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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT**

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

**Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) Board Room
326 Huss Drive, Chico, California 95928**

TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT (TWD) REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment. Members of the public may address the Board on any matter not already listed below. The Board cannot act at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Board Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2026
Recommendation: Review and Take Appropriate Action
4. Finances & Payment of the Bills
Recommendation: Review and Take Appropriate Action
5. Cash Management Account Structure and Related Resolutions
Recommendation: Review and Take Appropriate Action
6. 2026-27 Budget Planning
Recommendation: Review and Take Appropriate Action
7. Recharge / Dry Well Presentation by Joe Turner, Geosyntec
Recommendation: Accept information and Take Appropriate Action

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

8. General Manager Report & Updates (Information Only)
 - a. Vina GSA Update
 - i. Update on Vina GSA meeting (March 11) and feedback
 - ii. Update on Plan Evaluation/Amendment Process
 - b. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - i. Surface Water Ad Hoc Committee Update
 - ii. Recharge Ad Hoc Committee Update
 - c. Form 700 Update

- d. Upcoming Topics for April & May:
 - i. Finalize 2026-27 Budget & County Assessment Process for 2026-27
 - ii. Vina GSA Plan Evaluation / Amendment Process
 - iii. Domestic Well Mitigation Program
 - iv. Well Ordinance Update Process
 - v. Water Transfer Policy
 - vi. Recharge Feasibility & Technical Memorandum
 - vii. Demand Reduction Strategy Reports – Extend Orchard & Precision Irrigation
 - viii. 2026 Elections Process & Next Steps

9. Board Member Announcements, Reports and/or Requests for Future Agenda Topics

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Govt. Code Section 54957.)

Title: General Manager

Title: General Counsel

ADJOURNMENT

NOTES

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DATE: February 18, 2026

TIME: 8:57 a.m.

LOCATION: In Person (Legal Counsel via Zoom)

Directors Present: Rich McGowan Steve Koehnen, Rayme Antonowich, Andrew Mendonca, Bill Chance, Craig Knight, Brian Mori, James Paiva, Todd Turley

Staff Present: Tovey Giezentanner, General Manager; Joe Hughes, District Counsel (via phone)

Others Present: Kamie Loeser; Danny Kearns; Maddie Munson, Jamie Johansson; Anne Dawson; Jim Graydon; Joanne Kidd; Susan Schraeder; Shannon Costa.

1. Call to Order

President McGowan called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. A quorum was established. Technical audio/visual issues were noted.

2. Public Comment

Jamie Johansson addressed the Board. He thanked the directors, introduced himself as a district member and farmer, and announced his candidacy for the Assembly seat. He characterized the region's groundwater challenge as a distribution and infrastructure problem, advocated for streamlined regulatory processes for recharge, and urged the State Water Board to recognize surface-to-groundwater recharge as a beneficial use. No other public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Action: Motion by Director Knight, seconded by Director Mori, to approve the January 21, 2026 minutes. Approved unanimously.

4. Finances

The Board reviewed two invoices for payment:

- Giezentanner and Associates: \$7,500 (January invoice). GM Giezentanner noted one additional invoice at \$7,500 for February remains under the current rate, with the Board-approved rate increase effective in March (invoiced in April).

Action: Motion by Director Antonowich, seconded by Director Koehnen. Motion carried unanimously.

- Joe Hughes Klein (District Counsel): \$158. A prior invoice of \$3,050 had already been paid, though not yet reflected on the statement.

Action: Motion by Director Mendonca, seconded by Director Antonowich. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Investment Policy

District Counsel Joe Hughes presented the draft Investment Policy, describing it as a standard template used for water districts that outlines permitted investments.

- **Grant Fund Segregation.** President McGowan raised the issue of segregating grant monies, noting Ms. Loeser's prior comments. Mr. Hughes clarified that fund segregation is internal

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housekeeping, not part of the investment policy itself. He recommended the Board adopt a simple resolution directing segregation of grant funds and, separately, develop a reserve policy.

- **Account Authority.** President McGowan asked about procedures for moving funds between investment and checking accounts. Mr. Hughes advised that this is also internal housekeeping. He recommended multiple authorized signers for oversight—not just the General Manager alone. Director Mendonca asked about formalizing these procedures in writing. Mr. Hughes concurred and suggested coordinating with the District’s investment advisor, Chad Parker at Raymond James, to determine authorization requirements for the new account.
- **Action Items:** (1) GM Giezentanner to prepare a resolution addressing grant fund segregation and a reserve policy for the March meeting. (2) GM Giezentanner to coordinate with Raymond James regarding account setup, authorized signers, and administrative procedures and, if necessary, bring a resolution or policy to the Board for adoption. (3) Approve the Investment Policy in the Agenda Packet.

Action: Motion to approve Action Items by Director Chance, seconded by Director Antonowich. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Annual Land Use Inspection

GM Giezentanner presented the annual assessment of district land use demographics, a requirement of the LAFCO formation conditions. Using the Butte County Assessor’s database from April 2025, GM Giezentanner created a pivot table aggregating general plan designations across the district’s approximately 96,000 acres.

Findings.

- Approximately 96,000 acres carry agricultural general plan designations (Ag 160, 80, 40, 20, A, or AS), representing approximately 99% of the district. Director Mori identified an approximately 59-acre discrepancy from the original formation figures; GM Giezentanner explained this was due to the county determining certain acreage was not assessable under Prop 218.
- The LAFCO formation condition provides that if more than 50% of the acreage transitions to municipal, commercial, or other non-agricultural uses, there would be an opportunity for that acreage to petition for a change in district type. The annual assessment confirms the district remains overwhelmingly agricultural. LAFCO staff was present.

Action: Motion by Director Mendonca, seconded by Director Mori, to approve the resolution accepting the annual land use inspection. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Surface Water Ad Hoc (Informational). Two updates were provided:

- GM Giezentanner reported on a proposed one-year pilot transfer of approximately 1,500 acre-feet from Paradise Irrigation District (PID) to a landowner via Butte Creek for in-lieu irrigation (surface water replacing groundwater pumping). TWD’s role would be as facilitator, not a direct party to the transfer. Director Turley raised the need for a formal policy governing the District’s role in facilitating water transfers; counsel agreed. GM will

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provide draft water transfer facilitation policy for Board review at the March meeting. GM will also continue to outreach to PID and other stakeholders regarding the pilot transfer.

- The South Vina/Western Canal Feasibility Analysis is being finalized and will be provided to the Board at the March meeting. Maddie Munson (Water and Land Solutions) noted public presentations on both the PID and Western Canal projects are planned at the Vina GSA and SHAC meetings in March. GM will provide the Feasibility Analysis at the March meeting.
- Public Comment: Jim Graydon raised concerns about Vina GSA visibility into TWD's surface water work and the pace of project development ahead of Prop 4 grant applications. Board members responded that all information is public through agenda packets and meetings and emphasized that TWD was formed to be an implementing agency. Anne Dawson asked about potential impacts of recharge near the Stanley Park TCE area; GM Giezentanner clarified this is a separate project and that contamination concerns must be fully addressed before any project advances.

Recharge Ad Hoc (Informational). Three updates were provided:

- t-TEM permeability testing is complete at the Rock Creek East site (~100 acres on Kiefer Road); engineer results expected by early to mid-March.
- Dry wells were discussed; a presentation by Geosyntec is being planned for an upcoming Butte County Water Commission meeting and TWD Board Meeting. County supervisors have expressed growing interest.
- An analysis of the Durham Mutual Water Company mainline canal and Butte Creek siphons is underway to evaluate the cost of restoring infrastructure for surface water delivery to ag land currently on groundwater.

Danny Kearns (Provost & Pritchard) presented preliminary findings from the Rock Creek/Kiefer Slough corridor flood-MAR analysis covering three sites. Using the recently received DWR hydraulic model, the team provided preliminary storage estimates from the East site under certain conditions and is working to extend the model to better quantify available water volumes. A deliverable covering all three sites will be routed through the ad hoc committee to the Board in March or April.

8. General Manager Report

GM Giezentanner provided updates on the following topics. Slides and supporting materials were included in the agenda packet.

- **Interbasin Coordination.** Seven sub-basins are engaged in an ongoing coordination effort focused on interconnected surface water at basin boundaries. The work plan supports the current GSP update, with implementation targeted for the 2032 cycle.
- **Water Commission.** A well ordinance update is underway (led by the Department of Environmental Health). The Water Commission has requested to review draft language before it goes to the Board of Supervisors. A dry wells presentation is also being scheduled for the Water Commission.
- **Sustainable Conservation.** GM Giezentanner reported a conversation with this nonprofit, which has access to environmental and private funding for recharge projects with habitat components.

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- **Sites Reservoir.** Jerry Brown, Executive Director, presented at Chico Noon Rotary. The project is awaiting a water right permit from the State Water Board. Up to 1.5 million AF of storage; first major upstream storage project in California in ~60 years.
 - **NCWA.** The Northern California Water Association is working to expand the window for diverting excess flood flows for recharge.
 - **Annual Report / TAC.** GM Giezentanner raised several concerns regarding data and methodology in the Vina Sub-basin annual report process:
 - **Water Use Data:** The groundwater model shows approximately 273,000 acre-feet of water use in the sub-basin for the most recent year—roughly 30,000 acre-feet above the long-term average of 233,000 acre-feet. 2025 had fewer extreme hot days and no significant new acreage coming into production. GM Giezentanner has requested that the methodology be described in writing in the annual report narrative and may request an expedited staff review.
 - **Reporting Format:** GM Giezentanner requested that groundwater level maps be presented in depth-to-groundwater (in addition to above mean sea level), noting that stakeholders think in terms of depth to water. The TAC indicated this is not appropriate. Ms. Loeser explained the technical challenge with depth-to-groundwater maps given varying ground surface elevations across the basin and suggested a cross-section example might provide more clarity for landowners while maintaining the current approach.
 - **Cumulative Storage Change:** After three consecutive above-normal water years, the model still shows a deficit of approximately 327,000 acre-feet. GM Giezentanner noted this is difficult to reconcile with the recovery observed in the late 1990s under comparable or worse conditions, and with observations from Board members suggesting the basin is as full as it has been since approximately 2000. GM Giezentanner has asked staff for clarification and more detail on the model.
 - **ET Model Concerns:** Director Mori noted significant discrepancies between modeled evapotranspiration (ET) and actual crop water use, citing approximately 15 inches less irrigation on his operation than the crop coefficient projected. He characterized the consultant response (“the only alternative is metering all wells”) as insufficient, arguing that there are other ways to refine ET calculations. Ms. Loeser noted that former agricultural commissioner Joe Connell, who serves on the TAC, also raised questions about the ET calculations and remote sensing data. She acknowledged county staff shares many of the same questions and emphasized the importance of getting the data right for the long term.

9. Board Member Comments

Brief discussion on drought definitions and basin resilience.

10. Closed Session

The Board moved into closed session. GM Giezentanner exited. District Counsel participated via phone.

11. Adjournment

TWD Finances

FY 2025-26	2025-26 APPROVED BUDGET (attached)	JUL 2025 Approved	AUG 2025 Approved	SEPT 2025 Approved	OCT 2025 Approved	NOV 2025 Approved	DEC 2025 Approved	JAN 2026 Approved	FEB 2026 For Approval	MAR 2026	APR 2026	MAY 2026	JUN 2026	Billed to Date	Approved Budget Remaining
TWD BUDGET CATEGORY															
Personnel	\$ 266,400	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500					\$ 60,000	\$ 206,400
Office	\$ 81,000	\$ 7,304	\$ 1,005	\$ 165	\$ 1,320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 9,794	\$ 71,206
External Support	\$ 97,000	\$ 2,175	\$ 635	\$ 1,580	\$ 953	\$ -	\$ 3,041	\$ 158	\$ 2,908					\$ 11,449	\$ 85,551
Litigation	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ 75,000
Technical Support	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,206					\$ 1,206	\$ 48,794
Lobbying & Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
Reserves	\$ 50,000	\$ 17,399	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 17,399	\$ 32,601
TOTALS	\$ 619,400	\$ 34,378	\$ 9,140	\$ 9,245	\$ 9,773	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,541	\$ 7,658	\$ 11,614	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,848	\$ 519,552

Itemized Bills

Category	Description	Amount
Personnel	Giezentanner & Associates - General Manager	\$ 7,500
External Support	Klein DeNatale Goldner - General Counsel	\$ 2,908
Technical Support	Provost & Pritchard	\$ 1,206
	Total	\$ 10,408

February 27, 2026

TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT
*****E-MAIL INVOICES*****

Invoice No. 1260879
Client No. 24618
Matter No. 001
Billing Attorney: JDH

INVOICE SUMMARY

For Professional Services Rendered for the Period Ending: February 18, 2026.

**RE: TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT
GENERAL BUSINESS**

Professional Services	\$ 2,908.00
Costs Advanced	<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL THIS INVOICE	\$ 2,908.00
Prior Balance	<u>\$ 158.00</u>
TOTAL BALANCE DUE	<u><u>\$ 3,066.00</u></u>

KLEIN DENATALE GOLDNER

Invoice No. 1260879

February 27, 2026

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
1/19/26	AND	DRAFTED INVESTMENT POLICY; E-MAILED J. HUGHES REGARDING SAME.	.40	158.00
1/21/26	JDH	ATTENDED JANUARY REGULAR BOARD MEETING.	2.20	1,375.00
2/09/26	JDH	TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH T. GIEZENTANNER; REVISED INVESTMENT POLICY; E-MAILED SAME TO T. GIEZENTANNER.	.70	437.50
2/15/26	JDH	REVIEWED AND REVISED DRAFT GENERAL MANAGER AGREEMENT; E-MAILED SAME TO T. GIEZENTANNER.	.50	312.50
2/18/26	JDH	ATTENDED FEBRUARY REGULAR BOARD MEETING.	1.00	625.00

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$ 2,908.00

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Name	Init	Rate	Hours	Total
DOMINGUEZ, ALEX	AND	395.00	.40	158.00
HUGHES, JOSEPH	JDH	625.00	4.40	2,750.00
Total			4.80	\$ 2,908.00

TOTAL THIS INVOICE \$ 2,908.00

KLEIN DENATALE GOLDNER

Invoice No. 1260879

February 27, 2026

OUTSTANDING INVOICES

Invoice No.	Date	Invoice Total	Payments Received	Ending Balance
1259330	1/30/26	158.00	.00	158.00

PRIOR BALANCE	\$ 158.00
Balance Due This Invoice	<u>\$ 2,908.00</u>
TOTAL BALANCE DUE	<u>\$ 3,066.00</u>

AGED ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Current - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 - 120	Over 120	Total
\$ 158.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 158.00

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*****E-MAIL INVOICES*****

Invoice No. 1260879
Client No. 24618
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REMITTANCE

RE: TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT
GENERAL BUSINESS

BALANCE DUE THIS INVOICE	\$ 2,908.00
Prior Balance	<u>\$ 158.00</u>
TOTAL BALANCE DUE	<u><u>\$ 3,066.00</u></u>

All checks should be made payable to:
(Please return this advice with payment.)

Klein DeNatale Goldner
10000 Stockdale Hwy, Suite 200
Bakersfield, CA 93311

For payment by ACH in USD:
(Please reference:
Client-Matter No. 24618-001,
Invoice No. 1260879)

J.P. Morgan Chase
Account No. 825707620
ABA No. 322271627

To pay by credit card, click here --->: [Pay Now](#) or call Accounting at (661) 395-1000.

DUE UPON RECEIPT

FEDERAL I.D. No. 95-2298220

Thank you! Your business is greatly appreciated.

Agenda Item 4
INVOICE

Giezentanner & Associates
30 Independence Circle, Suite 300
Chico, California 95973
United States

BILL TO
Tuscan Water District
30 Independence Circle
Chico, California 95973
United States

Invoice Number: 20201296

Invoice Date: March 1, 2026

Payment Due: March 31, 2026

Amount Due (USD): **\$7,500.00**

Items	Amount
Service Tuscan Water District Services Performed January 1, 2026 – January 31, 2026	\$7,500.00
See attached Statement of Services Provided	

Total: \$7,500.00

Amount Due (USD): **\$7,500.00**

February 2026 – Statement of Services Provided

Board Meeting & Governance

- Prepared and distributed the board packet for the February 18, 2026, regular meeting, including the agenda, minutes, financial statements, invoices, the draft Investment Policy, land use inspection materials, and ad hoc committee updates.
- Created a General Manager's Report PPT for the Feb 18 meeting with various updates and information.
- Staffed the February board meeting and drafted formal meeting minutes.
- Updated the website.
- Compiled a land use summary using Butte County Assessor parcel data to complete the 2026 annual land use inspection required by LAFCO Condition 11 and prepared an accompanying Resolution. The Board adopted the Resolution at the February meeting.

Financial Management & Budget Planning

- Coordinated with General Counsel Joe Hughes on the Investment Policy, including revisions and a telephone conference to finalize language. The Board adopted the Investment Policy at the February meeting.
- Following board direction, began coordinating with Chad Parker at Raymond James regarding account setup, authorized signers, and procedures for the proposed Main Investment Account.
- Began development of a comprehensive Cash Management Account Structure for the District, including a flowchart and written summary describing the proposed account architecture, fund transfer procedures, authorized signers, and governing policy framework.
- Began coordinating with General Counsel Hughes on two draft board resolutions for March consideration: (1) a resolution directing segregation and accounting of grant funds and establishing reserve fund categories; and (2) a resolution authorizing Raymond James investment accounts and designating authorized signers.
- Began preparing a 2026–27 Planning Budget staff memorandum and supporting spreadsheets, including a 2025–26 budget-to-actual comparison, and a draft 2026–27 planning budget.

Recharge & Project Development

- Continued coordination with Provost & Pritchard on the Rock Creek / Keefer Slough Flood-MAR Concept Evaluation.
- Convened the Recharge Ad Hoc Committee (Directors McGowan, Paiva, Mori, and Koehnen) via Zoom on February 11.
- Participated in a site visit at the Durham Mutual Water Company Main Canal.

Surface Water Development

- Provided edits and suggestions on the Surface Water Feasibility Analysis prepared by Water & Land Solutions for the Vina GSA.
- Convened the Surface Water Ad Hoc Committee (Directors Antonowich, Knight, Mendonca, and Turley) via Zoom on February 11.

Intergovernmental & Issue Management

- Generated extensive comments for the Butte County Technical Advisory Committee and staff regarding the Vina Subbasin's Draft Groundwater Status Report 2025 Water Year.
- Began reviewing Interbasin Coordination Technical Memorandums from 2025.
- Participated in meeting with Caltrans regarding Hwy 99 Improvements to reduce flooding over Hwy 99.

General Counsel & Administrative

- Coordinated with Mr. Hughes on development of short-list of potential candidates for General Counsel.
- Coordinated with Mr. Hughes on review and revision of the draft General Manager Agreement.

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Tuscan Water District
30 Independence Circle, Suite 300
Chico, CA 95973

February 18, 2026
Project: No: 04380-26-001
Invoice No: 127877

Project Name: Keefer Slough & Rock Creek Flood-MAR Concept

Client Project #:

Phase T01: Review of publicly available materials and project kickoff meeting with District staff. Review Keefer Slough/Rock Creek Hydraulic Model provided by DWR.

Professional Services from January 01, 2026 to January 31, 2026

Phase: T01 Flood-Mar Design Concept

Labor

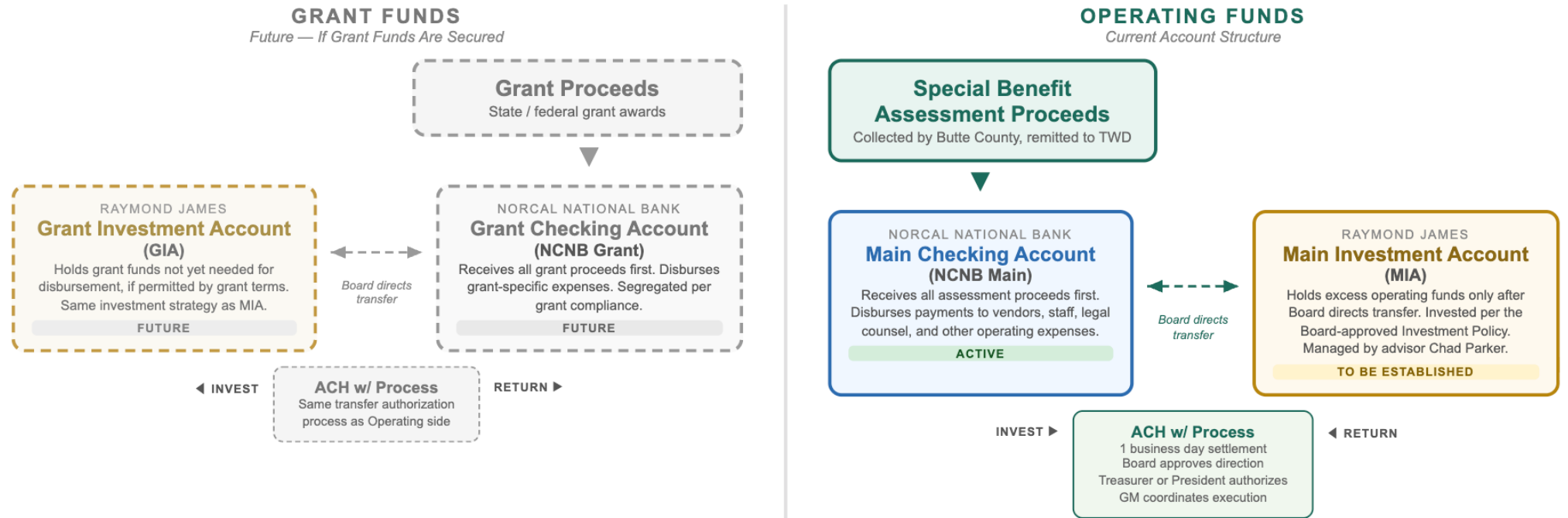
	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Associate Engineer	5.00	164.00	820.00	
Principal Engineer	1.50	235.00	352.50	
Project Administrator	.30	112.00	33.60	
Totals	6.80		1,206.10	
Total Labor				1,206.10
		Total this Phase:		\$1,206.10
		Total this Invoice		<u><u>\$1,206.10</u></u>

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TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT

Cash Management Account Structure

Prepared for the TWD Board of Directors — March 18, 2026



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| <p>TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board approves direction to invest or return funds • Treasurer or President authorizes the transfer • General Manager coordinates execution with Raymond James | <p>TRANSFER MECHANICS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method: ACH direct link between NCNB and Raymond James • Settlement: 1 business day • Direction: Bidirectional (invest or return) | <p>INVESTMENT POLICY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted February 18, 2026 • Governs all Raymond James accounts • Priority: (1) Safety, (2) Liquidity, (3) Yield • Prudent Investor Standard (Gov. Code § 53600.3) | <p>AUTHORIZED SIGNERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Rich McGowan • Treasurer: Andrew Mendonca • GM: Tovey Giezentanner <p><i>Multiple signers required — not solely the GM.</i></p> | <p>KEY PRINCIPLE</p> <p>All accounts are municipal accounts governed by the TWD Investment Policy and California Government Code. Investment strategy is the same regardless of which Raymond James account holds the funds.</p> |
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TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT

Cash Management Account Structure — Summary

Overview. At its February 18, 2026 meeting, the Board adopted the District’s Statement of Investment Policy and directed the General Manager to coordinate with the District’s investment advisor, Chad Parker at Raymond James, regarding account setup, authorized signers, and administrative procedures. The following summarizes the proposed account structure for Board consideration.

NorCal National Bank — Main Checking Account (“NCNB Main”)

The District has established a primary checking account at NorCal National Bank. This account receives special benefit assessment proceeds collected and remitted by Butte County. It serves as the District’s main operating account, from which all payments are made to vendors, staff, legal counsel, and other service providers. All operating disbursements flow through this account.

Raymond James — Main Investment Account (“MIA”)

The District proposes to open a municipal investment account at Raymond James, managed by investment advisor Chad Parker. This account is designed to hold excess operating funds that the Board determines are not immediately needed for disbursement. All funds held in this account will be invested in accordance with the District’s adopted Investment Policy, which prioritizes safety, liquidity, and yield—in that order—consistent with California Government Code sections 53600 et seq.

Fund Transfer Procedures

Transfers between NCNB Main and the MIA at Raymond James will be executed via ACH direct link, with settlement in one (1) business day. The process is as follows:

Investing Excess Funds. When the Board determines that operating funds exceed near-term disbursement needs, it will direct staff to transfer funds from NCNB Main to the MIA. The District Treasurer or Board President authorizes the transfer. The General Manager coordinates execution with Raymond James.

Returning Invested Funds. When the Board determines that invested funds are needed for operations, it will direct staff to transfer funds from the MIA back to NCNB Main, following the same authorization process.

Authorized Signers and Oversight

Consistent with District Counsel’s recommendation that oversight should not rest solely with the General Manager, the District will designate multiple authorized signers for the Raymond James account. Proposed authorized signers include the Board Treasurer (Director Mendonca), the Board President (Director McGowan), and the General Manager (Tovey Giezentanner). Transfer authorizations require the approval of the Treasurer or President in addition to the General Manager’s administrative coordination.

Future Grant Account Structure

If the District secures grant funding in the future, the Board may authorize the following additional accounts:

NCNB Grant Account. A separate checking account at NorCal National Bank dedicated to receiving and disbursing grant-specific funds, consistent with the District’s Fund Segregation Policy and applicable grant terms.

TUSCAN WATER DISTRICTCash Management Account Structure — Summary

Grant Investment Account (GIA). A second account at Raymond James to hold grant funds that will not be disbursed in the near term, if permitted by grant terms. The same Investment Policy and transfer procedures would apply.

Governing Policy

All investment accounts at Raymond James are municipal accounts governed by the District's Statement of Investment Policy (adopted February 18, 2026) and the California Government Code. The Treasurer acts as fiduciary subject to the Prudent Investor Standard (Gov. Code, § 53600.3). The investment strategy is the same for all Raymond James accounts regardless of fund source.



RESOLUTION NO. 26-___

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT
DIRECTING FOR SEGREGATION AND ACCOUNTING OF GRANT FUNDS, MAINTAINING RESERVE
FUNDS, AND ESTABLISHING FUND TRANSFER PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, Article XIII B of the California Constitution was adopted on November 6, 1979; and Section 5 provides for the establishment of reserve funds by local governmental entities for contingencies, emergencies, or similar purposes deemed reasonable and proper by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes the importance of maintaining adequate financial reserves to ensure reliable water service, address emergency infrastructure needs, and support long-term capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to formally establish specific reserve fund categories to support potential expenditures related to litigation support, technical analysis, governmental and regulatory advocacy, and general financial contingencies; and

WHEREAS, the District periodically receives grant funding from federal, state, and other funding agencies for specific projects and purposes; and

WHEREAS, grant agreements require that such funds be separately accounted for and used only for authorized project expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Statement of Investment Policy, adopted February 18, 2026, authorizes the Treasurer to invest District funds in accordance with Government Code sections 53600 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the District has established a primary checking account at NorCal National Bank (“NCNB Main”) for receipt of special benefit assessment proceeds from Butte County and disbursement of operating expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Tuscan Water District as follows:

1. Establishment of Reserve Categories. The District hereby establishes the following reserve fund categories for planning, budgeting, and management purposes:

A. Litigation Support Reserve: Funds designated to support legal services and expenses related to litigation, administrative proceedings, regulatory disputes, groundwater rights, and other legal matters affecting the District.

B. Technical Support Reserve: Funds designated to support professional services required to plan, design, and implement groundwater management projects, surface water initiatives, and sustainability measures. Such funds may be used for engineers, hydrologists, environmental consultants, and other technical experts necessary to develop, evaluate, and carry out effective water management strategies and related District initiatives.

C. Lobbying and Advocacy Reserve: Funds designated to support efforts to secure external financial resources and advocate for policies that benefit the District and its landowners. Such funds may be used for engagement with local, state, and federal agencies, legislators, and grant programs for the purpose of pursuing funding opportunities, monitoring legislation and regulatory developments, and advancing the interests of the District, consistent with applicable law.

D. Contingency Reserve: Funds designated to provide financial flexibility for unforeseen circumstances, emergencies, strategic initiatives, or other purposes as determined by the Board.

2. Funding and Use of Reserve Funds. The Board may allocate funds to these reserve categories through the District’s annual budgeting process or through separate Board action. Funding levels may be reviewed and adjusted periodically based on the District’s financial condition, anticipated needs, and strategic priorities.

Expenditures from the designated reserve categories shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors or authorized District management in accordance with the District’s purchasing and financial policies.

3. Segregation of Grant Funds. Should the District secure grant funding that requires segregation of grant proceeds from operating funds, the Board may, by subsequent resolution or motion, authorize the establishment of (a) a separate grant checking account at NorCal National Bank (“NCNB Grant”) for receipt and disbursement of grant-specific funds; and (b) a Grant Investment Account (“GIA”) at Raymond James to hold grant funds not needed for near-term disbursement, if permitted by grant terms.

Any such accounts shall be subject to the same Investment Policy, transfer procedures, and authorized signer requirements established by this Resolution.

A. Authorized Expenditures. Expenditures from grant funds shall be limited to eligible project costs as defined by the grant agreement and applicable federal, state, or funding agency requirements.

4. Main Investment Account. The Board of Directors authorizes and directs the General Manager to open a Main Investment Account (“MIA”) with Raymond James for the purpose of holding and investing excess District operating funds. All funds held in the MIA shall be invested in accordance with the District’s Statement of Investment Policy and applicable provisions of the California Government Code.

A. Fund Transfer Procedures. Transfers between NCNB Main and the MIA shall be governed by the following procedures:

1. The Board shall approve by motion or resolution the direction to transfer funds from NCNB Main to the MIA for investment purposes, or from the MIA to NCNB Main to meet operational needs.
2. Individual transfers shall be authorized by the District Treasurer or the Board President. Authorization shall not rest solely with the General Manager.
3. The General Manager shall coordinate the administrative execution of authorized transfers with Raymond James.
4. Transfers shall be executed via ACH direct link between NorCal National Bank and Raymond James, with an expected settlement period of one (1) business day.

B. Reporting. The Treasurer shall include information regarding the MIA and any future investment accounts in the monthly and quarterly investment reports required under the District’s Investment Policy and Government Code section 53607.

5. Consistency with Investment Policy. This Resolution does not modify or supersede the District’s Statement of Investment Policy or the Fund Segregation Policy. All investment activities shall remain subject to the Prudent Investor Standard (Gov. Code, § 53600.3) and applicable law.

All the foregoing being on motion of Director _____ seconded by Director _____, and authorized by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 18th day of March, 2026.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this 18th day of March 2026.

(District Seal)

Rayme Antonowich, Secretary of the
Board of Directors



RESOLUTION NO. 26-___

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF A GRANT
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT AND A MAIN INVESTMENT ACCOUNT WITH RAYMOND JAMES,
AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the District seeks to establish a municipal investment account with Raymond James for the purpose of holding excess operating funds that the Board determines are not immediately needed for disbursement, and for investing in accordance with the District’s adopted Investment Policy (“Raymond James MIA”); and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to establish a grant investment account with Raymond James for the purpose of holding grant funds that will not be disbursed in the near term, if permitted by grant terms, consistent with the District’s Fund Segregation Policy and applicable grant terms (“Raymond James GIA”); and

WHEREAS, a list of Tuscan Water District signatories authorized to establish the Raymond James MIA Account and Raymond James GIA Account and give any and all instructions for its management must be provided to Raymond James;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Directors as follows:

The following District officers holding the title(s) specified below or their successors in office, are hereby authorized to execute and deliver all documents necessary or advisable to (1) establish the Raymond James MIA Account and Raymond James GIA Account, (2) give any and all instructions to Raymond James for the management of the Raymond James MIA Account and Raymond James GIA Account, including the purchase, sale, exchange, or transfer of securities; the transfer and disbursement of funds and/or securities to or from the account; and otherwise effectuate such transactions on behalf of the District, and (3) effectuate the purposes of this resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby:

- Treasurer Andrew Mendonca
- President Rich McGowan
- General Manager Tovey Giezentanner

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this Board of Directors that this resolution shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by this Board of Directors by resolution, with a copy of said resolution rescinding this resolution to be filed with Raymond James.

All the foregoing being on motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, and authorized by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the ____ day of _____ 2026.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Board of Directors this ____ day of _____ 2026.

(District Seal)

Rayme Antonowich, Secretary of the
Board of Directors

**TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT
Staff Memorandum**

TO: Board of Directors, Tuscan Water District
FROM: Tovey Giezentanner, General Manager
DATE: March 18, 2026
RE: Item 6: 2026-27 Budget Planning

Action Requested. The Board is asked to review the attached 2025-26 budget-to-actual comparison and the draft 2026-27 Planning Budget, and to consider either providing comments to staff directly today (or in April) or forming a Budget Ad Hoc Committee to review and refine the 2026-27 budget prior to formal adoption in April or May 2026.

Background. The District’s approved 2025-26 budget, adopted following the Proposition 218 process in January 2025, authorized total expenditures of \$619,400 at a per-acre assessment rate of \$6.45 across approximately 96,071 assessable acres. As we approach the final quarter of the fiscal year, this memo provides the Board with a status update on 2025-26 spending relative to the approved budget and introduces a draft planning budget for 2026-27 for initial review and discussion.

Summary / Analysis

2025-26 Year-End Projections. The District is projecting total 2025-26 expenditures of approximately \$196,134—well below the \$619,400 approved budget. This is the District’s first operational year, and a number of budgeted positions and functions were not activated or were phased in slowly. The result is an estimated ending balance of approximately \$423,266 across all budget categories as of June 30, 2026. The table below summarizes the projected ending balance by category:

Budget Category	2025-26 Approved	2025-26 Projected Spend	Est. Ending Balance (June 30, 2026)
General & Administrative	\$444,400	\$168,735	\$275,665
Litigation Support	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
Technical Support	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$40,000
Lobbying & Funding Advocacy	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Reserves	\$50,000	\$17,399	\$32,601
Total	\$619,400	\$196,134	\$423,266

These balances carry forward into 2026-27 and represent the reserves available in each budget category as defined in the District’s Fund Segregation and Reserve Policy (Resolution No. 2026-XX). The significant surplus in General & Administrative reflects the combination of a lower GM compensation rate during the contract start-up period, the unfilled Office Manager position, and office costs that were not incurred. The Litigation Support and Lobbying & Funding Advocacy categories were not drawn against in 2025-26 and carry their full budgeted amounts forward.

Draft 2026-27 Planning Budget. The attached planning budget projects total 2026-27 expenditures of \$548,170 at an estimated per-acre rate of approximately \$5.71. This rate is below the \$7.14 per-acre maximum for Year 2 established in the Proposition 218 Engineer’s Report. Key planning assumptions include:

- **Personnel.** The GM compensation is budgeted at \$175,000 annually (\$14,583/month), reflecting the full-year rate following the compensation adjustment approved by the Board. An Office Manager position is included beginning January 2027 at \$5,000/month (\$60,000 annualized), with fringe benefits at 35%. Total personnel cost for 2026-27 is \$215,500.
- **Office Buildout.** Office costs—including rent, utilities, insurance, supplies, and subscriptions—are projected at \$44,000 for the year, with expenses beginning in January 2027 to align with the anticipated office occupancy date.
- **External Support.** Legal counsel is budgeted at \$3,623/month (\$43,470 annually), reflecting the transition to new counsel. Bookkeeping, contingency support, and assessment collection are also included in this category, bringing the external support total to \$63,670.
- **Reserve Categories.** The planning budget fully funds all four reserve categories established in the Fund Segregation and Reserve Policy: Litigation Support (\$75,000), Technical Support (\$50,000), Lobbying & Funding Advocacy (\$50,000), and General Reserves (\$50,000). These amounts are consistent with the five-year budget adopted during the Proposition 218 process.

The 2026-27 planning budget summary is as follows:

2026-27 Budget Category	Planning Amount
Personnel (GM, Office Mgr, Fringe)	\$215,500
Office Expenses	\$44,000
External Support (Legal, Outreach, Bookkeeping, Contingency)	\$63,670
General & Admin Subtotal	\$323,170
Litigation Support	\$75,000
Technical Support	\$50,000
Lobbying & Funding Advocacy	\$50,000
General Reserves	\$50,000
Total 2026-27 Planning Budget	\$548,170

Timeline. The proposed timeline is as follows: March 2026 – First look; April 2026 – Review and refinement; April or May 2026 – Board adoption of the final 2026-27 budget prior to the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2026.

Attachments:

1. Approved 2025-26 Budget
2. 2025-26 Budget-to-Actual Comparison (Projected through June 2026)
3. Draft 2026-27 Planning Budget

ITEM 2d - Finances Update

TWD - 2025-26 Budget
Projected vs Actual

Agenda Item 6

TWD Projected Budget		Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	2025-26 Totals
Personnel														
General Manager		\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 150,000
Office Manager		\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 72,000
Subtotal		\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 222,000
Fringe	20%	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 44,400
Personnel Subtotal		\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 22,200	\$ 266,400
Office														
Rent	\$1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 18,000
PG&E	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 6,000
Phone / Internet	\$250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 3,000
Insurance	\$1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 18,000
Supplies	\$1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,000
Trash & Cleaning	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 6,000
Subscriptions	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 6,000
Memberships	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 6,000
Other	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 6,000
Office Subtotal		\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 81,000
External Support														
Legal Counsel	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 42,000
Outreach, Website & Social	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 33,000
Bookkeeping	\$ 10,000	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 10,000
Additional Accounting Support	\$ 10,000	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 833	\$ 10,000
Assessment Collection	\$ 2,000	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 2,000
External Support Subtotal		\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$ 97,000
General & Admin Expenses		\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 37,033	\$ 444,400
Litigation Support	\$ 75,000	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 75,000
Technical Support	\$ 50,000	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 50,000
Lobbying & Funding Advocacy	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserves	\$ 50,000	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 50,000
Total		\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 51,617	\$ 619,400
Per Parcel		96,071												6.45

TWD - 2026-27 PLANNING BUDGET

TWD DRAFT Planning Budget (as of 2026/03)	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	2025-26 Totals	RESERVES
Personnel														
General Manager	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 118,333	
Office Manager	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Subtotal	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 118,333	
Fringe 35%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Personnel Subtotal	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 118,333	\$ 148,067
Office														
Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
PG&E	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Phone / Internet	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Insurance	\$ 7,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,804	
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Trash & Cleaning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Memberships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Office Subtotal	\$ 7,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,804	\$ 61,196
External Support														
Legal Counsel	\$ 2,175	\$ 635	\$ 1,580	\$ 953	\$ -	\$ 3,041	\$ 158	\$ 158	\$ 2,908	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 22,108	
Outreach, Website & Social	\$ -	\$ 1,005	\$ 165	\$ 1,320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,490	
Bookkeeping / Accounting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Additional Support / Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Assessment Collection	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
External Support Subtotal	\$ 2,175	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,745	\$ 2,273	\$ -	\$ 3,041	\$ 158	\$ 158	\$ 2,908	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 9,500	\$ 30,598	\$ 66,403
General & Admin Expenses	\$ 16,979	\$ 9,140	\$ 9,245	\$ 9,773	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,541	\$ 7,658	\$ 7,658	\$ 17,491	\$ 30,583	\$ 18,083	\$ 24,083	\$ 168,735	\$ 275,665
Litigation Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Technical Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 40,000
Lobbying & Funding Advocacy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserves	\$ 17,399	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,399	\$ 32,601
Total	\$ 34,378	\$ 9,140	\$ 9,245	\$ 9,773	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,541	\$ 12,658	\$ 12,658	\$ 17,491	\$ 30,583	\$ 18,083	\$ 24,083	\$ 196,134	\$ 423,266

TWD - 2026-27 PLANNING BUDGET

TWD DRAFT Planning Budget (as of 2026/03)	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	Dec-26	Jan-27	Feb-27	Mar-27	Apr-27	May-27	Jun-27	2026-27 TOTALS	RESERVES
Personnel														
General Manager	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 175,000	
Office Manager	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 30,000	
Subtotal	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 19,583	\$ 19,583	\$ 19,583	\$ 19,583	\$ 19,583	\$ 19,583	\$ 205,000	
Fringe 35%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 10,500	
Personnel Subtotal	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 14,583	\$ 21,333	\$ 21,333	\$ 21,333	\$ 21,333	\$ 21,333	\$ 21,333	\$ 215,500	\$ 148,067
Office														
Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 9,000	
PG&E	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	
Phone / Internet	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 1,500	
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500	
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,000	
Trash & Cleaning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	
Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	
Memberships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	
Office Subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250	\$ 17,750	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250	\$ 44,000	\$ 61,196
External Support														
Legal Counsel	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,623	\$ 43,470	
Outreach, Website & Social	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	
Bookkeeping / Accounting	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 6,000	
Additional Support / Contingency	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,000	
Assessment Collection	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
External Support Subtotal	\$ 5,123	\$ 6,323	\$ 5,123	\$ 5,123	\$ 5,123	\$ 5,123	\$ 5,123	\$ 5,123	\$ 5,123	\$ 5,123	\$ 5,123	\$ 6,123	\$ 63,670	\$ 66,403
General & Admin Expenses	\$ 19,706	\$ 20,906	\$ 19,706	\$ 19,706	\$ 19,706	\$ 19,706	\$ 31,706	\$ 31,706	\$ 31,706	\$ 44,206	\$ 31,706	\$ 32,706	\$ 323,170	\$ 275,665
Litigation Support	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 75,000	\$ 150,000
Technical Support	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 50,000	\$ 90,000
Lobbying & Funding Advocacy	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Reserves	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,167	\$ 50,000	\$ 82,601
Total	\$ 38,456	\$ 39,656	\$ 38,456	\$ 38,456	\$ 38,456	\$ 38,456	\$ 50,456	\$ 50,456	\$ 50,456	\$ 62,956	\$ 50,456	\$ 51,456	\$ 548,170	\$ 648,266
Actual Per Parcel	96,071												5.71	

TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT
Staff Memorandum

TO: Board of Directors, Tuscan Water District
FROM: Tovey Giezentanner, General Manager
DATE: March 18, 2026
RE: Item 7: Recharge / Dry Well Presentation
PRESENTER: Joe Turner, Geosyntec Consultants

Recommendation. Accept information and take appropriate action. The Board may wish to direct staff to further investigate the topic, develop a policy framework, or draft a statement for consideration at a future meeting. Alternatively, the Board may accept the information with no further action.

Background. Dry well technology has emerged as a topic of growing interest among local agencies as a potential tool for groundwater recharge. At the February 18, 2026 Board meeting, staff reported that a dry wells presentation was being coordinated for the Butte County Water Commission and potentially the Board of Supervisors. TWD Board members expressed interest in learning more about the technology and its applications in the region and directed staff to inquire if a presentation could be made to the board at a future board meeting.

Presenter. Joe Turner is a senior professional at Geosyntec Consultants with over 30 years of experience in developing large-scale hydrogeological conceptual site models. He specializes in water resources, including recharge investigation and feasibility-level analysis for groundwater sustainability projects. Mr. Turner authored much of the Vina GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan's Chapter 2 (Basin Conditions), and his firm serves as the lead engineering firm for several Vina GSA SGM Grant components, including Demand Reduction Strategies in the Vina Subbasin, Feasibility of Enhanced Recharge in the Lindo Channel, and the Water Supply and Recharge Project.

Summary. Mr. Turner will present on dry well technology and its potential applications for groundwater recharge in the Vina Subbasin. This presentation is intended to provide the Board with foundational information on the technology and its relevance to the District's recharge objectives.

TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT
Staff Memorandum

TO: Board of Directors, Tuscan Water District
FROM: Tovey Giezentanner, General Manager
DATE: March 18, 2026
RE: Item 8: Report on Presentation to Vina GSA and RCRD GSA Boards of Directors

Action Requested. This item is informational. No Board action is required.

Background. The Vina GSA and Rock Creek Reclamation District (RCRD) GSA Boards invited the General Manager to present an update on the Tuscan Water District at the Vina Subbasin GSA Board meeting on March 11, 2026. This was an opportunity to brief the GSA Boards on TWD’s formation, early activities, and the framework under which TWD will pursue projects in the Vina Subbasin. This kind of interagency update is consistent with the coordination expectations in the Memoranda of Understanding executed between TWD and the Vina and RCRD GSAs in January 2025.

Summary / Analysis.

Presentation Overview. The General Manager presented two written documents to the Vina GSA and RCRD GSA Boards, along with a slide deck summarizing the material. The first document provided an overview of TWD’s formation and key activities from 2024 through early 2026, covering LAFCO condition compliance, the Proposition 218 special benefit assessment, financial infrastructure, interagency MOUs, groundwater recharge and surface water supply development, Proposition 4 readiness, Vina GSA coordination and the GSP five-year evaluation, governance milestones and upcoming elections, and current basin conditions. The second document described TWD’s role and authority within the Vina Subbasin, including what TWD is authorized and restricted from doing under LAFCO’s Conditions of Approval, the requirements TWD must satisfy to advance projects—including the GSP consistency determination under LAFCO Condition 18 and CEQA review—and the structured pipeline through which projects move from exploration through construction.

Attachments. The following documents were distributed to the Vina GSA and RCRD GSA Boards and are included in this Board packet for reference:

1. TWD Update to the Vina GSA and RCRD GSA Boards of Directors — Summary of Formation and Key Activities (2024–2026)
2. Groundwater Sustainability in the Vina Subbasin: Who Does What, What TWD Can Do, and How Projects Move Forward
3. Slide deck presented at the March 11, 2026 Vina Subbasin GSA Board meeting
4. TWD Mission Statement (adopted November 2025)

TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT

Update to the Vina GSA and RCRD GSA Boards of Directors

Summary of Formation and Key Activities (2024–2026)

Formation and Proposition 218 Assessment. The Tuscan Water District held its inaugural board meeting on February 21, 2024, following approval by Butte County LAFCo. The District encompasses approximately 97,000 acres, roughly 99% of which carry agricultural general plan designations. In its first year, the Board organized itself, hired legal counsel and staff, satisfied key LAFCo formation conditions—including submission of a Municipal Service Review application and establishment of electoral divisions—and initiated a Proposition 218 special benefit assessment process. On January 15, 2025, the Prop 218 election yielded strong support: 87.61% of weighted acres voted in favor, with voter turnout of 63% by acreage. The Board set the Year 1 assessment rate at \$6.45 per acre for FY 2025–26.

Financial Infrastructure and Revenue. TWD established its financial operations from scratch, opening a bank account, obtaining an EIN, and securing D&O and general liability insurance through a JPA pool. A voluntary prepayment program launched in spring 2025 collected approximately \$190,000 ahead of the county tax roll timeline. Working with the Butte County Auditor-Controller, the District placed its assessments on the secured property tax roll, with approximately \$428,000 expected in the December 2025 and April 2026 distributions. In early 2026, the Board adopted a formal Investment Policy for reserve funds and is developing a grant fund segregation resolution and reserve policy.

Interagency MOUs. In January 2025, the Board approved Memoranda of Understanding with the County of Butte GSA and with the Vina and Rock Creek GSAs—a key LAFCo formation requirement. These MOUs establish the framework for coordination on groundwater sustainability planning and implementation within the Vina Subbasin.

Groundwater Recharge. TWD has been actively monitoring recharge project concepts currently being developed using Vina GSA’s SGM Implementation Grant funds. Pilot projects in the North Vina and Central Vina have demonstrated promising percolation values during winter 2025–26 storms. TWD also commissioned an analysis of a Rock Creek/Kiefer Slough corridor multibenefit recharge project covering three sites, with hydrogeology results expected in early 2026. Additional investigations include t-TEM permeability testing at several sites throughout the Vina Subbasin, analysis of Durham Mutual Water Company infrastructure for surface water delivery, and exploration of dry well technology in coordination with Butte County. A Recharge Ad Hoc Committee was formed in early 2026 to help advance concepts toward shovel-ready status by the end of Q2 2026 in anticipation of Proposition 4 funding.

Surface Water Supply Development. A Surface Water Ad Hoc Committee was also formed in early 2026 to pursue two parallel tracks. First, the Ad Hoc plans to review and provide feedback

to staff and the Vina GSA on a soon-to-be-finalized and released feasibility analysis by Water and Land Solutions. This feasibility analysis will evaluate the potential wheeling of Western Canal or Table A water to rice properties in the southern Vina Subbasin—targeting approximately 7,500 acre-feet of conjunctive groundwater use to offset groundwater pumping. Second, the Ad Hoc is providing input and guidance to staff on an effort to help facilitate a proposed one-year pilot transfer of approximately 1,500 acre-feet of water from Paradise Irrigation District to a landowner via Butte Creek for conjunctive use – surface water replacing groundwater pumping during the irrigation season.

Proposition 4 Readiness. With approximately \$385 million in Prop 4 funding designated for SGMA implementation alone, TWD formed two ad hoc committees (as discussed above) in early 2026 to help advance competitive project applications. At the same time, the Board authorized up to \$10,000 for preliminary hydrology and flood risk reduction analysis on the Rock Creek / Keefer Slough corridor.

Vina GSA Coordination and GSP Evaluation. TWD closely monitors and reports to its Board on Vina GSA activities, including efforts related to the Subbasin's Annual Reports and the GSP five-year periodic evaluation due in 2027. Recent Annual Reports have reported groundwater elevations well above minimum thresholds and long-term storage trends showing an average increase of roughly 8,000 acre-feet per year over the past decade. Notwithstanding significantly improved groundwater conditions in the Subbasin, TWD staff has raised data and methodology questions with the Vina GSA via Butte County's Technical Advisory Committee—including questions about water use estimates, cumulative storage change modeling, and ET calculations. For the GSP Evaluation process, TWD supports topic-specific stakeholder outreach and issue-based working groups consistent with the approach used during GSP development in 2022.

Governance and Elections. TWD is preparing for its first by-division elections in November 2026 under the Uniform District Election Law. Five of nine seats (the odd seats) will be on the ballot, with the remaining four (the even seats) in 2028. An election information page has been added to the TWD website. The Board adopted a mission statement in November 2025, adopted Conflict of Interest and Sponsorship policies, and is in the process of finalizing bylaws. The District is also transitioning to more permanent staffing and office space.

Basin Conditions. Current groundwater conditions in the Vina Subbasin are favorable following two above-normal water years (2023 and 2024). Groundwater levels appear to be near historic highs, even after the broader region experienced what researchers have identified as the driest 22-year period (2000–2021) in at least 1,200 years across the American West (Williams et al., Nature Climate Change, 2022). Board members have observed well levels near full capacity after above-average pumping years, suggesting significant natural recharge from precipitation in the eastern foothills and on the valley floor. Cropping patterns in the district are believed to be at or near maximum permanent plantings, suggesting the subbasin may be near peak groundwater demand. TWD continues to advocate for proactive recharge and supply planning to prepare for future drought cycles.

TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT

Groundwater Sustainability in the Vina Subbasin: Who Does What, What TWD Can Do, and How Projects Move Forward

The Vina Subbasin’s Governance Framework

Achieving groundwater sustainability in the Vina Subbasin requires coordination among agencies with distinct but complementary roles. Three governing documents help establish this framework: the Vina GSA Joint Powers Agreement (2019), LAFCO Resolution No. 18 2022/2023 (which formed the Tuscan Water District), and the Memoranda of Understanding executed January 28, 2025, between TWD and Butte County GSA, and TWD and the Vina GSA and Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA.

Together, these documents create a clear division of responsibility: the GSAs plan and regulate; TWD implements projects that advance the GSAs’ sustainability goals. This structure reflects the practical reality that the Vina GSA, by the terms of its own JPA, will not have employees (JPA Section 12.3). While the GSA retains full regulatory authority, implementing physical infrastructure—recharge basins, conveyance systems, monitoring networks—requires a dedicated operational entity. TWD was formed to fill that role.

Who Does What in the Vina Subbasin

Vina GSA / Rock Creek GSA	Tuscan Water District
Develop, adopt, and amend the Vina Subbasin GSP under SGMA.	Implement projects and management actions consistent with the GSA’s GSP.
Set sustainability criteria, monitor basin conditions, and enforce compliance.	Conduct feasibility studies, pursue funding, and build infrastructure.
Review TWD project proposals for consistency with the GSP before implementation.	Submit project proposals to the relevant GSA(s) for a consistency determination.
Retain all GSA authority; no authority has been delegated to TWD.	Serve as a GSA partner—not a GSA—and will not undertake GSA duties (MOU §2(a)).

A note on Rock Creek Reclamation District. The table above describes the general division of roles between the GSAs and TWD. The Rock Creek Reclamation District occupies a somewhat different position. RCRD was formed decades ago to provide flood control and drainage services to approximately 4,644 acres in northern Butte County. Unlike the Vina GSA — which by the terms of its JPA will not have employees — RCRD is an operational district with independent authority to develop, implement, and operate projects within its boundaries. RCRD also serves as one of the two GSAs in the Vina Subbasin. In its May 2021 letter supporting TWD’s formation, RCRD clarified that while the two districts’ boundaries would overlap, there would be no duplication of services, absent joint agreement, and that RCRD would retain its autonomy to develop, adopt, and implement the GSP within its boundaries. TWD’s role as an implementation partner is therefore most directly relevant to the Vina GSA, which lacks independent operational capacity.

Why a Separate Implementation Entity?

Under SGMA, GSAs are responsible for developing and implementing Groundwater Sustainability Plans. In principle, a GSA could both plan and build. In practice, the Vina Subbasin’s governance structure reflects a different approach—shaped by both institutional design and stakeholder preference. The Vina GSA’s Joint Powers Agreement (Section 12.3) provides that the Agency “will not have any employees.” Member agencies may be engaged to manage the GSA’s business, and the GSA may hire consultants, but this staffing model was designed for a regulatory and planning body—not for building and operating physical water infrastructure, which requires dedicated project management, engineering oversight, and sustained operational capacity.

After SGMA passed in 2014-15, landowners and county elected officials recognized that achieving sustainability would require a focused entity with independent authority to pursue funding, conduct feasibility studies, and implement projects. The formation of TWD as a California Water District under Water Code §34000 et seq. provides that capacity—a public agency with a landowner-elected board, independent funding authority, and the legal tools to get projects built. The MOUs formalize this complementary relationship, and LAFCO Condition 18 requires that before TWD pursues any GSP implementation activity that may result in a physical change in the environment, it must first obtain a GSP consistency determination from the Vina GSA—ensuring the GSA retains clear oversight of whether TWD’s projects align with the sustainability plan.

What TWD Can and Cannot Do

LAFCO’s Conditions of Approval define TWD’s boundaries.

TWD Is Authorized To:	TWD Is Restricted From:
Conduct studies and feasibility analyses related to groundwater sustainability, recharge, conveyance, and storage.	Exporting or transferring water outside the Vina or Butte Subbasins (LAFCO Condition 17(a)).
Pursue grants and funding for project feasibility and implementation.	Operating as a retail water provider—these powers are inactive and latent (Condition 17(b)).
Enter cooperative agreements and MOUs with GSAs and other agencies.	Pursuing CEQA or implementing any project without a GSA consistency determination (Conditions 14 and 18; MOUs).
Implement projects that have received a GSA consistency determination and completed CEQA review.	Exercising power over Rock Creek Reclamation District works without written consent (Condition 16).

The GSP Consistency Determination: What It Is and What It Isn’t

LAFCO Condition 18 defines the GSA’s consistency determination as a ministerial review—not a discretionary approval. The GSA determines only whether a proposed project is (1) within the scope of a project or action identified in the GSP, or (2) consistent and compatible with the goals, objectives, purposes, and policies of the GSP. The Condition specifies that GSA staff “shall not use or exercise any personal or subjective judgment” in this determination, and that it “is not intended to confer on the GSA the discretionary authority to determine whether to approve a District project or to modify or condition a project.” The purpose is to confirm GSP consistency before TWD undertakes the effort and expense of CEQA review, implementation, and operation.

How Projects Move Forward in the Vina Subbasin

Projects follow a structured pipeline with multiple public checkpoints. All TWD activity today involves research and due diligence—not construction.

Stage	What Happens	Key Safeguard
1. Exploration	TWD investigates whether a project concept is feasible—engineering, cost, environmental factors, funding.	Discussed at open board meetings. No GSA approval required yet.
2. Proposal	If viable, TWD prepares a project description and submits it to the relevant GSA.	Becomes part of the public record.
3. GSA Review	The GSA undertakes a GSP consistency determination by reviewing the project and determining if the project is consistent with the GSA’s GSP.	GSA retains full discretion (MOU §2(b)(1&2)).
4. CEQA	Environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act, as required by LAFCO Condition 18.	Public comment opportunity.
5. Build	Only after all prior steps are completed does construction begin.	Ongoing reporting, as may be required.

The bottom line: exploring a project is not the same as building it. No project advances to construction without a GSA consistency determination and environmental review. The GSAs retain full authority over sustainability planning, and TWD provides the operational capacity to turn those plans into reality—within the guardrails that LAFCO and the MOUs have set.

Source Documents

- Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency — Joint Powers Agreement (executed April 9, 2019)
- Butte LAFCO Resolution No. 18 2022/2023 — Conditions of Approval for TWD Formation (recorded February 1, 2024)
- MOU: TWD, Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA, and Vina GSA (January 28, 2025)
- MOU: TWD and County of Butte GSA (January 28, 2025)

This document was prepared by TWD staff for public information purposes. It is not legal advice.



Mission Statement

(Adopted November 19, 2025)

The Tuscan Water District (TWD) is a locally governed California Water District dedicated to ensuring the long-term sustainability of groundwater resources within the Vina and Butte Subbasins. TWD's mission is to:

- Protect and enhance the beneficial use of groundwater for all landowners by implementing projects and management actions consistent with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA);
- Represent and advocate for groundwater-dependent landowners in coordination with Butte County, the Vina, Butte, and Rock Creek Reclamation District GSAs, and other public agencies;
- Develop, fund, and operate surface-water supply, recharge, and conservation programs that improve basin conditions and preserve the region's agricultural and rural economy; and
- Defend local groundwater rights while pursuing cooperative, science-based solutions that sustain the Tuscan Aquifer for future generations.

Supporting Context

Statutory Basis: California Water Code §§ 34000 et seq.; LAFCo Certificate of Compliance (02/2024).

Core Functions: Evaluate, fund, implement, and oversee projects to achieve groundwater sustainability; serve as the implementing and funding partner to the GSAs.

Special Benefits Identified in the Engineer's Report: Local control, representation, funding advocacy, and protection of groundwater rights.



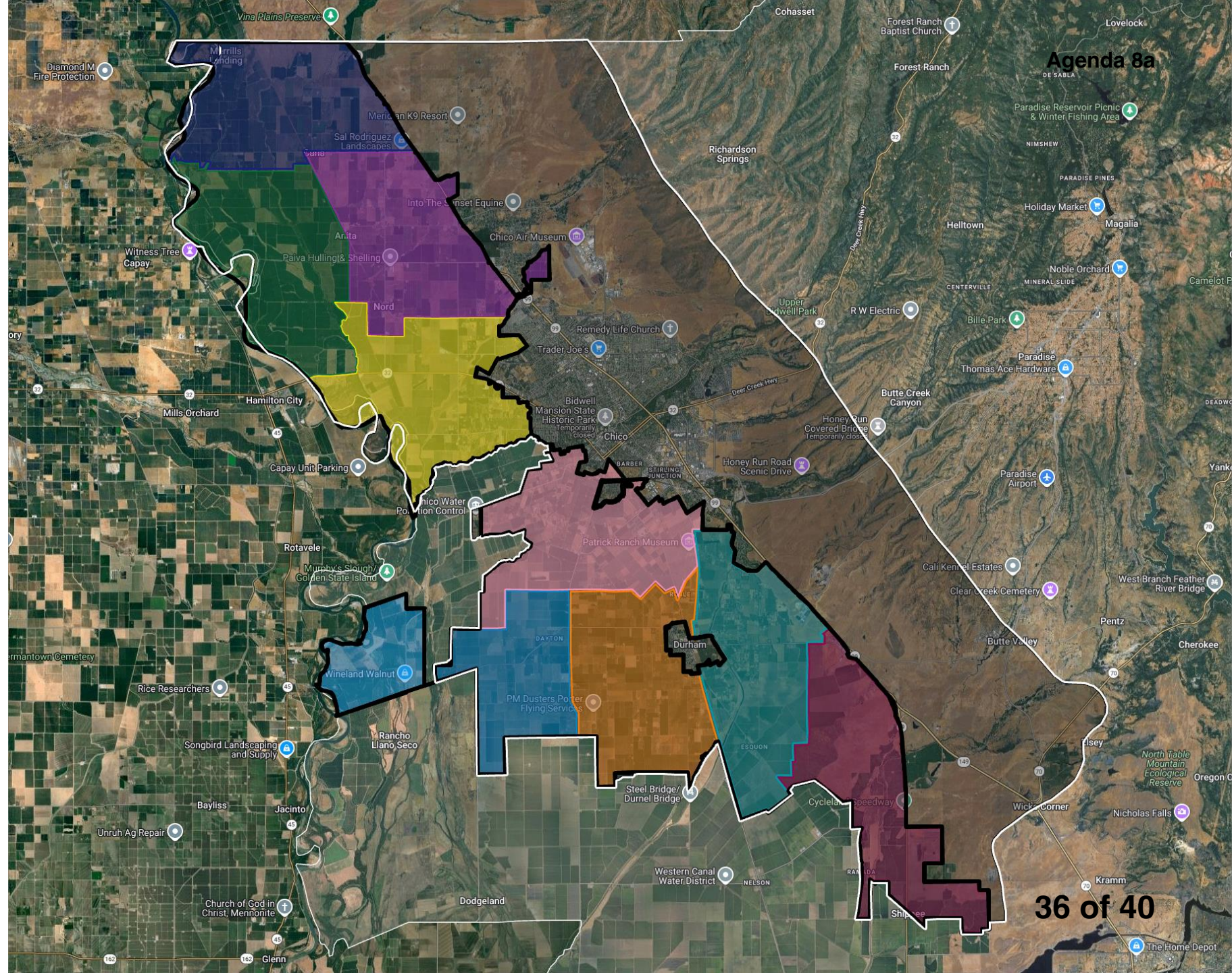
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Boards of Directors

Vina GSA =
White Boundary

TWD = Black
Boundary (west
of Hwy 99)

TWD Divisions =
multi-colored
areas



2024-2026
TWD Activities
(Highlights)

Area	Status
LAFCO Conditions	MSR application submitted; electoral divisions established; MOUs executed with all three GSAs (January 2025)
Prop 218	Election held January 2025 — 87.61% in favor, 63% turnout; Year 1 rate set at \$6.45/acre
Financial Setup	Bank account, EIN, D&O and liability insurance established; assessments placed on county tax roll (~\$428K expected); Investment Policy adopted
Governance	Mission statement adopted; Conflict of Interest and Sponsorship policies adopted; bylaws being finalized; transitioning to permanent staffing and office space
Elections	First by-division elections November 2026 (5 of 9 seats); election info page live on TWD website
Recharge & Surface Water	Monitoring Vina GSA pilot recharge projects; Rock Creek/Kiefer Slough analysis underway; reviewing Water & Land Solutions feasibility study; facilitating PID pilot transfer; two Ad Hoc Committees formed early 2026 to advance shovel-ready concepts ahead of Prop 4 funding
GSP Coordination	Monitoring Annual Reports and GSP Evaluation (due 2027); raised data and methodology questions via TAC on water use estimates, storage change modeling, and ET calculations

Structured Pipeline with Multiple Public Checkpoints



Bottom Line: Exploring a project is not the same as building it.
No project advances to construction without GSA and CEQA review.



Questions?

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TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT
Staff Memorandum

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Tovey Giezentanner, General Manager
DATE: March 18, 2026
RE: Item 8b: Ad Hoc Committee Updates — Surface Water and Recharge

Action Requested. No action requested. This item is informational. Staff is providing an update on the activities of the Surface Water Ad Hoc Committee and the Recharge Ad Hoc Committee.

Background. The Board established two ad hoc committees to provide directional input and help shape technical work products within their respective focus areas. The Surface Water Ad Hoc Committee (Directors Antonowich, Knight, Mendonca, and Turley) is reviewing the Surface Water Feasibility Analysis prepared by Water & Land Solutions, with elements prepared by Geosyntec and others, for the Vina GSA. The Recharge Ad Hoc Committee (Directors McGowan, Paiva, Mori, and Koehnen) is reviewing the Rock Creek / Keefer Slough Flood-MAR Concept Evaluation prepared by Provost & Pritchard.

Summary.

Surface Water Feasibility Analysis. On March 11, the Surface Water Ad Hoc Committee met via Zoom to review the Surface Water Feasibility Analysis. The Vina GSA intends to finalize the memo by March 31. Staff walked the committee through key sections of the analysis and asked the committee to submit any red flags or feedback by today’s Board meeting (March 18). Staff will incorporate any Board or committee feedback and prepare comments for Vina GSA between March 19 and March 27.

The Surface Water Feasibility Analysis is available for Board review at the following link:

[Surface Water Feasibility Analysis — Vina GSA Website](#)

The Surface Water Ad Hoc Committee will hold one more meeting on April 8 to review the final document and to discuss and potentially make a recommendation to the Board on next steps.

Rock Creek / Keefer Slough Flood-MAR Concept Evaluation. On March 11, the Recharge Ad Hoc Committee met via Zoom to review the draft Flood-MAR Concept Evaluation prepared by Provost & Pritchard (P&P). The initial work product is encouraging. P&P described four potential recharge basin locations at three sites along the corridor.

Staff has asked the engineer to address a few additional items before finalizing. Staff expects to receive the final version of the Report by the end of March.

The Recharge Ad Hoc Committee will hold one more meeting on April 8 to review the final document and to discuss and potentially make a recommendation to the Board on next steps.