

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Operations Update

Monday May 11, 2026



Russel Berry and his son Rush from ISI use a float to raise the North System Screen

Water Delivery Dashboard*:

North System Recharge:	2190	AF
Tracy Lakes Recharge:	0	AF
South System Recharge:	223	AF
CalFed Recharge:	467.76	AF
TOTAL	2880	AF**

*** Dashboard count starts December 1, 2025. CalFed is an estimate based on run hours**

2026 Water Update: EBMUD confirmed that the District will receive a water supply this year and expects it to be about 10,000 AF. The late spring rains were hard on cherries but pushed the tight water year over the top for surface water deliveries. Water Deliveries will start at the north pump Lakso Basin on May 18 and I have reached out to our irrigators to let them know to

prepare for any requested surface water deliveries. Staff requested deliveries of almost 7500 AF now through November 5 and will update the request if we can move more.

Operations Update: The New North System Screen had been clogging with small stones when last in use over the winter. ISI cleared the stones during the winter but then ordered new wire brushes to replace the nylon brushes and came up with a plan to lift the fish screen up on its stanchions out of the gravel hole. Russel and his son came out Saturday and Sunday this weekend and successfully lifted and replaced the cleaning arms. Staff briefly turned on the pumps to test them in preparation for operations on March 18. Richard Rodriguez came out this weekend and disced Lakso in preparation for operations. And Pacific Southwest ordered a few spare parts that frequently fail on the Cascade Pumps at the north station like a coupler, belt and diaphragm so that if they do fail we will be able to get back up and running quickly.



The Lakso Basin is diced and ready to take water on March 18

North System Work: Arnaudo was out last week to install the last piece of pipeline on Acampo Road. They also re packed the and regraded the Tretheway Road pipeline alignment and reset the manhole covers.



North System Pipeline re compacted



Creekside's SWEEP Grant irrigation contractor installs the private connection to the North Sytem Main after the final 42 inch line was connected.

South System Work: Arnaudo was also out last week addressing compaction issues on the south system on Handel Road and at Harney Lane Winery. They have also scheduled an oiling of the Harney Lane farm road south of the winery to put it back into the condition it was in prior to the south system phase 2 installation. Staff hosted DWR on a tour of South System Phase 3 project last week, including the Tecklenberg Lateral, and the south system main between Harney Lane and the Mettler Box. DWR was pleased to see the surface new water irrigation connections at Mettler, Badyal, Petersen.



Staff filled this Harney Lane Pothole two weekends ago and Arnaud did a permanent repair last week

SWEEP: Most of the sweep grant installations concluded last week. CDFA gave a brief extension so a little work remains. We are expecting a longer extension for the Lagorio project on Bear Creek because it requires a Central Valley Flood Permit. We are moving forward on the round two SWEEP Grant Application with SSJID, WID, CID and NSJWCD. The concept proposal is due next week. I will be proposing a relatively small allocation to NSJWD and SSJID for several reasons. One we will be relying on WID and CID to meet the DAC and SDAC community benefits (it is based on low income census tracts this round versus socially disadvantaged farmers and we only have two qualifying census district and both are in the Lodi City Limits). And two we all agree the application will more likely be successful if the bulk of the grant goes to districts that did not receive it last year.



Gill Creek Ranch SWEEP Surface Water Conversion Project