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Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Oroville City Council Chamber,

1735 Montgomery St, Oroville, CA 95965

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WYANDOTTE CREEK GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
January 29, 2026

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Roll Call:**

3. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:**

4. ***Approval of the 12-18-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes**

   Requested Action: Approve the 12-18-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA meeting minutes.

5. ***Consideration of Appointment to the Wyandotte Creek GSA Advisory Committee (WAC)**

   Pursuant to the Wyandotte Creek GSA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), an Advisory Committee (WAC) consisting of Board-appointed at-large members representing various stakeholder interests was established to advise the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board of Directors. The WAC currently has two (2) vacancies: one (1) Agricultural groundwater user stakeholder position and one (1) Tribal representative position. Recruitment is ongoing, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The Board will review one application for the Agricultural Groundwater User stakeholder position and consider appointing the applicant to fill the vacancy. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

   Requested Action: Review the application and appoint Jacob Weinzinger as the Agricultural Groundwater User stakeholder on the Wyandotte Creek GSA Advisory Committee (WAC).

6. ***Fee Structure and Budget Considerations**

   The Board will review the draft five-year projected budget and discuss key policy decisions related to the proposed fee structure. Topics include allocation of costs between Fee Part 1 and Fee Part 2, potential exclusions for long-term fallowed or idle parcels, and the proposed cost split between agricultural and domestic users. The Board will also consider whether parcels receiving imported water should receive a reduced Part 2 fee and will review preliminary Part 2 fee calculations for California Water Service, Thermalito Water and Sewer District, and South Feather Water and Power Agency, consistent with prior stakeholder discussions. **(Report – Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting & Schaelene Rollins, Rollins PR Consulting)**

   Requested Action: Provide direction to Staff on the proposed five-year budget assumptions, fee structure framework, cost allocations, exclusions, user class split, and treatment of imported water users.

7. **Reports and Correspondence**

   7.1. GSA Program Manager Update ***(Verbal Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)***

8. **Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items**

   This is the time for the public to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda. The Board is prohibited by State law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

9. Adjourn The Meeting

The meeting will be adjourned. A special meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board will be scheduled on **February 26, 2026 at 2:00 pm.**

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Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Special Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2025
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Oroville City Council Chamber,
1735 Montgomery St, Oroville, CA 95965

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Roll Call:**

Board Members Present: Directors Daley, Goodson, Wristen, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

Staff Present: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager; Chris Heindell, Thermalito Water & Sewer District

3. **Consent Agenda**

3.1. *Approval of the 11-20-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA Board Meeting Minutes

Requested Action: Approve the 11-20-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA Board meeting minutes.

3.2. *Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Butte County Public Works

The Board considered approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Butte County Department of Public Works to support implementation of the Palermo Surface Water Irrigation and Flood Flow Recharge Pilot Project. The MOU establishes roles and responsibilities for using the County's existing Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), allowing the GSA to prepare and submit required permitting documents under the RMA for project activities. Under the MOU, the GSA will be responsible for all costs associated with its use of the RMA, as well as costs related to vegetation and debris removal from stormwater drainage ditches and associated mitigation monitoring and reporting. This project is funded by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager)**

Requested Action: Approve the MOU between Wyandotte Creek GSA and Butte County Public Works and authorize the Chair to sign.

Public Comment(s): None

Motion: Director Goodson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. That motion was seconded by Director Wristen.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Directors Daley, Goodson, Wristen, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

4. Regular Agenda

4.1. *Consideration of the 2026 Board and Advisory Committee (WAC) Meeting Calendar

The Board reviewed and considered the recommended meeting calendars for the Board and Advisory Committee (WAC) for 2026. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested action: Adopt the 2026 Board and WAC meeting calendar or provide direction to Staff.

Public Comment(s): None

Motion: Director Goodson made a motion to Adopt the 2026 Board and WAC meeting calendar. That motion was seconded by Director Daley.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Directors Daley, Goodson, Wristen, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

5. Reports and Correspondence

5.1. GSA Program Manager Update ***(Verbal Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)***

The Program Manager provided brief update on the current Fee Study and informed the Board of the County's direction for the County to continue with the current cost share agreement.

6. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment. None were received.

7. Adjourn The Meeting

The meeting will be adjourned. A special meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board will be scheduled on **January 15, 2026 at 2:00 pm.**

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Wyandotte Creek GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY	**Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal**	**Agenda Item: 5**

Subject: Consideration of Appointment to the Wyandotte Creek GSA Advisory Committee (WAC)

Contact: Dillon McGregor **Phone:** 530.552.3589 **Meeting Date:** January 29, 2026 **Regular Agenda**

Department Summary:

The Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) receives input and recommendations on groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) development and implementation from the Wyandotte Creek GSA Advisory Committee (WAC). As outlined in the GSA's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), the WAC was established to represent the diverse stakeholder interests within the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin and to provide input on SGMA implementation.

WAC members are at-large community representatives who must live or work in, or represent an organization with a presence in, the Subbasin. Interested individuals may submit an application to the GSA, and the GSA Board appoints members to fill vacancies as needed.

Currently, the WAC has five (2) vacancies: one (1) Agricultural Groundwater User stakeholder position and one (1) Tribal stakeholder position. Recruitment is ongoing, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

The GSA has received one application for the Agricultural Groundwater User stakeholder position from Jacob Weinzinger. The application has been reviewed and determined to meet the eligibility criteria. The Board is being asked to review the application and consider appointing Weinzinger to fill the Agricultural groundwater user stakeholder seat on the WAC.

Staff Recommendations: Review the application and appoint Jacob Weinzinger as the Agricultural Groundwater User stakeholder on the Wyandotte Creek GSA Advisory Committee (WAC).

Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Advisory Committee Application

Date submitted: 1/7/2026

First and last name: Jacob Weinzinger

Address, phone number and email address:
[redacted]

Describe how you meet eligibility (circle one): Click here for GSA map
https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/index.jsp?appid=gasmaster&rz=true

- Resident living in the Wyandotte Creek subbasin YES

- Employed at an organization with a presence in Wyandotte Creek subbasin YES

Which at-large seat(s) are you applying for:
Applicant may select all that apply

- ☐ Agricultural representative (no seats available) YES
- ☐ Domestic well representative (2 seats available) YES
- ☐ Environmental representative (1 seat available)
- ☐ Business association representative (1 seat available) YES

1. **Describe how you will represent the interest group(s) indicated above and communicate with other members of these interest group(s)**:

I'm representing my family's rice ranch in the Wyandotte subbasin. Our water use practices/ knowledge from our ranch may benefit the subbasin as a whole and/or give another point of view.

2. **Current Occupation(s):**
   Within the last 12 months

Ranch foreman

3. **Current License(s) and / or Certifications:**
   Professional or occupational, date of issues / expiration, including status

Private applicator license (to date)
Agricultural burn permits (to date)
Forklift certification (permanent)
OSHA certification

4. **Relevant Education / Experience:**
   Applicant may attach resume containing this information and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating the application.
   Metal fabrication pathway completion (high school)
   3.5 years college for ag business and plant and soil sciences

5. **Other Relevant Board(s) / Commission(s) / Committee(s) on which you serve / have served (paid or volunteer):**
   Please list name of organization, title and date of service

6. **Letters of Support:**
   For at-large seats, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate support from local organizations and community groups engaged in issues related to the interest that the applicant seeks to represent (i.e. environmental, business, agriculture, rural communities) by attaching letters of support. Submission of letters of support are not required, but are encouraged in order to demonstrate the applicant's ability to represent the interests of the stakeholder seats for which they are complying. Please list the organization, author and date of the letters of support attached here:

7. **References**
   List at least two personal and / or professional references. Provide the name, affiliation, title, phone number, and email address of each reference.
   Charlie Mathews [redacted] *(business partner and close family friend)*
   Duke Sherwood [redacted]*, (neighbor, family friend)*
   Beau Taylor ([redacted] *(neighbor, close family friend)*
   Gary Souza [redacted] *(close family friend)*

8. **Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you can contribute to the Wyandotte Creek GSA Advisory Committee:**

-learn more about the happenings in my water district
- be apart of helping improve water availability/sustainability for the acreage that doesn't benefit from the Wyandotte groundwater district
-gain local geopolitical experience

NOTE: The Agency will keep all applications on file for one year from the date of receipt of the application.

Wyandotte Creek GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY	**Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Transmittal**	**Agenda Item: 6**

Subject: Fee Structure and Budget Considerations

Contact: Dillon McGregor **Phone:** 530.552.3589 **Meeting Date:** January 29, 2026 **Regular Agenda**

Department Summary:

The Board will review the draft five-year projected budget and discuss key policy decisions related to the proposed fee structure. Topics include allocation of costs between Fee Part 1 and Fee Part 2, potential exclusions for long-term fallowed or idle parcels, and the proposed cost split between agricultural and domestic users. The Board will also consider whether parcels receiving imported water should receive a reduced Part 2 fee and will review preliminary Part 2 fee calculations for California Water Service, Thermalito Water and Sewer District, and South Feather Water and Power Agency, consistent with prior stakeholder discussions.

Staff Recommendations: Provide direction to Staff on the proposed five-year budget assumptions, fee structure framework, cost allocations, exclusions, user class split, and treatment of imported water users.

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Board of Directors

Fee Study Discussion

January 29, 2026

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Board Direction November 6, 2025

1. Proceed with a regulatory fee in FY27 to replace the current fee

   The new fee will be charged to all taxable and non-taxable parcels in the subbasin

   - ❖ Currently, only taxable parcels are charged
   - ❖ Only Federally owned parcels will be exempt from the new fee

2. Proceed with a Part 1 and Part 2 fee structure
3. Proceed with the Part 1 fee being a parcel fee

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Today's Goals

- Review the 5-Year Projected Budget (DRAFT)
- Board Direction on:
  A. Part 1 and Part 2 cost allocation
  B. Part 2 cost allocation between Agriculture & Domestic
  C. Excluding long-term fallowed or idle fields from the Agricultural Fee
- Board Confirmation on proposed reduced Part 2 fee for Agricultural & Domestic Parcels using Imported Water

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Fee Steps

1. Determine the Part 1 and Part 2 Costs
2. Determine the Part 1 and Part 2 Fee Units
   - Total number of parcels, cropped acres, managed wetland acres, and developed parcels
3. Perform the Fee Calculations

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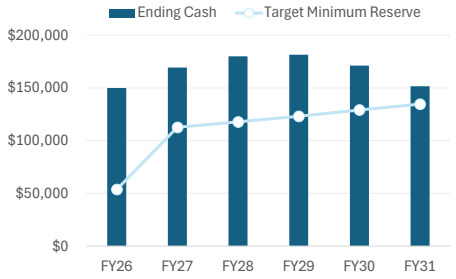
Determine Part 1 & Part 2 Costs - Board Direction A

- FY27 Fee Level of $470,000 adjusted for inflation over next 5 years should meet prudent reserves of at least 3 months operating expenses
- See Handout of Baseline Scenario with detailed Part 1 & Part 2 costs and ending cash balances
- **Keep Baseline Scenario or Adjust?**

Total Fee Level FY27 Revenue	$470,000
Part 1 ---- 52%	$244,400
Part 2	$225,600



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Services Provided by Part 1 Fee

The Part 1 Fee funds:

✓ **GSA Administration** – Staff, legal support, financial reporting, and operational costs necessary to run the agency.

✓ **Board of Directors Meetings & Public Oversight** – Ensuring local governance, stakeholder engagement, and decision-making authority.

✓ **Minimum SGMA Compliance Requirements** – Covering only what is required to keep the GSA in existence and recognized by the State of California.

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How the Part 1 Fee Applies

The proposed **Part 1 fee** applies to **all parcels** of land in WCGSA's jurisdiction unless the parcel is:

- **Exempt** pursuant to SGMA. This includes federal properties, and properties held in trust by the federal government for tribes, or
- **Unusable** as determined using Butte County Assessor data. These parcels are not exempt legally from the fee but are not charged because they can never be developed due to geographical features such as a lake, or the parcel has insufficient data available upon which to charge the fee. These parcels are identified as having land use code UU or 9999 and they have not been assigned a taxability code, per the Butte County Assessor.

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Services Provided by the Part 2 Fee

The Part 2 Fee funds:

✓ **SGMA Monitoring and reporting** – Required reporting (Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations) and ongoing data collection related to groundwater extraction.

✓ **Groundwater Monitoring & Data Management** – Tracking extractions, basin conditions, and sustainability trends.

✓ **GSP Implementation** – Activities identified in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to achieve long-term sustainability.

✓ **Stakeholder Engagement & Outreach** – Working with groundwater users to ensure compliance and educate the public on sustainability efforts.

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Allocation of Part 2 Costs to Agricultural & Domestic Users - Board Direction B

Water Year	Agricultural Prodn.	Municipal [1]	Domestic [2]	Total GW Use	Ag. as % of Total
		Acre-Feet per Year			
2021	44,600	600	1,100	46,300	96.3%
2022	43,500	700	1,500	45,700	95.2%
2023	32,900	600	1,000	34,500	95.4%
2024	32,800	300	800	33,900	96.8%
Total 4-Years	**153,800**	**2,200**	**4,400**	**160,400**	**95.9%**

Ag / Dom Split
96% / 4% or round to 95% / 5%?

[1] Cal Water Oroville and Thermalito Water and Sewer District.
[2] All other domestic users of groundwater (such as rural residential, institutional, industrial).

Step 2a: Fee Units Identification

We use mapping software to identify:

- Total number of parcels (for Part 1)
- Total cropped acres identified using LandIQ/DWR fields
- Total managed wetland acres identified using Cal BIOS data
- Total developed parcels

These totals determine how Part 1 and Part 2 costs are divided among property types.

Step 2b: How Part 2 Fees Are Assigned

- Part 2 fees reflect groundwater use patterns
  - **Agriculture:** fee per cropped acre
  - **Managed Wetlands:** fee per managed wetland acre
  - **Domestic parcels:** fee per developed parcel
- Proposed adjustment:
  - Parcels receiving Feather River (imported) water pay a lower Part 2 fee because they help improve groundwater storage in the basin's water budget
    - The fewer impacts there are to the water budget the fewer Part 2 costs are generated

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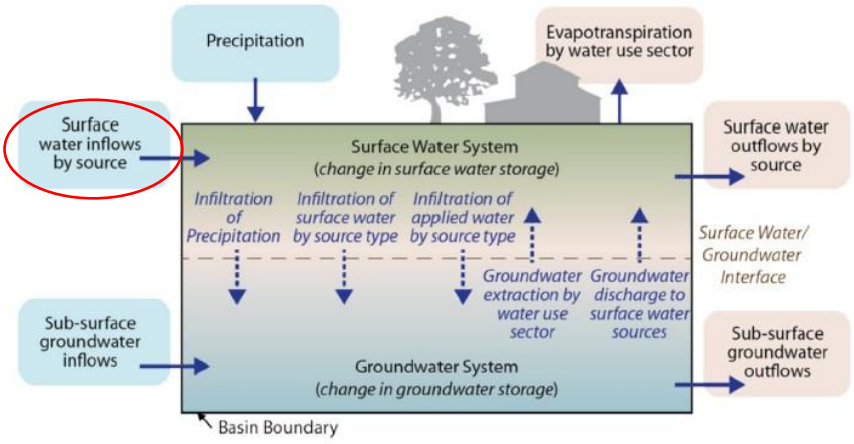
Basin Water Budget

Source: Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Subbasin GSP page 89

Feather River water originates outside the basin; helps to improve groundwater storage



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Lower Part 2 Fee for Parcels with Imported Water

Domestic

SFWPA, Thermalito Water & Sewer, and Cal Water Oroville

- **SFWPA domestic users** are supplied 100% imported water – **would not pay Part 2**
- **Thermalito & Cal Water domestic users using imported water and groundwater conjunctively would pay a lower Part 2 domestic fee**

Agricultural

SFWPA irrigation customers & landowners adjacent to the S. Feather river

- **Cropped acres using imported water and groundwater conjunctively would pay a lower Part 2 agricultural fee**

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Definition of Part 2 Fee Units - Board Direction C

Agriculture

- Cropped Acres is defined as land that is identified using DWR's most recently published crop mapping layer as having grown a crop in the preceding 12 months
  - Vina GSA excludes Idle and Unclassified crop codes
  - WCGSA does not have any Idle or Unclassified cropped acres
  - Should WCGSA exclude Idle I4 in the event cropland turns to long-term idle? See next slide
- Managed Wetlands is defined as land identified using the California Department of Fish and Game's BIOS data for the Great Valley Ecoregion [ds2632]. The managed wetland acre must be within a parcel with a wetlands conservation easement.

Domestic

- Defined as parcels with a building/structure identified by the Assessor or FEMA structures databases.

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Definition of Cropped Acres

DWR Code	DWR Description	Land IQ Description
C	CITRUS & SUBTROPICAL	Avocados, citrus, dates, eucalyptus, kiwis, olives
D	DECIDUOUS FRUITS & NUTS	Almonds, apples, apricots, cherries, peaches & nectarines, pears, pecans, pistachios, plums, pomegranates, prunes, walnuts
F	FIELD CROPS	Beans, corn, cotton, safflower, beets, sunflowers
G	GRAIN & HAY CROP	Grain & hay, wheat
I4 & I1	IDLE	**I4 – long term idle (fallow 4+ years)** I1 – short term idle (cropped in last 3 years)
P	PASTURE	Alfalfa & alfalfa mixes, pasture, grasses
T	TRUCK NURSERY & BERRY CROPS	Bushberries, carrots, cole crops, flowers, nursery & Xmas trees, greenhouse, lettuce / leafy greens, melons, squash, cucumbers, truck crops, onions & garlic, peppers, potatoes & sweet potatoes, tomatoes
UL	URBAN LANDSCAPE	Golf course
V	VINEYARD	Vineyards
X	UNCLASSIFIED	Either not cropped, cropped partial year, or unclassified at time of remote-sensing
YP	YOUNG PERENNIAL	Young perennials

Step 3: Perform Fee Calculations

- Divide Part 1 costs by total number of fee-paying parcels
- Divide Part 2 costs by units:
  - Agriculture Costs: by the sum of Cropped acres + Managed wetland acres
  - Domestic Costs: by the number of Developed parcels

Comparison of Current & New Fee Structures

Current Structure	Potential New Structure
Only charges taxable parcels	Charges all non-Federal parcels
Agricultural parcels pay for entire acreage	Agricultural parcels pay for cropped and/or managed wetlands acreage
Grazing land pays for entire acreage	Grazing land only pays the Part 1 fee
Parcels using surface water pay less than parcels using groundwater (if categorized correctly)	Parcels using imported (Feather River) water pay less than parcels using groundwater or gw/creek water

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Potential New Fees at $470,000 FY27 Fee Level before Adjustment for Imported Water

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FY27 Fee Revenue	**$470,000**		
Part 1 Cost Share	$244,400	52%	
Part 2 Cost Share	$225,600	48%	
PART 1			
Fee-Paying Parcels	11,928		
Part 1 Fee per Parcel	**$20.50**	**per Parcel**	
PART 2			
Agricultural Cost Share	$216,576	96%	
Cropped & Mg'd Wetland Acres	13,916		
Part 2 Agricultural Fee	**$15.58**	**per Cropped or Mg'd Wetland Acre**	
Domestic Cost Share	$9,024	4%	
Developed Parcels	2,399		
Part 2 Domestic Fee	**$3.78**	**per Developed Parcel**	

- Part 1 / Part 2 costs shown under Baseline Scenario
- Ag / Domestic cost allocation at 96% / 4%

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Adjustment Calculation for Domestic Users

Domestic Water Sources	2023	Share less SFWPA	2024	Share less SFWPA	Avg. Share of Total
	acre-feet	[2]	acre-feet	[2]	
Groundwater	**1,600**	**29%**	**1,100**	**20%**	25%
Surface Water [1]					
Cal Water & TWSD	3,953	71%	4,324	80%	**75%**
SFWPA [2]	1,047		4,976		
Total Surface	**5,000**		**9,300**		
Total Water Use	6,600		10,400		
Total Use less SFWPA	**5,553**		**5,424**		

Source: SAFER Clearinghouse and WCGSA annual reports.

Note: Annual report estimates are for the water year. Cal Water and TWSD prouction figures are for the calendar year.

[1] All domestic surface water supplies are imported Feather River water.

[2] SFWPA water excluded from calculation because these parcels exclusively use imported water.

Credit for Domestic Users of Imported Water

- 75% of conjunctively used water sources
- Based on most recent best data

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Adjustment: Lower Part 2 Fee for Imported Water - Domestic Users

Item		Fee with Error Margin 10%
Domestic Part 2 Cost Share	**a**	**$9,000**
Developed Parcels		
Groundwater Only	b	970
GW & Imported Water	c	5,715
Weighted Parcels	**d =c*25%**	1,429
Fee Calculation Developed Parcels	e = b+d	**2,399**
Annual Fee per Developed Parcel		
Groundwater Only Parcel	f = a/e	$3.76
GW & Imported Water Parcel	g = f*25%	$0.94

[1] Fees rounded to 2 cents.

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- S. Feather domestic parcels would not pay Part 2 fee
- Thermalito & Cal Water domestic parcels would pay 25% of the fee $0.94 / year
- Other systems & domestic well owners would pay $3.76 / year

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Adjustment Calculation for Agricultural Users

Agricultural Water Sources	WY21 Annual Use		WY24 Annual Use		Avg. Share of Total
	acre-feet		acre-feet		
Groundwater	**44,600**	**67%**	**32,800**	**75%**	71%
Surface Water					
SFWPA Deliveries [1]	1,597	2%	1,597	4%	**3%**
Feather River Diversions [2]	6,364	10%	6,364	14%	**12%**
Other Surface	14,039	21%	3,139	7%	14%
Total Surface Water	**22,000**	**33%**	**11,100**	**25%**	29%
Total Annual Water Use	**66,600**		**43,900**		

Source: SFWPA Palermo Canal diversions WY25, CalWATRS database, and WCGSA annual reports 2021-2024.

[1] Palermo Canal WY25 520,378,290 gallons

1,597 acre-feet

[2] Hearst Pump and Sun Pacific Pumps - Three Pump.

Credit for Agricultural Users of Imported Water

- 15% of conjunctively used water sources
- Based on water use in critical and above normal water years

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Adjustment: Lower Part 2 Fee for Imported Water - Agricultural Users

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Item		Fee with Error Margin 10%
Agriculture Part 2 Cost Share	**a**	**$216,600**
Cropped & Mg'd Wetland Acres		
Groundwater Only		
Cropped Acres		11,605
Managed Wetlands		1,407
Total Groundwater Only Acreage	**b**	**13,011**
Cropped Acres w/ Imported Water	c	1,065
Total Weighted Acreage	**d = c*85%**	**905**
Fee Calculation Acreage	**e = b+d**	**13,916**
Annual Fee per Cropped or Mg'd Wetland Acre		
Groundwater Only Parcel	f = a/e	$15.58
GW & Imported Water Parcel	g = f*85%	$13.26

Note: Fees rounded to 2 cents.

- Feather River imported irrigation water parcels would pay Part 2 fee @ 85% $13.26 per acre per year
- All other agricultural and managed wetland parcels would pay full $15.58 per acre per year

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Summary of Calculated Fees and Comparison with Current Fee Structure

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Current Fee Structure

Parcel Category	Annual Fee per Acre	Current MAX Fee
Non-Irrigated	$1.90	$1.38
Irrigated - Surface Water	$17.14	$8.98
Irrigation - Groundwater	$26.92	$13.86
Total		

@ $470,000 Fee Revenue

New Fee Structure

Fee Part	Type of Use	Calculated FY27 Fee	Application of the Fee
Part 1: Base Fee	Every parcel is charged the Part 1 fee unless exempt or usable	$20.50	per Parcel
Part 2: User Group	**Part 2 fee(s) are charged by use and added to the Part 1 fee [1]**		
Group 1	Agricultural w/o Imported Water	$15.58	per Cropped or Managed Wetland Acre [2]
	Agricultural with Imported Water	$13.26	per Cropped or Managed Wetland Acre [2]
Group 2	Domestic w/o Imported Water	$3.76	per Developed Parcel
	Domestic with Imported Water	$0.94	per Developed Parcel
	Domestic exclusively Imported Water	$0.00	per Developed Parcel [3]
Group 3	Grazing & Vacant	$0.00	

[1] A parcel can have more than one type of use.
[2] Cropped or managed wetland acreage of the Assessor Parcel within the WCGSA boundaries.
[3] Properties receiving SFWPA domestic water service use imported water exclusively for domestic purposes.

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Examples of Parcel Fees with Part 2 Adjustment

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Typical lot size

Parcel Size (acres)	Use	Water Provider	PART 1 FEE		PART 2 FEE		Fee Calculation	New Structure FY27 Fee
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2	Domestic	Private Well	$20.50	per parcel	$3.76	per developed parcel	= $20.50 + $3.76	**$24.26**
0.5	Domestic	S. Feather	$20.50	per parcel	$0.00	per developed parcel	= $20.50 + $0.00	**$20.50**
0.15	Domestic	City of Oroville	$20.50	per parcel	$0.94	per developed parcel	= $20.50 + $0.94	**$21.44**
100	Agriculture	Private Well	$20.50	per parcel	$15.58	per cropped acre	= $20.50 + ($15.58*100)	**$1,578.50**
100	Mg'd Wetland	Private Well	$20.50	per parcel	$15.58	per mg'd wetland acre	= $20.50 + ($15.58*100)	**$1,578.50**
100	Agriculture	S. Feather	$20.50	per parcel	$13.26	per cropped acre	= $20.50 + ($13.26*100)	**$1,346.50**
100	Ag. & Domestic (95 acres cropped)	Private Well	$20.50	per parcel	$15.58 $3.76	per cropped acre per developed parcel	= $20.50 + ($15.58*95) $3.76	**$1,504.36**
100	Rangeland		$20.50	per parcel			= $20.50	**$20.50**

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Comparison of Example Parcel Fees: Current and New Fees at $470,000 Fee Level

Typical lot size

Parcel Size (acres)	Use	Water Provider	New Structure FY27 Fee	Current Structure FY27 Fee	Fee Difference
			a	b	c = a-b
2	Domestic	Private Well	**$24.26**	**$3.80**	**$20.46**
0.5	Domestic	S. Feather	**$20.50**	**$8.57**	**$11.93**
0.15	Domestic	City of Oroville	**$21.44**	**$2.57**	**$18.87**
100	Agriculture	Private Well	**$1,578.50**	**$2,692.00**	**($1,113.50)**
100	Mg'd Wetland	Private Well	**$1,578.50**	**$190.00**	**$1,388.50**
100	Agriculture	S. Feather	**$1,346.50**	**$1,714.00**	**($367.50)**
100	Ag. & Domestic (95 acres cropped)	Private Well	**$1,504.36**	**$2,692.00**	**($1,187.64)**
100	Rangeland		**$20.50**	**$190.00**	**($169.50)**

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Board Direction Summary

A. Part 1 and Part 2 cost allocation
- Keep Baseline or direct staff to move cost items between parts?

B. Part 2 cost allocation between Agriculture & Domestic
- Keep at 96% / 6% presented or round to 95% / 5%?

C. Long-term fallowed / idle field from Agricultural Fee
- No I4 fields currently exist; does not affect FY27 fee calculation but could in future – exclude code I4 from cropped acres definition?

And Confirm - Proceed with lower Part 2 Fee for Parcels using Imported (Feather River) water

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Next Steps

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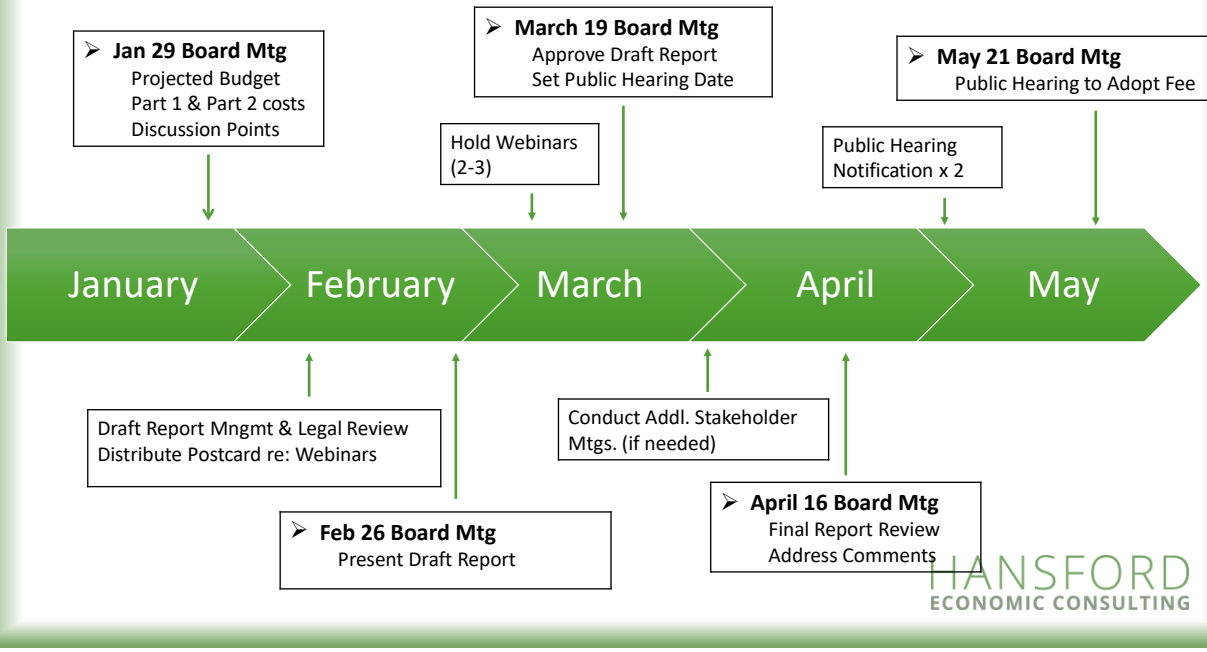

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How will the Fee change each year?

Every year the Board has ability to adjust the fee levels and fee methodology.

- The WCGSA Board can set the fee each year based on analysis of projected costs, a percentage increase (maximum percentage increase established), or application of a price index
- Specified in the fee resolution

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Five-Year Fee Level – Baseline Scenario DRAFT

Estimated Cost by Part	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Part 1						
Auditor	$27,500	$18,750	$18,750	$18,750	$18,750	$18,750
Financial Services	$1,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Legal Services	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Legal Defense Reserve	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Program Manager	$48,000	$52,000	$57,000	$62,000	$66,000	$70,000
Office Expense	$13,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Professional Services	$20,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Fee Implementation	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Future Fee Study Reserve	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
County Tax Roll Fee Support	$3,500	$3,500	$3,500	$3,500	$3,500	$3,500
Contingency		$20,425	$20,925	$21,425	$21,825	$22,225
Subtotal Part 1	$188,000	$224,675	$230,175	$235,675	$240,075	$244,475
Part 2						
Annual Reporting	$5,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000
2032 GSP Periodic Evaluation Reserve	$5,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000
Groundwater Monitoring	$0	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
SW-GW Interaction Modeling	$0	$7,500	$7,500	$7,500	$7,500	$7,500
GSA Coordination & Outreach	$0	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Data Management System Maint.	$1,500	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Cost Share County Technical Report	$0	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$7,500	$7,500
Grant Procurement	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
Contingency		$19,250	$19,250	$19,250	$19,500	$19,500
Subtotal Part 2	$26,500	$211,750	$211,750	$211,750	$214,500	$214,500
Total Part 1 + Part 2	$214,500	$436,425	$441,925	$447,425	$454,575	$458,975

Projected Cash Flow

- Expenses inflated 3.25% per year
- SGMA fee revenue inflated 2.5% per year

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Revenues and Expenses	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Revenue			revenue increase estimate 2.5%/ yr		
SGMA Fee: Tax Roll	$451,200	$462,528	$474,144	$486,048	$498,240
SGMA Fee: Hand Bill	$18,800	$19,272	$19,756	$20,252	$20,760
Total Revenue	$470,000	$481,800	$493,900	$506,300	$519,000
Operating Expenses inflated 3.25%/ yr	$450,600	$471,100	$492,500	$516,600	$538,600
Est. Net Revenue	$19,400	$10,700	$1,400	($10,300)	($19,600)
Beginning Balance	$150,000	$169,400	$180,100	$181,500	$171,200
Net Revenues	$19,400	$10,700	$1,400	($10,300)	($19,600)
Estimated Ending Balance	$169,400	$180,100	$181,500	$171,200	$151,600
Reserves					
Target Minimum Reserve	$112,650	$117,775	$123,125	$129,150	$134,650
Cash Balance as % of Costs	38%	38%	37%	33%	28%
Financial Health Criteria					
Min. Reserve 3 months Op. Costs	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gross Revenues Ratio 1.2 X Expenses	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes