

# Borrego Springs Watermaster Board Meeting

June 18, 2025

# I. Opening Procedures

\*\*\*This meeting is being recorded

- A. Call to Order and start meeting recording
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of Agenda



# II. Public Correspondence

## II.A – *none received*

## II.B – Public Comment

### Instructions for Public Comment

The public may address the Board on items within the Watermaster's Jurisdiction that are included or not included on the meeting agenda.

To address the Board on items that are not included on the meeting agenda, the public may request to speak during ***Agenda Item III – Public Correspondence***. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker.

To address the Board on items that are included on the meeting agenda, the Board Chairperson will call for public comments immediately following the agenda item's staff report presentation and prior to Board discussion.

*The Board may direct staff to include topics brought forward during Public Correspondence and Comment on a future meeting agenda. No action or discussion is otherwise taken by the Board.*

## III. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – May 21, 2025
- B. Approval of May 2025 Financial Report
- C. Receive and file 2025 Q2 (Final) Grant Reimbursement Request Report

## IV.A Status Update on BVHM Groundwater Pumping Projections

### **Recommended Actions:**

Discuss and provide direction to Staff

### **Fiscal Impact:**

TBD

## IV.A Status Update on BVHM Groundwater Pumping Projections

### Background

- BVHM was used to predict future groundwater levels across the Basin under future groundwater pumping plans to assess sustainability under the pumping Rampdown → This work was supported by the SGM Grant
- Staff prepared a technical memo (TM) to describe the BVHM projection results:
  - Description of the pumping projections
  - Identification of a discrepancy in the BVHM
  - Potential future trends in groundwater levels:
    - Increases in the NMA
    - Declines in the SMA and CMA
  - TM was shared with the TAC and Board
- TAC recommended an additional BVHM simulation to explore the effects of a northward shift of pumping to support the GMP Assessment Report → \$12,000

## IV.A Status Update on BVHM Groundwater Pumping Projections

### Discussion

- Staff has collaborated with T2/BWD to discuss potential changes to the pumping projections → Locations and magnitudes of future pumping
- Staff updated the scope of work cost estimate (\$17,000), additions included:
  - additional collaboration with T2/BWD on the pumping projections
  - republishing the DWR deliverable to document updated projections/results
- T2 Borrego requested the cost estimate to consider if this effort could be performed as a Request for Information funded by T2 Borrego (and potentially BWD)
- Staff believes this work is a logical effort to explore adaptive groundwater management actions that move the Basin closer to its Sustainability Goal, and hence, should be funded by the Watermaster

## IV.A Status Update on BVHM Groundwater Pumping Projections

### Potential Next Steps

- Board determines if it wants to update the pumping projections and re-run the BVHM, and if so, how should it be funded
- Board direction on this item may impact the WY 2026 budget in a subsequent agenda item (Item IV.C of this agenda package)
  - Agenda package assumes TAC-recommended scope of work at \$12,000
- Depending on Board direction, the impact could be:
  - \$5,000 increase to the expenditures budget to perform the work as re-sscoped to address T2 and BWD questions, and funded by Watermaster
  - \$12,000 decrease to the expenditures budget, if not funded by Watermaster

## IV.A Status Update on BVHM Groundwater Pumping Projections



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## **IV.B Consideration of Approval to Amend West Yost Statement of Work to Perform Additional Services to Advance the 5-Year Assessment and Address DWR Comments on GMP**

### **Recommended Actions:**

Consider approval of an amendment to the West Yost Statement of Work for Water Year 2025 to add additional scope to continue working on the 5-Year Assessment and Update of the GMP, including addressing DWR Recommended Corrective Actions (RCAs).

### **Previous Discussions/Actions:**

- April 2025 – Presentation of how anticipated unspent budget could be used to cover costs of advancing 5-Year Assessment in June through Sept 2025
- May 2025 – Draft WY 2026 Budget presentation included detail about scope, schedule, and cost to advance 5-Year Assessment in June through Sept 2025
  - Board requested agenda item to vote on this item apart from the WY 2026 Budget.

## IV.B Consideration of Approval to Amend West Yost Statement of Work to Perform Additional Services to Advance the 5-Year Assessment and Address DWR Comments on GMP

### Discussion Points:

- Watermaster has a regulatory deadline to submit the 5-Year Assessment Report and GMP Update to the DWR by June 25, 2026
  - This includes responding to the seven RCAs to improve the GMP
- The total cost of these two items is \$121,850, of which we recommend **\$65,000** be performed in WY 2025
- This action would not require an increase to the total expenditure budget for WY 2025

## IV.B Consideration of Approval to Amend West Yost Statement of Work to Perform Additional Services to Advance the 5-Year Assessment and Address DWR Comments on GMP

### Discussion Points:

- If Staff's recommendation is not approved, we will not be able to complete the work to finalize the 5-Year GMP Assessment and Update in time to meet the June 2026 deadline under the assumed scope of work to complete the effort
- Despite that this work will not require an increase to the WY 2025 expenditure budget, approval to commence this work in WY 2025:
  - Requires an amendment of West Yost SOW No. 7 to describe the expanded scope of work and reallocate the budget amongst West Yost's approved tasks.
  - Requires a Supermajority vote of the Board.

## IV.B Consideration of Approval to Amend West Yost Statement of Work to Perform Additional Services to Advance the 5-Year Assessment and Address DWR Comments on GMP

### Fiscal Impact:

- Current West Yost Statement of Work (SOW No. 7) is \$1,022,874. This amount would not be changed
- If recommended work **is not approved** to be performed in WY 2025, total projected spending against the SOW No. 7 budget would be about \$952,076.
- If recommended work **is approved** to be performed in WY 2025, total projected spending against the SOW No. 7 budget would be about \$1,017,076.
- Approval of recommended additional scope **represents an impact to the pumpers** by reducing cost savings they would otherwise realize due to projected underspending of budget during WY 2025.
- The WY 2026 draft budget expenditure presented in Agenda Item IV.C assumes the Board approves this recommendation to advance work during WY 2025.
  - If not approved, the WY 2026 expenditure budget would need to be increased by \$65,000 to instead start the work in September 2025 (not recommended)

TABLE IVB-1. PLANNED AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE OF WEST YOST BUDGET LINE ITEMS ASSUMING BOARD APPROVAL TO ADVANCE THE FIVE-YEAR ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ADDRESS DWR COMMENTS IN WY 2025

\*Planned expenditures are broken down into: (1) planned grant reimbursable expenses and (2) non-grant reimbursable expenses funded by Watermaster Pumpers

\*Line items that will support performing out of scope work to address DWR Comments & the continue Five-Year Assessment are shown in bold blue highlighted boxes in the column "Non-Reimbursable Actual"

\*The level of proposed spending on the out of scope work keeps the Watermaster's projected actual spending on non-Reimbursable work within the amount assumed/approved in the WY 2025 Budget

	Amended WY 25 Budget	Grant Funded Planned	Grant Funded Actual	Non-Reimbursable Planned	Non-Reimbursable Projected Actual	Total Planned	Total Projected Actual	Variance
	\$ 1,022,874	\$ 683,041	\$ 677,701	\$ 339,833	\$ 339,375	\$ 1,022,874	\$ 1,017,076	\$ 5,798
<b>Watermaster Staff Admin Services</b>	\$ 290,796	\$ 84,107	\$ 86,305	\$ 206,689	\$ 201,319	\$ 290,796	\$ 287,624	\$ 3,172
Board Meetings	\$ 106,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,600	\$ 106,600	\$ 106,600	\$ 106,600	\$ -
Technical Advisory Committee Meetings	\$ 52,444	\$ 32,564	\$ 35,645	\$ 19,880	\$ 16,799	\$ 52,444	\$ 52,444	\$ -
Court Hearings	\$ 3,510	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,510	\$ 1,429	\$ 3,510	\$ 1,429	\$ 2,081
Stakeholder Outreach/Workshops	\$ 12,543	\$ 12,543	\$ 11,976	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,543	\$ 11,976	\$ 567
Administration and Management	\$ 78,699	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,097	\$ 76,699	\$ 76,491	\$ 78,699	\$ 78,588	\$ 111
<b>Prop 68 Project Admin and Grant Reporting</b>	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 36,587	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,000	\$ 36,587	\$ 414
<b>General Technical Consultant Services</b>	<b>\$ 445,524</b>	<b>\$ 347,024</b>	<b>\$ 383,033</b>	<b>\$ 98,500</b>	<b>\$ 48,774</b>	<b>\$ 445,524</b>	<b>\$ 431,807</b>	<b>\$ 13,717</b>
Coordinate/Implement meter reading program	\$ 30,440	\$ 18,437	\$ 16,705	\$ 12,003	\$ 13,033	\$ 30,440	\$ 29,738	\$ 702
Groundwater Monitoring Program	\$ 124,060	\$ 64,190	\$ 83,291	\$ 59,870	\$ 14,084	\$ 124,060	\$ 97,375	\$ 26,685
Data Management and Data Reporting	\$ 20,265	\$ 10,936	\$ 10,216	\$ 9,329	\$ 7,520	\$ 20,265	\$ 17,736	\$ 2,530
Annual Report to the Court and DWR	\$ 51,188	\$ 51,188	\$ 51,553	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,188	\$ 51,553	\$ (365)
<b>Address Inactive Wells via Abandonment/Conversion</b>	\$ 203,273	\$ 202,273	\$ 221,269	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,137	\$ 203,273	\$ 222,406	\$ (19,133)
As-needed technical support	\$ 16,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,298	\$ 13,000	\$ 16,298	\$ 13,000	\$ 3,298
<b>Consulting Services with TAC Support/Input</b>	<b>\$ 256,418</b>	<b>\$ 231,098</b>	<b>\$ 191,143</b>	<b>\$ 25,320</b>	<b>\$ 80,444</b>	<b>\$ 256,418</b>	<b>\$ 271,587</b>	<b>\$ (15,169)</b>
Technical Work to Support Sustainable Yield Updates	\$ 90,590	\$ 90,590	\$ 84,851	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,590	\$ 84,851	\$ 5,739
Develop Scope and Budget for WY 2026-2029 for Sustainable Yield Updates	\$ 15,272	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,272	\$ 15,444	\$ 15,272	\$ 15,444	\$ (172)
5-Year Assessment of Judgment/GMP	\$ 140,508	\$ 140,508	\$ 106,292	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ 140,508	\$ 171,292	\$ (30,784)
Address Ad Hoc Requests from the Board	\$ 10,048	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,048	\$ -	\$ 10,048	\$ -	\$ 10,048
<b>Environmental Working Group</b>	<b>\$ 27,193</b>	<b>\$ 20,812</b>	<b>\$ 17,220</b>	<b>\$ 6,381</b>	<b>\$ 6,381</b>	<b>\$ 27,193</b>	<b>\$ 23,601</b>	<b>\$ 3,592</b>
Biological Restoration of Fallowed Lands	\$ 20,812	\$ 20,812	\$ 17,220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,812	\$ 17,220	\$ 3,592
Ad Hoc Requests and EWG Meetings	\$ 6,381	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,381	\$ 6,381	\$ 6,381	\$ 6,381	\$ -
<b>Manual Read Meter Services</b>	<b>\$ 2,943</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,943</b>	<b>\$ 2,457</b>	<b>\$ 2,943</b>	<b>\$ 2,457</b>	<b>\$ 486</b>

## IV.B Consideration of Approval to Amend West Yost Statement of Work to Perform Additional Services to Advance the 5-Year Assessment and Address DWR Comments on GMP



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## IV.C Consideration of Approval of WY 2026 Budget

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the WY 2026 Budget, which includes approval of:

- A WY 2026 Pumping Assessment of \$350,0000
- An Overproduction Penalty Assessment of \$500 per acre-foot
- Total operating expenditure for WY 2026 of \$741,153
- Appointment of a Subcommittee of 2 Board members to work with the ED to identify strategies to reduce operating costs and projected pumping assessments for WY 2027 and beyond

### **Previous Discussions/Actions:**

- April 2025 – Scope of work to include in WY 2026 discussed
- May 2025 – Draft WY 2026 Budget presented in detail

## IV.C Consideration of Approval of WY 2026 Budget

### Agenda Memo Included:

- Recommended Action and Fiscal Impact
- Overview of the Recommended Draft WY 2026 Budget
  - Exhibit 1 – Budget Table
- Summary of changes made to the Draft WY 2026 Budget presented in May 2025
- Recommended approach to addressing future costs and revenue requirements
  - Table 2. Comparison of Historical Actual Budget and Budget Projections
- Next steps
- Attachments
  - A – Scope of Work and Assumptions for Routine Administrative and Technical Tasks
  - B – Scope of Work and Assumptions for Non-Routine Technical Work

## IV.C Consideration of Approval of WY 2026 Budget: Summary of Changes to Draft Budget

- Minor reductions in cost to a small number of line items for WY 2026 (**bold green** items in Exhibit 1)
- Increase in Legal Services in WY 2026 based on Board feedback
- The Services to Parties with Manual Read Meters was increased to \$12,020 (up from \$7,304)
- Technical Work to Support the 2035 Sustainable Yield Update increased in WY 2028 and WY 2029 based on follow-up discussions with Director Bennett, who expressed concern that the future costs for this work were under-budgeted
  - WY 2028: Increased cost from \$44,110 to \$138,100
  - WY 2029: Increased cost from \$124,400 to \$130,750

## IV.C Consideration of Approval of WY 2026 Budget: Approach to Future Cost Control

- Lengthy discussion in May re: controlling/reducing future costs
- To change the operating scope of work to achieve cost savings, it will be necessary to have Board input and approval, and in some cases, TAC input
- Thus, no changes were incorporated to the routine services within the future projection of costs for WY 2027 to 2030 – these remain prudent assumptions until alternative operating models can be vetted and approved
- Staff recommends the Board appoint a Budget Subcommittee to work with the ED to identify changes in operating scope and vet them with the Board and TAC (if needed)

## IV.C Consideration of Approval of WY 2026 Budget: Fiscal Considerations

- The Projection for WY 2027 through WY 2030 is for informational and planning purposes only and should not be interpreted as a commitment to projected future expenditures or pumping assessments
- During WY 2026, vendor financing will be fully paid off as the remaining DWR grant reimbursements are paid out and cash reserves will be maintained at or near the standard reserve policy of nine months of operating expenses
- WY 2026 budget expenditure assumes the Board approves staff's recommendation to advance completion of the 5-Year Assessment of the GMP utilizing available time and budget in the remainder of WY 2025 – as presented in Agenda Item IV.B. If this recommendation is not approved, the scope of work and budget presented would have to change

## IV.C Consideration of Approval of WY 2026 Budget: Next Steps

- If a Supermajority vote for the WY 2026 budget is not achieved, Staff will request direction from the Board for changes to the Budget and a special meeting will need to be scheduled on or before June 30, 2025 to adopt a budget
- Once budget package is approved
  - Publish the WY 2026 budget no later than July 1, 2025
  - Report to the Board if any challenges to the Budget are noticed to Watermaster by July 31, 2025
  - Prepare a “Statement of Work” based on the proposed scope of services and budget to be provided by West Yost during WY 2026. (August 2025)

## IV.C Consideration of Approval of WY 2026 Budget

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## IV.C Consideration of Approval of WY 2026 Budget



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# IV.D Spring 2025 Semi-Annual Monitoring Report

## **Recommended Actions:**

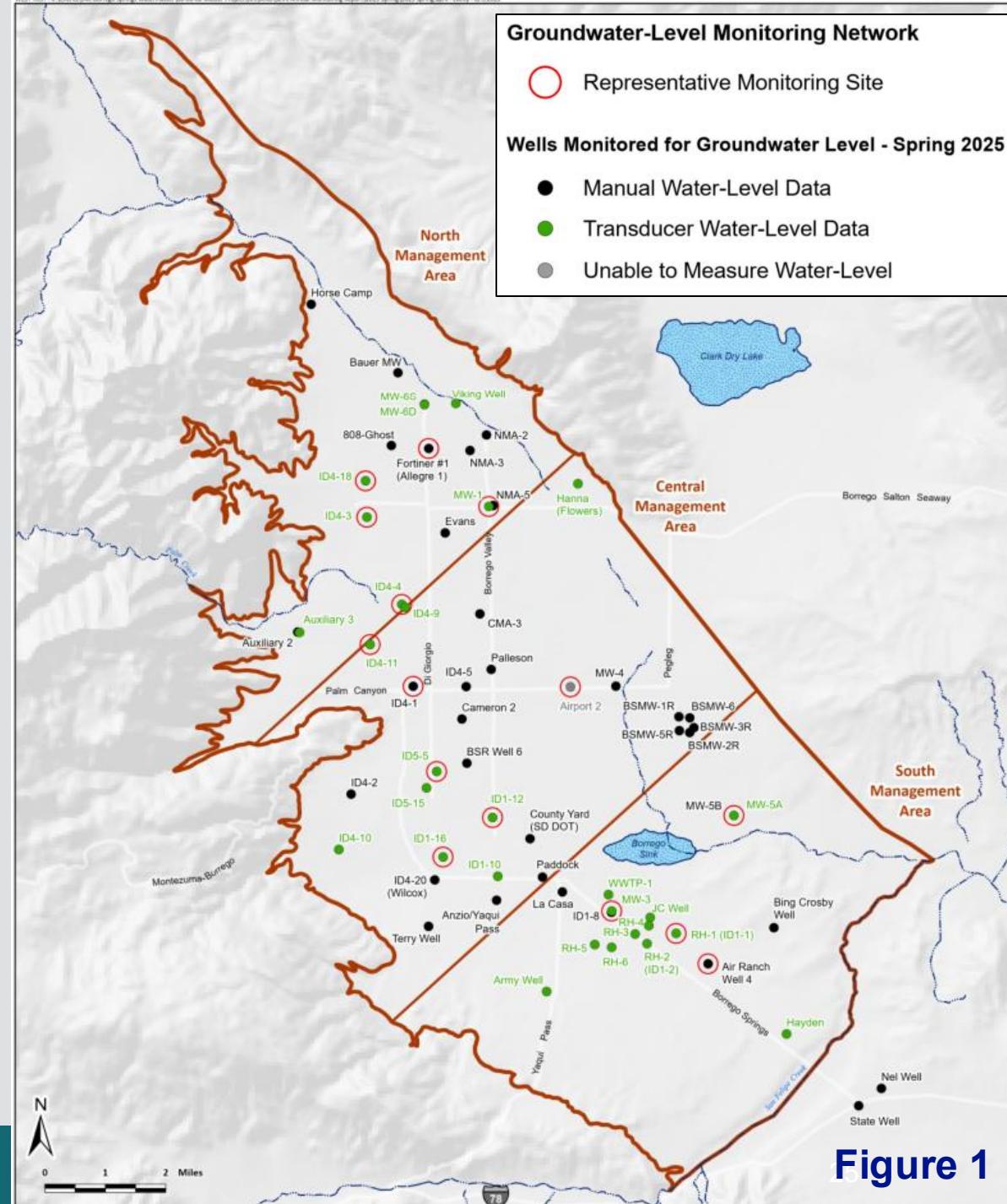
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## **Fiscal Impact:**

None.

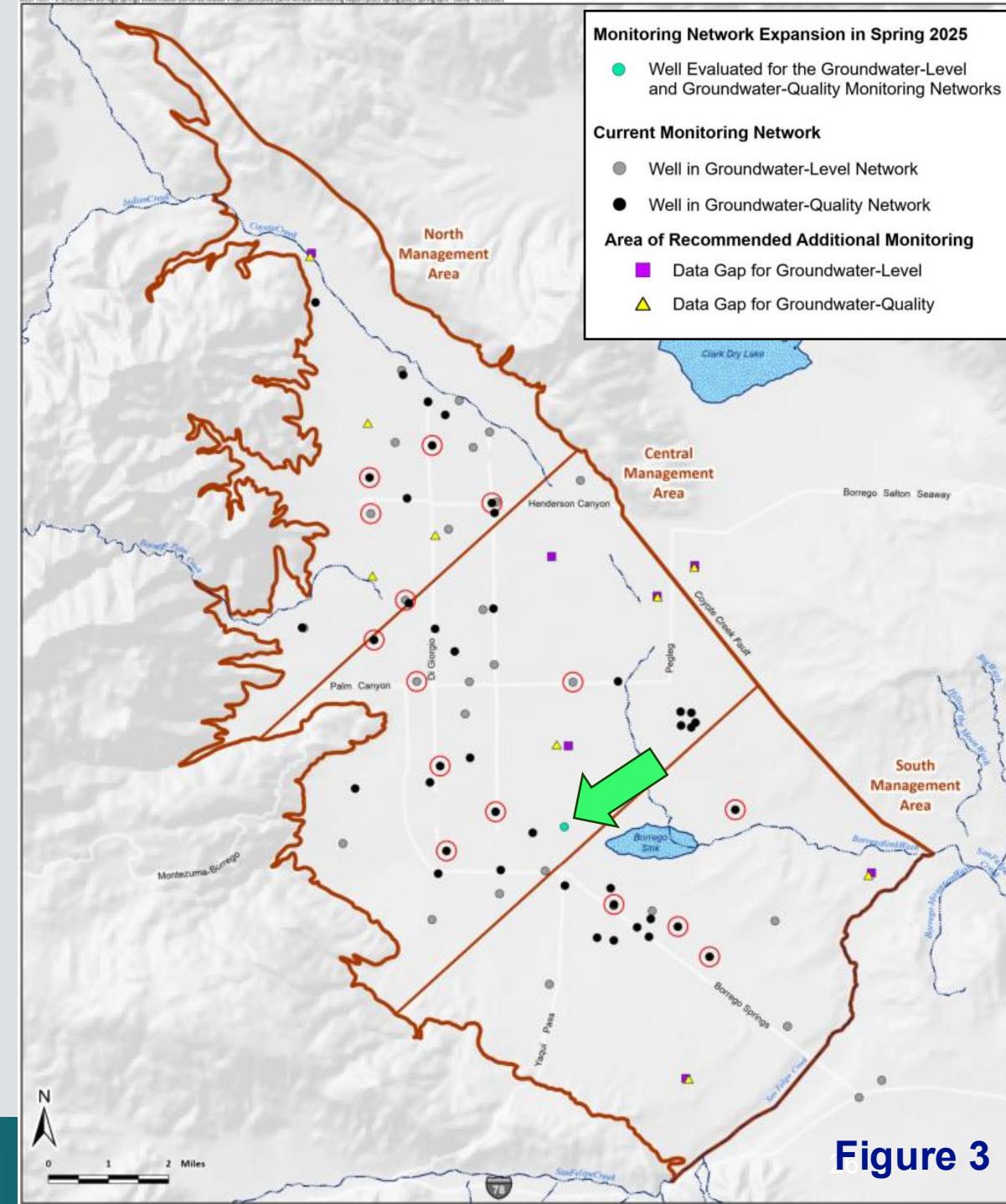
# Spring 2025 Monitoring Event

- Groundwater levels were measured at 63 of 64 wells in the program
- Groundwater quality samples were collected at 42 of 43 wells in the program
- Reason(s) why any wells weren't monitored are documented in Table 1
- Appendix A and B have long-term time history charts with latest results



# Expansion of Groundwater Monitoring Program

- Evaluated 1 well as a potential candidate to add to the groundwater-level and quality monitoring network
- May fill a data gap in the Central Management Area



# Spring 2025 Groundwater Levels Compared to Minimum Thresholds and Historical Trends

- For the 16 Representative Monitoring Wells, Spring 2025 groundwater level compared to:
  - Minimum Thresholds - **No well exceeded its Minimum Threshold**
  - Fall 2019 groundwater level – **groundwater levels increased at 1 well since fall 2019 (declined at all other wells)**
  - Historical rate of change – **rate of decline is slower, except at 2 wells**
- See Tables 2 and 3

# Groundwater Levels Compared to Minimum Thresholds at Representative Monitoring Wells

- Figures 4a-4p compare groundwater-levels at Representative Monitoring Wells to Minimum Thresholds
- No well has exceeded its Minimum Threshold based on static levels
- Figures present *only* static levels (non-pumping data)
- Revised figures to show reduced time history of data: 2000 - 2040

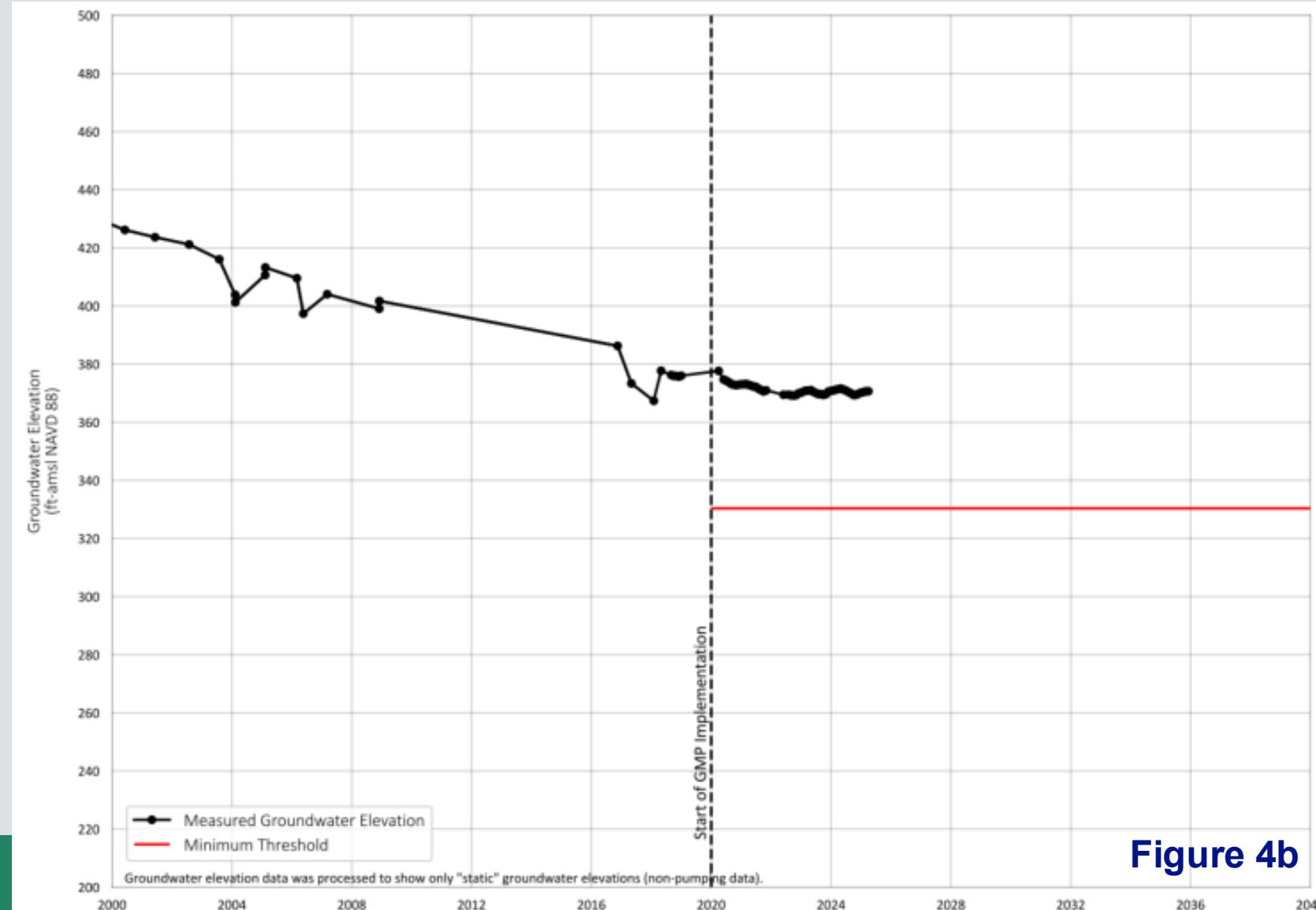


Figure 4b

# Spring 2025 Groundwater Quality

For five COCs, *Figures 5 through 9* show:

- Spatial distribution of water quality concentrations at all wells sampled in spring 2025
- Time history charts of historical concentration trends at selected wells in each Management Area
- The CA MCL for each COC

## Key observations:

- Arsenic – fewer wells exceeded MCL (compared to fall '24)
- Other results similar to prior events; memo describes notable observations at select wells

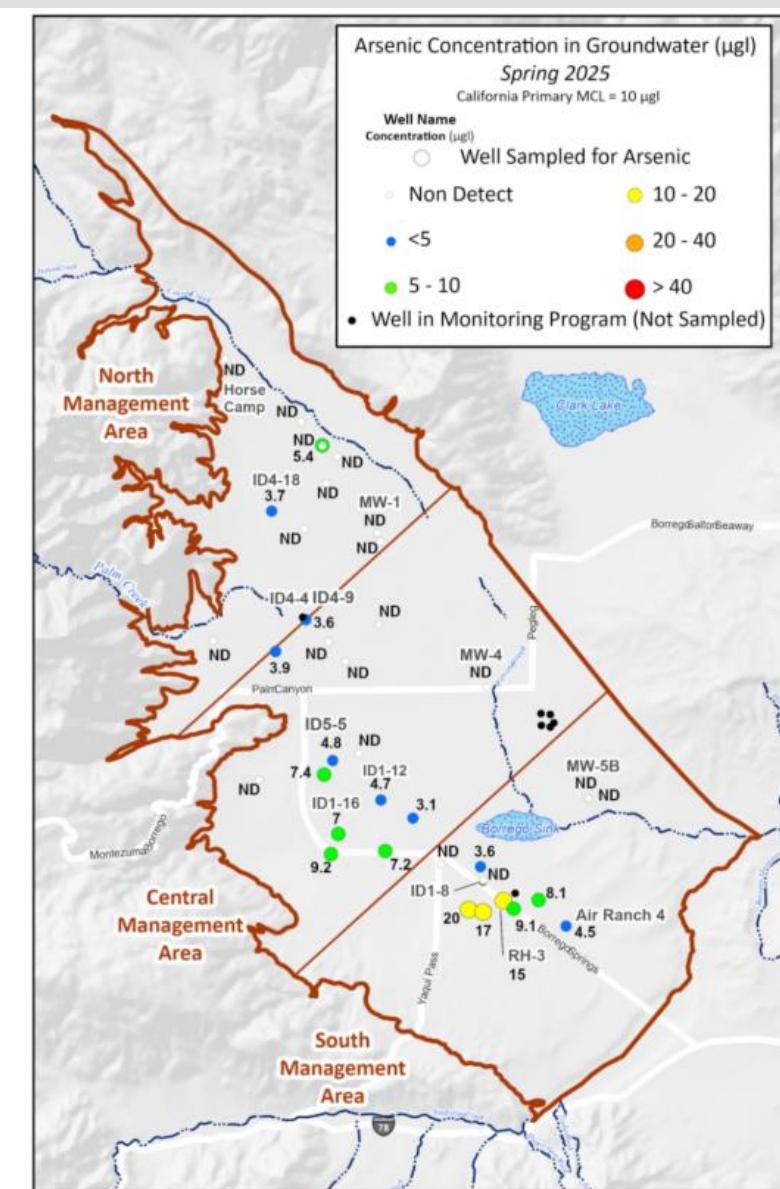
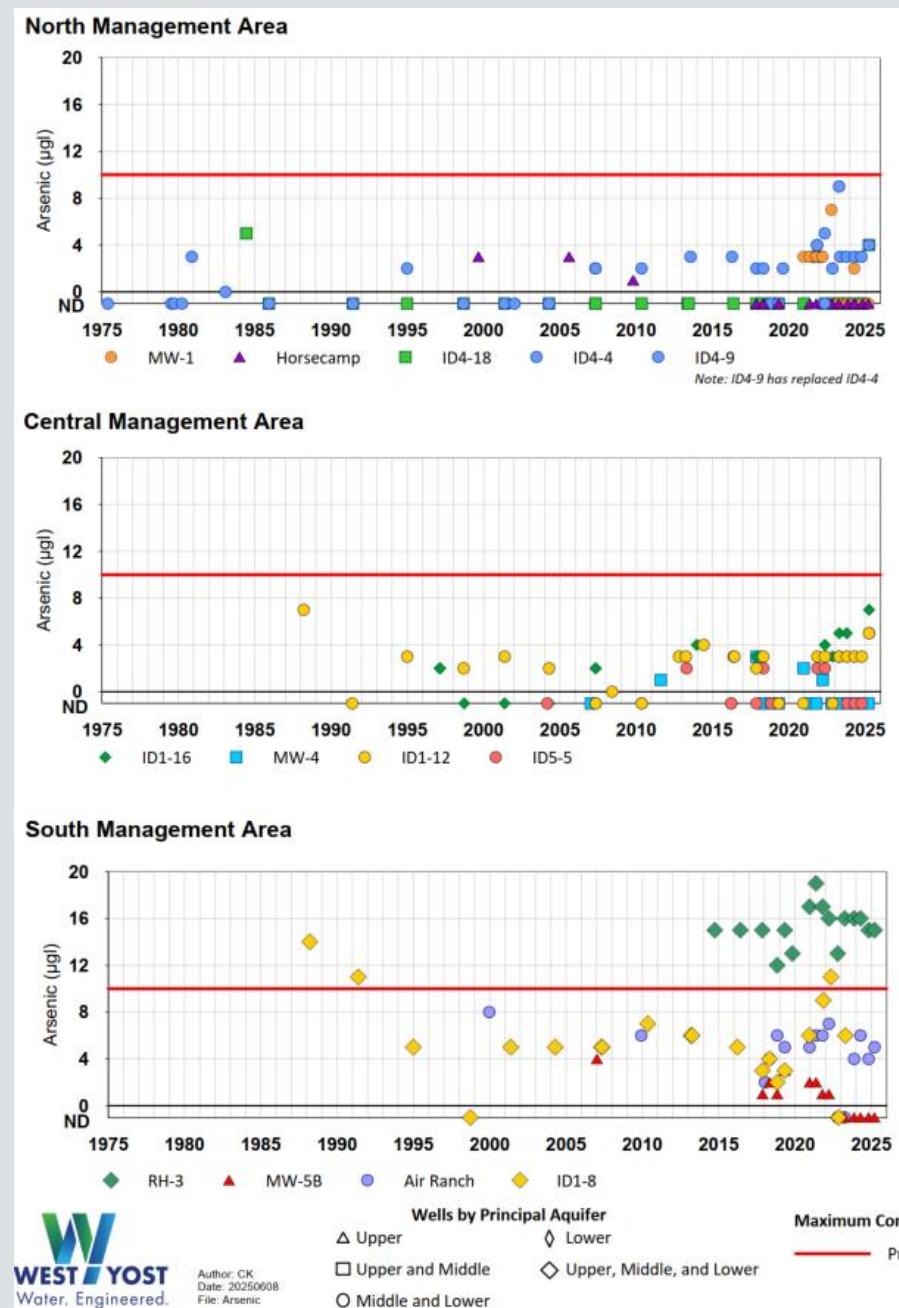


Figure 7

Arsenic in Groundwater

# Fall 2025 Groundwater Quality Results Compared to Drinking Water Standards

- Table 4 lists all water quality sample results, by well, that exceeded a California or EPA drinking water standard during the spring 2025 monitoring event
- Table 5 summarizes number of wells with water quality exceedances for each constituent of concern (COC)
- Exceedances of MCLs were similar to past results, except for:
  - Fewer exceedances of arsenic in the South Management Area
- Memo describes other notable results for specific wells

## IV.D Spring 2025 Semi-Annual Monitoring Report



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BOARD DISCUSSION

## IV.E WORKSHOP: Considerations for Updating the Groundwater Management Plan

### **Recommended Action:**

No recommended action. For discussion and direction to staff.

### **Objective:**

Prompt Board discussion and questions on the topic of updating the Groundwater Management Plan for the Borrego Springs Subbasin (GMP) as part of the 5-Year Assessment Process. Board input and questions will be used to advance a decision on updating the GMP document (or not).

## IV.E WORKSHOP: Considerations for Updating the Groundwater Management Plan

### As a matter of background...

- Judgment + GMP = Physical Solution = Alternative to a GSP
  - NOTE: Judgment supersedes in case of any contradiction between Judgment and GMP
  - DWR approved alternative plan on February 25, 2025
- GMP is Exhibit 1 to the Judgment
- Judgment definition of the GMP:

29. Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) – The plan, attached to this Judgment as Exhibit “1,” which, together with the Judgment, is intended to implement the Physical Solution for the Basin, satisfy the substantive objectives of SGMA, and serve as an alternative to a GSP under SGMA following approval by DWR, as authorized by Water Code sections 10733.6 and 10737.4.

## IV.E WORKSHOP: Considerations for Updating the Groundwater Management Plan

### SGMA Requirements

- GSPs, including plans submitted as an Alternative to a GSP, **must be evaluated every 5 years** to assess progress and adapt the management plan, if needed
  - DWR Approval Letter sets due date of 5-Year Assessment to June 25, 2026
- Approved Alternative plans must be “resubmitted” every five years for DWR review and **re-approval** [CWC § 10733.6 (c)]
- SGMA does not mandate when or how to Update/Amend GSPs. The decision is at the discretion of the management entity (e.g. GSA or in this case, the Watermaster)

## IV.E WORKSHOP: Considerations for Updating the Groundwater Management Plan

- Staff have begun development of the 5-Year Assessment
- Remaining work is largely related to incorporating the DWR's Recommended Corrective Actions (provided in the Alternative Approval letter from DWR)

### ***Approved Determination***

An approved GSP is overall a good plan. However, it might need some additional information or clarifications to address any items needing more detail. The request for more detail or explanation in this case does not affect DWR's ability to determine if the GSP is reasonably likely to achieve groundwater sustainability within 20 years. The recommended corrective actions should be incorporated into the GSP before its next five-year update.

<https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management/Files/SGMA-fact-sheet.pdf>

## IV.E WORKSHOP: Considerations for Updating the Groundwater Management Plan

- Based on 5-Year Assessment Work to date, and review of the DWR RCAs, **Staff believe that the GMP should be updated** to:
  - Incorporate the revised Sustainable Yield
  - Revise plan area information to reflect updated historical pumping record
  - Incorporate revised Sustainable Management Criteria
  - Better align terminology/PMAs/implementation plan with Judgment
  - Address other outcomes of addressing the RCA's over the next several months
- Does the update constitute a “Plan Amendment”

## IV.E WORKSHOP: Considerations for Updating the Groundwater Management Plan

### DWR Guidelines on Plan Amendments

Below, the Department provides general considerations of components of the Plan that, if significant or material changes were made, may warrant a Plan Amendment; however, the Department recommends a GSA thoroughly evaluate and discuss the potential need for an amendment with their legal counsel and stakeholders. Elements of the GSP that may warrant a Plan Amendment if significant or material changes were made:

- Changes made to the overall management of the basin, including sustainable management criteria, sustainability goal, addition or removal of management areas, or wholesale modifications to the representative monitoring sites network.
- Revisions made to projects and management actions, including addition or removal of projects or management actions that could affect the projected water budget, sustainable yield, or achievement of measurable objectives, or impact the ability to mitigate overdraft.
- Modifications made to the administrative management of the basin, including addition or removal of GSAs, or the addition or removal of a GSP from a basin, etc.

[Link: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, & Plan Amendments](#)

## IV.E WORKSHOP: Considerations for Updating the Groundwater Management Plan

### Considerations/Questions

- Does a change to the GMP only (e.g. Exhibit 1) require a Judgment Amendment?
- Does an update to the GMP alone (no changes to the Judgement) constitute a “Plan Amendment” that is subject to Public Hearing Notification requirements (e.g. 90-day notice)?
- How might the unique situation in Borrego, e.g. the Adjudication Action, affect how we interpret the SGMA requirements?

## IV.E WORKSHOP: Considerations for Updating the Groundwater Management Plan

- Staff is seeking Board input on the need to update the GMP:
  - What, if anything, might the board want legal counsel and/or Judgment attorneys to provide input or recommendations?
  - What questions or concerns do you have?
  - What other information do you need to make a decision and provide direction to Staff to Update the GMP or not?

## IV.E WORKSHOP: Considerations for Updating the Groundwater Management Plan

- Board Input

## V.A – Legal Counsel Report

## V.B – Technical Consultant Report

- Report from June 12, 2025 EWG Meeting
  - UCI MCRS students presented their Capstone Project - results from monitoring four types of Sand Fences
  - Conclusions: Tree Fences and Scattered Trees were most effective at controlling wind erosion, minimizing dust emissions, and promoting biological restoration. Tree Fences are the most cost-effective treatment
  - Long-term monitoring is recommended to confirm conclusions → BWD is working with UCI to develop and fund additional monitoring

### EWG Projects

#### *Biological Restoration of Fallowed Lands*

The main goal of this Project is to develop data, information, and criteria to guide the use of biological restoration as a technique to mitigate the potential adverse impacts associated with the fallowing of lands that is expected to occur within the Subbasin. This project was funded by a Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant through Proposition 68. Links to project-related documents and reports are listed below:

- [Biological Restoration of Fallowed Lands Workplan](#)
- [Final Report on the Biological Restoration of Fallowed Lands Project – Recommended Retired Farmland Rehabilitation Strategies](#)
- [UCI-MCRS Final Report – Erosion Control and Habitat Restoration of Retired Farmland in the Anza-Borrego Desert](#)

[Environmental Working Group – Borrego Springs Watermaster](#)

## VI.C – Executive Director Report

### SGM Grant Status

- Status of Reimbursement Requests:
  - Request #7: Approved by DWR, check received by BWD today
  - Request #8: Submitted to DWR on February 14, 2025 and is under review (payment assumed September 2025)
  - Request #9: Submitted to DWR on May 15, 2025 and is under review (payment assumed December 2025 and March 2026)
  - Request #10 (final): Submitted to DWR on June 15, 2025 and is pending review (payment assumed March 2026)

## VI.C – Executive Director Report

### WY 2025 Pumping Assessments

- Invoices for second installment of WY 2025 pumping assessment were mailed out week of May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Payment due June 30, 2025
- 20% of payments have been received to-date

### BPA Party Updates

- No new updates since May meeting

## V.D – Chairperson's Report

# VI. Establishing Agenda for July 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

## Recommended Actions:

Develop and approve agenda for July 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

## Process:

1. Review the initial July agenda topics planned by Staff
2. Review the August and September tentative topics planned by Staff and previously requested items by Board members, as listed below
3. List out additional items that have arisen during the June Board meeting
4. Call on Directors to request additional items for consideration of inclusion on the July 2025 or other future agenda
5. Consider motion(s) to approve the agenda (the agenda can be approved in a single motion or multiple motions to cover each item).

Note: The Agenda/items are approved by majority vote (3 of 5 directors)

# Initial Agenda for July Regular Meeting

1. WY 2025 3rd Quarterly Budget Status Review
2. Consideration of approval of TAC and EWG agendas for August
3. Workshop: RCA 7 – Judgment vs. GMP

## Future Agenda Items

### August

1. Contract for Administrative and Technical Services
2. Workshop: Sustainable Management Criteria
3. Updated Pumping Projections

### September

1. WY 2026 Calendar of Activities
2. WY 2026 Meeting Dates
3. Report out from TAC and EWG meetings
4. EWG Recommendations on Biological Restoration of Fallowed Lands Study
5. Workshop: – Groundwater Quality and SGMA

# Set Agenda for July Regular Meeting

1. WY 2025 3rd Quarterly Budget Status Review
2. Consideration of approval of TAC and EWG agendas for August
3. Workshop: RCA 7 – Judgment vs. GMP
4. GDE Scope and Schedule:
  1. Options to expedite for consideration (e.g. Peer Review)
5. Board Officers Election
6. Budget Subcommittee Appointment

## VI. Establishing Agenda for July 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting



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BOARD DISCUSSION

## VII. Board Member Comments

## **VIII. Next Meetings of the Borrego Springs Watermaster**

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

- Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 16, 2025
- Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 20, 2025

### **OTHER MEETINGS**

- Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – August 7, 2025
- Environmental Working Group Meeting – August 2025 (date TBD)

## IX. Adjournment

- Thank you for your participation!