GREATER KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

FROM: Mark Larsen

DATE: October 26, 2026

SUBJECT: GKGSA Combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees Meeting Summary

Meeting Overview

The Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GKGSA) Combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees met on October 26, 2026. Discussion focused on Water Year allocations, development of a supplemental-water purchasing program, the Land Fallowing Program, recharge opportunities, subsidence management, and expansion of the groundwater monitoring network.

Water Year Allocations and Pricing

Members reviewed recent Board consideration of allocation and pricing matters. Tier1 and Tier 2 will be the same as water year 2026 Tier 1 being .31 AF/Parcel Acre and Tier 2 being .23 AF/Parcel Acre. The discussion referenced pricing of approximately $250 per acre-foot. Existing tiered allocations are expected to continue during development of the supplemental-water program.

Supplemental Water and Water Credit Management

Staff described a proposed program to acquire verifiable groundwater credits associated with surface-water conveyance seepage and potentially imported water. Preliminary discussion considered annual demand of approximately 35,000–40,000 acre-feet, a potential purchase price near $250 per acre-foot, and Board authorization of up to $10 million for acquisitions. These are planning figures, not final program terms. Participants discussed supply verification, pricing, administrative procedures, annual-use requirements, and potential GSA reserves. A possible transition beginning Water Year 2028 would require further development of the Rules and Regulations and Board consideration.

Land Fallowing Program and Budget

Members discussed a reported decrease of approximately 5,039 irrigated acres between 2022 and 2025 and the value of tracking acreage and groundwater use over time. The future payment structure and financial sustainability of the Land Fallowing Program were considered in light of a potential shift toward purchasing supplemental water. Long-term funding and program design remain open for further evaluation.

Recharge Opportunities

The committees discussed opportunities to capture high-flow water for recharge, including on-farm recharge programs. Participants noted that available flows, water rights, timing, and grower participation would determine whether such opportunities can be implemented.

Subsidence Monitoring and Management

Tom Harder reviewed critical-head analysis and potential subsidence-management areas. At 13 western-area monitoring locations evaluated, adopted groundwater minimum thresholds were below estimated critical heads, raising concern about the potential for continued compaction. The Technical Advisory Committee requested additional analysis using further monitoring locations and DWR Bulletin 118 information. Members also discussed DWR guidance, infrastructure risks, and the need to refine management-area boundaries and practical responses before Board consideration.

Monitoring Well Network

Mr. Harder reviewed work across five monitoring priority areas, including prospective nested monitoring wells, additional transducer installations, and landowner coordination. The Herbert Preserve well was anticipated to

begin construction in November 2026. Potential new well sites and additional instrumentation are being evaluated to improve upper- and lower-aquifer monitoring and address geographic data gaps.

Daily ET Pilot and Follow-Up

Participants briefly discussed whether to continue the daily evapotranspiration (ET) service pilot. Staff was asked to provide the agreement, costs, and usage information for future Board review. Additional follow-up includes developing the supplemental-water framework, evaluating fallowing and budget implications, expanding critical-head analysis, coordinating with infrastructure operators, and advancing monitoring-well site approvals.

Next Steps

Staff and consultants will continue refining the water-purchasing program and related policy changes, monitoring and subsidence-management analysis, and the monitoring-well network.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Agenda Item 6a

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Proposed
FY 2026 BUDGET

November 9, 2026

5 YEAR PROJECTION

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		Events likely to impact Revenue/Expenses:	Switch from Tier to Supplemental Water	County 218 = $6 Continues		GSP Periodic Eval	Ramp Down Step	
GENERAL REVENUE SUMMARY		***2026 Projected***	**2027 REVENUE**	**2028 Estimated Revenue**	**2029 Estimated Revenue**	**2030 Estimated Revenue**	**2031 Estimated Revenue**	**2032 Estimated Revenue**
4000	**Assessments** (90% collection)	**1,900,063**	**1,135,000**	**1,135,000**	**1,135,000**	**1,135,000**	**1,135,000**	**1,145,000**
	Tulare County ($6.00/ac)	*1,404,497*	*840,000*	*840,000*	*840,000*	*840,000*	840,000	850,000
	Kings County ($6.00/ac)	*495,566*	*295,000*	*295,000*	*295,000*	*295,000*	295,000	295,000
4100	**Grant Income**	**1,000,000**	**500,000**	***0***	***0***	0	0	***0***
4150	**Misc Income**	**60,000**	**400,000**	***350,000***	***300,000***	***250,000***	***175,000***	***100,000***
4200	**Penalty Fund**	***14,000,000***	***13,000,000***	***13,000,000***	***11,000,000***	***11,000,000***	***6,600,000***	***6,600,000***
4210	Overdraft Penalty Fund	*9,100,000*	*2,000,000*	2,000,000		-	-	-
4220	Carryover Water Fund	4,900,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
(New)	Supplemental Water Pool	-	*11,000,000*	11,000,000	11,000,000	11,000,000	6,600,000	6,600,000
		$ 16,960,063	***$ 15,035,000***	**$ 14,485,000**	**$ 12,435,000**	**$ 12,385,000**	**$ 7,910,000**	**$ 7,845,000**

		2026			2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
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	GSA Administration	$ 944,000	$ 585,182	$ 780,243	$ 865,000	$ 887,540	$ 899,096	$ 866,169	$ 873,259	$ 891,867
5100	**Payroll (fully burdened)**	**550,000**	***412,079***	***549,439***	**500,000**	515,000	530,000	545,000	560,000	575,000
5110	**Office Administration**	**95,000**	***95,563***	***95,563***	**122,000**	124,000	124,000	119,500	121,000	123,500
5111	Supplies, Equipment, Postage	18,000	*16,636*	*127,417*	20,000	20,000	20,000	21,000	22,000	23,000
5112	Publications, Notices, Website	8,000	*9,666*	*12,888*	12,000	12,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
5113	Rent	48,000	*36,000*	*48,000*	48,000	50,000	50,000	51,000	52,000	53,000
5114	Utilities	15,000	*12,414*	*16,552*	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,500	17,000	17,500
5115	Equipment, Computers, Furniture	1,000	*9,541*	*12,721*	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
5116	Repair & Maintenance	2,000	*6,792*	*9,056*	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
5117	Employee Training & Travel	3,000	*4,514*	*6,019*	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
5120	**Communication, Outreach, Media, Events**	**20,000**	***444***	***592***	**10,000**	15,000	10,000	15,000	5,000	5,000
5200	**Insurance**	**14,000**	***13,433***	***17,911***	**18,000**	18,540	19,096	19,669	20,259	20,867
5300	**Professional Services**	**265,000**	***63,663***	***84,884***	**215,000**	215,000	216,000	167,000	167,000	167,500
5310	Legal	250,000	*63,663*	*84,884*	200,000	200,000	200,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
5320	Audit	15,000	*0*	***0***	15,000	15,000	16,000	17,000	17,000	17,500
	GSP Implementation	8,885,000	2,023,349	2,697,799	16,671,000	17,295,100	15,111,900	14,801,000	9,911,000	9,441,000
5400	**GSP Development & Implementation**	**7,690,000**	***1,325,389***	***1,767,185***	**15,486,000**	16,105,000	14,006,900	14,016,000	9,166,000	9,011,000
5401	Dashboard Development & Support	140,000	*91,584*	*122,112*	120,000	140,000	130,000	100,000	100,000	75,000
5402	GSP Development & Updates	50,000	*24,983*	*33,311*	50,000	50,000	50,000	200,000	50,000	-
5403	Projects and Management Actions	500,000	*277,993*	*370,657*	400,000	400,000	400,000	300,000	300,000	270,000
5404	DMS Update & Management	50,000	*84,366*	*112,488*	100,000	100,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
5405	Annual Reporting	50,000	*10,541*	*14,055*	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
5406	General Engineering	400,000	*204,498*	*272,664*	300,000	309,000	250,000	350,000	300,000	250,000
5407	Import Water Purchase	2,000,000	*585,761*	*781,015*	2,000,000	2,060,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
	Supplemental Water Pool Purchase				10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	6,100,000	6,100,000
5408	GK Land Fallowing Program	1,500,000	*83*	*111*	1,500,000	2,000,000	-	-	-	-
5409	Well Mitigation	3,000,000	*45,580*	*60,773*	1,000,000	1,030,000	1,060,900	1,000,000	250,000	250,000
5410	**Subbasin / Interbasin Coordination**	**105,000**	***164,996***	***219,995***	**200,000**	200,000	150,000	75,000	75,000	50,000
5420	**Monitoring / Measurement / Data**	**1,090,000**	***532,964***	***710,619***	**985,000**	990,100	955,000	710,000	670,000	380,000
5421	GW Level- Semi Annual	15,000	*0*	*0*	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
5422	GW Quality- Semi Annual (split 3 ways	100,000	*66,324*	*88,432*	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	10,000
5423	Subsidence	200,000	*52,497*	*69,996*	120,000	123,600	100,000	75,000	50,000	50,000
5424	Landowner Demand Track (Monthly +	265,000	*220,160*	*293,547*	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
5425	New Monitoring Wells	500,000	*154,141*	*205,521*	500,000	500,000	500,000	300,000	300,000	100,000
5426	Well Registration	10,000	*39,842*	*53,123*	50,000	51,500	40,000	20,000	5,000	5,000
	Funding Efforts	190,000	74,018	98,691	500,000	250,000	0	40,000	0	0
5430	**Grant Writing**	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	0	0	0	0	0
5440	**Rate Studies, Prop 218, Prop 26 Elections**	**60,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	0	0	40,000	0	0
5525	**Grant Payments (Imp Grant '25)**	**100,000**	**74,018**	**98,691**	**500,000**	250,000	0	0	0	0
		$ 10,019,000	***$ 2,682,549***	***$ 3,219,059***	**$ 18,036,000**	$ 18,432,640	$ 16,010,996	$ 15,707,169	$ 10,784,259	$ 10,332,867
	Revenue Over Expenses	$ (3,001,000)				$ (3,947,640)	$ (3,575,996)	$ (3,322,169)	$ (2,874,259)	$ (2,487,867)	**$ (19,208,932)**

Greater Kaweah GSA
Proposed FY 2026 RESERVES BUDGET

November 9, 2026

RESERVES BUDGET FY 2026	**Current Reserves**	**Adjusted Reserves (+-)**	**Proposed Reserves Budget 2027**	**Reserves Target**
Mitigation Plan	$ 3,500,000	-	$ 3,500,000	$ 3,500,000
Monitoring Wells	500,000	-	$ 500,000	1,000,000
Projects	2,000,000	-	$ 2,000,000	2,000,000
Water (import/retirement)	2,000,000	-	$ 2,000,000	2,000,000
GK Fallowing Program	2,000,000	-	$ 2,000,000	2,000,000
Carryover Water Deposit	5,500,000	-	$ 5,500,000	5,000,000
	$15,500,000	*$0*	**$15,500,000**	*$15,500,000*

indicates a projected budget change of significance

Kaweah Subbasin Well Registration Program

Basin-wide proposal, contracted through Mid-Kaweah GSA with GKGSA / EKGSA cost shares | AgOptics LLC | Oct 2026

What this program delivers

A basin-wide, grower-verified database of agricultural wells for the Kaweah Subbasin. Not a list of pins on a map — for every well the GSAs get:

- **A precisely located wellhead** — confirmed by the owner on the ground, with photo, status, type and parcel, not an address or a guess from a permit.
- **The well's own completion report** — matched by the owner to the correct DWR Well Completion Report from AgOptics' corrected 50,000-record Kaweah WCR library.
- **Total depth and screened intervals** — pulled from the matched WCR, so staff can see how deep each well goes and where it is perforated.
- **A database file and an interactive map** — a file each GSA loads into its own GIS or DMS, plus a live map on the Kaweah Water Dashboard, filterable by GSA, management zone, depth and match status.
- **A record that stays current** — new wells, re-drills and status changes flow through the same portal after year 1.

Matching is done by the well owner using their Water Code §13752 access to confidential well logs, which is what makes the result a verified record rather than a self-reported list.

How it works

Step	Who	What happens
1	AgOptics	Imports each GSA's existing registration and well inventory; pre-loads parcels and user accounts into the dashboard.
2	Grower	Logs in once, confirms or adds each wellhead (location, type, status, photo). Wells already registered with a GSA are confirmed, not re-entered.
3	Grower	Reviews the WCR candidates AgOptics has already matched to that parcel and confirms the correct completion report for each well.
4	AgOptics	Attaches total depth and screened intervals to the confirmed well; publishes it to the map and the GSA's DMS feed.
5	GSAs	Receive the database file and live map; audit any record directly in the portal.

Why the per-well fee is structured this way

The GSAs' own registration programs continue as-is — there is no charge for a well simply being registered. AgOptics is paid only when a grower confirms a WCR match in the portal, because that confirmation is what turns a point on a map into a well with a known depth and screened interval. If a well never matches, it never bills. The fee pays for the database, not the sign-up.

Planning basis: ~320,000 irrigated acres and ~4,650 agricultural irrigation wells subbasin-wide (GKGSA ~2,250 · MKGSA ~1,500 · EKGSA ~900). Roughly half of registered wells are expected to match a WCR; manual log matching runs ~25 minutes per well, so the equivalent staff effort is ~1,900 hours. Pricing, projections and the per-GSA cost allocation follow on page 2.

Pricing, projections and cost allocation

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Fee schedule

Component	Fee	What it covers
One-time setup (subbasin-wide)	**$90,000**	Dashboard single-login integration, API import of all three GSAs' user accounts, DMS data feed, management-zone rollout, grower onboarding materials. Allocated by GSA acreage: GKGSA $43,000 · EKGSA $28,000 · MKGSA $19,000.
Well registration	**$0**	No per-well registration charge. Wells already registered with a GSA are imported and confirmed, not re-registered.
Confirmed WCR match (per well, performance-based)	**$100** $85 after 1,500	Grower confirms a specific DWR well completion report to a registered wellhead. Billed only on confirmed matches. Produces the per-well depth and screened-interval record. Basin volume break: $85 per match after the first 1,500.
Annual maintenance (year 2 onward)	**$36,000 / yr**	Hosting, portal and integration upkeep, DMS feed, support, ongoing registration of new wells. $12,000 per GSA; new matches bill at the per-match rate.

Projected first-cycle cost and not-to-exceed (subbasin)

Scenario	Wells registered	Confirmed matches	Setup	Match fees	Total
Low	2,790 (60%)	976 (35%)	$90,000	$97,600	**$187,600**
Base	3,488 (75%)	1,744 (50%)	$90,000	$170,740	**$260,740**
High	4,185 (90%)	2,302 (55%)	$90,000	$218,170	**$308,170**

Assumptions: ~4,650 ag irrigation wells subbasin-wide. Scenarios assume 60% / 75% / 90% of wells registered and 35% / 50% / 55% of registered wells matched to a WCR. Base and High cases apply the $85 rate to matches above 1,500. Match rate depends on grower participation and on whether a WCR exists for the well. No cost for wells that are not registered or never matched.

Proposed not-to-exceed for year 1: $325,000 subbasin-wide. Per-match fees are invoiced monthly in arrears to MKGSA against portal records each GSA can audit directly. Invoices are itemized by GSA so MKGSA can bill GKGSA and EKGSA for their shares.

Cost allocation by GSA (base case)

GSA	GSA acreage	Acreage share	Setup share	Est. ag wells	Base-case matches	Match fees	Base-case total
Greater Kaweah	~213,000	48%	$43,000	~2,250	844	$82,600	**$125,600**
East Kaweah	~140,000	31%	$28,000	~900	338	$33,100	**$61,100**
Mid-Kaweah	~93,000	21%	$19,000	~1,500	563	$55,100	**$74,100**
Subbasin	**~446,000**	**100%**	**$90,000**	**~4,650**	**1,744**	**$170,740**	**$260,740**

Setup is allocated by GSA acreage. Match fees are billed to the GSA where the well sits, so each GSA pays only for its own confirmed matches; the volume break is applied pro rata. Well counts: MKGSA inventory 1,703 (~1,300 active); GKGSA staff estimate 1,800–2,000+ scaled to acreage; EKGSA estimated, no published count.

Contract structure and terms

- One agreement between AgOptics LLC and Mid-Kaweah GSA for the full subbasin; GKGSA and EKGSA participate by cost-share agreement with MKGSA, not by separate contract.
- "Confirmed match" means a grower-confirmed WCR match recorded in the portal; GSA staff re-verification is not a billing condition.
- AgOptics retains its methodology, corrected WCR library and portal; each GSA receives a perpetual license to the registry data for its management area.
- AgOptics remains an independent vendor free to serve other GSAs and subbasins; no exclusivity or GSA control of the product.
- Pricing valid for board action through December 31, 2026.