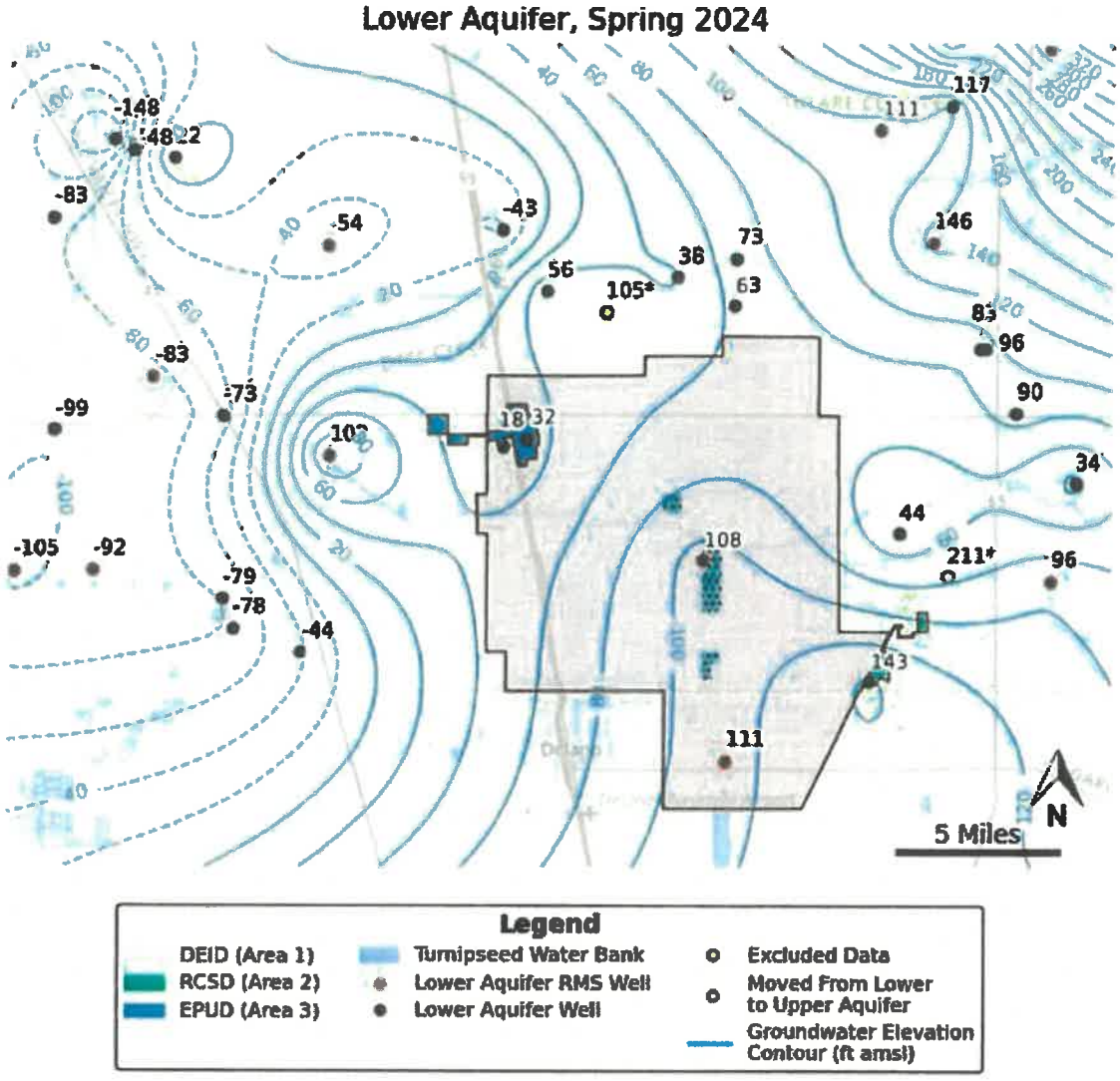
The Subbasin developed the Tule Subbasin Groundwater Level Monitoring Network, which includes Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) wells, wells monitored as part of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP), and wells from other monitoring programs (e.g. City of Porterville). As outlined in the Subbasin Annual Report, "[t]he network consists of 121 Upper Aquifer monitoring wells, and 144 Lower aquifer monitoring wells including 49 composite and Santa Margarita Aquifer monitoring wells. Of these wells, 25 have been designated as RMS Upper Aquifer monitoring wells and 30 have been designated as

RMS Lower, composite, or Santa Margarita Aquifer monitoring wells." (Section 2.1.1 [Monitoring Network].)

Lower aquifer monitoring wells are located throughout the subbasin, with 39 wells located within DEID's boundaries as depicted in Figure 10 of the Annual Report.



DEID, in its report, however, eviscerates 34 of the Lower aquifer monitoring wells in its boundaries (87%) from its annual report, and keeps only 5 wells as depicted in its Figure 3-3.



After gutting the subbasin monitoring network in its area, DEID then goes on to develop contour maps that are dramatically different from those developed by the Subbasin, in DEID's favor. With the use of the limited dataset, the interpretation of the water level contours changes dramatically and simply does not adequately represent groundwater conditions across DEID. DEID elected to cherry pick wells adjacent to locations in its eastern half where water levels are known to be higher (for example immediately adjacent to a recharge facility) and locations where water levels are known to be lower in its western half, to omit known pumping impacts within its own boundaries.

DEID takes the same approach in the Upper aquifer. There, DEID reduced the number of wells from 34 down to 10, thereby removing approximately 70% of the Tule Subbasin Groundwater Level Monitoring Network in DEID's Upper aquifer. DEID claims that both its and Tule Subbasin contours are developed using "an uncertain dataset." However, DEID does not provide a basis for why the use of data that they provided and have previously utilized is now uncertain or how removing up to 87% of the dataset in its area makes the data more "certain".

B. Methods for Calculating Change in Storage

DEID states that the method used by the Subbasin to calculate change in storage does not represent what is occurring within DEID. However, the alternative method for calculating change in groundwater storage is problematic. DEID claims it banked 32,110 AF in District and agrees that 44,000 AF were pumped. The withdrawal from the bank was thus -11,890 AF for water year 2024. DEID has claimed that an additional 9,990 AF were recharged on fallowed ground. However, the report does not make clear how this water is accounted for in terms of banking additions and withdrawals. Even including the fallow ground recharge, the withdrawals for water year 24 would still be -1,900 AF.

Furthermore, DEID takes credit for the full amount of water delivered to the Turnipseed facility and the fallowed lands without accounting for any evaporative losses or leave behind. DEID states that 32,110 AF were delivered to 660 acres of effective recharge area. If infiltration occurred at the average reported rate of 0.41AF/acre per day, then the recharge would have occurred over a minimum of 120 days. Four months in the south-Central Valley summer heat will cause substantial evaporative losses that should be accounted for in the calculations. The 9,990 AF delivered to the 700 acres included in DEID's fallow ground program would also have required approximately 35 days to infiltrate. Again, evaporative losses need to be considered in calculating actual recharge quantities.

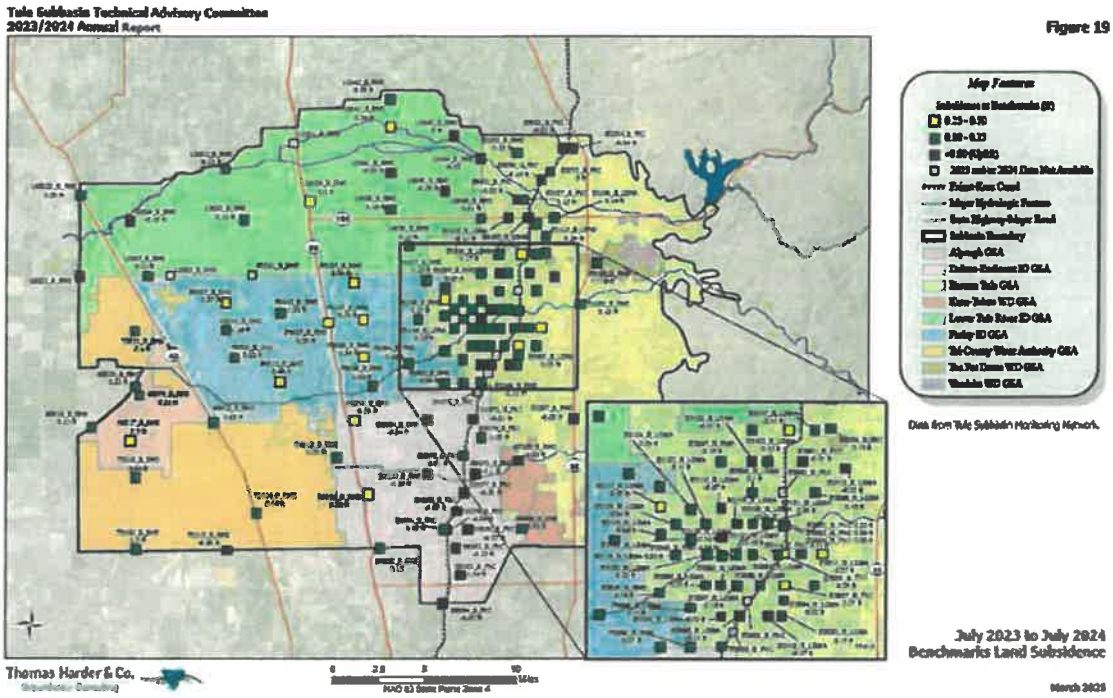
The DEID method takes credit for precipitation and an average sustainable yield "saved" thus resulting in a positive change in storage value. DEID is claiming that all the annual precipitation fully recharges groundwater. However, precipitation is already accounted when converting the evapotranspiration values to the groundwater pumped values. It appears that DEID is double counting the precipitation values. Any plant uptake of the precipitation value should be subtracted from that value.

Also, the recharge data presented does not account for the two-aquifer system that is present across portions of DEID. Recharge in the upper aquifer should not be credited against pumping occurring in the lower aquifer. DEID does not present groundwater pumping by aquifer nor does the report present a clear picture of where the pumping is occurring.

C. The Data Shows Subsidence in DEID, not Tri-County.

DEID has long ignored data that demonstrates the significant pumping that occurs within its own boundaries. As noted above, DEID eliminated up to 87% of the Subbasin monitoring network wells within its boundaries to redraw water level contour lines that obfuscate pumping and impacts within its boundaries.

Figure 19 of the Subbasin Annual Report, however, demonstrates that rates of subsidence are greater within DEID than in areas to the west of DEID including Tri-County. The Subbasin collects benchmark data along key infrastructure (Friant Kern Canal and Highway 99) to specifically evaluate potential impacts to them. The benchmark data along the western portion of DEID shows a higher amount of subsidence than in the neighboring TCWA GSA. This indicates that pumping in DEID, especially in areas where the Corcoran Clay has been documented, is contributing to subsidence. DEID's annual report simply ignores these data.



Moreover, DEID has not performed any analysis of their contribution to on-going subsidence. DEID acknowledges that the Corcoran Clay is present in the western half of its district, and is discontinuous across its remainder of the GSA. DEID's GSP also indicate that approximately half of the wells in DEID are completed in the lower aquifer. The wells located adjacent to the Turnipseed facility on the east side of the GSA have dramatically different groundwater levels in the upper and lower wells indicating completion in separate aquifers.

D. DEID's Pumping of 44,000 AF from the Subbasin should not be Ignored.

Groundwater pumping in DEID, and potential impacts of that pumping such as subsidence referenced above, should not be ignored. According to the 2024 Tule Subbasin Annual Report, 44,000 are-feet of pumping occurred within DEID during 2024. (Table ES-1.) In its report, DEID does not dispute this figure (DEID report, Table ES-1). DEID states that the method utilized by the Tule Subbasin to calculate groundwater pumping based on evapotranspiration (Et) data "tends to be an overestimation." However, no data is provided to support this claim.

To the extent that DEID believes the annual report submitted to DWR is inaccurate, TCWA would encourage DEID to require well meters and provide actual pumping data to demonstrate its position. At it stands, DEID has no such well meter requirements, nor does it even have a mandatory well registry.

II. Tri-County has Adopted New Minimum Thresholds, New Subsidence Management Plans, and New Allocation Policies

A. Tri-County has Raised Minimum Thresholds for Subsidence Higher to Levels Higher than those Adopted by DEID for the Same Area

First, TCWA has revised minimum thresholds for subsidence in recent years, and has lowered them from 5-6 feet to 4 feet in its eastern areas as follows:

- 2020: 5-6 feet
- 2024 revised: 4-5 feet
- 2025 revised: 4 feet

These subsidence minimum thresholds use a baseline of 2020 values. (Attachment A [TCWA Tule Subsidence Management Plan].) For certain areas, this means that minimum thresholds for subsidence are less than 2 feet from current conditions. TCWA has taken aggressive action to establish minimum thresholds that ensure sustainability in its area in a rapid manner.

In comparison, before DEID abandoned management of portions of the subbasin adjacent to its boundaries (DEID's former "Western Management Area")—and left TCWA to manage that area—DEID established subsidence minimum thresholds on its eastern boundaries of up to 5 feet. (DEID Updated GSP (07-2022) at Table 3-34: Land Subsidence Minimum Thresholds by RMS Location.)

DEID also established a 15-year transitional pumping period "to provide an orderly transition from current pumping levels to sustainable levels. According to DEID "[t]he premise of this management action is to provide a reasonable transitional time frame that reduces the economic impact that would otherwise be felt in an 'overnight' reduction in water supplies, predicted to be 64-75 percent reduction in cropped acreage." (DEID Updated GSP (07-2022) at 5-36 and 5-37.)

Regarding DEID's more recent, repeated claims about its pipeline system, DEID's own analysis of its pipelines speaks for itself:

> "independent evaluation indicates that current subsidence rates at select locations along the laterals would have to nearly triple (increase from rates of 0.3 ft/year to 0.8 ft/year) to exceed the pressure class in susceptible areas along the pipeline. Although the pressure class is not exceeded based on projected head calculations due to subsidence, piping failure can be caused by a pressure surge or high-pressure shockwave (i.e., water hammer)."

(*Id.* at 3-24)

B. Tri-County has Adopted new Allocation Policies.

Tri-County Water Authority has updated allocation policies for groundwater extraction in the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins, as outlined in Resolutions 2025-03, 2025-04, and 2025-05. These resolutions introduce specific policies and procedures for different management areas within the subbasins.

Key aspects of the allocation policies include:

- a reduced **Native Yield** allocations in coordination with the subbasins
- a **Native Yield** allocation on an annual basis (as opposed to 5-year blocks), and subject to a rolling 5 year retirement.
- a **Transitional Tier 1 Groundwater Allocation** that also be carried over for five years on a rolling basis but is *not* transferable.
- a **Transitional Tier 2 Groundwater Penalty** on pumping that exceeds all other available allocations (native yield, carryover, developed credits, and Tier 1).
- **Landowner Developed Credits** are subject to a "leave behind" percentage for sustainability and expire after 5 years on a rolling basis.
- A combined **Annual Pumping Limit** (3.4 AFA) that applies to native yield (including carryover), Transitional Tier 1, and Landowner Developed Credits. Exceeding this limit results in a reduction of the following year's Tier 1 allocation.

C. Tri- County has Adopted New Subsidence Management Plans

Tri-County will utilize designated Subsidence Monitoring Zones (initially shown in a Figure 2) to implement targeted monitoring and management actions.

- **High-Risk Subsidence Monitoring Areas** are designated if cumulative subsidence exceeds **40%** of the minimum threshold in that area. This designation is based on measured data and will be revisited at least annually. Landowners within a designated High-Risk Area will be notified within 60 days. The notice will explain the technical basis and the GSA's intent to develop an Early Action Management Plan.
- **At 50% of allowable cumulative** subsidence, no new recharge credits or transfers into the lower aquifer will be allowed in the affected area. Surface water, if available, must be used before groundwater. No new wells permitted in the lower aquifer.
- **At 75% of allowable cumulative subsidence**, no Tier 1 transitional pumping will be allowed from lower aquifer wells contributing to subsidence (though it might be pumpable from the upper aquifer).
- **At 100% of allowable cumulative subsidence**, Landowners will be required to cease pumping from wells contributing to subsidence.

TCWA appreciates your attention to these matters, and we look forward to working cooperatively with you and the rest of the subbasin to achieve sustainability in the Tule Subbasin.

Sincerely,

Deanna Jackson

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Executive Director

cc: Tule Subbasin GSAs

Potential Revised SGMA Fees

Extraction bracket (ac-ft)	Proposed Volumetric Fee ($)	Extractors	Projected Revenue ($M)
2 - 305	$5	3,556	$0.07
306 - 667	$9	297	$0.42
668 - 1,175	$14	152	$1.11
1,176 - 2,311	$24	85	$1.9
Greater than 2,311	$40	34	$3.18
Total		4,124	$6.66