

# ***San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency***

**DATE:** June 17, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Lance Eckhart, General Manager  
**BY:** Emmett Campbell, Senior Water Resources Planner  
**SUBJECT:** 2024 Water Transfer Between SGPWA and the Westside Districts

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute and implement the water transfer agreement between the Westside Districts and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (“SGPWA”).

## **BACKGROUND**

Dudley Ridge Water District (“DRWD”), Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, Belridge Water Storage District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water District, collectively known as the “Westside Districts,” have a need to purchase water for their operations in 2024.

SGPWA has State Water Project (“SWP”) water available to it in 2024, which is available for a potential transfer transaction. SGPWA staff entered into discussions with the Westside Districts staff to negotiate transfer up to 8,000 acre-feet of SGPWA’s 2024 SWP supply to the Westside Districts.

Staff from SGPWA and the Westside Districts have drafted a Transfer Agreement (“Agreement”), which is attached hereto, that details the terms and conditions of the proposed water transfer.

## **ANALYSIS**

SGPWA currently has 25,500 acre-feet of water in the 2024 water portfolio. Due to local recharge constraints, SGPWA anticipates on delivering around 18,000 acre-feet locally in 2024. The 18,000 acre-feet is enough water to meet the annual local demands of the region as well as fulfilling most of the “banked” water orders for 2024. This will leave SGPWA with around 7,500 acre-feet of excess supplies for the year.

As of June 12, 2024, the reservoirs in the State are full and the Department of Water Resources anticipates on filling San Luis Reservoir by the end of the year. In addition, it is anticipated that there will be a combined 950,000 acre-feet of carryover going into 2025. With this information, there is a risk of “spill” or reclassification of carryover in early 2025. To limit this risk, SGPWA staff recommends transferring part of the excess 2024 SWP water supplies.

SGPWA has found a potential water transfer partner that is in need of water. This partner is the Westside Districts in Kern County. The Westside Districts consists of DRWD, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, Belridge Water Storage District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water District. DRWD is a State Water Contractor. Some of the Westside District members are member agencies of another State Water Contractor, Kern County Water Agency (“KCWA”).

SGPWA and Westside Districts staff have drafted an Agreement to facilitate a transfer. The water would be used by the individual Westside Districts members, but the actual water transfer would occur between the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) and the State Water Contractors: SGPWA, DRWD, and KCWA.

The Agreement is attached hereto as Attachment “A” and provides, among other things, the following:

1. The Agency will transfer 6,000 acre-feet (“AF”) of water to the Westside Districts within 45 days of the SWP Agreement’s (defined in the attached Agreement) execution by DWR, SGPWA, DRWD, and KCWA.
2. The point of transfer to be made under the Agreement will either be made at Banks Pumping Plant or San Luis Reservoir.
3. The transfer is subject to the terms and conditions of the SWP Contract, as amended by the Water Management Amendment, which requires approval from DWR. The proposed Agreement includes the findings and confirmations required by DWR in order to comply with Article 57(g) of the Agency’s SWP Contract.
4. For each AF of water transferred, Westside Districts will pay \$500 to the Agency. Westside Districts will submit payment to SGPWA totaling \$3,000,000 within 45 days of the delivery of SGPWA’s 6,000 AF of SWP water.
5. SGPWA may make available up to 2,000 acre-feet of additional SWP water for transfer as an option. The General Managers of the Westside Districts and SGPWA would need to agree to exercise this option. Westside Districts will pay SGPWA \$500 for each acre-foot delivered under this option. If SGPWA or the Westside Districts declines the option, then this option would expire, and no additional water beyond the 6,000 AF would be transferred to Westside Districts under this agreement.
6. The SWP water that SGPWA would transfer would be Table A and/or Carryover.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and State CEQA Guidelines, the transfer and exchange of Table A water under the Agreement is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to Water Code Section 1729 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(u), which exempt temporary changes in the point of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use due to a transfer or exchange of water or water rights as set forth in Water Code section 1725 et seq.

Additionally, the transfer and exchange are categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), which exempts from further CEQA review the operation of existing public structures, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination.

Finally, the transfer and exchange are exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) which exempts those activities for which it can be seen with certainty that there is no potential to result in significant environmental effects.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the transfer and exchange under the Agreement are exempt from CEQA.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

\$3,000,000 of revenue from the transfer of water will be generated by the 6,000 acre-foot transfer element of the transaction. If the 2,000 acre-foot option is exercised by the Westside Districts and approved by SGPWA, up to an additional \$1,000,000 will be generated. Funds from the transfer will be deposited in the General Fund. These funds will be credited to the new line item ‘Other Water Sales’ in FY 2024-25.

### **ACTION**

Authorize the General Manager to execute and implement the transfer agreement between the Westside Districts and SGPWA. This action would also authorize the General Manager to negotiate and make non-substantive amendments to the transfer agreement as may be required to obtain DWR’s approval.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

A. 2024 Westside Districts/San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Transfer Agreement



SAN GORGONIO PASS  
WATER AGENCY  
*A California State Water Project Contractor*

June 17, 2024

Mark Gilkey

General Manager

Dudley Ridge WD, Berrenda Mesa WD, Lost Hills WD, and Belridge WSD

555 California Avenue, Suite 209

Bakersfield, CA 93313

Sheridan Nicholas

Engineer-Manager

Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Water Storage District

12109 Highway 166

Bakersfield, CA 93313

**Subject:** 2024 Westside Districts/San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Transfer Agreement

Dear Messrs. Gilkey and Nicholas,

This Transfer Agreement (“Agreement”) documents and confirms the agreement that has been reached between the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (“SGPWA”), and Dudley Ridge Water District (“DRWD”), Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, Belridge Water Storage District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water District (collectively, the “Westside Districts”) for a transfer of SGPWA’s State Water Project (“SWP”) water supplies.

#### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

SGPWA, Kern County Water Agency (“KCWA”), and DRWD are State Water Contractors (“Contractors”) that receive water deliveries from the SWP. Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, Belridge Water Storage District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water District are sometimes hereinafter called “Member Agencies,” as these agencies receive SWP water supplies through KCWA.

As of the Effective Date of this Agreement (defined below), the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) has approved an allocation of SWP water supplied to the Contractors of 40% for calendar year 2024, which, for SGPWA, equals a SWP Table A allocation of 6,920 acre-feet (“AF”). In total, SGPWA has over 25,000 AF of water in its 2024 water portfolio.

SGPWA anticipates that it will be able to meet all of its annual local service area demands for 2024 with excess SWP water supplies remaining. The Westside Districts are interested in acquiring additional SWP water supplies in 2024 for use in their respective service

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areas. Therefore, SGPWA has agreed to sell, and the Westside Districts have agreed to purchase, 6,000 AF of SGPWA's SWP 2024 water supplies at a price of \$500 per AF for a total of \$3,000,000, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein. Moreover, SGPWA has agreed to make available for purchase by the Westside Districts an additional up to 2,000 AF of its SWP water supplies in 2024 if the Westside Districts desire at some point in the future to purchase all or part of the same. This additional 2,000 acre-foot transfer would be an option requiring approval from both SGPWA and Westside Districts.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. Conditions Precedent

- a. DWR's written approval of this Agreement shall be a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement. DWR's approval shall be provided in the form of a non-permanent Table A Transfer or an Article 56 Carryover Water Transfer (individually, "SWP Agreement") between DWR, SGPWA, DRWD, and KCWA. Said SWP Agreement may be a single agreement or separate agreements with each agency, depending on DWR's preference.
  - i. SGPWA and the Westside Districts, and each of them, shall cooperate with DWR and with each other in the preparation, review, and execution of the SWP Agreement with DWR, and with the processing of such other approvals as may be necessary to affect the water transfer described herein.
- b. KCWA's execution of the above-referenced SWP Agreement on behalf of its Member Agencies shall be a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement. It shall be the Member Agencies' responsibility to work with KCWA on obtaining KCWA's approval of said SWP Agreement. The Member Agencies represent they have coordinated with KCWA on this transfer of SWP water supplies and that KCWA is willing to facilitate the same.

### 2. Water Transfer(s) to the Westside Districts

- a. SGPWA shall transfer 6,000 AF of its 2024 SWP water supplies ("Transferred Water") to the Westside Districts within forty-five (45) days of execution of a SWP Agreement among DWR, SGPWA, DRWD, and KCWA.
  - i. The Westside Districts shall determine amongst themselves the allocation of the Transferred Water.
  - ii. Conveyance of Transferred Water is subject to any capacity limitations imposed by DWR.
- b. SGPWA may make available an additional up to 2,000 AF of its 2024 SWP water supplies ("Future Water") to the Westside Districts as an option. To exercise this option, the General Managers from SGPWA and Westside Districts shall approve the additional Future Water. If approved by the respective Agencies/Districts, SGPWA shall transfer the requested amount of Future Water within forty-five (45) days of KCWA's execution of its SWP Agreement. If either SGPWA or Westside Districts declines the option, or the option is not exercised by September 30, 2024, then the option shall expire.

- c. SGPWA may decide if the Transferred Water and/or Future Water will come from its 2024 Table A and/or Article 56 Carryover water.

3. Effective Date

This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the last signature hereto and shall expire on December 31, 2024.

4. Point of Transfer

If the Transferred Water is Table A, the Point of Transfer (“POT”) shall be Banks Pumping Plant of the California Aqueduct. If the Transferred Water is Article 56 Carryover, the POT shall be at San Luis Reservoir, but for the purposes of payment, the POT shall be Banks Pumping Plant. The parties may otherwise agree in writing to an alternate point of transfer location, subject to DWR’s approval. The Westside Districts shall take possession of the Transferred Water at the POT.

5. Payment

- a. The Westside Districts shall pay SGPWA \$500 per AF for all Transferred and Future Water delivered to the POT by SGPWA.
- b. SGPWA shall be responsible for all conveyance costs up to the Point of Transfer (including SWP delivery costs), which shall be at Banks Pumping Plant. The Westside Districts shall be responsible for all conveyance costs downstream of Banks Pumping Plant, including SWP delivery costs.

If either SGPWA or the Westside Districts (by and through KCWA/DRWD) are charged by DWR for SWP delivery costs for which the other party is responsible for, as per this Agreement, both parties agree to reconcile those charges and make appropriate payments/credits to the other party once those charges are known.

- c. Once the Transferred Water is delivered to the POT by SGPWA, SGPWA shall invoice the Westside Districts for the full amount of \$3,000,000. The Westside Districts shall pay SGPWA’s invoice within 45 days of receipt. SGPWA shall send the invoice to the following address in electronic format:

Westside Districts  
Jamie Marquez  
[jmarquez@westsidewa.org](mailto:jmarquez@westsidewa.org)

If SGPWA and Westside Districts exercise the option to purchase Future Water, as described and defined herein, the Westside Districts shall pay SGPWA’s invoice for Future Water within 45 days of receipt.

- d. SGPWA and the Westside Districts shall be responsible for their own internal and/or transaction costs associated with the transfer contemplated herein. This includes each entities own legal and consulting costs incurred in the preparation, review, and implementation of this Agreement.

#### 6. CEQA Compliance

SGPWA and the Westside Districts shall work together to prepare a Notice of Exemption, and in doing so, SGPWA shall be the “lead agency” and each of the Westside Districts, KCWA, and DWR shall be “responsible agencies.”

SGPWA and Westside Districts agree that the transfer of water described herein constitutes a “project” and, after review, find that the transfer of water is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the following:

- (1) Categorically exempt per Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Rule when there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; and
- (2) Categorically exempt per Section 15301 – Existing facilities; and
- (3) Statutorily exempt per Section 15282(u) – Temporary changes in the point of diversion, place of use, of purpose of use due to a transfer or exchange of water or water rights as set forth in Section 1729 of the Water Code.

SGPWA and Westside Districts shall each file the Notice of Exemption for the project described herein with the County Clerk/Recorder of the relevant counties and the California Office of Planning and Research.

#### 7. Places of Use

The water delivered to the Westside Districts pursuant to this Agreement shall be used entirely within the service areas of DRWD and KCWA.

#### 8. Compliance with Article 57(g) of the Water Supply Contracts

By execution of this transfer, DRWD and SGPWA confirm compliance with Article 57(g) of their respective Water Supply Contracts related to this transfer, namely:

- (1) DRWD and SGPWA have complied with all applicable laws;
- (2) DRWD and SGPWA have provided any required notices to public agencies and the public;
- (3) DRWD and SGPWA have provided the relevant terms to all contractors and to the Contractors’ Water Transfers Committee;
- (4) DRWD and SGPWA are informed and believe that the transfer or exchange will not harm other contractors;
- (5) DRWD and SGPWA are informed and believe that the transfer or exchange will not adversely impact SWP operations;

- (6) DRWD and SGPWA are informed and believe that the transfer or exchange will not affect their abilities to make all payments, including payments when due under their contracts for their share of the financing costs of the State of California's Central Valley Project Revenue Bonds; and
- (7) DRWD and SGPWA have considered the potential impacts of the transfer or exchange within their service areas.

9. Costs of Defense

In the event of any legal action by a third party to challenge the validity this Agreement and/or the water transfer described herein, SGPWA and the Westside Districts agree to cooperate in the defense thereof and to share equally in the costs of such defense, utilizing counsel mutually acceptable to the parties.

10. Force Majeure

In the event that an unavoidable event renders the performance of this Agreement impossible or infeasible, the parties hereto shall be excused from the performance thereof; provided, however, that DRWD, KCWA and SGPWA shall first coordinate with DWR to determine whether alternate performance may be possible pursuant to an alternate schedule for completion of performance.

11. Authority

The undersigned representatives of SGPWA and the Westside Districts hereby represent that they are authorized to execute the Agreement for the party on whose behalf this Agreement is executed.

12. Notice

Written notice may be provided by either party to the other by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the following addresses:

**Dudley Ridge Water District**  
5555 California Avenue, Suite 209  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Attn: Mark Gilkey, General Manager

**Berrenda Mesa Water District**  
5555 California Avenue, Suite 209  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Attn: Mark Gilkey, General Manager

**Lost Hills Water District**  
5555 California Avenue, Suite 209  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Attn: Mark Gilkey, General Manager



**Belridge Water Storage District**  
5555 California Avenue, Suite 209  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Attn: Mark Gilkey, General Manager

**Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District**  
12109 Highway 166,  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
Attn: Eric McDaris, Water Resources Manager

**San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency**  
1210 Beaumont Ave  
Beaumont, CA 92223  
Attn: Lance Eckhart, General Manager

13. DocuSign

All parties consent to using DocuSign for this Agreement which shall be binding.

Sincerely,

Lance Eckhart  
General Manager  
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

*[Signatures on the following page]*

Executed by the undersigned on the dates set forth below.

San Geronio Pass Water Agency

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Lance Eckhart, General Manager

BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Gilkey, General Manager

BERRENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Gilkey, General Manager

LOST HILLS WATER DISTRICT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Gilkey, General Manager

DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Gilkey, General Manager

WHEELER RIDGE- MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer- Manager

# Westside Districts Water Transfer

Board of Directors

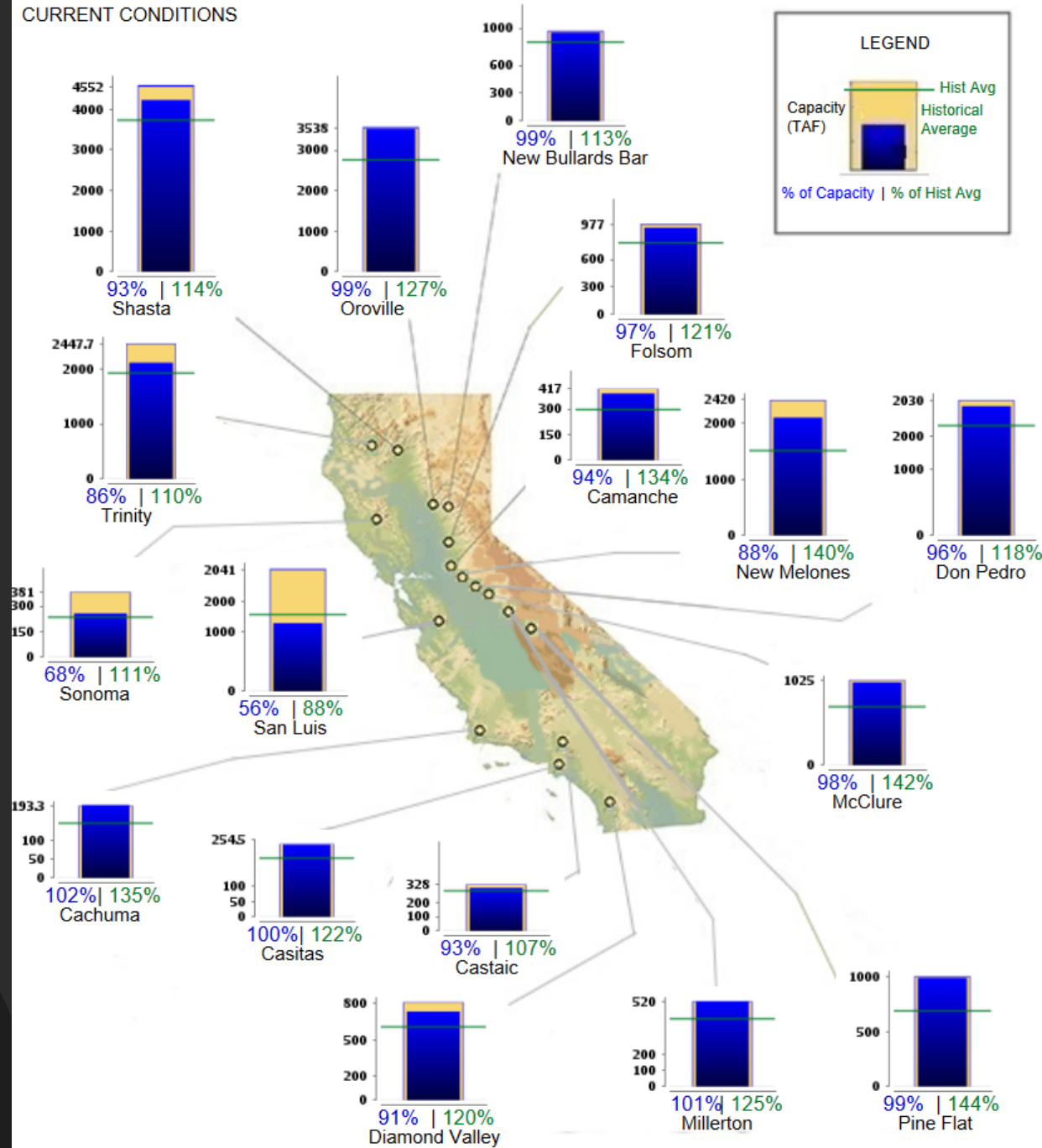
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# CALIFORNIA MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS

Midnight - June 11, 2024

## CURRENT CONDITIONS



**Allocation Analysis for 2024 (TAF)**  
**WY 2024 Updated Study Based on May WSI**

	2023	2024												Total (MAF)	Possible Table A %
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
<b>25% (90% Fall) Exceedance SOD</b>		<b>SRI = 18.5</b>			<b>SVI, WYT = 8.8, AN</b>			<b>SJI, WYT = 3.7, AN</b>			<b>Possible 2024 Table A =</b>			<b>1.669</b>	<b>40%</b>
Oroville EOM Storage	2362	2704	2948	3109	3461	3522	3522	3028	2560	2083	1846	1758	1731		
Feather R. release (avg. cfs)	1761	2098	8049	10716	6521	5432	1664	7660	7432	9041	4082	1750	1756	-	
SWP Banks PP exports	196	115	149	117	78	43	81	408	409	395	122	152	65	2.134	
<i>Potential South of Delta Art. 21 Water Avail.</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240	30	0.270	
SWP San Luis EOM Storage	367	397	474	522	539	462	358	563	798	1020	998	1062	1062	-	
SWP Contractor Deliveries	265	97	79	73	71	117	184	211	197	155	150	111	99	1.545	
<b>50% (90% Fall) Exceedance NOD</b>		<b>SRI = 17.5</b>			<b>SVI, WYT = 8.4, AN</b>			<b>SJI, WYT = 3.5, AN</b>			<b>Possible 2024 Table A =</b>			<b>2.712</b>	<b>65%</b>
Oroville EOM Storage	2362	2704	2948	3109	3461	3522	3229	2687	2193	1689	1448	1361	1333		
Feather R. release (avg. cfs)	1761	2098	8049	10716	6521	5139	4571	7790	7676	9394	4147	1750	1756	-	
SWP Banks PP exports	196	456	520	491	248	147	253	408	409	395	125	154	197	3.802	
SWP San Luis EOM Storage	367	738	1062	1062	1062	953	904	973	1051	1040	974	974	1040	-	
SWP Contractor Deliveries	265	97	79	73	71	252	300	347	354	387	198	178	166	2.502	
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Oroville EOM Storage	2362	2704	2948	3109	3461	3522	3408	2867	2372	1864	1623	1536	1508		
Feather R. release (avg. cfs)	1761	2098	8049	10716	6521	5139	1563	7774	7693	9462	4147	1750	1756	-	
SWP Banks PP exports	196	115	149	117	78	42	73	408	409	395	126	154	68	2.134	
<i>Potential South of Delta Art. 21 Water Avail.</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0.030	
SWP San Luis EOM Storage	367	397	474	522	539	461	349	554	789	1011	993	1059	1062	-	
SWP Contractor Deliveries	265	97	79	73	71	117	184	211	197	155	150	111	99	1.545	
<b>75% (90% Fall) Exceedance SOD</b>		<b>SRI = 16.9</b>			<b>SVI, WYT = 8.3, AN</b>			<b>SJI, WYT = 3.4, AN</b>			<b>Possible 2024 Table A =</b>			<b>1.669</b>	<b>40%</b>
Oroville EOM Storage	2362	2704	2948	3109	3461	3522	3364	2786	2272	1757	1516	1428	1400		
Feather R. release (avg. cfs)	1761	2098	8049	10716	6521	5074	2033	7628	7335	9394	4147	1750	1756	-	
SWP Banks PP exports	196	115	149	117	78	41	64	408	409	395	125	155	78	2.134	
<i>Potential South of Delta Art. 21 Water Avail.</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0.030	
SWP San Luis EOM Storage	367	397	474	522	539	460	339	544	779	1001	982	1049	1062	-	
SWP Contractor Deliveries	265	97	79	73	71	117	184	211	197	155	150	111	99	1.545	
<b>90% (90% Fall) Exceedance NOD</b>		<b>SRI = 16.5</b>			<b>SVI, WYT = 8.1, AN</b>			<b>SJI, WYT = 3.3, AN</b>			<b>Possible 2024 Table A =</b>			<b>2.712</b>	<b>65%</b>
Oroville EOM Storage	2362	2704	2948	3109	3461	3522	3300	2697	2170	1650	1410	1322	1294		
Feather R. release (avg. cfs)	1761	2098	8049	10716	6521	4863	3344	8018	7351	9327	4131	1750	1756	-	
SWP Banks PP exports	196	456	520	491	248	147	105	408	409	395	124	155	197	3.654	
SWP San Luis EOM Storage	367	738	1062	1062	1062	953	756	825	902	933	854	837	891	-	
SWP Contractor Deliveries	265	97	79	73	71	252	300	347	354	345	211	196	178	2.503	
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Historical Data

## SGPWA 2025 Water Profile Based on 1,000 AF Max Carryover

All Values in Acre-Feet

	40%
SGPWA TA	6,920
Ventura TA	4,000
SGPWA CO	8,639
Ventura CO	4,178
Nickel Water	1,700
Yuba Accords	75
Total Available	25,512
Deliveries	18,000
Expected Unused TA	7,512
Max Carryover Target	1,000
Potential Transfer/Exchange Available	6,512
Potential CLAWA Return	500
Remaining for Transfer	6,012

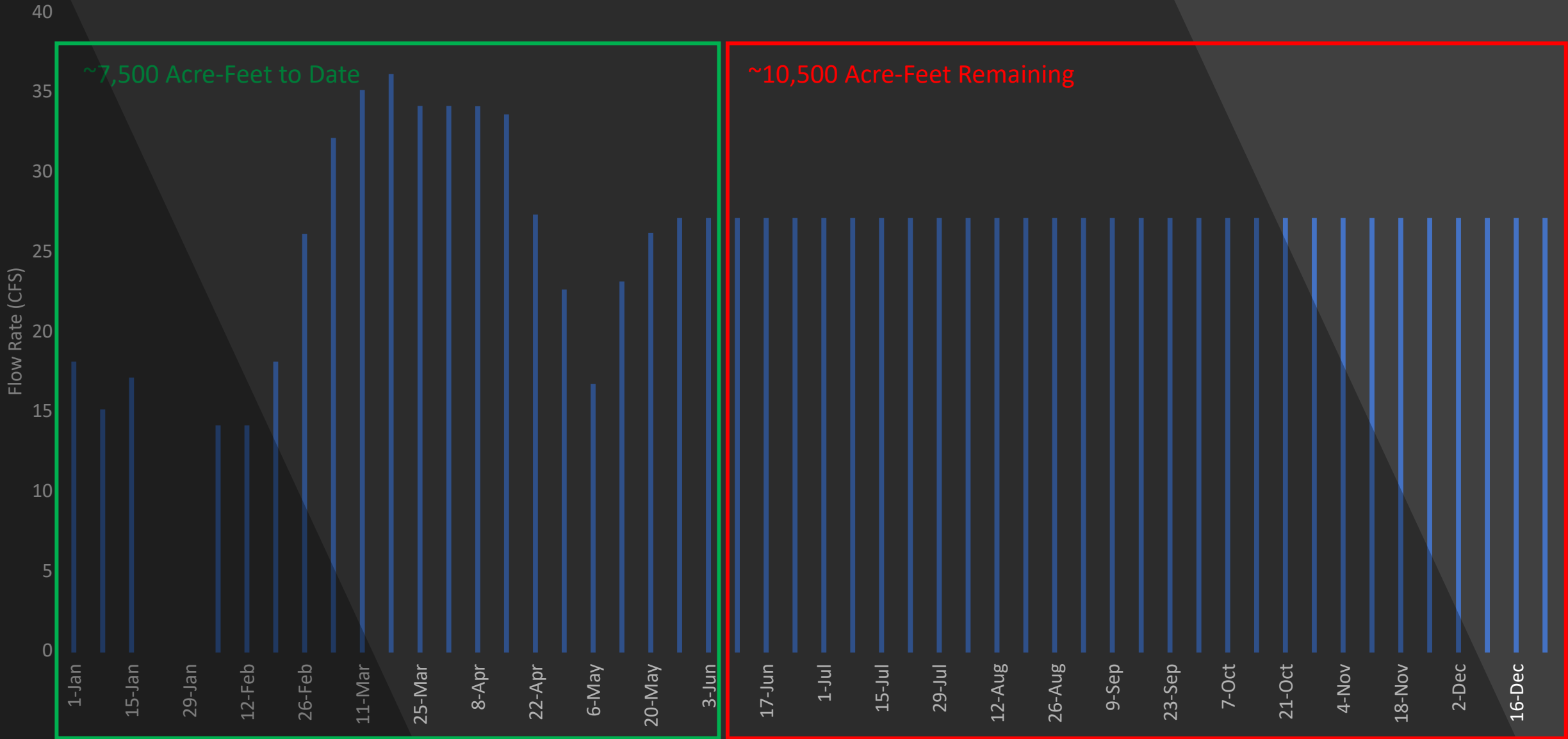
- Over 25,000 acre-feet in this year's water portfolio
- 18,000 acre-feet of deliveries
- 50,000 acre-feet of imported SWP water locally “banked” by the end of 2024
- 6,000 acre-feet of excess supplies available for transfer
- ~1,500 acre-feet of possible excess supplies

\* Table does not reflect AVEK return water or Beaumont Basin Storage Account



# Average Flow Rate by Week

## 18k AF Target



# Potential Water Transfer with the Westside Districts

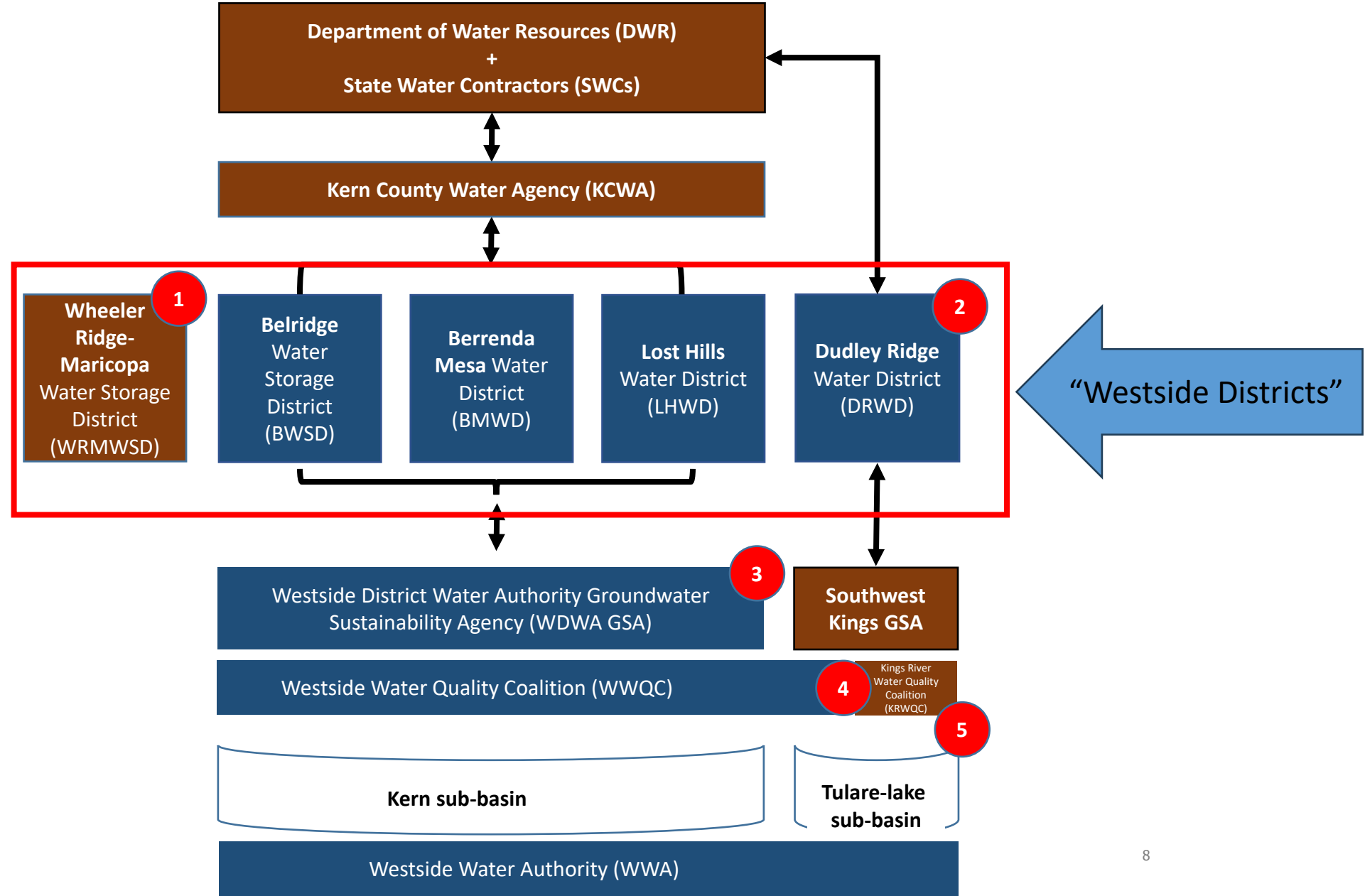
# WWA entities and other public agency relationships

**Westside Water Authority (WWA) managed entity (seven total)**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-party**

**Notes:**

1. WRMWSD works in partnership with WWA as part of the “Westside 5” to acquire supplemental water supplies
2. DRWD has direct access to negotiations with DWR and the SWCs
3. WDWA GSA is used as a single entity to represent BWSD, BMWD, and LHWD with SGMA compliance items; it is also formally a member of the Kern Groundwater Authority GSA
4. WWQC supports all of BWSD, BMWD, and LHWD water districts and part of DRWD with Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) General Order R5-213-0120 as well as CV Salts compliance (ILRP compliance). The other portion of DRWD ILRP compliance is covered by the Kings River Water Quality Coalition (KRWQC) for lands North of Interstate 5
5. Portions of DRWD’s groundwater in KRWQC are de-designated. However, ILRP has both surface water and groundwater requirements. Therefore, even if portions of DRWD are de-designated for groundwater DRWD must still comply with the surface water requirements and must pay/participate in a coalition.



All four of WWA's water agencies receive most of their water supplies from the State Water Project (SWP).

### SWP basics:

700 miles of canals, pipelines, reservoirs and hydroelectric power facilities

Two of every three Californians receives water from the State Water Project (SWP)

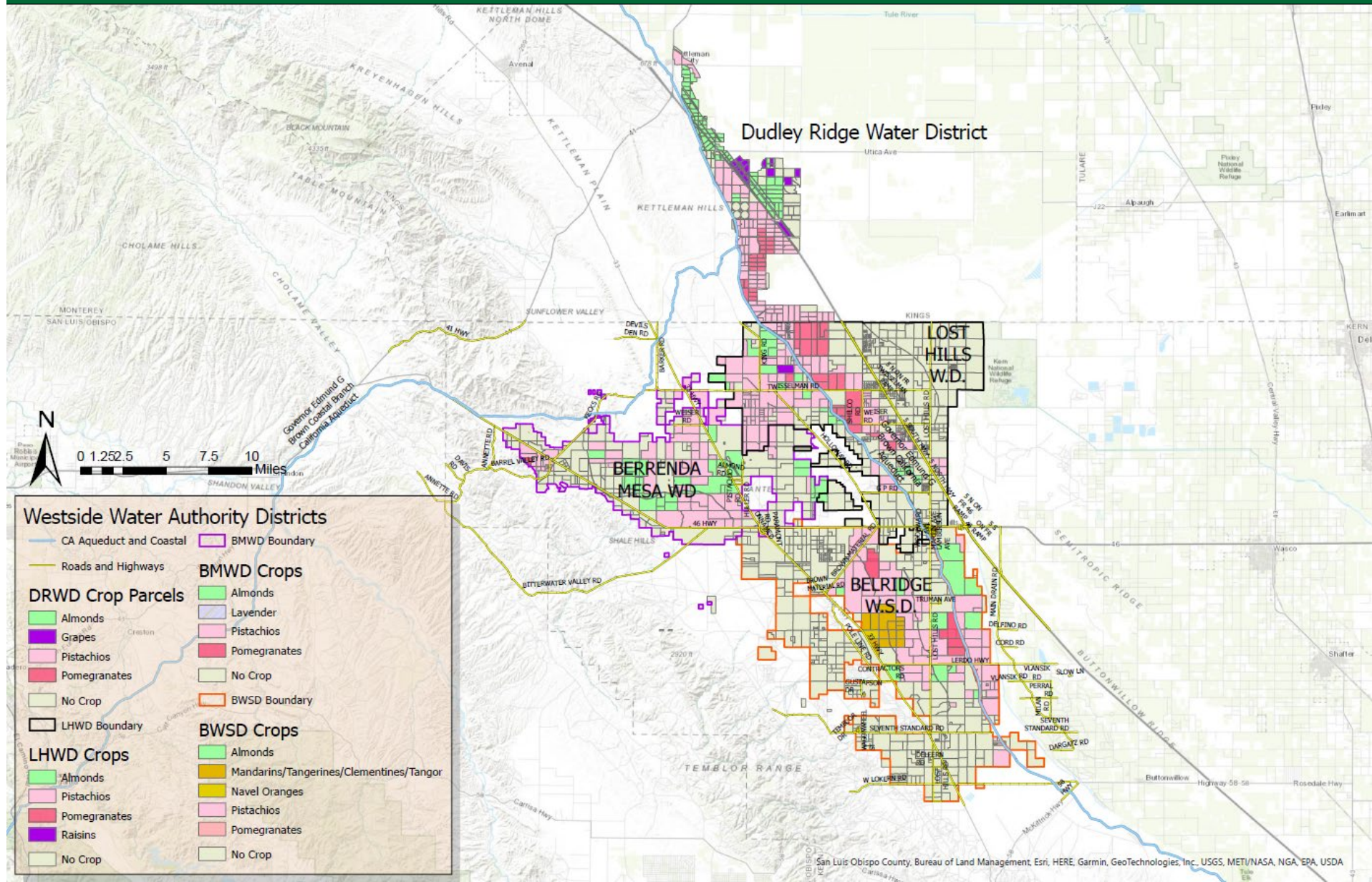
The SWP is the largest state-owned and operated water delivery system in the world

The SWP supports ~750,000 acres of crops

*WWA represents ~11% of this total acreage*

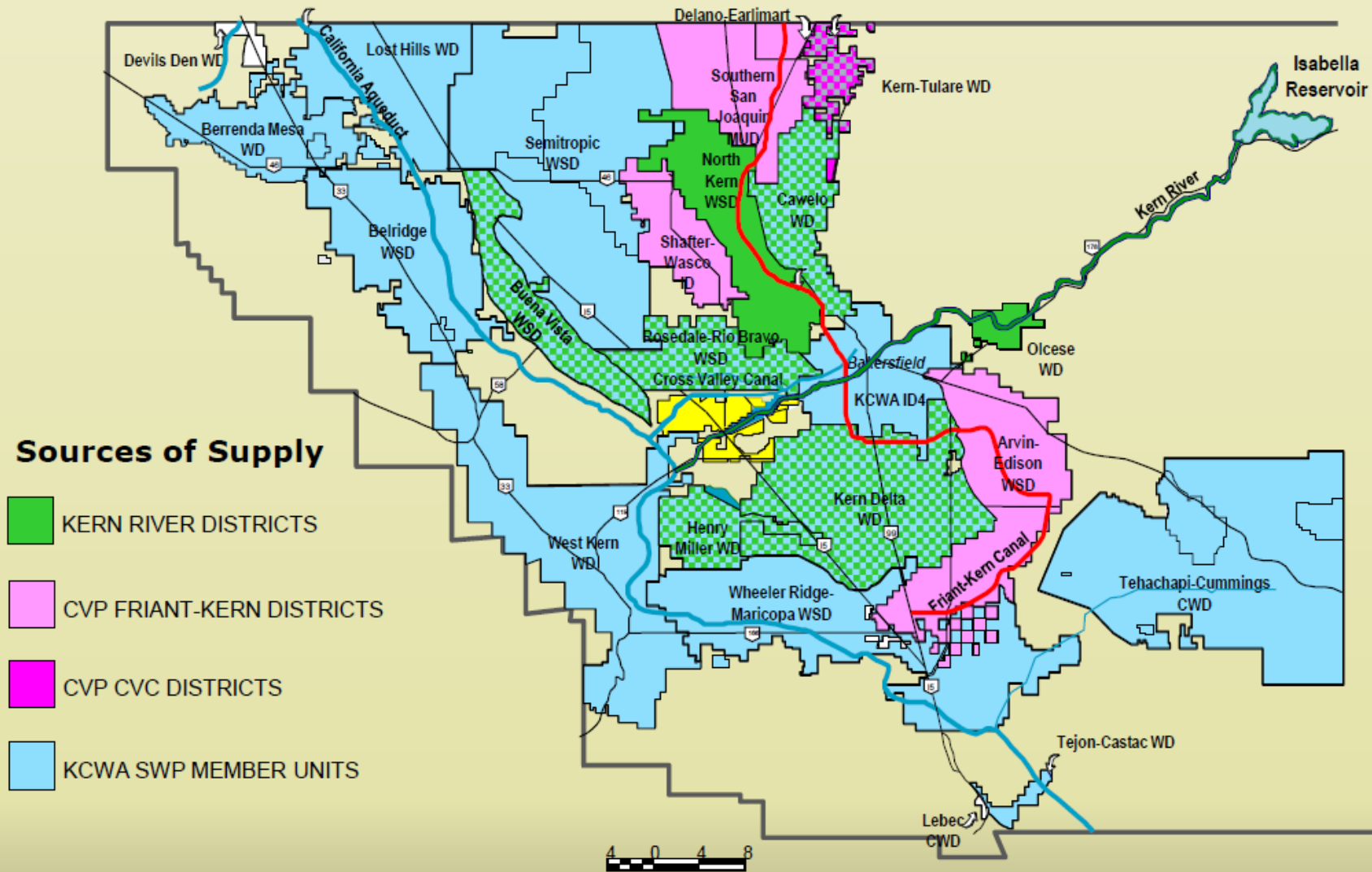


# WWA's member agencies cover ~413 square miles: ~357 in Kern County and ~56 square miles in Kings County



San Luis Obispo County, Bureau of Land Management, Esri, HERE, Garmin, GeoTechnologies, Inc., USGS, METI/NASA, NGA, EPA, USDA

# Kern County Water Districts



Three of WWA's four public water agencies are Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) SWP Member Units: Belridge, Berrenda Mesa and Lost Hills

Westside Districts has indicated that they are in need water this year and SGPWA has 6,000 acre-feet available to transfer

# SGPWA and Westside Districts staff have drafted a transfer agreement that includes the following:

- SGPWA would transfer 6,000 acre-feet of SWP water
- The Westside Districts would allocate the transfer water between their member agencies
- Westside Districts would pay SGPWA \$500 per acre-foot for each acre-foot that is transferred
- SGPWA may make an additional up to 2,000 acre-feet of SWP water available as an option that requires approval from the SGPWA General Manager as well as from the Westside Districts
- For the optional 2,000 acre-feet, Westside Districts would pay SGPWA \$500 per acre-foot transferred



# To recap...

- DWR anticipates on filling San Luis Reservoir by the end of the year (real risk of reclassification)
- DWR anticipates that 1,000,000 acre-feet of carryover will exist in 2025
- SGPWA anticipates on delivering 18,000 acre-feet into the Beaumont Basin
- This means SGPWA will have 6,000 acre-feet of water available for transfer
- Westside Districts is a willing buyer
- As an option, SGPWA may make an additional 2,000 acre-feet available for transfer
- *There is potential for a long-term partnership with Ag SWP Contractors.*

## Board Action:

Authorize the General Manager to execute and implement the transfer agreement between the Westside Districts and SGPWA. This action would also authorize the General Manager to negotiate and make non-substantive amendments to the transfer agreement as may be required to obtain DWR's approval.

Thank you

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