



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING | Agenda

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024**

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

**BELLO VITA EVENT VENUE 4211 W. GOSHEN 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. *California Natural Resources Agency v. Raimondo*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:20-CV-00426-DAD-EPG.
3. *CDWR Water Operations Cases*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. JCCP 5117.
4. *Sanchez et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al.*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (Fresno Division), Case No. 1:23-CV-01-01698-NODJ-SAB.

##### **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 (10:30 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 December 8, 2023. (Erickson)
- B. Ratify December 2023 and January 2024 Bills and Accept the Financial Reports for December 2023. (Orvis)
- C. Ratify Purchase Order with UPL Open Ag Environmental Solutions for Endothal Aquatic Herbicide. (Orvis)
- D. Ratify Purchase Order with Builder’s Concrete for Concrete for South Section Panel Replacement. (Orvis)

### **3. ACTION ITEMS (5 MINUTES)**

- A. Nominations and Potential Appointment for Vacancy on Finance Committee. (Davis/Erickson)

### **4. GENERAL UPDATES & REPORTS (60 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. External Affairs Activities. (Villines/Amaral) (10 minutes)
- D. O&M Report. (Hickernell) (5 minutes)
- E. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update. (Ewell) (5 minutes)
- F. San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Update. (Phillips/Orvis) (5 minutes)
- G. CEO Report. (Phillips) (10 minutes)

## ADJOURNMENT

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING | Minutes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

CLOSED SESSION – 8:30 A.M. /OPEN SESSION – 10:00 A.M.

VISALIA CONVENTION CENTER 303 E. ACEQUIA 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 8:32 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)
Kelley Hampton	Delano Earlimart Irrigation District (DEID)
George Porter	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)
Cliff Loeffler	Lindsay-Strathmore I.D. (LSID)
Tom Barcellos	Lower-Tule River I.D. (LTRID)
Jim Erickson	Madera I.D. (MID)
Arlen Miller	Orange Cove I.D. (OCID)
Frank Junio	Pixley Irrigation District (PIXID)
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)
Geoff Galloway	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:

None.

#### 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 Loeffler, seconded by Director Schuh, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried. (Roll Call Vote: Ayes – AESWD, CWD, CofF, DEID, FID, KDWCD, KTWD, LID, LTRID, LSID, MID, OCID, PID, PIXID, SID, SWID, TBID, TPWD, TID; Nays – 0; Absent –0)

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

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## RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

(10:06 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. Erick Johnson and Mitch Partovi from The Water Agency, Inc. shared their gratitude for the efforts that Friant Water Authority makes for all California water and for 3.8-million-acre feet of water banked in recent years they provided cases of water bottles for all in attendance. Additionally, Director Camp presented a mock golf club to CEO Phillips in good humor for an injury Jason Phillips sustained while golfing. There was no further public comment.

### 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 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)

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

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider the Extension of Associate Membership Agreements with Stone Corral, Exeter and Ivanhoe Irrigation Districts. (Davis/Amaral). General Counsel Davis reviewed the agenda report explaining the need to extend the Associate Membership agreements with these agencies and expressed optimism that the agencies would be prepared to rejoin FWA as regular members in the coming months.

**M/S/C** – Motion by Director Porter, seconded by Director Brownfield, to approve the extension of the Associate Memberships. The motion carried. (Roll Call Vote: Ayes – AESWD, CWD, CofF, DEID, FID, KDWCD, KTWD, LID, LTRID, LSID, MID, OCID, PID, PIXID, SID, SWID, TBID, TPWD, TID; Nays – 0; Absent –0)

### 4. GENERAL UPDATES & REPORTS (65 MINUTES)

- A. FKC Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Update - Construction Progress Report and Financial Summary – Stantec’s Janet Atkinson provided a project update. It was reported that the Deer Creek check structure and siphon, the remaining concrete pours were made and the radial gate installation commenced. This is the fifth siphon to be completed. Additionally, at the Road 208 siphon, falsework and reinforcing bars for deck sections was

installed and concrete was poured. This is the sixth siphon to be completed. As of the end of October (based on cost) approximately 88.5 percent of the original contract amount of work has been performed, and the elapsed time was approximately 70.6 percent of the total contract time. There were two change orders this month for a total amount of \$47,000. Atkinson also explained the canal bifurcation process and design and discussed ensued regarding minimizing impacts related to sediments arising from the use of earthen plugs as part of the bifurcation process.

- B. Water Operations Update. Friant Operations– WRM Buck-Macleod covered water operations as outlined in the agenda report. It was reported that 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 the 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. Buck-Macleod also provided an update on the funding status for ASO flights, noted that recapture of Restoration Flows was occurring at Patterson ID, and reminded attendees that the State Board had an upcoming hearing scheduled on the Bay-Delta Plan and unimpaired flows.
- C. Review of Board Offsite Discussions. CEO Phillips provided a summary of discussion topics and goals. He also thanked all who participated, he reported that this year was a record attendance, and that a lot of good work got done.
- D. External Affairs Activities– COO/CEA Amaral provided the report on external affairs. In State affairs, the Legislature will be returning to Sacramento on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, starting the second year of the two-year session. In Federal Affairs, 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 as lawmakers focus on a supplemental aid package to Ukraine, Israel, the Indo-Pacific region, and southern border policy. The board was also informed that 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.
- E. O&M Report– General Superintendent Hickernell provided an update on some of the work being done for dewatering. He presented a PowerPoint reflecting some of the progress.
- 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 the year including reviewing equitable funding and teaming up with ACWA and exploring other partnerships.
- G. San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Update – CFO Orvis provided the agenda report on current activities of SLDMWA. He reported that SLDMWA released their OM&R budget for Contractor review and a workshop was scheduled on December 19, 2023, to review the budget in detail with Contractors (including Friant).
- H. CEO Report – CEO Phillips provided an update on the Reno Water Users Conference and provided a glimpse of the activities/meetings scheduled. He reminded everyone that at the

following this meeting the Board will be returning to the Bello Vita venue for 2024 meetings.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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Jason R. Phillips, Chief Executive Officer  
Friant Water Authority

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Vivian Garcia, Recording Secretary  
Friant Water Authority

## OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Aaron Fukuda	Tulare I.D.
Alan Doud	Young Wooldridge
Andrew Hart	KTWD
Aubrey Mauritsen	Counsel
Austin Ewell	California Blueprint
Bill Stretch	Fresno I.D.
Bill Luce	Luce Consulting
Brandon Tomlinson	Chowchilla W.D.
Brian Person	AECOM
Brian Thomas	FWA Consultant
Chris Hickernell	FWA
Chris Hunter	Lindmore I.D.
Craig Wallace	Lindsay-Strathmore I.D.
Darryl Good	USBR
David Cameron	Counsel
David Dees	FWA
David Wierenga	Delano-Earlimart I.D.
Diego Cruz	Unknown
Dina Nolan	Madera I.D.
Don Wright	Water Wrights
Douglas DeFlitch	Douglas DeFlitch Consulting LLC.
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
Geoff Vanden Heuvel	Milk Producers Council
Ian Buck-Macleod	FWA
Jason Phillips	FWA
Jeevan Muhar	Arvin-Edison W.S.D.

Jocelyn Bean	FWA
John Bezdek	FWA Special Counsel
Johnny Amaral	FWA
Johnny Gailey	Delta View Water Assoc.
Joshua Yurkanin	USBR
Katie Duncan	FWA
Kris Lawrence	SWID
Kuyler Crocker	CCM
Maggie Suarez	FWA
Mia Swenson	FWA
Mike Hagman	Lindmore I.D./EKGSA
Mitch Partovi	The Water Agency, Inc.
Nick Keller	HVID
Roland Gross	SSJMUD
Sean Geivet	SID, PID, Terra Bella I.D.
Shane Smith	KDWCD
Sky Grass	KTWD
Steve Jackson	Next Gen Water
Steve Ottemoeller	FWA Consultant
Tom Greci	Madera I.D.
Vivian Felipe	FWA
Wilson Orvis	FWA

## AGENDA REPORT

## AGENDA NO. 2.B.

**DATE:** January 19, 2024

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Wilson Orvis, CFO

**SUBJECT:** Approve Bills for the Month of December 2023 and January 2024 (Mid-Month) and Accept the Financial Reports for Month Ending December 31, 2023

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### SUMMARY:

The Finance Committee met on January 16, 2024 and reviewed the bills for December 2023 and January 2024 (mid-month) and the financial reports for month ending December 31, 2023. There was a quorum at the meeting.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION:

At the January 16, 2024 meeting, the Finance Committee acted to recommend that Board of Directors approve payment of the December 2023 and January 2024 (mid-month) bills in the amount of \$6,915,099.70 and accept the Financial Reports for month ending December 31, 2023.

### SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board of Directors approve payment of the December 2023 and January 2024 (mid-month) bills in the amount of \$6,915,099.70 and accept the Financial Reports for month ending December 31, 2023.

### BUDGET IMPACT:

- \$1,708,269.57 (bills) and \$720,309.15 (payroll) is chargeable to the Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement (OM&R) Budget.
- \$267,791.49 (bills) and \$120,326.82 (payroll) is chargeable to the General Membership Budget;
- \$34,865.58 is attributable to San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) for projected Settlement Contractor deliveries in the month of December 2023;
- \$0 is to be recovered under existing grant agreements; and
- \$4,063,537.09 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, DECEMBER 2023

BILLS PAID DECEMBER 12, 2023

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	A.R.E AUTO PARTS	\$ 160.14	\$ -	\$ 160.14	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
2	AAA QUALITY SERVICES, INC.	436.15	-	436.15	Equipment Rental
3	AAA TRUCK SERVICE, INC.	474.41	-	474.41	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
4	ACCURATE MEASUREMENT SYS.	12,391.55	-	12,391.55	Meter Repairs Water Ops
5	ACTION EQUIPMENT RENTALS	24.06	-	24.06	Auger Equipment Rental
6	ACWA	25,395.00	-	25,395.00	2023 Annual Dues
7	ACWA / JPIA	87,518.44	6,021.89	93,540.33	Medical, Dental, Health Insurance
8	ACWA / JPIA	138,200.00	-	138,200.00	Annual Premium Liability Insurance
9	AMARAL, JOHNNY	160.13	160.12	320.25	Expense Claim Reimbursement
10	AMERICAN TRUCK PARTS CO	416.40	-	416.40	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay
11	AT&T	299.60	-	299.60	Utilities-Telephone
12	AUTO ZONE, INC.	136.93	-	136.93	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
13	AWARDS & SIGNS UNLIMITED	45.58	-	45.58	BOD Member plaques
14	Bank of America	42,186.27	14,503.74	56,690.01	Various Visa Charges
15	BELLO VITA VENUE	7,164.61	-	7,164.61	BOD Meeting Hall and Catering, November, December
16	BIG GREEN IT, LLC	2,135.61	-	2,135.61	IT Microsoft Teams, 365 Subscription
17	BOOT BARN INC.	384.01	-	384.01	Safety Boots
18	BRIAN G. THOMAS CONSULTING, LLC	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	Consulting Services-October & November
19	BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	45,634.00	175.00	45,809.00	Consulting Services-October
20	CALIFORNIA DEPART. OF TAX AND FEE ADMIN.	-	82,498.91	82,498.91	Water Rights Permit
21	CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL RUBBER CO.	976.73	-	976.73	Structure & Gate Repairs
22	CALIFORNIA SURVEYING & DRAFTING SUPPLY	1,260.66	-	1,260.66	Lands Survey Equip. Parts
23	CINTAS CORPORATION #2	2,065.92	-	2,065.92	Uniform Services-OC & Lindsay Yard
24	CINTAS CORPORATION #3	730.96	-	730.96	Uniform Services-Delano Yard
25	CITY OF DELANO	127.37	-	127.37	Utilities
26	CULLIGAN OF LINDSAY	452.44	-	452.44	Water Service
27	DACO FARM SUPPLY	361.71	-	361.71	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
28	DINUBA LUMBER COMPANY	585.93	-	585.93	Parts & Supplies-OC Yard
29	DOUG DeLEO WELDING	56.93	-	56.93	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
30	E M THARP INC	6,020.11	-	6,020.11	Parts, Particulate Filters- Lindsay Shop
31	ECCO EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	13,074.00	-	13,074.00	Excavator Rental
32	EXECUTIVE SUITES AT RIVER BLUFF, LP	-	4,010.00	4,010.00	Fresno Office Rental-November, December
33	FOOTHILL AUTO TRUCK & AG PARTS, INC.	2,184.06	-	2,184.06	Partes & Supplies-OC Shop
34	FRONTIER	966.89	-	966.89	Utilities-Telephone
35	FRUIT GROWERS SUPPLY CO	721.08	-	721.08	Partes & Supplies-Water Ops
36	FUSION CLOUD SERVICES, LLC	234.90	-	234.90	Telephone Service
37	GORDON, THOMAS, HONEYWELL, MALANCA...	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	Consulting Services-October
38	GRAINGER	5,196.77	-	5,196.77	Air Pump, Yard Supplies-OC Yard
39	GRAYBAR	3,486.05	-	3,486.05	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops

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40	GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE	203.82	-	203.82	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
41	GROSSMAYER & ASSOCIATES	310.00	-	310.00	Great Plains Support
42	HICKERNELL, CHRIS	1,713.48	-	1,713.48	Expense Claim Reimbursement
43	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	7,391.79	-	7,391.79	Parts & Supplies-All Yards
44	JACK GRIGGS INC.	34.66	-	34.66	Propane Service
45	JESS AUTO REPAIR	185.25	-	185.25	Parts & Service-Lindsay
46	JIM'S STEEL SUPPLY	275.97	-	275.97	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay
47	JMP OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES	198.91	-	198.91	Postage Supplies
48	JORGENSEN COMPANY	379.97	-	379.97	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay
49	LEE'S SERVICE, INC.	75.67	-	75.67	Parts & Supplies-OC Shop
50	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	145.00	-	145.00	Welding Supplies
51	LINDSAY TRUE VALUE	349.64	-	349.64	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
52	LOGGERHEAD NAVIGATION CO.	3,061.14	-	3,061.14	ADCP Doppler Boat Software Upgrade
53	MARTENS CHEVROLET	92.80	-	92.80	Parts & Service-OC shop
54	MENESES, GABRIEL	200.00	-	200.00	Expense Claim Reimbursement
55	MOONLIGHT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	2,177.00	-	2,177.00	Janitorial Servcies-All Yards
56	ORANGE COVE TIRE SERVICE	1,174.86	-	1,174.86	Tire Repair Service
57	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC	10,447.02	-	10,447.02	Utilities-Electricity
58	PAPE KENWORTH	2,690.75	-	2,690.75	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
59	PAPE MACHINERY	939.86	-	939.86	Parts & Supplies-OC Shop
60	PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT	295,110.00	-	295,110.00	Recapture Billing October
61	PBW DISTRIBUTOR INC	352.90	-	352.90	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
62	PICK-EM UP TRUCK STORE	487.10	-	487.10	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Yard
63	PORTERVILLE FORD	5,343.69	-	5,343.69	Parts, Vehicle 2051 Pickup Repair-Lindsay Shop
64	POWER BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY	31.90	-	31.90	Toner Service
65	POWER TRANSMISSION & SUPPLY	191.06	-	191.06	Parts & Supplies-OC Shop
66	PROVOST & PRITCHARD INC	3,891.90	-	3,891.90	Consulting Services-October
67	PSW	129.84	-	129.84	Shredding Service
68	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	999.52	-	999.52	Postage Refill
69	QUALITY SMOG & AUTO REPAIR	420.00	-	420.00	Parts & Supplies-Delano Shop
70	QUILL CORPORATION	1,099.99	195.72	1,295.71	Kitchen Supplies
71	ROBERT V. JENSEN, INC.	7,823.23	-	7,823.23	Unleaded Fuel- 1,310 Gal, Diesel Fuel 700 Gal
72	SAN JOAQUIN PAINT & GLASS	59.54	-	59.54	Paint Supplies
73	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER	-	200.00	200.00	Annual Membership Renewal
74	SEVIERS AUTO SUPPLY	879.79	-	879.79	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
75	SMART & FINAL CORP	86.53	-	86.53	Kitchen Supplies
76	SO CAL GAS	472.44	-	472.44	Utilities-Natural Gas
77	SOAPMAN OF KERN COUNTY	231.38	-	231.38	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
78	SOUTHERN CALIF EDISON	4,297.50	-	4,297.50	Utilities-Electricity



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79	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	124.80	-	124.80	Tire Repair Service
80	STANDARD INSURANCE CO	7,490.82	1,842.49	9,333.31	Disability Insurance
81	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.	2,029.00	3,465.00	5,494.00	Consulting Services-November
82	STOEL RIVES LLP	-	321.60	321.60	Special Counsel Services-October
83	STRATHMORE LADDER	4,025.82	-	4,025.82	Tools-Lindsay Yard
84	SUAREZ, MARGARITA	212.50	-	212.50	Expense Claim Reimbursement
85	SUE SA'S CREATIVE CATERING	2,549.18	-	2,549.18	Catering BOD Meeting
86	T.A.B.S. PARTS & SERVICE CENTER	651.52	-	651.52	Parts & Service-OC shop
87	THE FERGUSON GROUP, LLC	-	3,333.33	3,333.33	Consulting Services-October
88	THE REDESIGN GROUP	6,220.35	-	6,220.35	SCADA Server Upgrade, Software Annual Renewal
89	TULARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU	-	400.00	400.00	Annual Membership Dues
90	UNITED RENTALS, INC.	8,666.65	-	8,666.65	Scissor Lift Equipment Rental
91	UNWIRED BROADBAND, INC.	299.98	-	299.98	Satellite Internet-Delano/OC
92	VALLEY PACIFIC PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC.	13,811.93	-	13,811.93	Unleaded Fuel-2374 Gal and Diesel Fuel 950 Gal
93	VAST NETWORKS	800.00	-	800.00	Internet Services-Lindsay
94	VERIZON WIRELESS	3,266.97	-	3,266.97	Utilities-Cellphone
95	VISALIA CONVENTION CENTER	1,290.00	-	1,290.00	BOD Meeting Hall
96	WEISENBERGERS	1,925.35	-	1,925.35	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
97	WESTAIR GASES & EQUIPMENT INC.	55.41	-	55.41	Welding Supplies
98	WHITE CAP, LP	94.81	-	94.81	Rammer Rental
99	WORLD OIL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	55.00	-	55.00	Oil Recycling Service
100	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	1,916.35	-	1,916.35	Lease Office Equipment
101	SUBTOTAL SPENDING	\$ 829,107.74	\$ 117,127.80	\$ 946,235.54	
102	PAYROLL FWA	238,846.59	39,708.94	278,555.53	Total Mid-Month Payroll
103	TOTAL OM&R	\$ 1,067,954.33	\$ 156,836.74	\$ 1,224,791.07	
104	<b>Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Phase 1</b>				
105	BRIAN G. THOMAS CONSULTING, LLC	\$ 1,875.00	\$ -	\$ 1,875.00	Consulting Services-October & November
106	BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	4,000,000.00	-	4,000,000.00	MRCCP Phase 1 Construction
107	BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	360.00	-	360.00	Consulting Services-October
108	THE FERGUSON GROUP, LLC	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	Consulting Services-October
109	TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE	4,539.92	-	4,539.92	MRCCP Project Assistance
110	SUBTOTAL - MRCCP	\$ 4,011,774.92	\$ -	\$ 4,011,774.92	
<b>111</b>	<b>TOTAL - MID MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 5,079,729.25</b>	<b>\$ 156,836.74</b>	<b>\$ 5,236,565.99</b>	

**BILLS TO BE PAID DECEMBER 21, 2023**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>O&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>GM FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
112	AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, INC.	\$ 119.70	\$ -	\$ 119.70	Office Supplies
113	AT&T	345.00	-	345.00	Telephone Service
114	AWARDS & SIGNS UNLIMITED	14.65	-	14.65	Name Plate
115	BIG GREEN IT, LLC	40.00	-	40.00	Microsoft Teams New License
116	BUDGET BOLT INC.	773.99	-	773.99	Parts & Supplies-Gate Maintenance Delano
117	CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL RUBBER CO.	339.42	-	339.42	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
118	CASHIER, DPR	60.00	-	60.00	Continuing QAC Certification
119	CENTRAL VALLEY BUSINESS FORMS INC	262.68	262.68	525.36	Embroidery Jackets
120	CENTRAL VALLEY TOOLS (SNAP ON)	5,214.59	-	5,214.59	R134 Refrigerant Freon
121	CINTAS CORPORATION #2	258.84	-	258.84	Uniform Services-Lindsay Yard
122	CINTAS CORPORATION #3	182.74	-	182.74	Uniform Services-Delano Yard
123	CITY OF LINDSAY	393.08	-	393.08	Utilities
124	CITY OF ORANGE COVE	441.09	-	441.09	Utilities
125	CULLIGAN OF LINDSAY	109.00	-	109.00	Water Services
126	DACO FARM SUPPLY	288.18	-	288.18	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Yard
127	DUDEK	1,296.25	-	1,296.25	Environmental Consulting Services-November
128	FOOTHILL AUTO TRUCK & AG PARTS, INC.	340.38	-	340.38	Parts & Supplies-OC Yard
129	FREMONT AUTO PARTS	50.29	-	50.29	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
130	GRAINGER	43.18	-	43.18	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Yard
131	GRAYBAR	158.58	-	158.58	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
132	GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE	3,087.76	-	3,087.76	Motor Oil-Lindsay Shop
133	HYDRAULIC CONTROLS INC	768.62	-	768.62	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
134	KASEYA US LLC	1,418.63	-	1,418.63	IT Services- Security, Spam Blocking
135	LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	4,173.01	390.60	4,563.61	Disability Insurance
136	MARTIN TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	50.00	-	50.00	Pest Control Services
137	MBK ENGINEERS	9,237.50	1,895.00	11,132.50	Consulting Services-November
138	MID VALLEY DISPOSAL	169.05	-	169.05	Waste Disposal Services
139	OTTEMOELLER CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC	1,712.50	582.25	2,294.75	Consulting Services-November
140	PAC MACHINE CO., INC.	3,204.75	-	3,204.75	Submersible Pump-2
141	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC	98.69	-	98.69	Utilities-Electricity
142	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC	60.38	-	60.38	Utilities-Electricity
143	PROBATA CORPORATION	652.60	-	652.60	Calibration Service
144	PSW	64.92	-	64.92	Shredding Service
145	QUILL CORPORATION	1,090.85	-	1,090.85	Office Supplies
146	REGO CONSULTING CORPORATION	7,342.50	-	7,342.50	Power Apps Consultant-November
147	RELEVANT INDUSTRIAL	35,204.63	-	35,204.63	Honeywell Recorders-4
148	SEVIERS AUTO SUPPLY	477.13	-	477.13	Parts & Supplies-Delano Yard
149	SMART & FINAL CORP	42.27	-	42.27	Kitchen Supplies
150	SO CAL GAS	88.34	-	88.34	Utilities
151	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	26.37	-	26.37	Tire Repair-Delano Yard
152	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.	91,875.25	-	91,875.25	Consulting Services-November & December
153	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	3,576.00	-	3,576.00	Fuel Tank Permit Renewal
154	TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	1,464.00	-	1,464.00	Meter Repairs-Water Ops
155	THE FERGUSON GROUP, LLC	-	118.60	118.60	Consulting Services-October
156	THE REDESIGN GROUP	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	IT Help Desk

**BILLS TO BE PAID DECEMBER 21, 2023**

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
157	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	9,171.71	-	9,171.71	Copier Equipment Lease-December & January
158	UNITED RENTALS, INC.	724.02	-	724.02	Rammer Equipment Rental-Final
159	VALLEY PACIFIC PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC.	1,026.19	-	1,026.19	Unleaded Fuel-275 Gal Delano
160	VAST NETWORKS	800.00	-	800.00	Internet Service
161	VERIZON WIRELESS	2,246.82	-	2,246.82	SCADA Mobile to Mobile November
162	VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY	769.92	-	769.92	Concrete Materials
163	WATER AND POWER LAW GROUP PC	-	23,578.31	23,578.31	Consulting Services-November
164	WATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION	-	1,300.00	1,300.00	Annual Dues
165	WEISENBERGERS	175.64	-	175.64	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
166	ZIX CORPORATION	280.00	-	280.00	Email Security
167	SUBTOTAL SPENDING	\$ 194,811.69	\$ 28,127.44	\$ 222,939.13	
168	PAYROLL FWA	228,309.24	40,908.94	269,218.18	End of Month Payroll Estimate
169	TOTAL OM&R	\$ 423,120.93	\$ 69,036.38	\$ 492,157.31	

170	Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Phase 1				
171	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.	\$ 31,117.17	\$ -	\$ 31,117.17	Consulting Services-November & December
172	SUBTOTAL - MRCCP	\$ 31,117.17	\$ -	\$ 31,117.17	

173	San Luis & Delta-Mendota Canal:				
174	SLDMWA OM & R CHARGES - PAID VIA WIRE	\$ 34,865.58	\$ -	\$ 34,865.58	January 2024 Estimate
175	Subtotal - SLDMWA	\$ 34,865.58	\$ -	\$ 34,865.58	

**176 TOTAL - END OF MONTH \$ 489,103.68 \$ 69,036.38 \$ 558,140.06**

**177 GRAND TOTALS \$ 5,568,832.93 \$ 225,873.12 \$ 5,794,706.05**

# FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES TO BE APPROVED, JANUARY 2024

BILLS PAID JANUARY 15, 2024

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	ACWA / JPIA	\$ 74,737.46	\$ 6,021.89	\$ 80,759.35	Medical & Disability Insurance
2	AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.	-	25,362.83	25,362.83	Consulting Services-December
3	ALLIED CONCRETE PUMPING, LLC	14,164.77	-	14,164.77	Concrete Pumping
4	AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, INC.	297.65	-	297.65	Office Supplies
5	AUTO ZONE, INC.	519.15	-	519.15	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Yard
6	Bank of America	36,009.79	3,818.31	39,828.10	Various Visa Charges
7	BLAST COAT SYSTEMS, INC.	151.98	-	151.98	Parts & Supplies-Delano
8	BRIAN G. THOMAS CONSULTING, LLC	375.00	-	375.00	Consulting Services-December
9	BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	25,404.00	750.00	26,154.00	Consulting Services-November
10	CALIFORNIA FARM WATER COALITION	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	Annual Membership
11	CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL RUBBER CO.	1,482.90	-	1,482.90	Supplies-Water Ops
12	CEMEX, INC.	8,854.18	-	8,854.18	Concrete-Orange Cove
13	CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT	-	45,000.00	45,000.00	Annual Membership
14	CINTAS CORPORATION #2	2,313.88	-	2,313.88	Uniform Services-Orange Cove & Lindsay Yard
15	CINTAS CORPORATION #3	365.48	-	365.48	Uniform Services-Delano Yard
16	CITY OF DELANO	150.13	-	150.13	Utilities
17	CULLIGAN OF LINDSAY	70.25	-	70.25	Water Services-Lindsay Yard
18	DACO FARM SUPPLY	42.65	-	42.65	Parts & Supplies-Delano Yard
19	DINUBA LUMBER COMPANY	1,391.31	-	1,391.31	Parts & Supplies-OC Yard
20	DOUG DeLEO WELDING	33.77	-	33.77	Welding Supplies-OC Yard
21	DOWNS EQUIPMENT RENTALS, INC.	1,187.63	-	1,187.63	Equipment Rental-Lindsay Yard
22	E M THARP INC	63.58	-	63.58	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Yard
23	ECCO EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	12,124.00	-	12,124.00	Excavator Rental-Lindsay Yard
24	EVOLUTION AUTO GLASS & WINDOW TINT	190.00	-	190.00	Windshield Repair
25	EXECUTIVE SUITES AT RIVER BLUFF, LP	-	2,005.00	2,005.00	January Fresno Office Rent
26	FASTENAL COMPANY	181.50	-	181.50	Meter Repair-Water Ops
27	FOOTHILL AUTO TRUCK & AG PARTS, INC.	1,710.87	-	1,710.87	Parts & Supplies-OC Yard
28	FREMONT AUTO PARTS	13.12	-	13.12	Parts & Supplies-Delano
29	FRUIT GROWERS SUPPLY CO	1,241.42	-	1,241.42	Supplies-OC & Lindsay Yard
30	FUSION CLOUD SERVICES, LLC	216.56	-	216.56	Telephone Services
31	GRAINGER	906.53	-	906.53	Parts-OC & Lindsay Yard
32	GRAYBAR	1,102.20	-	1,102.20	Parts-OC & Lindsay Yard
33	GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE	709.82	-	709.82	Motor Oil-Lindsay Shop
34	GROSSMAYER & ASSOCIATES	697.50	-	697.50	Great Plains Support
35	GSI ENVIRONMENTAL INC.	28,905.50	-	28,905.50	Consulting Services-December
36	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	10,593.12	-	10,593.12	Parts & Supplies-Delano, Lindsay & Water Ops
37	JIM BURKE FORD	31,834.99	-	31,834.99	CSO Vehicle
38	KAN VENTURES, INC.	-	9,130.52	9,130.52	Consulting Services-November,December
39	LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	3,974.36	390.60	4,364.96	Disability Insurance
40	LINDSAY TRUE VALUE	36.93	-	36.93	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES TO BE APPROVED, JANUARY 2024**

**BILLS PAID JANUARY 15, 2024**

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
41	MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	-	780.66	780.66	Jim Erickson Reimbursement
42	MARTIN TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	50.00	-	50.00	Pest Control Services-CSO House
43	MBK ENGINEERS	5,966.50	1,100.00	7,066.50	Consulting Services-December
44	MERLE STONE CHEVROLET CADILLAC	473.52	-	473.52	Parts & Supplies-Delano Shop
45	MOBILE AG & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	492.51	-	492.51	Meter Repair-Water Ops
46	MONARCH FORD	353.44	-	353.44	Parts & Supplies-OC Shop
47	ORANGE COVE TIRE SERVICE	257.02	-	257.02	Tire Repair Service-OC Yard
48	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC	7,323.25	-	7,323.25	Utilities
49	PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT	162,675.00	-	162,675.00	Recapture-November
50	PBW DISTRIBUTOR INC	362.66	-	362.66	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Shop
51	POWER BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY	810.23	-	810.23	Copier Equipment Lease
52	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	723.50	-	723.50	Postage Equipment Lease
53	REGO CONSULTING CORPORATION	4,496.25	-	4,496.25	Consulting Services-December
54	ROBERT V. JENSEN, INC.	2,484.39	-	2,484.39	Unleaded 701 Gal
55	SAN JOAQUIN PAINT & GLASS	12,104.54	-	12,104.54	Structure & Gate- Delano Yard
56	SAN JOAQUIN PEST CONTROL	94.00	-	94.00	Pest Control Services-Lindsay Yard
57	SAN JOAQUIN PEST CONTROL	166.00	-	166.00	Pest Control Services-OC Yard
58	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR	42.00	-	42.00	Air Pollution Fees
59	SANDOVAL, JERRY	76.34	-	76.34	Expense Claim Reimbursement
60	SEVIERS AUTO SUPPLY	1,003.66	-	1,003.66	Parts & Supplies-Delano Yard
61	SMART & FINAL CORP	134.99	-	134.99	Office Supplies
62	SOMACH SIMMONS & DUNN	-	13,606.00	13,606.00	Consulting Services-November
63	SPRAYING DEVICES, INC.	898.59	-	898.59	Parts & Supplies-Lindsay Yard
64	STANDARD INSURANCE CO	7,490.82	1,842.49	9,333.31	Life Insurance
65	STOEL RIVES LLP	-	3,727.95	3,727.95	Special Counsel Services-November
66	SUNSHINE SANITATION	570.00	-	570.00	Portable Toilet Rental
67	THE REDESIGN GROUP	191,956.64	-	191,956.64	Network Refresh, Dell Computer \$1,799.16
68	UNITED RENTALS, INC.	8,644.54	-	8,644.54	Roller Single Drum-Lindsay
69	VERIZON WIRELESS	2,300.90	-	2,300.90	Utilities-Cellphone
70	VILLINES GROUP, LLC	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	Consulting Services-November
71	WEISENBERGERS	708.28	-	708.28	Parts & Supplies-Water Ops
72	WHITE CAP, LP	9,636.59	-	9,636.59	Sika Sealant for Liner Repair
73	SUBTOTAL SPENDING	\$ 684,350.14	\$ 122,536.25	\$ 806,886.39	
74	PAYROLL FWA	253,153.32	39,708.94	292,862.26	Total Mid-Month Payroll
75	TOTAL OM&R	\$ 937,503.46	\$ 162,245.19	\$ 1,099,748.65	

76	Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Phase 1				
77	BRIAN G. THOMAS CONSULTING, LLC	\$ 2,375.00	\$ -	\$ 2,375.00	Consulting Services-December
78	BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	270.00	-	270.00	Consulting Services-November
79	KAN VENTURES, INC.	12,000.00	-	12,000.00	Consulting Services-November,December

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES TO BE APPROVED, JANUARY 2024**

**BILLS PAID JANUARY 15, 2024**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>O&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>GM FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
80	VILLINES GROUP, LLC	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	Consulting Services-November
81	SUBTOTAL - MRCCP	\$ 20,645.00	\$ -	\$ 20,645.00	

<b>82</b>	<b>TOTAL - MID MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 958,148.46</b>	<b>\$ 162,245.19</b>	<b>\$ 1,120,393.65</b>
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# FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

## CASH ACTIVITY BALANCE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
FKC Operations & Maintenance	\$ 55,649,944	\$ 2,153,018	\$ (6,140,712)	\$ 51,662,249
SLDMWA	2,717,694	42,115	(34,866)	2,724,944
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 58,367,638</b>	<b>\$ 2,195,132</b>	<b>\$ (6,175,578)</b>	<b>\$ 54,387,193</b>
General Member	636,018	82,384	(204,907)	513,496
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,900,688</b>

## BANK ACTIVITY BALANCE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 132,923	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132,923
California Asset Management Program	59,040,995	263,073	(4,800,000)	54,504,067
Bank of the Sierra	(170,261)	2,014,443	(1,580,484)	263,698
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,900,688</b>

*Note:*

*Most Current Interest Rate: For the month ended November 30, 2023, effective yield 3.843%*

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

*Management believes it is fully able to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months.*

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

	<u>Checking &amp; Investments</u>	<u>Payroll Checking</u>	<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>Total</u>
CASH BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2023	\$ 58,366,838	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 58,367,638
Increases:				
District O&M receipts	590,249			590,249
Revenue from MRCCP	388,491			388,491
SLDMWA receipts	42,115			42,115
Recapture	156,735			156,735
Lake Wolloomes Temporary Pumps	144,029			144,029
Pumpback Grant	41,717			41,717
Interest Revenue	260,707			260,707
Miscellaneous deposits	8,876			8,876
Administration Allocation	24,949			24,949
Payroll deposits		537,265		537,265
Total Increases	<u>\$ 1,657,867</u>	<u>\$ 537,265</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,195,132</u>
Decreases:				
O&M Expenditures	\$ 671,280			\$ 671,280
MRCCP	4,025,095			4,025,095
Wire to SLDMWA - O&MR Charges - January Estimate	34,866			34,866
FKC Systemwide Capacity Correction Cost Share MOU	74,697			74,697
Recapture	295,110			295,110
Payroll Cash Outlays	537,265	537,265		1,074,530
Total Decreases	<u>\$ 5,638,313</u>	<u>\$ 537,265</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,175,578</u>
CASH BALANCE BEFORE INTERFUND ACTIVITY	<u>\$ 54,386,392</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 800</u>	<u>\$ 54,387,192</u>
Interfund transfer to O&M	-			-
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	<u>\$ 54,386,392</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 800</u>	<u>\$ 54,387,192</u>



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

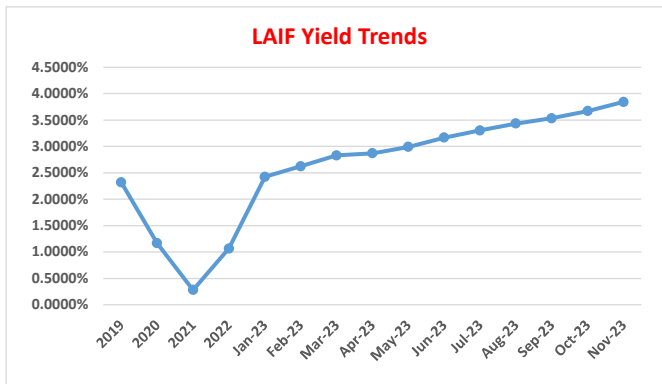
CASH BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2023		\$ 636,018
Increases:		
Member Assessments	79,858	
Interest Revenue	2,526	82,384
Decreases:		
Annual membership dues	\$ 84,199	
Consulting	33,469	
Rent & Facility Expense	4,010	
Meetings	458	
	<b>\$ 122,136</b>	
<b>Reimburse O&amp;M:</b>		
Current Month Payroll & Benefits	69,486	
Current Month Payroll & Benefits to O&M	(11,664)	
Administration Allocation	24,949	
Less Total Cash Disbursements		\$ 204,907
CASH BALANCE BEFORE INTERFUND ACTIVITY		\$ 513,496
Interfund transfer to O&M		-
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 513,496

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

CASH BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2023		\$ 132,923
Increases:		
Transfer from checking	-	
Interest Revenue	-	-
Decreases:		
Transfer to checking	-	
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 132,923
Balance ascribed to:		
O&M Fund	\$ 131,680	
General Member Fund	1,243	
	\$ 132,923	

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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%
Nov-23	3.8430%

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

CASH BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2023 \$ 59,040,995

Increases:

Transfer from checking	\$	-	
Interest Revenue		<u>263,073</u>	263,073

Decreases:

Transfer to checking		(4,800,000)	
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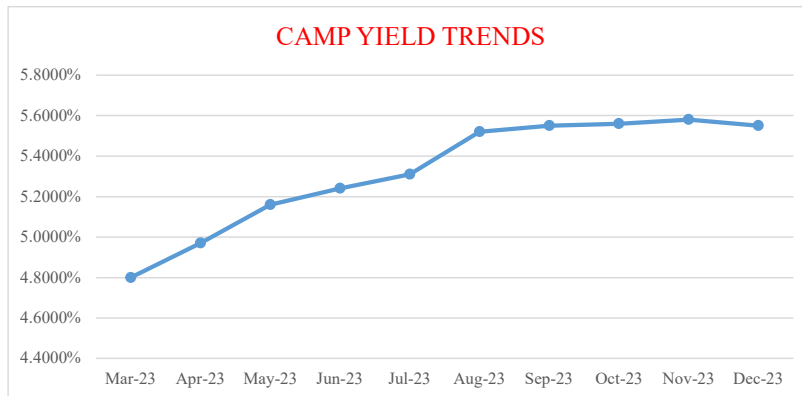
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 \$ 54,504,067

Balance ascribed to:

O&M Fund	\$	53,991,815	
General Member Fund		<u>512,252</u>	
		<u><u>\$ 54,504,067</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%
Nov-23	5.5800%
Dec-23	5.5500%

Reviewed by:

Edwin Roberts and Patricia Cruz

<b>Interest Revenue Summary</b>						
	<b>O&amp;M Interest Revenue</b>	<b>SLDMWA Interest Revenue</b>	<b>GM Interest Revenue</b>	<b>MRCCP Phase 1 Interest Revenue</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b><u>CAMP Interests</u></b>						
Oct-23	\$ 29,727.51	\$ 9,374.61	\$ 1,110.36	\$ 200,212.25	\$	240,424.73
Nov-23	\$ 33,274.39	\$ 12,152.68	\$ 2,793.36	\$ 214,451.28	\$	262,671.71
Dec-23	\$ 35,289.19	\$ 13,057.36	\$ 2,448.47	\$ 212,277.65	\$	263,072.67
<b>Subtotal-CAMP</b>	<b>\$ 98,291.09</b>	<b>\$ 34,584.65</b>	<b>\$ 6,352.19</b>	<b>\$ 626,941.18</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>766,169.11</b>
<b><u>LAIF Interests</u></b>						
Oct-23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Nov-23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Dec-23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
<b>Subtotal-LAIF</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>Bank Interests</u></b>						
Oct-23	\$ 10.33	\$ 3.26	\$ 0.39	\$ 69.58	\$	83.55
Nov-23	\$ 10.40	\$ 3.80	\$ 0.87	\$ 67.03	\$	82.10
Dec-23	\$ 21.42	\$ 7.92	\$ 1.49	\$ 128.81	\$	159.64
<b>Subtotal-Bank</b>	<b>\$ 42.15</b>	<b>\$ 14.98</b>	<b>\$ 2.75</b>	<b>\$ 265.42</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>325.29</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 98,333.24</b>	<b>\$ 34,599.63</b>	<b>\$ 6,354.94</b>	<b>\$ 627,206.60</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>766,494.40</b>

# FWA Revenue Presentation

FY 2024

Budget year: **25.0%** Completed

Operations & Maintenance	FY 2024 Budget	12/31/2023 Year to Date	Budget Remaining	Budget Spent %
<b>Revenue</b>				
Interest Income	-	725,501	(725,501)	
Miscellaneous Income	-	6,280	(6,280)	
Reverse Pumping Fee	-	-	-	
Conveyance Fees	-	330,575	(330,575)	
FKC System-Wide MOU	390,833	255,602	135,231	65.4%
O & M Revenue	12,441,625	3,110,406	9,331,219	25.0%
Water Supply Cord./Monitoring Revenue	-	60,136	(60,136)	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>12,832,458</b>	<b>4,488,500</b>	<b>8,343,958</b>	<b>35.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Total Operations	1,884,374	541,038	1,343,336	28.7%
Total Maintenance	7,653,829	1,874,781	5,779,048	24.5%
Administration Costs	2,311,992	591,147	1,720,846	25.6%
Special Projects	982,263	183,065	799,197	18.6%
<b>Total OM&amp;R Expenses</b>	<b>12,832,458</b>	<b>3,190,031</b>	<b>9,642,427</b>	<b>24.9%</b>

# FWA Budget Presentation

FY 2024

Budget year: **25.0%** Completed

Operations & Maintenance	FY 2024 Budget	12/31/2023 Year to Date	Budget Remaining	Budget Spent %
<b>Operations Dept</b>				
Employee Salaries/Pay	930,728	210,068	720,660	22.6%
Employee Benefits	471,067	109,524	361,543	23.3%
Supplies & Services	482,579	221,447	261,132	45.9%
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>1,884,374</b>	<b>541,038</b>	<b>1,343,336</b>	<b>28.7%</b>
<b>Maintenance Dept</b>				
Employee Salaries/Pay	2,968,749	778,664	2,190,085	26.2%
Employee Benefits	1,379,988	336,847	1,043,141	24.4%
Supplies & Services	3,305,092	759,270	2,545,822	23.0%
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>7,653,829</b>	<b>1,874,781</b>	<b>5,779,048</b>	<b>24.5%</b>
<b>Administration Costs</b>	2,482,449	625,013	1,857,436	25.2%
<b>Administration Costs allocated to GM</b>	(170,456)	(33,866)	(136,590)	19.9%
<b>Total Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>11,850,195</b>	<b>3,006,966</b>	<b>8,843,229</b>	<b>25.4%</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>				
Cost Recovery	-	-	-	
Spending	982,263	183,065	799,197	18.6%
<b>Total Special Projects</b>	<b>982,263</b>	<b>183,065</b>	<b>799,197</b>	<b>18.6%</b>
<b>Total OM&amp;R</b>	<b>12,832,458</b>	<b>3,190,031</b>	<b>9,642,427</b>	<b>24.9%</b>

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		Total				Labor				Materials			
		Annual Budget	YTD Actual	% Of Bud	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining		
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>													
1	Vehicle & Equipment Service	\$ 620,505	\$ 189,010	30.5%	\$ 431,495	\$ 192,525	\$ 60,668	31.5%	\$ 131,857	\$ 427,980	\$ 128,342	30.0%	\$ 299,639
2	Maintenance Supervision	437,869	119,000	27.2%	318,869	265,227	71,643	27.0%	193,584	172,642	47,358	27.4%	125,284
3	Right-of-Way Management	57,024	14,546	25.5%	42,478	57,024	14,546	25.5%	42,478	-	-	0.0%	-
4	Weed & Pest Control	984,850	146,470	14.9%	838,379	321,807	21,948	6.8%	299,859	663,043	124,523	18.8%	538,520
5	Implem Biol. Opinion	22,000	8,106	36.8%	13,894	-	-	0.0%	-	22,000	8,106	36.8%	13,894
6	Road Maintenance	67,702	17,378	25.7%	50,323	30,763	10,635	34.6%	20,128	36,939	6,744	18.3%	30,195
7	Yard & Building Maintenance	327,915	42,818	13.1%	285,097	151,600	16,159	10.7%	135,441	176,316	26,659	15.1%	149,656
8	Structure & Gate Maintenance	524,135	110,821	21.1%	413,314	352,577	78,463	22.3%	274,114	171,558	32,358	18.9%	139,200
9	Cleaning Right-of-Way	74,263	1,599	2.2%	72,664	74,263	1,599	2.2%	72,664	-	-	0.0%	-
10	Bargate & Guardrail Maint	45,531	3,422	7.5%	42,109	15,036	3,450	22.9%	11,587	30,495	(27)	-0.1%	30,522
11	Embankment Maintenance	73,446	8,680	11.8%	64,766	61,930	8,406	13.6%	53,524	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	336,584	38.7%	533,557	308,145	264,849	85.9%	43,296	561,996	71,735	12.8%	490,261
15	Drainditch & Channel Maint.	129,124	46,842	36.3%	82,281	79,516	46,842	58.9%	32,673	49,608	-	0.0%	49,608
16	Fence Maintenance	86,643	6,251	7.2%	80,393	63,071	6,043	9.6%	57,027	23,573	207	0.9%	23,366
17	Mudjacking	23,462	50,990	217.3%	(27,528)	21,404	-	0.0%	21,404	2,059	50,990	2477.0%	(48,931)
18	Painting	34,668	542	1.6%	34,126	21,209	245	1.2%	20,965	13,459	297	2.2%	13,161
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	10,423	19.0%	44,482	54,906	10,423	19.0%	44,482	-	-	0.0%	-
25	Water supply coordination & monitoring	632,215	156,398	24.7%	475,817	186,607	41,391	22.2%	145,216	445,608	115,007	25.8%	330,601
26	Legal Expense - Direct	101,500	10,575	10.4%	90,925	-	-	0.0%	-	101,500	10,575	10.4%	90,925
27	Safety & First Aid Training	33,663	7,633	22.7%	26,029	14,978	2,603	17.4%	12,375	18,684	5,030	26.9%	13,655
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	655	14.4%	3,902	4,557	655	14.4%	3,902	-	-	0.0%	-
30	Meetings	275,209	106,517	38.7%	154,956	73,839	42,261	57.2%	31,579	201,370	64,256	31.9%	137,113
31	Education & Training	46,443	2,443	5.3%	44,000	23,760	2,203	9.3%	21,557	22,683	240	1.1%	22,443
32	Procurement	20,826	4,395	21.1%	16,430	20,826	4,395	21.1%	16,430	-	-	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	336,847	24.4%	1,044,723	321,531	89,428	27.8%	232,103	1,058,457	245,837	23.2%	812,620
35	Personnel Administration	115,881	61,030	52.7%	54,852	115,881	61,030	52.7%	54,852	-	-	0.0%	-
36	Workers Comp. Insurance	82,980	19,398	23.4%	63,583	-	-	0.0%	-	82,980	19,398	23.4%	63,583
37	Utilities	101,219	28,672	28.3%	72,547	-	-	0.0%	-	101,219	28,672	28.3%	72,547
38	Dues & Subscriptions	9,795	238	2.4%	9,557	-	-	0.0%	-	9,795	238	2.4%	9,557
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	19,668	6.0%	305,591	-	-	0.0%	-	325,260	19,668	6.0%	305,591
42	Outside Service - DEID	-	1,928	0.0%	(1,928)	-	1,928	0.0%	(1,928)	-	-	0.0%	-
43	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES: MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>7,653,829</b>	<b>1,874,781</b>	<b>24.5%</b>	<b>5,779,048</b>	<b>2,968,749</b>	<b>868,092</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>2,100,656</b>	<b>4,685,080</b>	<b>1,006,688</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>3,678,392</b>

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<b>OPERATIONS</b>												
44 Vehicle & Equipment Service	\$ 2,000	\$ 553	27.63%	\$ 1,447	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 553	27.63%	\$ 1,447
45 Yard & Building Maintenance	62,374	21,791	34.94%	40,583	25,427	3,628	14.27%	21,799	36,947	18,163	49.16%	18,784
46 Structure & Gate Maintenance	219,196	205,134	93.58%	14,062	79,070	84,713	107.14%	(5,643)	140,126	120,421	85.94%	19,705
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 Drainditch & Channel Mtce - Desilting	-	(7,373)	0.00%	-	-	(7,373)	0.00%	7,373	-	-	0.00%	-
50 Sump Pump Maintenance	27,560	1,977	7.17%	25,583	-	-	0.00%	-	27,560	1,977	7.17%	25,583
51 Finance Charge	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-
52 C. & I. Maint (ESI Equipment)	280,991	7,860	2.80%	273,131	44,292	7,627	17.22%	36,666	236,698	233	0.10%	236,465
53 Meter Repair	125,702	61,902	49.24%	63,800	50,854	8,318	16.36%	42,537	74,848	53,584	71.59%	21,263
54 Canal Patrol	383,080	54,878	14.33%	328,202	382,423	54,878	14.35%	327,545	656	-	0.00%	656
55 Operations Reports	116,801	32,493	27.82%	84,308	116,472	32,493	27.90%	83,980	328	-	0.00%	328
56 Operations Supervision	89,601	20,055	22.38%	69,546	89,601	20,055	22.38%	69,546	-	-	0.00%	-
57 Water Measurement	3,937	6,095	154.80%	(2,158)	2,625	525	20.02%	2,099	1,312	5,569	424.37%	(4,257)
58 Safety & First Aid Training	3,500	1,425	40.73%	2,074	1,312	1,425	108.61%	(113)	2,187	-	0.00%	2,187
59 Meetings	9,187	2,994	32.59%	6,192	9,187	2,994	32.59%	6,192	-	-	0.00%	-
60 Education & Training	5,687	99	1.73%	5,589	1,312	-	0.00%	1,312	4,375	99	2.25%	4,276
61 Retirement, Health Ins, PR Taxes	343,572	75,477	22.0%	268,095	-	-	0.0%	-	343,572	75,477	22.0%	268,095
62 Employee Benefits	471,067	109,524	23.25%	361,543	127,496	34,047	26.70%	93,448	343,572	75,477	21.97%	268,095
63 Workers Comp. Insurance	36,505	7,627	20.89%	28,878	-	-	0.00%	-	36,505	7,627	20.89%	28,878
64 Utilities	35,832	7,978	22.27%	27,854	-	-	0.00%	-	35,832	7,978	22.27%	27,854
65 Vehicle & Equipment Acquisition	7,700	-	0.00%	7,700	-	-	0.00%	-	7,700	-	0.00%	7,700
66 Services for outside contracts - Kern-Tulare	-	6,019	0.00%	(6,019)	-	785	0.00%	(785)	-	5,235	0.00%	(5,235)
<b>67 TOTAL EXPENSES: WATER OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,884,374</b>	<b>\$ 541,038</b>	<b>28.7%</b>	<b>\$ 1,335,963</b>	<b>\$ 930,728</b>	<b>\$ 244,115</b>	<b>26.2%</b>	<b>\$ 686,613</b>	<b>\$ 953,646</b>	<b>\$ 296,923</b>	<b>31.1%</b>	<b>\$ 656,723</b>



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<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>												
68 Water supply coordination & monitoring	\$ 84,209	\$ 30,662	36.41%	\$ 53,547	\$ 74,855	\$ 27,777	37.11%	\$ 47,078	\$ 9,354	\$ 2,885	30.84%	\$ 6,469
69 Safety & First Aid Training	97,767	10,800	11.05%	86,968	7,844	2,291	29.20%	5,553	89,923	8,509	9.46%	81,414
70 Office Admin (Typing etc.)	120,704	28,588	23.68%	92,115	120,704	28,579	23.68%	92,124	-	9	0.00%	(9)
71 Payroll Preparation	17,216	4,798	27.87%	12,418	17,216	4,798	27.87%	12,418	-	-	0.00%	-
72 Meetings	73,497	8,689	11.82%	64,808	69,097	6,784	9.82%	62,313	4,400	1,905	43.31%	2,495
73 Education & Training	83,490	3,549	4.25%	79,941	25,691	1,556	6.06%	24,135	57,799	1,993	3.45%	55,806
74 Inventory & Property Mgt.	4,921	87	1.76%	4,834	4,921	87	1.76%	4,834	-	-	0.00%	-
75 Employee Benefits	501,787	126,052	25.12%	375,735	128,376	42,070	32.77%	86,305	373,412	83,982	22.49%	289,430
76 Data Processing	280,185	54,048	19.29%	226,137	48,949	17,595	35.95%	31,354	231,236	36,452	15.76%	194,784
77 Travel	42,067	2,290	5.44%	39,777	-	-	0.00%	-	42,067	2,290	5.44%	39,777
78 Accounting & Auditing	493,589	112,574	22.81%	381,016	393,716	112,264	28.51%	281,452	99,873	310	0.31%	99,563
79 Personnel Administration	104,417	23,001	22.03%	81,416	71,638	21,581	30.13%	50,057	32,779	1,420	4.33%	31,359
80 Liability Insurance	164,248	163,595	99.60%	653	-	-	0.00%	-	164,248	163,595	99.60%	653
81 Workers Compensation Insurance	3,655	731	19.99%	2,924	-	-	0.00%	-	3,655	731	19.99%	2,924
82 Finance Charge	-	35	0.00%	(35)	-	-	0.00%	-	-	35	0.00%	(35)
83 Utilities	72,307	20,567	28.44%	51,740	-	-	0.00%	-	72,307	20,567	28.44%	51,740
84 Office Supplies	29,288	12,040	41.11%	17,248	-	-	0.00%	-	29,288	12,040	41.11%	17,248
85 Postage	7,747	2,102	27.14%	5,645	-	-	0.00%	-	7,747	2,102	27.14%	5,645
86 Dues & Subscriptions	11,614	-	0.00%	11,614	-	-	0.00%	-	11,614	-	0.00%	11,614
87 Budget Preparation	21,918	384	1.75%	21,534	21,918	384	1.75%	21,534	-	-	0.00%	-
88 Lease office equipment	34,122	20,342	59.61%	13,780	-	-	0.00%	-	34,122	20,342	59.61%	13,780
89 Vehicle & Equipment Acquisition	233,701	-	0.00%	233,701	-	-	0.00%	-	233,701	-	0.00%	233,701
90 Admin Reimb - GM Fund - <b>see Note #1</b>	(170,456)	(33,866)	19.87%	(136,590)	-	-	0.00%	-	(170,456)	(33,866)	19.87%	(136,590)
<b>91 TOTAL EXPENSES: ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 2,311,992</b>	<b>\$ 591,147</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>\$ 1,720,846</b>	<b>\$ 984,923</b>	<b>\$ 265,766</b>	<b>27.0%</b>	<b>\$ 719,157</b>	<b>\$ 1,327,070</b>	<b>\$ 325,381</b>	<b>24.5%</b>	<b>\$ 1,001,689</b>

**Note #1**

O&M	95%	\$ 591,147
GM	5%	\$ 33,866
	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 625,013</u>

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<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>													
92	Subsidence - System Wide	150,518	8,207	5.5%	142,311	2,438	4,087	167.6%	(1,649)	148,081	4,121	2.8%	143,960
93	MRCCP Phase 1	(1,448)	-	0.0%	(1,448)	235,277	-	0.0%	235,277	(236,725)	-	0.0%	(236,725)
94	FKC System-wide Capacity Correction Project MOU	390,833	81,656	20.9%	309,177	-	9,039	0.0%	(9,039)	-	72,617	0.0%	(72,617)
95	GSA Engagement - East	298,220	55,823	18.7%	242,397	96,989	7,731	8.0%	89,259	201,231	48,092	23.9%	153,139
96	GSA Engagement - West	102,734	1,899	1.8%	100,835	36,646	1,899	5.2%	34,746	66,088	-	0.0%	66,088
97	Water Quality	41,404	31,442	75.9%	9,963	102,092	6,816	6.7%	95,276	(60,688)	24,626	-40.6%	(85,314)
98	Pump Back Project	-	4,037	0.0%	(4,037)	-	4,037	0.0%	(4,037)	-	-	0.0%	-
99	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES: SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$982,263</b>	<b>183,065</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>\$799,197</b>	<b>\$473,442</b>	<b>\$33,609</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>\$439,833</b>	<b>\$117,987</b>	<b>\$149,456</b>	<b>126.7%</b>	<b>(\$31,469)</b>

**CARRY OVER ITEMS FY 2023**

<b>SEE NOTE</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
100	CSO Operations Pickup	27,100	-	27,100
101	Crane/Boom Truck	198,138	-	198,138
102	Mechanic Service Bed	10,000	10,000	0
103	<b>TOTAL CARRY OVER ITEMS FY 2023</b>	<b>\$235,238</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$225,238</b>

BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT

	FY 2024 Approved Budget	FY 2024 Actuals	Surplus /(Shortage)	% of Budget YTD 25.00%
<b>Consultants</b>				
<b>General Counsel</b>				
<i>Burke, Williams &amp; Sorenson, LLC</i>	3,000	-	3,000	
<b>Special Counsel</b>				
<i>Water &amp; Power Law Group</i>	230,000	44,529	185,472	19.36%
<i>Burke, Williams &amp; Sorensen, LLC</i>	39,000	175	38,825	0.45%
<i>Somach, Simmons, &amp; Dunn</i>	136,750	27,105	109,645	19.82%
<i>Kaplan &amp; Kirsch</i>	260,000	-	260,000	
<i>CEQA Litigation (Stoel Rives)</i>	100,000	322	99,678	0.32%
<b>Special Counsel Subtotal</b>	<b>765,750</b>	<b>72,130</b>	<b>693,620</b>	<b>9.42%</b>
<b>Professional Support - Operations</b>				
<i>General Consulting - as needed (Bill Luce, Steve O. &amp; MBK)</i>	104,770	16,725	88,045	15.96%
<i>AECOM</i>	150,000	20,635	129,365	13.76%
<b>Professional Support - Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>254,770</b>	<b>37,360</b>	<b>217,410</b>	<b>14.66%</b>
<b>Professional Support - Communications &amp; Outreach</b>				
<i>Kan Ventures</i>	61,100	-	61,100	
<i>External Affairs - Federal (Ferguson Group)</i>	60,000	3,569	56,431	5.95%
<i>External Affairs - State (Villines)</i>	61,100	-	61,100	
<i>Media &amp; Materials - (Commuter Industries)</i>	30,000	-	30,000	
<i>Communication Activities</i>	36,000	1,425		3.96%
<b>Professional Support - Comm. &amp; Outreach Subtotal</b>	<b>248,200</b>	<b>4,994</b>	<b>208,631</b>	<b>2.01%</b>
<b>Consultants Subtotal</b>	<b>1,271,720</b>	<b>114,484</b>	<b>1,157,236</b>	<b>9.00%</b>
<b>Staff</b>				
Leadership	583,962	153,570	430,392	26.30%
<b>Staff Subtotal</b>	<b>583,962</b>	<b>153,570</b>	<b>430,392</b>	<b>26.30%</b>
<b>Other Activities</b>				
CDTFA - State Water Resources Control Board	85,000	82,499	2,501	97.06%
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	1,700	8,300	17.00%
<b>Dues &amp; Fees Subtotal</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>84,199</b>	<b>95,801</b>	<b>45.51%</b>
<b>Other Supplies &amp; Services</b>				
<i>Travel</i>	60,000	446	59,554	0.74%
<i>Hotel</i>	37,500	1,000	36,500	2.67%
<i>Meals</i>	45,000	361	44,639	0.80%
<i>Miscellaneous visa receipts</i>	10,000	268	9,732	2.68%
<i>Annual Meeting</i>	11,000	-		
<i>Promotional Items</i>	5,500	-		
<i>Meeting expenses -</i>	45,000	44,836	164	99.64%
<b>Other Supplies &amp; Services Subtotal</b>	<b>214,000</b>	<b>46,911</b>	<b>150,589</b>	<b>21.92%</b>
<b>Admin Allocation</b>	<b>170,456</b>	<b>33,866</b>	<b>136,590</b>	<b>19.87%</b>
<b>Direct Expenses (including rent, mileage)</b>				
<i>Mileage</i>	14,400	3,600	10,800	25.00%
<i>Rent</i>	24,360	6,015	18,345	24.69%
<i>Office Supplies</i>	5,000	-	5,000	
<b>Direct Expenses Subtotal</b>	<b>43,760</b>	<b>9,615</b>	<b>34,145</b>	<b>21.97%</b>
<b>Other Activities Subtotal</b>	<b>613,216</b>	<b>174,592</b>	<b>417,124</b>	<b>28.47%</b>
<b>Subtotal Base Budgets</b>	<b>2,468,898</b>	<b>442,646</b>	<b>2,004,752</b>	<b>17.93%</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>				
Regulatory Engagement & Advocacy	200,000		200,000	0.00%
<b>Total Special Projects</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Budgets</b>	<b>2,668,898</b>	<b>442,646</b>	<b>2,204,752</b>	<b>16.59%</b>

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

Sources of Funds	Federal Funding		FWA Spending Plan Funds		Friant Water Authority Funding				
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Expenditures to date			\$ (76,883,717)	\$ (37,091,273)	\$ (14,046,101)	\$ (11,000,000)	\$ (35,041,198)	\$ (480,815)	\$ (97,659,388)
Remaining Funding Available	\$ 41,900,000	\$ 208,100,000	\$ 2,234,283	\$ 12,810,978	-	-	\$ 31,990,802	\$ 1,347,453	\$ 46,149,233

Project Cost Category	Budget Estimate (2023)			Prior Period Expenditures (Cumulative)		December 31, 2023 Expenditures		Total Expenditures through December 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	\$ 6,567,225	\$ 13,804,037		\$ 4,540	\$ 6,567,225	\$ 13,808,577	\$ 137,379	\$ 1,468,184
Legal & Administration (Facilitating Services) & IT Services	\$ 51,251	\$ 863,646	\$ 914,897	\$ 888	\$ 593,222		\$ 5,360	\$ 888	\$ 598,582	\$ 50,363	\$ 265,063
Permitting, NEPA/CEQA, Cultural Resources, & Environmental Monitoring	\$ 822,997	\$ 501,908	\$ 1,324,905	\$ 695,867	\$ 101,908			\$ 695,867	\$ 101,908	\$ 127,130	\$ 400,000
Project Management	\$ 2,970,519	\$ 1,668,595	\$ 4,639,114	\$ 992,800	\$ 475,616		\$ 15,195	\$ 992,800	\$ 490,811	\$ 1,977,720	\$ 1,177,784
Construction Management	\$ 14,938,075	\$ -	\$ 14,938,075	\$ 8,298,787	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 8,298,787	\$ -	\$ 6,639,288	\$ -
Design & Specifications	\$ 729,148	\$ -	\$ 729,148	\$ 792,055	\$ -	\$ (424)		\$ 791,631	\$ -	\$ (62,483)	\$ -
Construction Support	\$ 22,890,288	\$ 12,102	\$ 22,902,390	\$ 11,487,858	\$ 15,776	\$ 9,446	\$ -	\$ 11,497,303	\$ 15,776	\$ 11,392,984	\$ (3,675)
Construction Contract & Contingency	\$ 95,182,187	\$ 141,465,439	\$ 236,647,626	\$ 153,785,944	\$ 75,118,000	\$ 6,668,604	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 160,454,548	\$ 79,118,000	\$ (65,272,361)	\$ 62,347,439
Total	\$ 163,314,183	\$ 163,314,183	\$ 326,628,366	\$ 201,646,536	\$ 93,634,293	\$ 6,677,626	\$ 4,025,095	\$ 208,324,162	\$ 97,659,388	\$ (45,009,978)	\$ 65,654,796
	<b>% Cost-Share</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>					<b>68%</b>	<b>32%</b>		

**Please Note:**  
**Actual cost-share percentages: 68% 32%**  
**The difference is due to timing of when the FWA Spending Plan Funds are being expended by BOR.**  
**Reclamation's complete December expenditures are not reflected on this report due to system issues, it will be adjusted on January's financial status report.**

## FWA Master List

### Key Vendors (Consultant/Legal/Misc)

Last Updated of Sept 19, 2023

Vendor Name	Type of Support	Principal Vendor POC	Key Support Activities
AECOM	Consultant	Brian Person	Support for San Joaquin River Restoration Program Activities
Bender, Rosenthal, and Inc.	Consultant	Lindy lee	Right of way acquisition & real property appraisal services in support of the Subsidence Correction Project.
Bill Luce Consulting	Consultant	Bill Luce	Represent FWA Restoration goal of the settlement of the litigation entitled NRDC, et al. v. Rogers et al. & implementation of the terms of the settlement occurring thru the SJRRP, San Joaquin River Restoration Program. As-needed support for CVP policy issues.
Burke Williams & Sorenson	General Counsel	Don Davis	General Counsel for FWA - direct support for Board, Subcommittee meetings, Brown Act compliance, reviews proposed contracts as to form, and various legal support for FWA operations on both O&M and GM activities. Legal support (environmental, land acquisition, etc.) for extraordinary maintenance / special projects, as needed.
CDM Smith, Inc	Consultant	Chris Park	Environmental compliance support for Reverse Flow Pump-Back Project EIS/R.
Commuter Industries	Graphic Design	Robert Maurer, Glen Warren	Website design and maintenance, branding, informational material design, newsletter, podcast support
Environmental Science Associates	Consultant	Cathy McEfee	Environmental compliance services for the Friant-Kern Canal (FKC) Water Quality Guidelines Program (Guidelines).
Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca	Facilitator	Jim Waldo	Facilitation services for MOU Negotiation
Hudson, Henderson, & Co.	Auditor	Brian Henderson	Annual Independent Financial Statement Audit services
Kan Ventures, Inc. DBA Ewell Group, Consultant	Consultant	Austin Ewell	Advocacy on behalf of FWA with local, State & Federal governmental relations, legislative affairs, management, operations & policy matters. Lead support of San Joaquin Valley Blueprint initiative.
Kaplan Kirsch	Special Counsel	Matt Adams	Special Counsel for BiOps litigation.
MBK Engineers	Consultant	Walter Bourez	Perform weekly tracking and reporting of current and projected water project operations; tracking precipitation forecasts, river flows, snow pack & runoff forecasts, reservoir storage levels, potential flood operations, in-basin usage, delta conditions, fish monitoring & salvage, and other water supply forecasts. In addition tracking regulatory requirements, operations agreements & fishery actions.
Ottomoeller Consulting	Consultant	Steve Ottomoeller	Represent FWA for Water Management Goal(s) of the settlement of the litigation, entitled NRDC, et al v. Rogers et al. as well as, implementation of terms of settlement of San Joaquin River Restoration Program. Supports weekly water supply outlook reporting, monitoring, and forecasting, as needed.

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Type of Support</b>	<b>Principal Vendor POC</b>	<b>Key Support Activities</b>
Provost & Pritchard	Architecture & Engineering Consultant	Alex Collins	(1) Engineering, design, and cost estimating support for the Reverse Flow Pump-Back Project. As-needed survey support for various other canal projects. (2) Engineering/Water Consulting Support for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Engagement - East-Side
Rego Consulting	IT Consultant	Jocelyn Bean	IT Consultant supporting FWA on developing PowerApps applications to streamline and make more efficient internal processes such as purchasing, payroll, etc.
Somach, Simmons, & Dunn	Special Counsel	Ali Stevens, Ramsey Kropf	Represent/advise FWA on water law, water rights, water supply, and related environmental and regulatory issues; track and monitor water rights proceedings as requested.
Stantec Consulting Services	Architecture & Engineering Consultant	Janet Atkinson, Bill Swanson, Jamil Ibrahim	(1) Engineering, Environmental Compliance, and Project Management support for various FWA initiatives including: design and cost-estimation; water quality modeling and policy support; economic modeling; and water resources tracking, reporting, and forecasting. Planning, design, and construction management services on behalf of the subsidence correction project. (2) Engineering/Design/Study support for the FKC Capacity Correction Project Phase 2+ Recon Study
Stoel Rives	Special Counsel	Tim Taylor	CEQA litigation related to State of CA's Incidental Take Permit for SWP operations.
The Ferguson Group	Lobbyist	Mark Limbaugh	Advocacy on behalf of FWA with Federal legislative & regulatory activities that may affect Friant Division interests, including repairing the Friant-Kern Canal and the quantity, quality, reliability & cost of Friant water supplies.
The Villines Group	Lobbyist	Mike Villines	Advocacy, monitoring, and strategic planning for State legislative affairs, including running bills and scheduling/holding meetings with Legislators, Gov's Office, and executive officials.
Water & Power Law Group	Special Counsel	John Bezdek	Special Counsel for FWA with legal services focused on Supply, Tracking, Policies, and Defense for Friant Supply, Delta Operations, and San Joaquin River Restoration Program.

**DATE:** January 19, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Chris Hickernell, General Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** Ratify Purchase of Experimental Chemical from UPL Open Ag Environmental Solutions.

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**SUMMARY:**

In the FY 2024 O&M Budget is a line item in the Weed and Pest category for an experimental chemical for the treatment of the invasive Western Milfoil in the unlined section of the Friant Kern Canal. By treating the unlined section during the canal outage, it is estimated to save approximately \$300K in chemical costs in lieu of treating flows during the FY 2024 water operational year.

Staff attempted to solicit bids from vendors to purchase 2,000 gallons of Endothall Aquatic Herbicide (Cascade), however only one vendor was able to provide the amount requested within the timeframe needed. Therefore, staff awarded the purchase to UPL Open Ag Environmental Solutions at a price of \$86.50 per gallon totaling \$188,137.50 after all applicable taxes and a 10% end-of-year discount.

Staff is requesting that the Board ratify this purchase. Staff did not obtain the bids for this purchase prior to the December Finance Committee and Board of Directors meeting. Because the optimal application of the experimental chemical requires reduced flows during dewatering, the purchase had to be made prior to the January 2024 Finance Committee and Board of Directors meetings.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION:**

At the January 16, 2024 meeting, the Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Directors ratify the purchase of Endothall Aquatic Herbicide (Cascade) from UPL Open Ag Environmental Solutions.

**SUGGETED MOTION:**

I move that the Board of Directors to ratify and approve the purchase of Endothall Aquatic Herbicide (Cascade) from UPL Open Ag Environmental Solutions.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

There is no adverse impact on the budget. The purchase price (\$188,137.50) is below the amount budgeted within the FY 2024 OM&R budget (\$230,000.00).

**DATE:** January 19, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Chris Hickernell, Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** Ratify the Purchase of Concrete from Builder’s Concrete

**SUMMARY:**

In the FY 2024 Friant O&M Budget, there is a major maintenance dewatering project to remove, repair and replace concrete canal panels in the Friant Kern Canal in various locations. Staff contacted multiple concrete suppliers to get competitive pricing for multiple project locations and only two of the four vendors contacted would supply or deliver in the locations needed. Of the four suppliers contacted (CEMEX, Builders Concrete, Cal-Portland, and Outback Materials), two concrete suppliers CalPortland and Builders Concrete were able to deliver and provided quotes (see below). Based upon the low bid, Builder’s Concrete was selected to deliver concrete needed for the South Section panel replacements for an estimated total of \$265,828.50.

<b>Summary of Quotes Received – Concrete Delivery for South Section Panels</b>			
CalPortland	Builder’s Concrete	CEMEX	Outback Materials
\$302,433.75	\$265,828.50	No Quote Submitted	No Quote Submitted

Staff is requesting that the Board ratify this purchase. Staff did not obtain the bid for this purchase prior to the December Finance Committee and Board of Directors meeting. Because the concrete is needed to support the time-sensitive dewatering activities, the purchase had to be made prior to the January 2024 Finance Committee and Board of Directors meetings.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION:**

At the January 16, 2024, meeting, the Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Directors ratify the purchase of concrete from Builder’s Concrete.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

I move that the Board of Directors to ratify and approve the purchase of concrete from Builder’s Concrete.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

It is not anticipated that there will be a significant adverse impact on the budget. The purchase price (\$265,828.50) for the concrete in support of the dewatering panel replacement in the South Section is less than the amount budgeted within the FY 2024 OM&R budget (\$287,086.00).



**DATE:** January 19, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Donald M. Davis, General Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** **Nomination for Vacancy on the Finance Committee**

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**SUMMARY:**

Eric Borba, who has been Porterville Irrigation District’s (PID) primary representative on the Board and who is also a member of the Finance Committee, advised staff that effective immediately he will no longer be serving as a PID representative on the FWA Board. PID’s alternate director, Brett McCowan, will become the primary PID Board representative. However, as appointments to FWA standing committees are associated with the individual and not the member agency, Mr. Borba’s departure leaves a vacancy of the Finance Committee until the expiration of his term at the end of 2024.

Section 5.2 of the FWA Bylaws provides for the following procedure for filling a vacancy on a standing committee:

*If any committee member resigns, or otherwise fails to complete the remainder of his or her term, the Chair of the Board will nominate candidate(s) to stand for election to serve out the remainder of that member’s term of office to be voted on at the next Board meeting. Nominations of additional candidates will be taken from the Board at the time of consideration of the appointment.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the Board Chair, with input from the Board, consider one or more individuals to nominate to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee for the remainder of this year. If the Board desires more time to consider potential nominees, the matter may be continued until the February Board meeting.



Begin Phase 1 Project

Avenue 136

LTRID

TPDWD

Porterville Municipal Airport

Avenue 128

Siphon 4

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SID

Avenue 120

Avenue 112

Siphon 5

Borrow Area

Avenue 104

DCTRA

Staging Area

SID

Deer Creek Check/Siphon

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TBID

Terra Bella

Terra Bella Avenue

Siphon 6

Siphon 7

Road 208

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SID

Avenue 95

Avenue 88

Siphon 8

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Avenue 80

Siphon 9

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SID

# FRIANT-KERN CANAL MIDDLE REACH CAPACITY CORRECTION PROJECT PHASE 1

Construction Progress Report: December 2023

Road 192

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DEID

Siphon 10

Avenue 64

End Phase 1 Project

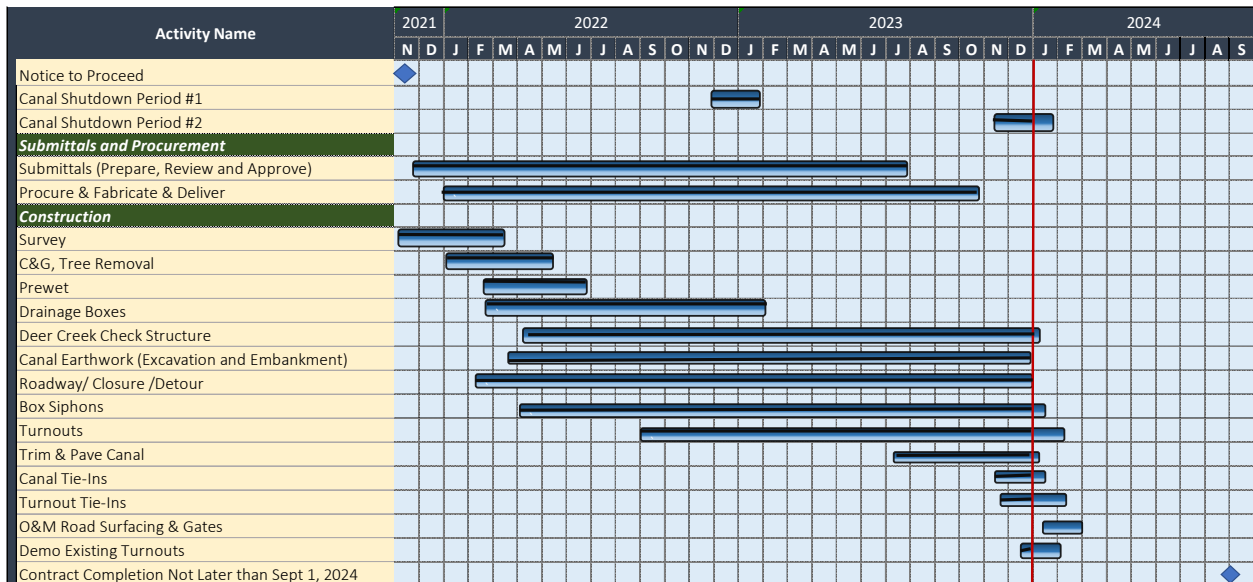


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# Summary of Work Accomplished

- Turnout work was conducted at all turnouts.
- Canal embankment was placed along the entire alignment, with work consisting of constructing embankment freeboard and placing structural backfill adjacent to siphons.
- Canal trimming and lining was conducted this month on canal right to about Road 192.
- At the Deer Creek check work continued to install the radial gates, and the Deer Creek channel was graded and riprap placed.
- At the Road 208 siphon, falsework was removed and structural backfill placed.
- At the Avenue 88 siphon, falsework and reinforcing bars for the deck sections was installed and concrete was poured to complete the siphon construction.
- At the Avenue 80 siphon, formwork and reinforcing bars were placed for deck sections and concrete was poured to complete the siphon construction.
- Road closures are in place for Terra Bella Avenue, Avenue 80 and 128, and Road 208.
- The canal outage period continued with work completed at the tie-ins.

# Schedule Progress



**Work completed through the end of December (based on cost) is approximately 92 percent of the modified contract amount, and the elapsed time represents approximately 76.5 percent of the total contract time.**

# Construction Narrative

The weather was clear and sunny with several rain days. Canal embankment was placed along the entire alignment. The work consisted primarily of constructing embankment freeboard and placing structural backfill adjacent to siphons. All segments of the embankment are now at approximately 99 % complete, with the remaining work being to complete the embankment freeboard. The canal trimming and lining operations continued this month. As of the first week of January, the canal trimming was completed on canal right to about Road 192; and the canal lining was completed on canal right to between Avenue 80 to Road 192. The machine trimming and paving operations continue to be conducted in the daytime hours. Hand paving lining was placed at various locations along the alignment.

At the Deer Creek check structure, the Contractor completed installing the radial gate arms, finished installing the gates, started installing the gate hoists, and started installing the stoplog guides. The Deer Creek channel was graded and riprap placed to protect the banks. At the Road 208 siphon, the Contractor completed removing the falsework and placed structural backfill. At the Avenue 88 siphon, falsework and reinforcing bars for the remaining deck sections was installed and concrete was poured. The Avenue 88 siphon was completed this month. At the Avenue 80 siphon, work included installing formwork and reinforcing bars for deck sections and pouring concrete. The Avenue 80 siphon was completed this month.

Turnout work continued at all turnouts. 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 and concrete was placed. Electrical and instrumentation work was conducted at the TBID, Casa Blanca, and DCTRA turnouts; and at Deer Creek. Work included installing conduits and ductbanks; pulling and testing cables; installing meters, transformer, and remote terminal units; and terminating wires to slide gates and panels. The canal outage period continued and outage-type work completed included excavation, grading, placing reinforcing bars, pouring concrete, and placing joint sealant at the north tie-in; excavation, grading, and placing reinforcing bars at the south tie-in; and completing irrigation district permanent pipe installations.

## 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 six change orders totaling \$897,773, with the largest change order for the bifurcation tie-ins.



# Construction Progress Photographs <sup>1</sup>



North Canal Tie-in Hand Paving



South Canal Tie-in Panel Placement in Progress

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<sup>1</sup> Photographs courtesy of Reclamation





Canal Trimming on Canal Right South of Avenue 80.



Canal Paving on Canal Right South of Avenue 80.





Deer Creek Looking Eastward With the Deer Creek Check Shown on the Left Side of the Photo..



Avenue 88 Siphon Formwork and Falsework Removal.





Avenue 80 Siphon Falsework Removal in Progress and Structural Backfill Partially Complete.



Terra Bella ID Weir Box and Outfall Pipe Installation.



# Progress Map



# Progress Map continued



# Financial Summary

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

Sources of Funds	Federal Funding		FWA Spending Plan Funds		Friant Water Authority Funding					Total FWA funds
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Project Cost Category	Budget Estimate (2023)			Prior Period Expenditures (Cumulative)		December 31, 2023 Expenditures		Total Expenditures through December 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	\$ 6,567,225	\$ 13,804,037		\$ 4,540	\$ 6,567,225	\$ 13,808,577	\$ 137,379	\$ 1,468,184
Legal & Administration (Facilitating Services) & IT Services	\$ 51,251	\$ 863,646	\$ 914,897	\$ 888	\$ 593,222		\$ 5,360	\$ 888	\$ 598,582	\$ 50,363	\$ 265,063
Permitting, NEPA/CEQA, Cultural Resources, & Environmental Monitoring	\$ 822,997	\$ 501,908	\$ 1,324,905	\$ 695,867	\$ 101,908			\$ 695,867	\$ 101,908	\$ 127,130	\$ 400,000
Project Management	\$ 2,970,519	\$ 1,668,595	\$ 4,639,114	\$ 992,800	\$ 475,616		\$ 15,195	\$ 992,800	\$ 490,811	\$ 1,977,720	\$ 1,177,784
Construction Management	\$ 14,938,075	\$ -	\$ 14,938,075	\$ 8,298,787	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 8,298,787	\$ -	\$ 6,639,288	\$ -
Design & Specifications	\$ 729,148	\$ -	\$ 729,148	\$ 792,055	\$ -	\$ (424)		\$ 791,631	\$ -	\$ (62,483)	\$ -
Construction Support	\$ 22,890,288	\$ 12,102	\$ 22,902,390	\$ 11,487,858	\$ 15,776	\$ 9,446	\$ -	\$ 11,497,303	\$ 15,776	\$ 11,392,984	\$ (3,675)
Construction Contract & Contingency	\$ 95,182,187	\$ 141,465,439	\$ 236,647,626	\$ 153,785,944	\$ 75,118,000	\$ 6,668,604	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 160,454,548	\$ 79,118,000	\$ (65,272,361)	\$ 62,347,439
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 163,314,183</b>	<b>\$ 163,314,183</b>	<b>\$ 326,628,366</b>	<b>\$ 201,646,536</b>	<b>\$ 93,634,293</b>	<b>\$ 6,677,626</b>	<b>\$ 4,025,095</b>	<b>\$ 208,324,162</b>	<b>\$ 97,659,388</b>	<b>\$ (45,009,978)</b>	<b>\$ 65,654,796</b>

% Cost-Share      50%      50%

68%      32%

**Please Note:**

**Actual cost-share percentages:      68%      32%**

**The difference is due to timing of when the FWA Spending Plan Funds are being expended by BOR.**

*Reclamation's complete December expenditures are not reflected on this report due to system issues, it will be adjusted on January's financial status report.*

**DATE:** January 19, 2024

**TO:** Board of Directors

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

**SUBJECT:** Water Operations Update

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**SUMMARY:**

December temperatures were generally above average across most of the State, while precipitation was about 50-75% of average for most of the State. January temperatures have trended much cooler, with some precipitation occurring. However, precipitation continues to remain below normal across most of the State, particularly the southern half of the State. Internal operational projections were developed to forecast operations through the end of summer. The projections generally show that the high carryover storage at most reservoirs will provide a sufficient cushion and some level of water supply for most water users and prevent any danger of a call on Friant this summer. Reclamation declared on January 10 that carryover of 2023 Friant Division Class 1 Friant is to be managed at 17% division-wide. Releases to upper sections of the Friant-Kern Canal began in the last week of the year concurrent with Milfoil treatment. It is anticipated that releases below Tule River will occur before the end of January.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Inflow Forecasts**

December precipitation in the San Joaquin watershed was approximately 35% of average and is currently about 40% of average for the water year. Temperatures during the fall and most of December were above average, which resulted in much of the precipitation that fell before the end of the year to occur as rain rather than snow. SWE in the San Joaquin watershed is currently ranges from 15% to about 45% of normal and about 10% to 20% of the April 1 value. Elsewhere across the State, water year precipitation currently ranges from 40% to 70% of average from south to north and SWE ranges from about 30% to 55% of normal. January temperatures have generally been below average and are expected to fluctuate between about 10 degrees below normal to 5-10 degrees above normal over about the next two weeks. Forecast models have struggled with climatic patterns and conditions this winter, with many forecasts changing wildly outside of the 5-day window. Over the next week/weekend, about 2-4 inches of precipitation is forecasted for the Upper San Joaquin watershed, with some models suggesting little to no precipitation in the subsequent week, and a potential dry period into February.

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. There is currently fairly good agreement between both the CNRFC and DWR forecasts. The current CNRFC forecast would result in a water year flow this is 90% of median (86% of average) for Shasta and 106% of median (80% of average) for Millerton.

**Table 1. Unimpaired Inflow Forecasts for WY 2024**

Item	Exceedance		
	90%	50%	10%
CNRFC Shasta Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) <sup>1</sup>	3,410	4,830	7,110
DWR Shasta Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) <sup>2</sup>	3,095	4,385	7,080
CNRFC Millerton Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) <sup>1</sup>	820	1,440	2,760
DWR Millerton Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) <sup>2</sup>	775	1,105	2,435

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> As of January 16.

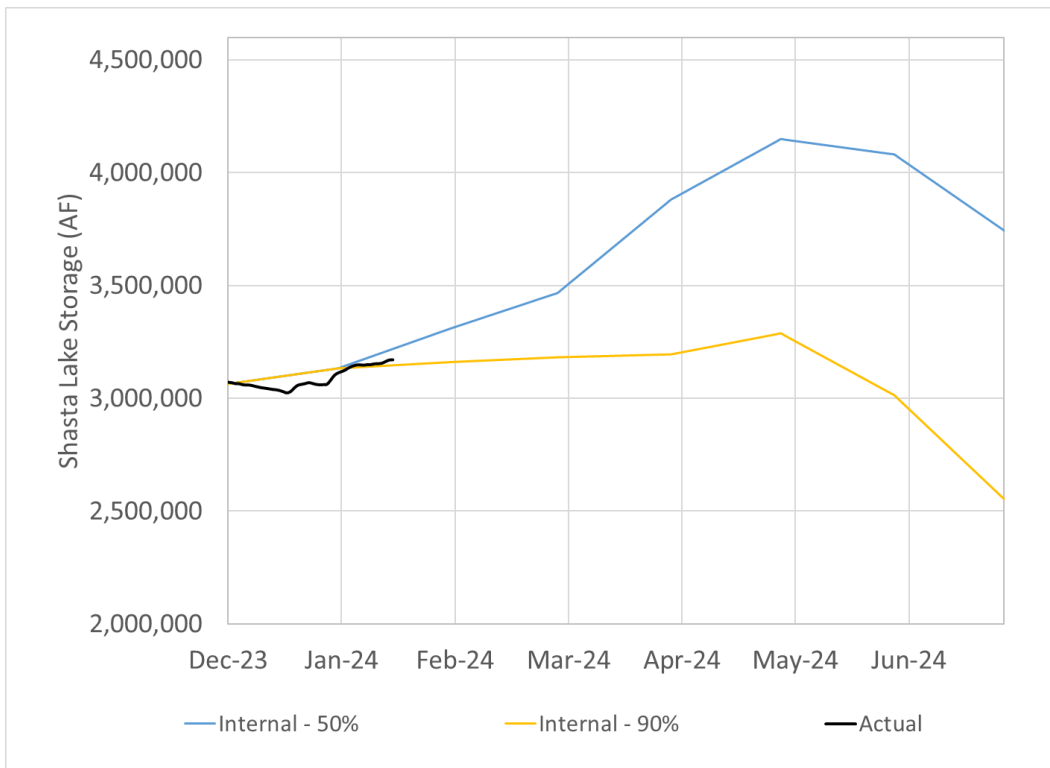
<sup>2</sup> As of January 1.

### North-of-Delta Operations

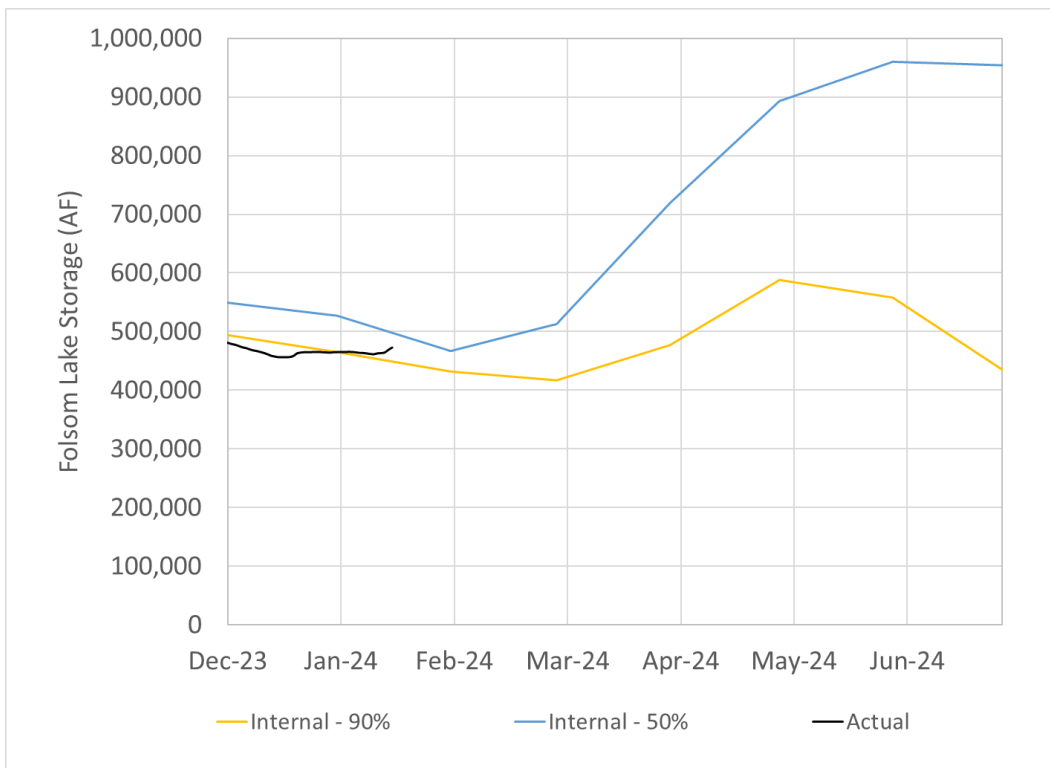
Overall Central Valley Project (CVP) North-of-Delta (NOD) reservoirs have been at their winter minimum flow releases, with storage levels based on the 15-year average at Trinity, Shasta, and Folsom at 101%, 122%, and 113% of average, respectively. The SWP released an initial Table A allocation of 10% for 2024. Initial CVP allocations for the 2024 contract year are expected on or around February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Internal forecasts have been prepared for the 90% and 50% exceedance levels based off the most recent CNRFC forecasted hydrology. Figures 1 and 2 show the projected Shasta Lake and Folsom Lake storage through June based off these projections, as compared to actuals to date. Both Shasta and Folsom storage are currently trending near the 90% forecast due to the relatively dry fall and winter. Under the 50% exceedance level, flood control releases would be needed at both Shasta and Folsom over the next few months and both reservoirs would approach or completely fill. Although not shown here, end of September storage at Shasta and Folsom are forecasted to be 1.77 MAF and 300 TAF under the 90% forecast, respectively.





**Figure 1. Shasta Lake Storage – January Internal Projections**

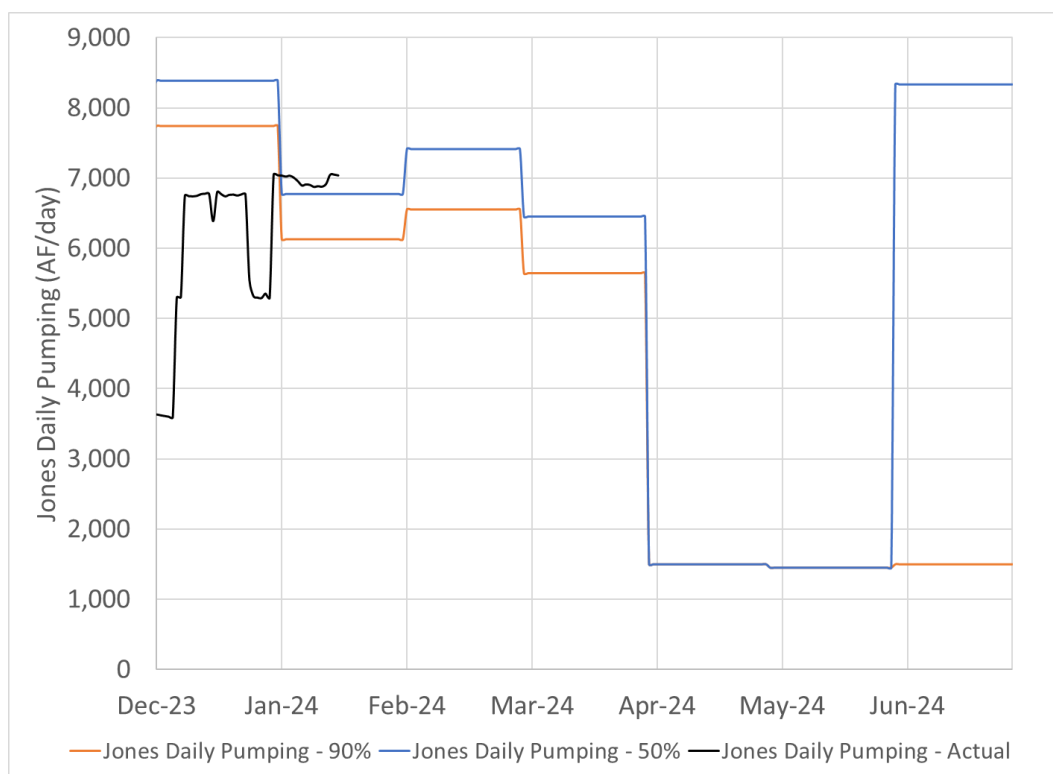


**Figure 2. Folsom Lake Storage – January Internal Projections**

## South-of-Delta Operations

### Delta Operations

For most of December, Jones was at a 4-unit operation outside of a brief drop to three units due maintenance around the end of the year. Jones exports have maintained a 4-unit operation during January and are currently expected to continue to do so for at least the next 10 days, as exports are currently OMR controlled and work is being performed to repair a transformer to enable a 5-unit operation. Figure 3 shows the projected daily Jones pumping through June as compared to actuals to date. Both projections show similar, but declining exports through March as CVP San Luis is filled. February and March Jones exports may end up lower than the levels shown here depending on whether any foregone pumping occurs relative to 2023 rescheduled water supply. Jones exports are currently expected to be limited to a one-unit operation for approximately a 6-week period from mid-April through late-May due transformer replacement at O’Neill pumping plant. Exports generally would be expected to be limited during this period due to in-Delta flow requirements, so the water supply cost is not expected to be significant. However, it will constrain SOD operations. Although the figure only shows through June, summer exports would largely be limited to one-unit under the 90% forecast versus mostly at capacity under the 50% forecast.



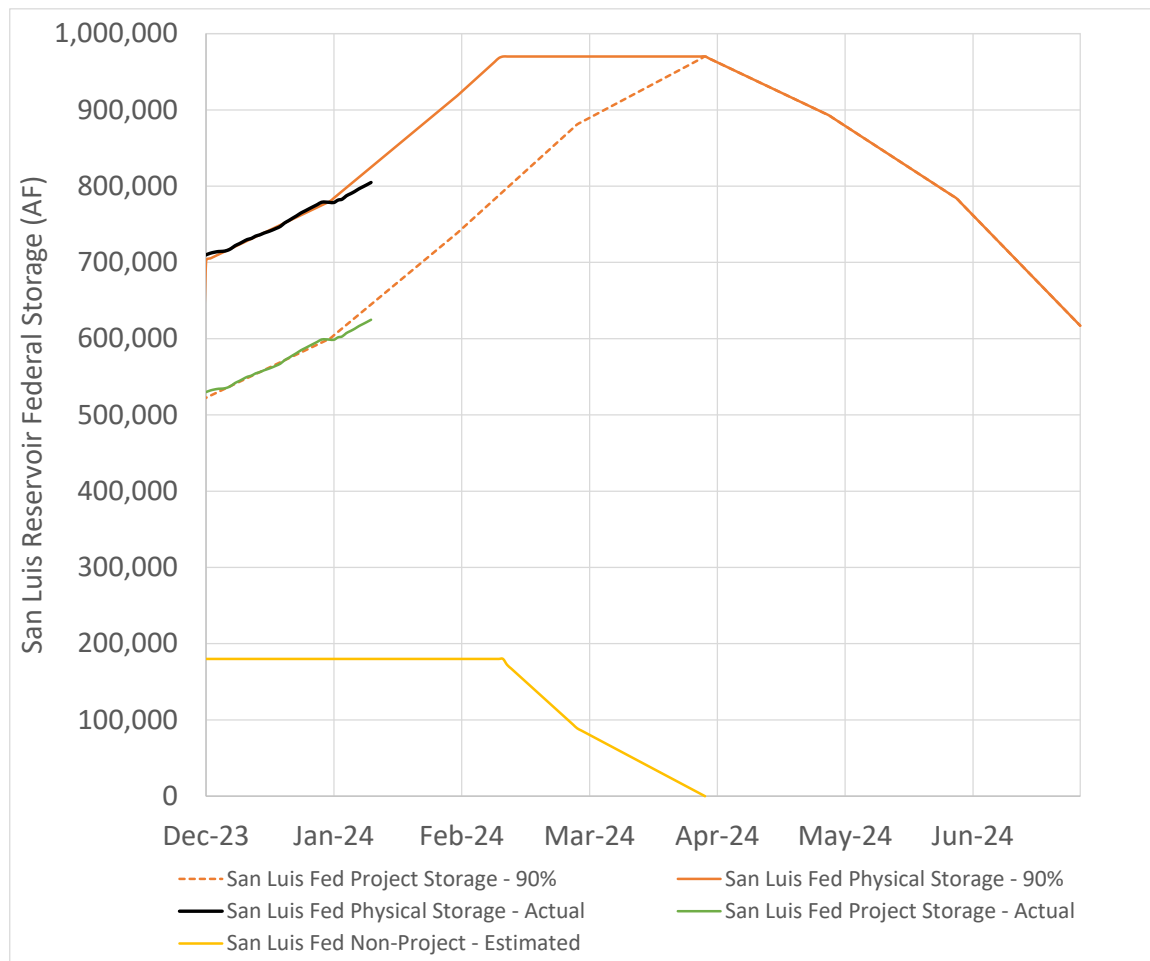
**Figure 3. Daily Jones Pumping – January Internal Projections**

### San Luis Operations

CVP San Luis storage is at 817 TAF—147% of its 15-year average. Storage began to increase in December as exports largely exceeded demands. Given the 100% CVP SOD Ag allocation and hydrologic conditions experienced during the spring and summer of 2023, current expectations are that the maximum or nearly

the maximum allowed volume of 2023 water supply will be rescheduled (180 TAF). Accordingly, it could be assumed that approximately 640 TAF of that is currently CVP SOD Project storage for the 2024 contract year. Figure 4 shows the internal 90% projection for CVP San Luis project and physical storage through June. Current storage is trending near the 90% forecast. CVP San Luis is expected to fill by the end of February, and any potential rescheduled supply will need to be evacuated prior to drawdown of CVP San Luis occurring. Although not shown here, the 50% exceedance project shows very similar conditions due to high antecedent CVP San Luis storage and the limited exports during April and May.

An additional internal analysis was completed which assumed an absolute worst-case scenario of Jones exports being limited to one unit from February through August due to hydrologic conditions. Such a scenario would very likely correspond to a Shasta critical year (reduced Exchange Contractor delivery) and would very likely also result in a 0% CVP SOD Ag allocation. Despite this worst-case hydrologic condition, sufficient supply would still be available from current CVP San Luis project storage to meet all Exchange Contractor demands and avoid a call on Friant.



**Figure 4. San Luis Federal Storage – January Internal Projections**



### *SOD Ag Allocation and Exchange Contractors*

Under the 90% forecast, Exchange Contractor deliveries would currently be limited as it would likely be a Shasta Critical year. With the reduced Exchange Contractor delivery, sufficient supply would be available to support some level of SOD Ag allocation. Conversely, should operations fall near the 90% forecast, but it is not a Shasta Critical year, sufficient supply is available to meet full Exchange Contractor demands although the SOD Ag allocation would be minimal. Under the 50% forecast, sufficient supply is available to meet full Exchange Contractor demands and support up to a 60% SOD Ag allocation.

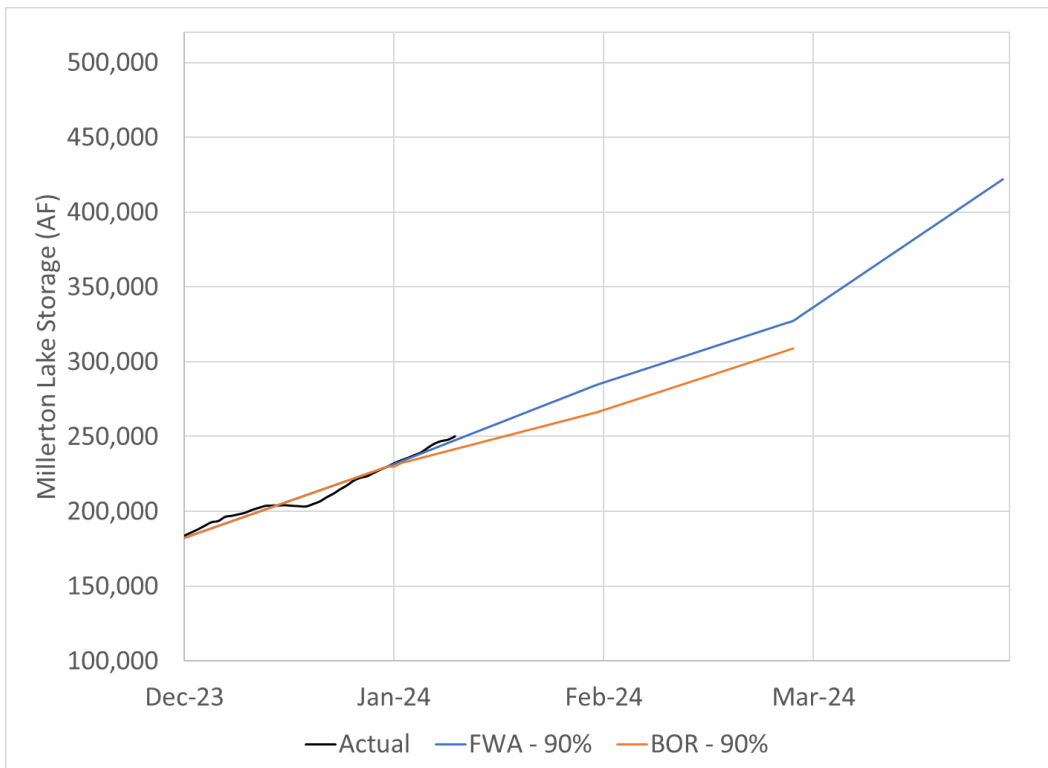
## **Friant Division**

### *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. Since January 1st, River releases from Friant Dam have held at 425 cfs to meet Holding Contract demands and Restoration Flows. Millerton storage continues to recover from the November low-point as inflows from recent storms and upper watershed reservoirs continue to exceed outflows.

Starting on October 22, 2023, per Reclamation's declaration, Millerton Lake operated under "Inflow Prorate" conditions due to decreasing and limited storage. Inflow Prorate conditions continued until mid-November, and it is estimated that 12 TAF of Class 1 water to both Madera and Friant-Kern Canals was cut. Due to Inflow Prorate in combination with the planned canal dewatering and other management challenges in Contract Year 2023. Due to these unique circumstances and in coordinate with FWA, Reclamation's SCCAO announced that a Friant Division wide 17% Class 1 carryover (12% after April 30th) was approved, with individual district carryover ranging from 0 to 37%. FWA staff will coordinate with district GMs to manage the total carryover volume. Increased carryover will allow Friant Contractors to maximize beneficial use of Contract Year 2023 allocated supply and provide some management flexibility as we enter the new contract year.

Internal modeling of Millerton Lake which reflects recent CNRFC 90% forecasts shows a Millerton end-of-February storage of 327.4 TAF. Current forecasts of Water Year 2024 indicate that San Joaquin River unimpaired runoff will be approximately 1.2 MAF, suggesting a normal-dry San Joaquin River Restoration Year Type. Considering forecasted unimpaired flow and Class 1 carryover, internal modeling currently indicates an approximate 60-70% Class 1 allocation for Contract Year 2024. This is highly dependent on actual, observed runoff and upper watershed storage management. Staff will continue to coordinate with Reclamation to better refine forecast assumptions as we anticipate an initial allocation for the Friant Division. The first Airborne Snow Observatory flight will likely be the week of January 22 (weather permitting). Unfortunately, due to State budget constraints, the upper San Joaquin watershed may be reduced to 3 flights (2 by DWR, and 1 by FWA) although these discussions are still active.



**Figure 5. Millerton Storage – January Reclamation and Internal Projections**

The FKC dewatering and maintenance is planned to conclude on January 25th, with some districts in the upper reaches of the FKC able to take water prior to that date. Due to schedule delays, a planned bifurcation will be constructed to partially open the new middle reach canal. Middle Reach construction is anticipated to continue until April, at which time the bifurcation will be removed and the permanent canal configuration will be constructed and the new, parallel canal will be fully commissioned. FWA is actively monitoring and coordinating with contractors regarding potential water quality concerns as flows are being reintroduced and during future construction of the bifurcation.

*San Joaquin River Restoration Allocation*

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, the RA submitted an amendment to the November recommendation to delay some releases into February to allow more flexibility to operate through drier conditions. Approximately 34 TAF of restoration flows remain available to be released through the end of February. Work at Mendota Pool was completed successfully and on schedule, with all work and alternative flows occurring as scheduled. Approximately 250 cfs of Restoration flows are currently scheduled to be at Gravelly Ford through the end of January. Total Restoration flows at Gravelly Ford were 251 cfs on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The initial Restoration allocation for 2024/25 is expected to be released on or about January 19<sup>th</sup>.

*San Joaquin River Restoration Recapture*

PID is currently recapturing at about 35 cfs and December recaptured 1,443 AF. BCID is currently unable to recapture due to maintenance and capacity issues at their facility. BCID is unlikely to resume recapture until February at the earliest.

## AGENDA REPORT

## AGENDA NO. 4.C.

**DATE:** January 19, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Johnny Amaral, Chief of External Affairs and Mike Villines, Villines Group, LLC  
**SUBJECT:** External Affairs Update

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### **SUMMARY:**

Update on State and Federal affairs and communications activities.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None; informational only.

### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

None; informational only.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **STATE AFFAIRS**

Sacramento is very busy in January, especially in the second year of a two-year session. All two year bills, which are bills that did not pass last year and were held, are allowed to have the month of January to pass again. California is the only state in the nation to do this. So, the practical effect is that several hundred bills are receiving hearings in January and must be dispensed with by January 31st. We are watching all bills closely, but generally speaking, these bills have an uphill climb since they didn't have the votes to pass last year. Unless amendments and negotiations have occurred in the off-season, these bills don't have a high passage rate.

We also have new bill introductions that started in December and run through February 16th. These bills will constitute the new bills for the rest of 2024. Ironically, any bill that did not pass last session and was held, that then received another hearing this January and did not pass again, could be simply amended slightly, and introduced as a "new" bill for the 2024 session.

#### ***Legislation of Note***

Currently we are closely watching two legislative vehicles in addition to all bill introductions.

SB 366 (Caballero) is the "Water for All Act" and it is still moving through the process since last year. The sponsor, California Municipal Utilities Association, has built an impressive statewide coalition. This is the

first significant rewrite to the California Water Code in Decades. We anticipate amendments to be drafted soon as this bill starts to move in the spring.

SB 867 (Allen) is the “Drought, Flood and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Bio-diversity and Nature Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024” (yes, that is the literal title). This is a proposed \$5.2 billion dollar bond that the Legislature wants to negotiate and pass but the Governor has quietly said he thinks it is too big. This will be a big Bond to be negotiated by June so that it can go on the 2024 ballot. We are watching closely.

### ***Budget***

The big item in January is the Governor’s budget roll-out. This year was especially anticipated because the Governor has to deal with a significant budget deficit. In compliance with his constitutional obligation the Governor released his 2024-2025 “balanced budget” on January 10th. This is the first of a multi-step process that will occur between now and June. Over the next few months, the budget will be broken into budget subcommittees and discussed. Legislators may wish to advance different spending priorities than the Governor, and we will learn more about those in this period. In May the Governor releases the “May Revise” version of his January budget. This considers updated revenue and spending estimates (including, most notably, April state personal income tax receipts). Depending on these figures, funding to various programs might be adjusted up or down. The budget is constitutionally required to be approved by the Legislature by June 15th, is signed by the Governor soon after, and takes effect July 1, 2024.

### ***Budget overview***

The overall budget is \$291.5 billion, with \$208 billion of that coming from the General Fund. California enters this year with a \$37.9 billion budget shortfall, a stark contrast to the \$90 billion budget surplus California received just last year. It should be noted that the LAO believes the deficit to be much higher.

Appropriately, the Governor blamed income tax volatility as the reason for the decline in state revenue. Capital gains revenue is a big reason for this: California is only one of a handful of states that taxes these at the same rate as personal income, or 14.3 percent. As a result of economic declines, the capital gains rate fell from a record of 11.3% in 2021 down to about five percent today. Currently, the top one percent of income earners pay at least half of all the personal income taxes (roughly \$114 billion) received by the state.

Governor Newsom was clear that the budget would include no new taxes. Rather, the shortfall will be made up by a combination of budget reserves, borrowing, delays, deferrals, belt tightening and fund shifts. Specifically:

- A third of the budget solution (\$13.1 billion) involves taking money from California’s budget reserve or rainy day fund. Any year where California experiences a budget surplus, ten percent of all revenues are required by the state constitution to go into the rainy day fund to offset economic downturns. Because of increased capital gains taxes in the years following the COVID pandemic, California had a record \$38 billion dollar budget reserve entering this year.

- There are \$8.5 billion of spending reductions, including \$3 billion in climate programs. However, most of this specific reduction will be made up by increased funding from the federal government.
- Delays, fund shifts, and deferrals total another \$10 billion, essentially kicking the can down the road in the hope that the economic outlook improves.

We are concerned that the budgetary shortfall could last more than one year. If that occurs, we are heartened by the fact that over \$20 billion remains in the rainy day fund reserve. However, the solutions presented represent ‘low hanging fruit.’ These are the easy solutions. If budget deficits persist, future spending cut discussions will be much more difficult.

### *Water/Resource/Environmental bills*

The 2021 and 2022 Budget Acts committed a historic \$8.7 billion over multiple years to support drought resilience. This budget retains \$7.3 billion of these investments, while also adding and cutting some funding. These changes are as follows:

- Watershed Climate Resilience — A reversion of \$88.4 million General Fund and a reduction of \$350 million over the next two years for various watershed climate resilience programs within the Department of Water Resources and the Wildlife Conservation Board. The budget maintains \$56 million previously allocated to these programs.
- Recycled Water — A reversion of \$174.4 million in General Fund and a delay of \$100 million until 2025-'26 for water recycling and groundwater cleanup. The budget maintains \$348 million previously allocated to this program.
- PFAS — A reversion of \$71.6 million General Fund and reduction of \$30 million in 2024-'25 for per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) support. The budget maintains \$53 million previously allocated to this program.
- Dam Safety — A reversion of \$50 million General Fund for dam safety investments. The budget maintains \$50 million previously allocated to this program.
- Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) — A reduction of \$6.75 million General Fund ongoing for Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations for runoff forecasting. The budget maintains \$10 million ongoing in baseline support for the program.

### **FEDERAL AFFAIRS**

After the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, both chambers were back in session on Tuesday. On Saturday, lawmakers agreed to a new two-tiered funding stopgap bill with only a few days remaining before a partial federal government shutdown is set to occur. On Friday at midnight, in the absence of enactment of a new CR, the government would face a partial shutdown for multiple agencies, including the Departments of Agriculture, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.

House and Senate leaders from both parties released the text of the Further Additional Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (H.R. 2872) which would extend enacted FY23 funding levels for federal agencies in the Agriculture-FDA, Energy & Water, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, and Transportation-HUD Appropriations bills from January 19 to Friday, March 1. The remaining federal funding for the other eight appropriations bills would provide government funding from February 2 to Friday, March 8. A short-term partial shutdown is still possible if lawmakers object to fast-tracking the CR through both chambers in the days leading up to January 19. As Congress works to pass a CR this week, House and Senate Appropriators are working to negotiate final versions of all 12 full FY24 appropriations bills. However, they are still awaiting 302(b) allocations for each of the 12 bills. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) announced he will place the legislation on the Senate floor today for an initial procedural vote.

Last week, House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) received pushback from hardline conservatives in the House Republican Conference on his decision to renegotiate the FY24 topline number deal. Members of the House Freedom Caucus pushed for the Speaker, who is attempting to thread the needle with his party and its slim majority, to alter the agreed-upon topline numbers of \$1.659 trillion. Still, Speaker Johnson said, "Our top line agreement remains." The agreement of a short-term CR places emphasis on lawmakers finalizing FY24 government funding prior to April, since FY24 funding would receive automatic one-percent across-the-board-cuts as stipulated by the 2023 Financial Responsibility Act. Today, President Joe Biden invited Congressional leaders to the White House to discuss immigration and Ukraine aid on Wednesday. Negotiators will attempt to reach an agreement on military aid for Ukraine in exchange for increased border security funding. The House Speaker is sure to push for the inclusion of the House-passed border legislation, Secure the Border Act of 2023 (H.R. 2), a hard sell for Democrats.

Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and House Ways and Means Committee Chair Jason Smith (R-Mo.) recently announced their Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024. The agreement includes a deal to expand the Child Tax Credit and undo three restrictions on tax breaks for businesses. The \$80 billion deal also includes a provision to expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, raising the credit's ceiling from 9 percent to 12.5 percent through 2025.

The House will consider six bills under suspension of the rules. The House is scheduled to vote on the Pregnant Students' Rights Act (H.R. 6914), which requires institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students; the Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act (H.R. 6918), which prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services from restricting funding for pregnancy centers; and a resolution (H. Res. 957) denouncing the Biden Administration's "open-borders policies, condemning the national security and public safety crisis along the southwest border, and urging President Biden to end his administration's open-borders policies." The Senate will vote on S.Res.504, which requests information on Israel's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

For the remainder of the week, the House will hold several hearings, including: a House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearing titled "The State of Transportation;" a House Small Business Committee hearing titled "Unleashing Main Street's Potential: Examining Avenues to Capital Access;" an Oversight and Accountability Committee hearing titled "The Next Generation: Empowering American Nuclear Energy." The Senate will also hold various hearings, including a Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hearing on "Addressing Long COVID: Advancing Research and Improving Patient

Care;” and a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on “Five Years of the First Step Act: Reimagining Rehabilitation and Protecting Public Safety.” The Joint Economic Committee will hold a hearing on “Rebuilding the American Dream: Policy Approaches to Increasing the Supply of Affordable Housing.”

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Family Farm Alliance Executive Director’s Report





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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** DAN KEPPEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** UPDATE REPORT  
**DATE:** JANUARY 17, 2024

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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 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. Department of the Interior (DOI)

##### a. Increased Emphasis on “Nature-Based Solutions”

The Biden Administration’s DOI last month at the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) in Dubai announced new steps to utilize “nature-based solutions” (NbS) in its efforts to tackle the climate crisis, including the launch of a new tool to make those strategies more accessible to the public. NbS use or mimic natural features or processes to improve biodiversity, strengthen resilience for disaster and hazard-risk management, support climate adaptation, and address carbon management to offset greenhouse gas emissions, while also benefiting both people and nature. These can include green infrastructure, natural infrastructure, and natural climate solutions. In partnership with Duke University’s Nicholas Institute for Energy, Environment & Sustainability, DOI released its [Nature-based Solutions Roadmap](#), an online tool that will provide the Department, and the public at large, guidance on the implementation of NbS. The Roadmap includes

implementation strategies, project planning resources, and successful example projects throughout the United States.

*i. New DOI Policy*

DOI also announced a [new policy](#) intended to strengthen the Department’s ability to meet its mission in the face of a changing climate by prioritizing NbS across bureaus and offices. The policy will provide land managers and decision makers with guidance on using NbS climate solutions, and will center collaborative partnerships, equity, environmental justice, and the use of the best available evidence. DOI is prioritizing high return NbS investments that “connect lands and waters, promote cross-bureau collaboration, and leverage partnerships”. DOI’s Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) last month also announced more than \$51 million in WaterSMART funding for 18 rivers and watershed projects in California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. Selected project activities include NbS like floodplain expansion and connection, fish passage development, and habitat repair.

*ii. NbS Opportunities in the Colorado River Basin*

A few of us in the past year have been interviewed by the Meridian Institute about challenges and opportunities associated with implementing and scaling NbS on public lands in the Colorado River Basin. Now, based on the input received through that interview process, Meridian Institute is hosting a series of virtual engagements in early March 2024 with support from the Walton Family Foundation focusing on key topics that emerged from conversations with Federal and State agency staff, non-profit organizations, public water utilities, researchers, landowners, consultants, and others involved in NbS implementation on public lands. As reported to you last year, I emphasized to Meridian that the best opportunities are to, wherever possible, work with ranchers who have permits with the Forest Service / BLM to ensure their interests are addressed. Water users will want to see positive outcomes – better water quantity (watershed yield), water quality, flood control, aquifer recharge, and / or biodiversity. Success should not be measured in terms of dollars spent. Good ‘management’ does not equate to land acquisition that changes the use of the land.

**2. DOI, Bureau of Reclamation**

**a. PEC 05-03**

Last month the Alliance and National Water Resources Association (NWRA) co-signed and transmitted a letter to Reclamation regarding concerns we have on recent changes Reclamation has made to a draft Directive and Standard (D&S), Funding and Extended Repayment of Extraordinary Maintenance Costs (PEC 05-03). The Alliance and 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.

Last month, we finalized the letter and transmitted it to Reclamation; I shared a copy of that with you. I also talked with Reclamation Deputy Commissioner David Palumbo, who we have previously discussed this matter with. He told me that Reclamation will grant an extension of the comment deadline and that Reclamation will slow down the process of finalizing and adopting the proposal.

b. Implementation of Reclamation Financial Assistance Programs

Nearly one year ago, the Alliance -working with Idaho Water Users Association and Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District – met with leaders from Reclamation regarding ongoing efforts to improve the customer experience for entities receiving financial assistance from Reclamation. The basis for our meeting was our letter of February 2, 2023, which formalized concerns we had with Reclamation administration of BIL funds, notably those related to WaterSMART. Since that time, we have exchanged written correspondence and met personally in late February, April, October, and informally during the recent Colorado River Water Users Association event in Las Vegas.

As discussed during our meetings on April 18 and October 12, Reclamation established a small team to conduct a review to identify opportunities for efficiency improvements in Reclamation’s WaterSMART and related financial assistance programs. The review team is comprised of a cross-section of Reclamation leaders from across the west. The team focused specifically on three areas for WaterSMART Program and financial assistance improvement opportunities: 1) Communication; 2) Process; and 3) Staffing.

Reclamation last week responded to the Alliance with a formal letter outlining from a high level, the team’s major recommendations and the status of implementation. We’ll send out an “Issue Alert” to our membership that includes a link to this letter later this week. If you are interested in seeing the letter before then, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I can email you a copy.

**3. DOI, USFWS: Western Pond Turtle Listing**

Last month, we helped organize a coalition letter to the USFWS regarding its proposal to designate the northwestern pond turtle and the southwestern pond turtle as “threatened species” under the ESA and establish regulatory proscriptions under section 4(d) of the ESA. The northwestern pond turtle is a species from Washington, Oregon, Nevada, and northern and central California, and the southwestern pond turtle is found from central and southern California and Baja California, Mexico. We transmitted the final letter to USFWS last month. Paul Simmons at Klamath Water Users Association did the heavy lifting on this one. The Alliance’s role was to try to get enough organizations signed on to demonstrate regional concern over this proposal. Ultimately, 13 organizations signed on, including Alliance members from four states. The state Farm Bureaus from California, Oregon and Washington signed on, as did the California Cattlemen and Western Washington Agricultural Association. There is nothing good that can come out of this proposed listing. This originates from a petition to list filed by the ANTI-AG, litigious Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), the source of countless lawsuits that have hurt many of our members.

#### **4. U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

##### **a. Radhika Fox Departs Office of Water**

After serving three years at EPA, yesterday Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water Radhika Fox announced that she will depart the agency at the end of February 2024. Appointed by President Biden and confirmed with bipartisan support by the U.S. Senate, Assistant Administrator Fox spearheaded EPA’s effort to implement billions of dollars of funding to tackle water pollution from lead and PFAS. Assistant Administrator Fox is the first woman of color and the first person of Asian American descent to lead EPA’s Office of Water. We have an excellent working relationship with Radhika, who we formally supported during her Senate confirmation process. She had originally committed to speak at our annual conference in February, but over the holidays notified us that she could not. Now we know why. Radhika’s likely interim replacement, Bruno Pigott (Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Office of Water) will now be our luncheon keynote speaker on February 22.

##### **b. Proposed *Maui* Guidance**

The Alliance in December submitted brief, focused comments on draft guidance released last year by EPA that some fear would place an unprecedented burden on regulated entities that may have a groundwater discharge to surface waters. These new challenges would include “new expectations of technical due diligence for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit applications, greater scrutiny of these newly needed and costly technical evaluations, and aggressive compliance and enforcement efforts by EPA,” according to a recent article published in the December 5, 2023 edition of the *National Law Review*.

EPA’s draft guidance essentially toughens a Trump-era measure implementing the Supreme Court’s 2020 decision requiring Clean Water Act (CWA) permits for some groundwater releases. The guidance implements the Supreme Court’s ruling in *County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund* on Oct. 30. Once final, the new guidance could help shape what factors EPA and state permitting authorities must consider when deciding whether discharges into groundwater that will make their way into navigable waters require NPDES permits.

##### **c. Alliance Letter to EPA**

There’s a lot that could be said about the new draft guidance, but we decided to keep our focus on what matters most to irrigated agriculture. We urged EPA to provide additional clarity to the draft guidance emphasizing that existing exemptions from the NPDES permit requirement are not negated or otherwise impacted by the *Maui* decision. This approach was consistent with how we addressed the Trump guidance and was similar to the message delivered to EPA at a public forum on this matter in June 2021. Our final letter to EPA in December also reflects this philosophy.

d. 5th Circuit Strictly Interprets *Sackett* Directive over WOTUS Definition

Meanwhile, a federal appeals court has dismissed federal regulators' attempts to subject a Louisiana landowner's property to CWA permitting requirements, marking the end of a decade-long dispute over the jurisdiction of "Waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) under the CWA. Federal 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Edith Jones's opinion, aligning with the high court's *Sackett v. EPA* decision, determined that Garry Lewis's property lacks the necessary "continuous surface connection" between wetlands and significant bodies of water required for federal CWA jurisdiction. The panel, comprising judges appointed by presidents Obama, Trump, and Reagan, vacated a previous district court's judgment, and instructed a ruling in favor of Lewis, emphasizing the clear absence of a connection between the property's wetlands and any permanent water bodies. Some legal experts believe this decision is a shift away from deference to EPA interpretations, signaling potential challenges to the agency's expanded WOTUS rule and predicting continued judicial reliance on the *Sackett* precedent to define the scope of CWA jurisdiction.

## **DEVELOPMENTS IN CONGRESS**

Mark Limbaugh reports that the U.S. Senate has proposed creating a new continuing resolution (CR) to extend federal government funding through March 1 for select federal agencies and programs, and through March 8 for others. The first deadline applies to agencies covered by four appropriations bills (including Energy and Water), while the remaining spending bills would be extended through March 8. This CR continues the "laddered" approach that Mark discussed on Friday's call. It is supported by the Speaker and would maintain FY 2023 funding levels to prevent a shutdown after the current CR expires on January 19 and February 2. The CR provides additional time for negotiations on agency funding levels, as a deal has yet to be reached on the 12 individual funding bills.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) continues to support his earlier spending cap agreement with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), resisting pressure from GOP conservatives for deeper cuts in spending. The stopgap measure does not include supplemental funding requested by the Biden Administration for domestic disasters and foreign wars but would generally include the conditions on funding and the "anomalies" that adjust underlying amounts extended in the CR for specified activities. If at least 60 senators agree, the Senate will initiate cloture where there could be up to 30 hours of debate before a vote can be taken. House Republicans anticipate considering the Senate-amended measure this week under suspension of the rules, requiring a two-thirds majority for passage. Mark says that backing another short-term CR will be politically risky for Speaker Johnson after his insistence in November that he didn't want to pass any more short-term funding bills. Also, a reliance on House Democrat votes to pass the latest CR may dredge up yet another move to vacate the Speakership similar to what happened to former Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA).

Extending the CR to March could potentially derail House Ag Committee Chairman G.T.

Thompson's (R-Pa.) plans to almost move the House version of the farm bill in March. *POLITICO* yesterday morning reported that some GOP lawmakers are starting to privately expect that a farm bill won't move until after the November elections, if it does at all this Congress. A lame duck farm bill, however, is a heavy lift.

## **5. Water Resources Development Act**

Every two years, Congress seeks to pass the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), which typically authorizes Corps of Engineers programs and projects. However, this time around, while both parties aim for bipartisanship, Democrats are notably emphasizing climate and environmental justice issues. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has opened its portal to receive project and policy requests in preparation for the 2024 Water Resources Development Act authorization. For more on WRDA, please reference this [Ferguson Group Memo](#) prepared by TFG and let me know if you are interested in learning more.

## **ALLIANCE INITIATIVES**

### **6. 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). Wednesday, 2/21 will be when we hold our internal meetings with the board (starting at 8:00 a.m.), joined by the Advisory Committee at noon. 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, and the producer of the film will be there in person. We're ALMOST there, finalizing our conference agenda. There is a bunch of work going into setting up our Colorado River tribal panel, which is still in flux. However, former Obama Administration DOI Assistant Secretary Anne Castle will join us and moderate that panel. Radhika Fox, the Assistant Administrator at EPA in charge of the Office of Water, has a conflict, and cannot join us in Reno. However, her Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator will travel out from DC to join us. Former House Resources Committee Chairman "Doc" Hastings will participate in our Snake River Dam panel, thanks to the good work of Todd Ungerecht. The timing of that panel could not be better, as you can read more about in the January 2024 "Monthly Briefing".

### **7. Western Water Climate Change Initiative**

Climate-smart agriculture and forestry took center stage last month at the 2023 United Nations (U.N.) Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai, despite a proposed "Call to Action" that omitted the words "agriculture" and "farmers", replacing them instead with "food system" and "food system front line actors". Key leaders in the Biden Administration leadership team were present, as were American agricultural producers represented by Solutions from the Land (SFL). Among other goals, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the U.N. seeks to reduce agriculture's methane emissions by 25 percent by 2030 (relative to 2020), achieve carbon

neutrality for agrifood systems by 2035 and turn food systems into a carbon sink by 2050. Long-time critics of agriculture are seeking transformational changes to global food systems and don't think FAO's plans do enough to tackle emissions associated with food production. The Alliance in past years has closely monitored U.N. global climate talks, primarily through its involvement with SfL. Alliance President Pat O'Toole traveled to Scotland two years ago and directly participated in the COP26 talks.

a. "Farmers are not actors on the stage of humanity"

According to Sfl Co-Chair A.G. Kawamura, it has been 14 years of gentle pressure and relentless perseverance to get agriculture to where it is now on the COP agenda. The Inaugural Food and Ag Day held at COP 28 represented the first time an entire conference day, with over 200 targeted events, was dedicated to the Global Agri-Food System. In the weeks leading up to the Dubai conference, several statements and position papers were introduced to the ministerial negotiators. These efforts helped set the stage for further deliberations at COP28. They also set the stage for one of Sfl's main missions in Dubai: ensuring farmers were not omitted from the governing body's positions and conversations. One pre-COP28 "call to action" paper from a group called the Climate Action Champions actually proposed omitting the terms "agriculture" and "farmers" entirely, replacing them instead with "global food system" and "front line actors". During the conference, Mr. Kawamura spoke up on behalf of the Farmers Constituency, urging leaders to reconsider their wording and agriculture's role.

b. Secretary Vilsack Highlights USDA's Climate Leadership

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and other high level Biden Administration officials highlighted the U.S. commitment to investing in innovative climate solutions, quantifying and demonstrating results, and sharing resources and solutions with the world. Secretary Vilsack highlighted the fact that President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides billions of dollars to reduce agricultural greenhouse gas emissions, encourage new economic activity in rural areas, and protect the communities most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. This includes nearly \$20 billion in USDA investments to help producers implement practices and projects that reduce emissions, enhance soil carbon sequestration and provide other climate benefits.

c. DOI's Commitment to Tackling the Climate Crisis

DOI Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Shannon Estenoz and other DOI leaders were also present at COP28. Throughout the trip, the delegation met with international leaders and stakeholders to highlight and affirm the Department's commitment to tackling the climate crisis with collaborative, science-based solutions. Assistant Secretary Estenoz also participated in the [America the Beautiful: United States Efforts to Conserve Land and Water panel](#), where she showcased the Administration's progress towards President Biden's goal to "conserve, connect, and restore 30 percent of America's lands and waters" by 2030. She also [announced new steps](#) DOI is taking to utilize nature-based solutions in its efforts towards that end. (*See also Item 1a*).

#### d. White House Announces Climate Corps Next Steps

The Biden Administration's American Climate Corps initiative last month [announced](#) plans to deploy 20,000 young individuals across federal agencies to tackle climate change and promote renewable energy. Within the first three weeks of launching the American Climate Corps last September, more than 40,000 people, about two-thirds of whom are ages 18-35, expressed interest in joining the initiative. Seven federal agencies in December signed an agreement outlining guidelines for the program, aiming to address climate challenges and disparities in youth education and careers. Listening sessions with influential “climate champions” will kick off this month preceding the formal launch of a 2024 recruitment portal this spring for a summer deployment. EPA Administrator Michael Regan emphasized the agency's central role, joining an executive committee alongside other Cabinet members and the AmeriCorps CEO.

### 8. ESA Reform

December 28, 2023 marked the golden anniversary of the federal ESA, the primary law in the United States for protecting and conserving imperiled species. President Biden issued a proclamation extolling the virtues and success of the ESA. Republicans in Congress marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by introducing legislation intending to make the Act more flexible to administer. The very significant federal presence in the West presents unique challenges that producers may not face in other parts of the United States, particularly with respect to the reach of the ESA. Federal agency implementation of this law has had very significant impacts on how producers manage land and water. A prime factor concerning Western irrigators is the employment of the ESA by federal agencies as a means of protecting a single endangered or threatened aquatic species under the law by focusing on one narrow stressor to fish: water diversions.

#### a. POTUS Issues ESA Proclamation

President Biden last month proclaimed December 28, 2023 as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ESA and called upon Americans to “honor all the progress we have made toward protecting endangered species and to work together to conserve our Nation’s incredible biodiversity.” In his proclamation, the president said that the ESA has prevented 99% of all fish, wildlife, and plants under its protection from going extinct. President Biden also noted his decision to establish the country’s “first-ever National Conservation Goal” to conserve at least 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030, calling the goal “the heart of my ‘America the Beautiful initiative,’” and cited his initiative related to nature-based solutions (*see related discussion, Item 1a*).

#### b. House Bill Would Provide ‘Flexibility’ in ESA Implementation

House Republicans marked the Act’s 50th anniversary in a much different manner, criticizing the success of the ESA and calling for its reform. Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN) last month reintroduced [H.R. 6784](#), the “*ESA Flexibility Act*,” which aims to modify certain aspects of the 1973 law, focusing on habitat conservation plans to balance wildlife protection with economic activities like



infrastructure development and resource extraction. Joining Rep. Stauber in introducing the legislation were Western House Republicans Dan Newhouse (WASHINGTON), Cliff Bentz (OREGON), Harriet Hageman (WYOMING) and Lauren Boebert (COLORADO). Rep. Stauber's bill targets a specific issue: the management of endangered species, citing the example of the northern long-eared bat, which faced challenges transitioning from a threatened to an endangered status under recent Fish and Wildlife Service determinations.

The legislation seeks to expand the flexibility allowed for managing species listed as endangered, like those listed as threatened, through what's known as a 4(d) rule under the ESA. The 4(d) rule, which permits incidental take for threatened species under certain conditions like forestry activities, is not currently applicable to endangered species. Rep. Stauber's proposal aims to extend this flexibility to endangered species as well, a move criticized by some environmentalists as a weakening of the ESA's protection mechanisms. Proponents of the legislation argue that the 4(d) rule is essential for conservation efforts, tailoring protections to prevent further decline while streamlining reviews of actions that could benefit the environment in the long term. However, critics view the bill as part of an anti-environmental agenda and a threat to the legacy of protecting endangered species. As discussions proceed, the proposed changes will face significant opposition from litigious environmental groups and some Democrat members in Congress.

c. Western Caucus Foundation Releases New ESA Report

The Western Caucus Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports the Western Caucus, the largest conservative caucus in the House of Representatives, last month issued its own report coinciding with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ESA. The report, titled “The Endangered Species Act at 50: A Record of Falsified Recoveries Underscores a Lack of Scientific Integrity in the Federal Program” was authored by Rob Gordon, who has over thirty years of experience with federal agencies, Congress, and The Heritage Foundation. Using information from USFWS, Mr. Gordon finds that, with the listing of 1,667 threatened or endangered species, there are only 62 that have officially “recovered”. The 120-page report was the subject of a press briefing conducted last month on Capitol Hill.

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE WEST**

Across much of the West Coast, from the Cascades in the north to the Sierra Nevada in the south, mountain sites are recording less than half of their normal snowpack for this point in winter. In the first snow survey of the new year, California came up short – just 25% of the historical average – despite a series of strong storms that caused flooding and landslides along the coast in late December. While the situation has raised concerns about the coming summer agriculture season, the weather this month will kick off on an active note as a series of storms will travel from coast to coast, bringing heavy rain, snow and thunderstorms over the next week. The West will bear the brunt of each storm first, beginning with one arriving early this week (*AccuWeather*).

## **9. Central Oregon Irrigation Modernization Efforts**

There's been a few naysayers in the Bend (OREGON) area who have been publicly bad-mouthing the good work that the Deschutes Basin Board of Control districts are doing to conserve water. I was approached by some of our members up there with a request to push back on those arguments. The *Bend Bulletin* and *Capital Press* both ran individual guest columns that I authored last month, which Josh blasted out to our newsletter distribution list.

## **10. Lower Snake River Dams**

The House Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries (WFF) Chaired by Congressman Cliff Bentz (R-OREGON) last month conducted an oversight hearing to scrutinize a leaked draft settlement agreement from the Biden Administration in an ongoing legal battle concerning the fate of 4 dams in the Pacific Northwest. The Administration, along with other involved parties including the states of Oregon and Washington, has been engaged in settlement discussions for over two years, aiming for a long-term strategy to restore native fish populations, honor commitments to Tribal Nations, provide clean power, and address regional stakeholders' resilience needs. Republican lawmakers, led by Chair Bentz, have criticized these confidential negotiations, arguing for Congress's inclusion, and expressing concerns over vague language in leaked mediation documents. The hearing, titled "Left in the Dark: Examining the Biden Administration's Efforts to Eliminate the Pacific Northwest's Clean Energy Production," was scheduled just three days before the Biden Administration announced a settlement deal in a lawsuit pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon.

### **a. WFF Subcommittee Hearing**

Three days in advance of the Biden Administration's announcement, the WFF Subcommittee conducted its hearing. In his opening statement, Chairman Bentz noted National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) shifting policy regarding the Snake River dams' impact on salmon and the Biden Administration's refusal for months to provide details to Congress on its "mediation commitments" negotiated with groups intent on breaching the dams. Chairman Bentz called the CEQ agreement "a narrow, elitist, top-down, big government, progressively burdened product of the first order," noting the agreement will lead to greater litigation and that the mediation process exceeds CEQ's statutory authority.

The Subcommittee heard testimony outlining sweeping economic impacts that could be forced on the Pacific Northwest, including agriculture, irrigation, electricity supply and navigation of billions of dollars in commerce as a result of breaching the dams. The Lower Snake River dams play a critical role in reducing emissions, by barging between 50 and 60 million tons of cargo through the river system annually. In 2019, it would have taken over 150,000 semi-trucks, or over 39,000 rail cars to move the cargo that was barged on the Snake River. Despite the continuous improvements to the Lower Snake River dams, litigious activist groups continue to focus on

removing these four dams. In 2016, the Bonneville Power Administration estimated replacing the dams would increase power costs by \$274 million to \$372 million annually.

At the hearing, Neal Maunu (Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association), representing over 150 ports, public utilities, farmers, forest product producers and other river users testified that the CEQ-led mediation broke down early in the process, cutting out millions of Northwest citizens from the discussions. Scott Simms, Executive Director of the Public Power Council, representing consumer-owned electric utilities serving millions of customers in the Northwest, testified that commitments made by the U.S. Government in the document would be devastating to Northwest utility ratepayers, with up to a 50% increase in rates. Congressman Russ Fulcher (R-IDAHO) stated it would “gut the Northwest economy as we know it,” noting that it ignores the impact of one million irrigated acres, tens of millions of dollars of annual recreation revenue, and would decimate barge transportation for inland ports. Lindsay Slater, former chief of staff to Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson (R) - who is now vice president of government relations for Trout Unlimited - testified in favor of removing the Snake River dams.

b. Biden Administration Announcement

The Biden administration on December 15<sup>th</sup> announced a deal with four tribes in the region and the states of Oregon and Washington that seeks to restore salmon and other fish runs while also looking at eventually breaching four of the dams. The settlement agreement calls for a 10-year détente in the litigation that began nearly 30 years ago and promises hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds and other money for wild fish restoration in the Columbia River Basin over the next decade, along with support for clean energy production by the tribes, according to a White House statement.

The agreement, filed as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in *American Rivers v. National Marine Fisheries Service*, sets commitments to help offset the existing benefits of Snake River dams should Congress agree to breach them. The agreement, based on the newly formed Tribal-State Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative, commits the Bonneville Power Administration to provide \$300M over the next 10 years for fish and wildlife. It commits the U.S. to support tribally-sponsored clean energy projects which could replace power generated by the Lower Snake River Dams, should Congress authorize their removal. The U.S. has also committed to adjusting operations in the hydrosystem to benefit fish populations, releasing more water during the spring, fall, and winter, and reducing spills during the summer to meet higher energy demands. The U.S. will conduct and fund studies on replacing the transportation, irrigation, and recreation benefits of the dams. Altogether, the agreement commits \$1B in federal dollars over the next decade on habitat restoration, hatchery improvements, and funding to the Washington, Oregon, and the Tribes.

Environmental groups like the litigious activist group Earthjustice (originally Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund) believe this settlement is a huge victory. Some regional political leaders were not so optimistic. U.S. Senator Jim Risch (R-IDAHO) doubled down in his opposition to dam

breaching and reiterated that it is solely Congress that could remove the federal dams in the Columbia-Snake River System.

c. USDA Attempts to Assuage Concerns of Ag Groups

A coalition of farm groups prior to the hearing issued a press release expressing concern about the closed-door nature of the settlement negotiations. The Family Farm Alliance last April transmitted a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, requesting Biden Administration Cabinet-level intervention in the mediation talks involving the Lower Snake River dams. The Alliance letter was never responded to, although a USDA spokesperson told the *Capital Press* that the agreement will help provide near-term stability for communities that depend on the Columbia River for agriculture and transportation.

d. Further Alliance Engagement

We've been getting more engaged on the Lower Snake River Dam front. Last month, I shared with you an article that *Agri-Pulse* ran, which included a quote from me. Todd Ungerecht and I spent over an hour talking with this reporter, and he now sees us as a resource on this issue. A panel discussion on the Lower Snake River dams – featuring water, farming, transportation, and navigation experts from the Pacific Northwest – is on the agenda of the 2024 Family Farm Alliance annual conference, February 22-23, 2024 in Reno, Nevada. Doc Hastings (R-WASHINGTON), former Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee has confirmed his participation on the panel. Go to [www.familyfarmalliance.org](http://www.familyfarmalliance.org) for registration and other conference details.

## ADMINISTRATIVE & MISCELLANEOUS

- One of our more engaged Advisory Committee members – Kevin Kasberg (Executive Director, Central Valley Project Water Association) – has accepted a job as special assistant in the California-Great Basin Division of Financial Management. Kevin has vigilantly bird-dogged financial matters and program implementation coming out of the regional office for the past several years. It will be good for the regional water and power community to have someone within Reclamation that understands their issues. Good luck, Kevin, and thanks for all that you've done supporting the Alliance in Sacramento!
- There are hundreds of different crops grown around the world and just as many diverse production systems. Despite these differences, one thing remains true across the globe: pests and diseases will likely impact a farmer's ability to grow food, feed their families, and generate income from exports. In some cases, farmers in developing countries could lose their entire crop without access to crop protection tools. A virtual event is scheduled for Jan. 25, 2024 at 11:00 am Pacific time and it's free, courtesy of the Crop Protection Action Coalition for Trade (CPACT), which is the webinar sponsor. This webinar will feature farmers in the U.S., Vietnam and Colombia, who will share observations about how policies and [regulations in the European Union are interfering with the ability of farmers in both](#)

[developing counties](#) and the U.S. to use crop protection products and market their goods. You can sign up for [the webinar here](#).

- Our friends at the Irrigation Association included articles in the January 9 on-line edition of *Irrigation Today* “News Harvest” about our upcoming annual conference. We were also quoted in an article about the federal negotiations involving the Lower Snake River Dams. [CLICK HERE](#) to see both articles. For the past year, some of us have been quietly fuming about all the hoopla surrounding beavers – those clever “ecosystem engineers” – and continued emphasis that some are placing on “Nature-based solutions”. Not all of these solutions are crazy, and in fact, some of our members have benefitted from good projects that have been recently rebranded as “nature-based” (see the January *“Monthly Briefing”* for a story on this). *Western Farmer-Stockman* magazine this month ran my guest column on this topic: [“Leave it to beavers? Meh. Talk to ranchers about conservation instead.”](#)
- After a nice holiday break, I’ll be hitting the speaker circuit again this month. Last month, I joined several Alliance members in Las Vegas for CRWUA, although that was the only conference I can remember attending in recent years where I didn’t have a speaking role! In late November and early December, I traveled to Moses Lake (WASHINGTON), where I delivered the keynote address at the Columbia Basin Development League annual conference. In late November / early December, 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. In the next two weeks, I’ll be speaking at the Four States Irrigation Council meeting in Fort Collins (COLORADO) and moderating two panels at the Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference in Reno (NEVADA).
- ADVERTISE WITH US! Beginning this month, 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. Our email subscribers consist of thousands of Western farmers and ranchers, state and local elected officials, Members of Congress, committees on Capitol Hill and Congressional staff, federal agency policy staff, lobbyists, water purveyors, agri-business interests, nonprofit and NGO agricultural and water policy leaders, and the press. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.E.

**DATE:** January 19, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Austin Ewell  
**SUBJECT:** Water Blueprint for the SJV

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### 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:* The new Board Treasurer and Finance Committee are reviewing contributions and providing recommendations for 2024 contributions and support services. Hallmark has provided a revised scope for 2024 that is to be reviewed by the committee.

- **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. Discussions have focused on mutual concerns/issues faced by water scarcity as well as opportunities for collaboration including recharge, conveyance, and funding.
- **February 21-23, 2024, Urban Water Institute’s Spring Water Conference** in Palm Springs, California. Leading water experts will deliver presentations on today’s most pressing water management issues, representing a broad range of expertise and perspectives. The Blueprint has been asked to be a panelist during the conference.
- **SB 366 SB 366 (Caballero) The California Water Plan: long term water supply targets** – The co-sponsors of SB 366, California Municipal Utilities Association, California State Association of

Counties and California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, and the coalition of organizations. Blueprint is reviewing support and contribution.

### **Farmer to Farmer Summitt (Part II)**

The second phase of the Farmer to Farmer Delta/SJV summit is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and will take place here in the Central Valley. The Summitt will be two nights, the first night in Bakersfield with a presentation and tour of the South Valley and the second night at Santa Nella with a presentation and tour of the Westside and the San Luis unit.

### **Water Blueprint SJV & CWI – Unified Water Plan**

The Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley Education Fund and the California Water Institute - Research and Education Division are working together to develop a Unified Water Plan for the San Joaquin Valley. This two-year project will culminate in the publication of a report to be submitted to Congress. CWI and the Blueprint have invited water stakeholders to join a virtual meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> as they provide an overview of the Unified Water Plan for the San Joaquin Valley. Stakeholders can learn more about the work being done and ask questions.

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


Fresno State received another round of funding for a groundwater recharge feasibility study. It can include 4 counties (Madera, Tulare, Fresno, Kern). The study will also include a layer of flood plain analysis. Fresno State will be reaching out to districts and GSAs to gather information during the partnership.

The group is focused on multi-benefits for recharge with a focus on drinking water with measurable results.

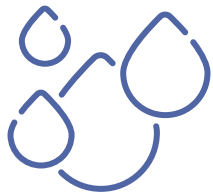
### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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





# Unified Water Plan for the San Joaquin Valley



## Overview

The California Water Institute - Research and Education Division and the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley Education Fund (Blueprint) are working together to develop a unified water plan for the San Joaquin Valley. This two-year project will culminate in the publication of a report to be submitted to Congress. This effort is made possible thanks to a grant of approximately \$1 million awarded by the Bureau of Reclamation.



## The Need

A variety of plans, strategies and local projects currently exist across numerous subregional water management agencies, such as Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), local Nitrate Management Zones and local water districts and municipalities. The project team will identify a holistic approach to water management solutions for areas of the San Joaquin Valley by leveraging available information and assets from these various agencies.



## Deliverables

The final report will include the following:

- A. Needs and potential opportunities;
- B. Measures to address San Joaquin Valley needs;
- C. Potential portfolios of projects to address identified needs and objectives;
- D. Water Plan implementation approach.

The report will identify roles of potential participants in implementing recommended portfolios, such as the Blueprint, GSAs, Bureau of Reclamation, other federal agencies, California Department of Water Resources, and other state agencies.



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# INFORMATION

## FOR SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS

### WHO IS URBAN WATER INSTITUTE?

The Urban Water Institute was incorporated as a nonprofit public education organization in the State of California in 1993.

Our mission is to provide non-partisan information of timely and pertinent interest to the water resource industry, incl. public agencies and private firms, with a particular emphasis on water economics, management and resource policies as they affect consumers and the general economy.

### CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

UWI's Sponsorship and Exhibitor Prospectus details all opportunities for both Sponsors and Exhibitors.

Opportunities are designed to provide companies with the ability to maximize marketing efforts and ROI.

The program is set up to allow organizations to plan ahead and budget for a full year of sponsorship and exhibits over the course of two UWI Conferences, Spring and Fall.

### BENEFITS OF MARKETING WITH UWI

- Brand visibility and special recognition
- Relationship building through increased, dedicated networking opportunities
- Exposure to nearly 500 water community leaders over the course of two conferences
- The ability to plan and budget for a full calendar year
- A shared commitment to success

### WHO ATTENDS UWI CONFERENCES

- Water District General Managers & Board of Directors
- Water Resource & Environmental Engineers
- Utility Managers
- State and Federal Agency Senior Staff, Management & Officials
- Water Resources & Operations Managers
- Attorneys
- Consultants
- Academia





# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

	TITLE*	DIAMOND	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,000
<b>NETWORKING</b>						
Recognition as the Title Sponsor on UWI Website/Newsletters/Marketing Materials	●					
Logo on Conference Bags (Spring/Fall)	●					
Exhibit Table (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●			
Complimentary Conference Registrations	5/year	4/year	3/year	2/year	1/year	
Welcome Reception Celebrating Sponsors	●	●	●	●	●	●
Attendee List w/ Contact Info (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>RECOGNITION</b>						
Premium Conference Signage (Spring/Fall)	●	●				
Guest Blog Post on UWI Website	●	●				
<b>Choice of 1 Level A Conference Sponsorship Item</b> (Spring/Fall)	●	●				
Ad in Conference Program (Spring/Fall)	Full Page	1/2 Page	1/4 Page			
Company Logo on Screen During Conference Sessions (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●			
Email Spotlight to Conference Attendees Promoting Company (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●			
<b>Choice of 1 Level B Conference Sponsorship Item</b> (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●			
Social Media Post Promoting Company	●	●	●	●		
<b>Choice of 1 Level C Conference Sponsorship Item</b> (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●	●		
Company Logo on Conference Promotional Materials (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●	●	●	
Company Logo on Conference Signage (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●	●	●	●
Company Logo in Conference Program (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●	●	●	●
Company Logo on Conference Website (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sponsor Ribbons (Spring/Fall)	●	●	●	●	●	●

## AGENDA REPORT

## AGENDA NO. 4.F.

**DATE:** January 19, 2024

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Wilson Orvis, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:** San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority Update

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### **SUMMARY:**

Friant Water Authority staff engaged with San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) via the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on January 8, the Board of Directors' (BOD) Meeting on January 11 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 was a workshop held on January 17, 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.

