

TEHAMA COUNTY GROUNDWATER COMMISSION



Board Chambers
Tehama County Board of Supervisors Chambers
727 Oak Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080
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AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

8:30 AM

Commissioners: Martin Spannaus, City of Corning; Jeff Godwin, City of Red Bluff; Hal Crain, City of Tehama; Kris Lamkin, El Camino Irrigation District; Todd Hamer, Los Molinos Community Services District; Martha Slack, Rio Alto Water District; Liz Merry District 1; Adam Englehardt, District 2; Seth Lawrence, District 3; Michael Ward, District 4; David Lester, District 5;

Justin Jenson, Flood Control/Water Resources Manager; Lena Sequeira, Administration

This meeting conforms to the Brown Act Open Meeting Requirements, in that actions and deliberations of the Groundwater Commission, created to conduct the people's business are taken openly; and that the people remain fully informed about the conduct of its business. Any written materials related to an open session item on this agenda that are submitted to the Clerk less than 72 hours prior to this meeting, and that are not exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, will promptly be made available for public inspection at Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 1509 Schwab Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080 during normal business hours.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions

Public Comment

This time is set aside for citizens to address this Board on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of this Board provided the matter is not on the agenda or pending before this Board. Each agenda item will have an opportunity for public comment at the time the item is called. Persons wishing to provide public comment are asked to address the Board from the podium. The Chair reserves the right to limit each speaker to three (3) minutes. Disclosure of the speaker's identity is purely voluntary during the public comment period.

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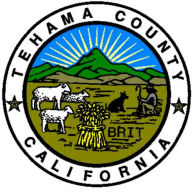
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Informational presentation.
2. **Informational Presentation by the RCD on Irrigation Efficiencies** [25-1765](#)
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3. **Annual Report Letter Red Bluff Subbasin WY 2024** [25-1766](#)
To present the letter for review and group discussion.
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 1. Groundwater Recharge
 2. Grant Status
 3. Demand Management Plan Working Group Update
 4. Well Mitigation Plan Working Group Update
 5. Annual Report Status
 6. Outreach
6. **Commission Matters**

Adjourn

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Agenda Date: 10/8/2025

Agenda #: 1.

Presentation on Well Levels by Frank Endres

Requested Action(s)

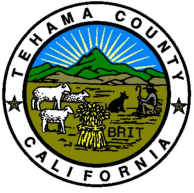
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Financial Impact:

N/A

Background Information:

N/A



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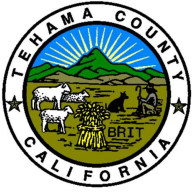
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Informational Presentation by the RCD on Irrigation Efficiencies

Requested Action(s)

Informational presentation.



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Agenda Date: 10/8/2025

Agenda #: 3.

Annual Report Letter Red Bluff Subbasin WY 2024

Requested Action(s)

To present the letter for review and group discussion.

Financial Impact:

Unknown



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August 1, 2025

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RE: Review of Annual Report for the Red Bluff Subbasin, Water Year 2024

Dear Justin Jenson,

As the basin point of contact for the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) in the Red Bluff Subbasin (Subbasin), this letter is to inform you that the Department of Water Resources (Department) has completed the review of the annual report for the Subbasin for Water Year 2024.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires on April 1, following the adoption of a GSP and annually thereafter, an annual report be submitted to the Department. (Wat. Code § 10728). Once an annual report has been submitted, the Department is required to: notify the submitting agency of receipt within 20 days, notify the submitting agency in writing if additional information is required, and review the information to determine whether the basin's GSP is being implemented in a manner likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin (23 CCR § 355.8).

The Department noted that the annual report provided an update on all the applicable sustainable management criteria for the Basin/Subbasin, as required by GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 356.2). The Department expects this information will continue to be provided in subsequent annual reports, along with a description of progress made toward implementing the Plan for each of the applicable sustainable indicators.

Based on the review of the annual report, the Department requests additional information pursuant to 23 CCR § 355.8.(b). Department staff identified several shortcomings related to the GSA's monitoring efforts and information obtained from that monitoring provided in this annual report.

The GSP indicates that the GSA has selected eight representative monitoring site (RMS) locations for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels. The annual report indicates the GSA performed spring (seasonal high) monitoring on five of the eight RMS wells, and fall (seasonal low) monitoring on four of the eight RMS wells. Additionally, data for two of the RMS wells (Site Code 400428N1221665W002: 11B02 Intermediate; and Site Code: 400428N1221665W001: 11B01 Shallow) has never been submitted to the Department's Monitoring Network Module. Failure to collect data from a significant

number of representative monitoring sites will likely affect the ability of the GSA to evaluate whether undesirable results are occurring and could affect the ability of the GSA to achieve its sustainability goal. The lack of such information also may hinder or prevent the Department from tracking plan implementation and assessing the continued likelihood of achieving sustainability.

Therefore, Department staff request that the GSA provide additional information describing how the GSA will perform the monitoring prescribed in its GSP and how any missed measurements over the water year still allow the GSA to monitor impacts to beneficial uses or users of groundwater,¹ understand conditions relative to measurable objectives and minimum thresholds,² quantify water budget components across the Subbasin,³ and represent and assess seasonal low and seasonal high groundwater conditions in the basin or plan area,⁴ in the next annual report.

Based on the issues identified above, the additional information that must be submitted in all future annual reports includes a detailed field plan or program to perform required monitoring and prevent missed measurements during future sampling events to avoid the creation of new or additional data gaps within the monitoring network. This may include replacing inaccessible or damaged wells.

Inclusion of the information requested in future annual reports is particularly relevant when the Department initiates a periodic review of a GSP. Periodic reviews utilize annual report information to examine basin condition trends and assess whether or not GSP implementation remains on track to achieve sustainability. Failure to provide the additional information requested may prevent the Department from determining whether the Plan is being implemented in a manner that will likely achieve the sustainability goal for the basin, which may result in DWR determining that a Plan or its implementation is inadequate and referral to the State Water Resources Control Board under SGMA's state intervention provisions.

Additionally, a minor issue was noted during the review:

- The annual report's monitoring summary table⁵ provides values for Representative Monitoring Sites (RMS) that are labeled as the 2024 'spring (seasonal high)' and 'fall (seasonal low)', however Department staff note that based on data submitted to the SGMA Portal,⁶ measurements taken by the GSA in August are lower than those taken in October in many RMS, and note that the table presents the higher elevation October measurements, which are not the seasonal low. Staff recommend the GSA provide the seasonal low as required by the GSP regulations⁷ in future annual reports. Additionally, staff recommend

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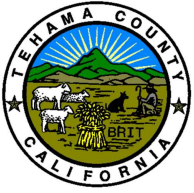
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Thank You,

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Agenda Date: 10/8/2025

Agenda #: 4.

Fees Presentation on Potential Rates

Requested Action(s)

Recommendation on top methodologies for legal review

Financial Impact:

Unknown

Background Information:

Part 3 of 3 part presentation on fee methodologies.

Potential Fee Structures

How and to who do we charge a fee?



Admin. Cost Breakdown

In the Basins

- \$1.64/Acre
- \$53.55/Well (Including Connections)
- \$47.12/Parcel
- \$3.72/Acre-Foot

Irrigated Vs Non-Irrigated (94%/6%)

- \$8.85/Irrigated Acre
- \$.12/Non-Irrigated Acre

Ag Well Vs Other Well (94%/6%)

- \$553.16/Ag Well
- \$3.53/Other Well

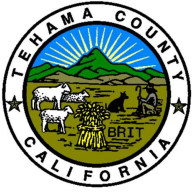
County Wide

- \$0.91/Non-Federal Acre
- \$31.71/Parcel
- \$49.08/Well

PMA Cost Breakdown

In Basins only

- \$13.13/Irrigated Acres
- \$4.41/Acre-foot
- \$697.50/AG&Commercial Well



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Standing Agenda Items

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