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Special Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL – Clerk
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting for October 14, 2025.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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- A. None

REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. Stakeholder Advisory Committee update – Garrett Gilcrease, Chairperson
- B. Update on the Appellate court ruling on Farm Bureau vs State Water Board. – Jennifer Thompson – General Counsel
- C. Overview of updated timeframe to complete the GSP – Amer Hussain, Engineer
- D. Discussion concerning correspondence from the South Fork Kings GSA – Chuck Kinney, General Manager
- E. Update on the Pilot Well mitigation program – Amer Hussain, Engineer
- F. Consider adopting a Resolution to establish a Subsidence Management Policy. – Amer Hussain, Engineer

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

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- ♦ Board Correspondence
- ♦ Information on Future Agenda Items

CLOSED SESSION

- ♦ None

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 9,2025 at 1:00PM.

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Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025
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I. 1:00 PM CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL – Clerk
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
JOE NEVES, RUSTY ROBINSON, DOUG VERBOON, KIMBER REGAN - PRESENT
RICHARD VALLE, ROBERT THAYER - ABSENT

II. **UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

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III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for August 12, 2025**
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RR, JN, DV, KR - Aye, RV, RT - ABSENT)

IV. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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- A. **None**

V. **REGULAR CALENDAR**

- A. **Overview of accomplishments and next steps – Amer Hussain, Engineer**
INFORMATION ONLY – NOA
- B. **Stakeholder Advisory Committee update – Garrett Gilcrease, Chairperson**
INFORMATION ONLY - NOA
- C. **Study Session concerning potential funding paths – Jennifer Thompson**
INFORMATION ONLY - NOA
- D. **Consider a Groundwater Allocation Policy to be released for public comment – Amer Hussain, Engineer**
PUBLIC: Julie Martella, Kings County resident asked the Board to open a 45 day public comment period rather than prolonging the process to get answers and move forward.
Brian Mederios, Kings County resident asked the Board to move forward with the Policy and 45 day public comment period to move the project forward.
ACTION: APPROVED THE POLICY AS PRESENTED WITH A 45 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD STARTING ON OCTOBER 15, 2025. (JN, RR, DV, KR- Aye, RV, RT-Absent)
- E. **Study Session on land subsidence – Amer Hussain, Engineer**
INFORMATION ONLY - NOA
- F. **Discussion concerning existing dry domestic wells – Chuck Kinney, General Manager**
ACTION: APPROVED AUTHORIZING STAFF TO OPEN A THREE PILOT WITH EXTENSIVE RECORDING KEEPING, COST AND EXPENSES AND FUTURE POLICY BUILDING. (JN, RR, DV, KR-Aye, RV, RT-Absent)

VI. **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

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- ◆ **Board Correspondence: **None****
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: **Policy or Program item revolving subsidence.****

VII. CLOSED SESSION

♦ None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Date: November 18, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Kinney, General Manager

Subject: Discussion concerning correspondence from the South Fork Kings GSA.

Background

At the Mid-Kings River GSA Board meeting held on October 14, 2025, the Board took action to open a 45 day public comment period on the draft Groundwater Allocation Policy. Since that date Staff have been actively working to advertise and solicit public comments on the draft Groundwater Allocation Policy. To date Staff have held one in person public workshop with a second virtual workshop scheduled for November 19th at 6 PM. The Mid-Kings River GSA has received some public comments to date, but continue to actively seek additional comments on the draft Groundwater Allocation Policy. Staff plan to present all of the comments received initially to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for review and recommendation to the Mid-Kings River GSA Board before bringing all of the comments and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee's recommendation before the Mid-Kings River GSA Board.

Since one of the comments which has been received comes directly from a neighboring GSA, Staff is presenting it today for discussion to ensure that Board members are aware of this specific comment since they may have constituents asking questions about this item.



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November 6, 2025

Chuck Kinney
Mid Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency
1400 W. Lacey Blvd.
Hanford, CA 93230

sent via email: Chuck.Kinney@co.kings.ca.us

Subject: Comments on Draft Mid-Kings River GSA Groundwater Allocation Policy

Dear Mr. Kinney:

The South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SFK GSA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Mid-Kings River GSA (MKR GSA) draft *Groundwater Allocation Policy*. We understand that substantial amount of work went to preparing the Policy, but we were disappointed that MKR GSA chose to pursue a Policy that is uncoordinated with the other Tulare Lake GSAs.

As we understand it, the methodology used by MKR to determine sustainable yield was based on historical groundwater pumping. The historical groundwater pumping was responsible for the overdraft conditions now existing across the Tulare Lake Subbasin. It seems that MKR GSA is rewarding this behavior and utilizing its historically excessive pumping to artificially inflate its sustainable yield determination.

Indeed, the Policy's Sustainable Yield determination of 1.43 AF/ac is much higher than the values used by GSAs in the Tulare Lake subbasin, as well as the surrounding subbasins. This is likely going to cause substantial concerns amongst the GSAs in Tulare Lake subbasin and the surrounding subbasins. Those concerns include but are not limited to undesirable results from over pumping causing groundwater levels to continue to decline, with corresponding loss of storage, along with continued subsidence at unacceptable rates. Furthermore, this approach could lead to an unlawful infringement upon the water rights of the stakeholders in the SFK GSA.

We strongly recommend that MKR GSA withdraw this Policy and reissue a revised policy that utilizes a coordinated approach with the rest of the Tulare Lake Subbasin. SFK GSA remains committed to working with the Subbasin on a

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coordinated approach to develop a Sustainable Yield methodology that is equitable, coordinated and likely to achieve the goals of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan's (GSP)n of all Tulare lake subbasin GSAs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Neves". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joe Neves
South Fork Kings GSA Board Chair



Date: November 18, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Mid Kings River GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Subject: Consider the adoption of a Subsidence Management Policy for the Mid Kings River GSA.

Background

At the Mid-Kings River GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting held on November 10, 2025, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee voted 6 in favor of approval and 1 in opposition to recommend that the Mid Kings River GSA Board adopt a Subsidence Management Plan for the Mid Kings River GSA.

Request

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee requests the Board of Directors adopt the attached Subsidence Management Plan for the Mid Kings River GSA.

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MID-KINGS RIVER GSA

SUBSIDENCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

(version 0.5, 11/12/2025)

1. Background and Purpose

The Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKR GSA or GSA) has prepared this Subsidence Management Plan (Plan) to minimize and avoid subsidence across the GSA.

- 1.1. The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) establishes Measurable Objective (MOs), and Minimum Thresholds (MTs) related to land subsidence, as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).
- 1.2. The Measurable Objectives and Minimum Thresholds in the GSP are described as annual rates of subsidence (measured as feet of change in ground level elevation per water year) and total cumulative feet of subsidence (change in ground level elevation) relative to 2020 land surface elevations and elevations in 2040. The GSA has also established Interim Milestones to reflect decreasing rates of subsidence over time on a glide path to minimize subsidence by the year 2040.
- 1.3. The GSP requires quarterly subsidence monitoring. If measured subsidence exceeds the annual Interim Milestone rate in any given year or critical infrastructure is impacted (Exceedance), the GSA will implement management actions in order to prevent further Exceedance of subsidence rates that would limit cumulative land subsidence within the Minimum Thresholds. Exceedance of a Minimum Threshold is an undesirable result under SGMA that the GSA must manage groundwater pumping to avoid. Critical infrastructure is identified in the GSP.
- 1.4. The purpose of this Plan is to establish enforceable management actions to address subsidence, avoid exceeding the Minimum Thresholds, and minimize significant and unreasonable impacts to critical infrastructure.
- 1.5. The data evaluated over the last few years has shown that subsidence rates differ across the MKR GSA and the Tulare Lake Subbasin. Higher rates of subsidence appear to occur in or adjacent to areas where there is pumping from the lower aquifer. Therefore, this Plan implements subsidence management actions by area with priority given to areas where historical subsidence rates suggest a greater risk for exceeding the subsidence management goals.
- 1.6. To manage subsidence in the GSA, there is a need to gather more specific information about the pumping occurring in areas of the GSA where subsidence rates are highest.
- 1.7. Local and regional analyses of subsidence across the San Joaquin Valley have shown that the majority of observed subsidence is the result of pumping from the lower aquifer and the resulting compaction of the Corcoran Clay. Some subsidence may also result from pumping in the upper aquifer that may cause compaction in shallower clay zones. This Plan will allow

for tailored actions that reduce subsidence through a variety of management actions including pumping reductions.

- 1.8. The MKR GSA has reviewed the Draft Land Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) developed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and believes that this Plan, along with supporting policies, is in general compliance with BMP guidelines.
- 1.9. The GSA recognizes that further technical data and analysis is needed including collection of data on pumping in the upper and lower aquifers. Therefore, the Plan may be amended over time to address new information or understanding regarding this challenging issue.

2. Subsidence Monitoring and Management Areas (Areas):

The MKR GSA will use the Subsidence Monitoring Areas (Areas) as set forth in Exhibit A to address subsidence caused by groundwater pumping. This will allow for targeted monitoring, focused early actions, and corrective management to address specific wells or areas that are experiencing subsidence. MKR GSA may adjust the Areas in the future as warranted at a noticed public GSA Board meeting.

3. High Risk Areas and Implement Early Action Management Plans

- 3.1. Designation: The MKR GSA Board will identify and designate High-Risk Subsidence Monitoring Areas based on measured subsidence data. An area will be considered “High Risk” if the cumulative subsidence exceeds 40% of the Minimum Threshold or there are subsidence impacts to critical infrastructure. The High-Risk Areas, along with supporting information, will be presented at a public GSA Board meeting and the GSA will maintain a record of the data supporting the designation. At a minimum, the GSA Board will revisit the designations annually.
- 3.2. Notice of Designation: Within 60 days of the designation of a High-Risk Area, MKR GSA will provide notice of the designation to all landowners within the Area. The notice will provide the technical basis for the determination of the area as a High-Risk Area and will indicate the GSA’s intention to develop and adopt a proposed Early Action Management Plan applicable to the Area.
- 3.3. Early Action Management Plan: MKR GSA will develop a proposed Early Action Management Plan for High Risk Areas. The Early Action Management Plan will include both landowner requirements and specific actions by MKR GSA, including one or more of the following:
 - 3.3.1. *Landowner Well Registration and Metering*: The GSA shall require compliance with the Well Registration Policy for all non-domestic wells within the High-Risk Areas. In addition, all non-domestic wells must be metered in accordance with the Pumping Measurement Policy. Landowners must also submit a third-party certification that an in-line flowmeter is installed correctly on the discharge pipeline of each well and is calibrated. The landowner is then required to upload month-end meter readings by the 10th of the following month to the GSA portal. From time to time, the GSA will conduct site visits to verify meter readings and meter installations.

3.3.2. *GSA-initiated Actions:* MKR GSA will identify and implement specific management actions to reduce pumping, increase recharge, and improve infrastructure to minimize further impacts from subsidence. Funding for these actions is intended to come from pumping fees collected by the GSA as well as grant funding that may be obtained. Priority actions that will be investigated by MKR GSA include:

- Land repurposing programs in some areas. These actions will be coordinated with Kings County Planning Department.
- Deep aquifer injection to the lower aquifer (Aquifer Storage and Recovery) in suitable areas. These actions will be coordinated with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and Division of Drinking Water.
- Projects. These actions will likely occur primarily on private land but may include projects that will need to be coordinated with Kings County and local agencies.

3.4. *Notice of Proposed Management Plan:* Concurrently with the Notice of Designation of a High-Risk Area, the GSA will provide notice of intent to adopt the proposed Early Action Management Plan to affected landowners and provide a period of at least 45 days for members of the public to submit written or verbal comment and input on the proposed Early Action Management Plan.

3.5. *Public Hearing/Adoption of Management Action:* After the public comment period, the GSA will hold a public hearing, at the conclusion of which it may adopt, amend, or decline to adopt the proposed Early Action Management Plan. In making its decision, the Board will consider technical data and information provided by the GSA staff and consultants and members of the public.

3.6. *Enforcement:* The GSA will establish an administrative record supporting its decision to adopt an Early Action Management Plan. Any landowner regulatory actions included in an Early Action Management Plan will be considered an administrative enforcement decision, which can be appealed or enforced through judicial action.

4. Corrective Subsidence Management Orders

In areas where pumping is causing Exceedances, the GSA will issue Corrective Subsidence Management Orders (CSMO) as part of an enforcement effort.

4.1. *Investigation:* The GSA will review subsidence monitoring data in all subsidence management areas quarterly to determine the threat of Exceedance of Interim Milestones, Measurable Objectives, and Minimum Thresholds. If the GSA determines that an Interim Milestone has been or could be exceeded across an Area, GSA staff will conduct an investigation to determine if pumping from one or more wells is contributing to the Exceedance. A report on the investigation will be made available for public review.

4.2. *Notice of Exceedance:* If it is determined that pumping from one or more wells are causing the Exceedance, the GSA will provide notice within 30 days to the identified well owner(s). This notice will indicate that, based on the draft report, the GSA intends to adopt a Corrective Subsidence Management Order for the identified well or wells. Landowners will

then be given the opportunity to appeal the draft determination with a suitable technical analysis of their own conducted by a licensed professional. Landowners will have 60 days to review and comment on the draft report.

4.3. Corrective Subsidence Management Order: GSA staff will develop a proposed Corrective Subsidence Management Order to be proposed for adoption by the Board, subject to review and comment by affected property owners and members of the public. The Corrective Subsidence Management Order will include the following elements:

- 4.3.1. If not already metered and registered, all non-domestic wells within the affected area shall be required to be metered and registered. Registration shall include designation of whether the well is extracting from the upper or lower aquifers or combination of both. Registration must also include delineation of areas that receive irrigation from each registered well.
- 4.3.2. Wells subject to the CSMO shall have the following restrictions of use:
 - (1) When 50% of the allowable cumulative subsidence in a subsidence management area has been documented to have occurred or impacts to critical infrastructure are noted that cannot be mitigated, no recharge credits pumping will be allowed in the lower aquifer. No transfers of groundwater credits into the affected area will be allowed. If surface water is available to the areas that receive groundwater irrigation, it must be used first, prior to any groundwater pumping. No new wells will be permitted in the lower aquifer.
 - (2) When 75% of allowable cumulative subsidence in a subsidence management area is documented to have occurred or impacts to critical infrastructure are noted that cannot be mitigated, no Tier 1 transitional pumping allocations will be allowed. However, landowners may pump the remainder of their Tier I transitional allocation from the upper aquifer.
 - (3) When 100% of allowable cumulative subsidence in a subsidence management area has been documented to have occurred, landowners will be required to cease pumping from wells contributing to subsidence. To help the landowner mitigate or offset these impacts, the GSA will work with the landowners in these areas to take actions as described in Section 3.3.2 of this Plan.

4.4. Reporting Data: Landowners with wells subject to a CSMO shall directly report metered pumping data from designated wells and associated irrigated areas for accounting within the GSA groundwater accounting system. The GSA may conduct site visits from time to time to verify readings.

4.5. Notice of proposed CSMO: Either concurrently with the Notice of Determination of an Exceedance, or separately, the GSA will provide notice of intent to adopt the proposed CSMO to affected landowners and provide a period of at least 45 days to submit written or verbal comment and input on the proposed CSMO.

4.6. Public Hearing/Adoption of Management Action: After allowing at least 45 days of public review of a proposed CSMO, the GSA will hold a public hearing, at the conclusion of which it may adopt, amend, or decline to adopt the proposed CSMO. In making its decision the Board will consider technical data and information provided by the GSA staff and consultants as well as any

technical data and information provided by affected property owners or interested members of the public.

4.7. Enforcement: The GSA will establish an administrative record supporting its decision to adopt a Corrective Subsidence Management Order. Any adopted plan or order, including any landowner or well-owner obligations, will be considered an administrative enforcement decision, appealable and enforceable through judicial action.

5. Impacts to Critical Infrastructure

In order to effectively monitor and manage land subsidence under SGMA, the GSA will actively identify critical infrastructure that is likely to be impacted by decreasing ground surface elevations. In the context of SGMA and land subsidence, critical infrastructure refers physical assets essential for water delivery and public safety within the Subbasin. In addition to identification of critical infrastructure, the GSA will actively track the magnitude of local subsidence to curtail imminent damaging impacts to critical infrastructure.

5.1. Infrastructure Management Action: The GSA will evaluate existing or potential impacts on infrastructure, by implementing the following actions:

- (1) Identification of Critical Infrastructure: The Critical Infrastructure as identified in the GSP.
- (2) On-going discussion with Critical Infrastructure owners: The GSA will meet regularly with Critical Infrastructure owners to evaluate if impacts from subsidence are occurring.
- (3) Impacts to Critical Infrastructure: If impacts to Critical Infrastructure are identified, then the GSA will launch an investigation to determine the source of the impacts.
- (4) If the investigation determines that the impacts to the Critical Infrastructure are due to GSA activities, the GSA will review pumping allocations in the area of the impacts and implement targeted reductions.

5.2. Damaging Impacts: The impact criteria affecting Critical Infrastructure functionality includes but is not limited to:

- Physical damage
- Disruption of any design operating conditions
- Increased maintenance resulting from reduced operational flexibility
- Capacity reductions for either water conveyance or flood control
- Broader impacts to a subbasin reliant upon Critical Infrastructure

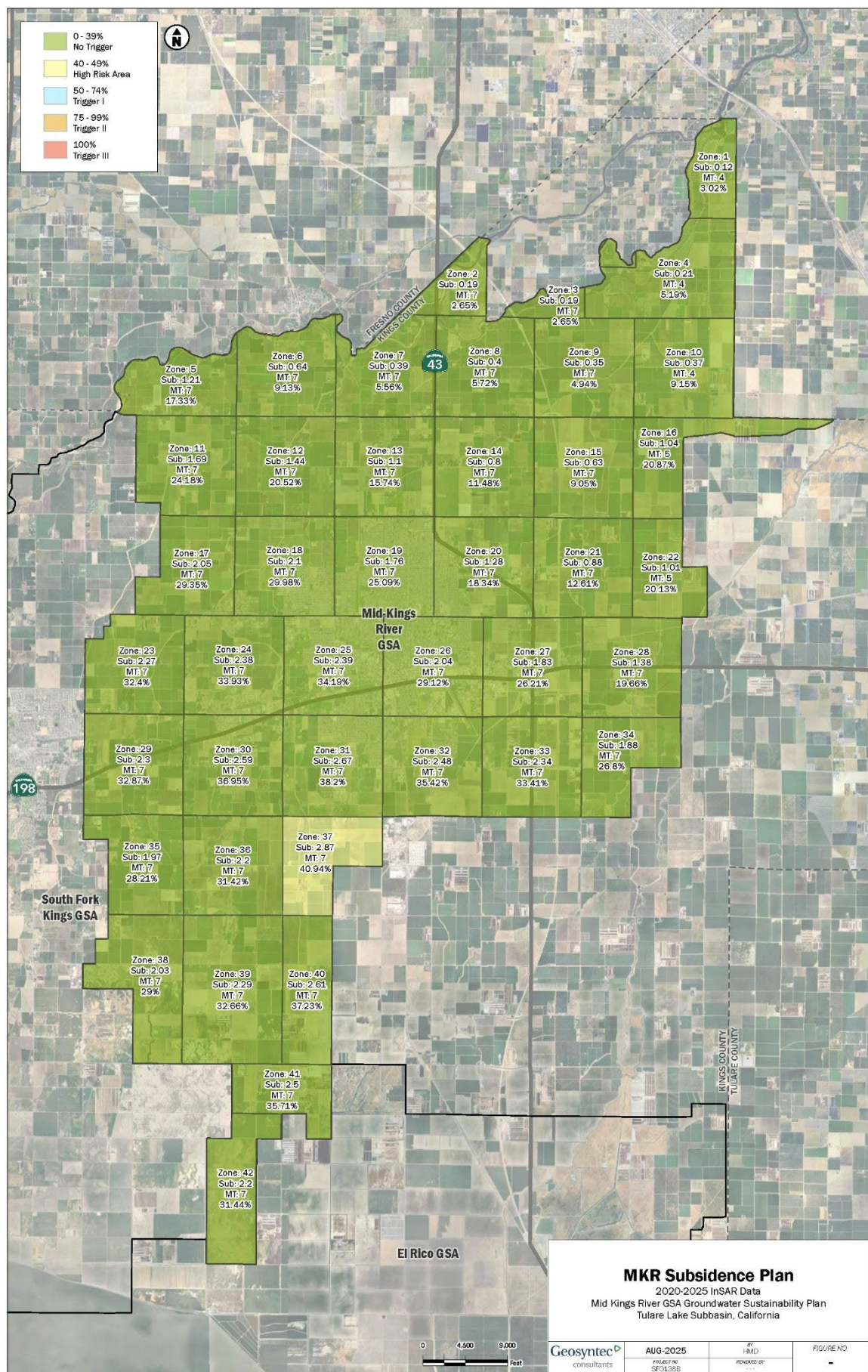
6. Data Gaps

This policy recognizes that additional data will be collected as SGMA implementation occurs across the GSA. In addition, the GSA will continue to evaluate the guidance suggestions presented in DWR Land Subsidence BMP as the document is finalized. The additional data and guidance from the BMP may require modifications to this Plan.

7. Definitions

- 7.1. “Aquifer” means a body of rock or sediment that is sufficiently porous and permeable to store, transmit, and yield significant quantities of groundwater to wells and springs.
- 7.2. “Cumulative Subsidence” means the total measured decrease in ground surface elevation per water year relative to 2020 land surface elevations.
- 7.3. “Critical Infrastructure or Infrastructure” means any land use or property of interest that has been or is likely to be affected by land subsidence.
- 7.4. “Damaging Impacts or Impacts” means any impacts that disrupt the design functionality of Critical Infrastructure.
- 7.5. “Lower Aquifer” means the aquifer beneath the Corcoran clay (E-clay).
- 7.6. “Management Areas” means any land area(s) defined by natural or jurisdictional boundaries selected by the GSA to administer groundwater management policies or actions.
- 7.7. “Measurable Objectives” means the quantitative goals that reflect the basin’s desired groundwater conditions and allow the GSA to achieve their sustainability goal by 2040.
- 7.8. “Minimum Threshold” means the quantitative value that represents the groundwater conditions at a representative monitoring site that, when exceeded individually or in combination with minimum thresholds at other monitoring sites may cause an undesirable result(s) in the basin.
- 7.9. “Subsidence” means inelastic subsidence which is the irreversible and permanent decline in the earth’s surface due to the collapse or compaction of the pore structure within the fine-grained portions of an aquifer system.

Exhibit A



BEFORE THE BOARD OF THE MID-KINGS RIVER
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING
A SUBSIDENCE MANAGEMENT
POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. 25-02

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Wat. Code, § 10720, et seq) that went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires all medium- and high-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs; and

WHEREAS, On November 22, 2016 the Kings County Water District, the County of Kings and the City of Hanford executed a JPA Agreement creating the Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“MKRGSA”), a Joint Powers Authority. MKRGSA assumed its regulatory role as a GSA for all or portions of its Member’s jurisdictional territory covering a portion of the subbasin prior to June 30, 2017, and has since performed its required duties including submitting a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) to the Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2020. ;and

WHEREAS, On July 29, 2024 the JPA Agreement creating the Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“MKRGSA”) was amended to recognize that the Kings County Water District desired to terminate its membership in the JPA and that the remaining member agencies the County of Kings and the City of Hanford were the only two member agencies involved with the JPA moving forward; and

WHEREAS, to control groundwater extractions, SGMA authorizes a GSA to establish groundwater allocations, among other things (Wat. Code, §10726.4, subd. (a)(2)); and

WHEREAS, in October and November of this year, the Agency's Stakeholder Advisory Committee considered an analysis provided by the Agency's engineering consultant regarding a subsidence management policy;

WHEREAS, as a result of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee review of this analysis, the committee recommends that the Agency's Board of Directors (Board) adopt the Subsidence Management Policy; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this new policy will benefit residents of the Mid-Kings River GSA area and ensure that critical infrastructure is protected;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows by the Board of Directors of the Mid-Kings River GSA:

1. The Board hereby finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The General Manager of the Mid-Kings River GSA or designee is hereby authorized to administer the policy.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion by Director_____, seconded by Director_____ at a regular meeting held on the _ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors
NOES:	Directors
ABSENT:	Directors
ABSTAIN:	Directors

Doug Verboon, Chairperson
Board of Directors, Mid-Kings River GSA

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Catherine Venturella, Clerk
Board of Directors, Mid-Kings River GSA