KERN SUBBASIN

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Language: Consideration and Approval of Cost Sharing Agreements 27-01 and 27-02

Background

The proposed agreements provide a framework for the participating Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and Management Areas to share the costs of work needed to implement the Subbasin's Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Together, the agreements provide $1,157,846 in shared funding for recurring annual implementation tasks and special projects in 2027, with each party contributing the amount allocated in Table 1 of each agreement.

Proposed Agreements

Agreement 27-01 provides $838,367 for annual implementation tasks, including Plan Manager and technical coordination services; data management system and website hosting and support; annual report preparation; water quality monitoring; Well Mitigation Program support; outreach and engagement; and subsidence monitoring.

Agreement 27-02 provides $319,479 for special projects, including Kern Subbasin model refinement; data gap analysis and well inventory; projects and management actions (PMA) and water budget support; SGMA grant support; and nonannual subsidence program support, including critical head analysis and model refinements.

Funding and Cash Calls

Agreement	Subbasin Total	Cash Call Schedule
27-01 Annual implementation	$838,367.00	January 2027 On or about July 2027
27-02 Special projects	$319,479.00	April 2027
Total	**$1,157,846.00**	—

Buena Vista Water Storage District will issue the cash calls shown above. Both budgets include no contingency. Agreement 27-02 excludes data management system upgrade or change costs. Certain budget items are placeholders for future scopes; these scopes should be finalized before the related work is authorized.

Administration

Buena Vista Water Storage District will hold the funds and pay eligible consultant invoices after review for consistency with the approved scopes. Each consultant must be under contract with at least one participating party. The Plan Manager will facilitate invoice review.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval of Kern Subbasin Cost Sharing Agreements 27-01 and 27-02