



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING | Agenda

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

CLOSED SESSION – 8:30 AM • OPEN SESSION – 10:00 AM

VISALIA CONVENTION CENTER 303 E. ACEQUIA AVE., VISALIA, CA 93291

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – (ERICKSON)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – (ERICKSON)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – (DAVIS)

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1))

1. *NRDC v. Rogers*, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division), Case No. 88-CV-1658-JAM-GGH.
2. *City of Fresno, et al. v. United States*, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Cir., Case No. 22-1994; U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 1:16;cv-01276-AOB
3. *California Natural Resources Agency v. Raimondo*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:20-CV-00426-DAD-EPG.
4. *CDWR Water Operations Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. JCCP 5117.*
(Formerly *Tehama Colusa Canal Authority v. California Dept. of Water Resources*)

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2))

Significant Exposure to Litigation: Four potential matters.

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- INITIATION OF LITIGATION

(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4))

Initiation of Litigation: Two potential cases.

- D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code section 54956.8)
Property: Friant-Kern Canal facilities and right-of-way
Agency negotiator: CEO, COO, CFO, General Counsel
Negotiating parties: United States (Bureau of Reclamation)
Under negotiation: Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Cost Share Agreement (price and terms of payment)

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (10:00 AM) (announce any reportable closed session action.) - (ERICKSON)

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – (ERICKSON)

Public comment is welcome at this time on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board that is not on the agenda. Under the State's open meeting law - the Brown Act - no action may be taken on any item not on the agenda. Public comment on items on the agenda will be allowed at the time the Board considers the item.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR – (5 MINUTES)

The following routine matters will be acted upon by one vote, unless a Board Member requests separate consideration of the item.

- A. Approval of the Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting of October 26, 2023. (Erickson)
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-04 Setting the 2024 Regular Board Meeting Dates. (Erickson)
- C. Ratify November 2023 Bills and Accept the Financial Reports for October 2023. (Orvis)
- D. Approval of Proposed Purchase Order with ReDesign for the Previously Budgeted Network Refresh (Orvis)

3. ACTION ITEMS (10 MINUTES)

- A. Consider the Extension of Associate Membership Agreements with Stone Corral, Exeter and Ivanhoe Irrigation Districts. (Davis/Amaral).

4. GENERAL UPDATES & REPORTS (75 MINUTES)

- A. FKC Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Update - Construction Progress Report and Financial Summary. (Stantec - Atkinson/Amaral/Davis/Orvis/Phillips) (10 minutes)
- B. Water Operations Update. (Buck-Macleod) (15 minutes)
- C. Review of Board Offsite Discussions. (Phillips) (15 minutes)
- D. External Affairs Activities. (Villines/Amaral) (10 minutes)
- E. O&M Report. (Hickernell) (5 minutes)
- F. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update. (Ewell) (5 minutes)
- G. San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Update. (Phillips/Orvis) (5 minutes)
- H. CEO Report. (Phillips) (10 minutes)

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Agenda reports and other disclosable public records related to each Open Session agenda item are available on FWA's website under "Calendar" at Friantwater.org and at FWA's main office, 854 N. Harvard Ave., Lindsay, CA 93247, during regular business hours. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact Vivian Felipe at 559-562-6305 or vfelipe@friantwater.org at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING | Minutes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023
CLOSED SESSION – 9:00 A.M. /OPEN SESSION – 10:00 A.M.
BELLO VITA 4211 W. GOSHEN AVENUE, VISALIA, CA 93291

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Jim Erickson called to order the noticed meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friant Water Authority at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Directors Present:

Edwin Camp	Arvin-Edison W.S.D. (AEWSD)
Roger Schuh	Chowchilla W.D. (CWD)
Brock Buche	City of Fresno (CofF)
Heoth Wooten	Delano Earlimart Irrigation District (DEID)
Ryan Jacobsen	Fresno I.D. (FID)
Chris Tantau	Kaweah Delta W.C.D. (KDWCD)
Kent Stephens	Kern-Tulare W.D. (KTWD)
Michael Brownfield	Lindmore I.D. (LID)
Josh Pitigliano	Lower-Tule River I.D. (LTRID)
Jim Erickson	Madera I.D. (MID)
Arlen Miller	Orange Cove I.D. (OCID)
Eric Borba	Porterville I.D. (PID)
Steven G. Kisling	Saucelito I.D. (SID)
Craig Fulwyler	Shafter Wasco Irrigation District (SWID)
Matthew Leider	Teapot Dome W.D. (TPWD)
Edwin Wheaton	Terra Bella I.D. (TBID)
Rick Borges	Tulare I.D. (TID)

Associate Members:

Keith Cosart	Exeter Irrigation District (EID)
Doug Phillips	Ivanhoe Irrigation District (IID)

Directors Absent:

Cliff Loeffler	Lindsay-Strathmore I.D. (LSID)
Bill DeGroot	Pixley Irrigation District (PIXID)

Associate Members Absent:

Loren Booth	Hills Valley I.D. (HVID)
John Werner	Stone Corral I.D. (SCID)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda as presented.

M/S/C – Motion by Director Brownfield, seconded by Director Camp, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried. (Roll Call Vote: Ayes – AESWD, CWD, Coff, DEID, FID, KDWCD, KTWD, LID, LTRID, MID, OCID, PID, SID, SWID, TBID, TPWD, TID; Nays – o; Absent – LSID and PIXID)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

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- E. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code section 54957) Title: CEO

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

(10:04 a.m.) – General Counsel Davis stated there was nothing to report from closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Loeffler provided the meeting with an invocation at its closing. There was no public comment.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of the Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting of September 28, 2023. (Erickson)
- B. Ratify September 2023 Bills and Accept the Financial Reports for August 2023. (Orvis)
- C. Reverse-Flow Pump-Back Project Consultants – Approve Contract Modifications with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. and CDM Smith for Engineering and Environmental Services. (Buck-Macleod)

M/S/C – Motion by Director Kisling, seconded by Director Wooten, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried. (Roll Call Vote: Ayes – AESWD, CWD, Coff, DEID, FID, KDWCD, KTWD, LID, LTRID, MID, OCID, PID, SID, SWID, TBID, TPWD, TID; Nays – 0; Absent – LSID and PIXID)

3. ACTION ITEMS

- A. First Quarter, Fiscal Year 2024 Call-for-Funds - General Membership. CFO Orvis reviewed the agenda report outlining the quarterly funding needs of FWA.

M/S/C – Motion by Director Camp, seconded by Director Tantau, to approve the First Quarter 2024 Call-for-Funds as presented. The motion carried (Roll Call Vote: Ayes – AESWD, CWD, Coff, DEID, FID, KDWCD, KTWD, LID, LTRID, MID, OCID, PID, SID, SWID, TBID, TPWD, TID; Nays – 0; Absent – LSID and PIXID)

- B. Fourth Amendment to Conveyance Agreement with Patterson Irrigation District for Restoration Flows and First Amendment to Repayment Agreement for Recapture of Restoration Flows with Friant Contractors. General Counsel Davis and WRM Buck-Macleod reviewed the terms of the proposed amendments and expressed optimism that FWA and Patterson ID would reach an updated agreement on Patterson’s conveyance costs for recaptured Restoration Flows in the coming months.

M/S/C – Motion by Director Hart, seconded by Director Camp, to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Conveyance Agreement and First Amendment to the Repayment Agreement as presented. The motion carried (Roll Call Vote: Ayes – AESWD, CWD, Coff, DEID, FID, KDWCD, KTWD, LID, LTRID, MID, OCID, PID, SID, SWID, TBID, TPWD, TID; Nays – 0; Absent – LSID and PIXID)

4. GENERAL UPDATES & REPORTS (65 MINUTES)

- A. FKC Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Update - Construction Progress Report and Financial Summary – Stantec’s Matt Carpenter provided a project update. It was reported that the turnout work was conducted at Teapot Dome, SID-S2, SID-S3, SID-S4, Terra Bella ID, and Deer Creek Wasteway turnouts. As of the end of September (based on cost) approximately 84 percent of the original contract amount of work has been performed, and the elapsed time was approximately 67.6 percent of the total contract time. There was one change order this month for a total amount of \$85,000. In response to a question about rain causing delays in the concrete lining work, it was acknowledged that was a possibility. The current detours on Roads 95 and 208 should reopen in mid-November. COO Amaral noted that FWA’s application with FEMA for storm damage reimbursement was pending. CEO Phillips provided an update on subsidence levels between Mile Post 95 and 100, and noted that there were a range of potential small fixes such as a liner raise to limit impacts to canal conveyance.
- B. & C. Water Operations Update. Friant Operations – Reservoir Inflow Prorate – WRM Buck-Macleod covered water operations as outlined in the agenda report. It was reported that October temperatures have generally been several degrees above average across most of the State. Some areas in the northern half of the State have seen their first meaningful precipitation of water year 2024. Reclamation provided updated CVP operations forecasts at the end of September which continued to show high carryover into the next year. Precipitation in the Upper San Joaquin for water year 2023 ended at approximately 200% of average. Precipitation so far has been limited to one minor storm. Friant uncontrolled season ended on July 29th with a residual allocation for Class 2 set at 15%, and deliveries from Millerton are currently limited due to Inflow Prorate and concerns of projected reservoir point. WRM Buck-Macleod attributed the inflow Prorate to the over allocation of Class 2 water as well as additional releases by SCE. With respect to contractor concerns regarding getting water out of Millerton, he indicated that Reclamation was open to later deliveries if needed.
- D. External Affairs Activities– COO/CEA Amaral provided the report on external affairs. In State affairs, Governor Newsom wrapped up the 2023 legislative year on October 13th, a day earlier than the October 14th deadline for signing/vetoing bills. When the dust settled, Governor Newsom signed 890 new bills into law and vetoed 156 bills this legislative year. Over 2,500 bills were introduced earlier in the legislative year. Last year, he signed 997 bills into law and vetoed 169. Amaral expressed his appreciation to Congressman Costa and his office for their assistance with FWA’s FEMA application for flood impacts to the MRCCP.
- E. O&M Report– General Superintendent Hickernell provided an update on some of the work being done for dewatering. There are even more than calculated canal liner panels that need to be worked on due to their collapse caused by the severe weather earlier this year. He stated that over 1 million acre-feet of water has been delivered this year.
- F. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update – Austin Ewell provided the agenda report on San Joaquin Valley Blueprint activities including the concentrated efforts of Blueprint’s strategic priorities for 2022-2025: Advocacy, Groundwater Quality and Disadvantaged Communities, Land Use Changes & Environmental Planning, Outreach & Communications, SGMA, Implementation, Water Supply Goals, Governance, and Operations & Finance. Ewell and CEO Phillips commented on the positive reception the

Blueprint received at the recent Orange County Water Summit.

- G. San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Update – CFO Orvis provided the agenda report on current activities of SLDMWA.
- H. CEO Report – CEO Phillips provided an update on the Orange County Water Summit. He also advocated for the Blueprint and what benefits partnering with Southern California groups may bring. All present were reminded of the offsite event that is scheduled for mid-November.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Jason R. Phillips, Chief Executive Officer
Friant Water Authority

Vivian Garcia, Recording Secretary
Friant Water Authority

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Aaron Fukuda	Tulare I.D.
Alan Doud	Young Wooldridge
Aubrey Mauritsen	Counsel
Austin Ewell	California Blueprint
Bill Luce	Luce Consulting
Bill Stretch	Fresno I.D.
Brandon Tomlinson	Chowchilla W.D.
Brett McCowan	PID
Brian Person	AECOM
Brian Thomas	FWA Consultant
Chris Hickernell	FWA
Chris Hunter	Lindmore I.D.
Craig Wallace	Lindsay-Strathmore I.D.
David Cameron	Counsel
David Dees	FWA
David Wierenga	Delano-Earlimart I.D.
Dina Nolan	Madera I.D.
Don Wright	Water Wrights
Douglas Jackson	Water & Land Solutions
Dyson Schneider	Limoneira Ranch
Eric Limas	LTIRD, TPDWD, PIXID
Eric Quinley	Delano-Earlimart I.D.
Fergus Morrissey	OCID
Gene Kilgore	EID, IID, SCID
Ian Buck-Macleod	FWA

Jason Phillips	FWA
Jeevan Muhar	Arvin-Edison W.S.D.
Joe Hughes	Counsel
John Bezdek	FWA Special Counsel
Johnny Amaral	FWA
Johnny Gailey	Delta View Water Assoc.
Josh Golden	Unknown
Joshua Yurkanin	USBR
Kathy Mahan	Rep. J. Costa
Katie Duncan	FWA
Kelley Hampton	DEID
Kris Lawrence	SWID
Kuylar Crocker	CCM
Maggie Suarez	FWA
Mark Larsen	Greater Kaweah GSA
Matthew Carpenter	Stantec
Mia Swenson	FWA
Mike Hagman	Lindmore I.D./EKGSA
Nick Keller	HVID
Roland Gross	SSJMUD
Sean Geivet	SID, PID, Terra Bella I.D.
Shane Smith	KDWCD
Steve Jackson	Next Gen Water
Tom Barcellos	LTRID
Tom Greci	Madera I.D.
Vivian Felipe	FWA
Wilson Orvis	FWA

AGENDA REPORT

NO. 2.B.

DATE: December 08, 2023

TO: Friant Water Authority, Board of Directors

FROM: Maggie Suarez, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-03 A Resolution of the Friant Water Authority Board of Directors Setting its 2024 Regular Meeting Dates

SUMMARY:

The Board of Directors meeting dates are set annually. The attached Resolution of the Friant Water Authority No. 2023-03 and its Exhibit A memo include the meeting dates and times for the 2023 calendar year as recommended by Staff.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and consider for adoption the Resolution for the meeting dates for 2024.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-03 setting the Friant Board of Directors 2024 meeting dates and locations.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution No. 2023-03
- Exhibit A Memo – Board of Directors Meeting Dates for 2024
- For information only* – Executive Committee Meeting Dates Memo; and Finance Committee Meeting Dates Memo.

Resolution No. 2023-03

**A Resolution of the Friant Water Authority Board of Directors
Setting Its 2024 Regular Meeting Dates**

WHEREAS, Article III of Bylaws of the Friant Water Authority provides that its Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month, except as otherwise determined by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined to establish the time and location for its regular meeting for the year 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that during 2024, the regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the Friant Water Authority will be held in Tulare County, California, commencing at 8:30 a.m., on the dates set forth on the schedule attached as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings of the Board of Directors will be noticed and conducted subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Sections 549050 and following, of the California Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Friant Water Authority on December 8, 2023.

Jim Erickson, Chair of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Josh Pitigliano, Secretary/Treasurer
Friant Water Authority

I, Josh Pitigliano, Secretary/Treasurer of the Friant Water Authority, certify that Resolution No. 2023-03 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Friant Water Authority at a regular meeting held on December 8, 2023, by the following vote: .

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Josh Pitigliano, Secretary/Treasurer
Friant Water Authority

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 8, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Maggie Suarez, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: FWA BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2024

The Board of Directors meets every 4th Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m. except as noted. There is no Board of Directors meeting in November. Below is a schedule showing dates and times. The location for the meetings will be at the Bello Vita Venue at 4211 E Goshen Ave, Visalia, CA 93291.

* Friday	January 19	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
*Thursday	February 29	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
Thursday	March 28	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
Thursday	April 25	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
Thursday	May 23	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
Thursday	June 27	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
Thursday	July 25	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
*Thursday	August 29	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
Thursday	September 26	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
Thursday	October 24	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
November		NO BOARD MEETING	
*Friday	December 13	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	

** These dates do not fall on the 4th Thursday due to scheduling conflicts*

Dates to Remember:

- Mid-Pacific Regional Conference, January 24-26, 2024, Reno
- Family Farm Alliance Conference, February 21-23, 2024, Reno
- Urban Water Institute Spring Conference, February 21-23, 2024, Palm Springs
- ACWA Spring Conference, May 7-9, 2024, Sacramento
- Urban Water Institute Fall Conference, August 21-23, 2024, Palm Springs
- ACWA Fall Conference, December 3-5, 2024, Palm Desert



Memorandum

DATE: December 8, 2023

TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Maggie Suarez, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2024**

The Finance Committee generally meets three days prior to the Board of Directors meeting (which generally meets the fourth Thursday of each month) at 1:30 p.m. except as noted. Below is a schedule showing dates, times and locations for the coming year:

*Tuesday	January 16	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
*Monday	February 26	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	March 25	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	April 22	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	May 20	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	June 24	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	July 22	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
*Monday	August 26	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	September 23	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	October 21	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
	No Nov Mtg		
Tuesday	December 10	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lindsay Conference Room

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 08, 2023
TO: Executive Committee
cc: Board of Directors
FROM: Maggie Suarez, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2024

The Executive Committee meets the week prior to the Board of Directors meeting at 8:30 a.m. except as noted. Below is a schedule showing proposed dates, times, and locations for the coming year:

Monday	January 15	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	February 12	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	March 11	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	April 15	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	May 13	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	June 17	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	July 15	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	August 12	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	September 16	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	October 14	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lindsay Conference Room
Monday	No Nov Mtg		Board Offsite Week
Monday	No Dec Mtg		Lindsay Conference Room

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January 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 24	2 9:00am Kaweah Delta	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 9:00am Lower Tule River 9:00am Porterville 9:00am Tulare 12:00pm Arvin-Edison 1:30pm Ivanhoe 1:30pm	10 9:00am Shafter-Wasco 9:00am Terra Bella 9:30am Tea Pot Dome 11:30am Orange Cove 1:30pm Chowchilla	11 9:00am Pixley 9:30am Saucelito 12:30pm Hills Valley 1:30pm Exeter 2:30pm Kern Tulare 4:00pm	12	13
14	15 8:30am FWA Executive Committee Meeting 9:00am South Valley WA	16 1:30pm Finance Committee (Lindsay Office) 2:00pm Madera 4:00pm Fresno	17	18	19 8:00am FWA Board of Directors Meeting 9:00am Deer Creek & Tule River Auth	20
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February 2024

February 2024							March 2024						
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11	12 8:30am FWA Executive Committee Meeting	13 9:00am Lower Tule River 9:00am Porterville 9:00am Tulare 12:00pm Arvin-Edison 1:30pm Ivanhoe 1:30pm	14 9:00am Shafter-Wasco 9:00am Terra Bella 9:30am Tea Pot Dome 11:30am Orange Cove 1:30pm Chowchilla	15	16 9:00am Deer Creek & Tule River Auth	17
18	19	20 2:00pm Madera 4:00pm Fresno	21	22	23	24
25	26 1:30pm Finance Committee (Lindsay Office)	27	28	29 8:00am FWA Board of Directors Meeting	Mar 1	2

March 2024

March 2024							April 2024						
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Agenda Report

No. 2.C.

DATE: December 8, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wilson Orvis, CFO

SUBJECT: Approve Bills for the Month of November 2023 and Accept the Financial Reports for Month Ending October 31, 2023

SUMMARY:

The Finance Committee met on December 5, 2023 and reviewed the bills for November 2023 and the financial reports for month ending October 31, 2023. There was a quorum at the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION:

At the December 5, 2023 meeting, the Finance Committee acted to recommend that Board of Directors approve payment of the November 2023 bills in the amount of \$1,560,036.01 and accept the Financial Reports for month ending October 31, 2023.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board of Directors approve payment of the November 2023 bills in the amount of \$1,560,036.01 and accept the Financial Reports for month ending October 31, 2023.

BUDGET IMPACT:

- \$894,067.94 (bills) and \$408,637.90 (payroll) is chargeable to the Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement (OM&R) Budget.
- \$135,047.60 (bills) and \$80,617.88 (payroll) is chargeable to the General Membership Budget;
- \$8,959.36 is attributable to San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) for projected Settlement Contractor deliveries in the month of December 2023;
- \$17,409.88 is attributable to the temporary pumps at Lake Woollomes, of which costs are to be recovered from Kern-Tulare WD;
- \$0 is to be recovered under existing grant agreements; and
- \$15,295.45 is chargeable to Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project, Phase 1.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bills to be Paid, Budget-to-Actuals, and Cash Activity Reports

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES TO BE APPROVED, NOVEMBER 2023

BILLS PAID NOVEMBER 09, 2023

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	ACWA / JPIA	\$ 66,578.01	\$ 5,478.78	\$ 72,056.79	Medical, Dental, Vision Insurance
2	ALLEGRETTO VINEYARD RESORT	43,310.75	43,310.75	86,621.50	Board Retreat Hotel & Meetings
3	AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, INC.	133.76	-	133.76	Cables & Batteries
4	AT&T	673.92	-	673.92	Utilities-Telephone
5	AUTO ZONE, INC.	79.79	-	79.79	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
6	Bank of America	21,017.17	420.90	21,438.07	Various Visa Charges
7	BATTERY SYSTEMS INC.	2,462.06	-	2,462.06	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Yard
8	BIG GREEN IT, LLC	2,109.00	-	2,109.00	IT Microsoft 365 & Teams Support
9	BLANKINSHIP & ASSOCIATES, INC.	3,233.33	-	3,233.33	Consulting Services-BiOps October
10	CASHIER, DPR	60.00	-	60.00	Continuing QAC Certification
11	CHEVRON AND TEXACO CARD SERVICES	169.00	-	169.00	Fueling Services-All Yards
12	CINTAS CORPORATION #2	1,886.80	-	1,886.80	Uniform Services-Lindsay & OC Yards
13	CINTAS CORPORATION #3	428.46	-	428.46	Uniform Services-Delano Yard
14	CRAIGS AUTO PARTS	230.64	-	230.64	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Yard
15	CULLIGAN OF LINDSAY	76.25	-	76.25	Water Services
16	GORDON, THOMAS, HONEYWELL, MALANCA...	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	Consulting Services-October
17	HERRERA, XAVIERA	128.38	-	128.38	Expense Claim Reimbursement
18	JIM BURKE FORD	369.35	-	369.35	Parts & Supplies-OC Shop
19	KASEYA US LLC	1,733.26	-	1,733.26	IT Services-Spam Monitoring, Microsoft Backup
20	LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	3,969.27	390.60	4,359.87	Disability Insurance
21	MOONLIGHT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	2,481.78	-	2,481.78	Janitorial Services-All Yards
22	MRC GLOBAL (US) INC.	111,028.11	-	111,028.11	Limatorque Actuators-5
23	PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT	272,835.00	-	272,835.00	Water Conveyance-September
24	RAIN FOR RENT	5,234.58	-	5,234.58	Temporary Pumps-October
25	SANCHEZ, TONY	60.00	-	60.00	Expense Claim Reimbursement
26	SANDOVAL, JERRY	76.34	-	76.34	Expense Claim Reimbursement
27	STANDARD INSURANCE CO	7,536.06	1,842.49	9,378.55	Survivor's Life Insurance
28	THE REDESIGN GROUP	33,859.26	1,308.78	35,168.04	Data Center Windows Server, Help Desk
29	VERIZON WIRELESS	4,366.11	-	4,366.11	Utilities-Cell Phone October
30	WATER BLUEPRINT SJV-EDUCATION	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	Travel Costs-Water Summit
31	ZENITH INSURANCE COMPANY	9,915.00	-	9,915.00	Worker's Comp
32	SUBTOTAL SPENDING	\$ 606,041.44	\$ 53,752.30	\$ 659,793.74	
33	PAYROLL FWA	180,328.66	39,708.94	220,037.60	Total Mid-Month Payroll
34	TOTAL OM&R	\$ 786,370.10	\$ 93,461.24	\$ 879,831.34	

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES TO BE APPROVED, NOVEMBER 2023

BILLS PAID NOVEMBER 09, 2023

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
35	LAKE WOOLLOMES TEMPORARY PUMPS				
36	RAIN FOR RENT	\$ 17,409.88	\$ -	\$ 17,409.88	Temporary Pumps-October (Reimbursable)
37	SUBTOTAL - LAKE WOOLLOMES TEMPORARY PUMPS	\$ 17,409.88	\$ -	\$ 17,409.88	

38	Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Phase 1				
39	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.	\$ 10,738.45	\$ -	\$ 10,738.45	Consulting Services-September
40	SUBTOTAL - MRCCP	\$ 10,738.45	\$ -	\$ 10,738.45	

41 TOTAL - MID MONTH \$ 814,518.43 \$ 93,461.24 \$ 907,979.67

BILLS TO BE PAID NOVEMBER 20, 2023

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
42	AAA TRUCK SERVICE, INC.	\$ 3,654.88	\$ -	\$ 3,654.88	Alternator, Starter, Parts & Suplies-Lindsay Shop
43	ADT COMMERCIAL	880.45	-	880.45	Security Service-Delano & OC Yards
44	AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.	-	20,635.24	20,635.24	Consulting Services October
45	AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, INC.	1,052.48	-	1,052.48	Computer, Office & Kitchen Supplies
46	AUTO ZONE, INC.	82.89	-	82.89	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
47	BATTERY SYSTEMS INC.	199.12	-	199.12	Parts - OC Yard
48	BILL LUCE CONSULTING	544.50	9,207.00	9,751.50	Consulting Services-October
49	BUCK-MACLEOD, IAN T.	552.82	309.16	861.98	Expense claim
50	CENTRAL VALLEY TOOLS (SNAP ON)	900.45	-	900.45	Annual Renewal-Software Mechan
51	CHEVRON AND TEXACO CARD SERVICES	91.00	-	91.00	Fuel Service-All Yards
52	CINTAS CORPORATION #2	1,384.74	-	1,384.74	Uniform Service-OC & Lindsay Yard
53	CINTAS CORPORATION #3	142.82	-	142.82	Uniform Service-Delano Yard
54	CITY OF DELANO	131.33	-	131.33	Utilities
55	CITY OF LINDSAY	328.21	-	328.21	Utilities
56	CITY OF ORANGE COVE	444.49	-	444.49	Utilities
57	CULLIGAN OF LINDSAY	157.50	-	157.50	Water Service-Lindsay
58	DACO FARM SUPPLY	89.51	-	89.51	Parts & Supplies-Delano Yard
59	DINUBA LUMBER COMPANY	244.64	-	244.64	Parts & Supplies-OC Yard
60	DUNCAN, KATIE	171.61	65.50	237.11	Expense Claim Reimbursement
61	ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE	3,989.00	-	3,989.00	Annual Subscription
62	EVOLUTION AUTO GLASS & WINDOW TINT	65.00	-	65.00	Glass repair
63	FEDEX	44.06	-	44.06	Shipping Service
64	FOOTHILL AUTO TRUCK & AG PARTS, INC.	5,151.82	-	5,151.82	Parts & Supplies-OC Yard
65	FRESNO COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	460.09	-	460.09	Property Taxes
66	FRONTIER	973.71	-	973.71	Utilities-Telephone
67	FRUIT GROWERS SUPPLY CO	637.94	-	637.94	Parts & Supplies-OC Yard
68	FUSION CLOUD SERVICES, LLC	209.74	-	209.74	Telephone Service
69	GRAYBAR	5,503.53	-	5,503.53	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
70	GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE	4,475.00	-	4,475.00	Motor Oil-Lindsay Shop
71	HIGH SIERRA LUMBER & SUPPLY, INC.	2,040.50	-	2,040.50	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay
72	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	4,667.53	-	4,667.53	Parts & Supplies-All Yards
73	HUTCHERSON, JOCELYN	198.00	-	198.00	Boots-Jocelyn
74	JACK GRIGGS INC.	352.40	-	352.40	Propane Leak Service
75	JORGENSEN COMPANY	244.40	-	244.40	Supplies-OC Yard
76	LAWSON PRODUCTS	20.23	-	20.23	Rechargeable Batteries-2
77	LINDSAY TRUE VALUE	28.25	-	28.25	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
78	MARTIN TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	50.00	-	50.00	Pest Control Service
79	McLELLAN INDUSTRIES, INC.	883.55	-	883.55	Water Truck Parts-Lindsay Yard
80	MEDALLION SUPPLY COMPANY	79.43	-	79.43	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
81	MERLE STONE CHEVROLET CADILLAC	553.03	-	553.03	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
82	MID VALLEY DISPOSAL	169.05	-	169.05	Waste Disposal Service
83	MOONLIGHT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	2,177.00	-	2,177.00	Janitorial Service-All Yards
84	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	98,403.78	-	98,403.78	Cleantrax 310 Gal, Dimension 155 Gal, Liberate 77.5 Gal
85	ORANGE COVE TIRE SERVICE	144.00	-	144.00	Tire Service-4 Tires
86	OTTEMOELLER CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC	3,836.00	1,575.50	5,411.50	Consulting Services-September, October
87	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC	155.48	-	155.48	Utilities
88	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC	60.38	-	60.38	Utilities

BILLS TO BE PAID NOVEMBER 20, 2023

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
89	PAPE KENWORTH	2,100.87	-	2,100.87	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay & OC Shop
90	PBM SUPPLY & MFG., INC.	364.65	-	364.65	Parts & Supplies-OC Shop
91	PBW DISTRIBUTOR INC	2,250.17	-	2,250.17	Parts & Service-Delano and Lindsay Yard
92	PETTY CASH - LINDSAY	473.50	21.69	495.19	Petty Cash Replenishment
93	PICK-EM UP TRUCK STORE	573.71	-	573.71	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
94	PORTERVILLE FORD	2,721.56	-	2,721.56	Parts & Service-Delano and Lindsay Yard
95	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	-	1,308.78	1,308.78	Quarterly Principal Payment
96	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	946.48	-	946.48	Refill Postage
97	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	112.36	-	112.36	Lease Office Equipment
98	QUINN COMPANY	156.08	-	156.08	Parts & Servis-Lindsay Shop
99	RAPTOR BLASTING SOLUTIONS, INC.	15,182.06	-	15,182.06	Sandblasting Media-Delano Yard
100	ROBERT V. JENSEN, INC.	18,832.37	-	18,832.37	Diesel Fuel 3,430 Gal, Unleaded Fuel 794 Gal
101	SAN JOAQUIN PAINT & GLASS	9,583.03	-	9,583.03	Paint supplies-Delano Yard
102	SAN JOAQUIN PEST CONTROL	94.00	-	94.00	Pest Control Service-Lindsay
103	SAN JOAQUIN PEST CONTROL	80.00	-	80.00	Pest Control Service-OC Yard
104	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR	42.00	-	42.00	Air Pollution Permit-Kern County
105	SCELZI ENTERPRISES, INC.	29,668.38	-	29,668.38	Truck Bed-Lindsay Mechanic
106	SMART & FINAL CORP	309.09	-	309.09	Employee Food-Delano
107	SO CAL GAS	170.90	-	170.90	Utilities
108	SOMACH SIMMONS & DUNN	-	27,104.73	27,104.73	Consulting Services-October
109	SOUTHERN CALIF EDISON	7,072.15	-	7,072.15	Utilities
110	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	684.28	-	684.28	Tire Repair Service
111	STRR	105.34	-	105.34	Waste Disposal Service
112	SUNBELT RENTALS	1,051.27	-	1,051.27	Dump Truck Rental
113	THE FERGUSON GROUP, LLC	-	117.51	117.51	Consulting services-September
114	THE REDESIGN GROUP	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	IT Help Desk
115	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	5,869.84	-	5,869.84	Lease Office Equipment-October & November
116	UNITED RENTALS, INC.	7,036.13	-	7,036.13	Dump Truck Rental
117	UNWIRED BROADBAND, INC.	599.96	-	599.96	Satellite Internet-OC & Delano- October & November
118	VALLEY PACIFIC PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC.	10,812.97	-	10,812.97	Unleaded 2,808 Gallons
119	VERIZON WIRELESS	4,490.88	-	4,490.88	SCADA Mobile to Mobile
120	WATER AND POWER LAW GROUP PC	-	20,950.19	20,950.19	Special Counsel Services-October
121	WEISENBERGERS	32.76	-	32.76	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
122	WORLD OIL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	436.25	-	436.25	Oil Recycling-Lindsay Shop October & November
123	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	3,352.12	-	3,352.12	Copier Lease-September & October
124	ZENITH INSURANCE COMPANY	9,915.00	-	9,915.00	Workers Compensation
125	ZIX CORPORATION	280.00	-	280.00	Email Security Software
126	SUBTOTAL SPENDING	\$ 288,026.50	\$ 81,295.30	\$ 369,321.80	
127	PAYROLL FWA	228,309.24	40,908.94	269,218.18	End of Month Payroll Estimate
128	TOTAL OM&R	\$ 516,335.74	\$ 122,204.24	\$ 638,539.98	
129	Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Phase 1				
130	BENDER ROSENTHAL INCORPORATED	\$ 4,557.00	\$ -	\$ 4,557.00	Land Soft Costs
131	SUBTOTAL - MRCCP	\$ 4,557.00	\$ -	\$ 4,557.00	

BILLS TO BE PAID NOVEMBER 20, 2023

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
132	San Luis & Delta-Mendota Canal:				
133	SLDMWA OM & R CHARGES - PAID VIA WIRE	\$ 8,959.36	\$ -	\$ 8,959.36	December 2023 Estimate
134	Subtotal - SLDMWA	\$ 8,959.36	\$ -	\$ 8,959.36	

135 TOTAL - END OF MONTH \$ 529,852.10 \$ 122,204.24 \$ 652,056.34

136 GRAND TOTALS \$ 1,344,370.53 \$ 215,665.48 \$ 1,560,036.01

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

CASH ACTIVITY BALANCE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2023

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
FKC Operations & Maintenance	\$ 39,314,567	\$ 16,222,478	\$ (1,516,090)	\$ 54,020,954
SLDMWA	2,262,769	416,660	(486,980)	2,192,449
Total	\$ 41,577,336	\$ 16,639,138	\$ (2,003,071)	\$ 56,213,404
General Member	399,667	-	(144,167)	255,500
			Total	\$ 56,468,903

BANK ACTIVITY BALANCE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2023

Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 131,773	\$ 1,150	-	\$ 132,923
California Asset Management Program	42,617,898	14,260,425	(600,000)	56,278,323
Bank of the Sierra	(772,669)	1,361,452	(2,765,143)	57,657
			Total	\$ 56,468,903

Note:

Most Current Interest Rate: For the month ended September 30, 2023, effective yield 3.534%

The Authority's investments are in compliance with its Statement of Investment Policy dated March 3, 2023.

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**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
O&M FUND
CASH ACTIVITY REPORT
MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Checking & Investments</u>	<u>Payroll Checking</u>	<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>Total</u>
CASH BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	\$ 41,576,537	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 41,577,337
Increases:				
District O&M receipts	1,303,278			1,303,278
Revenue from MRCCP	14,061,763			14,061,763
SLDMWA receipts	416,660			416,660
FKC Systemwide Capacity Correction Cost Share MOU	68,297			68,297
Lake Wolloomes Temporary Pumps	199,581			199,581
Recapture	113,535			113,535
Conveyance Fee	14,756			14,756
Interest Revenue	84			84
Miscellaneous deposits	22,360			22,360
Administration Allocation	4,182			4,182
Payroll deposits		434,642		434,642
Total Increases	<u>\$ 16,204,495</u>	<u>\$ 434,642</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,639,138</u>
Decreases:				
O&M Expenditures	\$ 425,170			\$ 425,170
MRCCP	46,505			46,505
Wire to SLDMWA - O&MR Charges - November Estim	486,980			486,980
FKC Systemwide Capacity Correction Cost Share MOU	48,511			48,511
Lake Wolloomes Temporary Pumps	126,619			126,619
Payroll Cash Outlays	434,642	434,642		869,285
Total Decreases	<u>\$ 1,568,428</u>	<u>\$ 434,642</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,003,071</u>
CASH BALANCE BEFORE INTERFUND ACTIVITY	<u>\$ 56,212,604</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 800</u>	<u>\$ 56,213,404</u>
Interfund transfer to O&M	-			-
CASH BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2023	<u>\$ 56,212,604</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 800</u>	<u>\$ 56,213,404</u>

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
GENERAL MEMBERS FUND
CASH ACTIVITY REPORT
MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2023**

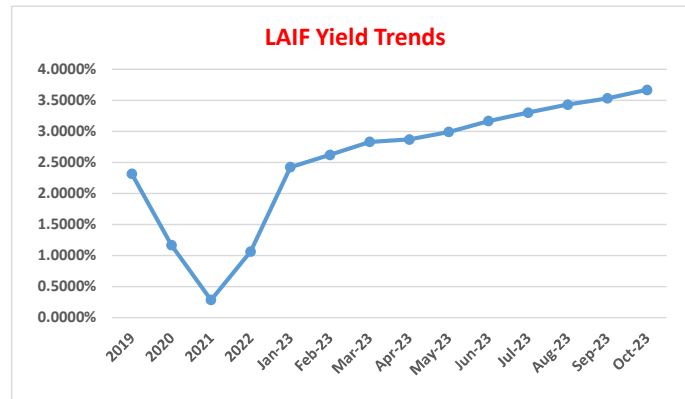
CASH BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023		\$	<u>399,667</u>
Increases:			
Member Assessments			<u>-</u>
Decreases:			
Consulting	\$	95,303	
Meetings		5,960	
Rent & Facility Expense		2,005	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>103,268</u>	
Reimburse O&M:			
Current Month Payroll & Benefits	\$	53,061	
Current Month Payroll & Benefits to O&M		(16,344)	
Administration Allocation		4,182	
Less Total Cash Disbursements		<u>\$</u>	<u>144,167</u>
CASH BALANCE BEFORE INTERFUND ACTIVITY		<u>\$</u>	<u>255,500</u>
Interfund transfer to O&M			-
CASH BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2023		<u>\$</u>	<u>255,500</u>

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
CASH ACTIVITY REPORT
MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2023
LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (L.A.I.F)
(FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA)**

CASH BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023		\$ 131,773
Increases:		
Transfer from checking	-	
Interest Revenue	1,150	1,150
Decreases:		
Transfer to checking	-	
CASH BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2023		<u>\$ 132,923</u>
Balance ascribed to:		
O&M Fund	\$ 132,322	
General Member Fund	601	
		<u>\$ 132,923</u>

Note:

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2019	2.3201%
2020	1.1679%
2021	0.2837%
2022	1.0660%
Jan-23	2.4250%
Feb-23	2.6240%
Mar-23	2.8310%
Apr-23	2.8700%
May-23	2.9930%
Jun-23	3.1670%
Jul-23	3.3050%
Aug-23	3.4340%
Sep-23	3.5340%
Oct-23	3.6700%

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
CASH ACTIVITY REPORT
MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2023
CALIFORNIA ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (C.A.M.P.)**

CASH BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 \$ 42,617,898

Increases:

Transfer from checking	\$ 14,020,000	
Interest Revenue	<u>240,425</u>	14,260,425

Decreases:

Transfer to checking	(600,000)
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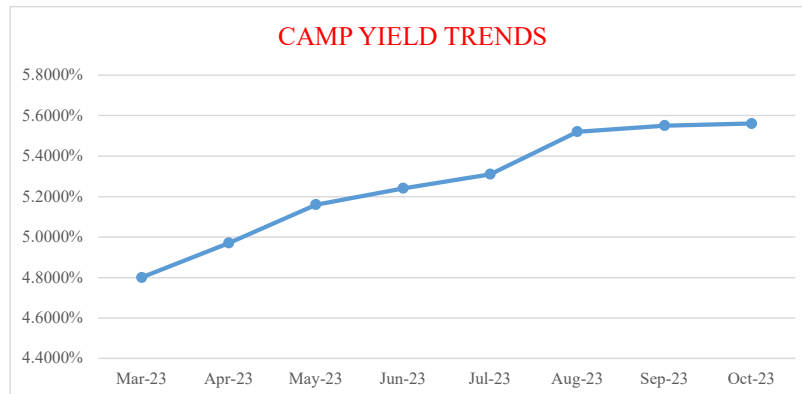
CASH BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2023 \$ 56,278,323

Balance ascribed to:

O&M Fund	\$ 56,023,425
General Member Fund	<u>254,898</u>
	<u><u>\$ 56,278,323</u></u>

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Mar-23	4.8000%
Apr-23	4.9700%
May-23	5.1600%
Jun-23	5.2400%
Jul-23	5.3100%
Aug-23	5.5200%
Sep-23	5.5500%
Oct-23	5.5600%

FWA Revenue Presentation

FY 2024

Budget year: **8.3%** Completed

Operations & Maintenance	FY 2024 Budget	10/31/2023 Year to Date	Budget Remaining	Budget Spent %
Revenue				
Interest Income	-	229,997	(229,997)	
Miscellaneous Income	-	1,705	(1,705)	
Reverse Pumping Fee	-	-	-	
Conveyance Fees	-	-	-	
FKC System-Wide MOU	-	80,620	(80,620)	
O & M Revenue	12,441,625	1,036,802	11,404,823	8.3%
Water Supply Cord./Monitoring Revenue	-	3,995	(3,995)	
Total Revenue	12,441,625	1,353,120	11,088,505	10.9%
Expenses				
Total Operations	1,884,374	275,788	1,608,587	14.6%
Total Maintenance	7,701,187	464,642	7,236,544	6.0%
Administration Costs	2,264,634	136,989	2,127,645	6.0%
Special Projects	591,429	13,973	577,456	2.4%
Total OM&R Expenses	12,441,625	891,392	11,550,233	7.2%

FWA Budget Presentation

FY 2024

Budget year: **8.3%** Completed

Operations & Maintenance	FY 2024 Budget	10/31/2023 Year to Date	Budget Remaining	Budget Spent %
Operations Dept				
Employee Salaries/Pay	930,728	67,041	863,687	7.2%
Employee Benefits	471,067	36,687	434,381	7.8%
Supplies & Services	482,579	172,060	310,519	35.7%
Total Operations	1,884,374	275,788	1,608,587	14.6%
Maintenance Dept				
Employee Salaries/Pay	2,968,749	200,046	2,768,703	6.7%
Employee Benefits	1,379,988	101,509	1,278,479	7.4%
Supplies & Services	3,352,450	163,087	3,189,363	4.9%
Total Maintenance	7,701,187	464,642	7,236,544	6.0%
Administration Costs	2,435,091	141,172	2,293,919	5.8%
Administration Costs allocated to GM	(170,456)	(4,182)	(166,274)	2.5%
Total Operations & Maintenance	11,850,195	877,419	10,972,776	7.4%
Special Projects				
Cost Recovery	-	-	-	
Spending	591,429	13,973	577,456	2.4%
Total Special Projects	591,429	13,973	577,456	2.4%
Total OM&R	12,441,625	891,392	11,550,233	7.2%

Friant Water Authority
Budget vs Actual Expenses
YTD - 10/31/2023

Budget year: 8.3% Completed

		Total				Labor				Materials			
		Annual Budget	YTD Actual	% Of Bud	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining		
1	MAINTENANCE												
1	Vehicle & Equipment Service	\$ 620,505	\$ 80,609	13.0%	\$ 539,896	\$ 192,525	\$ 13,510	7.0%	\$ 179,015	\$ 427,980	\$ 67,100	15.7%	\$ 360,880
2	Maintenance Supervision	485,227	32,926	6.8%	452,301	265,227	19,090	7.2%	246,137	220,000	13,836	6.3%	206,164
3	Right-of-Way Management	57,024	4,345	7.6%	52,679	57,024	4,345	7.6%	52,679	-	-	0.0%	-
4	Weed & Pest Control	984,850	39,442	4.0%	945,408	321,807	13,559	4.2%	308,248	663,043	25,883	3.9%	637,160
5	Implem Biol. Opinion	22,000	2,500	11.4%	19,500	-	-	0.0%	-	22,000	2,500	11.4%	19,500
6	Road Maintenance	67,702	8,997	13.3%	58,705	30,763	3,178	10.3%	27,585	36,939	5,819	15.8%	31,120
7	Yard & Building Maintenance	327,915	16,619	5.1%	311,296	151,600	5,781	3.8%	145,819	176,316	10,838	6.1%	165,478
8	Structure & Gate Maintenance	524,135	11,347	2.2%	512,788	352,577	2,306	0.7%	350,272	171,558	9,041	5.3%	162,517
9	Cleaning Right-of-Way	74,263	466	0.6%	73,797	74,263	466	0.6%	73,797	-	-	0.0%	-
10	Bargate & Guardrail Maint	45,531	2,754	6.0%	42,777	15,036	2,781	18.5%	12,255	30,495	(27)	-0.1%	30,522
11	Embankment Maintenance	73,446	6,403	8.7%	67,043	61,930	6,129	9.9%	55,801	11,516	274	2.4%	11,242
12	Bridge Maintenance	67,459	4,851	7.2%	62,608	26,158	4,851	18.5%	21,307	41,301	-	0.0%	41,301
13	Reverse Flow Pumping	-	-	0.0%	-	27,210	-	0.0%	27,210	(27,210)	-	0.0%	(27,210)
14	Concrete Lining Maintenance	870,141	61,106	7.0%	809,035	308,145	47,012	15.3%	261,133	561,996	14,094	2.5%	547,902
15	Drainditch & Channel Maint.	129,124	5,192	4.0%	123,932	79,516	5,192	6.5%	74,324	49,608	-	0.0%	49,608
16	Fence Maintenance	86,643	4,968	5.7%	81,675	63,071	4,851	7.7%	58,219	23,573	117	0.5%	23,456
17	Mudjacking	23,462	-	0.0%	23,462	21,404	-	0.0%	21,404	2,059	-	0.0%	2,059
18	Painting	34,668	530	1.5%	34,138	21,209	245	1.2%	20,965	13,459	285	2.1%	13,173
19	Sump Pump Maintenance	2,029	-	0.0%	2,029	1,152	-	0.0%	1,152	877	-	0.0%	877
20	Cross Drainage Structure Mtce	1,152	-	0.0%	1,152	1,152	-	0.0%	1,152	-	-	0.0%	-
21	Rip-Rapping	2,721	-	0.0%	2,721	2,721	-	0.0%	2,721	-	-	0.0%	-
22	Capacity Correction-System Wide	-	-	0.0%	-	767	-	0.0%	767	(767)	-	0.0%	(767)
23	Operations Reports	-	410	0.0%	(410)	-	410	0.0%	(410)	-	-	0.0%	-
24	Operations Supervision	54,906	4,226	7.7%	50,680	54,906	4,226	7.7%	50,680	-	-	0.0%	-
25	Water supply coordination & monitoring	632,215	14,810	2.3%	617,405	186,607	15,194	8.1%	171,413	445,608	(384)	-0.1%	445,992
26	Legal Expense - Direct	101,500	-	0.0%	101,500	-	-	0.0%	-	101,500	-	0.0%	101,500
27	Safety & First Aid Training	33,663	578	1.7%	33,085	14,978	396	2.6%	14,582	18,684	181	1.0%	18,503
28	Office Admin (Typing etc.)	8,631	1,017	11.8%	7,614	8,631	1,017	11.8%	7,614	-	-	0.0%	-
29	Payroll Preparation	4,557	150	3.3%	4,408	4,557	150	3.3%	4,408	-	-	0.0%	-
30	Meetings	275,209	13,819	5.0%	245,240	73,839	13,233	17.9%	60,606	201,370	587	0.3%	200,783
31	Education & Training	46,443	2,067	4.5%	44,376	23,760	2,007	8.4%	21,753	22,683	60	0.3%	22,623
32	Procurement	20,826	2,878	13.8%	17,948	20,826	2,878	13.8%	17,948	-	-	0.0%	-
33	Inventory & Property Mgt.	1,439	-	0.0%	1,439	1,439	-	0.0%	1,439	-	-	0.0%	-
34	Employee Benefits	1,379,988	101,509	7.4%	1,278,675	321,531	31,866	9.9%	289,665	1,058,457	69,446	6.6%	989,010
35	Personnel Administration	115,881	24,579	21.2%	91,302	115,881	24,579	21.2%	91,302	-	-	0.0%	-
36	Workers Comp. Insurance	82,980	5,247	6.3%	77,734	-	-	0.0%	-	82,980	5,247	6.3%	77,734
37	Utilities	101,219	7,835	7.7%	93,384	-	-	0.0%	-	101,219	7,835	7.7%	93,384
38	Dues & Subscriptions	9,795	-	0.0%	9,795	-	-	0.0%	-	9,795	-	0.0%	9,795
39	Budget Preparation	3,800	-	0.0%	3,800	3,800	-	0.0%	3,800	-	-	0.0%	-
40	Archiving & Data Storage	2,877	-	0.0%	2,877	2,877	-	0.0%	2,877	-	-	0.0%	-
41	Vehicle & Equipment Acquisition	325,260	-	0.0%	325,260	-	-	0.0%	-	325,260	-	0.0%	325,260
42	Outside Service - DEID	-	2,661	0.0%	(2,661)	-	2,661	0.0%	(2,661)	-	-	0.0%	-
43	TOTAL EXPENSES: MAINTENANCE	7,701,187	464,642	6.0%	7,236,544	2,968,749	231,912	7.8%	2,736,836	4,732,438	232,730	4.9%	4,499,708

Friant Water Authority
 Budget vs Actual Expenses
 YTD - 10/31/2023

Budget year: 8.3% Completed

	Total			Labor			Materials					
	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	% Of Bud	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining		
OPERATIONS												
44 Vehicle & Equipment Service	\$ 2,000	\$ 225	11.25%	\$ 1,775	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 225	11.25%	\$ 1,775
45 Yard & Building Maintenance	62,374	3,082	4.94%	59,292	25,427	958	3.77%	24,469	36,947	2,123	5.75%	34,824
46 Structure & Gate Maintenance	219,196	7,272	3.32%	211,924	79,070	5,530	6.99%	73,540	140,126	1,742	1.24%	138,384
47 Cleaning Right-of-Way	1,456	8	0.57%	1,448	656	-	0.00%	656	800	8	1.04%	792
48 Bargate & Guardrail Maint	2,200	-	0.00%	2,200	-	-	0.00%	-	2,200	-	0.00%	2,200
49 Reverse Flow Pump	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-
50 Sump Pump Maintenance	27,560	1,338	4.86%	26,222	-	-	0.00%	-	27,560	1,338	4.86%	26,222
51 Finance Charge	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-
52 C. & I. Maint (ESI Equipment)	280,991	163,955	58.35%	117,036	44,292	3,514	7.93%	40,779	236,698	160,441	67.78%	76,257
53 Meter Repair	125,702	6,274	4.99%	119,428	50,854	3,474	6.83%	47,380	74,848	2,800	3.74%	72,048
54 Canal Patrol	383,080	30,208	7.89%	352,872	382,423	30,208	7.90%	352,215	656	-	0.00%	656
55 Operations Reports	116,801	17,950	15.37%	98,851	116,472	17,950	15.41%	98,523	328	-	0.00%	328
56 Operations Supervision	89,601	4,417	4.93%	85,184	89,601	4,417	4.93%	85,184	-	-	0.00%	-
57 Water Measurement	3,937	231	5.87%	3,706	2,625	206	7.85%	2,419	1,312	25	1.90%	1,287
58 Safety & First Aid Training	3,500	-	0.00%	3,500	1,312	-	0.00%	1,312	2,187	-	0.00%	2,187
59 Meetings	9,187	-	0.00%	9,187	9,187	-	0.00%	9,187	-	-	0.00%	-
60 Education & Training	5,687	-	0.00%	5,687	1,312	-	0.00%	1,312	4,375	-	0.00%	4,375
61 Retirement, Health Ins, PR Taxes	343,572	22,512	6.6%	321,060	-	-	0.0%	-	343,572	22,512	6.6%	321,060
62 Employee Benefits	471,067	36,687	7.79%	434,381	127,496	14,175	11.12%	113,321	343,572	22,512	6.55%	321,060
63 Workers Comp. Insurance	36,505	2,357	6.46%	34,149	-	-	0.00%	-	36,505	2,357	6.46%	34,149
64 Utilities	35,832	1,000	2.79%	34,832	-	-	0.00%	-	35,832	1,000	2.79%	34,832
65 Vehicle & Equipment Acquisition	7,700	-	0.00%	7,700	-	-	0.00%	-	7,700	-	0.00%	7,700
66 Services for outside contracts - KT Temp Pumps	-	785	0.00%	(785)	-	785	0.00%	(785)	-	-	0.00%	-
67 TOTAL EXPENSES: WATER OPERATIONS	\$ 1,884,374	\$ 275,788	14.6%	\$ 1,608,587	\$ 930,728	\$ 81,216	8.7%	\$ 849,512	\$ 953,646	\$ 194,572	20.4%	\$ 759,074

Friant Water Authority
 Budget vs Actual Expenses
 YTD - 10/31/2023

Budget year: 8.3% Completed

	Total				Labor				Materials			
	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	% Of Bud	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining		
ADMINISTRATION												
68 Water supply coordination & monitoring	\$ 84,209	\$ 7,143	8.48%	\$ 77,067	\$ 74,855	\$ 7,143	9.54%	\$ 67,712	\$ 9,354	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 9,354
69 Safety & First Aid Training	97,767	8,649	8.85%	89,118	7,844	431	5.49%	7,413	89,923	8,218	9.14%	81,705
70 Office Admin (Typing etc.)	120,704	9,944	8.24%	110,760	120,704	9,944	8.24%	110,760	-	-	0.00%	-
71 Payroll Preparation	17,216	1,421	8.26%	15,795	17,216	1,421	8.26%	15,795	-	-	0.00%	-
72 Meetings	73,497	2,347	3.19%	71,150	69,097	2,347	3.40%	66,750	4,400	-	0.00%	4,400
73 Education & Training	83,490	3,455	4.14%	80,035	25,691	475	1.85%	25,216	57,799	2,980	5.16%	54,819
74 Inventory & Property Mgt.	4,921	-	0.00%	4,921	4,921	-	0.00%	4,921	-	-	0.00%	-
75 Employee Benefits	501,787	41,140	8.20%	460,647	128,376	15,329	11.94%	113,046	373,412	25,811	6.91%	347,601
76 Data Processing	266,349	12,086	4.54%	254,263	48,949	6,425	13.13%	42,524	217,400	5,661	2.60%	211,739
77 Travel	42,067	-	0.00%	42,067	-	-	0.00%	-	42,067	-	0.00%	42,067
78 Accounting & Auditing	493,589	42,199	8.55%	451,390	393,716	42,199	10.72%	351,517	99,873	-	0.00%	99,873
79 Personnel Administration	104,417	9,020	8.64%	95,397	71,638	7,800	10.89%	63,837	32,779	1,220	3.72%	31,559
80 Liability Insurance	164,248	-	0.00%	164,248	-	-	0.00%	-	164,248	-	0.00%	164,248
81 Workers Compensation Insurance	3,655	247	6.75%	3,408	-	-	0.00%	-	3,655	247	6.75%	3,408
82 Finance Charge	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-
83 Utilities	72,307	-	0.00%	72,307	-	-	0.00%	-	72,307	-	0.00%	72,307
84 Office Supplies	29,288	395	1.35%	28,893	-	-	0.00%	-	29,288	395	1.35%	28,893
85 Postage	7,747	-	0.00%	7,747	-	-	0.00%	-	7,747	-	0.00%	7,747
86 Dues & Subscriptions	11,614	-	0.00%	11,614	-	-	0.00%	-	11,614	-	0.00%	11,614
87 Budget Preparation	21,918	136	0.62%	21,781	21,918	136	0.62%	21,781	-	-	0.00%	-
88 Lease office equipment	34,122	2,989	8.76%	31,133	-	-	0.00%	-	34,122	2,989	8.76%	31,133
89 Vehicle & Equipment Acquisition	200,179	-	0.00%	200,179	-	-	0.00%	-	200,179	-	0.00%	200,179
90 Admin Reimb - GM Fund - see Note #1	(170,456)	(4,182)	2.45%	(166,274)	-	-	0.00%	-	(170,456)	(4,182)	2.45%	(166,274)
91 TOTAL EXPENSES: ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,264,634	\$ 136,989	6.0%	\$ 2,127,645	\$ 984,923	\$ 93,652	9.5%	\$ 891,271	\$ 1,279,712	\$ 43,337	3.4%	\$ 1,236,374

Note #1

O&M	97%	\$ 136,989
GM	3%	\$ 4,182
	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 141,172</u>

Friant Water Authority
 Budget vs Actual Expenses
 YTD - 10/31/2023

Budget year: 8.3% Completed

		Total			Labor				Materials				
		Annual Budget	YTD Actual	% Of Bud	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining		
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
92	Benefits	\$722	\$2,409	333.7%	(\$1,687)		2,408.59	0.0%	(\$2,409)	\$722	\$0	0.0%	\$722
93	Subsidence - System Wide	149,613	-	0.0%	149,613	2,438	-	0.0%	2,438	147,175	-	0.0%	147,175
94	MRCCP Phase 1	-	-	0.0%	-	235,277	-	0.0%	235,277	(235,277)	-	0.0%	(235,277)
95	FKC System-wide Capacity Correction Project MOU	-	3,891	0.0%	(3,891)	-	3,891	0.0%	(3,891)	-	-	0.0%	-
96	GSA Engagement - East	296,989	2,520	0.8%	294,469	96,989	2,520	2.6%	94,469	200,000	-	0.0%	200,000
97	GSA Engagement - West	102,330	1,245	1.2%	101,085	36,646	1,245	3.4%	35,401	65,684	-	0.0%	65,684
98	Water Quality	41,776	2,624	6.3%	39,152	102,092	2,624	2.6%	99,468	(60,316)	-	0.0%	(60,316)
99	Pump Back Project	-	1,284	0.0%	(1,284)	-	1,284	0.0%	(1,284)	-	-	0.0%	-
100	TOTAL EXPENSES: SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$591,429	13,973	2.4%	\$577,456	\$473,442	\$13,973	3.0%	\$459,469	\$117,987	\$0	0.0%	\$117,987

CARRY OVER ITEMS FY 2023

SEE NOTE		Budget	Actual	Variance
101	CSO Operations Pickup	27,100	-	27,100
102	Crane/Boom Truck	198,138	-	198,138
103	Mechanic Service Bed	10,000	-	10,000
104	TOTAL CARRY OVER ITEMS FY 2023	\$235,238	\$0	\$235,238

Note:

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BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT

	FY 2024 Approved Budget	FY 2024 Actuals	Surplus /(Shortage)	% of Budget YTD 8.33%
Consultants				
General Counsel				
<i>Burke, Williams & Sorenson, LLC</i>	3,000	-	3,000	
Special Counsel				
<i>Water & Power Law Group</i>	230,000	-	230,000	
<i>Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLC</i>	39,000	-	39,000	
<i>Somach, Simmons, & Dunn</i>	136,750	-	136,750	
<i>Kaplan & Kirsch</i>	260,000	-	260,000	
<i>CEQA Litigation (Stoel Rives)</i>	100,000	-	100,000	
Special Counsel Subtotal	765,750	-	765,750	0.00%
Professional Support - Operations				
<i>General Consulting - as needed (Bill Luce, Steve O. & MBK)</i>	104,770	-	104,770	
<i>AECOM</i>	150,000	-	150,000	
Professional Support - Operations Subtotal	254,770	-	254,770	0.00%
Professional Support - Communications & Outreach				
<i>Kan Ventures</i>	61,100	-	61,100	
<i>External Affairs - Federal (Ferguson Group)</i>	60,000	-	60,000	
<i>External Affairs - State (Villines)</i>	61,100	-	61,100	
<i>Media & Materials - (Commuter Industries)</i>	30,000	-	30,000	
<i>Communication Activities</i>	36,000	1,425		3.96%
Professional Support - Comm. & Outreach Subtotal	248,200	1,425	212,200	0.57%
Consultants Subtotal	1,271,720	1,425	1,270,295	0.11%
Staff				
Leadership	583,962	52,036	531,926	8.91%
Staff Subtotal	583,962	52,036	531,926	8.91%
Other Activities				
CDTFA - State Water Resources Control Board	85,000	-	85,000	
Family Farm Alliance	15,000	-	15,000	
CVPWA dues	45,000	-	45,000	
SJV Blueprint	15,000	-	15,000	
Public Policy Institute of California	10,000	-	10,000	
Cal-Farm Water Coalition	5,000	-		
Misc Organizational Contributions	10,000	-	10,000	
Dues & Fees Subtotal	185,000	0	180,000	0.00%
Other Supplies & Services				
<i>Travel</i>	60,000	204	59,796	0.34%
<i>Hotel</i>	37,500	-	37,500	
<i>Meals</i>	45,000	206	44,794	0.46%
<i>Miscellaneous visa receipts</i>	10,000	168	9,832	1.68%
<i>Annual Meeting</i>	11,000			
<i>Promotional Items</i>	5,500			
<i>Meeting expenses -</i>	45,000	587	44,413	1.30%
Other Supplies & Services Subtotal	214,000	1,165	196,335	0.54%
Admin Allocation	170,456	4,182	166,274	2.45%
Direct Expenses (including rent, mileage)				
<i>Mileage</i>	14,400	1,200	13,200	8.33%
<i>Rent</i>	24,360	2,005	22,355	8.23%
<i>Office Supplies</i>	5,000	-	5,000	
Direct Expenses Subtotal	43,760	3,205	40,555	7.32%
Other Activities Subtotal	613,216	8,552	583,164	1.39%
Subtotal Base Budgets	2,468,898	62,013	2,385,385	2.51%
Special Projects				
Regulatory Engagement & Advocacy	200,000		200,000	0.00%
Total Special Projects	200,000	0	200,000	0.00%
Total Budgets	2,668,898	62,013	2,585,385	2.32%

Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project, Phase 1
Bureau of Reclamation and Friant Water Authority
Monthly Financial Status Report - Budget to Actual Spending
Expenditures through October 31, 2023

Sources of Funds	Federal Funding		FWA Spending Plan Funds		Friant Water Authority Funding					
	SJRRP funds	WIIN funds	Advance Payments for Construction Costs	FWA Contractors	Eastern Tule GSA	Pixley GSA	State Funding-DWR	Misc. Revenue	Delano GSA	Total FWA funds
Anticipated Funding	\$41M-\$46.9M	\$ 210,550,000	\$ 118,645,000	\$ 50,000,000	\$125M-\$200M	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 74,480,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	
Funds Secured/Received to date	\$ 41,900,000	\$ 208,100,000	\$ 75,118,000	\$ 49,902,252	\$ 12,505,590	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 67,032,000	\$ 1,401,244	In progress	\$ 141,841,086
Expenditures to date			\$ (67,081,199)	\$ (37,047,868)	\$ (11,381,102)	\$ (11,000,000)	\$ (33,706,197)	\$ (480,815)	-	\$ (93,615,983)
Remaining Funding Available	\$ 41,900,000	\$ 208,100,000	\$ 8,036,801	\$ 12,854,383	\$ 1,124,488	\$ -	\$ 33,325,803	\$ 920,429	In progress	\$ 48,225,103

Project Cost Category	Budget Estimate (2023)			Prior Period Expenditures (Cumulative)		October 31, 2023 Expenditures		Total Expenditures through October 31, 2023		Remaining Budget	
	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total	Reclamation Expenditures	FWA Expenditures	Reclamation Expenditures	FWA Expenditures	Reclamation Expenditures	FWA Expenditures	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)
Prior-Period Preconstruction Costs (thru September 30, 2021)	\$ 19,025,114	\$ 3,525,733	\$ 22,550,847	\$ 19,025,114	\$ 3,525,733	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,025,114	\$ 3,525,733	\$ -	\$ (0)
ROW & Land Acquisition	\$ 6,704,604	\$ 15,276,761	\$ 21,981,365	\$ 6,568,682	\$ 13,799,480	\$ (688)	\$ -	\$ 6,567,994	\$ 13,799,480	\$ 136,610	\$ 1,477,281
Legal & Administration (Facilitating Services) & IT Services	\$ 51,251	\$ 863,646	\$ 914,897	\$ 697	\$ 559,622	\$ 190	\$ 33,600	\$ 888	\$ 593,222	\$ 50,363	\$ 270,423
Permitting, NEPA/CEQA, Cultural Resources, & Environmental Monitoring	\$ 822,997	\$ 501,908	\$ 1,324,905	\$ 695,367	\$ 101,908	\$ 378		\$ 695,745	\$ 101,908	\$ 127,252	\$ 400,000
Project Management	\$ 2,970,519	\$ 1,668,595	\$ 4,639,114	\$ 934,416	\$ 444,278	\$ 33,011	\$ 17,584	\$ 967,427	\$ 461,863	\$ 2,003,093	\$ 1,206,732
Construction Management	\$ 14,938,075	\$ -	\$ 14,938,075	\$ 7,473,901	\$ -	\$ 492,545		\$ 7,966,446	\$ -	\$ 6,971,629	\$ -
Design & Specifications	\$ 729,148	\$ -	\$ 729,148	\$ 771,296	\$ -	\$ 10,865		\$ 782,161	\$ -	\$ (53,013)	\$ -
Construction Support	\$ 22,890,288	\$ 12,102	\$ 22,902,390	\$ 10,697,817	\$ 15,776	\$ 531,536	\$ -	\$ 11,229,353	\$ 15,776	\$ 11,660,935	\$ (3,675)
Construction Contract & Contingency	\$ 95,182,187	\$ 141,465,439	\$ 236,647,626	\$ 137,310,922	\$ 75,118,000	\$ 8,607,479	\$ -	\$ 145,918,401	\$ 75,118,000	\$ (50,736,214)	\$ 66,347,439
Total	\$ 163,314,183	\$ 163,314,183	\$ 326,628,366	\$ 183,478,213	\$ 93,564,798	\$ 9,675,316	\$ 51,184	\$ 193,153,528	\$ 93,615,983	\$ (29,839,345)	\$ 69,698,201

% Cost-Share

50%

50%

67%

33%

Please Note:
Actual cost-share percentages: 66% 34%
The difference is due to timing of when the FWA Spending Plan Funds are being expended by BOR.



Agenda Report

Agenda No. 2. D.

DATE: December 5, 2023
TO: Finance Committee
FROM: Jocelyn Bean, System Administrator
SUBJECT: **Previously Budgeted Fiscal Year 2024 Network Refresh**

SUMMARY:

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement (OM&R) budget for the Friant-Kern Canal was approved by the Board of Directors at the September 28, 2023, meeting. The approved budget included a line-item for FWA’s Network Refresh Major Maintenance Project. At the time, through market research, staff identified Fortinet’s equipment to be the most cost-effective solution that met FWA’s specific IT needs. Staff negotiated with three vendors to solicit the best quote on the necessary equipment, including leveraging current vendor promotions to obtain additional discounts.

Staff is recommending the purchase order be awarded to Redesign (the low bidder) for \$194,159.38, which is \$6,019.62 less than the approved FY 2024 budget line-item for the Network Refresh project.

DISCUSSION:

Network Refresh - The approved FY 2024 OM&R budget included \$200,179 for replacement of the Lindsay Firewall, Lindsay switches, Delano Firewall, Delano switches, Wi-Fi network, and installation of Fiber at the Lindsay yard. FWA staff emailed a solicitation for selected equipment, configuration, and installation to three vendors and the resulting bids are detailed in the table below.

		Redesign	Fortinet	CDW
Equipment & Installation	\$	\$194,159.38	\$219,987.95	\$218,474.46
		BID	BID	BID

FWA was able to obtain three quotes for this requirement. The apparent low bidder was Redesign, with a bid that was \$24,315.08 under the second lowest bid. Staff is recommending awarding the purchase order to Redesign.

Staff is recommending the final approval to purchase Network equipment, and installation services at a total cost of \$194,159.38. The final, negotiated cost is \$6,019.62 less than the amount budgeted for in FY 2024.

Project	Budget	Accepted Bid
Lindsay Firewall & Switches	\$113,866	\$112,095.27
Delano Firewall & Switches	\$29,938	\$17,838.13
Lindsay Wi-Fi & Fiber	\$56,875	\$56,268.61
Taxes	(included above)	\$7,957.37
Total	\$200,179	\$194,159.38

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Finance Committee recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the purchase order to Redesign for the FY 2024 Network Refresh equipment and services needed based upon the final bid received.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no adverse impact on the budget. The recommended purchase is below the amount budgeted within the FY 2024 OM&R budget for the Network Refresh Major Maintenance project.

DATE: December 8, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Donald M. Davis, General Counsel

SUBJECT: **Extension of Associate Membership Agreements**

SUMMARY:

In October 2022, the Board approved an Agreement to Join Friant Water Authority as an Associate Member (“Associate Membership Agreement”) with Exeter Irrigation District, Ivanhoe Irrigation District, and Stone Corral Irrigation District. The initial term of each agreement extended through November 1, 2023, subject to renewal by mutual written agreement. Each of the districts is requesting an extension of its Associate Membership Agreement through July 1, 2024, with the understanding that before the expiration of the extension period each district will consider requesting to join FWA as a General Member. Aside from extending the term, no other changes are proposed to the existing Associate Membership Agreement. Under FWA’s Bylaws, Associate Members may be admitted upon approval of at least 75% of the Board, and as such, the same super-majority vote applies to the extension of an Associate Membership Agreement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Board approve the extension of the Associate Membership Agreement with Exeter Irrigation District, Ivanhoe Irrigation District, and Stone Corral Irrigation District.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board approve the extension of the Associate Membership Agreement with Exeter Irrigation District, Ivanhoe Irrigation District, and Stone Corral Irrigation District in the form of the attached Extension of Associate Membership Agreement.

BUDGET IMPACT:

As provided Section 4 of the Associate Membership Agreement, each Associated Member is subject to a cost allocation based on the matters and related expenses for the matters that the Associate Members have voting rights on. This cost allocation will remain in place during the extension of the Associate Membership Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

Form of Extension of Associate Membership Agreement

**EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT TO JOIN FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

This Extension of Agreement to Join Friant Water Authority as an Associate Member (“**Extension Agreement**”) is between the FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (“**FWA**”) and the [Name of Agency] (“**AGENCY**”), and is effective as of November 1, 2023 (“**Effective Date**”).

RECITALS

A. FWA and AGENCY have entered into that certain Agreement to Join Friant Water Authority as an Associate Member effective November 1, 2022 (“**Associate Membership Agreement**”).

B. As provided in Section 6 of the Associate Membership Agreement, the initial term was for a period of 12 months (i.e., through November 1, 2023) subject to renewal for additional periods by written agreement of the parties.

C. AGENCY has requested an extension of the Associate Membership Agreement and FWA is willing to extend the term through July 1, 2024, subject to the terms and conditions of this Extension Agreement.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Extension of Term. The term of the Associate Membership Agreement is extended through July 1, 2024.

2. Ratification of Agreement. Subject to the foregoing extension of the term, the remainder of the provisions of the Associate Membership Agreement will remain the same and are hereby ratified by the parties.

3. Electronic Signatures. This Extension Agreement will be considered executed when the signature page of a party is delivered by electronic transmission. Such electronic signatures will have the same effect as an original signature.

THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES have executed this Agreement to be effective on the date first above written.

FWA:

AGENCY:

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

By: _____
Jim Erickson, Chair

By: _____
, President

By: _____
Josh Pitigliano, Secretary

By: _____
, Secretary



Begin Phase 1 Project

Porterville Municipal Airport

Avenue 136

LTRID

TPDWD

Avenue 128

Siphon 4

Avenue 120

SID

Avenue 112

Siphon 5

Borrow Area

Avenue 104

DCTRA

SID

Deer Creek Check/Siphon

T

TBID

Siphon 6

Siphon 7

SID

Avenue 88

Siphon 8

Avenue 80

Siphon 9

SID

DEID

Siphon 10

Avenue 64

End Phase 1 Project

Highway 65

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Elmco

Terra Bella

Avenue 95

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FRIANT-KERN CANAL MIDDLE REACH CAPACITY CORRECTION PROJECT PHASE 1

Construction Progress Report: Oct/Nov 2023

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Construction Narrative

The weather was clear and sunny with only one day with light rain. Canal embankment was placed between Avenue 136 and Deer Creek Check, and between Road 208 and Avenue 64. Embankment work included excavating down in the canal invert and building the canal embankments, and backfilling adjacent to siphons. The embankment completion varies, with most of the alignment over 96% complete. The canal trimming and lining operations continued this month, and the sequencing was modified to complete canal paving (right) to Road 208 then turn around and pave on canal left north to Deer Creek. After that is completed, the paving south of Road 208 will then be completed. As of November 18th, the canal trimming was completed on canal right to Avenue 88, and on canal left to Deer Creek; and the canal lining was completed to Road 208 and is approximately 46% complete. With the cooler temperatures, the contractor changed to daytime paving construction.

At the Deer Creek check structure and siphon, the remaining concrete placements were completed, with the siphon being the fifth siphon to be completed. The Contractor started installing the radial gate arms at the check structure. Structural backfill was placed. At the Avenue 128 siphon, hand finishing was done to remove imperfections. At the Road 208 siphon, falsework and reinforcing bars for the deck sections was installed and concrete was poured. All concrete placements are now completed, and this is the sixth siphon to be completed. At the Avenue 88 siphon, falsework and reinforcing bars for the deck sections was installed and concrete was poured. At the Avenue 80 siphon, work included installing formwork and reinforcing bars for wall and deck sections and pouring concrete for wall and deck sections.

Turnout work continued, with work being conducted at Casa Blanca, Teapot Dome, DCTRA, SID-S1, SID-S2, SID-S3, Deer Creek Wasteway, and Terra Bella ID. Work included installing slide gates, formwork, installing reinforcing bars, placing concrete, and placing structural backfill and pipe backfill. Formwork and reinforcing bars were placed at the Terra Bella weir. Electrical and instrumentation work was conducted at the TBID, Casa Blanca, and DCTRA turnouts; and at Deer Creek. The canal outage period started and outage-type work started; including saw-cutting existing concrete panels for canal tie-in work, removing temporary irrigation bypass piping and installing permanent piping, and salvage/demo work at Casa Blanca turnout.

Environmental

Biological construction monitoring continued. To-date, no evidence has been found to indicate the presence of kit fox or burrowing owls within the work area.

Change Orders

There were two change orders in October for a total of \$47,000.

Construction Progress Photographs ¹



Canal lining in progress south of Terra Bella Avenue to Road 208.



Canal lining completed between Deer Creek Check and Terra Bella Avenue.

¹ Photographs courtesy of Reclamation



Trimming canal left back towards Deer Creek.



Deer Creek Check Structure radial gate arms were installed. Structural backfill conducted.



Road 208 Siphon was completed.



Avenue 80 Siphon.



Avenue 95 Siphon south transition backfill being placed.

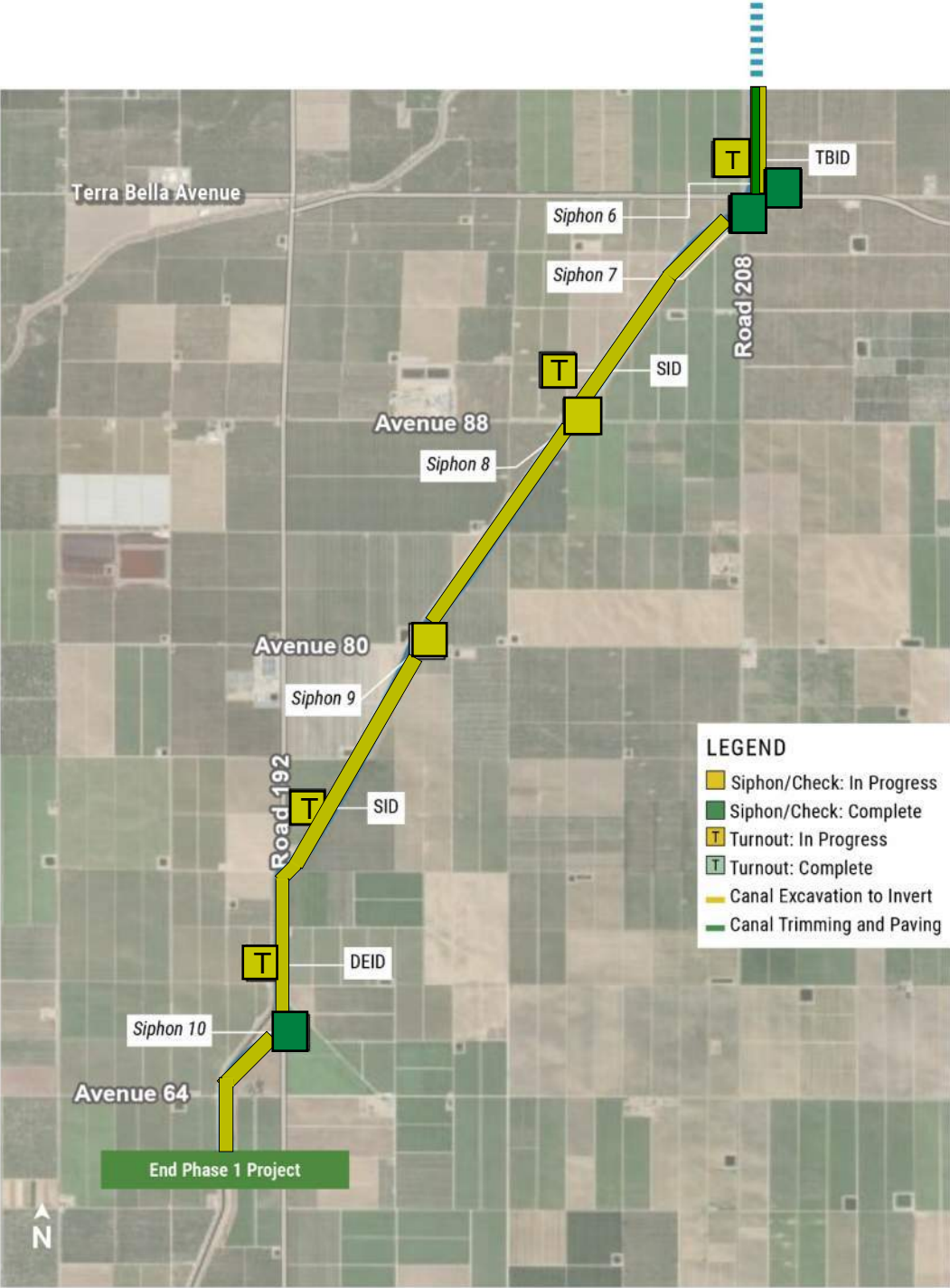


Casa Blanca Turnout top wall and deck were completed.

Progress Map



Progress Map continued



Financial Summary

Monthly Financial Status Report - Budget to Actual Spending Expenditures through October 31, 2023

Sources of Funds	Federal Funding		FWA Spending Plan Funds			Friant Water Authority Funding				
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Project Cost Category	Budget Estimate (2023)			Prior Period Expenditures (Cumulative)		October 31, 2023 Expenditures		Total Expenditures through October 31, 2023		Remaining Budget	
	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total	Reclamation Expenditures	FWA Expenditures	Reclamation Expenditures	FWA Expenditures	Reclamation Expenditures	FWA Expenditures	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)
Prior-Period Preconstruction Costs (thru September 30, 2021)	\$ 19,025,114	\$ 3,525,733	\$ 22,550,847	\$ 19,025,114	\$ 3,525,733	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,025,114	\$ 3,525,733	\$ -	\$ (0)
ROW & Land Acquisition	\$ 6,704,604	\$ 15,276,761	\$ 21,981,365	\$ 6,568,682	\$ 13,799,480	\$ (688)	\$ -	\$ 6,567,994	\$ 13,799,480	\$ 136,610	\$ 1,477,281
Legal & Administration (Facilitating Services) & IT Services	\$ 51,251	\$ 863,646	\$ 914,897	\$ 697	\$ 559,622	\$ 190	\$ 33,600	\$ 888	\$ 593,222	\$ 50,363	\$ 270,423
Permitting, NEPA/CEQA, Cultural Resources, & Environmental Monitoring	\$ 822,997	\$ 501,908	\$ 1,324,905	\$ 695,367	\$ 101,908	\$ 378		\$ 695,745	\$ 101,908	\$ 127,252	\$ 400,000
Project Management	\$ 2,970,519	\$ 1,668,595	\$ 4,639,114	\$ 934,416	\$ 444,278	\$ 33,011	\$ 17,584	\$ 967,427	\$ 461,863	\$ 2,003,093	\$ 1,206,732
Construction Management	\$ 14,938,075	\$ -	\$ 14,938,075	\$ 7,473,901	\$ -	\$ 492,545		\$ 7,966,446	\$ -	\$ 6,971,629	\$ -
Design & Specifications	\$ 729,148	\$ -	\$ 729,148	\$ 771,296	\$ -	\$ 10,865		\$ 782,161	\$ -	\$ (53,013)	\$ -
Construction Support	\$ 22,890,288	\$ 12,102	\$ 22,902,390	\$ 10,697,817	\$ 15,776	\$ 531,536	\$ -	\$ 11,229,353	\$ 15,776	\$ 11,660,935	\$ (3,675)
Construction Contract & Contingency	\$ 95,182,187	\$ 141,465,439	\$ 236,647,626	\$ 137,310,922	\$ 75,118,000	\$ 8,607,479	\$ -	\$ 145,918,401	\$ 75,118,000	\$ (50,736,214)	\$ 66,347,439
Total	\$ 163,314,183	\$ 163,314,183	\$ 326,628,366	\$ 183,478,213	\$ 93,564,798	\$ 9,675,316	\$ 51,184	\$ 193,153,528	\$ 93,615,983	\$ (29,839,345)	\$ 69,698,201

% Cost-Share 50% 50% 67% 33%

Please Note:
Actual cost-share percentages: 66% 34%
The difference is due to timing of when the FWA Spending Plan Funds are being expended by BOR.

DATE: December 8, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Ian Buck-Macleod, Water Resources Manager
Katie Duncan, Water Resources EIT

SUBJECT: Water Operations Update

SUMMARY:

November temperatures was generally several degrees above average across most of the State, while precipitation was generally about 50% of average for most of the State. Reclamation provided updated CVP operations forecasts at the end of October which continued to show high carryover into next year, although slightly less than previous forecasts due to the relatively dry start to the water year experienced so far. Friant uncontrolled season ended on July 29th with a residual allocation for Class 2 set at 15%, and deliveries from Millerton are currently limited due to Inflow Prorate and concerns of projected reservoir point.

DISCUSSION:

Inflow Forecasts

November precipitation in the San Joaquin watershed was limited, with precipitation for the water year at approximately 30% of average. Temperatures for the last month or so have generally been several degrees above average. Elsewhere across the State, water year precipitation currently ranges from 31% to 46% of average to date. Over the next two weeks temperatures are generally expected to be mostly above normal in the southern half of the State and near normal to slightly above normal in the northern half of the State. Little precipitation is forecasted for the Upper San Joaquin watershed, with near-normal precipitation forecasted for the northern third of the State over the next week. Additionally, long-range ensemble forecasts show little to no precipitation in the Upper San Joaquin watershed over the next 16 days. Although still very early in the water year, longer range seasonal forecasts continue to suggest a greater probability of above average precipitation for most of the State this winter (especially for the central and southern portions of the State), largely due to the current El Niño conditions.

Table 1 shows the unimpaired inflow forecasts for Shasta Lake and Millerton Lake from the California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC) and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the 2024 water year. At this point in the water year, there is a wide range of possible runoff volumes, although current forecasts are beginning to trend downwards with the dry start to the water year.

Table 1. Unimpaired Inflow Forecasts for WY 2024

Item	Exceedance		
	90%	50%	10%
CNRFC Shasta Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) ¹	2,850	4,070	7,760
CNRFC Millerton Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) ¹	657	1,390	3,140

Notes:

¹ As of December 5.

North-of-Delta Operations

Overall Central Valley Project (CVP) North-of-Delta (NOD) reservoirs have transitioned to winter minimum flow releases, with storage levels based on the 15-year average at Trinity, Shasta, and Folsom at 98%, 135%, and 124% of average, respectively. CVP Ag service and State Water Project (SWP) Table A allocations both remain at 100%. The SWP released an initial Table A allocation of 10% for 2024.

Reclamation prepared forecasted operations at the 90% and 50% exceedance levels at the end of October based on updated hydrologic forecasts, which use 90% and 50% historical hydrology for November onwards. Figures 1 and 2 show the projected Shasta Lake and Folsom Lake storage through March based off these projections, as compared to actuals to date. End of September storage was 3.33 MAF at Shasta and 667 TAF at Folsom. Both Shasta and Folsom storage are currently trending near the 90% forecast due to the relatively dry fall. Under the 50% exceedance level, flood control releases would be needed at Folsom beginning in January.

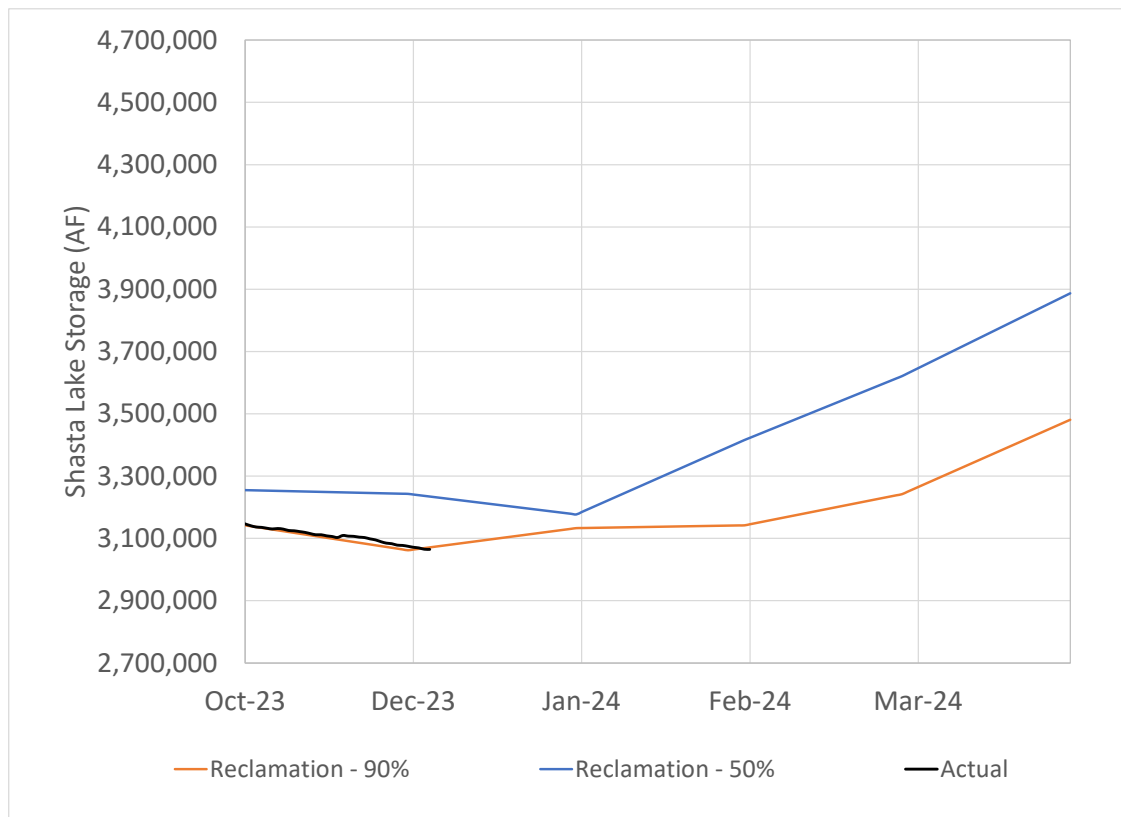


Figure 1. Shasta Lake Storage – October Reclamation Projections

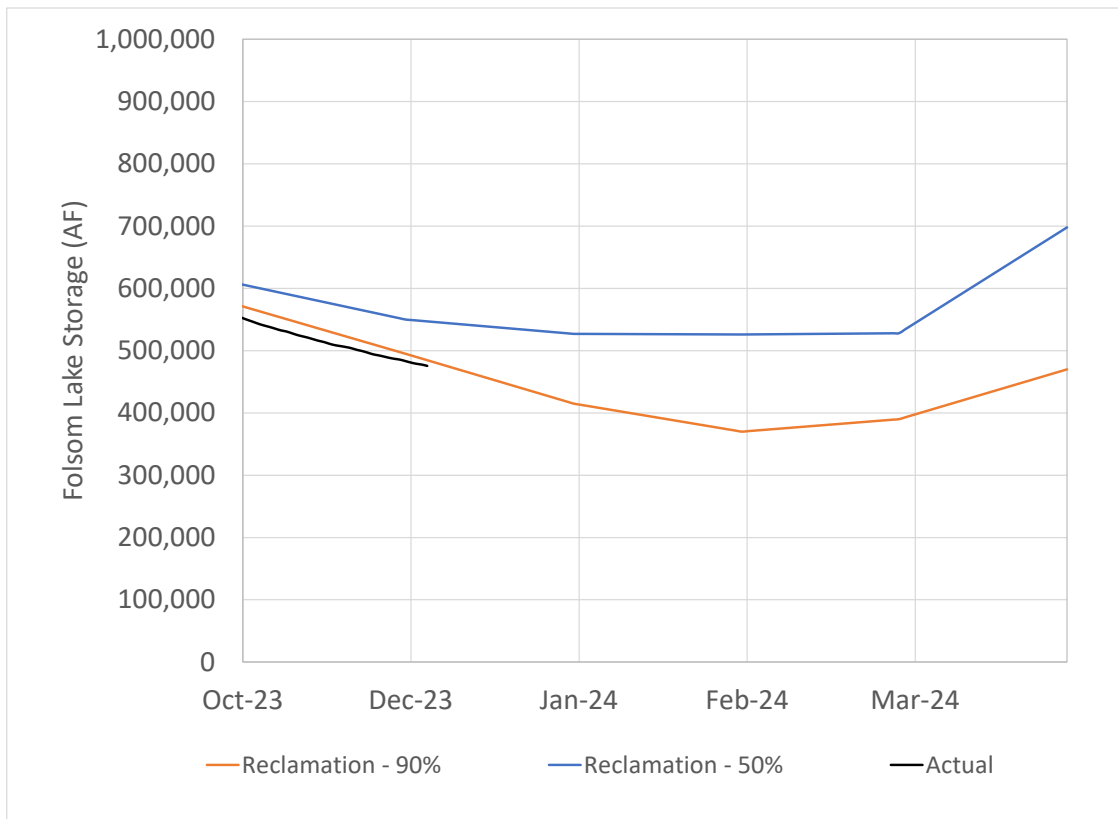


Figure 2. Folsom Lake Storage – October Reclamation Projections

South-of-Delta Operations

Delta Operations

For most of October, Jones exports fluctuated between a three and two-unit operation due to the Fall X2 requirement. Exports stayed at a three-unit operation in November until maintenance and Delta outflow requirements reduced exports to a two-unit operation. Exports increased to a three-unit and then four-unit operation by the end of this week due to available water although may be momentary until additional inflow occurs to the Delta. Figure 3 shows the projected daily Jones pumping through March as compared to actuals to date. The 50% projection shows declining exports in January onwards as CVP San Luis is filled, while the 90% project shows declining exports due to limited Delta inflow and expected Delta Outflow requirements.

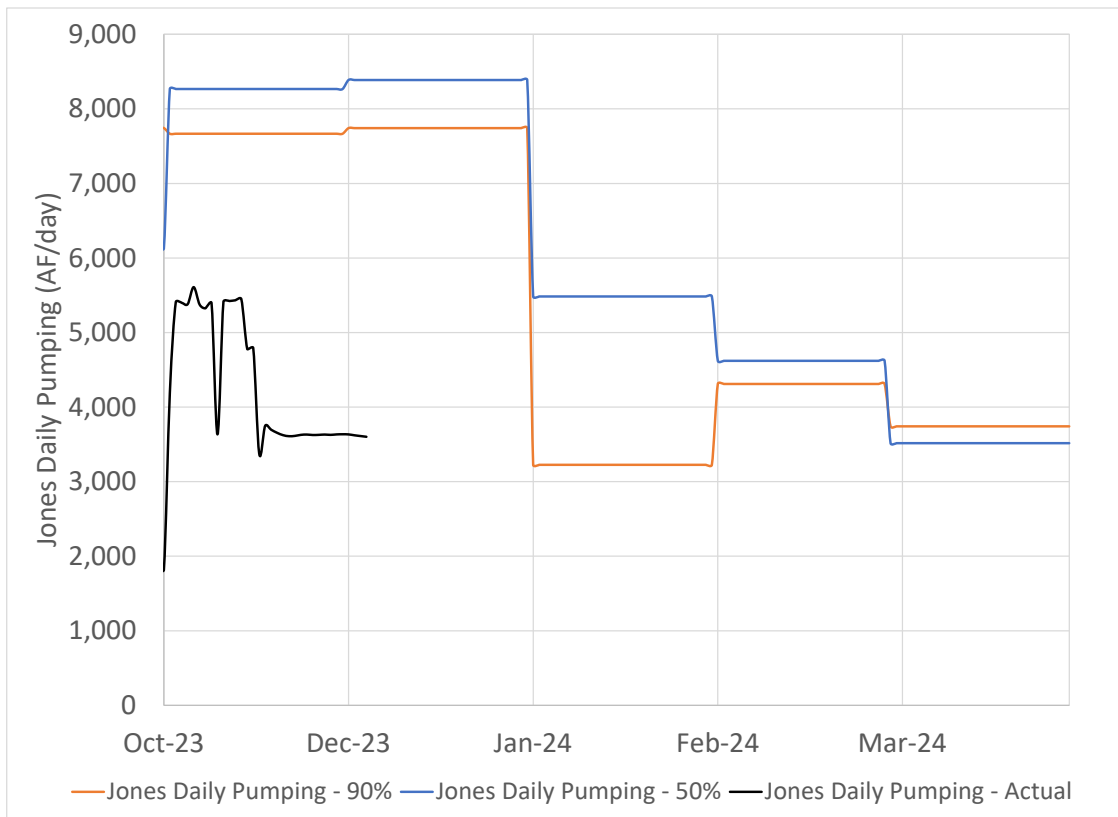


Figure 3. Daily Jones Pumping – October Reclamation Projections

San Luis Operations

CVP San Luis storage is at 714 TAF—174% of its 15-year average. Storage largely held steady in November as exports were only sufficient to meet demands. Figure 4 shows the Reclamation projections for San Luis Federal storage through March. Current storage is trending below the 90% forecast, although some storage gain is likely with the expected increase to a three-unit operation. CVP San Luis is expected to fill under the 50% forecast by the end of January. Storage is expected to nearly fill under the 90% forecast, with limited opportunities after January due to Delta outflow requirements and available Delta inflow.

An internal analysis was completed to compare observed south-of-Delta (SOD) demands versus what Reclamation assumed in the forecasts used earlier this year to support the 100% SOD Ag allocation. The analysis showed actual demands were significantly less than forecasted during the summer months. September demands continued to be much less than forecasted, while October and November were both somewhat higher than forecasted. Based on historical years of similar hydrology and current operations, we expect demands for the rest of the contract year to match or even exceed Reclamation’s forecasted demands for the December through February period, with this assumption being somewhat dependent on hydrology. Although this does create some concern that current operations are eating into next year’s supply, there continues to be a high probability that CVP San Luis will fill this winter even considering the slow start to the water year. Additionally, any potential CVP SOD contractor’s rescheduled supply was very likely developed during the summer months (prior to low point) given the greatly reduced demands. Even under a worst-case scenario (record dry fall and winter) sufficient supply would likely still be available in CVP San Luis to avoid any concern of a call on Friant.

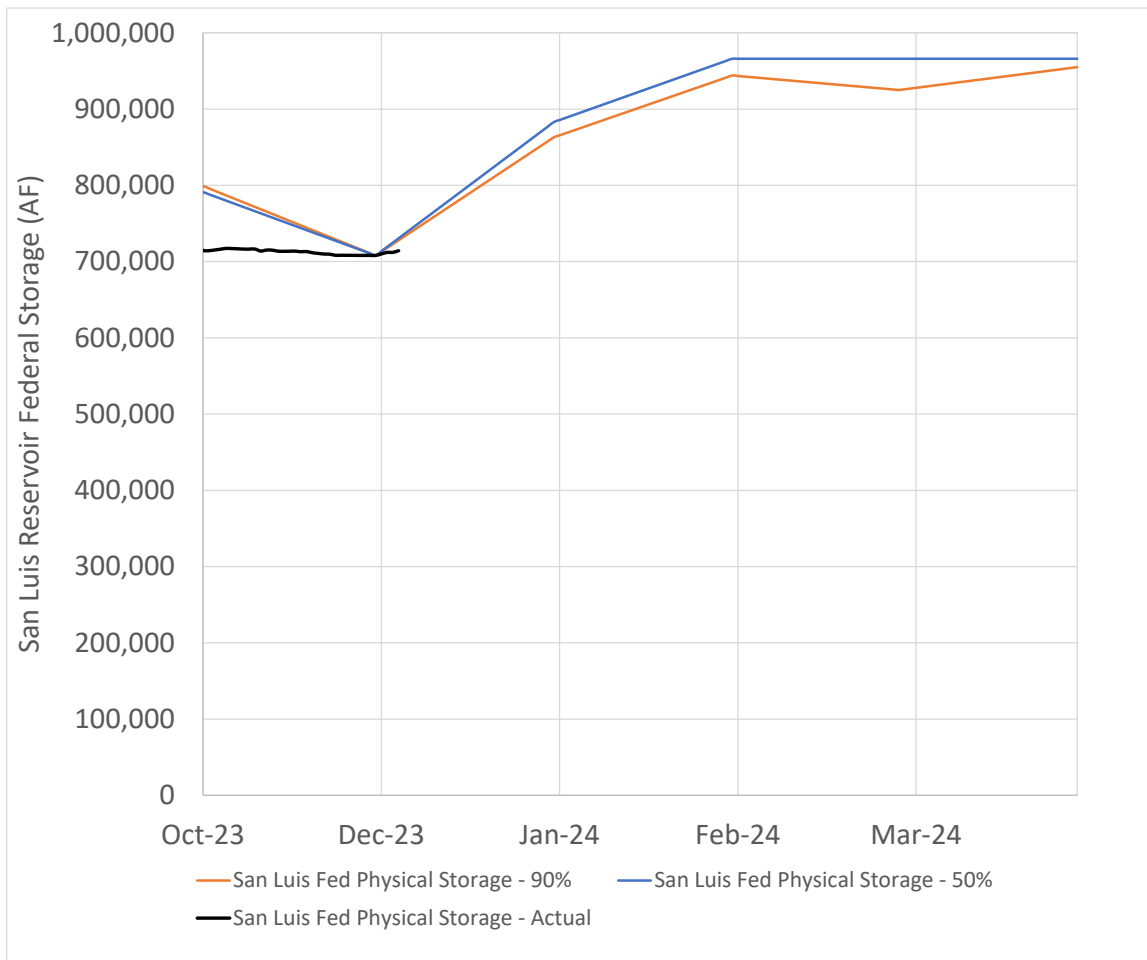


Figure 4. San Luis Federal Storage – October Reclamation Projections

Friant Division

Millerton and Friant Allocation

Friant uncontrolled season ended on July 29th with a residual allocation for Class 2 set at 15%. All URFs (totaling over 350 TAF) needed to be used by this date. In October and November, river releases from Friant Dam were on average 388 cfs to meet Holding Contract demands and Restoration Flows, but since the beginning of December have dropped significantly. Millerton storage hit a low point on November 8th at 138 TAF. Low point management resulted in a declared inflow prorate for both the Friant-Kern Canal and Madera Canal in October and into November. Since, reservoir storage has recovered to 192 TAF due to reduced demand from Friant-Kern Canal dewatering and continued prorate on Madera Canal into November, and slightly more than anticipated inflows from upstream reservoirs in late November.

On October 20th, Reclamation declared that starting on October 22nd Millerton Lake would be operating under “Inflow Prorate” conditions due to decreasing and limited storage. While under Inflow Prorate conditions, Reclamation issued weekly blocks of inflow available for delivery to Madera and Friant-Kern Canals (2,250 cfs/day for October 22-28; 7700 cfs total FKC and 550 cfs/day MC for October 29-November 8; 2170 cfs total for MC only for November 9-16). Available flows were distributed by each respective

canal authority by contract pro rata share as defined in the Friant Operating Guidelines. For the Friant Kern Canal, available flows were closely coordinated to maximize delivered supply while still meeting dewatering elevation targets in the canal.

This was the first time in Millerton’s history that formal Inflow Prorate management was needed. Inflow Prorate indicates a potential overallocation of Friant supplies, which is impacting schedulable Class I by about 20 TAF. The concern for this situation dates back to July, prior to end of Uncontrolled Season and forecasts showed only 5-10% residual Class 2 allocation was justified and much of that use needed to occur in February after low point. For a number of reasons including the FKC dewatering starting in November and lasting through most of January and concerns of spilling of unused supplies, actual use outpaced forecasted and scheduled use of allocated supplies. On November 11th, Michael Jackson sent an email indicating that the Class 1 carryover percentage would increase to 12% and is open to further discussion related to more flexible carryover management. Staff is currently working with Contractors to understand the remaining undelivered Class 1 contract supply and corresponding carryover management.

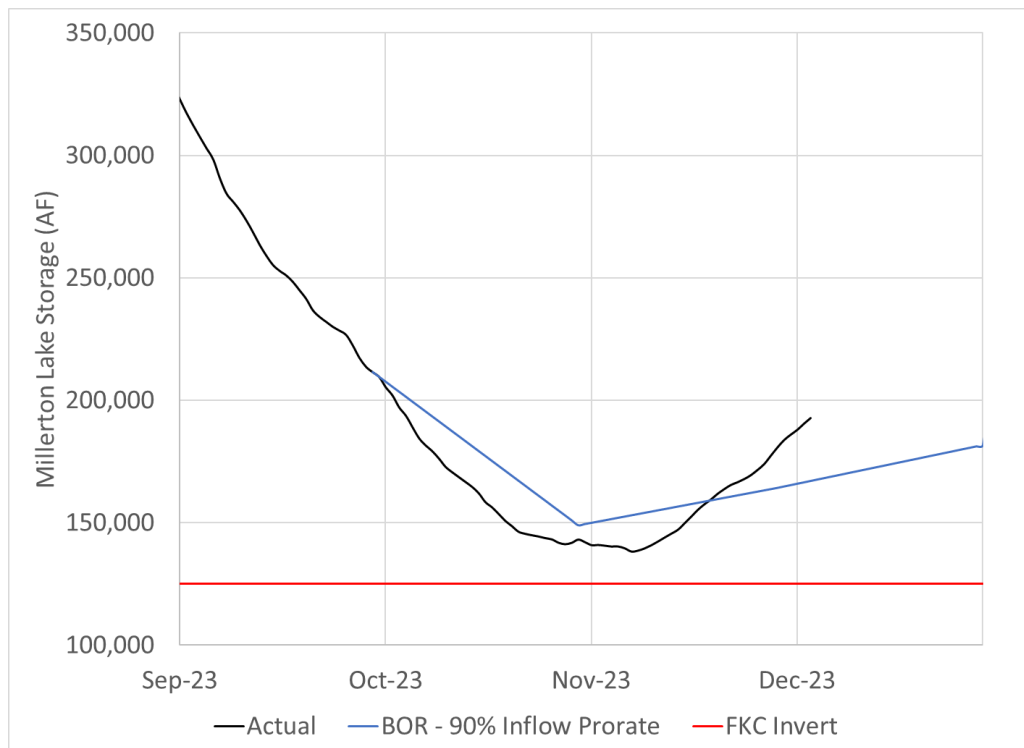


Figure 5. Millerton Storage – October Reclamation Projections

The FKC will be dewatered for three months this fall/winter for triennial maintenance as well as construction on the Middle Reach Capacity Correction project. Dewatering began on November 1st and the canal will be back in service by February 1st. Contractors should check with FWA staff regarding specific timing of dewatering effects on their service because not all district turnouts will be out of service for the same duration during the dewatering period.

San Joaquin River Restoration Allocation

On May 18th, Reclamation issued the final 2023 Restoration Allocation, which showed no change from the previous 556,542 AF Wet Year allocation (as measured at Gravelly Ford). On June 30th the RA submitted a final flow recommendation which utilizes base flow and URF exchange water to maintain a connected river through October and then generally returns to Exhibit B flows for the remainder of the 2023 Restoration Year, including a shifted fall pulse flow into late December. The Recommendation anticipates the release of 187 TAF of Restoration Flows and 10 TAF of URF Exchanges to the river. Approximately 60 cfs of Restoration flows are currently scheduled to be at Gravelly Ford. Total Restoration flows at Gravelly Ford were 74 cfs on December 4th, as flows have been declining over the last week to accommodate the inspection and maintenance on Mendota Dam. Flows are expected to stabilize around 65 cfs (60 cfs of Restoration flows) at Gravelly Ford through about December 9th, at which time flows will increase to meet a restoration flow target of 230 cfs at Gravelly Ford. Work on Mendota Dam is progressing as scheduled. Currently 100 cfs of SJRRP water is being released down the Firebaugh Wasteway to help maintain a connected river and 115 cfs of flow below Sack Dam. The winter pulse flow is scheduled to occur from December 17 through 28, with a Restoration Flow target of 520 cfs at Gravelly Ford and 385 cfs at Sack Dam.

San Joaquin River Restoration Recapture

The new temporary transfer permit for recapture in the Lower San Joaquin River was approved and issued on November 17th. Reclamation approved the FONSI for WY2024 recapture at PID and BCID during the week of October 30th. The FONSI will cover continued recapture at PID and BCID through February 2025. PID is currently recapturing at about 35 cfs. PID recaptured 2,186 AF in October and 1,205 AF in November. BCID is currently unable to recapture due to maintenance and capacity issues at their facility. BCID is unlikely to resume recapture until February.

DATE: December 8, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Austin Ewell, Water Blueprint Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Summary - Addressing the Water Deficit in the San Joaquin Valley**

FWA OFF SITE PRESENTERS:

Austin Ewell, Executive Director
Scott Hamilton, Director/ Technical Work Group Chair
Chuck Gardner, Hallmark Group

INTRODUCTION:

Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley – A coalition of community leaders, businesses, water agencies, local governments, and agricultural representatives working together to advance common sense water solutions for our region. In this session we will focus on the water supply deficit and a plan to reduce impacts from water supply curtailments to the San Joaquin Valley. The primary objectives are as follows.

- (1) Analysis of water supply deficit.
- (2) Identification of water supply projects/efforts to address the deficits.
- (3) Analysis of constraints.
- (4) Plan of action(s).

The presentation will include accomplishments of the Water Blueprint, plan for sustainability, analysis of the size of the problem, and the progression of work efforts to achieve our mission:

Serving as the united voice to champion water resource policies and projects to maximize accessible, affordable, and reliable supplies for sustainable and productive farms and ranches, healthy communities, and thriving ecosystems in the San Joaquin Valley (SJV).

CRITICAL QUESTIONS

1. In your opinion, is there a need for an organization like the SJV Water Blueprint?
2. If you agree there is a need, is the SJV Water Blueprint set up to meet that need?
3. If it is not meeting the need, what needs to be added or changed?
4. What entities might the SJV Water Blueprint reach out to for additional financial support and how would you recommend reaching out?

ATTACHMENTS

1. Handout – Water Blueprint Pamphlet
2. Presentation – Growing the Valley’s Water Future

TABLE DISCUSSION - TAKE AWAYS

General Response to the Critical Questions:

1. In your opinion, is there a need for an organization like the SJV Water Blueprint?
 - a. A resounding yes.
2. If you agree there is a need, is the SJV Water Blueprint set up to meet that need?
 - a. We did not hear a sounding yes to this question. The BP is well organized in terms of its structure, enabling it to educate and advocate in a coordinated manner, but the disconnect may have been the lack of a better-defined need.
 - b. We described the need in terms of water supply and the threats to reduce that supply. Even though there was a very presentation on the BO's and the potential impacts to water supply, it did not appear to be as alarming to the audience as we expected.
 - c. Going forward we need to develop a way to describe the need in a more dramatic fashion.
3. If it is not meeting the need, what needs to be added or changed?
 - a. We talked about addressing the need (as we have described it) by addressing the BO's and implementing projects. This approach did not generate much enthusiasm.
 - b. Some members seemed to want a more outreach-based approach and that was not so project specific.
 - c. Extending the reach of the blueprint by including southern California and the Delta was well received.
4. What entities might the SJV Water Blueprint reach out to for additional financial support and how would you recommend reaching out?
 - a. The agreement among the group was that we should be contacting agricultural related businesses, such as farm equipment supplies that will be affected by water reductions.

Next Steps:

1. Action on the support of smaller projects to gain momentum.
2. Identify and advance projects to help GSPs
3. Advocate for more funding for GSA administrations and projects
4. Develop relationships with southern California – make the Blueprint bigger than “a bunch of farmers”
5. Unite current efforts: Brad Samuelson's Groups, Bob Reeb's Group – Valley AG Water Coalition
6. Be a vehicle to help fund California Farm Water Coalition – Mike Wade
7. For each of the current year goals, identify the decision maker and develop a strategy to modify their decision

8. Funding:
 - a. Establish a minimum finding level e.g. 10c/ac
 - b. Reach out to industries that will be significantly affected by a reduction in agricultural productivity:
e.g. lenders, fertilizer companies, ag machinery companies, ag trucking, pipe rental companies, etc.
 - c. Ask interested southern California water districts to be associate members and pay say \$20,000 ea
 - d. Highlight past achievements and current year goals when seeking finding

AGENDA REPORT

NO. 4.D.

DATE: December 8, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Johnny Amaral, Chief of External Affairs and Mike Villines, Villines Group, LLC

SUBJECT: External Affairs Update

SUMMARY:

Update on State and Federal affairs and communications activities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None; informational only.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

None; informational only.

DISCUSSION:

State Affairs

The Legislature will be returning to Sacramento on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, starting the second year of the two-year session.

The new California Assembly Speaker, Robert Rivas of Hollister, announced new committee assignments for the Legislature recently. Of interest to FWA will be two urban members who are new Chairs of Water, Parks and Wildlife and Natural Resources Committees. Their bios are attached below.

The primary driver of all legislative actions next year will be the impending budget deficit. The deficit is projected to be at over \$50 Billion dollars and the state has not seen deficits like this since the 2008-2010 years. As a general business focus, the deficit will curb spending and typically cuts come from social services. Governor Newsom has been very clear that he does not want to raise taxes, at least not this upcoming year, but there will be pressure on him from the Legislature if the May Revise is even worse than the January budget deficit mentioned above. We will want to watch this closely.

The deficit will also affect the Natural Resources Bond negotiations. There will be a struggle between environmentalists and moderate Democrats who want to focus on water, flood and drought items. We continue to work with key legislative staff and Legislators to guide the bond towards water infrastructure and supply, flood and drought items.

In terms of water projects, a water storage supply project (Sites Reservoir) and a water conveyance supply project (Delta Conveyance Project) both received significant media attention in the last two weeks. While both are years, if not decades, away from providing real benefit, both seem to be moving forward. Sites Reservoir was highlighted by the Newsom Administration because they used recent legislation (the Infrastructure Streamlining Package from the Summer) to “accelerate” the project via some new streamlining tools. The project has received \$46.75 million from the State. The total cost of the project is anticipated to be \$4 Billion dollars. The Delta Conveyance project hit a milestone and is expected to release its final EIR for the scaled back project and then it will announce its final design. Both supporters and opposers of the Delta Conveyance Project will ramp up campaigns in relation this this most controversial of projects.

Statewide media of interest

CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON: Lawmakers and lobbyists have been bracing for a budget deficit, wondering just how large it will be. December should provide answers.

The Legislative Analyst’s Office projected that taxes will fall \$58 billion short of previous forecasts through the 2024 fiscal year. Another report in the coming days should give an indication of the expected budget deficit, the first since the Newsom administration estimated a \$14.3 billion deficit in June.

The highly anticipated Fall Fiscal Outlook will show how analysts are interpreting last-minute tax filings, which weren't due until mid-November after two deadline extensions were granted to most Californians. It will also give legislators a sense of how much spending they'll need to cut, delay or shift to bonds over the coming budget cycle, as they wait for the Department of Finance to release a shortfall projection of its own alongside Gov. Gavin Newsom's budget proposal in January. — Blake Jones

BOND BLUES: The projected deficit is likely to complicate negotiations over two climate bond proposals that lawmakers hope to place on the ballot.

The climate proposals, which emerged after \$6 billion in climate programs were cut in this budget cycle, are competing for space on the November 2024 ballot with bond measures for school maintenance and housing construction.

The threat of a deficit could push lawmakers to shift more funding to the bonds, but space is limited. Gov. Gavin Newsom estimated in July that the state can responsibly take on \$26 billion in debt, and it’s likely the final climate bond will have to be significantly smaller than what’s proposed. — Alex Nieves

DELTA DIVERSION: The long-touted Delta conveyance project, which would pipe water from Northern California to Southern California, will be back in the public eye this month after decades of revisions and despite still lacking funding for construction.

The Newsom administration, after scaling back Gov. Jerry Brown’s proposal is expected to release its final environmental review for the latest version of the project this month, after which it must announce a final

design. Then backers will ramp up their campaign to secure funding, likely a combination of public financing and funding from the water districts that will benefit. But environmental groups and Delta politicians are hard-set against the project because of its impacts on fish and habitat. — Camille von Kaenel

Governor Newsom Streamlines Major Water Storage Project

Published: Nov 06, 2023

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Governor Newsom utilized the new infrastructure streamlining law to accelerate Sites Reservoir project and avoid months or even years of CEQA litigation delays, which could store enough water for 3 million households' yearly usage.

SACRAMENTO – Today, Governor Gavin Newsom took action to accelerate the Sites Reservoir project, utilizing new tools from the infrastructure streamlining package to build more faster. This project, if ultimately approved, would capture water during wet seasons and store it for use during drier seasons – holding up to 1.5 million acre-feet of water, enough for 3 million households' yearly usage.

The project has received a total of \$46.75 million in early funding from the state. In all, Sites is eligible for \$875.4 million of Proposition 1 funding. Total project cost is estimated at \$4 billion.

HOW IT WORKS:

- SB 149 allows the Governor to certify qualifying infrastructure projects for judicial streamlining under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Courts must decide CEQA challenges to certified projects within 270 days to the extent feasible – saving months or even years of litigation delays after a project has already passed environmental review, while still allowing legal challenges to be heard.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:

- Just last week, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Sites Project Authority finalized the Environmental Impact Review and Environmental Impact Statement for the project.
- The project will help California maintain a resilient water supply in the face of climate change, weather extremes, and water scarcity.
- Sites Reservoir is critical to California's Water Supply Strategy and meeting our goal of expanding above and below ground water storage capacity by 4 million acre feet.

HOW WE GOT HERE:

- In July, Governor Newsom signed into law a package of bills to accelerate critical infrastructure projects across California that will help build our 100% clean electric grid, ensure safe drinking water and boost the state's water supply, and modernize our transportation system.

- By streamlining permitting, cutting red tape, and allowing state agencies to use new project delivery methods, these new laws will maximize taxpayer dollars and accelerate timelines of projects throughout the state, while ensuring appropriate environmental review and community engagement.
- The package will take full advantage of an unprecedented \$180 billion in state, local, and federal infrastructure funds over the next ten years while creating an estimated 400,000 good-paying jobs.

Biography

Diane Papan was first elected to the California State Assembly in November 2022. She represents the 21st Assembly District, which includes the entire Bayside of San Mateo County from Brisbane to East Palo Alto.

In the Assembly, Papan serves as the Assistant Majority Leader for Policy & Research and on the Appropriations; Communications and Conveyance; Judiciary; and Privacy and Consumer Protection committees.

Prior to her election to the State Assembly, Papan served as mayor and city councilmember for the City of San Mateo where she was a recognized regional leader championing investment in infrastructure, transit and climate adaptation among many policy pursuits.

As a member of the State Assembly, Diane is focused on investing in strategies to address climate change and the related challenges of flooding, drought and wildfires as well as neighborhood safety, accessible, quality healthcare services, gun safety, affordable housing, and access to quality public schools.

Papan is a native of San Mateo County raised in both Daly City and Millbrae, California. She earned a B.A. in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1985 and a J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1988. Her career experience includes working as an attorney in several different firms, including her own private practice representing small businesses. She also works as an executive director of the nonprofit John's Closet in Daly City, California providing new clothing to children in need.

Papan and her husband Dan are proud parents of a teenage daughter.

Biography

Isaac G. Bryan represents California's 55th Assembly District, which consists of Baldwin Hills, the Crenshaw district, Culver City, Ladera Heights, Mar Vista, Del Rey, Palms, Pico-Robertson, Beverly Grove, Mid-Wilshire, and parts of South Los Angeles.

In the Assembly, Isaac serves as Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources as well as Chair of the Assembly's first Select Committee on Poverty and Economic Inclusion. In 2022, he was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the California Legislative Black Caucus. He is Vice Chair and a founding member of the Renters Caucus.

In the Assembly, Isaac secured funding to found the Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy at UCLA School of Law; the first Climate Change Education Center in the California Community College

system at West LA College; a stipend program for students in the trades to earn a living wage while studying for certificates, and millions of dollars for other projects across the 55th District. Isaac's legislative accomplishments have included phasing out the Inglewood Oil Field and other oil drilling near homes and communities in California (SB-1137), ending prison gerrymandering (AB-1848), ending punishing fees for parents with children in foster care (AB-1686), protecting students from predatory insurance practices (AB-1823) and strengthening online campaign finance disclosure requirement (AB-1848).

Isaac is a community organizer, highly regarded policy expert, and a published academic. Prior to his election to the Assembly, Isaac led a ballot measure that brought millions of dollars a year to address racial injustice and strengthen communities in Los Angeles. He served as the founding Director of the UCLA Black Policy Project – a think tank dedicated to advancing racial equity through rigorous policy analysis – served as the first Director of Public Policy at the UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center, as well as Director of Organizing for the nationally recognized Million Dollar Hoods project, a community-based participatory research project. He authored the first holistic report for the City of Los Angeles on the needs of the formerly incarcerated Angelenos, and exposed a gap in youth justice policy. For years, his academic and organizing work has been at the intersection of environmental, economic, education and housing justice.

Federal Affairs

Congress is in session this week, with the Senate and the House returning on Monday. While Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR) earlier this month to keep the federal government open through January 19 and February 2, 2024, lawmakers still have considerable work to do to close out the year.

The House will consider ten bills and one resolution under suspension of the rules, including the DOE and USDA Interagency Research Act (H.R. 1713), which directs the Energy and Agriculture departments to collaborate on research and development in a wide range of areas, including artificial intelligence, advanced crop science, grid modernization, and wildfire prevention. For the remainder of the week, the House will vote on the One Seat Ride Act (H.R. 1547), which requires the Department of Transportation to submit a study to Congress on the costs and benefits of commuter rail passenger transportation that doesn't involve transfers; the Housing our Military Veterans Effectively (HOME) Act of 2023 (H.R. 3848), which increases maximum rates the Veterans Affairs Department pays entities that provide housing and services to veterans experiencing homelessness; and the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act (H.R. 3848), which directs the Veterans Affairs Department to expand options for long-term home and community services for eligible veterans. The House may also consider the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023 (H.R. 4468), which prohibits the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to emissions from vehicles.

Congress is currently negotiating the longstanding bipartisan National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Still a vote for potential passage will need to take a back seat to lawmakers focus on a supplemental aid package to Ukraine, Israel, the Indo-Pacific region, and southern border policy. The Federal Aviation Authorization will most likely result in another stopgap extension. The current bill is extended through March 8, allowing for conference negotiations between the House and Senate. Some lawmakers argue that even if the Senate passes its version of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2023 (S.1939) before the year's end, there will still not be enough time for Congress to conference the bill before the deadline. The

Senate this week will vote on several judicial and executive nominations, including: Irma Ramirez to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit; Loren AliKhan to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia; and Elizabeth Richard to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

For the remainder of the week, the House and Senate will hold several hearings, including a Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing on “IIJA Investments in Habitat and Ecosystem Restoration, Pollinators, and Wildlife Crossings”; a House Oversight and Accountability Cybersecurity Information Technology and Government Innovation Subcommittee hearing on “White House Policy on AI”; and a House Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology Subcommittee hearing on “Oversight of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.”

Infrastructure funding

The Bureau of Reclamation is hosting two virtual information sessions to provide an update on the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act. The sessions will take place at 11am EST/8am PST and 2pm EST/11am PST on Thursday, December 7 for tribal governments and all other stakeholders, respectively.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Family Farm Alliance Executive Director’s Report; Farm Water Update (March 2023); SB 389 Coalition; AB 460 Coalition; AB 1337 Coalition



MEMORANDUM

TO: FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DAN KEPPEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: UPDATE REPORT
DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2023

This memo is intended to keep you apprised as to what is happening regarding policy issues the Family Farm Alliance (Alliance) is engaged in. In the past month, much of our efforts have focused on advancing farm bill ideas and negotiating water legislation with Western Senators and committee staff, preparing for our 2024 annual meeting and conference, monitoring federal agency administrative proposals, public outreach, and organizational administrative matters. These issues and other matters important to our members are further discussed in this memo.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

1. U.S. Department of Interior

a. Wildfire Resilience

The Department of the Interior (DOI) last month announced that it has provided more than \$468 million in fiscal year 2023 to reduce wildfire risk, mitigate impacts and rehabilitate burned areas across the country. The influx of funding has allowed DOI to accomplish fuels management projects on over 2.5 million acres of land in fiscal year 2023, a 30 percent increase over fiscal year 2022. The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL) includes \$1.5 billion for DOI over five years to invest in preparedness, fuels management, post-fire restoration, and fire science. A portion of this year's wildfire resilience funding from the BIL will support the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS's) [Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program](#) to increase partnerships with private landowners. Projects - customized to meet landowners' needs - are expected to reduce unwanted vegetation on approximately 94,000 acres and along 144 linear miles of critical energy infrastructure while also supporting fish and wildlife habitat improvements and the protection of endangered species. The

BIL also created the [Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission](#), which, in September, released a [comprehensive report](#) outlining 148 recommendations to change the nation's relationship with wildfire. The Alliance for the past decade has prioritized federal engagement efforts towards restoring our dead and dying federal forest lands through active forest management and working to better quantify watershed health improvements associated with these and other water conservation actions. Active forest management can increase water yield, improve water quality, provide jobs, and reduce the cost of firefighting while increasing forest resiliency.

b. Environmental Justice Initiatives

DOI has initiated the development of its Environmental Justice Strategic Plan, aligned with President Biden's Executive Order on Environmental Justice. Secretary Deb Haaland [announced three listening sessions](#) and a call for public comment to inform the strategic plan, emphasizing the Department's commitment to addressing environmental injustices and ensuring equitable access to resources. Since the start of the Biden Administration, DOI has actively pursued programs and policies to rectify perceived long standing environmental disparities, including the *Justice40* initiative, legacy pollution cleanup, and funding for local park redevelopment. The Administration's approach involves collaboration with federal agencies to tackle current and historical environmental injustices.

2. Department of Interior: Bureau of Reclamation

Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Reclamation is investing a total of \$8.3 billion over five years for water infrastructure projects, including rural water, water storage, conservation and conveyance, nature-based solutions, dam safety, water purification and reuse, and desalination. Over the first two years of its implementation, Reclamation has obligated [372 projects to receive almost \\$2.8 billion](#). The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is investing an additional \$4.6 billion to address the historic drought. The Family Farm Alliance helped lead nation-wide coalitions in support of Congressional action to advance both initiatives in the past two years.

a. BIL and IRA Implementation

Reclamation will be conducting virtual information sessions this Thursday, December 7, to provide an update on the implementation of the BIL and IRA. Each session is expected to run for one hour. The Tribes session is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. (Eastern). You can participate by [Teams Link](#) or via phone at 1-202-640-1187, passcode 94351165#. The Stakeholders session will start at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern): [Teams Link](#) or via phone at 1-202-640-1187, passcode 538972037#. This is a continuation of the information update sessions that began in December 2021 and have occurred quarterly since the BIL was enacted. A moderated question and answer session will be held following the conversation. You can learn more about Reclamation's implementation of the BIL [HERE](#) and IRA [HERE](#). Both sessions will be recorded and posted to these sites.

i. *\$50 Million for Water and Energy Efficiency Projects*

Reclamation has announced the availability of up to \$50 million for water conservation and efficiency projects to enhance the resilience of the West to drought and climate change. Funding from the BIL will boost Reclamation’s [Water and Energy Efficiency Grants Program](#) (WEEG), which provides funding for projects that result in quantifiable water savings, implement renewable energy components, and support broader resilience and sustainability benefits. Through the [WaterSMART program](#), Reclamation provides financial assistance for projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently and accomplish other benefits that contribute to sustainability in the West. The WaterSMART program also seeks to advance the *Justice40 Initiative* (see above).

This is a two-year funding opportunity. The first application period ends in February 2024. For further information on this grant visit Grants.gov. This water and energy efficiency funding builds upon [previously announced funding](#) as part of the \$140 million designated for WEEG in 2023. Reclamation will host an informational webinar on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, from 11:00 – 12:00 MST to discuss the WEEG funding opportunity. [Click here to join the live webinar](#) or use the same link to watch a recording after the completion of the live event. If you have questions regarding applicant and project eligibility or the evaluation criteria, [click here](#) and select the WEEG Inquiry Call to schedule a time to talk with the program coordinators.

ii. [Water Resources and Ecosystem Health](#)

Reclamation has announced \$51 million for 30 new Environmental Water Resource Projects in 11 states. The collaborative projects – under the WaterSMART umbrella - focus on water conservation, water management and restoration efforts that will result in significant benefits to ecosystem or watershed health. Family Farm Alliance members are recipients of this funding. The Mancos Conservation District in Colorado received \$2.4 million for its riparian restoration and infrastructure improvements project, intended to better the ecological processes of the Mancos watershed. The Kittitas Reclamation District in Washington state will receive \$3 million in funding to support its South Branch piping project.

iii. [NOFO Announcement for Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects](#)

As previously reported, Reclamation has released a WaterSMART Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Announcement for the Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects to complete on-the-ground small-scale water efficiency upgrades supported by previous planning efforts. Applicants may request up to \$100,000 for projects to be completed within two years. A 50% non-federal cost share is required. This funding includes four application periods. Application will be due each January and July through July 2025. The funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](#) by searching for opportunity number R24AS00059. The first application period closes on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Learn more about the Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects program at <https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/swep/index.html>.

iv. Draft D&S: Funding & Extended Repayment of Extraordinary Maintenance Costs

The BIL included provisions from earlier legislation strongly advocated by the Family Farm Alliance regarding the authorization of a new Aging Infrastructure Account. As previously reported, Reclamation has published the draft Directive and Standard (D&S), Funding and Extended Repayment of Extraordinary Maintenance Costs (PEC 05-03), for public comment and hosted a webinar last week on this matter. Recall that the Alliance and National Water Resources Association (NWRA) in 2021 worked closely with Reclamation to address some troubling provisions contained in the original draft D&S. It's now essentially been completely re-written. New revisions to the subject D&S were developed to further explain the criteria for XM funding determinations, the associated repayment and contracting provisions, and the particulars of the annual Aging Infrastructure Account funding application cycle. Notably, with guidance from the Office of the Solicitor, a revision clarified that application/support letters from reserved works beneficiaries will be used as positive indicators by the Review Team in ranking funding proposals for consideration by the Commissioner but are not strictly required. The revisions otherwise clarify and refine internal processes and requirements associated with XM funding and contracting, including the details of how and when interest rates for XM repayment are set. The draft subject D&S is available on the [Reclamation Manual Website](#).

This is an important D&S and I recommend that all water managers with ties to Reclamation facilities review it. You may want to check out paragraph 7.A.(2) EXM Advancing Funding, which proposes that 75% of local emergency funds be spent before getting any EXM funding, which could have implications for the Urban Canals of Concern legislation we have been advocating for. We have previously argued against including this provision in the D&S. We do not need this micromanagement of a District's capital fund just to qualify for EXM or urban canal funding. Working with NWRA, we plan on elevating these issues directly with the Commissioner's office in the coming weeks.

b. Reclamation Leadership Conference

We continue to work with a subset of Reclamation leadership, led by the Commissioner's office, to find ways to make implementation of the BIL - particularly the WaterSMART program - more efficient and responsive to water user concerns. I participated (virtually) in a panel discussion last month at the Reclamation Leadership Conference in Austin (TEXAS). This virtual forum was chaired by Governor Stephen Lewis (Gila River Indian Community), and we were joined by Kyle Arthur (Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District), John Entsminger (Southern Nevada Water Authority), Leslie James (Colorado River Energy Distributors Association), Gene Shawcroft (Colorado River Authority of Utah), and our own April Snell (Oregon Water Resources Congress). There were 200 upper-level Reclamation managers there, and the panelists provided perspectives on what is working at Reclamation and what is not.

I was open with my criticisms and praise for Reclamation and did my best to capture the good suggestions that many of managers provided me with. Other panelists were critical of the red tape coming out of Reclamation's Denver office, which I referred to as "The Black Hole" in my presentation. Reclamation's Pacific Northwest Regional Director Jennifer Carrington favorably reported on my comments at the Oregon Water Resources Congress and Washington State Water Resources Association annual conferences last week.

3. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

a. Western Pond Turtle Listing

As previously reported, today is the deadline for comment on the [draft turtle listing and section 4\(d\) rule](#). FWS has proposed to list the northwestern pond turtle, a species from Washington, Oregon, Nevada, and northern and central California, and the southwestern pond turtle, a species from central and southern California and Baja California, Mexico, as threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The western pond turtle is now recognized by FWS as two separate species (northwestern pond turtle and southwestern pond turtle). If FWS finalizes this rule as proposed, it would add the northwestern pond turtle and southwestern pond turtle to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and extend ESA protections to the two species. FWS also concludes that the designation of critical habitat for the northwestern pond turtle and southwestern pond turtle is not determinable at this time. FWS will accept comments received or postmarked on or before TODAY - December 4, 2023.

I've discussed this matter with some of our members and also Western state farm bureau offices. Apparently, there are many voluntary and regulatory mechanisms at both the federal and state levels already happening. Importantly, irrigation ditches are included in their aquatic habitat in addition to naturally occurring water bodies. Habitat loss due to a lack of connectivity or fragmentation is a theme with urbanization and agriculture named as the impetus for land use changes. The 4(d) rule includes wildland management activities, habitat restoration activities, nonnative bullfrog removal, and routine management and maintenance of livestock ponds.

We've been working with California Farm Bureau, Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA) and others to put together a quick coalition comment letter. The 4(d) rule is important, and the proposed rule provides a section 9 exemption for routine maintenance of stock ponds, but there is nothing in the proposed rule that covers operation and maintenance of irrigation delivery and drainage systems. KWUA took the lead last week in crafting a letter; the Alliance has been coordinating the coalition-building behind this matter. We'll probably have about a dozen or so key groups from the three affected states signing on to the final letter.

b. Wolverines gain ESA protection based on 2100 climate projections

FWS announced last Wednesday it will list wolverines as a threatened species, citing future global warming as the main threat to the snow-loving carnivore in Washington, Idaho, Montana and

Wyoming. This has implications for resource managers in those states. More importantly, the precedence set by using a climate “projection” that would supposedly occur over 75 years from now is even more unsettling.

4. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

a. Draft *Maui* Guidance

EPA has released the Biden Administration’s draft guidance outlining how it intends to implement the Supreme Court's 2020 decision in *County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund* regarding pollutants traveling through groundwater to surface water and the requirement for Clean Water Act (CWA) permits. The Administration's EPA aims to apply a "functional equivalence" standard, easing the threshold set by the Trump-era regulations and removing additional factors introduced by the previous Administration. Overall, the Biden EPA's draft guidance seeks to redefine the criteria for requiring National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for discharges through groundwater, aiming to align more closely with the Supreme Court's directives while emphasizing the significance of specific case details in the regulatory decision-making process.

The draft guidance outlines criteria for determining whether discharges through groundwater necessitate a NPDES permit under the CWA. It aligns with Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer's seven criteria in the *County of Maui* case, emphasizing factors like transit time, distance traveled, and the nature of pollutants. Moreover, the EPA argues against using the presence of state programs as a reason to bypass federal jurisdiction, emphasizing the Supreme Court's stance on federal oversight despite state-level regulations. Comments on the [draft guidance](#) are due December 27, 2023. We’ll review this and dig out some of our previous formal comments to use as a basis for responding to the new proposal.

b. Nutrient Funding Discussion Group

Over the last year, I have been part of a “Nutrient Funding Discussion Group” (NFDG) that has been collaborating on the development of a Nonpoint Source (NPS) focused nutrient funding action plan. NFDG participants included a cross section of EPA expertise and representatives from industry leaders - Blue Forest Conservation, the Environmental Policy Center, the Electric Power Research Institute, NACWA, the Freshwater Trust and the Iowa based Soil & Water Outcomes Fund. The NFDG focused its efforts on converting the watershed-, market-, outcomes-, and nonpoint source (NPS)-based elements from EPA’s April 5, 2022 *Accelerating Nutrient Pollution Reductions in the Nation’s Waters Memorandum* into a replicable funding and implementation model that helps concentrate fragmented NPS funding to high-impact, cost-effective NPS projects at the scale needed to achieve watershed goals. Based on this work, EPA may now have a pathway to test, pilot, and fund Watershed Financing Partnership efforts using its discretionary operating funds. We’re now working on setting up a meeting to discuss the contents of the draft NFDG Action Plan with EPA leadership later this month.

5. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA): Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

USDA Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small on November 15 announced an investment of \$27.9 million across 45 organizations that teach and train beginning farmers and ranchers, including programs for U.S. veterans who are entering into agricultural careers and starting new farming businesses. This investment is part of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) [Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program](#) (BFRDP), which supports a wide range of professional development activities and topics, such as managing capital, acquiring and managing land, and learning effective business and farming practices. According to USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service's [Ag Census data](#), one-third of the United States' 3.4 million farmers are over the age of 65. [Here are some examples of the 45 newly funded projects](#) for FY2023. The Family Farm Alliance for much of the time over the past 15 years has made advocating for beginning farmers and ranchers a top priority.

DEVELOPMENTS IN CONGRESS

While Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR) last month to keep the federal government open through January 19 and February 2, 2024, lawmakers still have considerable work to do to close out the year over the next two weeks before [adjourning](#) on December 15. The CR was crafted by House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA). It passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, 336-95. The Senate quickly took up and passed the measure sending the CR to President Biden who signed it into law. House leaders then abruptly ended the session and departed ahead of schedule for the Thanksgiving break after encountering resistance from hard-right conservatives on moving forward with another FY 2024 appropriations bill.

6. Congress Returns to Packed Agenda

Congress faces a daunting task in the next few weeks, with a packed agenda influencing energy, environmental, and climate issues. With less than two weeks before the holiday recess, Congress must navigate unresolved funding issues, potentially leading to last-minute negotiations and a race against time to avoid delays in reauthorizations and programs, notably in the energy and environmental program and policy arenas. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has threatened extended workdays and weekends in December, emphasizing the need for intense efforts to prevent a shutdown early next year and resolve other pending matters. The primary focus will be on extending government funding beyond the deadlines set in the recent CR funding extension, with different agencies having varying expiration dates for funding in the new year. Additionally, discussions loom regarding emergency supplementals, including President Biden's requests for funding related to international aid, disaster recovery, and domestic energy support.

The path ahead involves intricate negotiations to avert a government shutdown, pass appropriations bills, and reconcile differing budgetary priorities, all while navigating political divides and conservative opposition to spending levels. Senator Schumer has urged bipartisan collaboration, stressing the need for compromise to achieve consensus on critical issues, including

national security funding and domestic emergency requests, aiming for a realistic agreement acceptable to both sides amidst ongoing negotiations. Congress also faces challenges in reconciling partisan disparities, notably in the FY 2024 National Defense Authorization Act, where House and Senate versions differ significantly on climate and energy provisions. Amidst these priorities, attention may also shift towards streamlining the permitting process for clean energy projects, reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration, and addressing rail safety legislation.

7. Interior-Environment Appropriations Bill Passes House

The House last month passed the fiscal 2024 Interior-Environment appropriations bill, after several marathon sessions to vote to adopt more than 100 adopted amendments to the bill. Ultimately, the bill included a 13% spending cut to Interior Department, EPA, U.S. Forest Service and limits agency rulemakings including rescissions of some Inflation Reduction Act funding. The bill does provide \$2.65 billion under a separate wildfire suppression cap adjustment, which does not count towards the bill's base discretionary cap. While many contentious amendments on both spending and policy riders were adopted along party lines, the House voted down changes targeting the salaries of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Council on Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory, EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan, and other Interior and EPA officials. The path forward on this bill is unclear, with the House bill getting a veto threat from President Joe Biden and the Senate Appropriations Committee approved version of the Interior-Environment bill including \$5.3 billion higher topline spending.

8. 2023 Farm Bill

Lawmakers are currently navigating the drafting of the next five-year Farm Bill, although the recent one-year extension in the CR of the 2018 Farm Bill (to September 30, 2024) has alleviated some immediate pressure. The CR not only ensures continued 2018 Farm Bill provisions but also continues funding for USDA and allocates resources for other key departments through January 19, 2024. The key debate revolves around how to fund anticipated increases in "reference" prices for farm commodities, impacting government support to farmers during market price declines. Balancing this adjustment could potentially affect conservation efforts if funding is redirected from programs like the IRA's climate-smart conservation initiatives, which may be eyed as a funding source for boosting the next Farm Bill. House Agriculture Chair Glenn Thompson (R-PA) and Senate Agriculture ranking member John Boozman (R-AR) are awaiting updated cost estimates from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), crucial for decisions on adjusting reference prices. Despite differing perspectives, there's consensus that these prices no longer align with market realities and need adjustment. Senate Agriculture Chair Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), in her final tenure overseeing the Farm Bill, has pledged to maintain the focus on climate-friendly conservation programs in the bill's drafting.

The Alliance has been working with members of the Western Agriculture and Conservation Coalition (WACC) to advance Farm Bill legislative concepts with Congress that are intended to better streamline the implementation of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Regional Conservation Partnership Program and the PL-566 program (*see below*).

a. PL-566 Legislation

The Healthy Watershed, Healthy Communities Act – legislation we worked on with the WACC and the office of Senator Michael Bennet (D-COLORADO) - focuses on the NRCS’s Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations program, known as “PL-566”. The legislation aims to improve the PL-566 program by streamlining the program’s planning and administrative processes and creating parity in funding allocations between southwest states and other areas of the country. In the past month, we worked with GOP and Democrat House offices from Western states and the House Agriculture Committee to strategize on introducing a House companion bill to Senator Bennet’s bill. The House bill will mainly serve as a marker bill for the need to focus on drought mitigation and we want to continue to collaborate with them on conservation related issues. So, we’re on the record for supporting this bill. Rep. Ciscomani (R-ARIZONA) ultimately introduced a companion bill in the House last Wednesday. Mr. Ciscomani was joined on the legislation by Reps. Caraveo (D-COLORADO), Hageman (R-WYOMING), Petterson (D-COLORADO), Flood (R-NEBRASKA) and Neguse (D-COLORADO). [H.R. 6497](#) was a direct result of the Alliance fly-in meeting that we had with his staff last September.

9. Senate Mark-Up Cancelled, Pushed back to later this month

In the week following our November joint ZOOM meeting of the board and Advisory Committee, we were busy negotiating with Senate Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee staff and some of our Western agriculture allies to get at least to a “neutral” position on a proposed amendment that would replace the current version of S. 1118, the “OpenET” legislation introduced by Senator Cortez Masto (D-NEVADA). The verdict is still out on the latest version, although it is still more palatable than what we started with at the beginning of this Congress. This bill was initially proposed to be included in the docket of bills proposed to be marked up at a Committee business meeting last month. That hearing was cancelled, and it sounds like the next markup will be scheduled in the coming weeks, where the bills we actually like (Urban Canals of Concern, etc.) will hopefully also be included.

10. House NR Committee Approves Reclamation Drought Legislation

Lawmakers on the House Natural Resources Committee last month passed by voice vote a bipartisan drought relief bill, [H.R. 4385](#), sponsored by Colorado Democratic Rep. Joe Neguse. The legislation would reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act through 2028, giving Reclamation power to assist communities in dealing with pervasive drought. The Natural Resources Committee Water Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee also held a hearing to consider four bills relating to water data and infrastructure, including the Urban Canal Modernization Act (H.R. 6107). The Alliance is on record for formerly supporting H.R. 6107, which would authorize Reclamation to help irrigation districts with transferred works address extraordinary operation and maintenance needs for canals that could pose risks to surrounding

communities in the case of failures. Reclamation would be able to fund work on eligible canals up to 35% on a non-reimbursable basis. Ron Platt from the Idaho Water Users Association testified on the urban canal bill at the 11/14 hearing. We were fortunate to have Ron join us on our farmer lobbyist trip last September, where he was one of the point people on the urban canal issue.

11. Senate EPW Holds Hearing on the Next WRDA

The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee last week held a hearing centered on the Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps') role in upcoming infrastructure projects, particularly within the next Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The hearing scrutinized the Corp's infrastructure partnership agreements, seeking to evaluate their efficacy and areas for improvement. This hearing follows earlier discussions within the Committee about the next WRDA bill, where Chair Tom Carper (D-DE) stressed collaboration between the Corps and nonfederal partners, while ranking member Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) emphasized the potential of public-private partnerships to accelerate projects. Sen. Capito would like the next WRDA to be more project-oriented, steering away from heavy policy emphasis, whereas Democrats want to embed a stronger focus on climate change and resilience into the bill considering the escalating severe weather impacts on coastal and other communities. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee postponed a similar hearing on their WRDA due to disruptions linked to the House Speaker race.

12. Manchin won't seek reelection in 2024: Implications for Senate ENR Committee

Joe Manchin will not seek reelection to the Senate, a move that essentially cedes his seat to the GOP in conservative West Virginia and will remove one of Congress' most prominent centrist voices in either party. Assuming Senators Wyden (OREGON), Cantwell (WASHINGTON), and Sanders (VT) don't want to lose their leadership posts on the Senate Finance, Commerce, and Budget Committees (respectively), it looks like Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NEW MEXICO) is likely be the next top Senate Dem on the ENR Committee in the 119th Congress (followed by Sens. Hirono and King). Senator Manchin has repeatedly declined to rule out a third-party run for president, according to *POLITICO*.

IN THE COURTS

13. Supreme Court Sets Hearing in Chevron Doctrine Challenge

The Supreme Court has set hearings in two cases to scrutinize the long-standing Chevron doctrine, pivotal in supporting federal agencies like the EPA and the Interior Department in defending their environmental rules. The two cases, *Relentless v. Commerce* and *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, challenge NOAA Fisheries' regulations regarding herring vessel operators' responsibilities for preventing over-fishing and will be at the center of this showdown. Lower courts previously upheld these rules using the Chevron doctrine, prompting conservative lawyers to push for its elimination before a predominantly Republican-appointed Supreme Court.

The debate revolves around whether to overturn or limit the Chevron doctrine, indicative of the broader court trend to curtail the authority of federal agencies, termed the "administrative state." Recent decisions, like *West Virginia v. EPA*, signaling a shift in administrative law, emphasize that Congress must explicitly empower agencies in regulating significant economic and political matters. The outcome of these hearings could have far-reaching implications – especially for Western water interests - potentially impacting any federal statute deemed unclear and scheduled for arguments on January 17.

ALLIANCE INITIATIVES

14. 2024 Annual Conference

Save the Date! February 21-23, 2024 are the dates for our annual meeting and conference, which will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort & Casino in Reno (NEVADA). The conference will wrap up at noon on Friday, but we're working on showing the Colorado River documentary "Green Desert" for our "afternoon tour" segment. More info on the agenda, registration, and hotel arrangements in the coming weeks. Our first two email blasts went out last month about the 2024 annual conference, which include links to registration, hotel reservations, and sponsorship opportunities. We're still working on the conference agenda, which we usually finalize in December. Things are starting to come together. The head of the U.S. EPA Office of Water – Radhika Fox – has confirmed that she will be one of our keynote speakers. Also, Anne Castle – President Obama's Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department of the Interior – has agreed to moderate a panel of Colorado River tribal representatives at the conference.

15. Colorado River Initiative

Despite the diversity of Colorado River policy opinions within our membership, the Alliance board of directors in 2015 and again in 2022 adopted principles and recommendations intended to guide state and federal decision-makers as they negotiate a long-term operating agreement on the Colorado River. The 2022 policy paper – which has also been adopted by several water agencies served by the Colorado River – has as its top principle the need to "recognize that Western irrigated agriculture is a strategic and irreplaceable national resource".

Last month, I submitted a guest commentary to *Western Farm Progress* to address the *ProPublica* story which listed 20 individual family farms, and how much water they use, based on data provided through OpenET. Josh Rolph blasted out an Issue Alert on this matter, and the feedback has been very positive. Imperial Irrigation District's (IID's) public relations shop gave us a shout-out, and the editor in chief of *The Desert Review*, a weekly community newspaper located in Imperial County, asked for permission to reprint the column. "That article naming the families that use water to grow food and crops is indeed frightening knowing how that can trigger people ignorant of the true value of what these farmers produce for the good of our Valley, State, Country, and World," she said. Here's the guest column: [*Demonizing Hay Producers in the American*](#)

[Southwest](#). IID's board president Cardenas and board member Gina Dockstader (who also serves on our Advisory Committee) wrote this incredible [opinion](#) that was published in the *Desert Sun* over the past weekend. Check out [The 20 families boogie-man implies control and influence over Colorado River water supply](#).

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WEST

The Scripps Institution's Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes puts the chances of a wetter-than-normal winter for most of California at essentially 50-50, though its basis is historical data, not long-range forecasts. A NOAA long-range forecast map from October shows equal chances for above- or below-average rainfall this winter for the southernmost coast of California, with the chances "leaning" in favor of greater-than-normal rain for the rest of Southern California and extending to the Bay Area. DW [said last month](#) that residents should prepare for "the possibility of another wet season under strong El Niño conditions."

16. Columbia River Basin: Snake River Dams

Last September, the Biden administration announced that an agreement in long-running legal battle over Columbia and Snake River dams is expected by mid-December. The news emerged in a [joint motion](#) filed where the Justice Department asked for six weeks to seek final approval on "a package of actions and commitments." While no additional details were provided, DOJ's motion asked for an additional 60 day stay in litigation to continue work on "broader efforts to develop a durable long-term strategy to restore salmon and other native fish populations to healthy and abundant levels, honor Federal commitments to Tribal Nations, deliver affordable and reliable clean power, and meet the many resilience needs of stakeholders across the region." On Dec. 15 the plaintiffs and federal defendants will either request a multi-year stay of the lawsuit to implement the proposal or they will return to court.

A confidential draft mediation document released last week by four members of Congress outlines steps the U.S. Government (USG) will take to mitigate the breaching of four Lower Snake River dams, albeit recognizing the Congress would need to authorize actual dam removal. The memo states that the USG is prepared to deliver the commitments, in partnership with the State of Oregon, State of Washington, Nez Perce Tribe, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation. The draft confidential memo [was released](#) by Reps. Dan Newhouse (R-WASHINGTON), Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WASHINGTON), Cliff Bentz (R-OREGON) and Russ Fulcher (R-IDAHO), who have sent a letter to President Biden raising numerous questions about provisions in the document that require clarification. In a [joint statement](#), the executive directors of Northwest RiverPartners, the Public Power Council, and the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association also expressed extreme concern about the transparency of this process and the USG Commitments' impacts on millions of Northwesterners.

The Alliance last April transmitted [this letter](#) to USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack, requesting Biden Administration Cabinet-level intervention in ongoing mediation talks involving the Lower Snake River dams. *Western Farmer-Stockman* also ran this [guest editorial](#) by yours truly explaining why Pacific Northwest ag interests should be better integrated into the river talks. A panel discussion on the Lower Snake River dams – featuring water, farming, transportation, and navigation experts – is on the agenda of the 2024 Alliance annual conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE & MISCELLANEOUS

- I've been on the road a bunch this past month. I headed up to Moses Lake (WASHINGTON) a few weeks ago, where I delivered the keynote address at the Columbia Basin Development League annual conference. Last week, I also spoke at the annual conferences hosted by Oregon Water Resources Congress in Hood River and the Washington State Water Resources Association in Spokane.
- We have some new members on our Advisory Committee. ShanRae Hawkins has more than 25 years of experience in public involvement, marketing communications, public relations, branding, crisis communications, and event planning. She leads StingRay Communications in creating strategies that help her clients – including Central Oregon irrigation districts – achieve success. Her greatest passion is raising her two young boys alongside her husband on their small farm in Oregon. Also, we're pleased to introduce a new AC member from Wyoming: Brian Duyck, the president of the newly formed Wyoming Association of Irrigation Districts.
- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack last month gave an in-depth presentation about threats facing rural agricultural communities. He noted that since 1981, the U.S. has lost 437,300 farms and 141.1 million acres of farm and ranch land. Small farms are disappearing, with farm income concentrated in larger and larger farms. In 2019, only 50,000 farms reported income of over \$500,000 that accounted for 89% of all farm income. Some two million farms shared the remaining 11%. Of note, 50% of farms didn't make any money at all.
- **ADVERTISE WITH US!** Beginning in January 2024, digital advertising opportunities will be offered to Alliance supporters in our Monthly Briefing and Issues Updates. Opportunities are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Open rates have been climbing over the past several years, ranging from 30 to 50%. (compared to the industry average which tends to be around 15%). The *Monthly Briefing* receives the highest open rates at consistently over 47%. Nearly 25% of those opening our emails click on available links when links are available. For more information and to reserve your space, please contact Jane Townsend at jane@familyfarmalliance.org.

This is a quick summary of just a few of the issues the Alliance has been engaged in. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 541-892-6244 or dan@familyfarmalliance.org if you would like further information about what the Alliance is doing to protect water for Western irrigated agriculture.

Agenda Report

Agenda No. 4.F.

DATE: December 8, 2023
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FROM: Austin Ewell
SUBJECT: Water Blueprint for the SJV

SUMMARY:

The Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley (Blueprint) is a non-profit group of stakeholders, working to better understand our shared goals for water solutions that support environmental stewardship with the needs of communities and industries throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Blueprint's strategic priorities for 2022-2025: Advocacy, Groundwater Quality and Disadvantaged Communities, Land Use Changes & Environmental Planning, Outreach & Communications, SGMA Implementation, Water Supply Goals, Governance, Operations & Finance.

Mission Statement: *"Unifying the San Joaquin Valley's voice to advance an accessible, reliable solution for a balanced water future for all."*

Committees:

Education/Executive: Blueprint Board changed booking services and appointed Kassy Chauhan as the Board Treasurer and a Finance Committee has been appointed to review contributions and provide recommendations for 2024 contributions and categories. These may coincide with irrigable acres for an equitable process and avoiding redundancy. Hallmark will be providing a revised scope for 2024.

- **ACWA Collective Meeting & Presentation:** The Blueprint hosted a presentation at ACWA for representatives from both northern and southern California. Discussion focused on mutual concerns/issues faced by water scarcity as well as opportunities for collaboration including recharge, conveyance, and funding. An overview of the Blueprint, recharge, and conveyance opportunities as well as the environmentally friendly pilot were shared.
- **Urban Water Agency Partnerships:** Several meetings took place at ACWA and a request for a letter agreement with Urban Water Agencies and the Blueprint has been requested for monetary participation and pursuit of water storage and conveyance opportunities.

Technical Committee: Two specific priorities/efforts to help bridge the water deficit in the San Joaquin Valley, the Patterson ID conveyance project, and Delta Operations have been selected. The committee is evaluating total recharge opportunities and potential environmental enhancement and utilization.

Advocacy/Communications: Blueprint will be scheduling a meeting in the first of the year in Sacramento to brief legislative staff, policy makers, legislators, and Advisor Villaraigosa to highlight alignment with the Governor's water resiliency plan and priorities for a potential Water Bond, highlighting policy decisions that need to be made on reducing impacts to the central valley. The second phase of the Farmer to Farmer Delta/SJV summit is scheduled for January 29th and 30th here in the Central Valley.

Water Blueprint SJV & CWI – Unified Water Plan

The Blueprint and California Water Institute, Fresno State are developing a Unified Water Plan for the San Joaquin Valley, consistent with the Bureau of Reclamation grant. Both Stantec and The Hallmark Group are helping develop the plan. The final water plan will include measures to address San Joaquin Valley needs and potential portfolios to address needs and objectives, this report will ultimately be transmitted to Congress by Reclamation in 2025.

Drinking Water Feasibility Study – CSU Fresno State, FWA, Self-Help, Sustainable Conservation

Initial modeling for Fresno State/California Water Institute has preliminarily identified FID, Consolidated ID, Raisin City WD and North Fork Kings GSA for strong multi benefit recharge potential. The group is focused on multi-benefits for recharge with a focus on drinking water with measurable results.

SJV Water Collaborative Action Program (SJWCAP):

Steering Committee and Work Groups are identifying and narrowing year end deliverables for Safe Drinking Water; Sustainable Water Supplies; Ecosystem Health; Land Use, Demand Reduction, Land Repurposing; Implementation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

There is no recommended action at this time. The Board gave initial direction to pursue this collective effort and report back on its status.

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA NO. 4.G.

DATE: December 8, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wilson Orvis, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority Update

SUMMARY:

Friant Water Authority staff engaged with San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) via the Finance and Administration Committee meetings on November 6 and December 4, the Board of Directors' (BOD) Meeting on November 9 as well as additional meetings throughout the month.

There were two items associated with SLDMWA over the last month that pertain to FWA operations: (1) O&M Budget Formulation for Water Year (WY) 2024 and (2) San Joaquin River Releases to Mendota Pool.

WY 2024 Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement (OM&R) Budget Formulation:

- SLDMWA has released their OM&R budget for Contractor review based upon initial Finance Committee recommendation at the November 6, 2023 meeting. There is a workshop scheduled on December 19, 2023 to review the budget in detail with Contractors (including Friant).

San Joaquin River Releases to Mendota Pool:

- From April through July of 2022, due to a temporary interruption of service of sufficient quantities of substitute water to be conveyed through project facilities operated and maintained by SLDMWA, Reclamation released flows that bypassed Friant Dam down the San Joaquin River to the Mendota Pool to meet Exchange and Settlement Contractor demand.
- FWA and SLDMWA are continuing to have discussions regarding how these releases are to be treated under the Memorandum of Understanding between FWA and SLDMWA.

Attachment(s):

- None this Month.

