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Steve Schwabauer, General Manager
Jennifer Spaletta - General Counsel
Shasta Burns - Deputy Secretary
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CPA – Lyndsay George
Budget Manager – Susan Bjork

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
President - Joe Valente
Vice President – Jason Colombini
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Treasurer - Charles Starr II
Director – David Simpson

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AND AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, November 16, 2026
1:00 p.m.
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds- Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford St, Lodi CA 95240

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NOTICE: Members of the public may address the Board of Directors concerning any agenda item during the Board's consideration of that item. The public may address non-agenda items at the end of the regular meeting. No action will be taken on those items; however, the Board may agendize items for future consideration.

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda**
2. **Retirement Lunch for Board Members Simpson and Starr**
3. **Correspondence/Announcements**
4. **Action Items**

   Any and all of **the following agenda items are subject to action** being taken by the Board of Directors by motion, resolution or ordinance.

   Action items may be added to the agenda upon determination by a majority vote of the Board that an emergency exists, as defined by state law, or by a 2/3 vote of the Board that (1) there is a need to take immediate action; and (2) that the need for action came to the District's attention after the agenda was posted.

   A. CONSENT CALENDAR

      1. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on October 19,2026 *(attachment 1). 4-6*

   B. FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE

      1. Receive and Approve October 2026 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers
      2. Approve Payment of Bills (*attachment 2*) 7

3. Receive Update on three-month cash flow projection
4. Review Draft SGMA Demand Management ET Analysis
5. Update on SWRCB Surface Water Diversion Measurement and Reporting Requirements
6. Discuss Committee assignments for 2027 Board year

C. CONTRACTS

1. Approve Change Order Number 2 to Locust Tree Basin Project to refine scope of County Storm Drain Basin ($162,928) (attachment 3)
2. Approve Changes to Daniel De Graff's engineering scope to add $25,000 for the USDA Grant Funded Pipeline Replacement Project and add $10,000 to the South System General add budget for the Brandt Road Lateral Project and Goehring Project. (attachment 4)
3. Authorize General Manager to execute 1977 Drainage Agreement with County of San Joaquin CSA 14
4. Authorize General Manager to execute Purchase and Sale and Reimbursement Agreement with the County of San Joaquin CSA #14
5. Approve Agreement with Arnaudo Construction for emergency gravel improvements for the North Pump Station Access Road (Price and Terms to be presented at meeting)

D. SYSTEM AND PROJECTS

1. General Manager's Report
2. North System
3. South System
4. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge
5. Tracy Lake ID

E. Grant Activity (attachment 5)

F. Groundwater Charge

G. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/ GWA Activity

H. MICUP/SJC Mokelumne River Application

I. Bay Delta /Healthy Rivers and Landscapes

J. Landowner communications

K. Board Planning Calendar

5. Director and Staff Reports

A. Directors Reports

B. Committee Reports

C. Other

6. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within the

jurisdiction of the NSJWCD Board. The time allowed for each speaker for comments made by the public is limited to 3 minutes. Matters presented under this agenda item may be discussed, but no action can be taken by the Board at this meeting except as follows:

- Briefly respond to statements made or questions raised.
- Ask a question for clarification.
- Provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information.
- Request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.
- An individual Board member or the Board itself may have the matter placed on a future agenda.

7. Closed Session – 4 items

Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) Existing Litigation
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – *California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court, Case No. CV-20-001720*

Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) Existing Proceeding
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – *SWRCB Pending Application A029835*

Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) Anticipated Litigation – two cases Bay Delta/Flow Proceeding, and one case where facts shall not be disclosed because they are unknown to potential litigants

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 54956(a) Anticipated Litigation – one case involving fraudulent check. Parties are North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, F& M Bank and Wells Fargo Bank.

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Negotiations– a) North System Easements and Leases – Negotiators are General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta and General Manager Steve Schwabauer for the District and for the landowners, Thomas and Jean Powell, Lodi CA APN 017-250-07, James Patrick and Sandra Marie Hale Trust, 01725008, Karen Somers 01725016 b) South System Main Pipeline Repairs R&R Schatz Properties, Inc. APN 05116003

Return to Open Session

All reportable actions taken in closed session will be announced in open session following the closed session and will be duly noted in the official minutes of the meeting.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting December 14, 2026 from 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds- Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford St, Lodi CA 95240
Action may be taken on any item
Agendas and Minutes may also be found at http:/ / www.NSJGroundwater.org
Note: If you need disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Staff at {209) 712-1693 at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting

President Joe Valente - Area 3
Vice President Jason Colombini - Area 2
Director David Simpson – Area 1
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4
Secretary Brady Colburn – Area 5

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Daniel deGraaf – District Engineer
Deputy Secretary – Shasta Burns
General Manager – Steve Schwabauer

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING AND CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi, CA

Monday, October 19, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 3:02 p.m. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda of October 19, 2026 made by Director Simpson, second by Secretary Colburn. Motion passed 3/0/0. Valente. Colburn, and Simpson were in attendance at this meeting.

2. **Correspondence/Announcements** – No announcements at this time.

3. **Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board meeting on September 28, 2026. A motion to approve the meeting of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting September 28, 2026 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Colburn. Motion passed 3/0/0.

B. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Receive and approve October 2026 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers presented to the board. Accountant, Lyndsay George prepared financial statements for Board action. A motion to approve October 2026 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's report, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Colburn. Motion passed 3/0/0.

2. Approve Payment of Bills. A motion to approve payment of bills listed in the Board meeting packet subject review of Basecamp Environmental, made by Director Simpson, second by Secretary Colburn. Motion passed 3/0/0.

3. Receive Update on three-month cash flow projection- Cash Flow Statement

review provided in board meeting packet, by Budget Manager Susan Bjork.

4. Review Draft SGMA Demand Management Rules – Review of Draft Rules by General Counsel. Rules attached in the board meeting packet.

5. Update on CalFed PG&E Billings – Review of staff report in the board meeting packet. PG&E said that they would have a refund check in the mail in the next 7-10 business days. Board Clerk will notify the board with the check is received.

6. Update on SWRCB Surface Water Diversion Measurement and Reporting Requirements – General Counsel introduced new law topics that deal with measurement and reporting surface water that is diverted. A presentation will be given to the board on how reporting and rules work at the next scheduled board meeting.

7. Provide Direction to Staff on Domestic Well Mitigation Outreach – General Manager Schwabaurer reviewed who is eligible and how to apply. Details are attached in the board meeting packet with the application. The District will have flyers available to get the word out and have additional public outreach in the future and is posted on the website at this time.

D. CONTRACTS

1. Resolution 2026-15 to Authorize Purchase of 29 Acres of Property for Recharge Project 16279 North Locust Tree Road, Lodi, CA and Related Agreements - A motion to approve **Resolution 2026-15** to Authorize Purchase of 29 Acres of Property for Recharge Project 16279 North Locust Tree Road, Lodi, CA and Related Agreements made by Director Simpson, second by Secretary Colburn. Roll call vote: Colburn; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 3/0/0

E. System and Projects

1. General Manager's Report- Discussion only- General Managers Weekly Update has been posted to the District Website. Water year started on October 1, 2026. 1,000 acre-feet of water have been delivered so far this year.
2. North System –
   i. Provide Direction to Staff on Potential Emergency Repairs to North Pump Station Bluff Road to prepare for Forecasted 2026/2027 El Nino Storms- Verbal report from General Schwabauer.

3. South System
   i. Discuss Options for South System Improvements North of the Brandt Road Distribution Box – Discussion with landowner have been made and the district will install a French drain. The district will be purchasing and auger to install.

4. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge –
   i. Pump Update – Discussion only.

5. Tracy Lake ID- Pump will be installed next week.

F. Grant Activity- Amended USDA grant has been approved.

G. Groundwater Charge- No update at this time. New information has been sent to the Assessor's office for the next fiscal year's Property Tax collection.

H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity- Domestic Well program was discussed above, and Draft Demand Management Rules were discussed.

I. MICUP/SJC Mokelumne River Application – State Board released a change sheet of revisions and Counsel is reviewing at this time. Hearing will be held at the end of the month.

J. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Healthy River Application – State Water Resources Control Board updated set of amendments to the plan, and counsel is reviewing at this time.

K. Landowner Communications – No update at this time.

L. Board Planning Calendar – Board reviewed November and December Board Meetings and will be held November 16, 2026 and December 14, 2026 at the Lodi Grape Festival- Barrel Room 2:00 PM.

4. **Director and Staff Reports**

   A. Director's Report –No report at this time.

   B. Committee Reports – No reports at this time.

   C. Other – No reports at this time.

5. **Public Comment** – Woodbridge Irrigation is slowing down on diversions at this time.

6. **Closed Session –** The Board entered closed session at 4:37 pm, and came out of closed session**. Return to Open Session –** President Valente returned the meeting to open session. No reportable action.

7. **Adjournment -** Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on October 19, 2026 made by Secretary Colburn, second by Director Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting November 16, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of October 19, 2026.

Respectfully submitted:
Board Clerk- Shasta Burns

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Proposed Bills for Payment Approval | November 16, 2026

Vendor / Payee	Description / Project	Amount
ABS Direct, Inc	Newsletter	$2,083.17
ACWA JPIA - Liability	Insurance	$14,581.21
Brian Kline- Hauling	Tretheway O&M	$3,181.28
Central Irrigation	SS P III- Teck Basin Construction	$92,095.02
Consero Solutions	Consultant	$222.50
deGraaf Engineering	Engineering	$30,381.58
DSW Ag, Inc	Locust Tree Basin	$6,061.89
Fowler Brothers Farming, Inc	Locust Tree Basin	$3,452.25
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Laurel Ag & Water		$44,410.94
LG Accounting & Advisory Services	Accountant	$3,564.35
Pacific Southwest Irrigation	Pump Replacement	$20,576.10
Rincon	MICUP	$10,023.50
Sam Berri's Lodi Heavy Haul & Tow	Bobcat hauling	$298.13
Shasta Burns	Board Clerk	$3,560.00
Shasta Burns - Mileage	Travel	$279.68
Sierra Controls	SCADA Annual Renewal	$9,507.56
Sierra Controls - Tracy Lake	TL	$3,505.20
Sierra Controls- South System P III	SS III	$1,510.00
Stoel Rives	Groundwater Bank	$1,862.00
Stoel Rives	CSPA	$10,882.00
Stoel Rives	Groundwater Management	$3,688.00
Stoel Rives	North Systems Project	$1,636.00
Stoel Rives	Mokelumne River Water Rights	$9,212.00
Stoel Rives	General	$5,763.00
Stoel Rives	MICUP	$3,381.00
Zanjero	Groundwater Consultant	$2,450.00
	TOTAL BILLS FOR APPROVAL	**$299,770.73**
	Stoel Rives — Legal Services Subtotal	**$36,424.00**

Deposits (reference only — excluded from bills total)

City of Stockton Micup #2	Deposit	$41,780.20
County of San Joaquin - IRWM	Deposit	$1,567.50
Stockton East Water District Micup #2	Deposit	$20,890.10
	TOTAL DEPOSITS	**$64,237.80**

Warrant request for December?

P.O. Box 334, Victor, CA 95253

Prepared by: Steve Schwabauer, General Manager
Daniel de Graaf, District Engineer

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Arnaudo Construction Change Order PCO 02 – SJCO Basin for the construction of the San Joaquin County portion of the Locust Tree basin Project.

DISCUSSION:

When the Locust Tree Basin project was initially bid, the San Joaquin County portion of the project was not fully developed and approved by the County. The project scope at the time did not include the discharge piping or fencing around the basin. Now that the County has prepared final construction drawings for their portion of the project, a change order was issued to provide final costs for constructing the basin.

Previously estimated values for the discharge piping and fencing for budgeting purposes were $120,000.00. During the design process an additional manhole was required which increased the overall cost of materials as well as the amount of time required to install the pipeline. The required changes bring the total cost of the additional improvements to **$162,928.00.**

The change order apples only to the County portion of the project and has no impact on the District project cost.

The final approved San Joaquin County plans are attached for reference.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve Change Order PCO 02 in the amount of **$162,928.00.**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

$162,928.00 to be reimbursed by San Joaquin County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

N/A

PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER NO. 02

SUBJECT:	San Joaquin County Basin Improvements	**DATE:**	11/02/26
PROJECT:	Locust Tree Basin	**JOB NO:**	26012
TO:	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District PO Box E Victor, CA 95253	**FROM:**	Randy Holtberg
		ATTN:	Steve Schwabauer

DESCRIPTION

Cost for pipe and fencing at San Joaquin County Basin per plans dated 10/21/26

NOTE: Fencing Price Does NOT Include Slats

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UM	UNIT	TOTAL
1	24" RCP	116	LF	$408.00	$47,328.00
2	48" Storm Drain Manhole	1	EA	$14,500.00	$14,500.00
3	Re-Construct Ex Storm Manhole	1	EA	$20,500.00	$20,500.00
4	Rip Rap Outfall	1	EA	$9,000.00	$9,000.00
5	Cahin Link Fence & Gate (Excl Slats)	1,432	LF	$50.00	$71,600.00

TOTAL AMOUNT $162,928.00

APPROVAL

BY: _____ **BY:** _____

Randy Holtberg

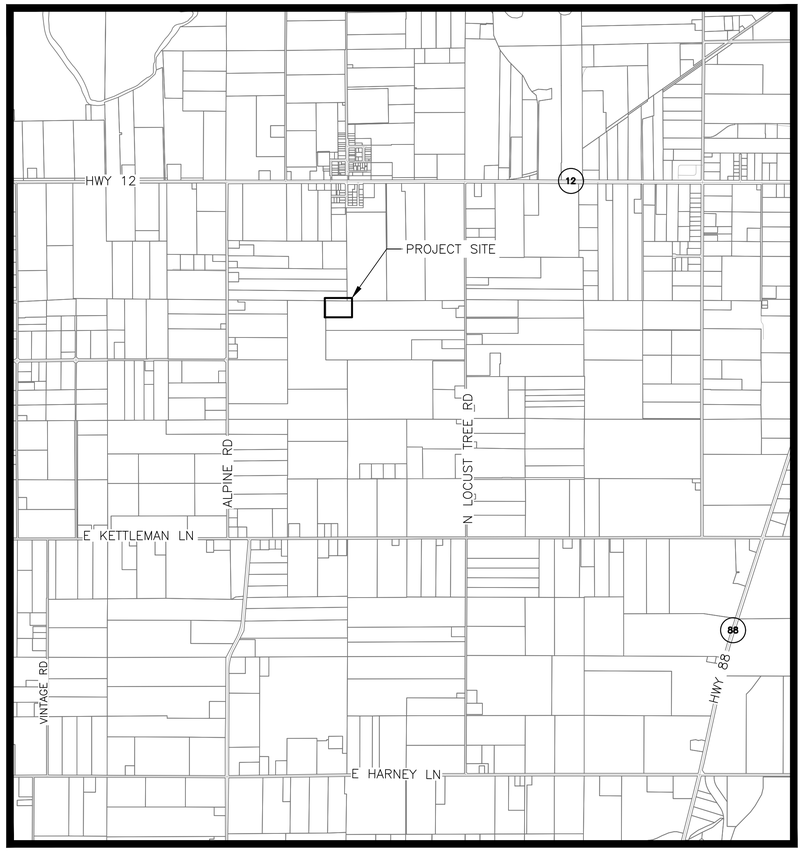
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COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

PROJECT PLANS FOR
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 14 - RETENTION BASIN
(2,700 FEET SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 12 AT BRUELLA ROAD)

INDEX OF SHEETS

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SHEET N0. 5	DETAILS



PROJECT LOCATION MAP

NO SCALE

ABBREVIATIONS

(IN ADDITION TO ABBREVIATIONS SHOWN ON CALTRANS STANDARD PLANS A3A, A3B, AND A3C AND STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS 1-1.06 ABBREVIATIONS)

ADA	=	AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
BOW	=	BACK OF WALK
CB	=	CATCH BASIN
CG&S	=	CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK
EG	=	EXISTING GROUND
R&R	=	REMOVE & REPLACE
SDI	=	STORM DRAIN INLET
SDMH	=	STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE HOLE
SSMH	=	SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE HOLE
SJCo Std	=	SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY STANDARD
SP	=	STANDARD PLAN

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER · ALEX W. CHETLEY · C 55407 · CIVIL · STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Alex Chetley 10-29-2026
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ALEX CHETLEY, P.E.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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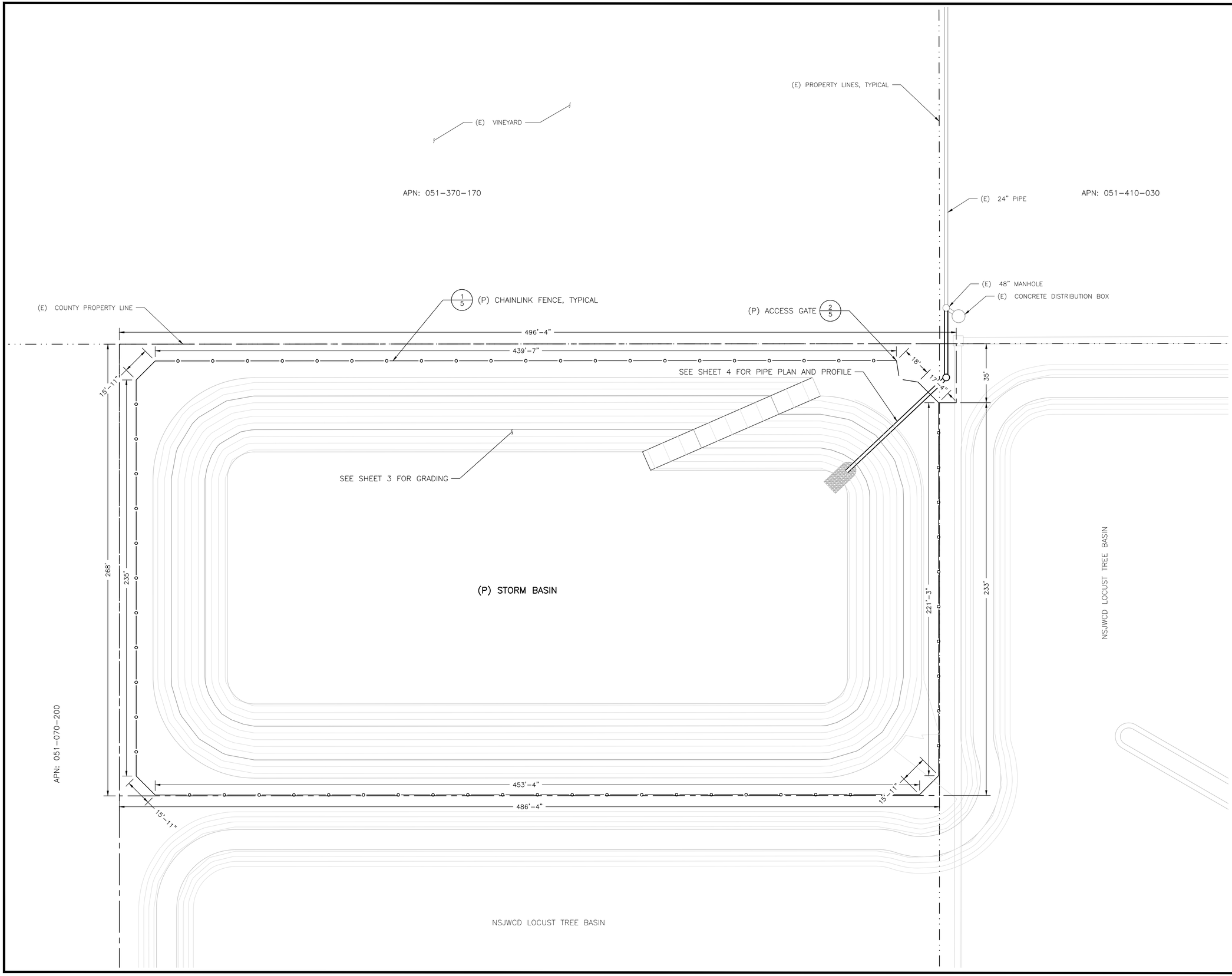
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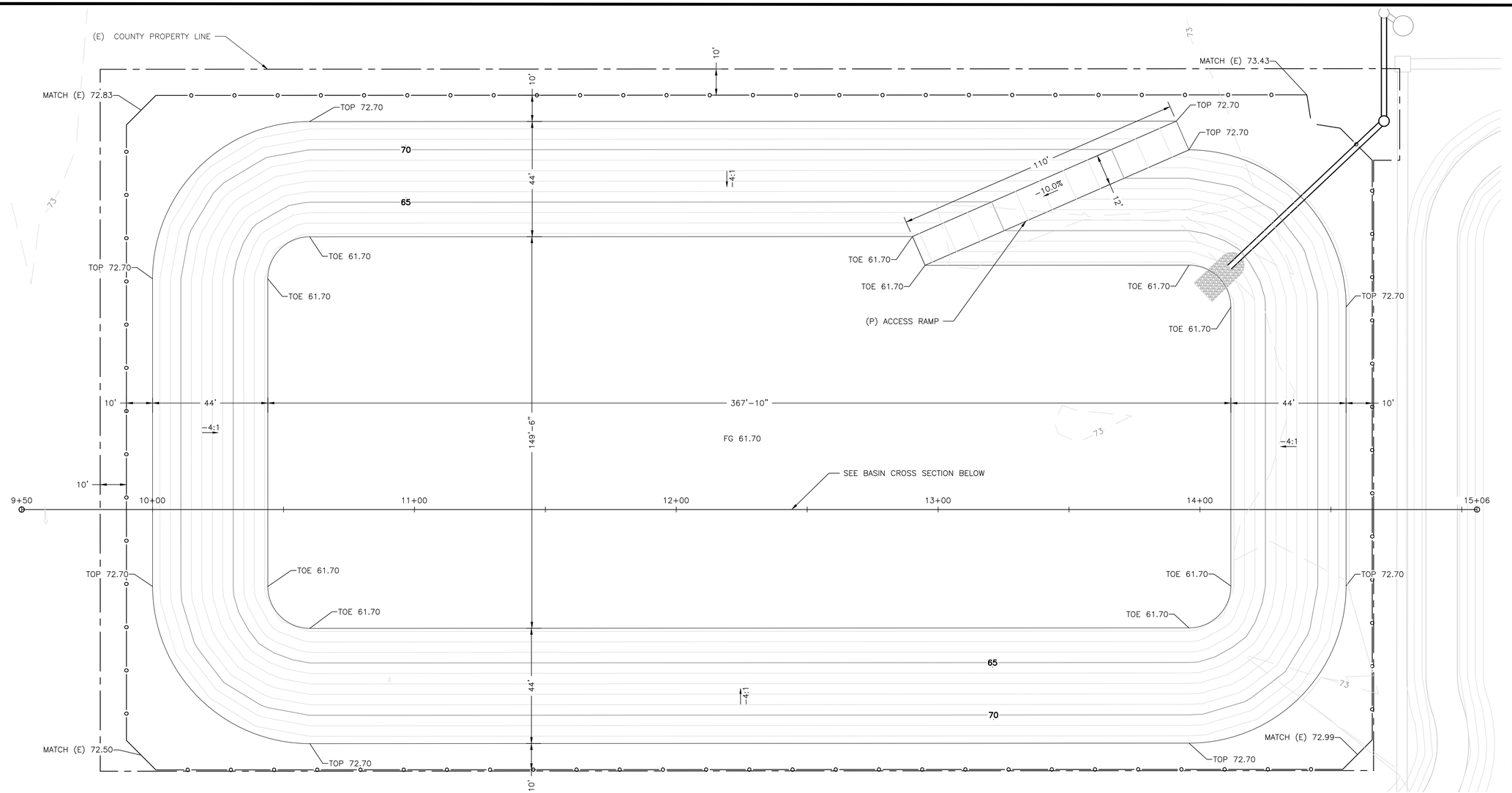
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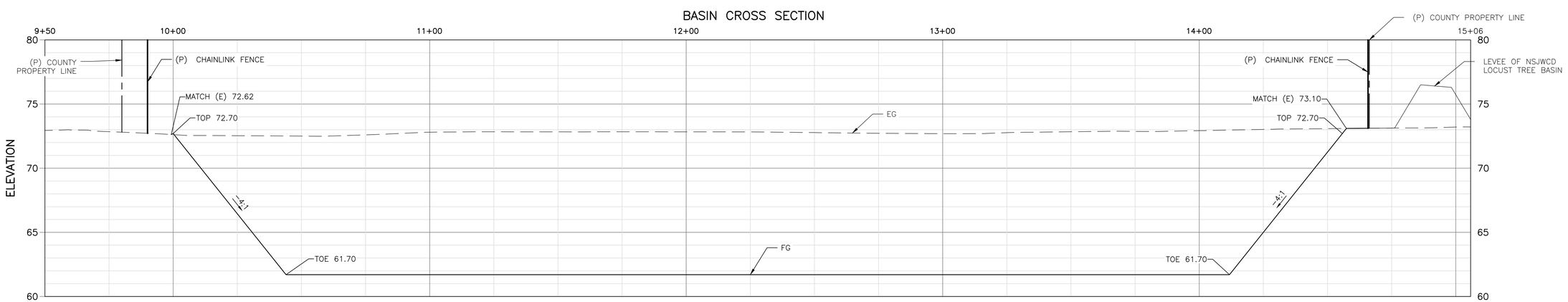
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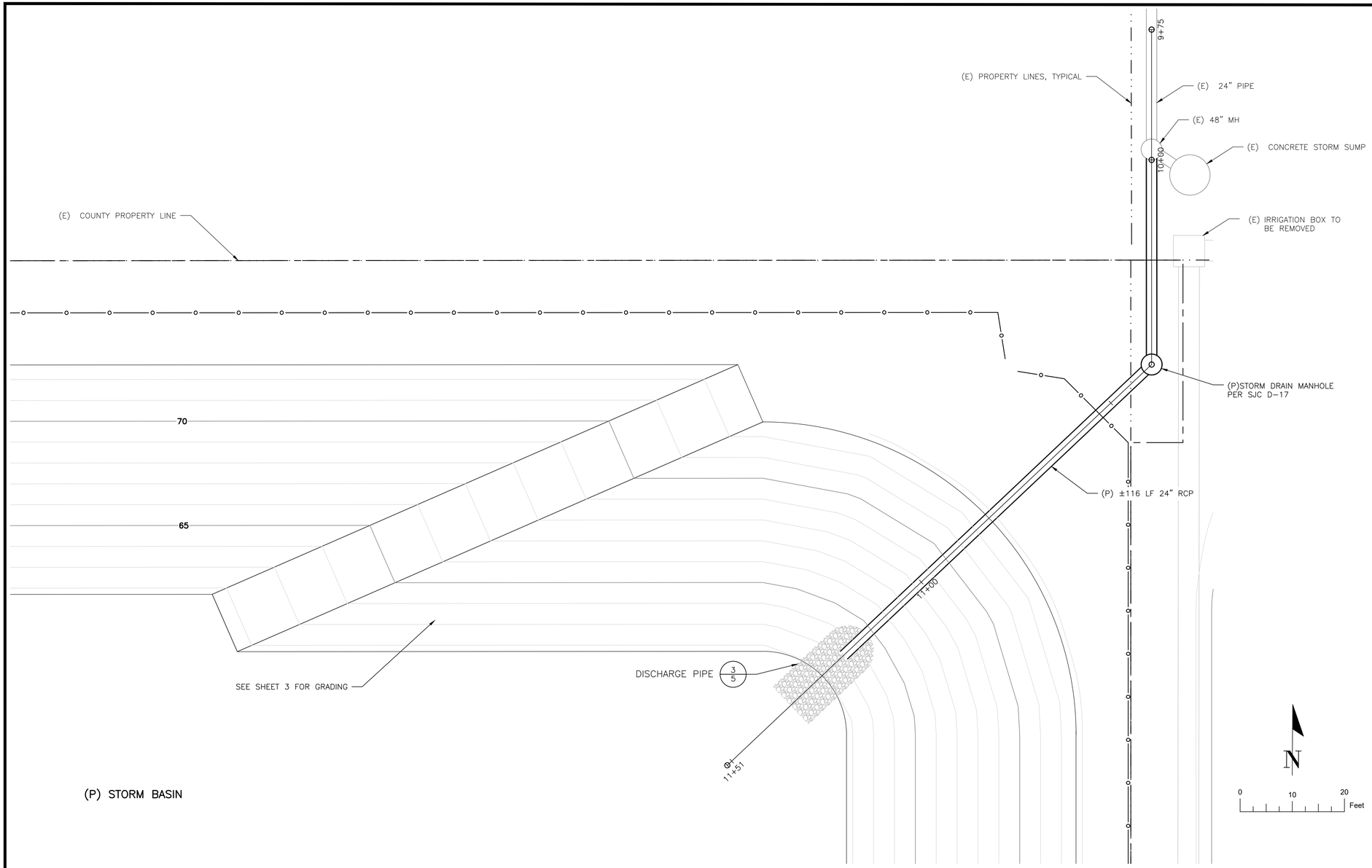
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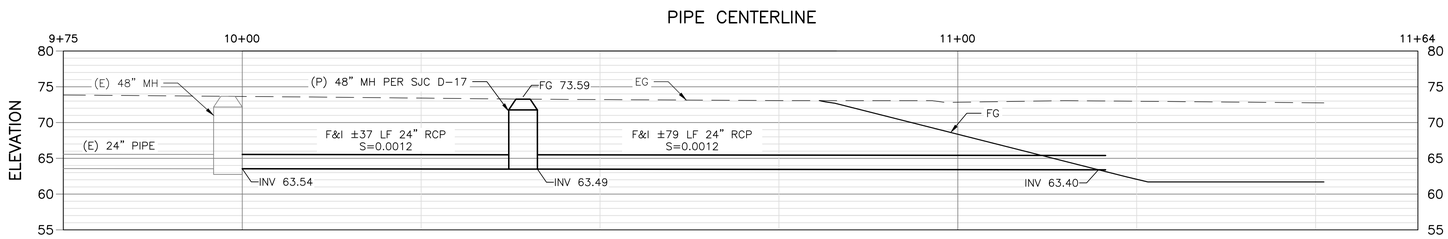
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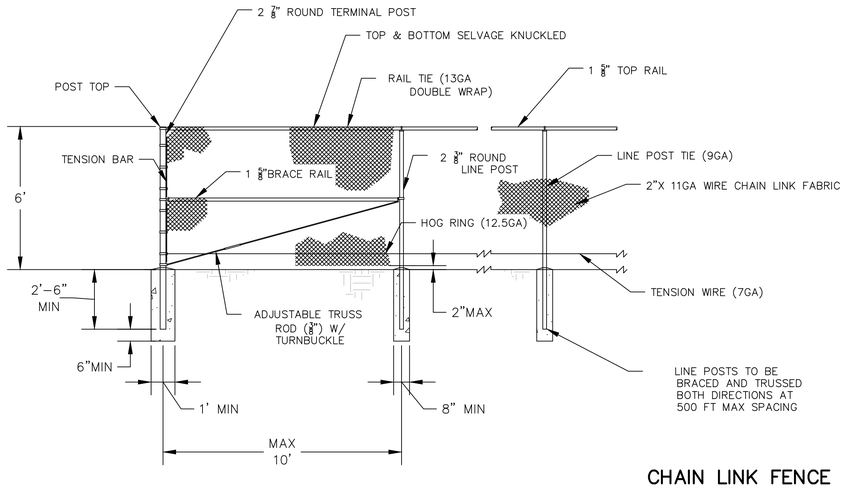
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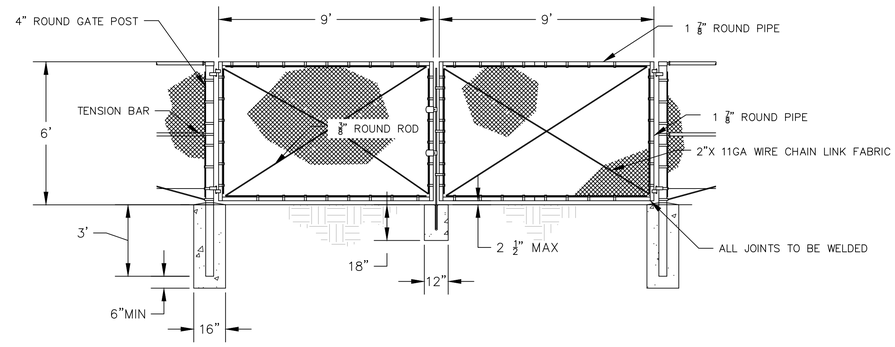
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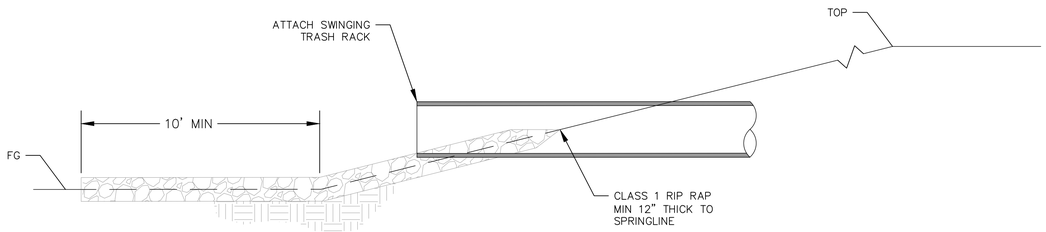
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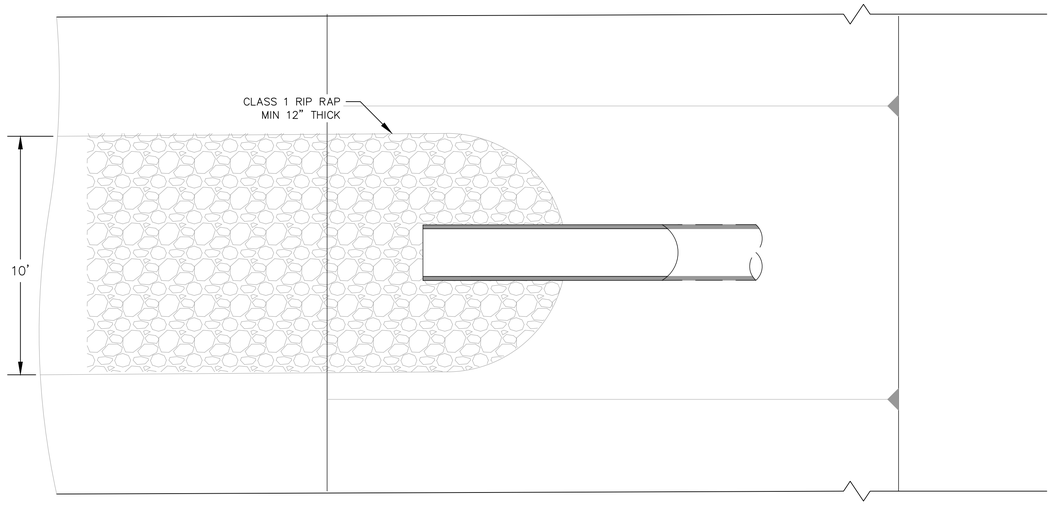


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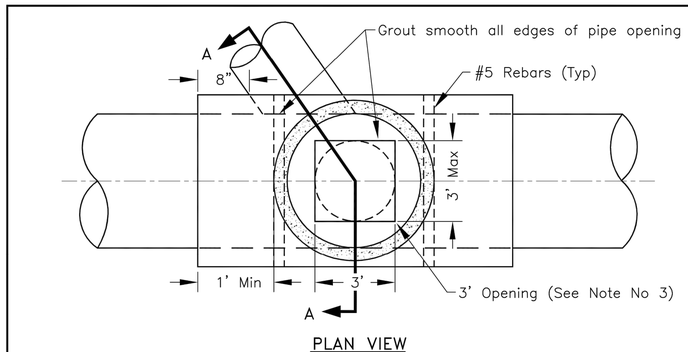




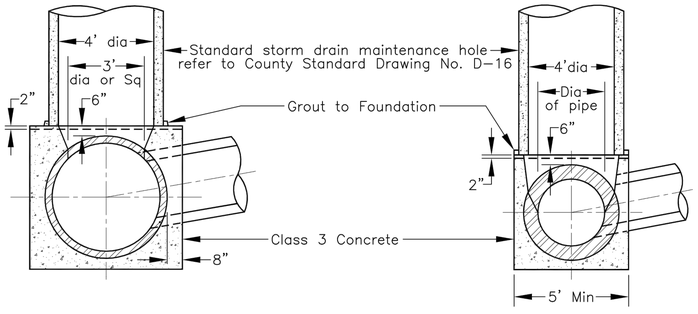
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DISCHARGE PIPE



PLAN VIEW



SECTION A–A
PIPES LARGER THAN 44" DIA

SECTION A–A
PIPES 24" TO 44" DIA

NOTES:

1. The foundation shall be a minimum of 5' for 44" O.D. pipe and smaller.
2. For pipe larger than 44" O.D., the foundation shall extend a minimum of 8" beyond each side of the pipe.
3. Opening to be 3' long x (I.D. of pipe) wide, up to 36" I.D. pipe. For pipes larger than 36" I.D., opening to be 36" diameter or square.

Public Works San Joaquin County Working for YOU

SADDLE-TYPE MAINTENANCE HOLE FOR PIPE DIAMETER 24" AND LARGER

COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date: JUN 2016

Approved by:

No.	Revision Description	Date

Std. Dwg. No. **D-17**

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COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 14
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(2,700' SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 12 AT BRUELLA ROAD)

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P.O. Box E, Victor, CA 95253

From: Steve Schwabauer, General Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize Addition of $25,000 to approved scope for De Graaf Engineering Scope for SS Phase 4, Break SS Phase 4 into SS Phase 4a (Brandt Road Lateral) and SS 4 (USDA SS Main Replacement) and add budget for SS 4b project.

DISCUSSION:

The District approved the Brandt Road Lateral Project and the Goehring Temporary Recharge Project but did not include a budget for engineering. The District also have the $1,000,000 USDA Grant project that is planned to be billed as a portion of South System Phase 4 .

Staff is proposing that we add $10,000 to the South System – General category to bring it up to a remaining balance of $4,326 to make room for the Brandt Road Lateral and Goehring Projects.

Additionally, staff proposes that we add $25,000 in budget for the for the USDA Grant project to complete the plans and bid package. Some of the work has already been completed under the Locust Tree project (survey and initial design work). This will allow for all of the work remaining work to be billed directly to the USDA project for tracking purposes and provide adequate budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Increased budget for De Graff Engineering

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FISCAL IMPACT: Grant Funded

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North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
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District Engineer
Services

Amendment 5 - FY26-27; Amendment 3 - North System Design
Contract

Fiscal Year 2026-2027
Notes

INVOICE DATE
11/10/2026
INVOICE NUMBER
1363
CURRENT BILLING PERIOD
10/01/2026-10/31/2026
CURRENT BILLING AMOUNT
$30,381.58

CONTRACT ITEM	CONTRACT AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY BILLED	CURRENT BILLING	AMOUNT BILLED TO DATE	PERCENTAGE BILLED TO DATE	CONTRACT BALANCE
General	$ 50,000.00	$ 8,125.40	$ 1,140.08	$ 9,265.48	19%	$ 40,734.52
Water Rights	$ 12,000.00	$ -	$ 1,691.00	$ 1,691.00	14%	$ 10,309.00
SGMA	$ 5,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	0%	$ 5,000.00
District Wide Revenue Source	$ 5,000.00	$ 1,235.00	$ -	$ 1,235.00	25%	$ 3,765.00
District O&M Manual	$ 20,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	0%	$ 20,000.00
Operations	$ 20,000.00	$ 3,705.00	$ 418.00	$ 4,123.00	21%	$ 15,877.00
Cal Fed		$ -	$ 95.00	$ 95.00		
North System		$ 2,261.00	$ 38.00	$ 2,299.00		
South System		$ 1,444.00	$ 285.00	$ 1,729.00		
Tracy Lake		$ -	$ -	$ -		
Full Dream Project	$ 5,000.00	$ 665.00	$ 722.00	$ 1,387.00	28%	$ 3,613.00
South System - General	$ 5,000.00	$ 10,674.00	$ -	$ 10,674.00	213%	$ (5,674.00)
South System - PH IIIA (Tecklenburg)	$ 10,000.00	$ 1,919.00	$ 1,938.00	$ 3,857.00	39%	$ 6,143.00
South System Recharge Basin (Locust Tree)	$ 75,000.00	$ 61,258.70	$ 4,503.50	$ 65,762.20	88%	$ 9,237.80
North System - General	$ 5,000.00	$ 2,014.00	$ -	$ 2,014.00	40%	$ 2,986.00
Tracy Lake	$ 2,000.00	$ -	$ 665.00	$ 665.00	33%	$ 1,335.00
Amendment 4 - FY25-26: TOTAL	$ 214,000.00	$ 89,596.10	$ 11,077.58	$ 100,673.68	47%	$ 113,326.32
North System - Pump	$ 360,000.00	$ 229,204.29	$ 19,304.00	$ 248,508.29	69%	$ 111,491.71
Amendment 3 - North System Design: TOTAL	$ 360,000.00	$ 229,204.29	$ 19,304.00	$ 248,508.29	69%	$ 111,491.71
CURRENT BILLING AMOUNT			$ 30,381.58			

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RECOMMENDATION: Receive Quarterly Update on North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (District) Project Funding Opportunities

BACKGROUND:

Consero Solutions last provided the Board of Directors an update on State and federal funding opportunities at the August 31, 2026 Board meeting. Since that meeting, the California State Legislature passed the Proposition 4 budget trailer bill (AB 113) on September 1, 2026 in the closing hours of the 2025-26 session; the Governor signed AB 113 on September 18, 2026. AB 113 appropriates $2.66 billion of the $10 billion Proposition 4 climate bond for 2026-27 across the bond's various program categories, which adds to previous appropriations in the 2025-26 State budget.

AB 113 also contains an unprecedented number of State legislative directed expenditures, also known as "earmarks," which State legislators are requesting for specific projects in their districts. Legislators are soliciting upcoming requests for directed expenditures prior to the start of the legislative session (January 2027) and will make decisions about their priority requests by March 2027. This process is similar to the congressionally directing appropriations at the federal level, which the District has benefited from in the past with a $1 million appropriation. The District may wish to meet with the District's State legislators about this process.

The District in the past has not been as competitive for some State and federal grants as other jurisdictions because it lacks disadvantaged communities within the District boundaries. Proposition 4 broadens the definition of "disadvantaged community" to areas with a median household income below 80% of the area median or 80% of the statewide median—meaning some higher-income areas could newly qualify. It also introduces a new definition for "vulnerable population" defined as "A subgroup of population within a region or community faces a disproportionately heightened risk or increased sensitivity to impacts of climate change and that lacks adequate resources to cope with, adapt to, or recover from such impacts." Proposition 4 requires that 40% of funds must directly benefit disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations. There are new mapping tools for disadvantaged communities as well as social vulnerability and climate hazard that the District should evaluate to determine eligibility for specific Proposition 4 programs, which all refer to these definitions.

Consero will provide the Board with the next quarterly report in February 2027.

DISCUSSION:

1. **California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant Program**
   Project Name: N/A
   Amount Requested: TBD
   Amount of Cost Share: TBD

Release Request for Grant Application: Draft guidelines out now and the public comment period is open through December 4, 2026; full solicitation mid-2027 (TBD)
Application Due: TBD

Status: DWR released a draft Proposal Solicitation Package and draft SGM Grant Program guidelines on October 5, 2026 for a $310+ million SGM Grant Program solicitation, with public comment open through December 4, 2026 and workshops held November 5 and 17, 2026. Consero attend the November 5th workshop on behalf of the District. DWR anticipates final guidelines and proposal solicitation package to be published in February 2027; concept proposals opening in February 2027 and full applications in summer 2027. **DWR will release only one solicitation for all the SGM Grant Program Proposition 4 funding.** Similar to past SGM Grant Program solicitations, the District must work with the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority to submit a joint application that implements the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Proposals can request a maximum of $15 million and may be made up of multiple projects.

Eligible priorities include recharge and conjunctive use projects, subsidence best management practice implementation, water conservation and agricultural land adaptation, conveyance projects, and demand management activities. DWR is reserving a minimum of $25 million of the overall groundwater funding for tribal water resources projects and has encouraged basins to coordinate with tribal governments within their boundaries as part of a combined basin application rather than a separate submission. DWR also confirmed a project needs to benefit only a disadvantaged community or a vulnerable population (not both) to count toward the 40% benefit requirement, and that recycled water expansion projects are eligible to offset groundwater use.

- Advance payment of up to 25% of the grant award is now available to initiate awarded projects;
- Indirect costs an eligible expense (Note: the eligibility of indirect costs for reimbursement will help the District recoup some overhead costs associated with managing grant-funded projects, if awarded, if the District has the appropriate indirect cost paperwork in place);

Context: Section 91012 of Proposition 4 states: “Of the funds made available by Section 91010, three hundred eighty-six million two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($386,250,000) shall be available…for projects related to groundwater storage, groundwater banking, groundwater recharge, or instream flow projects that support the conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water supplies.”

2. California Department of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP)
Project Name: N/A
Amount Requested: TBD

Amount of Cost Share: TBD
Solicitation Release Date: TBD
Application Due: TBD
Draft guidelines: Draft guidelines out now with public comments due 12/7/26
Public Comment Workshops: November 2026
Solicitation: Early 2027
Awards: TBD

Status: The California Department of Conservation released draft guidelines for public comment in October 2026 with comments due December 7, 2026. The program seeks to improve regional capacity to increase groundwater sustainability through projects that repurpose agricultural land while reducing groundwater use, supporting implementation of SGMA and providing community health, economic wellbeing, water supply, habitat or climate benefits. Unlike prior rounds, which considered only critically overdrafted basins, the Department will also accept applications from high- and medium-priority groundwater basins. Of the 100 points available, this criterion awards critically overdrafted basins the full five (5) points, while high- and medium-priority basins score three (3) points if an emergency drought declaration is in effect, and one (1) point if not.

Funding is available as block grants for applicants ($1 million to $17 million) in critically overdrafted basins or high- or medium priority basins managed under an adopted groundwater sustainability plan (or alternative plan). As with other Proposition 4 programs, the Department must award 40% of the funding to disadvantaged communities. The Department will award grants through a competitive two-phase application process, requesting first a concept proposal and then a full proposal.

Context: At the California Department of Conservation's (DOC) July 20, 2026, Proposition 4 webinar, Megan Powers, MLRP Grant Manager, confirmed Proposition 4 allocates $200 million to MLRP; the program received $32 million in the 2025-26 fiscal year and expects $64 million in the 2026-27 fiscal year. The District had declined to apply to the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program in the past because the program did not allow the District to count groundwater recharge or demand reduction through program-funded projects towards its water budget. Groundwater recharge is now incorporated as a program goal in the draft guidelines; to 'improve groundwater supply, including through groundwater recharge, improved baseflows in rivers and streams, and groundwater supply improvement for fish and wildlife habitat.'

3. Department of Water Resources Watershed Resilience Program (formerly Integrated Regional Water Management Program)
Project Name: TBD
Amount Requested: TBD
Amount of Cost Share: TBD

Solicitation Release Date: Conservation Implementation concept proposal solicitation early 2027, full applications spring 2027; Watershed Resilience Planning+ concept proposal solicitation late 2027; applications late 2027-2028
Applications Due: TBD
Awards: Fall 2027 (Conservation Implementation); summer 2028 (Watershed Resilience Planning +)

Status: The Watershed Resilience Program is divided into two funding programs: $60 million for Conservation Implementation solicitation and $92 million for Planning+ solicitation.

- **Conservation Implementation.** The Department released Conservation Implementation draft guidelines and a proposal solicitation package on September 10, 2026 with public comment open through November 9, 2026. The program will fund water conservation capital projects in agricultural or urban areas selected by a "collaborative group"; the minimum project amount is $3 million (which may comprise multiple conservation projects), and $15 million maximum. Example eligible projects may include leak detection and metering installation and direct-install projects for commercial, industrial, and institutional users; individual turf-replacement rebate projects will not be eligible.
- **Planning +.** The Department expects to release the Planning+ draft guidelines and proposal solicitation package in early 2027. This solicitation is to assist applicants to prepare a Watershed Resilience Plan with multiple agencies in the watershed (replacing the IRWM program) and implement a top-priority project(s) identified in the plan. The program will fund either development of a new Watershed Resilience Plan (or expansion of an existing plan, including prior Integrated Regional Water Management plans). The award size is approximately $8 million (about $3 million for plan development and $5 million for implementation of the highest-priority project(s)). DWR has confirmed existing Integrated Regional Water Management regions are well-positioned to apply.

Similar to the SGMA Grant Program, both Watershed Resilience programs allow advance payment of up to 25% of the grant award is now available to initiate warded projects and reimbursement of Indirect costs.

Context: Proposition 4 contains $100 million for integrated regional management, which DWR will use for the Watershed Resilience Program in addition to $75 million in Proposition 4 for urban and agricultural water conservation. Proposition 4 states the $100 million is used for "integrated regional water management to improve climate resilience on a watershed basis, hence the transition away from the Integrated Regional Water Management Program to the new Watershed Resilience Program.

4. California Department of Conservation Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Program
Project Name: TBD
Amount Requested: TBD
Amount of Cost Share: TBD

Draft/Revised Guidelines: Spring 2027
Final Guidelines: TBD
Application Due: TBD
Awards: TBD

Status: No update since the August 2026 report to the District Board of Directors, other than the program manager reported the Department expected to release draft guidelines in spring 2027. This program could be a fit for riparian or streamside recharge and multi-benefit projects along waterways within the District's boundaries. The District could partner with East Bay Municipal Utility District or other partners to implement projects. Since the State is moving towards awarding funds to multi-benefit projects, applying for a planning grant may help develop ideas to create multi-benefit projects that further the District's groundwater recharge and conjunctive use priorities. Consero recommends evaluating Master Plan projects for which the District may wish to add riparian restoration components once revised guidelines are released for comment in early 2027.

Context: Proposition 4's $77.5 million for this program significantly increases available funding compared to the $8.5 million awarded across all three prior rounds combined. The program funds riparian restoration projects protecting, restoring, and enhancing land along rivers, creeks, and streams on agricultural land, including land used for traditional tribal agricultural practices; planning and implementation are separate three-year grant phases requiring separate applications. Eligible planning activities include site assessment, biological studies, budget and timeline development, permitting research, and stakeholder meetings; eligible implementation activities include project management, labor, equipment, materials, permitting, long-term management plans, and signage. The program has been closed since its last award round in 2023; DOC is updating guidelines through tribal outreach and public comment, aiming to release draft guidelines in spring 2027, and make awards summer 2027. Applicants can use the existing Proposition 68 guidelines as a starting point since eligible project types will be similar, with Proposition 4-specific language added.