



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING | Agenda

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

CLOSED SESSION – 8:30 AM • OPEN SESSION – 10:00 AM
BELLO VITA VENUE 4211 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. *Friant Water Authority et al. v. Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency*, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU306343.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

Significant Exposure to Litigation: Four potential matters.

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION

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

Initiation of Litigation: Two potential cases.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – (ERICKSON)

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

2. CONSENT CALENDAR – (5 MINUTES)

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting of April 25, 2024. (Erickson)
- B. Ratify May 2024 Bills and Accept the Financial Reports for April 2024. (Orvis)

3. ACTION ITEMS (10 MINUTES)

- A. Consideration of Positions on Pending State and Federal Legislation. (Amaral/Villines/Limbaugh) (10 minutes)

4. GENERAL UPDATES & REPORTS (55 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) (5 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

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

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

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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 8:33 a.m.

Chairman Erickson introduced two newly added Directors, Kurt Parsons (TBID) and Mark Merritt (SID).

ATTENDANCE:

Directors Present:

Edwin Camp	Arvin-Edison W.S.D. (AEWSD)
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)
Josh Pitigliano	Lower-Tule River I.D. (LTRID)
Jim Erickson	Madera I.D. (MID)
Arlen Miller	Orange Cove I.D. (OCID)
Bill DeGroot	Pixley Irrigation District (PIXID)
Brett McCowan	Porterville I.D. (PID)
Mark Merritt	Saucelito I.D. (SID)
Craig Fulwyler	Shafter Wasco Irrigation District (SWID)
Matthew Leider	Teapot Dome W.D. (TPWD)
Kurt Parsons	Terra Bella I.D. (TBID)
Rick Borges	Tulare I.D. (TID)

Associate Members:

Keith Cosart Exeter Irrigation District (EID)

Directors Absent:

Roger Schuh	Chowchilla W.D. (CWD)
Brock Buche	City of Fresno (CofF)

Associate Members Absent:

Loren Booth	Hills Valley I.D. (HVID)
Doug Phillips	Ivanhoe Irrigation District (IID)
John Werner	Stone Corral I.D. (SCID)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda with the awareness that the Regional Director Karl Stock would be speaking prior to the general updates.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

(10:03 a.m.) – Nothing to report out of closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

CEO Phillips informed all present of the legend's passing, Mr. Kole Upton. He spoke of the positive involvement and impact he had on the valley through his 81 years on this earth.

Director Cliff Loeffler provided an invocation.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation California-Great Basin Regional Director, Karl Stock, gave a presentation on his background and plans for and activities of Reclamation in the region. He emphasized his goals for recruitment of new staff to support activities for which funding is available.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of the Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting of March 28, 2024.
- B. Ratify April 2024 Bills and Accept the Financial Reports for March 2024.

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

3. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution Authorizing Application for and Participation in Bureau of Reclamation Snow Water Supply Forecasting Grant Program. WR EIT Duncan reminded the Board of the strong support and positive outcome on continuing the flights, and also emphasized the multiple funding sources that cover the program.

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

- B. Consideration of Amendments to FWA Bylaws to Address FWA Appointments to San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Board of Directors and Committees under the Second Amended MOU. General Counsel Davis reviewed the proposed amendments necessitated by the Second Amended MOU and FWA's enhances participation in SLDMWA governance. . The amendments were supported by the Executive Committee and allow for a range of potential appointments and alternatives. It is anticipated that CEO Phillips will be the primary representative on the board for FWA. General Counsel Davis noted that there were also some clean up amendments such as addressing the earlier (8:30 AM) start time for the Board meeting. If the Board approved the amendments, they would become effective when the Second Amended MOU becomes effective.

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

4. GENERAL UPDATES & REPORTS

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 construction personnel are working Monday through Saturday, there are less workers at this time, approximately 50 employees. As of the end of March (based on cost) approximately 98.2 percent of the original contract amount of work has been performed, and the elapsed time was approximately 85.3 percent of the total contract time. There were two change orders this month for a total amount of \$268,888.

B. FKC Reverse-Flow Pump-Back Project Update. WR EIT Duncan reminded the Board that consideration of the project was initiated in 2017, with the purpose to increase reverse pumping capacity at the check structures in the southern portion of the FKC and deliver water introduced via the Friant-Kern Canal-Cross Valley Canal Intertie. Thus far, design work and environmental review has been completed under both Reclamation and DWR grant funding. In September of 2023, FWA was granted a no-cost extension of the remaining Reclamation funding, totaling \$2.7 million that is available for use through fiscal year 2025.

C. Water Operations Update. Friant Operations – WR EIT Duncan covered water operations as outlined in the agenda report. Storms throughout March allowed snowpack to approach and even exceed 100% of normal. Reclamation issued updated allocations for all contractors on March 22 and an update to the Friant allocation on April 18, which noted an increase to 100% for the Friant Division Class I allocation and a 5% Class 2 allocation. The most recent allocations confirmed that the Exchange Contractors are to receive 100% of contract and that sufficient supply is forecasted to be available to not require a call on Friant with a 35% South-of-Delta (SOD) Ag allocation.

D. External Affairs Activities– Mike Villines provided the report on external affairs as outlined in the agenda package.

E. O&M Report– General Superintendent Hickernell provided an update on some of the work being done and the conclusion of the canal dewatering. He also reported that the Operations Department held tailgate safety meetings in the Lindsay yard, and outlying field office staff attended the Canal and Maintenance meeting. Friant staff received environmental training on endangered species completing the annual review.

F. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update – CEO Jason Phillips provided the agenda report on the activities of the Blueprint. Contribution requests have been circulated and Board members will be following up with participants. Hallmark's revised scope for defined services and deliverables (Develop & implement a strategic plan to protect operational flexibility of the 2019 Bi Ops) has been approved and will run from 3/1-8/31 and has been approved by the Board.

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Update – CFO Orvis provided the agenda report on current activities of SLDMWA. He reported that SLDMWA had approved of the Second Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with Friant Water Authority Relating to Allocation, Collection and Payment of Operation, Maintenance & Replacement

Costs for Water Delivered Through Certain Central Valley Project Facilities (Second Amended MOU). This action started a 60-day contractor review period for the Cost Recovery Policy (Exhibit B of the MOU). He also reported that SLDMWA is in the process of amending its JPA and Bylaws to incorporate the governance changes set forth in the Second Amended MOU.

G. CEO Report – CEO Phillips provided an update on current events and meetings such as the ACWA conference the week of May 9th, and the Annual meeting on May 16th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Jason R. Phillips, Chief Executive Officer
Friant Water Authority

Vivian Felipe, Recording Secretary
Friant Water Authority

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Aaron Fukuda	Tulare I.D.
Aaron Henderson	AgriCare Inc.
Alan Doud	Young Wooldridge
Aubrey Mauritsen	Visalia Law
Austin Ewell	California Blueprint
Bill Luce	Luce Consulting
Bill Stretch	FID
Brandon Tomlinson	CWD
Brian Thomas	FWA Consultant
Brian Person	AE Com
Chris Hickernell	FWA
Chris Hunter	Lindmore I.D.
Craig Wallace	Lindsay-Strathmore I.D.
David Cameron	Counsel
David Dees	FWA
Dina	
Don Davis	FWA Counsel
Don Wright	Water Wrights
Eric Limas	LTIRD, TPDWD, PIXID
Eric Quinley	DEID
Fergus Morrissey	OCID
Gene Kilgore	EID, IID, SCID
Ian Buck-Macleod	FWA
James Koontz	Peltzer Richardson

Janet Atkinson	Stantec
Jason Phillips	FWA
Jeevan Muhar	Arvin-Edison W.S.D.
Jocelyn Bean	FWA
Joe Hughes	Klein Law
John Bezdek	FWA Counsel
Johnny Amaral	FWA
Juan Lopez	Rep. Jim Costa
Karl Stock	USBR
Kathy Mahan	Rep. Jim Costa
Katie Duncan	FWA
Kris Lawrence	SWID
Maggie Suarez	FWA
Mark Larsen	GKGSA
Mia Swenson	FWA
Michael Jackson	USBR
Mike Villines	Villines Group
Mitch Partovi	The Water Agency, Inc.
Nick Keller	HVID
Roland Gross	SSJMUD
Sean Geivet	SID, PID, Terra Bella I.D.
Shane Smith	KDWCD
Skye Grass	KTWD
Spencer Walden	USBR
Steve Ottemoeller	FWA Consultant
Tim Gobler	Pomona Farming
Tom Barcellos	LTRID
Tom Greci	Madera I.D.
Vivian Felipe	FWA
Wilson Orvis	FWA

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA NO. 2.B.

DATE: May 23, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wilson Orvis, CFO

SUBJECT: **Approve Bills for the Month of May 2024 and Accept the Financial Reports for Month Ending April 30, 2024**

SUMMARY:

The Finance Committee met on May 20, 2024 and reviewed the bills for May 2024 and the financial reports for month ending April 30, 2024. There was a quorum at the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION:

At the May 20, 2024 meeting, the Finance Committee acted to recommend that Board of Directors approve payment of the May 2024 bills in the amount of \$4,030,115.04 and accept the Financial Reports for month ending April 30, 2024.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board of Directors approve payment of the May 2024 bills in the amount of \$4,030,115.04 and accept the Financial Reports for month ending April 30, 2024.

BUDGET IMPACT:

- \$1,151,020.51 (bills) and \$345,953.12 (payroll) is chargeable to the Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement (OM&R) Budget.
- \$76,023.35 (bills) and \$81,609.04 (payroll) is chargeable to the General Membership Budget;
- \$2,263,046.43 is attributable to San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) for projected Settlement Contractor deliveries in the month of June 2024;
- \$1,707.50 is to be recovered under existing grant agreements; and
- \$110,755.09 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, MAY 2024

BILLS PAID MAY 10, 2024

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	A.R.E AUTO PARTS	\$ 187.79	\$ -	\$ 187.79	Parts & Supplies-Delano Yard
2	ACWA / JPIA	76,060.36	6,021.89	82,082.25	Medical, Dental Vision Insurance
3	ADT COMMERCIAL	556.53	-	556.53	Alarm Service-Delano & OC Yard
4	AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, INC.	816.42	-	816.42	Office Supplies, Kitchen, Bargate Supplies
5	AT&T	766.09	-	766.09	Utilities - Phone Services
6	AUTO ZONE, INC.	48.06	-	48.06	Parts & Supplies-Delano & Lindsay Yard
7	AWARDS & SIGNS UNLIMITED	43.94	-	43.94	Office Supplies
8	Bank of America	19,808.30	2,650.00	22,458.30	Various Visa Charges
9	BATTERY SYSTEMS INC.	500.68	-	500.68	Replacement Battery and Terminal Supplies
10	BELLO VITA VENUE	13,863.85	11,000.00	24,863.85	Annual Dinner Catering
11	BIG GREEN IT, LLC	4,466.05	-	4,466.05	IT Support, Microsoft 365 Licensing, Teams
12	BLANKINSHIP & ASSOCIATES, INC.	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	Consulting Services-April
13	BRIAN G. THOMAS CONSULTING, LLC	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	Consulting Services-February
14	BRIONES, REBECCA	85.01	-	85.01	Expense Claim Reimbursement
15	BUCK-MACLEOD, IAN T.	476.00	650.40	1,126.40	Expense Claim Reimbursement
16	BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	28,946.00	-	28,946.00	Consulting Services-March
17	CALCHAMBER	172.02	-	172.02	Office Supplies-Posters
18	CARSON WALLACE	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	Annual Dinner
19	CENTRAL VALLEY BUSINESS FORMS INC	6,988.18	-	6,988.18	Promotional Items- Mugs and Pens
20	CINTAS CORPORATION #2	2,088.56	-	2,088.56	Uniform Service- OC & Lindsay Yard
21	CINTAS CORPORATION #3	370.23	-	370.23	Uniform Service- Delano Yard
22	CITY OF DELANO	137.93	-	137.93	Utilities
23	CITY OF LINDSAY	349.02	-	349.02	Utilities
24	CITY OF ORANGE COVE	469.66	-	469.66	Utilities
25	CROUZET IRRIGATION SUPPLY, INC.	271.46	-	271.46	Sump Pump Supplies
26	DINUBA LUMBER COMPANY	10.16	-	10.16	Fence Supplies
27	DOUG DeLEO WELDING	32.55	-	32.55	Welding Supplies
28	DUNCAN, KATIE	574.86	83.75	658.61	Expense Claim Reimbursement
29	EVOLUTION AUTO GLASS & WINDOW TINT INC	40.00	-	40.00	Chip repair
30	FOOTHILL AUTO TRUCK & AG PARTS, INC.	1,749.96	-	1,749.96	Parts & Supplies-OC Yard
31	FRONTIER	970.62	-	970.62	Utilities - Phone Services
32	FRUIT GROWERS SUPPLY CO	330.66	-	330.66	Supplies-Water Ops, Lindsay Yard
33	GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE	4,954.08	-	4,954.08	Unleaded Fuel 1098 gal
34	HOLT LUMBER INC.	28,368.73	-	28,368.73	Deck Board Replacement
35	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	1,794.76	-	1,794.76	Parts & Supplies-All Yards
36	PBM SUPPLY & MFG., INC.	17.70	-	17.70	Parts-OC Yard

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37	PETTY CASH - LINDSAY	253.24	-	253.24	Petty Cash Replenishment
38	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	-	1,316.60	1,316.60	Principal Financial
39	SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY, INC	-	2,350.13	2,350.13	Annual Dinner Venue
40	UNWIRED BROADBAND, INC.	299.98	-	299.98	Internet Service-OC & Delano
41	VALLEY PACIFIC PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC.	1,419.14	-	1,419.14	Unleaded 300 gal
42	VAST NETWORKS	800.00	-	800.00	Internet Service-Lindsay Yard
43	VERIZON WIRELESS	2,786.84	-	2,786.84	Ipad & Cell Phone Service
44	WEISENBERGERS	339.61	-	339.61	Supplies-Water Ops, Lindsay Yard
45	WORLD OIL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	195.31	-	195.31	Oil Recycling
46	ZEP SALES AND SERVICE	317.54	-	317.54	Supplies-OC Shop
47	ZIX CORPORATION	280.00	-	280.00	Secure Email Service
48	SUBTOTAL SPENDING	\$ 207,507.88	\$ 24,072.77	\$ 231,580.65	
49	PAYROLL FWA	161,229.65	40,204.52	201,434.17	Total Mid-Month Payroll
	TOTAL OM&R	\$ 368,737.53	\$ 64,277.29	\$ 433,014.82	

50	Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Phase 1				
51	BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	\$ 3,990.00	\$ -	\$ 3,990.00	Consulting Services-March
52	BRIAN G. THOMAS CONSULTING, LLC	2,625.00	-	2,625.00	Consulting Services-February
	SUBTOTAL - MRCCP	\$ 6,615.00	\$ -	\$ 6,615.00	

53	Pumpback Project				
54	BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	\$ 1,707.50	\$ -	\$ 1,707.50	Consulting Services-March
	SUBTOTAL - PUMPBACK	\$ 1,707.50	\$ -	\$ 1,707.50	

55 TOTAL - MID MONTH \$ 377,060.03 \$ 64,277.29 \$ 441,337.32

BILLS TO BE PAID MAY 23, 2024					
NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
56	AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	Consulting Services-April
57	ALWAYS CONNECT SOLUTIONS	17,061.30	-	17,061.30	SCADA Cloud Subscription
58	AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, INC.	98.23	-	98.23	Office Supplies
59	BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	488,250.00	-	488,250.00	Water Reconveyance-March
60	BATTERY SYSTEMS INC.	253.34	-	253.34	Replacement Battery
61	BILL LUCE CONSULTING	462.00	1,452.00	1,914.00	Consulting Services-April
62	BLANKINSHIP & ASSOCIATES, INC.	3,333.33	-	3,333.33	Consulting Services-April
63	BRIAN G. THOMAS CONSULTING, LLC	1,250.00	-	1,250.00	Consulting Services-April
64	CALCHAMBER	800.00	-	800.00	Annual Subscription-HR

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65	CENTRAL VALLEY BUSINESS FORMS INC	7,188.13	-	7,188.13	Promotional Items- Mugs and Pens
66	CENTRAL VALLEY TOOLS (SNAP ON)	24.20	-	24.20	Supplies-Lindsay Shop
67	CINTAS CORPORATION #2	565.11	-	565.11	Uniform Services-Lindsay Yard
68	CINTAS CORPORATION #3	352.16	-	352.16	Uniform Servfices-Delano Yard
69	CITY OF LINDSAY	429.03	-	429.03	Utilities
70	DACO FARM SUPPLY	599.19	-	599.19	Parts & Supplies-Delano Shop
71	DINUBA LUMBER COMPANY	190.35	-	190.35	Parts & Supplies-OC Shop
72	EXECUTIVE SUITES AT RIVER BLUFF, LP	-	2,005.00	2,005.00	Fresno Office Rent
73	FREMONT AUTO PARTS	337.48	-	337.48	Parts & Supplies-Delano Shop
74	FRUIT GROWERS SUPPLY CO	679.26	-	679.26	Supplies-Water Ops
75	FUSION CLOUD SERVICES, LLC	228.05	-	228.05	Utilities - Phone Services
76	GREG'S PETROLEUM SERVICE	8,285.88	-	8,285.88	Unleaded 800 Gal, Diesel 1,200 Gal
77	GSI ENVIRONMENTAL INC.	11,004.50	-	11,004.50	Consulting Services-April
78	GRAINGER	225.90	-	225.90	Parts & Supplies-OC Yard
79	HYDRAULIC CONTROLS INC	475.35	-	475.35	Parts & Supplies-Delano Yard
80	INDEPENDENT PIPE & STEEL, INC.	4,169.14	-	4,169.14	Fence Repairs, Tubing
81	JMP OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES	135.58	-	135.58	Postage Supplies
82	KAN VENTURES, INC.	-	8,872.79	8,872.79	Consulting Services-April
83	KASEYA US LLC	1,056.38	-	1,056.38	Security, Spam blocker, Dark W
84	LAWSON PRODUCTS	17.62	-	17.62	Supplies-Delano Shop
85	LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	4,113.10	390.60	4,503.70	Disability Insurance
86	MARTIN TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	50.00	-	50.00	Pest Control-CSO House
87	MBK ENGINEERS	10,667.50	-	10,667.50	Consulting Services-April
88	MID VALLEY DISPOSAL	169.05	-	169.05	Trash Services
89	MOBILE AG & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	328.64	-	328.64	Gas Detector Calibration
90	MOONLIGHT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	4,658.78	-	4,658.78	Janitorial Service-April
91	MRC GLOBAL (US) INC.	838.94	-	838.94	Valve Repairs
92	ORANGE COVE TIRE SERVICE	20.00	-	20.00	Tire Repair
93	OTTEMOELLER CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC	6,096.50	890.50	6,987.00	Consulting Services-March
94	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC	46.01	-	46.01	Utilities
95	PAPE MACHINERY	599.22	-	599.22	Parts & Supplies-OC Shop
96	PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT	266,862.00	-	266,862.00	Water Reconveyance-March
97	PBW DISTRIBUTOR INC	395.78	-	395.78	Parts-Lindsay Shop
98	PORTERVILLE FORD	1,032.05	-	1,032.05	A/C Unit Repair, Gasket & Seal Service
99	POWER BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY	55.12	-	55.12	Toner Supplies
100	PROVOST & PRITCHARD INC	1,336.60	-	1,336.60	Consulting Services-March
101	PSW	79.92	-	79.92	Shredding Service
102	QUILL CORPORATION	494.67	-	494.67	Kitchen & Food Supplies
103	QUINN COMPANY	2,131.14	-	2,131.14	Parts & Service-Delano Shop

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
104	RED WING BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	212.11	-	212.11	Safety Boots
105	ROBERT V. JENSEN, INC.	7,703.62	-	7,703.62	Diesel 500 Gal, Unleaded 1350 Gal
106	SAFETY NETWORK TRAFFIC SIGNS	432.32	-	432.32	Safety Signs
107	SAN JOAQUIN PEST CONTROL	116.00	-	116.00	Pest Control-Linsay Yard
108	SANDOVAL, JERRY	200.00	-	200.00	Expense Claim Reimburse-boots
109	SEVIERS AUTO SUPPLY	8,505.05	-	8,505.05	Air Compressor , Other Supplies
110	SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	103.56	-	103.56	Paint Supplies-Lindsay Yard
111	SIGN RANCH	94.29	-	94.29	Safety Signs
112	SO CAL GAS	438.96	-	438.96	Utilities
113	SOMACH SIMMONS & DUNN	-	8,401.00	8,401.00	Consulting Services-March
114	SOUTH TULARE RICHGROVE REFUSE	103.89	-	103.89	Trash Services
115	SOUTHERN CALIF EDISON	1,930.78	-	1,930.78	Utilities
116	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	33.88	-	33.88	Tire Repair
117	STANDARD INSURANCE CO	7,642.06	1,865.46	9,507.52	Survivor's Life Insurance
118	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.	49,697.50	-	49,697.50	Consulting Services-December, February, March, April
119	STOEL RIVES LLP	-	707.25	707.25	Special Counsel Services-March
120	TAYLOR, JOSHUA	158.32	-	158.32	Expense Claim Reimburse-boots
121	TECHNOFLO SYSTEMS	607.43	-	607.43	Meter Repair
122	THE REDESIGN GROUP	4,305.35	-	4,305.35	Fortinet FortiToken
123	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	2,820.07	-	2,820.07	Leased Office Equipment
124	TULARE CO. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	10.00	-	10.00	Supplies-OC Yard
125	UDEMY, INC.	2,205.05	-	2,205.05	Annual Subscription
126	VALLEY IRON, INC.	6,591.47	-	6,591.47	Iron bars for 8 Copper Sulfate Bins
127	VALLEY PACIFIC PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC.	2,013.45	-	2,013.45	Unleaded 450 gal
128	WATER AND POWER LAW GROUP PC	-	21,865.98	21,865.98	Special Counsel Services-April
129	WORLD OIL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	140.94	-	140.94	Oil Recycling-Lindsay Shop
130	SUBTOTAL SPENDING	\$ 943,512.63	\$ 51,950.58	\$ 995,463.21	
131	PAYROLL FWA	184,723.47	41,404.52	226,127.99	End of Month Payroll Estimate
	TOTAL OM&R	\$ 1,128,236.10	\$ 93,355.10	\$ 1,221,591.20	

132	Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Phase 1				
133	BRIAN G. THOMAS CONSULTING, LLC	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	Consulting Services-April
134	KAN VENTURES, INC.	12,000.00	-	12,000.00	Consulting Services-April
135	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.	90,390.09	-	90,390.09	Consulting Services-December, February, March, April
	SUBTOTAL - MRCCP	\$ 104,140.09	\$ -	\$ 104,140.09	

136	San Luis & Delta-Mendota Canal				
137	SLDMWA OM & R CHARGES - PAID VIA WIRE	2,263,046.43	-	2,263,046.43	June 2024 Estimate
	SUBTOTAL- SLDMWA	\$ 2,263,046.43	\$ -	\$ 2,263,046.43	

NO.	PAYEE	O&M FUND	GM FUND	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
138	TOTAL - END OF MONTH	\$ 3,495,422.62	\$ 93,355.10	\$ 3,588,777.72	
139	GRAND TOTALS	\$ 3,872,482.65	\$ 157,632.39	\$ 4,030,115.04	

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

CASH ACTIVITY BALANCE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
FKC Operations & Maintenance	\$ 48,827,731	\$ 2,984,635	\$ (1,395,046)	\$ 50,417,321
SLDMWA	1,183,586	1,853,575	(1,381,390)	1,655,771
Total	\$ 50,011,318	\$ 4,838,210	\$ (2,776,436)	\$ 52,073,092
General Member	127,892	502,592	(201,516)	428,968
			Total	\$ 52,502,060

BANK ACTIVITY BALANCE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 134,259	\$ 1,435	\$ -	\$ 135,693
California Asset Management Program	49,192,640	3,021,952	-	52,214,591
Bank of the Sierra	812,311	2,317,416	(2,977,952)	151,775
			Total	\$ 52,502,060

Note:

Most Current Interest Rate: For the month ended April 30, 2024, effective yield 4.272%

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**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
O&M FUND
CASH ACTIVITY REPORT
MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2024**

	<u>Checking & Investments</u>	<u>Payroll Checking</u>	<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>Total</u>
CASH BALANCE MARCH 31, 2024	\$ 50,010,518	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 50,011,318
Increases:				
District O&M receipts	\$ 1,562,777			\$ 1,562,777
Revenue from MRCCP	357,832			357,832
SLDMWA receipts	1,853,575			1,853,575
Recapture	393,650			393,650
Interest Revenue	221,697			221,697
Miscellaneous deposits	17,291			17,291
Administration Allocation	14,060			14,060
Payroll deposits		417,328		417,328
Total Increases	<u>\$ 4,420,882</u>	<u>\$ 417,328</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,838,210</u>
Decreases:				
O&M Routine Expenditures	\$ 413,744			\$ 413,744
Fixed Assets	60,268			60,268
Pumpback	53,368			53,368
MRCCP	33,010			33,010
Wire to SLDMWA - O&MR Charges - May Estimate	1,381,390			1,381,390
Payroll Cash Outlays	417,328	417,328		834,656
Total Decreases	<u>\$ 2,359,108</u>	<u>\$ 417,328</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,776,436</u>
CASH BALANCE BEFORE INTERFUND ACTIVITY	<u>\$ 52,072,292</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 800</u>	<u>\$ 52,073,092</u>
Interfund transfer to O&M	-			-
CASH BALANCE APRIL 30, 2024	<u>\$ 52,072,292</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 800</u>	<u>\$ 52,073,092</u>

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
GENERAL MEMBERS FUND
CASH ACTIVITY REPORT
MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2024**

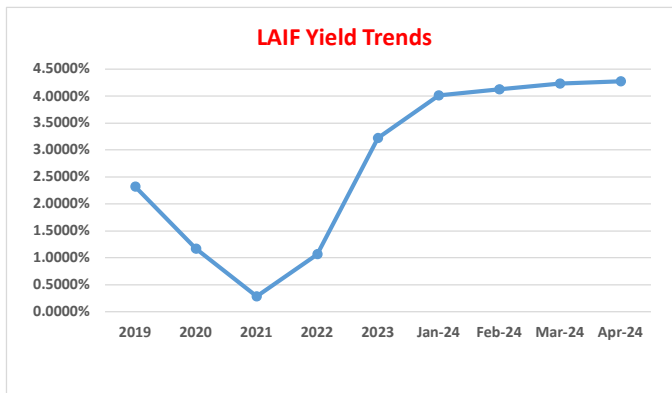
CASH BALANCE MARCH 31, 2024		\$	<u>127,892</u>
Increases:			
Member Assessments	\$	500,791	
Interest Revenue		1,801	<u>502,592</u>
Decreases:			
Consulting	\$	62,248	
Meetings		40,452	
Water Users Conference		13,602	
Rent & Facility Expense		<u>2,005</u>	
	\$	118,308	
Reimburse O&M:			
Current Month Payroll & Benefits		83,236	
Current Month Payroll & Benefits to O&M		(14,088)	
Administration Allocation		14,060	
Less Total Cash Disbursements		<u>\$</u>	<u>201,516</u>
CASH BALANCE BEFORE INTERFUND ACTIVITY		<u>\$</u>	<u>428,968</u>
Interfund transfer to O&M			-
CASH BALANCE APRIL 30, 2024		<u>\$</u>	<u>428,968</u>

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
CASH ACTIVITY REPORT
MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2024
LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (L.A.I.F)
(FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA)**

CASH BALANCE MARCH 31, 2024		\$ 134,259
Increases:		
Transfer from checking	-	
Interest Revenue	1,435	1,435
Decreases:		
Transfer to checking	-	
CASH BALANCE APRIL 30, 2024		<u>\$ 135,693</u>
Balance ascribed to:		
O&M Fund	\$ 134,584	
General Member Fund	1,109	
		<u>\$ 135,693</u>

Note:

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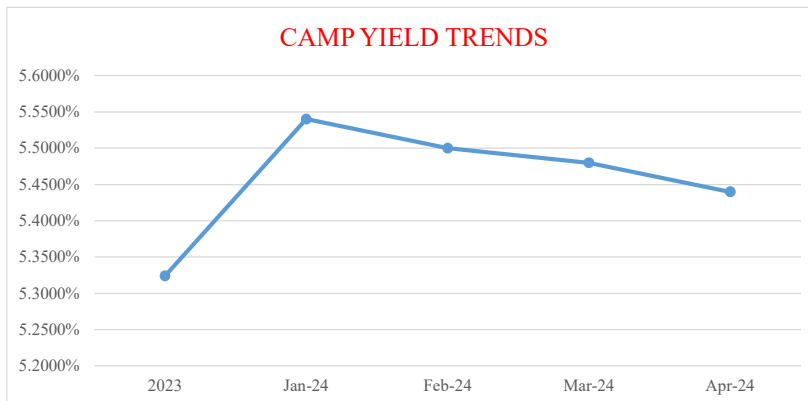
2019	2.3201%
2020	1.1679%
2021	0.2837%
2022	1.0660%
2023	3.2188%
Jan-24	4.0120%
Feb-24	4.1220%
Mar-24	4.2320%
Apr-24	4.2720%

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
CASH ACTIVITY REPORT
MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2024
CALIFORNIA ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (C.A.M.P.)**

CASH BALANCE MARCH 31, 2024		<u>\$ 49,192,639</u>
Increases:		
Transfer from checking	\$ 2,800,000	
Interest Revenue	<u>221,952</u>	3,021,952
Decreases:		
Transfer to checking	-	
CASH BALANCE APRIL 30, 2024		<u><u>\$ 52,214,591</u></u>
Balance ascribed to:		
O&M Fund	\$ 51,786,731	
General Member Fund	<u>427,860</u>	
		<u><u>\$ 52,214,591</u></u>

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



2023	5.3240%
Jan-24	5.5400%
Feb-24	5.5000%
Mar-24	5.4800%
Apr-24	5.4400%

Reviewed by:
Edwin Roberts and Patricia Cruz

Interest Revenue Summary					
	O&M Interest Revenue	SLDMWA Interest Revenue	GM Interest Revenue	MRCCP Phase 1 Interest Revenue	Total
CAMP Interests					
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	\$ 35,189.70	\$ 13,057.40	\$ 2,448.11	\$ 212,377.46	\$ 263,072.67
Jan-24	\$ 34,201.13	\$ 11,724.33	\$ 1,586.89	\$ 210,604.90	\$ 258,117.25
Feb-24	\$ 32,935.69	\$ 7,934.26	\$ 1,034.45	\$ 200,627.57	\$ 242,531.97
Mar-24	\$ 28,640.33	\$ 5,643.16	\$ 515.47	\$ 203,123.95	\$ 237,922.91
Apr-24	\$ 31,123.67	\$ 7,029.67	\$ 1,793.71	\$ 182,004.51	\$ 221,951.56
Subtotal-CAMP	\$ 225,092.42	\$ 66,916.11	\$ 11,282.35	\$ 1,423,401.92	\$ 1,726,692.80
LAIF Interests					
Oct-23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nov-23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dec-23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Jan-24	\$ 170.88	\$ 60.02	\$ 10.97	\$ 1,093.55	\$ 1,335.42
Feb-24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mar-24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Apr-24	\$ 186.35	\$ 49.23	\$ 6.12	\$ 1,192.82	\$ 1,434.52
Subtotal-LAIF	\$ 357.23	\$ 109.25	\$ 17.09	\$ 2,286.37	\$ 2,769.94
Bank Interests					
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	\$ 21.36	\$ 7.92	\$ 1.49	\$ 128.87	\$ 159.64
Jan-24	\$ 10.86	\$ 3.72	\$ 0.50	\$ 66.90	\$ 81.98
Feb-24	\$ 14.05	\$ 3.38	\$ 0.44	\$ 85.56	\$ 103.43
Mar-24	\$ 28.99	\$ 5.71	\$ 0.52	\$ 205.56	\$ 240.78
Apr-24	\$ 15.61	\$ 3.53	\$ 0.90	\$ 91.31	\$ 111.35
Subtotal-Bank	\$ 111.60	\$ 31.32	\$ 5.11	\$ 714.81	\$ 862.83
Grand Total	\$ 225,561.25	\$ 67,056.68	\$ 11,304.55	\$ 1,426,403.10	\$ 1,730,325.57

FWA Revenue Presentation

FY 2024

Budget year: **58.3%** Completed

Operations & Maintenance	FY 2024 Budget	04/30/2024 Year to Date	Budget Remaining	Budget Spent %
Revenue				
Interest Income	-	225,561	(225,561)	
Miscellaneous Income	-	39,414	(39,414)	
Federal Grant - Pump Back	-	93,585	(93,585)	
Conveyance Fees	-	275,334	(275,334)	
FKC System-Wide MOU	481,888	167,500	314,388	34.8%
O & M Revenue	12,441,625	7,257,614	5,184,011	58.3%
Water Supply Cord./Monitoring Revenue	-	209,310	(209,310)	
Total Revenue	12,923,512	8,268,318	4,655,195	64.0%
Expenses				
Total Operations	1,884,374	1,202,868	681,506	63.8%
Total Maintenance	7,645,075	4,938,367	2,706,708	64.6%
Administration Costs	2,317,956	1,481,907	836,049	63.9%
Special Projects	1,076,107	536,675	539,433	49.9%
Total OM&R Expenses	12,923,512	8,159,816	4,763,696	63.1%

FWA Budget Presentation

FY 2024

Budget year: **58.3%** Completed

Operations & Maintenance	FY 2024 Budget	04/30/2024 Year to Date	Budget Remaining	Budget Spent %
Operations Dept				
Employee Salaries/Pay	930,728	481,565	449,163	51.7%
Employee Benefits	471,067	252,809	218,258	53.7%
Supplies & Services	482,579	468,494	14,084	97.1%
Total Operations	1,884,374	1,202,868	681,506	63.8%
Maintenance Dept				
Employee Salaries/Pay	2,940,772	1,565,432	1,375,340	53.2%
Employee Benefits	1,379,988	756,104	623,884	54.8%
Supplies & Services	3,324,314	2,616,830	707,484	78.7%
Total Maintenance	7,645,075	4,938,367	2,706,708	64.6%
Administration Costs	2,488,413	1,530,618	957,794	61.5%
Administration Costs allocated to GM	(170,456)	(48,712)	(121,745)	28.6%
Total Operations & Maintenance	11,847,405	7,623,142	4,224,263	64.3%
Special Projects				
Cost Recovery	-	-	-	
Spending	1,076,107	536,675	539,433	49.9%
Total Special Projects	1,076,107	536,675	539,433	49.9%
Total OM&R	12,923,512	8,159,816	4,763,696	63.1%

Friant Water Authority
Budget vs Actual Expenses
YTD - 04/30/2024

Budget year: 58.3% Completed

		Total			Labor				Materials				
		Annual Budget	YTD Actual	% Of Bud	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining		
1	MAINTENANCE												
1	Vehicle & Equipment Service	\$ 620,505	\$ 431,900	69.6%	\$ 188,605	\$ 192,525	\$ 128,378	66.7%	\$ 64,147	\$ 427,980	\$ 303,522	70.9%	\$ 124,459
2	Maintenance Supervision	429,115	177,362	41.3%	251,752	265,227	171,488	64.7%	93,739	163,888	5,875	3.6%	158,013
3	Right-of-Way Management	57,024	37,051	65.0%	19,974	57,024	37,051	65.0%	19,974	-	-	0.0%	-
4	Weed & Pest Control	984,850	742,136	75.4%	242,713	321,807	93,851	29.2%	227,956	663,043	648,286	97.8%	14,757
5	Implem Biol. Opinion	22,000	11,254	51.2%	10,747	-	-	0.0%	-	22,000	11,254	51.2%	10,747
6	Road Maintenance	67,702	18,818	27.8%	48,884	30,763	12,074	39.2%	18,689	36,939	6,744	18.3%	30,195
7	Yard & Building Maintenance	327,915	125,282	38.2%	202,633	151,600	49,416	32.6%	102,184	176,316	75,867	43.0%	100,449
8	Structure & Gate Maintenance	524,135	219,370	41.9%	304,765	352,577	162,663	46.1%	189,914	171,558	56,707	33.1%	114,851
9	Cleaning Right-of-Way	74,263	23,537	31.7%	50,727	74,263	23,537	31.7%	50,727	-	-	0.0%	-
10	Bargate & Guardrail Maint	45,531	38,427	84.4%	7,104	15,036	33,481	222.7%	(18,445)	30,495	4,946	16.2%	25,549
11	Embankment Maintenance	73,446	20,639	28.1%	52,806	61,930	20,091	32.4%	41,839	11,516	548	4.8%	10,968
12	Bridge Maintenance	67,459	10,265	15.2%	57,194	26,158	10,265	39.2%	15,894	41,301	-	0.0%	41,301
13	Concrete Lining Maintenance	870,141	955,244	109.8%	(85,103)	308,145	404,863	131.4%	(96,718)	561,996	550,381	97.9%	11,615
14	Drainditch & Channel Maint.	129,124	95,830	74.2%	33,294	79,516	82,597	103.9%	(3,081)	49,608	13,232	26.7%	36,376
15	Fence Maintenance	86,643	21,865	25.2%	64,779	63,071	20,523	32.5%	42,548	23,573	1,342	5.7%	22,231
16	Mudjacking	23,462	8,854	37.7%	14,608	21,404	-	0.0%	21,404	2,059	8,854	430.1%	(6,796)
17	Painting	34,668	7,332	21.1%	27,336	21,209	5,085	24.0%	16,124	13,459	2,247	16.7%	11,212
18	Sump Pump Maintenance	2,029	1,939	95.5%	90	1,152	1,928	167.3%	(776)	877	10	1.2%	866
19	Cross Drainage Structure Mtce	1,152	712	61.8%	441	1,152	712	61.8%	441	-	-	0.0%	-
20	Rip-Rapping	2,721	-	0.0%	2,721	2,721	-	0.0%	2,721	-	-	0.0%	-
21	Operations Reports	-	410	0.0%	(410)	-	410	0.0%	(410)	-	-	0.0%	-
22	Operations Supervision	54,906	27,829	50.7%	27,077	54,906	27,829	50.7%	27,077	-	-	0.0%	-
23	Water supply coordination & monitoring	632,215	658,705	104.2%	(26,490)	186,607	88,740	47.6%	97,868	445,608	569,965	127.9%	(124,357)
24	Legal Expense - Direct	101,500	45,824	45.1%	55,676	-	-	0.0%	-	101,500	45,824	45.1%	55,676
25	Safety & First Aid Training	33,663	12,786	38.0%	20,877	14,978	3,104	20.7%	11,874	18,684	9,682	51.8%	9,003
26	Office Admin (Typing etc.)	8,631	1,017	11.8%	7,614	8,631	1,017	11.8%	7,614	-	-	0.0%	-
27	Payroll Preparation	4,557	947	20.8%	3,611	4,557	947	20.8%	3,611	-	-	0.0%	-
28	Meetings	275,209	207,310	75.3%	56,224	73,839	74,743	101.2%	(904)	201,370	132,567	65.8%	68,802
29	Education & Training	46,443	5,492	11.8%	40,951	23,760	4,942	20.8%	18,818	22,683	550	2.4%	22,133
30	Procurement	20,826	4,919	23.6%	15,906	20,826	4,919	23.6%	15,906	-	-	0.0%	-
31	Inventory & Property Mgt.	1,439	-	0.0%	1,439	1,439	-	0.0%	1,439	-	-	0.0%	-
32	Employee Benefits	1,379,988	756,104	54.8%	626,496	321,531	215,593	67.1%	105,938	1,058,457	537,899	50.8%	520,558
33	Personnel Administration	115,881	97,774	84.4%	18,108	115,881	97,774	84.4%	18,108	-	-	0.0%	-
34	Workers Comp. Insurance	82,980	43,213	52.1%	39,768	-	-	0.0%	-	82,980	43,213	52.1%	39,768
35	Utilities	101,219	68,519	67.7%	32,700	-	-	0.0%	-	101,219	68,519	67.7%	32,700
36	Dues & Subscriptions	9,795	4,745	48.4%	5,049	-	-	0.0%	-	9,795	4,745	48.4%	5,049
37	Budget Preparation	3,800	3,005	79.1%	795	3,800	3,005	79.1%	795	-	-	0.0%	-
38	Archiving & Data Storage	2,877	-	0.0%	2,877	2,877	-	0.0%	2,877	-	-	0.0%	-
39	Vehicle & Equipment Acquisition	325,260	53,610	16.5%	271,649	-	-	0.0%	-	325,260	53,610	16.5%	271,649
40	TOTAL EXPENSES: MAINTENANCE	7,645,075	4,938,367	64.6%	2,706,708	2,940,772	1,781,026	60.6%	1,159,747	4,704,302	3,157,341	67.1%	1,546,961

Friant Water Authority
 Budget vs Actual Expenses
 YTD - 04/30/2024

Budget year: 58.3% Completed

	Total				Labor				Materials			
	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	% Of Bud	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining		
												2,618,488.23
OPERATIONS												
41 Vehicle & Equipment Service	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,550	77.50%	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,550	77.50%	\$ 450
42 Yard & Building Maintenance	62,374	48,939	78.46%	13,435	25,427	21,563	84.80%	3,864	36,947	27,376	74.10%	9,571
44 Structure & Gate Maintenance	219,196	238,313	108.72%	(19,117)	79,070	105,773	133.77%	(26,703)	140,126	132,540	94.59%	7,586
45 Cleaning Right-of-Way	1,456	1,111	76.30%	345	656	954	145.33%	(297)	800	157	19.68%	643
46 Bargate & Guardrail Maint	2,200	-	0.00%	2,200	-	-	0.00%	-	2,200	-	0.00%	2,200
47 Drainditch & Channel Mtce - Desilting	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-
48 Sump Pump Maintenance	27,560	12,430	45.10%	15,131	-	785	0.00%	(785)	27,560	11,645	42.25%	15,915
49 Finance Charge	-	1	0.00%	(1)	-	-	0.00%	-	-	1	0.00%	(1)
50 C. & I. Maint (ESI Equipment)	280,991	211,646	75.32%	69,345	44,292	32,398	73.15%	11,894	236,698	179,248	75.73%	57,450
51 Meter Repair	125,702	100,365	79.84%	25,337	50,854	23,822	46.84%	27,032	74,848	76,542	102.26%	(1,695)
52 Canal Patrol	383,080	168,457	43.97%	214,623	382,423	168,028	43.94%	214,395	656	428	65.28%	228
53 Operations Reports	116,801	67,039	57.40%	49,761	116,472	67,032	57.55%	49,440	328	7	2.13%	321
54 Operations Supervision	89,601	53,604	59.83%	35,996	89,601	53,604	59.83%	35,996	-	-	0.00%	-
55 Water Measurement	3,937	3,815	96.89%	123	2,625	645	24.58%	1,980	1,312	3,169	241.50%	(1,857)
56 Safety & First Aid Training	3,500	1,999	57.11%	1,501	1,312	1,625	123.85%	(313)	2,187	373	17.06%	1,814
57 Meetings	9,187	5,117	55.70%	4,070	9,187	5,117	55.70%	4,070	-	-	0.00%	-
58 Education & Training	5,687	317	5.57%	5,370	1,312	218	16.63%	1,094	4,375	99	2.25%	4,276
59 Employee Benefits	471,067	252,809	53.67%	218,258	127,496	70,527	55.32%	56,969	343,572	182,282	53.06%	161,289
60 Workers Comp. Insurance	36,505	17,562	48.11%	18,944	-	-	0.00%	-	36,505	17,562	48.11%	18,944
61 Utilities	35,832	17,797	49.67%	18,035	-	-	0.00%	-	35,832	17,797	49.67%	18,035
62 Vehicle & Equipment Acquisition	7,700	-	0.00%	7,700	-	-	0.00%	-	7,700	-	0.00%	7,700
63 TOTAL EXPENSES: WATER OPERATIONS	\$ 1,884,374	\$ 1,202,868	63.8%	\$ 681,506	\$ 930,728	\$ 552,091	59.3%	\$ 378,637	\$ 953,646	\$ 650,777	68.2%	\$ 302,869

Friant Water Authority
 Budget vs Actual Expenses
 YTD - 04/30/2024

Budget year: 58.3% Completed

	Total				Labor			Materials				
	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	% Of Bud	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining		
ADMINISTRATION												
64 Water supply coordination & monitoring	\$ 84,209	\$ 55,384	65.77%	\$ 28,825	\$ 74,855	\$ 50,329	67.24%	\$ 24,526	\$ 9,354	\$ 5,055	54.04%	\$ 4,300
65 Safety & First Aid Training	97,767	24,297	24.85%	73,470	7,844	2,291	29.20%	5,553	89,923	22,007	24.47%	67,917
66 Office Admin (Typing etc.)	120,704	68,402	56.67%	52,301	120,704	68,393	56.66%	52,311	-	9	0.00%	(9)
67 Payroll Preparation	17,216	9,666	56.14%	7,550	17,216	9,666	56.14%	7,550	-	-	0.00%	-
68 Meetings	73,497	15,261	20.76%	58,236	69,097	14,534	21.03%	54,563	4,400	727	16.53%	3,673
69 Education & Training	83,490	11,087	13.28%	72,402	25,691	4,936	19.21%	20,755	57,799	6,152	10.64%	51,647
70 Inventory & Property Mgt.	4,921	391	7.95%	4,530	4,921	391	7.95%	4,530	-	-	0.00%	-
71 Employee Benefits	501,787	302,147	60.21%	199,640	128,376	88,671	69.07%	39,704	373,412	213,476	57.17%	159,936
72 Data Processing	286,149	213,656	74.67%	72,492	48,949	39,837	81.38%	9,112	237,200	173,820	73.28%	63,380
73 Travel	42,067	17,165	40.80%	24,902	-	-	0.00%	-	42,067	17,165	40.80%	24,902
74 Accounting & Auditing	493,589	300,946	60.97%	192,643	393,716	265,158	67.35%	128,558	99,873	35,788	35.83%	64,085
75 Personnel Administration	104,417	53,090	50.84%	51,327	71,638	50,993	71.18%	20,645	32,779	2,097	6.40%	30,682
76 Liability Insurance	164,248	163,595	99.60%	653	-	-	0.00%	-	164,248	163,595	99.60%	653
77 Workers Compensation Insurance	3,655	1,713	46.88%	1,942	-	-	0.00%	-	3,655	1,713	46.88%	1,942
78 Finance Charge	-	1,025	0.00%	(1,025)	-	-	0.00%	-	-	1,025	0.00%	(1,025)
79 Utilities	72,307	32,719	45.25%	39,588	-	-	0.00%	-	72,307	32,719	45.25%	39,588
80 Office Supplies	29,288	16,820	57.43%	12,468	-	-	0.00%	-	29,288	16,820	57.43%	12,468
81 Postage	7,747	4,603	59.42%	3,144	-	-	0.00%	-	7,747	4,603	59.42%	3,144
82 Dues & Subscriptions	11,614	-	0.00%	11,614	-	-	0.00%	-	11,614	-	0.00%	11,614
83 Budget Preparation	21,918	11,899	54.29%	10,018	21,918	11,899	54.29%	10,018	-	-	0.00%	-
84 Lease office equipment	34,122	33,069	96.91%	1,053	-	-	0.00%	-	34,122	33,069	96.91%	1,053
85 Vehicle & Equipment Acquisition	233,701	193,601	82.84%	40,099	-	-	0.00%	-	233,701	193,601	82.84%	40,099
86 Admin Reimb - GM Fund - see Note #1	(170,456)	(48,712)	28.58%	(121,745)	-	-	0.00%	-	(170,456)	(48,712)	28.58%	(121,745)
87 TOTAL EXPENSES: ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,317,956	\$ 1,481,907	63.9%	\$ 836,049	\$ 984,923	\$ 607,098	61.6%	\$ 377,825	\$ 1,333,033	\$ 874,809	65.6%	\$ 458,225

88 **Note #1** O&M 97% \$ 1,481,907
 89 GM 3% \$ 48,712
100% \$ 1,530,618

Friant Water Authority
 Budget vs Actual Expenses
 YTD - 04/30/2024

Budget year: 58.3% Completed

	Total				Labor				Materials			
	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	% Of Bud	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining	Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Remaining		
SPECIAL PROJECTS												
90 Subsidence - System Wide	149,914	35,687	23.8%	114,227	1,833	5,723	312.2%	(3,890)	148,081	29,965	20.2%	118,116
91 FKC System-wide Capacity Correction Project MOU	481,888	156,515	32.5%	325,373	14,570	12,491	85.7%	2,079	467,318	144,024	30.8%	323,294
92 GSA Engagement - East	297,399	170,579	57.4%	126,820	96,168	16,988	17.7%	79,180	201,231	153,591	76.3%	47,640
93 GSA Engagement - West	102,464	8,125	7.9%	94,340	36,376	8,125	22.3%	28,251	66,088	-	0.0%	66,088
94 Water Quality	44,443	56,101	126.2%	(11,658)	102,340	18,655	18.2%	83,685	(57,897)	37,445	-64.7%	(95,343)
95 Pump Back Project	-	109,668	0.0%	(109,668)	-	15,374	0.0%	(15,374)	-	94,294	0.0%	(94,294)
96 TOTAL EXPENSES: SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$1,076,107	536,675	49.9%	\$539,433	\$488,012	\$77,355	15.9%	\$410,657	\$588,096	\$459,320	78.1%	\$128,776

CARRY OVER ITEMS FY 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance
SEE NOTE			
97 CSO Operations Pickup	27,100	31,835	(4,735)
98 Crane/Boom Truck	198,138	-	198,138
99 Mechanic Service Bed	10,000	3,214	6,786
100 TOTAL CARRY OVER ITEMS FY 2023	\$235,238	\$35,049	\$200,189

BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT

	FY 2024 Approved Budget	FY 2024 Actuals	Surplus /(Shortage)	% of Budget YTD 58.33%
Consultants				
General Counsel				
<i>Burke, Williams & Sorenson, LLC</i>	3,000	700	2,300	23.33%
Special Counsel				
<i>Water & Power Law Group</i>	230,000	123,690	106,310	53.78%
<i>Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLC</i>	39,000	2,875	36,125	7.37%
<i>Somach, Simmons, & Dunn</i>	136,750	64,544	72,206	47.20%
<i>Kaplan & Kirsch</i>	260,000	25,346	234,654	9.75%
<i>CEQA Litigation (Stoel Rives)</i>	100,000	12,487	87,513	12.49%
Special Counsel Subtotal	765,750	228,942	536,808	29.90%
Professional Support - Operations				
<i>General Consulting - as needed (Bill Luce, Steve O. & MBK)</i>	104,770	32,475	72,295	31.00%
<i>AECOM</i>	150,000	59,147	90,853	39.43%
Professional Support - Operations Subtotal	254,770	91,622	163,148	35.96%
Professional Support - Communications & Outreach				
<i>Kan Ventures</i>	61,100	17,351	43,749	28.40%
<i>External Affairs - Federal (Ferguson Group)</i>	60,000	10,691	49,309	17.82%
<i>External Affairs - State (Villines)</i>	61,100	20,000	41,100	32.73%
<i>Media & Materials - (Commuter Industries)</i>	30,000	5,132	24,868	17.11%
<i>Communication Activities</i>	36,000	2,138		5.94%
Professional Support - Comm. & Outreach Subtotal	248,200	55,311	159,027	22.28%
Consultants Subtotal	1,271,720	376,574	895,146	29.61%
Staff				
Leadership	583,962	336,940	247,022	57.70%
Staff Subtotal	583,962	336,940	247,022	57.70%
Other Activities				
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	0	100.00%
SJV Blueprint	15,000	10,000	5,000	66.67%
Public Policy Institute of California	10,000	-	10,000	
Cal-Farm Water Coalition	5,000	5,000		100.00%
Misc Organizational Contributions	10,000	4,811	5,189	48.11%
Dues & Fees Subtotal	185,000	147,310	37,690	79.63%
Other Supplies & Services				
<i>Travel</i>	60,000	39,746	20,254	66.24%
<i>Hotel</i>	37,500	21,354	16,146	56.94%
<i>Meals</i>	45,000	20,193	24,807	44.87%
<i>Miscellaneous visa receipts</i>	10,000	690	9,310	6.90%
<i>Annual Meeting</i>	11,000	-		
<i>Promotional Items</i>	5,500	-		
<i>Meeting expenses -</i>	45,000	51,199	(6,199)	113.77%
Other Supplies & Services Subtotal	214,000	133,182	64,318	62.23%
Admin Allocation	170,456	34,651	135,805	20.33%
Direct Expenses (including rent, mileage)				
<i>Mileage</i>	14,400	8,400	6,000	58.33%
<i>Rent</i>	24,360	14,035	10,325	57.61%
<i>Office Supplies</i>	5,000	235	4,765	4.70%
Direct Expenses Subtotal	43,760	22,670	21,090	51.80%
Other Activities Subtotal	613,216	337,813	258,903	55.09%
Subtotal Base Budgets	2,468,898	1,051,327	1,401,071	42.58%
Special Projects				
Regulatory Engagement & Advocacy	200,000		200,000	0.00%
Total Special Projects	200,000	0	200,000	0.00%
Total Budgets	2,668,898	1,051,327	1,601,071	39.39%

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	SJRRP funds	WIIN funds	Total Federal Funds	Advance Payments for Construction Costs	FWA Contractors	Eastern Tule GSA	Pixley GSA	State Funding-DWR	Misc. Revenue	Total FWA funds
Anticipated Funding	\$41M-\$46.9M	\$ 210,550,000		\$ 118,645,000	\$ 50,000,000	\$125M-\$200M	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 74,480,000	\$ -	
Funds Secured/Received to date	\$ 41,900,000	\$ 208,100,000	\$ 250,000,000	\$ 83,118,000	\$ 49,917,953	\$ 16,748,405	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 67,032,000	\$ 2,845,141	\$ 147,543,499
Expenditures to date	(33,315,629)	(115,523,434)	(148,839,064)	(83,091,379)	(37,478,602)	(16,390,573)	(11,000,000)	(36,696,727)	(480,815)	(102,046,716)
Remaining Funding Available	\$ 8,584,371	\$ 92,576,566	\$ 101,160,936	\$ 26,621	\$ 12,439,351	\$ 357,832	\$ -	\$ 30,335,273	\$ 2,364,326	\$ 45,496,783

Project Cost Category	Budget Estimate (2023)			Prior Period Expenditures (Cumulative)			April 30, 2024 Expenditures			Total Expenditures through April 30, 2024			Remaining Budget		
	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total
Pre-Construction Costs Total	\$ 20,967,906	\$ 3,525,733	\$ 24,493,639	\$ 20,967,906	\$ 3,525,733	\$ 24,493,639	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,967,906	\$ 3,525,733	\$ 24,493,639	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)
ROW & Land Acquisition Total	\$ 6,704,604	\$ 15,276,761	\$ 21,981,365	\$ 4,910,728	\$ 14,005,798	\$ 18,916,526	\$ 1,027	\$ -	\$ 1,027	\$ 4,911,755	\$ 14,005,798	\$ 18,917,553	\$ 1,792,849	\$ 1,270,963	\$ 3,063,812
Legal & Administration (Facilitating Services) & IT Services	\$ 51,251	\$ 863,646	\$ 914,897	\$ 60,167	\$ 666,712	\$ 726,879	\$ -	\$ 8,580	\$ 8,580	\$ 60,167	\$ 675,292	\$ 735,459	\$ (8,916)	\$ 188,353	\$ 179,438
Permitting, NEPA/CEQA, Cultural Resources, & Environmental Monitoring	\$ 822,997	\$ 501,908	\$ 1,324,905	\$ 613,187	\$ 101,908	\$ 715,095	\$ (856)		\$ (856)	\$ 612,330	\$ 101,908	\$ 714,238	\$ 210,667	\$ 400,000	\$ 610,667
Project Management	\$ 2,970,519	\$ 1,668,595	\$ 4,639,114	\$ 1,312,705	\$ 521,518	\$ 1,834,223	\$ 38,970	\$ 59,759	\$ 98,729	\$ 1,351,675	\$ 581,278	\$ 1,932,953	\$ 1,618,844	\$ 1,087,317	\$ 2,706,162
Construction Management	\$ 13,338,075	\$ -	\$ 13,338,075	\$ 10,069,766	\$ -	\$ 10,069,766	\$ 425,358		\$ 425,358	\$ 10,495,124	\$ -	\$ 10,495,124	\$ 2,842,951	\$ -	\$ 2,842,951
Design & Specifications	\$ 729,148	\$ -	\$ 729,148	\$ 194,582	\$ -	\$ 194,582	\$ (338)		\$ (338)	\$ 194,244	\$ -	\$ 194,244	\$ 534,904	\$ -	\$ 534,904
Construction Support	\$ 22,547,496	\$ 12,102	\$ 22,559,598	\$ 12,526,622	\$ 15,776	\$ 12,542,398	\$ 423,125	\$ 22,930	\$ 446,055	\$ 12,949,746	\$ 38,707	\$ 12,988,453	\$ 9,597,749	\$ (26,605)	\$ 9,571,145
Construction Contract & Contingency Total	\$ 95,182,187	\$ 141,465,439	\$ 236,647,626	\$ 95,683,274	\$ 82,296,994	\$ 177,980,268	\$ 1,612,843	\$ 794,385	\$ 2,407,228	\$ 97,296,117	\$ 83,091,379	\$ 180,387,496	\$ (2,113,930)	\$ 58,374,060	\$ 56,260,130
Total	\$ 163,314,183	\$ 163,314,183	\$ 326,628,366	\$ 146,338,936	\$ 101,134,440	\$ 247,473,376	\$ 2,500,127	\$ 885,655	\$ 3,385,782	\$ 148,839,064	\$ 102,020,095	\$ 250,859,159	\$ 14,475,119	\$ 61,294,088	\$ 75,769,207

% Cost-Share 50% 50% 100%

Actual cost-share percentages: 59% 41%

Please Note:
 * The difference on the cost-share percentages is due to the timing of when the FWA Spending Plan Funds are being expended by BOR.
 * The expenditures above reflect the actual spending between USBR & FWA including the split between BOR & FWA to the construction contract payments.



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

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Siphon 10

DEID

Avenue 64

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End Phase 1 Project

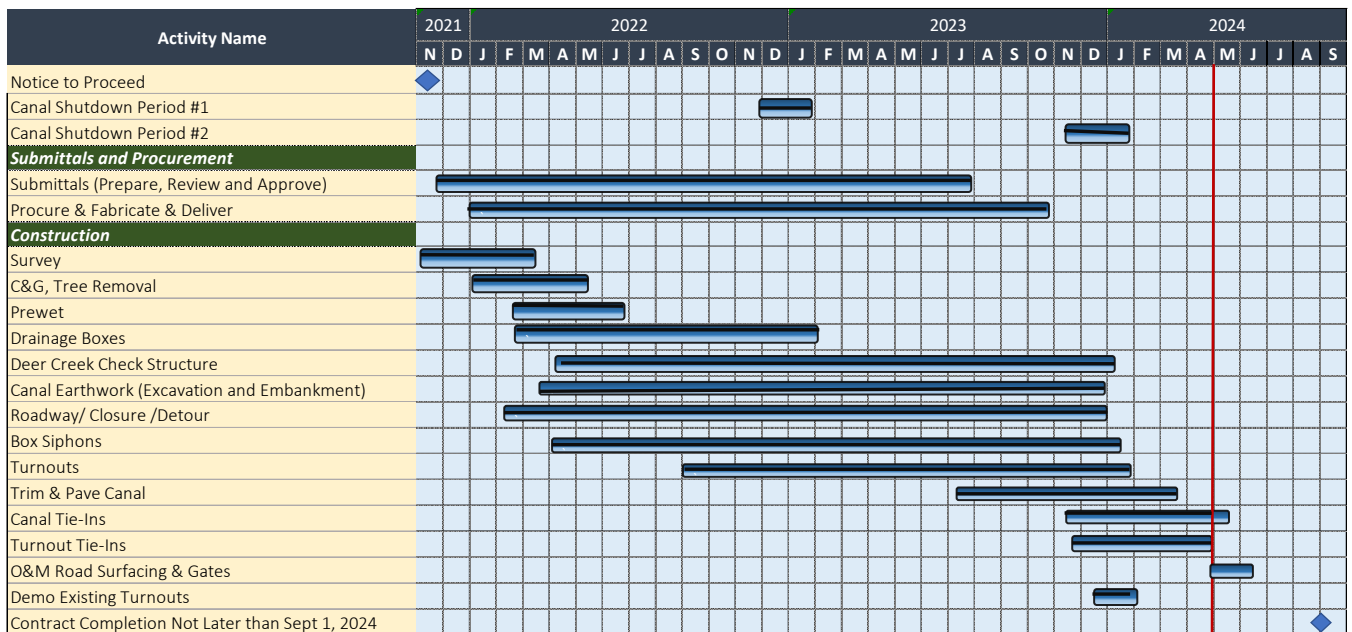
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Summary of Work Accomplished

- Joint sealant for the canal lining was placed at various locations.
- The northern and southern temporary earthen plugs were removed from the new parallel canal. Temporary sediment turbidity curtains were installed prior to plug removal to minimize potential downstream water quality impacts.
- Turnout work continued at several turnouts.
- Compacted earthen embankment freeboard was placed at the canal embankments.
- General site cleanup was conducted at the Deer Creek check and the majority of the siphons.
- Replacement paving was conducted at Road 208 and Avenue 95 and the roads were re-opened to traffic.
- Electrical and instrumentation work continued at the Deer Creek check wasteway, Deer Creek check, and Terra Bella sites.

Schedule Progress



Work completed through the end of April (based on cost) is approximately 98.5 percent of the modified contract amount, and the elapsed time represents approximately 88.2 percent of the total contract time.

Construction Narrative

The weather was partly sunny with two (2) rain days that impacted the canal joint sealing activities and earthwork. All segments of the embankment are at approximately 99 % complete. The Contractor continued to pull excess trimmed material from the outer canal slopes to use as compacted earthen embankment freeboard in several of the canal segments. Concrete canal lining joint sealing was completed in the southern portion of the alignment.

Work was conducted on the bifurcation. The northern and southern temporary earthen plugs in the new parallel canal were removed. Temporary sediment turbidity curtains were installed prior to plug removal to minimize potential downstream water quality impacts. Upon removal of the temporary earthen plugs, the first water was introduced in the new canal downstream of the Deer Creek check. At the end of this month, the new parallel canal and the old canal were both conveying water. This will be the scenario until May when the permanent earthen plugs will be installed in the old canal.

Finish grading and general site cleanup continued at the Deer Creek check structure. The control panel operations platform was completed at the Deer Creek check and the fencing installation was started. The Contractor completed pavement replacement at Road 208 and Avenue 95. Grading and final backfilling was conducted at the Avenue 80 siphon. Fencing was completed at the Avenue 80 and 88 siphons.

Turnout work continued at several turnouts. Work included conducting stop log leakage testing; installing and grouting stop log guides, installing fencing, and placing structural backfill over a turnout tie-in.

Electrical and instrumentation work continued. The pre-commissioning testing was completed for the Deer Creek wasteway and the Terra Bella weir. Pre-commissioning started at the Deer Creek check. Electrical clean-up work was conducted at the Deer Creek, Terra Bella, and Casa Blanca sites.

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 a credit of \$89,017 this past month.

Construction Progress Photographs ¹



Northern Temporary Earthen Plug was Removed.



Start of Southern Tie-in Temporary Earthen Plug Removal. Final Breach Conducted after Water Equalized.

¹ Photographs courtesy of Reclamation



First Canal Fill Between Deer Creek and South Tie-in.



South Tie-in After Earthen Plug Removal.



Canal Embankment Placement Above the Canal Lining in Southern Segment of Alignment.



Avenue 95 Road Paving was Completed.



Road 208 Paving was Completed.



Backfill Completed at Avenue 80 Siphon.



Canal Embankment Placement Above the Canal Lining at the Northern Bifurcation.



Pre-commissioning at Deer Creek check.

Financial Summary

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Remaining Funding Available	\$ 8,584,371	\$ 92,576,566	\$ 101,160,936	\$ 26,621	\$ 12,439,351	\$ 357,832	\$ -	\$ 30,335,273	\$ 2,364,326	\$ 45,496,783

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	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total	Reclamation	FWA (Non-Federal)	Total
Pre-Construction Costs Total	\$ 20,967,906	\$ 3,525,733	\$ 24,493,639	\$ 20,967,906	\$ 3,525,733	\$ 24,493,639	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,967,906	\$ 3,525,733	\$ 24,493,639	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)
ROW & Land Acquisition Total	\$ 6,704,604	\$ 15,276,761	\$ 21,981,365	\$ 4,910,728	\$ 14,005,798	\$ 18,916,526	\$ 1,027	\$ -	\$ 1,027	\$ 4,911,755	\$ 14,005,798	\$ 18,917,553	\$ 1,792,849	\$ 1,270,963	\$ 3,063,812
Legal & Administration (Facilitating Services) & IT Services	\$ 51,251	\$ 863,646	\$ 914,897	\$ 60,167	\$ 666,712	\$ 726,879	\$ -	\$ 8,580	\$ 8,580	\$ 60,167	\$ 675,292	\$ 735,459	\$ (8,916)	\$ 188,353	\$ 179,438
Permitting, NEPA/CEQA, Cultural Resources, & Environmental Monitoring	\$ 822,997	\$ 501,908	\$ 1,324,905	\$ 613,187	\$ 101,908	\$ 715,095	\$ (856)	\$ -	\$ (856)	\$ 612,330	\$ 101,908	\$ 714,238	\$ 210,667	\$ 400,000	\$ 610,667
Project Management	\$ 2,970,519	\$ 1,668,595	\$ 4,639,114	\$ 1,312,705	\$ 521,518	\$ 1,834,223	\$ 38,970	\$ 59,759	\$ 98,729	\$ 1,351,675	\$ 581,278	\$ 1,932,953	\$ 1,618,844	\$ 1,087,317	\$ 2,706,162
Construction Management	\$ 13,338,075	\$ -	\$ 13,338,075	\$ 10,069,766	\$ -	\$ 10,069,766	\$ 425,358	\$ -	\$ 425,358	\$ 10,495,124	\$ -	\$ 10,495,124	\$ 2,842,951	\$ -	\$ 2,842,951
Design & Specifications	\$ 729,148	\$ -	\$ 729,148	\$ 194,582	\$ -	\$ 194,582	\$ (338)	\$ -	\$ (338)	\$ 194,244	\$ -	\$ 194,244	\$ 534,904	\$ -	\$ 534,904
Construction Support	\$ 22,547,496	\$ 12,102	\$ 22,559,598	\$ 12,526,622	\$ 15,776	\$ 12,542,398	\$ 423,125	\$ 22,930	\$ 446,055	\$ 12,949,746	\$ 38,707	\$ 12,988,453	\$ 9,597,749	\$ (26,605)	\$ 9,571,145
Construction Contract & Contingency Total	\$ 95,182,187	\$ 141,465,439	\$ 236,647,626	\$ 95,683,274	\$ 82,296,994	\$ 177,980,268	\$ 1,612,843	\$ 794,385	\$ 2,407,228	\$ 97,296,117	\$ 83,091,379	\$ 180,387,496	\$ (2,113,930)	\$ 58,374,060	\$ 56,260,130
Total	\$ 163,314,183	\$ 163,314,183	\$ 326,628,366	\$ 146,338,936	\$ 101,134,440	\$ 247,473,376	\$ 2,500,127	\$ 885,655	\$ 3,385,782	\$ 148,839,064	\$ 102,020,095	\$ 250,859,159	\$ 14,475,119	\$ 61,294,088	\$ 75,769,207

% Cost-Share 50% 50% 100%

Actual cost-share percentages: 59% 41%

Please Note:

* The difference on the cost-share percentages is due to the timing of when the FWA Spending Plan Funds are being expended by BOR.
 * The expenditures above reflect the actual spending between USBR & FWA including the split between BOR & FWA to the construction contract payments.

DATE: May 23, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

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

SUBJECT: **Water Operations Update**

SUMMARY:

Temperatures over the past month have been slightly above average across most of the State. A larger storm in the first week of May started the month fairly wet, but conditions have been mostly dry since. Internal operational projections using recent forecast data were developed to forecast operations through the end of summer and are compared to the most recent Reclamation projections which were developed based on the April 1 runoff forecasts. Reclamation issued updated allocations for all contractors on April 24 which increased the South-of-Delta (SOD) Ag allocation to 40%. On April 18th, Reclamation increased the Friant Class 1 allocation to 100% and Class 2 to 5%. On May 15th, Reclamation made unlimited, uncontrolled season of Class 2 water supplies available through May 28th, which supersedes the previous available additional uncontrolled season blocks, but does not affect the announcements of URFs.

DISCUSSION:

Inflow Forecasts

Precipitation in the San Joaquin watershed is approximately 91% of average for May and is currently about 89% of average for the water year. Temperatures over the last month have generally been slightly above average. Snow water equivalent (SWE) in the San Joaquin watershed is currently about 79% of normal and about 50% of the April 1 value. Elsewhere across the State, water year precipitation currently ranges from 83% to 94% of average and SWE ranges from about 47% to 90% of normal. Over the next week, temperatures are expected to be near normal with the potential for a warm-up later next week. Little to no precipitation is expected outside of a small chance for afternoon thunderstorms in parts of the Sierra.

Table 1 shows the unimpaired inflow forecasts for Shasta Lake and Millerton Lake from the California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC), California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and current Millerton forecast developed for the Restoration Program for the 2024 water year. The CNRFC and DWR forecasts are fairly consistent at the 50% level for both Shasta and Millerton. The current CNRFC 50% forecast would result in a water year flow this is 102% and 104% of average for Shasta and Millerton, respectively.

Table 1. Unimpaired Inflow Forecasts for WY 2024

Item	Exceedance		
	90%	50%	10%
CNRFC Shasta Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) ¹	5,640	5,670	5,700
DWR Shasta Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) ²	5,535	5,725	6,055
CNRFC Millerton Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) ¹	1,820	1,850	1,890
DWR Millerton Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) ²	1,630	1,720	1,870
BOR Millerton Unimpaired Inflow (TAF) ³	1,717	1,776	1,858

Notes:

¹ As of May 20.

² As of May 14.

³ As of May 16, (60% DWR/40% NWS) smoothed and adjusted.

North-of-Delta Operations

Overall Central Valley Project (CVP) North-of-Delta (NOD) reservoirs releases have been decreasing as reservoirs fill and runoff slows. Storage levels based on the 15-year average at Trinity, Shasta, and Folsom are currently at 124%, 120%, and 117% of average, respectively. The State Water Project (SWP) updated their Table A allocation to 40% on April 23rd. For the CVP, Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, Exchange Contractors, all Refuge supplies, and NOD M&I and Ag are 100% of contract; SOD M&I is 75% of contract and SOD Ag is 40% of contract, which was last updated on April 24th.

Internal operational forecasts have been prepared for the 90% and 50% exceedance levels based on April 18th CNRFC forecasted hydrology. Although both projections are provided, differences are minor between the internal 90% and 50% with slightly higher end of September carryover storage and slightly greater exports under the 50% projection. Also provided is Reclamation’s April 90% and 50% projections (based off the April 1 runoff forecast). All projections operate under a Above Normal water year type, which requires operating to the Fall X2 requirement in September and October. The internal projection makes a slightly more conservative estimate of the Delta Outflow required for Fall X2 compared to CVO’s assumption, with the internal assumption based off 2023 operations. For the internal projections, this results in slightly greater use of both Shasta and Folsom storage.

Figures 1 and 2 show the projected Shasta Lake and Folsom Lake storage through September based off these projections, as compared to actuals to date. Shasta is currently trending between the internal and Reclamation forecasts. Shasta is about 160 TAF from completely filling and has likely peaked for year, as releases for pulse flows and increasing downstream demands have exceeded current inflows. The internal projections show Shasta storage in September between 2.8 and 3.0 MAF, while CVO’s projections show storage between 2.6 and 3.1 MAF. Folsom storage is also currently trending near all projections, with each showing Folsom near full at the end of May. Summer projections are similar, except for a lower end of September storage under the internal projections and the Reclamation 90% due to greater use of Folsom to meet export demands in the summer.

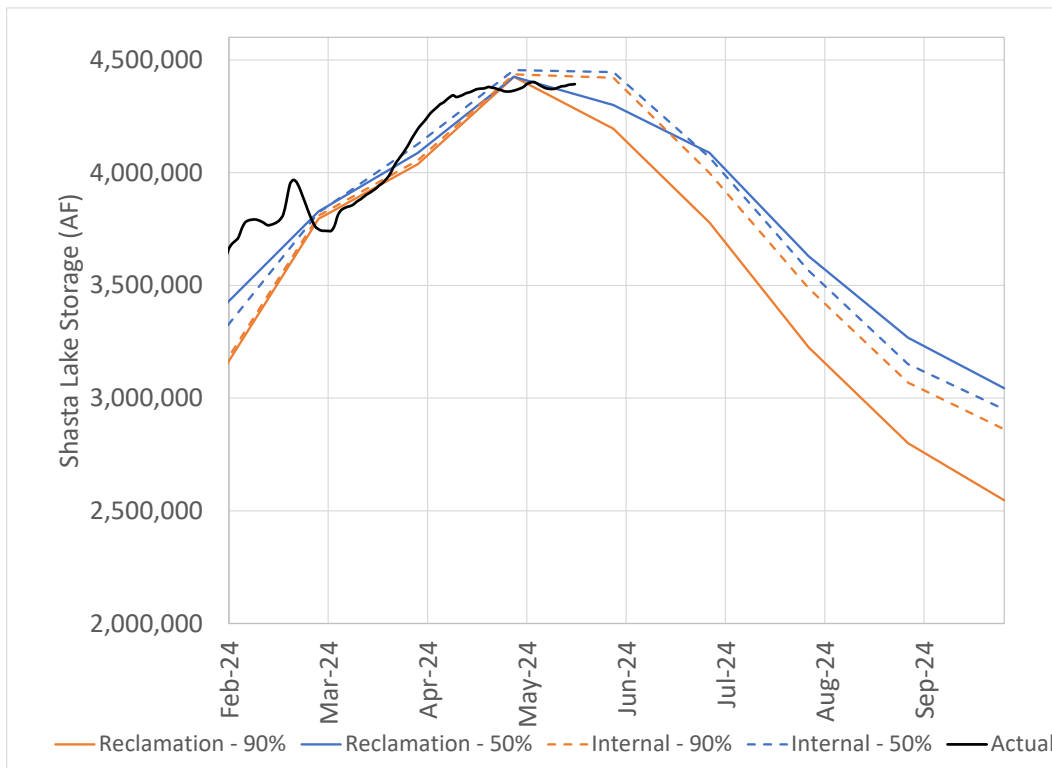


Figure 1. Shasta Lake Storage – April Internal and Reclamation Projections

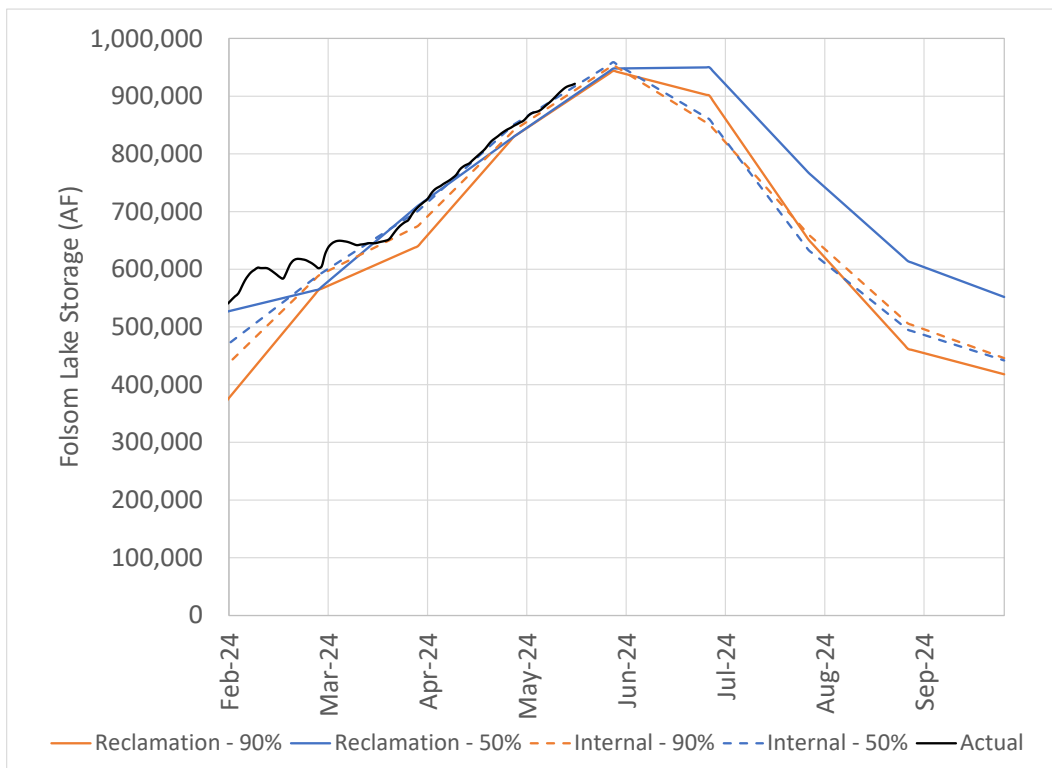


Figure 2. Folsom Lake Storage – April Internal and Reclamation Projections

South-of-Delta Operations

Delta Operations

Beginning April 1, the Projects started operating to a San Joaquin I/E ratio of 4:1 (due to the Above Normal San Joaquin water year type) through the end of May. Under the Interim Operations Plan (IOP), Reclamation is required to operate to the I/E ratio and forego 100 TAF of exports. Higher Delta outflow during the first 9 days of April allowed for an off-ramp of the I/E requirement, which resulted in increased exports at Banks. Outside of a small increase at Jones to two-units at the end of April, the Projects had been operating to the I/E requirement and were at minimum public health and safety pumping (a combined 1,500 cfs; ~900 cfs at Jones and 600 cfs at Banks). Reclamation satisfied the 100 TAF IOP requirement on May 14 and Jones increased to a 3-unit operation on May 15 and a 4-unit operation on May 16. Jones exports will be restricted to a net 2-unit operation from May 20-24 due to fish facility maintenance. Following that, Jones exports are expected to be limited to a -2500 OMR requirement, which should allow for a return to a four-unit operation depending on San Joaquin River flows. Banks pumping is limited to the 4:1 ratio through the end of the month (due to its Incidental Take Permit), but high San Joaquin River flows have allowed for a recent increase to 900 cfs. Figure 3 shows the internal (updated based on current conditions) and Reclamation projections for daily Jones pumping through September as compared to actuals to date. Both projections show similar exports through most of the period.

An approximately 6-week outage at O’Neill pumping plant due to transformer replacement had originally been scheduled for mid-April through late-May. Based on delivery constraints during this period, the outage is likely to occur soon after low point in July/August when pumping demands should be fully met by Jones pumping.

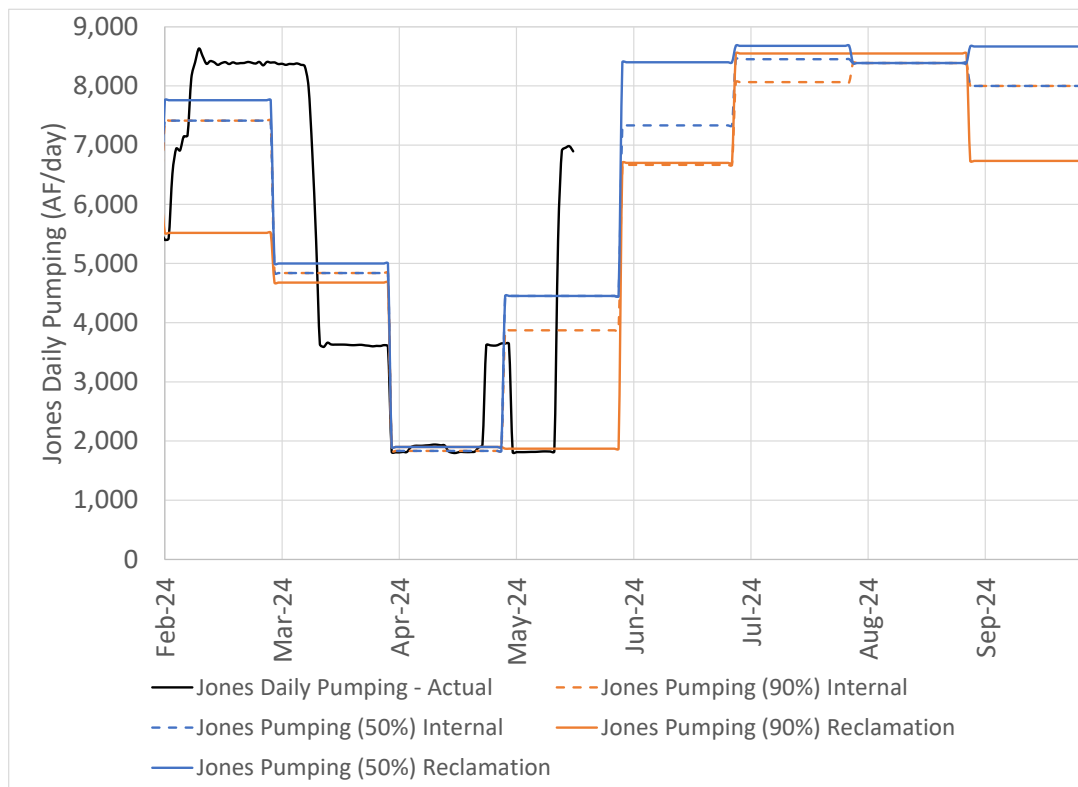


Figure 3. Daily Jones Pumping – Updated Internal and April Reclamation Projections

San Luis Operations

CVP San Luis storage is at 811 TAF—127% of its 15-year average and continuing to decline since it filled in mid-March. Since then, CVO has been paying back water owed to the SWP from exchanges in O’Neill during 2023. There is about 100 TAF of payback remaining (of approximately 170 TAF originally owed), with the intent to payback as much as possible before the end of June. CVO confirmed that nearly 220 TAF of 2023 water supply is rescheduled into 2024. CVO also indicated that approximately 83 TAF of the water currently in CVP San Luis is reserved for a “drought reserve pool” and is not available for water supply allocations. Given assumed rescheduled water usage, approximately 600 TAF of current CVP San Luis storage is Project storage available for 2024.

Figure 4 shows the updated 90% internal and April Reclamation projections for CVP San Luis physical storage, along with project (including drought pool storage) and non-project storages, all through September, as compared to actual. The updated internal projection assumes a 45% CVP SOD Ag allocation. Current storage is trending above the Reclamation projection and near the updated internal projection, mostly due to lower demands and slightly greater than anticipated exports. The internal forecast shows low point occurring in August at around 150 TAF (including the 83 TAF of storage reserved for the drought reserve pool), while the CVO forecast shows lowpoint occurring in September at about 120 TAF.

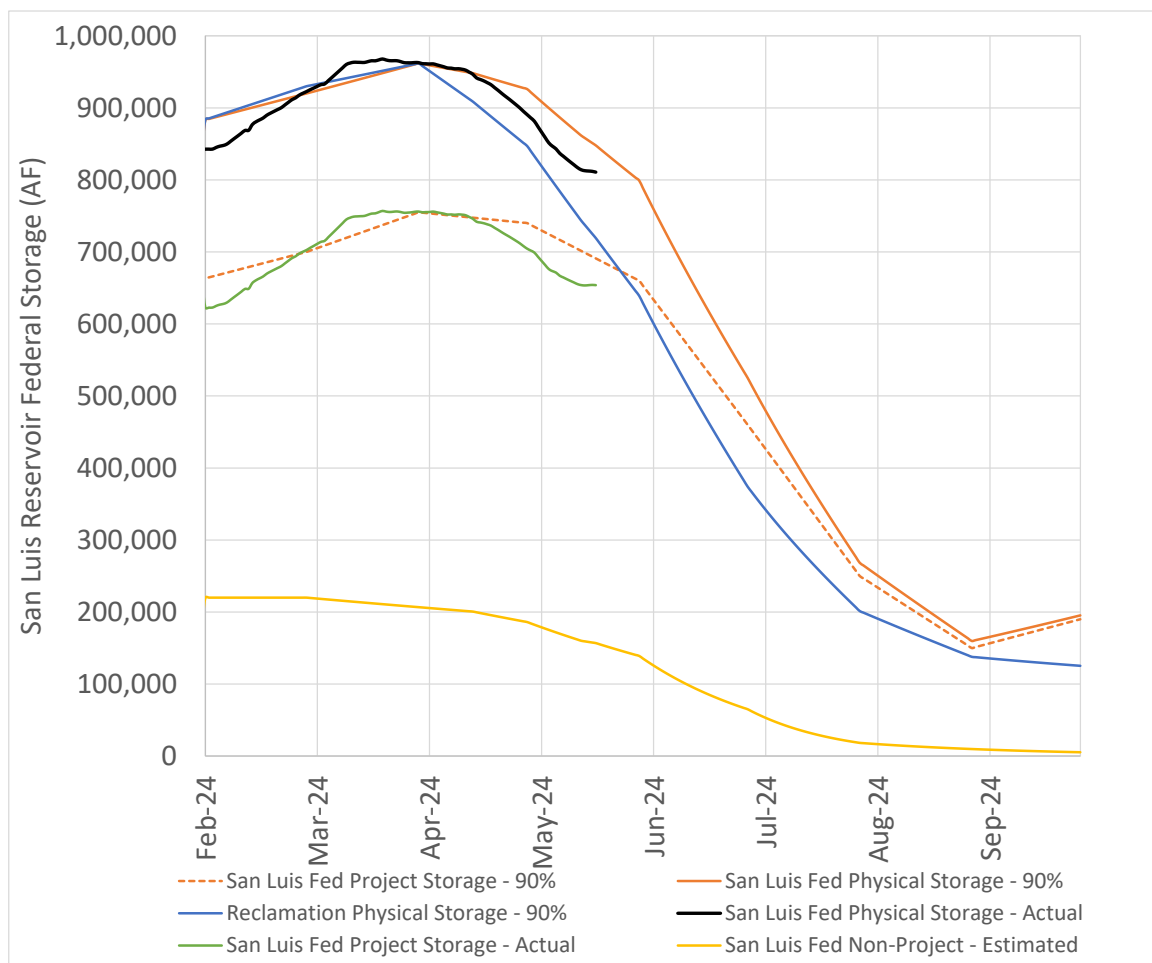


Figure 4. San Luis Federal Storage – Updated Internal and Reclamation Projections

SOD Ag Allocation and Exchange Contractors

As part of the April 24 allocation announcement, Reclamation confirmed the 100% allocation to the Exchange Contractors and increased the CVP SOD Ag allocation from 35% to 40% of contract. Our internal forecast assumed a 45% SOD Ag allocation under the updated 90% projection.

Friant Division

Millerton and Friant Allocation

As of May 21st, Millerton Lake is at 519 TAF of storage. Snow water content has now dropped to 93% of average to date due to rapid melt that is occurring, and total precipitation remains just below (86%) average for the water year. Reclamation's latest 90% exceedance forecast reflects a total water year runoff of 1.71 MAF and the 50% a 1.77 MAF water year and shows a 100% Class 1 and about 15% Class 2 allocation equivalent in uncontrolled season in May and potentially into June.

On April 18, Reclamation increased the Friant Class 1 allocation to 100% and Class 2 to 5%. On April 26, Reclamation released an additional 40 TAF block of Tier 1 unreleased restoration flows (120 TAF total to-date). On April 29, Reclamation announced the availability of 50 TAF block of Uncontrolled Season Class 2 supply that must be used by May 14. On May 1, Reclamation announced the availability of an additional 60 TAF block of Uncontrolled Season Class 2 supply that must be used by May 24. On May 11, Reclamation announced the availability of an additional 20 TAF block of Uncontrolled Season Class 2 supply that must be used by May 28. And, on May 15, Reclamation announced an unlimited uncontrolled season for Class 2 contractors which supersedes all previous available blocks of uncontrolled Class 2 supply.

Conditions surrounding Millerton operations (hydrology, runoff and demands) continue to be very dynamic. The recent additional supplies of URF and Uncontrolled Season Class 2 are part of flood management actions by Reclamation to control reservoir storage in Millerton Lake while also preserving residual schedulable supplies after the flood risk is passed. In addition to the incidental spills that occurred in late April, Reclamation performed "operational readiness" activities this month by lowering and raising spillway gates requiring addition flows over the top of the dam. Reclamation made equivalent reductions in the river outlet in order for total releases to match Restoration Flows. From May 13-16, Reclamation released flood water down the FKC to the Kings River Wasteway in an effort to maintain river temperatures and appropriate flows as recommended by the Restoration Program, however since the announcement of unlimited uncontrolled season, Friant contractors are utilizing all FKC conveyance capacity and flood releases essentially ceased on May 17th, however, it is anticipated additional minimal releases will occur over the spillway as increased runoff continues. To date, approximately 14 TAF has been released as flood flows through the San Joaquin and Kings rivers.

Friant Contractors have engaged in daily coordination calls to determine how to maximize use of available supplies, canal capacities, and contractor demands with the primary objective of avoiding flood releases from Friant Dam. FWA staff will continue to closely coordinate with Reclamation on allocation and to continue tracking reservoir conditions to avoid or minimize any potential spill.

The San Joaquin River Restoration Program has released a 5 blocks of unreleased restoration flows (URFs) totaling 142 TAF and all needing to be delivered by May 28 or sooner. FWA staff have been coordinating closely with the Program office and SCCAO to ensure that reservoir storage and available supply including available URFs and carry over can be maximized.

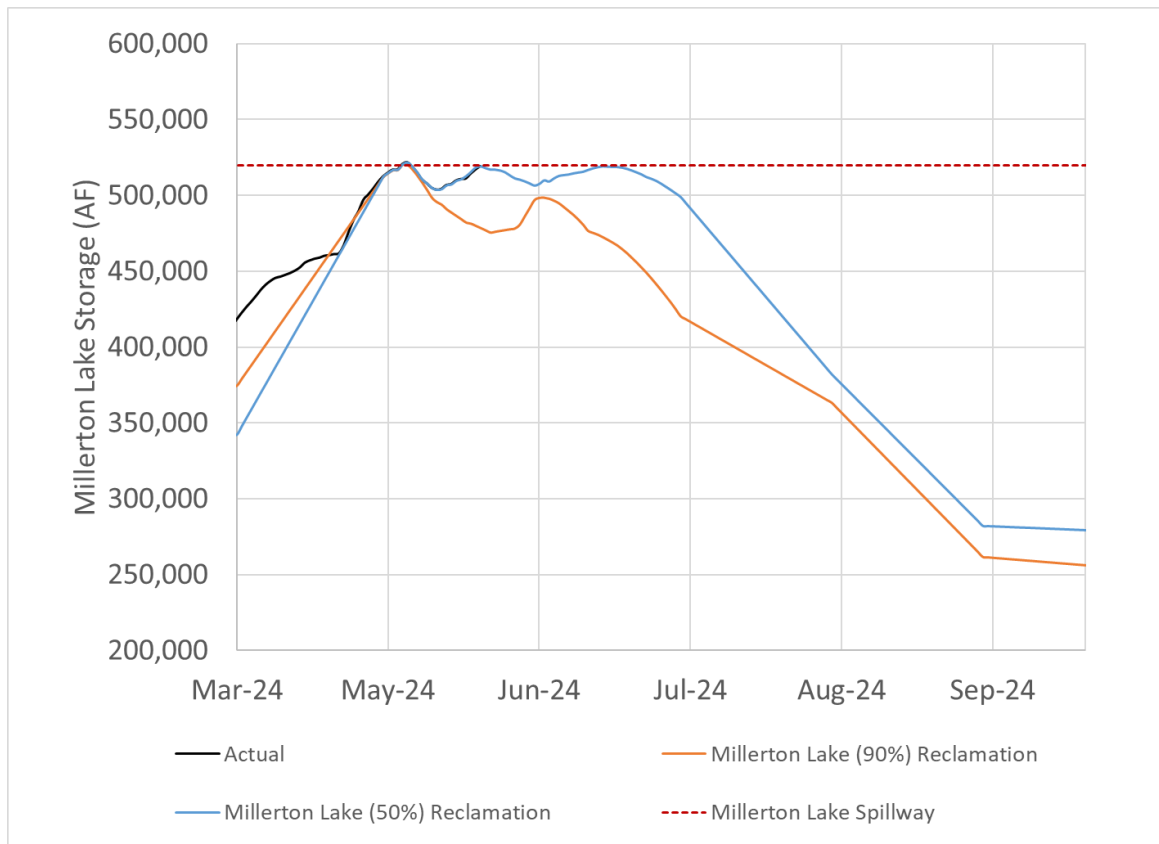


Figure 5. Millerton Storage – May Reclamation Projections

The north permanent plug as part of Phase I of the Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project (MRCCP) was completed last week and construction on the southern permanent plug began on Tuesday. During placement of the plugs, FWA operations staff carefully monitored the available capacity in the reach below Deer Creek. Flows at one point were limited to 1400 cfs, but since have incrementally increased to above 1700 cfs. Construction is anticipated to end May 24. After both plugs are completed, the new capacity should be able to be realized. FWA is actively monitoring and coordinating with contractors regarding delivery prorates and potential water quality concerns as flows are being reintroduced during and after construction.

Airborne Snow Observatory

The fourth ASO flight of the year for the upper San Joaquin River Basin occurred on April 29-May 1. Full basin SWE was estimated to be 857 TAF +/- 29 TAF (a decrease of 112 TAF from the March flight), with the snowline estimated to be at 7,300 feet. SWE above 10,000 feet actually increased from the March flight. Figure 6 provides a summary of the estimated SWE at each elevation band for each of the four 2024 ASO flights. The March 27 flight likely reflects peak SWE for water year 2024. Reclamation secured funding for a

5th and 6th flight, and first of which was supposed to occur this week, but has been delayed due to weather.

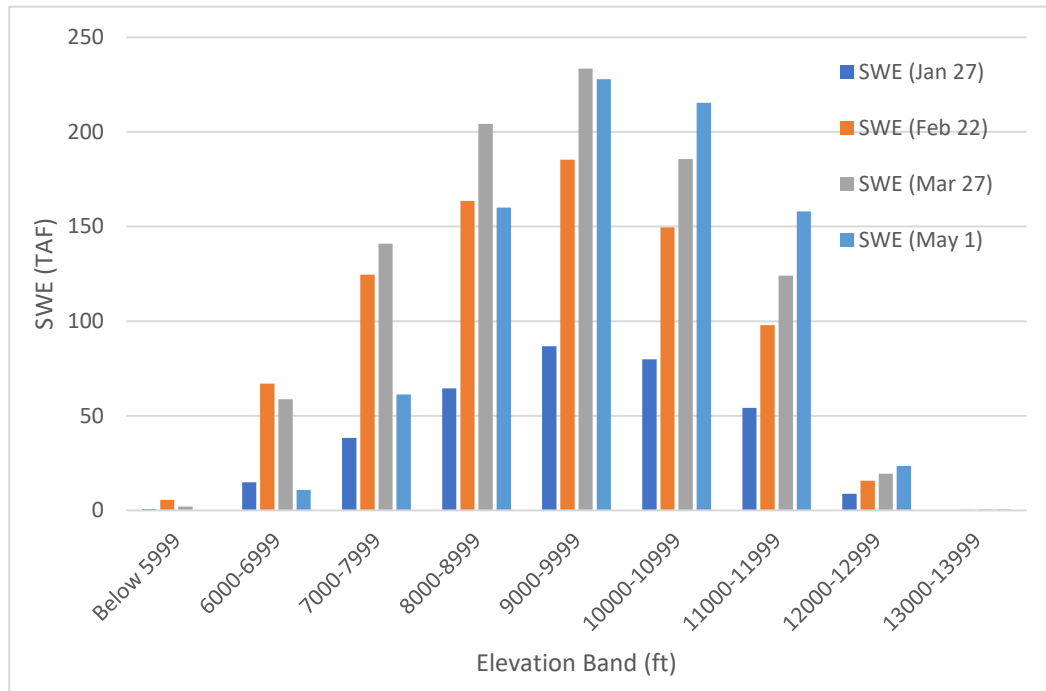


Figure 6. ASO SWE Estimate by Elevation Band

San Joaquin River Restoration Allocation

On May 17, the final Restoration allocation for the 2024/25 water year was released, which was based on an unimpaired runoff forecast at the 50% exceedance of 1,776 TAF. The allocation was for 329,026 AF of Restoration Flows as measured at Gravelly Ford (an increase of about 3,200 AF from the April allocation). The last submitted schedule from the Restoration Administrator (RA) was on April 26th, which was based on the April 11th allocation (325,804 AF of Restoration Flows as measured at Gravelly Ford). The revised schedule included a brief pulse which occurred April 27th through May 5th of approximately 650 cfs at Gravelly Ford for the purpose of attracting returning Spring Run salmon. The schedule then ramps down to enhanced summer base flow to protect coldwater pool in Millerton. Following the recession of spring flows, the schedule then utilizes shifted spring flexible flows to maintain a connected river through October 31 by targeting at least 60 cfs at Eastside Bypass (EBM gage). A total of 8,700 acre-feet of exchanges are called upon for the May 29 – October 31 period. Exhibit B base flows are then resumed from November through February 2025. The fall pulse is likely to be deployed in two parts in November and December to support a river science experiment. The recommendation anticipates the release of about 191 TAF to the river, leaving about 142 TAF as URFs. To date all of the URFs have been released for use before May 28th or the end of uncontrolled season.

As of May 20th, the Gravelly Ford Restoration flow target is 175 cfs. Total Restoration Flows at Gravelly Ford on May 19th were 195 cfs (508 cfs total flow). The expected rate of Restoration Flows passing Sack Dam is gradually decreasing following the decline in Restoration Flows last week, but is expected to stabilize at approximately 90 cfs for the rest of May and June.

San Joaquin River Restoration Recapture

In April, PID recaptured 2,131 AF and BCID recaptured 3,062 AF, for a total of 5,193 AF along the lower San Joaquin. PID is currently recapturing at a rate of 30 cfs and recapture at BCID has been on and off in May based on available conveyance capacity. Total May recapture is expected to be between 2,000 and 2,800 AF.

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA NO. 4.C.

DATE: May 23, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Johnny Amaral, Chief of External Affairs and Mike Villines, Villines Group, LLC
SUBJECT: External Affairs Update

SUMMARY:

Update on State and Federal affairs and communications activities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None; informational only.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

None; informational only.

DISCUSSION:

STATE AFFAIRS

This week is the House of Origin deadline for both Houses. That means all bills that survived Appropriations last week will all have been debated and voted upon by the end of this week. There are no committee meetings, just floor session all week long.

Of the key bills we are watching, AB 2661 (Soria) seeks to clarify and simplify the ability of any water district to use solar energy as well as new transmission construction to move that energy to help the state meet its Clean Energy Goals. The Bill has not come up for vote yet this week but we have a recommended support position for AB 2661.

AB 2079 (Bennett) is a DWR sponsored Bill that relates to large diameter/high capacity well permits and the potential prohibition of new wells by creating mandated actions by local governments on any and all applications for new wells. The Bill has passed off the floor with a partisan, minimum vote count (41) and now heads to the Senate. We have a recommended Oppose Unless Amended position.

SB 366 (Caballero) focuses on creating aspirational long-term supply targets for the California Water Plan that will outlive any one Administration to create continuity of water supply goals. The Bill has not been set for Hearing yet in Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife but must be heard by the end of June. We have taken a Support position and are signed onto an Industry Support Letter.

Since our last report, the May Revise was released by the Governor Newsom. As with nearly all California budget deficits over the last 25 years, tax revenue volatility is the primary cause. Because California taxes

capital gains revenue at the same rate as personal income, in the boom times, revenues skyrocket. But in 2022, the S&P 500 declined by 19 percent. Because revenue estimates were made largely off of the influx of federal COVID dollars in the immediate prior years, this resulted in what became a \$38 billion budget deficit in January. That deficit has grown by another \$7 billion over the last five months. In addition, revenues are likely to decline another \$10 billion over the next year from January's budget draft. This has negative impact on dollars for infrastructure projects.

The Budget and Bond negotiations are now on-going. June 15 is the deadline to have the state budget passed. June 27th is the last day for a Legislative Measure to qualify for the November ballot.

FEDERAL AFFAIRS

Both chambers were in session this week. The Senate returned to Washington on Monday evening, followed by the House on Tuesday evening.

After President Biden signed the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act (P.L. 118-63) into law last Thursday, Congress is pivoting its attention to consideration of the Farm Bill, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024, and border security legislation. House Agriculture Committee Chair G.T. Thompson (R-Pa.) last week released the text of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024, the House GOP majority's version of the Farm Bill. Friday's release of the full bill text sets up the Committee's highly anticipated markup of the Farm Bill this Thursday afternoon. The Republican-led bill draft has several bipartisan initiatives but also includes several issues seen as major points of contention for Democrats. Rural Democrats face the challenge of determining whether they will support the measure or potentially vote against it after senior Democratic leadership put pressure on them to oppose the bill. Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) released a detailed summary of Senate Democrats' version of the Farm Bill, the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024, on May 1, however, full bill text has still not yet been released.

House Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Cole (R-Okla.) shared subcommittee allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 last week. Chair Cole will begin marking up the twelve FY 2025 spending bills with a proposed 1% percent increase in defense spending and a 6% decrease in non-defense spending. The topline allocations total \$1.6 trillion, setting up a fight with Senate appropriators. House Republicans also released an aggressive FY25 markup schedule, including subcommittee markups for Military Construction-Veterans Affairs and the Legislative Branch spending bills this week. Last week, House members began posting their selections for Community Project Funding (CPF) requests for FY 2025 and will continue to do so this week. In the Senate, lawmakers face deadlines ranging from May 30 to June 6 to publish all of their submitted FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) confirmed in a recent Dear Colleague letter that the Senate will be voting on \$118.3 billion bipartisan border security legislation this week, as he has been hinting for weeks. However, it is expected to be unsuccessful. Schumer has made it evident that Democrats see this as an opportunity to highlight the differences between themselves and Republicans on border security, as well as to support vulnerable Democratic incumbents. The bill will not receive full support from all Democrats, meaning Majority Leader Schumer will need support from Republicans to pass the legislation, which was first publicly unveiled on February 4.

The House will consider 11 bills under suspension of the rules, including the Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023 (H.R. 5863), which provides tax relief with respect to certain federal disasters; and the Think Differently Transportation Act (H.R. 6248), which requires Amtrak to report to Congress information on Amtrak's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to trains and stations. The House will also vote on the Financial Innovation and Technology for the 21st Century Act (H.R. 4763), which sets up a regulatory framework for digital assets under the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and blocks the Federal Reserve from creating a digital dollar; a bill (H.R. 192) prohibiting voting by non-citizen residents of the District of Columbia in local elections; and the CBDC Anti-Surveillance State Act (H.R. 5403), which prevents the Federal Reserve from issuing a central bank digital currency (CBDC) directly to individuals, ensuring the Fed cannot mobilize into a retail bank able to collect personal financial information on Americans.

The House also held several hearings, including multiple House Appropriations subcommittee FY25 budget oversight hearings, including for the Department of State and the Federal Aviation Administration, in addition to a hearing on "Nutritious Foods in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)." The House will also hold an Agriculture Committee markup on the "Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024," and a Small Business Committee hearing on "Burdensome Regulations: Examining the Biden Administration's Failure to Consider Small Businesses." The Senate will also hold several committee hearings, including Appropriations subcommittee FY25 budget oversight hearings for the Department of Energy, the U.S. Army, the Department of State, the Library of Congress, the Architect of the Capitol, and Indian Country. The Senate will hold an Environment and Public Works markup of its version of WRDA 2024; a Budget hearing on "Droughts, Dollars, and Decisions: Water Scarcity in a Changing Climate," a Natural Resource Committee hearing on "Examine the Opportunities, Risks, and Challenges Associated with Growth in Demand for Electric Power in the United States," and a Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee hearing "Examining the Roadway Safety Crisis and Highlighting Community Solutions."

Voters in California's 20th Congressional District went to the polls to vote, after roughly 30 days of absentee voting, in a special election to replace former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), who resigned from the House on December 31, 2023 following his ouster as Speaker in early October. On Tuesday, Republicans Vince Fong and Mike Boudreaux will face off in a special runoff election to serve in the seat through the remainder of the current 118th Congress. Voters in Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, and Oregon also voted in congressional primaries on Tuesday.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.



MEMORANDUM

TO: FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DAN KEPPEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: UPDATE REPORT
DATE: MAY 21, 2024

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 comment letters for the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) administrative proposals, preparing to testify at a House legislative hearing on Western water and power, public outreach, and organizational administrative matters. These issues and other matters important to our members are further discussed in this memo.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

1. White House: “Earth Week” Water Summit

During last month’s Earth Week celebration, the White House convened state, Tribal and local leaders from across the country for a Water Summit, where over a billion dollars of new spending were announced, most of which will benefit tribal communities. The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and Indian Health Service (IHS) announced a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to speed the delivery of safe drinking water and community sanitation infrastructure projects in tribal communities. The agencies also announced over \$1 billion in funding for tribal drinking water and sanitation projects from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The Colorado River Water & Tribes Initiative (WTI) in April 2021 released a first of its kind, comprehensive analysis examining the underlying causes of the lack of access to clean drinking water affecting 30 tribes in the Colorado River Basin. The Alliance at the time issued a formal statement to bring attention to this initiative.

At the White House Water Summit, the Biden Administration introduced the "[America the Beautiful Freshwater Challenge](#)" initiative, setting a goal to restore and reconnect 8 million acres of wetlands and 100,000 miles of streams and rivers by 2030. This initiative, which aligns with global efforts alongside 45 nations, seeks to address the increased risk to freshwater resources, which according to Administration officials has been exacerbated by the Supreme Court's *Sackett* Clean Water Act (CWA) ruling.

The Department of Interior (DOI) during Earth Week announced an additional \$11 million in new resources from Reclamation's WaterSMART program to help combat "Western megadrought". Over the first two years of its implementation, Reclamation selected 430 projects to receive \$3 billion of IJA funds for water infrastructure projects, including rural water, water storage, conservation and conveyance, nature-based solutions, dam safety, water purification and reuse, and desalination. The IRA includes \$4 billion in funding specifically for water management and conservation efforts in the Colorado River Basin and other areas experiencing long-term drought.

Over the past 60 days, Reclamation has announced several grant awards through the WaterSMART program, including \$51 million for aquatic ecosystem restoration in eight states. Support for collaborative planning and design projects that improve water sustainability and efficiency received \$11.1 million in funding. Another \$13.3 million in applied science grants were dedicated to 51 projects across 12 states, focused on developing tools and information to support water management.

As you know, the Alliance helped lead nation-wide coalitions in support of Congressional action to advance the 2021 IJA and the 2022 IRA. The IJA includes \$8.3 billion for Reclamation, as part of a proposal advanced by over 230 water, ag and urban organizations. That coalition was led by a steering committee that included the Alliance, ACWA, California Farm Bureau Federation, National Water Resources Association (NWRA) and Western Growers.

2. White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ): Permitting Action Plan

The White House CEQ is finalizing the Bipartisan Permitting Reform Implementation Rule, intended to simplify and modernize the federal environmental review process while implementing the new efficiencies Congress passed last year in the *Fiscal Responsibility Act* (FRA). CEQ on May 1 issued the [Final Rule](#) implementing Phase 2 of significant revisions to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations. CEQ describes these changes as enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of environmental reviews while striving for regulatory certainty. The Final Rule implements the significant changes that require agencies to identify an environmentally preferable alternative and undertake additional consideration of climate change and environmental justice in environmental analyses.

CEQ officials have retained elements of [the 2020 Trump-era overhaul](#), though it appears that most of the retained provisions were required by the FRA. These include page- and time-limits for Environmental Assessments (EAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), language to

strengthen the role of lead agencies, and language allowing agencies to adopt other agencies' categorical exclusions (CE). Given the history of NEPA litigation, and the significant changes in the Final Rule, it is likely that these changes will open new pathways for litigation and require courts to interpret the changes before providing regulatory certainty.

Currently, President Biden's efforts to streamline the federal environmental permitting process through changes to NEPA have been met with bipartisan opposition in Congress. Lawmakers, including Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA), Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV), and Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK), recently announced plans to use a Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution to overturn the NEPA revisions, arguing that the changes would slow down the permitting process rather than expedite it. The CRA resolution, requiring a simple majority in both chambers and presidential approval, is unlikely to be enacted due to the expected veto from President Biden.

The Alliance last September submitted significant, detailed comments to CEQ outlining our concerns with its revised draft NEPA rule. While we respect that the Biden Administration might move in a different direction from the Trump Administration on issues like environmental regulations, climate change, and environmental justice, we cannot support a wholesale revision of the NEPA regulations that will thwart efforts to improve the law's efficiency and effectiveness. Many more hours may be needed to continue this important work and work to educate key policymakers on the importance of the current rules and regulations to Western water managers.

3. White House 'Infrastructure Week' – Public Unaware

Last week was designated as "Infrastructure Week" by the Biden Administration, with high-level White House officials touring the U.S. to promote the massive investments the Administration has made in infrastructure. Their message aims to showcase the significant funding provided by the IJA and IRA directed towards roads, clean energy, water, and broadband. However, according to recent polls, the public remains largely unaware of the impact of these investments. And with only a fraction of the congressionally allocated funds spent mostly due to federal bureaucratic processes involved in disbursing such substantial amounts of funding, actual on-the-ground results have been a bit underwhelming considering the Administration's massive \$1.6 trillion checkbook. Despite the slow pace of fund deployment, Administration officials this week are communicating about the long-term benefits of these investments.

4. DOI, Reclamation

a. Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Reliability Funding

Reclamation on May 6 announced a \$147.6 million to help communities prepare and respond to water reliability challenges due to drought and other water scarcity concerns. The funding will support 42 projects in ten states. The funding announced comes from the IJA, IRA and annual appropriations. Awards will support projects that build new infrastructure or upgrade existing infrastructure, recharge aquifers, advance water recycling and treatment, and strengthen innovative

technologies to address water scarcity challenges for water users. For a portion of the projects, Reclamation is using IRA funding to help reduce the cost-share for domestic water supplies projects that support disadvantaged communities.

b. BABA Waivers for WaterSMART

Reclamation's WaterSMART program received final approval for a waiver for the WaterSMART Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements on February 15, 2024. This waiver allows for conditional and time-limited purchase of non-domestic products used in water infrastructure projects funded under WaterSMART programs. See these links for more information: 1) [BABA Waiver Decision Map](#) 2) [Interpretation of the BABA Waiver for WaterSMART](#). The Alliance – along with ACWA, California Farm Bureau, NWRA and Western Growers Association in early 2022 sent a letter to DOI and Reclamation, urging DOI to employ discretion and flexibility regarding the “Build America” mandate. The 2022 coalition letter raised concerns about how BIL requirements regarding BABA could impact infrastructure projects costs and time frames. The coalition letter urged the Council, among other things, to issue an explicit general applicability waiver for manufactured products for water infrastructure investments.

5. DOI, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

a. Final Western Pond Turtle Listing

Citing the need for "having a robust public engagement process," FWS earlier this year extended a public comment period on its proposal to add the Western Pond Turtle to the list of Endangered Species Act (ESA)-protected species until May 5. More than 16,000 public comments have already been recorded in response to the federal [agency's dual proposals](#) to list the northwestern pond turtle and southwestern pond turtle under the ESA. This listing has potential ramifications for water managers and producers in California and three other states.

The Alliance late last year worked with California Farm Bureau, Klamath Water Users Association and others to put together a coalition comment letter. Thirteen organizations from four states ended up signing on to the final letter, including three state Farm Bureaus. Among other things, our coalition letter emphasized that the 4(d) rule is important, and the proposed rule provides a section 9 exemption for routine maintenance of stock ponds. However, the letter also points out that there is nothing in the proposed rule that covers operation and maintenance of irrigation delivery and drainage systems. Representatives from the coalition that co-signed the December 2023 letter to FWS participated in a virtual meeting last month with FWS leaders from the Southwest regional office regarding the proposed listing. The intent was primarily to discuss meaningful ways to shape an irrigation district / agriculture-friendly 4(d) rule for the turtle listing. For much of the past week, we helped lead the effort to put those ideas to paper. The final result was finalized and transmitted to FWS earlier this month. It was signed on to by new organizations, including the Northern California Water Association and a consortium of districts from Skagit County (WASHINGTON).

b. ESA Implementation Developments

The Biden White House has approved changes to final ESA regulations, reversing some of the Trump-era rollbacks from 2019. Over the past three years, we have urged that the Biden Administration keep those reforms in place. Last August, we prepared detailed comments that further underscored our legal and technical concerns with all three of the administration's proposals, which have now been finalized. FWS has also reached a legal settlement with one of the most litigious environmental groups in the country to complete the pending ESA tasks for 15 other various species. And, FWS has also introduced newly proposed rules last month aimed at increasing enrollment in voluntary species conservation plans.

i. Final ESA Regulations

As previously reported, the Biden White House has approved changes to the ESA regulations, reversing some of the Trump-era rollbacks from 2019. These changes, promulgated by FWS and NOAA Fisheries, have sparked renewed debate and are likely to face further litigation. The revisions address critical elements of the ESA, such as the designation of critical habitat and defining terms like "foreseeable future" for assessing species status. The new rules reinstate a default policy for threatened species to receive strict [protections](#) unless a special rule is created. Additionally, federal agencies must consult with FWS or NOAA Fisheries before authorizing actions on designated critical habitat.

The updated regulations emphasize ESA decisions based solely on scientific and commercial data, restoring a statement that listing decisions will be made without considering economic impacts, something the Trump-era rule included. While the changes have drawn varied reactions, including criticism from environmentalists who feel more aggressive action is needed, they mark a significant shift in ESA implementation towards stricter protections for endangered and threatened species. The Services also intend to release a new Section 7 Handbook, where we can likely expect some additional heartburn. Last September, House Republicans introduced [legislation](#) to prevent DOI and the Department of Commerce from finalizing these rule proposals and retain the Trump-era regulations within the ESA.

ii. Another Court Settlement with The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD)

FWS last month agreed to complete the pending ESA tasks for 15 various species under yet another legal settlement with the CBD, one of the most litigious and anti-agriculture groups in the country. This agreement, filed in a federal court in Arizona, addresses the agency's previous failures to meet ESA deadlines. It includes finalizing decisions on listing 10 species as threatened or endangered and designating critical habitats for three species, with timelines extending up to 2026. The FWS has also agreed to decide on ESA protections for two additional species. The settlement requires the FWS to only decide on the ESA action but does not require listing the species. Settlements with CBD are not new for FWS, nor are the lawsuits that cause them. CBD and FWS reached a similar settlement near the end of the second term of the Obama administration, dictating

when FWS would decide whether ten avian, fish, and invertebrate species warrant listing under the ESA. The FWS has previously cited limited budgets and staffing as factors affecting their pace of work implementing the ESA.

iii. Proposed Landowner 'Conservation Agreements' with Permitting Rules

FWS last month introduced newly proposed rules aimed at increasing enrollment in voluntary species conservation plans, which has divided environmentalists. The rule package is intended to simplify and clarify a permit system intended to protect species while tolerating some harm to protected plants and animals. The proposed rulemaking changes focus on Section 10(a) of the ESA, which governs permits for actions benefiting or incidentally harming species during lawful activities. Under the new rules, "safe harbor agreements" and "candidate conservation agreements with assurances" are merged into one "conservation benefit agreement" type which was intended to clarify requirements for applicants. The proposed rules also allow the issuance of permits for species of concern not yet listed as threatened or endangered, with conservation commitments starting immediately and incidental "take" authorization becoming effective if the species is listed. The agency stated these revisions improve efficiency without significantly altering existing program implementation.

6. EPA

EPA has begun formal publication of a raft of its newly completed rules governing power plant pollution, chemical uses, PFAS cleanups and other issues, likely shielding the measures from quick reversal by a hostile Congress in the event of a Republican sweep of the November general election. Within weeks of the agency publicly releasing the various regulations, the *Federal Register* has begun publishing them -- a necessary step for the measures to take effect and to start lawmakers' review period under the CRA. While the rules will almost certainly face litigation and judicial stay requests, the timing of *Register* publication is highly significant because of the CRA's review timelines (*Inside EPA's Water Policy Report*).

a. Integrating Federal Treaty Right Protections into State Water Quality Standards

The EPA has [finalized a rule](#) that integrates consideration of tribal treaty rights into state water quality standards (WQS) under the federal CWA. This rule, published in the Federal Register on May 2, mandates that states consider treaty-based or statutory rights to aquatic resources when setting their WQS, where tribes hold and assert these rights. The rule specifies three steps for states during the WQS process if a tribe asserts a reserved right. These include taking tribal reserved rights into account when adopting or revising designated water uses, considering the future exercise of these rights unaffected by water quality, and establishing water quality criteria to protect these rights where applicable. The EPA claims it has made the final rule less prescriptive than initially proposed, in response to feedback and concerns about federal overreach. The final rule also emphasizes EPA's commitment to assisting states and tribes in evaluating reserved rights as practicable and initiates consultations with tribes asserting rights in the WQS process.

This rule is part of ongoing efforts by the Biden Administration involving the protection of tribal rights in state water policies, with significant implications for how states and the EPA regulate water quality and protect tribal communities, especially those relying on fishing and aquatic resources. We believe the rule's finalization may result in even more uncertainty in ongoing legal challenges related to state WQS and the protection of tribal rights in water quality regulations, giving EPA more support for imposing such stringent standards.

b. Public Coordination Updates on WOTUS Decisions

EPA has updated its approach to enhance transparency in its coordination with the Army Corps on jurisdictional determinations concerning "waters of the United States" (WOTUS). This move follows the Supreme Court's *Sackett v. EPA* ruling and aims to address industry concerns by posting public updates on the agencies' joint procedures. The new outreach strategy also includes handling differing regulatory regimes across states due to court stays on the Biden Administration's final WOTUS definition. The EPA's updated [coordination memo](#), intended to clarify and guide these processes, is a response to a Freedom of Information Act request from industry groups worried about the EPA's implementation of the WOTUS rule following the *Sackett* decision. The EPA and the Army Corps have also committed to posting any guidance memoranda online, ensuring public accessibility and ongoing transparency. This coordination memo will remain in effect until June 27, 2024, with provisions for potential extensions or modifications through joint agency agreement.

7. Department of the Army, Corp of Engineers: Projects from Non-Federal Interests

The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works is currently [soliciting proposals](#) for inclusion in the Army Corps 2025 Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development (Annual Report). The Annual Report includes proposals submitted by non-federal interests for new feasibility studies, proposed modifications to authorized water resources development projects or feasibility studies, and proposed modifications to environmental infrastructure program authorities. The Annual Report is authorized under section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, as amended. Proposals must be submitted by Friday, August 30, 2024 by emailing the completed proposal form to WRRDA7001Proposal@usace.army.mil using the fillable [PDF proposal form](#). More information can be found [here](#).

DEVELOPMENTS IN CONGRESS

8. House Water, Wildlife and Fisheries (WWF) Subcommittee Legislative Hearing

The House Committee on Natural Resources WWF Subcommittee is conducting a legislative hearing on May 22 for four bills, including two that the Alliance has been involved with. H.R. 7938 (Bentz) is intended to address some of the issues important to local water users that were "left behind" once the Klamath River settlement agreements collapsed and the dam removal

projects proceeded independently. The Alliance has supported similar legislation introduced in the Senate in recent years. The office of Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-COLORADO) over the past year has reached out to us on conceptual legislation that would essentially simplify efforts by third parties to develop hydropower on existing Reclamation facilities. The bill was just introduced earlier this month. Alliance Advisory Committee member Craig Horrell (OREGON) will testify on behalf of the Alliance and the Deschutes Basin Board of Control on this bill.

9. House Passes Bipartisan Bills on Rulemaking/Reporting

The House recently passed several pieces of legislation aimed at enhancing federal rulemaking processes and reforming bureaucratic reporting requirements. [H.R. 7219](#), introduced by Representatives Lisa McClain (R-MI) and Katie Porter (D-CALIFORNIA), was approved with a vote of 377-4. This bill mandates that federal agencies utilize the best available scientific and technical information in their rulemaking activities. Additionally, [H.R. 7528](#), proposed by Rep. Clay Higgins (R-LA), which facilitates the management of mass public comments on federal regulations, passed by voice vote. Another measure, [S. 2073](#), from Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-GA) also passed by voice vote, seeks to reduce the number of mandatory federal reports by requiring agencies to include updates in their annual budget documents. This bill was approved by the Senate in December.

10. 2024 Farm Bill

The GOP-led House Agriculture Committee has released the [draft text](#) for a \$1.5 trillion Farm Bill, marking a significant step towards shaping the next five years of U.S. agriculture and food policy. The 677-page document covers various programs, including nutrition assistance and conservation efforts, and will be reviewed in a markup session on May 23. House Ag Committee Chairman GT Thompson (R-PA) emphasized the importance of this draft Farm Bill in the legislative process as Congress only has until September 30 to reach a compromise, following a one-year extension of the 2018 farm bill. Despite the typically bipartisan nature of farm bills, current negotiations face challenges due to a packed legislative schedule and rising partisanship ahead of the November elections. Key contentious issues include:

- **Nutrition Benefits:** The GOP proposes making the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cost-neutral, which Democrats argue could effectively cut \$30 billion in benefits over a decade. The bill also limits updates to the Thrifty Food Plan based on the cost of living.
- **Climate Mandates:** Republicans aim to rescind conservation funding from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and redirect it to locally led conservation efforts. Democrats want to maintain climate-focused restrictions.
- **Commodity Credit Program:** The House bill limits discretionary spending by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to operations authorized by Congress, reallocating savings to commodity and crop insurance programs. Senate Democrats are proposing a 15-day notice for CCC spending and extending its authority to support conservation programs.

The Senate’s farm bill framework, still being finalized, will require bipartisan support to move in the Senate and ensure the bill's passage before the deadline this fall. U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) on May 1 unveiled the *Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act*, which contains more than 100 bipartisan bills. Here is a detailed [summary](#) of the Senate legislation; a section-by-section is available [here](#).

a. Family Farm Alliance Conservation Title Priorities

A key part of Alliance and WACC collaboration has focused on Farm Bill conservation programs, where the interests of coalition agriculture and conservation groups are very closely linked. The WACC is also striving to find ways to simplify program delivery without harming environmental interests or program integrity. On our WACC call later this week, we’ll discuss, exchange intel, and determine if there’s a pathway forward. There will probably not be anything formally for us to do at least until the bill is introduced for markup.

The Alliance and many of its members are strong supporters of the NRCS Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program (WFPO, often referred to as the “PL-566” Program). The House summary of its 2024 farm bill suggests that provisions will be included that streamline and improve program administration for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, the Technical Service Provider Program, and P.L.566. These were all priorities for us.

So far, it looks like the priorities for the Alliance – RCPP streamlining, PL-566 federal cost shares, and an overall improved focus in the West –are being addressed in the Senate version. There are some other interesting sections in the Senate legislation that we’ll be taking a hard look at, including a new program to address runoff, soil erosion, and flooding caused by a natural disaster that has damaged natural resources on National Forest System lands. The House summary had less detail in it on PL-566, with attention being paid to reforms, which we expected.

The Alliance and its allies last year worked with the office of Senator Michael Bennet (D-COLORADO) on legislation intended to streamline PL-566. Last August, Senator Bennet, along with Senators Deb Fischer (R-NEBRASKA) and Jeff Merkley (D-OREGON) introduced *S.2636, The Healthy Watersheds and Healthy Communities Act*. It appears that this legislation will be included in the Senate’s version of the 2024 farm bill. Last month, Senator Bennet and 30 other lawmakers also signed on to a letter urging USDA to invest more in drought relief in the Western U.S. The group specifically asked for additional resources for the U.S. Forest Service Water Source Protection Program – a program advocated for by the Alliance - and drought-related multi-benefit projects under WFPO.

b. Agriculture Appropriations

The House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee earlier this month closed the period to accept public comment about funding priorities for the upcoming 2025 Fiscal Year (FY25). The

recently passed FY24 Appropriations funding provided \$34 million in funding for PL-566 on top of the annual \$50 million in mandatory funding required by the 2018 Farm Bill. The FY24 was the lowest amount of discretionary funding in recent years for the program. One reason for the reduced funding was because the House did not allocate any funding for the program in their proposed FY24 funding legislation. To protect funding for PL566 in FY25, the Alliance on Friday submitted public testimony highlighting how the program is being used in the West and its importance for maintaining agriculture and protecting the environment. Our friends at Farmers Conservation Alliance gave us the “heads up” on this outreach effort, and many Alliance members submitted similar letters of their own.

11. Senate EPW Releases WRDA

Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee members have introduced their biennial [Water Resources Development Act \(WRDA\) of 2024](#), which authorizes the Army Corps to study and construct numerous water infrastructure and environmental restoration projects nationwide. The Senate WRDA bill, spearheaded by Senate EPW Chairman Tom Carper (D-DE), focuses on flood and drought protection and enhancing economic activities at ports. It prioritizes initiatives for disadvantaged communities and mandates the completion of certain previously authorized projects. Key provisions include provisions to help communities respond to drought in the arid West and establishing pilot program through which Native American tribes could “directly carry out” eligible water projects. Additionally, the bill emphasizes improving the permitting and environmental review processes and tackling invasive species. The House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee plans to mark up their version of WRDA 2024 in June.

ALLIANCE INITIATIVES

12. 2024 Farmer Lobbyist Trip: Save the Date!

The Alliance's annual Farmer Lobbyist trip is one of our "cornerstone" programs which brings family farmers and water professionals to Washington, D.C. to meet with legislators and Administration policy leaders on critical water issues. The Alliance philosophy has long held that the most effective voice in Washington DC is the individual family farmer. Last year's farmer lobbyist contingent included nearly 30 representatives from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. In addition to meeting with Congressional Members from those seven states, the group also met with senior officials from the Department of the Army, DOI, EPA, and staffers from key Congressional water committees. The Western contingent visited 39 offices in the course of 2-1/2 days! We are proposing that we schedule this year's Farmer Lobbyist trip for the week of September 23. That means Monday, September 22 would be a travel day, our meetings would be scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, and Thursday afternoon and Friday (September 27) would be times for folks to fly home.

13. Alfalfa 101

As Western farmers struggle to find adequate water supplies, competing interests are pressuring the federal government to cut the water supply farmers are using to grow our food, including alfalfa, which is a foundational food chain crop. Alfalfa is important to rural communities, and it is grown throughout the West for good reasons. With the growing disconnect between the consumers, farmers, and the agricultural processes that sustain the world, it is clear there is a need to bridge this knowledge gap and enlighten the public about the significance of farm water in our food production – including alfalfa and forage crops. That’s why the Alliance has developed a new [webpage](#) to help the public, policy makers and journalists better understand the rest of the story about alfalfa and forage production in the Colorado River Basin and other parts of the American West. This new resource features facts, reports, opinion pieces and other information generated by the Alliance, academia, and our allies in the West, including the [California Farm Water Coalition](#) (CFWC). We encourage you to check it out and let us know if you have good alfalfa stories that you'd like us to share!

One of the stories on the new webpage is one that the *Arizona Republic* last month ran - a [guest opinion, “Alfalfa is not Arizona’s water-use enemy”](#) - authored by Alliance Vice-President Paul Orme and Advisory Committee member Gina Dockstader, who also happens to be a director on the Imperial Irrigation District Board and the California Farm Water Coalition (CFWC) board. We worked with CFWC staff to put this together, and Gina did yeo(wo)man’s work with the editorial board to get it published.

14. Coordination with Western States Water Council

The [Western States Water Council](#) (WSWC) and [Western Federal Agency Support Team](#) (WestFAST) have been working together to develop a series of informational webinars on aquatic ecosystem restoration. The series is intended to bring together state water managers, regulators, federal agencies, and stakeholders to share knowledge and collaboratively develop solutions to advance aquatic ecosystem restoration, comply with state and federal laws, and deploy federal funding efficiently. The webinars are focused on permitting processes, water laws in Western States, and the role of water rights, to facilitate better cooperation on future projects. Previous webinars have featured various state and federal perspectives in an effort to better understand our respective legal constraints and programs.

Now, WSWC and WestFAST would like to hear some perspectives from land and water rights owners who may have had both positive and negative experiences with stream restoration projects, particularly as those projects intersect with downstream water rights and water supply. So far, they have only lightly touched on the importance of communication with water rights holders along the stream to avoid conflicts and to adjust projects as appropriate. Now, they are looking for the addition of the perspectives of those who have both good and bad examples, and some "lessons learned" or "wisdom gained" from those experiences, and reached out to me for ideas on Family Farm Alliance representatives who might participate in a webinar series on [Stream Restoration](#)

[and Water Rights](#), which will likely be conducted in July or August. I recently met virtually with WSWC leaders to talk about some potential candidates.

ADMINISTRATIVE & MISCELLANEOUS

- At the request of the O’Toole family, the Alliance in March established the [Patrick O’Toole Young Conservationist Scholarship](#) in his memory. This account will provide funding for young farmers and ranchers to attend the Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference. In the first month alone, over \$7,500 has been dedicated by dozens of individual contributors. The O’Toole family will host a gathering of Pat’s friends, family and loved ones to celebrate his exceptional life on July 20, 2024 at Ladder Ranch, on the Wyoming-Colorado state line near Savery (WYOMING). As many of you know, Ladder Ranch is “centrally located in the middle of nowhere”, so lodging options are limited. Check back to [this page on the Ladder Ranch website](#) for more information, including lodging options, donation information and tributes.
- Typically, travel and speaking engagements slow down during the spring months and start picking up speed as the year advances. I’ll be speaking about federal water affairs at the IWUA’s Water Law & Resource Issues Seminar on June 10 in Sun Valley (IDAHO). I’ve also accepted an invitation to the Colorado Water Congress summer meeting and will speak on an August 20 panel in Colorado Springs. The panel will focus on Colorado River issues, and I’ve been asked to provide the irrigated ag perspective. And, I’ll once again take part in the Legislative Roundtable Lunch at the California Agricultural Irrigation Association’s Fall Meeting in Pismo Beach in September.

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



Operations & Maintenance Report

A compilation of current FWA operations and maintenance activities throughout the 152-mile canal system.

April 2024

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE REPORT

SAFETY, EDUCATION & TRAINING

- The Operations Department held tailgate safety meetings in the Lindsay yard, and outlying field office staff attended the Canal and Maintenance meeting.
- Friant staff received environmental training on endangered species completing the annual review.
- Delano, Lindsay, and Orange Cove Foremen held tailgate safety meetings discussing safety hazards and precautions associated with employees' work assignments.
- Employees received various safety training throughout the year, such as Weed and pest labels, new laws and regulations on pesticides and applications, and Working in Extreme temperatures. Anti-harassment training, Defensive driving, and Industrial Hazard communications.

ACCIDENTS & INJURIES

- Friant staff has worked 2623 days without a lost-time injury accident.
- Friant staff has worked 97 days without a liability accident.

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISION

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUBSIDENCE

- Staff worked with Stantec on the Water Quality monitor program.
- Staff continued working with the County of Tulare and Stantec for middle-reach plan reviews.
- Reviewed completion of new turnouts installed during the FY23/24 outage.
- Staff attended MRRCP field meetings and weekly Teams meetings with USBR and JV contractors.
- Participated in Southern Contractor's water operations coordination meetings.
- Weekly staff meeting with COO, Operations Supervisor, and Division Maintenance Forman.
- Reviewed with Friant staff on FEMA related projects for consideration of reimbursement.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

- Staff worked on several personnel items, including annual reviews, policy conformance, and other matters.
- The General Superintendent conducted staff meetings with Division Forman and the Operations Supervisor.
- Staff meeting with COO and Supervisors
- Continued coordination with Friant Division Contractors during uncontrolled season.

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

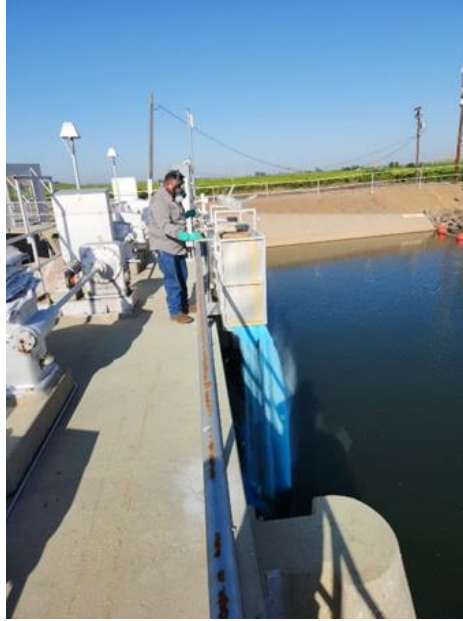
FOREMEN REPORTS: DELANO, LINDSAY, & ORANGE COVE MAINTENANCE

WEED & PEST CONTROL

- The following is a summary of the chemical products used during the month by maintenance staff for weed and pest control on various canal sections and the product inventory on hand:

PRODUCTS	UNITS	MAINTENANCE YARD USAGE			TOTAL USAGE	END OF MONTH ON-HAND
		Delano	Lindsay	Orange Cove		
Cleartraxx	Gal	0	85	0	85	45
Copper Sulfate - Old Bridge	Lbs.	500	0	0	500	40,000
Copper Sulfate – Chem One	Lbs.	0	2,700	4,200	4,227	18,150
Argos Copper	Gal	0	0	0	0	0
Captain XTR	Gal	0	0	0	0	0
Deploy	Gal	0	0	0	0	0
Diphacinone	Lbs.	0	0	108	108	143
Diuron 4L - Loveland	Gal	0	0	0	0	0
Diuron 4L - Drexel	Gal	0	0	0	0	1,866
Dimension 2EW	Oz	0	0	2,880	0	2,880
Weather Guard Complete	Oz	0	0	0	0	67.00
Finale	Oz	0	0	0	0	0
Milestone VM	Oz	0	0	192	192	0
Roundup - Custom	Gal	4	44	0	48	655.50
Roundup - Pro Conc	Gal	53	52	132	237	171.50
Forfeit 280	Oz	0	0	0	0	0
Sonar Genesis	Gal	0	0	0	0	2.00
Cheetah	OZ	0	2	2,560	2,562	5,122
Liberate Lecitech	OZ	0	0	17	49.50	388.50

- Lindsay and Orange Cove maintenance staff finished the annual application of Cleantraxx and Dimension as a preemergent for spring and summer weed control.
- Orange Cove staff continued the application of Diphacinone to the canal right-of-way for the control of California ground squirrels.
- Delano and Orange Cove’s maintenance staff continued the application of Roundup Pro Concentrate as part of the annual weed control program.
- Orange Cove staff hand-cleared vegetation from around canal structures.
- Lindsay and Delano maintenance staff continue the use of Roundup Custom as part of the annual weed control program in the Lake Woollomes Reservoir right-of-way areas.
- Lindsay's maintenance staff began the application of Roundup PRO for post-emergence control of weeds along the FKC right of way.
- Lindsay's maintenance staff began rodent control and damage repair.
- Lindsay and Delano maintenance staff began with application of Copper Sulfate in the Canal prism to control algae in the FKC.



Application of copper sulfate in the canal prism to control algae in the FKC.

- Lindsay maintenance staff continued rodent control and damage repair.

CANAL & DIVERSION STRUCTURES

- Orange Cove staff continued to clean silt and debris out of several cross-drainages that were filled after heavy rain.
- Lindsay maintenance staff greased and lubricated all motors, gear boxes and pedestals in Lindsay section following deep clean of structures.
- Lindsay maintenance staff continued clearing tall weeds from ROW and work sites.
- Lindsay maintenance staff repeatedly clean trash and debris from drains due to the heavy rainfall.



Provided a training location on the FKC for the Tulare Co. Sheriff a two-day dive team exercise.



Lindsay maintenance staff made safety precautions to ensure stability near highline pole and addressed the leak causing destabilization at DCTRA pit.



- Orange Cove maintenance staff cleared debris from inlets.
- Delano maintenance staff continues their structure gate maintenance for the year; Repairs Radial and Slide gates such as oil leaks, gearboxes, motor couplers, wire rope inspection, etc. Staff Lubed all grease points and wire ropes, repaired all metalwork, security fence repairs, deck cleaning, touch-up painting, Buoy ball and wire rope replacement, and debris removal.
- Orange Cove maintenance staff cleaned a cross-drain to help prevent local flooding.
- Delano staff continues embankment maintenance to upper and lower Embankments and around structures such as blockhouses, turnouts, bridge abutments, utility tractors, motor graders, and earth-moving equipment. By backfilling eroded areas, compacting, and grading materials. Embankment maintenance will prevent erosion to the inside/outside banks, roads, gate structures, and concrete liners.
- Delano Staff initiated reverse flow pumping Maintenance required, installing generators, fuel tanks, electrical lines, and debris screens.
- Lindsay maintenance staff continues to clear out trash and debris from all drains.
- Orange Cove maintenance staff continued repairing washouts along the embankment.

O&M Roads

- Lindsay's maintenance staff continued yearly grading of all roads and the right of way.

Bridge



Lindsay maintenance staff began replacing deck boards on the bridge at cottonwood creek.



Lindsay maintenance staff performed a deep cleaning and a thorough inspection of all wooden farm bridges and crossings,

YARD & BUILDING

- Delano and Lindsay's maintenance staff continued to perform routine maintenance and repairs, yard cleaning, vehicle/equipment repairs, facility improvements, and office duties.
- Delano and Lindsay's staff continue installing Bollard guard posts to prevent vehicles and heavy equipment from damaging FWA structures.

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

- Delano, Orange Cove, and Lindsay's maintenance staff continued the removal of illegally dumped trash and removed debris from gate structures to the local solid waste/recycling facility.
- Delano maintenance staff continued to repair and install security fencing to prevent public access from entering the Friant-Kern Canal right-of-way and structured areas.
- Delano staff continue Painting, Bar gates, Bollard posts, guard railings, warning signs, Liner markers, structures, security fence wings, electrical panels, and block house doors.
- Lindsay's maintenance staff made repairs at multiple locations caused by vandalism and vehicle traffic.

- Lindsay maintenance staff repaired chain link and barbed wire fencing throughout the Lindsay section of FKC.

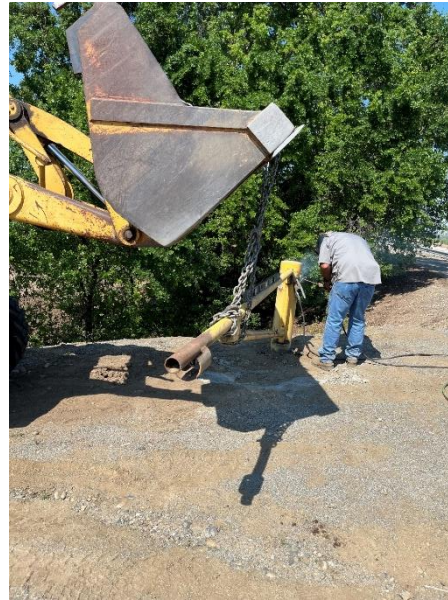


Lindsay maintenance staff built and installed new bar gates.



Staff replaced signs as needed.





OC Staff continue to repair and maintenance of bar gates.

The following is a summary of the vehicle and heavy equipment preventive maintenance services and repairs made by the technical services staff.

DELANO, LINDSAY, & ORANGE COVE	TYPE	QUANTITY
In-House Inspections	B – Semi-annual	5
	C - Annual	5
	E - Equipment	0
	BIT - 90-Day Heavy Equipment	5
Outside Inspections	B – Semi-Annual	0
	C - Annual	0
	Smog Test	0
	Smoke Test	0
DELANO, LINDSAY, & ORANGE COVE	TYPE	QUANTITY

Lindsay staff installed new bar gate posts and supports, repaired, and made preparation for fresh paint.

	Trucks	14
	Heavy Equipment	8
	Utility Equipment	0
Outside Repairs	Light Vehicles	0
	Trucks	0
	Heavy Equipment	0

ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES

ENGINEER AND ENGINEER TECHNICIAN REPORT

April

RIGHT OF WAY

- Staff continue to work with USBR to ensure ROW boundaries are maintained.
- Staff continues to respond to developers and consultants to ensure the FKC and ROW is maintained.
- Staff continue to better organize computer files with better descriptions of documents contained within and to make finding information easier.
- Working on updating the FWA Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Inventories.

OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Operations Staff during the month of April delivered 86,227 acre-feet. Total water diverted year-to-date to FKC Contractors is 116,699 acre-feet.

Reported sump pump deliveries of 32acre-feet and year to date total of 64 acre-feet.

- Staff completed and sent out the ROWD's for the month of April.
- Staff completed 15 differential head tests.
- Staff calibrated 6 transmitters.
- Staff replaced a transmitter at Exeter #7 and OC #3.
- Staff reprogrammed 24 West.
- Staff repaired a bad ground at Hills Valley #2.
- Staff ran a new conduit for the communication line at Elmo West.

ELECTRICAL

- Staff set up a pump meter at Avenue 216.
- Staff terminated all wires at the TID pump station.
- Staff is in the process of redoing all electrical panels at the OC yard.
- Staff performed PM's from Deer Creek and White River.
- Staff repaired the pump panel at Kings River.
- Staff repaired lights at the Lindsay Yard
- Staff checked the electrical at OC #14.
- Staff repaired wiring at SWID #1.

SCADA

- Staff spent most of the Month working with Tesco, to finish the proگرامing and testing the Scadapack and GeoScada at Deer Creek and Terra Bella. Tesco is installing SCADA for the new canal realignment.
- Staff took numerous ADCP measurements at DCTRA and Deer Creek check in the Canal.
- Staff adjusted the torque settings on gate 2 at Arvin Edison the Gate was not opening properly.
- Staff replaced a faulty Scadapack at Porter Slough.

- Staff restored communications with Teapot Dome, S4, TID, Stone Corral 1, and 5TH Ave Check.
- Staff fixed the Conduit at Elmo West and pulled new comm wires to the Honeywell.
- Staff replaced the Comm Line at Elmo East.
- Staff helped replace E7 Transmitter and fix 9th N&S and SC1 comm line.
- Staff helped fix Hills Valley 2-meter head to read flow.
- Staff changed 24 West programming to a max flow to 150 cfs.
- Staff took water orders.
- Staff collected NTU samples after flows were restored below the construction area.
- Staff attended meetings on the new canal start up and SCADA programming.



Flow Measurement being conducted at the DCTRA Inlet

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA NO. 4.E.

DATE: May 23, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Austin Ewell
SUBJECT: Water Blueprint for the SJV

SUMMARY:

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

Blueprint's strategic priorities for 2022-2025: Advocacy, Groundwater Quality and Disadvantaged Communities, Land Use Changes & Environmental Planning, Outreach & Communications, SGMA Implementation, Water Supply Goals, Governance, Operations & Finance. Mission Statement: *"Unifying the San Joaquin Valley's voice to advance an accessible, reliable solution for a balanced water future for all."*

Education/Executive: Blueprint contribution requests have been circulated and Board members will be following up with participants.

CVP & SWP Water Supply Restrictions Strategic Plan

The Hallmark Group was tasked by the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley to develop and implement a strategic plan for the primary objective of protecting the operational flexibility restored by 2019 biological opinions and 2020 record of decision for coordinated operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, which restored approximately 300,000 acre-feet to the average south-of-Delta delivery capability of the projects, and to expand operational flexibility for the CVP and SWP. As part of its work plan, Hallmark developed an outline of a strategic plan with significant input from the Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning on CVP/SWP Water Supply. The outline is organized into four principal topics: (1) objectives; (2) obstacles to achieving objectives; (3) means of overcoming obstacles; and (4) time frame.

Urban Water Agency Partnerships

A MOU with Metropolitan Water District and the Blueprint was executed at a signing ceremony at ACWA, the MOU includes the participation, review and analysis of groundwater storage and conveyance opportunities in the Central Valley. Stantec is helping develop the scope, budget and

define deliverables for this work in coordination with the Blueprint, MET and DWR (technical assistance)

Farmer to Farmer Summitt (Part III)

The farmer-to-farmer delegates have been reengaged to further regional communication and will be participating in additional water solution facilitation, with a focus on Levee Maintenance & Enhancement projects and the South Delta Gates Project (permanent operable gates). Summitt delegates gathered May 21st in Modesto.

Central Valley Community Foundation

This initiative will develop an Investment Plan with recommendations for funding priorities within a four-county area. CAP was asked to lead the development of funding recommendations for the “One Water” portion of the investment plan. The Blueprint and participants will review the Investment Plan and look to add needed water investments through 2026 and seek funding for early and long-term actions starting later in 2024.

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.

DAC/SDAC Drinking Water Feasibility Study Friant Kern Canal - Expansion

Fresno State/California Water Institute is looking for an expansion of the Drinking Water Feasibility Study into additional counties, beyond Fresno County. As a reminder the Friant Water Authority and Fresno State, with assistance and consultation from Self-Help Enterprises, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, and Sustainable Conservation (collectively, Project Team), proposed to conduct a drinking water feasibility study (Project). The objective of the first phase of the Project was to identify the technical, financial, and institutional feasibility of providing surface water deliveries from the Friant-Kern Canal to groundwater recharge projects, and other types of facilities, to improve drinking water conditions (accessibility, affordability, quality, and quantity) for DACs and SDACs in Fresno County. The expanded Study Area will be Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern counties – all of which receive surface water deliveries from the Madera Canal and Friant-Kern Canal.

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.



March 29, 2024

Greetings Delegates,

I am looking forward to our next meeting together in May. I am writing to again express my sincere appreciation for your interest, participation and support for the Delta and San Joaquin Valley Farmer to Farmer Summit meetings that were held in November 2023 and January 2024. Those meetings provided each of us a chance to meet agricultural leader colleagues from a "neighboring" region and begin to learn about the challenges and emerging threats each region is working through. I think it is safe to say when we adjourned from our meeting at Mission del Oro on January 30 we left with an appreciation for each other, new friendships, and a desire to continue working together collectively on matters of mutual interest.

There are many reasons for the success and encouragement we have experienced thus far. We accomplished a lot in the short time we spent together because we were guided by a phenomenal facilitator, Amy Wolfe. We were able to originally pull together the meetings thanks to the planning and financial support of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint so thank you to Jason Philips and Austin Ewell. During our visit to Kern County Edwin Camp provided meals, and meeting space Edwin's hospitality and those in-kind contributions were a major help. Thank you, Edwin! Speaking of major, a big thank you to Elizabeth Dawson, one of our observers and a representative of HDR, who was responsible for securing a major sponsorship, \$10,000 from HDR. HDR has set the bar high and hopefully there are more consultants out there who will follow their lead. And finally, a big round of applause for our Delegates who generously provided funding to help cover some of the costs. Thank you to Water Wise, Bowles Farming, Friant Water Authority, Fiorini Ranch and Stevenson Water District.

Here's a summary of the income and expenses to date.

Expenses \$21,553.52 (This amount does not include the in-kind contributions we received)

Contributions \$14,500.00

Balance of \$7,053.52 (Currently covered by the Blueprint)

Moving forward we will need to secure funding to cover ongoing expenses. Hopefully we can find ways to conduct our work efficiently and economically, but we will continue to depend upon financial and in-kind contributions.

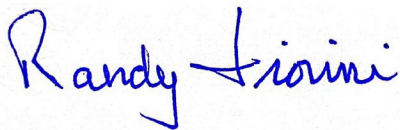
Now for the ask..... The familiarity we all have with volunteer organizations causes us to understand that it takes money to keep the work moving forward. I would like to recommend each of the Delegates and observers reach out to your water agencies and consulting firms to solicit contributions to sustain this effort. I believe the success we have achieved thus far makes a compelling story for the need to support this solution-oriented collaboration. Some of our Delegates, and certainly HDR, have set a great fund-raising example and I'm confident, if the purpose of the Farmer to Farmer Summit is shared with interested parties, there will be a willingness to help. I believe we should set a fundraising goal of \$40,000 to cover the expenses for the next twelve months.

The Fresno Irrigation District is managing the accounting responsibilities for the Farmer-to-Farmer summit activities. Here's the 411 for all donations :

Checks should be made out to the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley – Education Fund and be noted as Farmer to Farmer in the memo line so that the contribution gets credited to the Farmer-to-Farmer Coalition account.

Water Blueprint for the SJV
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Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.



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**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

and

The Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley Education Fund

May 8, 2024



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR IDENTIFYING AND DEVELOPING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
PROJECTS**

May 8, 2024

This Memorandum of Understanding for identifying and developing mutually beneficial water supply management projects is made and entered into by and between The Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley Education Fund (Blueprint) and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) individually referred to as “Party” and collectively, as “Parties.”

RECITALS

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is based on the following facts, understandings, and intentions of the Parties:

- A. WHEREAS, Metropolitan is a California urban water agency formed in 1928 pursuant to the Metropolitan Water District Act.
- B. WHEREAS, Metropolitan was formed to, among other things, develop, store, and distribute water for domestic purposes, and to make wholesale water available to its 26 member agencies.
- C. WHEREAS, Metropolitan is party to a long-term State Water Project (SWP) contract with the California Department of Water Resources that gives Metropolitan participation rights in the SWP, meaning Metropolitan has the right to use the SWP conveyance system and, to the extent that there is availability, to receive an annual allocation up to 1.9 million acre-feet (AF) per year (AFY) of SWP Table A supply delivered via the California Aqueduct.
- D. WHEREAS, water supplies annually allocated to SWP contractors have become increasingly unreliable, resulting in additional costs and water supply management challenges for Metropolitan.
- E. WHEREAS, to improve the reliability of its supply and groundwater conditions, Metropolitan has pursued, and continues to pursue, supplemental water supply acquisitions, exchanges, and groundwater banking programs.
- F. WHEREAS, Blueprint is a coalition of San Joaquin Valley community leaders, businesses, water agencies, local governments, and agricultural representatives working to advance common sense water solutions for their region.
- G. WHEREAS, Blueprint has worked for several years to identify needs in the San Joaquin Valley and to identify projects that can help meet those needs, including storage, conveyance, and exchanges.
- H. WHEREAS, there are significant potential advantages to working together to achieve several objectives including groundwater sustainability in the San Joaquin Valley, improve water supply reliability in Southern California, and other social and environmental objectives.
- I. WHEREAS, the Parties are interested in working together to identify, develop, and implement projects in the San Joaquin Valley that have mutual benefits for managing water supplies including storing and recovering water; however, this MOU shall not in any way obligate Metropolitan or Blueprint to implement such projects or take or refrain from taking any action.

- J. WHEREAS, the terms of any future water management program developed as a result of this effort would be agreed to among Metropolitan, Blueprint, and any potential partner(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived by the Parties and of the promises herein contained, Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this MOU is to establish the intent of collaboration between the Parties to identify, develop, and implement projects in the San Joaquin Valley that have mutual benefits for managing water supplies including storing and recovering water.
2. **Proposed Framework Development.** The Parties agree to collaborate in development of a framework to further identify mutually beneficial projects, develop criteria to evaluate the projects based on specific goals and objectives, and potentially implement the projects that meet the criteria. The Parties may determine which projects, if any, to implement. Projects may be implemented by Blueprint, Metropolitan, or both. Blueprint may provide added support for the implementation of projects by identifying and facilitating future partnerships with agencies within the Blueprint network.
3. **Proposed Work Group.** Blueprint agrees to develop a workgroup that includes representatives from interested agencies (including Metropolitan, the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Water Resources, Valley partnering agencies, and other organizations) that would be managed and supported under Blueprint's organizational structure. Agencies within the workgroup may agree to provide funding to Blueprint through a future agreement.
4. **Cost Share Funding.** It is the intent of the Parties to collaborate in the development of a potential future Funding Agreement memorializing the scope of work, cost sharing, schedule, and deliverables for project development activities undertaken through this collaborative effort.
5. **Potential Agreements.** It is anticipated that any future agreements developed through this collaborative effort would more specifically identify the rights and obligations of the parties thereto regarding any future programs. The terms of any future agreements shall not be limited by this MOU.

This Memorandum of Understanding represents the Parties' general intent only and shall not be binding on either Party. No Party shall have any obligation to expend funds or enter into any agreement, and no course of conduct of the Parties shall evidence any binding obligation.

If the foregoing meets with your approval and you are willing to proceed with discussions and potentially detailed negotiations upon the basis set forth herein, please indicate your acceptance by executing the copy of this MOU.

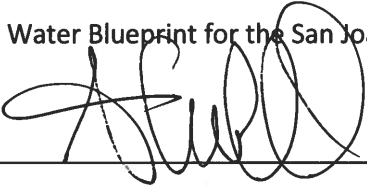
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By: _____

 5/8/2024
Adel Hagekhalil, General Manager

ACCEPTED:

The Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley Education Fund

By:  _____ Date: 5/8/24 _____

Austin Ewell, Executive Director

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA NO. 4.F.

DATE: May 23, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wilson Orvis, Chief Financial Officer

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

SUMMARY:

Friant Water Authority staff engaged with San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) via the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on May 13th, the Board of Directors' (BOD) Meeting on May 16th as well as additional meetings throughout the month.

There was one item associated with SLDMWA over the last month that was of particular interest: (1) approval of amendments to SLDMWA's Bylaws and Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA).

Second Amended MOU:

- At the April 4th Board Meeting, SLDMWA voted unanimously to approve the Second Amended MOU and sent the corresponding amended Cost Recovery Policy out for 60-day review. Subsequently, SLDMWA had to amend its JPA and By-Laws to incorporate the governance changes set forth in the Second Amended MOU. The Bylaw amendments were approved by the SLDMWA Board on May 16th. For the JPA amendments, SLDMWA sent the request for Home Board approval out on May 14th (a majority of Home Board approval is necessary for changes to the JPA). It is anticipated that all necessary actions, including final approval of the Cost Recovery Policy are anticipated to be complete by June/July 2024.

Attachment(s):

- None this Month.

