



Meeting Agenda

Date & Time: 7/17/2026 | 9:30 AM

Location: SLDMWA Small Boardroom

Notice of Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee Regular Meeting

842 6th Street, Los Banos, California

In-Person Participation

NOTE: Any member of the public may address the Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee concerning any item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

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Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call	
2.	Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee to Consider Additions and Corrections to the Agenda, as Authorized by Government Code Section 54950 <i>et seq.</i>	
3.	Opportunity for Public Comment – Any member of the public may address the Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee concerning any matter not on the agenda, but within the Committee jurisdiction. Public comment is limited to no more than three minutes per person. For good cause, the Chair of the Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee may waive this limitation.	

ACTION ITEMS

4. **Approval of June 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
5. **Committee to Consider Acceptance of the Financial Report**
6. **Recommendation to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Certain Actions in Furtherance of Transitioning Committee Activities to the Grassland Basin Authority (“GBA”)**
 - A. Transition the Water Authority’s status as a “Discharger” under Order R5-2015-0095-07 to the GBA
 - B. Transition the Water Authority’s status as a “third-party representative” under Order R5-2015-0095-07 to the GBA

- C. Transition the Water Authority's rights and responsibilities under its Use Agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to the GBA

REPORT ITEMS

- 7. Report on the Mud Slough Restoration Program
- 8. Report on the Status of the Prop 84 Grant Program
- 9. Grassland Bypass Project Updates
 - A. Operations Report
 - B. Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report
- 10. Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater, Grassland Drainage Area Coalition
 - A. Nitrogen Management Zone Plan – Valley Water Collaborative; Delta-Mendota Advisory Committee
- 11. Reports from District Representatives
- 12. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)
- 13. Date and Time of Next Meeting
- 14. **CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Existing Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (1) Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

- A. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), et al. v. Nickels, et al., U.S. District Court, E.D. Cal., Case No. 2:11-cv-02980; 9th Cir., Case No. 23-15599; U.S. Supreme Court, Case No. 25-989 (GBP Citizen Suit)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 – 1 potential case

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 – 0 potential cases

- 15. Return to Open Session
- 16. Report from Closed Session, if any, Required by Government Code Section 54957.1
- 17. **ADJOURNMENT**

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842 6th Street, Los Banos

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members Present

Camp 13 Drainage District:

David Cory, Chair

Firebaugh Canal Water District:

Kevin Hurd, Member,

Jeff Bryant, Alternate

Pacheco Water District:

Chase Hurley, Member

Panoche Drainage District:

Patrick McGowan, Member

Authority Representatives Present

Chris Linneman, Drainage Coordinator

Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager

Others Present

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair David Cory at approximately 9:30 a.m. and roll was called.	
2	Additions or Corrections to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq. – No additions or corrections.	
3.	Opportunity for Public Comment – No public comment.	
4.	Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee to Consider Approval of the April 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes - M/S - On a motion made by Member Kevin Hurd, seconded by Member Patrick McGowan the Committee approved the April 17, 2026 meeting minutes. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, Hurley, McGowan; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	Cory

5. **Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report** Viers
– **Accounting Manager Lauren Viers** presented the Financial Report for the period: 3/1/2026 – 4/30/2026 Budget to Actual and receivables through 6/15/26 and noted 88 % of the budget remains. Following Ms. Viers presentation, Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported on the meeting with the Water Authority in reference to the move to the Grassland Basin Drainers and the end of this fiscal year.
M/S - On a motion made by Member Chase Hurly, seconded by Member Kevin Hurd the Committee accepted the Financial Expenditures Report. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, Hurley, McGowan; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
6. **Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project -** Linneman
Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported he continues to work with California State Fish and Wildlife on restoration. Linneman then discussed the history of flows from Mud Slough into Newman Lake.
- 7 **Committee to Receive Report on the Status of the Prop 84 Grant Program** Linneman
– Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman discussed Prop 84 Grant funding issues from the State, and noted a minor shut down for a few months but should be able to resume projects by late July, 2026.
8. **Grassland Bypass Project Updates –** Linneman
 - a. Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman referred to maps detailing all the discharge points for the project in today's meeting packet. A graph of Sites A and B discharge amounts and rainfall events through June 14, 2026 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for January 1, 2026– May 21, 2026 was reviewed. Next the Site D Mud Slough (North) Downstream San Luis Drain – selenium concentration on a daily, 7-day average and monthly average selenium concentrations and goals were presented with Mud Slough Selenium levels below 1 part per billion. Linneman concluded by reporting on Site B Monthly Salt Load and Site R Selenium concentrations. Linneman noted selenium requirements continue to be attained at all sites and discussions with Regional Board Staff on daily sampling with no discharge.
 - b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report** – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented and the Committee reviewed: toxicity data for March 2026, April 2026 and May 2026 and noted no toxicity.
9. **Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water for the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition** Linneman
 - a. **Nitrogen Management Zone Plan - Valley Water Collaborative; Delta – Mendota Advisory Committee** - Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman discussed the nitrogen management zone issues and discussed reports due at end of year.
 - b. **2nd Expert Panel Report Comment Period** - Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported he finalized June 5 report and presented

to the State Board on June 16. State Board is planning workshops with Regional Board for early 2027. This might alter existing WDR's, but not sure exactly what that might mean.

- c. **AB 2447 Status Report** – Chairman David Cory reported this bill did not make it through the appropriations Committee.

- 10. **Reports from District Representatives** – Patrick McGowan inquired on comments to LAFCO from the Grasslands Water District; in reference to lands being annexed in the Panoche Drainage District. Chris Linneman responded.
- 11. **Reports on Other Items Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 (a)(3)** – No other items were presented.
- 12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** - It was noted the next meeting will be July 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
- 13. **Closed Session** - The Committee did not have a Closed Session.
- 14. **Return to Open Session – No Closed Session**
- 15. **Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1** – No Report
- 16. **Adjournment** - Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 9:56 a.m.

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MARCH 1, 2026 - FEBRUARY 28, 2027
GRASSLAND BASIN DRAINAGE #3A (FUND 22)
ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS BUDGET TO ACTUAL

Report Period 3/1/26 - 5/31/26

EXPENDITURES	Annual Budget		Paid/ Expense	Amount Remaining	% of Amt Remaining	Expenses Through
<u>Legal:</u>						
Misc. Legal Support	\$ 20,000	1	\$ -	\$ 20,000	100%	
<u>GBD Specific:</u>						
Drainage Coordinator (Summers)	\$ 120,000	1	\$ 3,582	\$ 116,418	97%	3/31/26
Quality Data Processing/Load Calc (Summers)	\$ 150,000	1	\$ 28,643	\$ 121,357	81%	4/30/26
Flow Calculation/Station Maint. (Summers)	\$ 92,000	1	\$ 12,268	\$ 79,732	87%	3/31/26
Panoche Creek Gauging Station	\$ 10,050	1	\$ 5,530	\$ 4,520	45%	3/31/26
Water Quality Monitoring (Reg. Sites)	\$ 230,000	1	\$ 41,842	\$ 188,158	82%	4/30/26
Newman Water Costs	\$ 126,131	1	\$ -	\$ 126,131	100%	
Restoration of Mud Slough Channel (Newman Land)	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 2,161	\$ 27,839	93%	3/31/26
Waste Discharge Permit Fees	\$ 23,000	1	\$ -	\$ 23,000	100%	
GBD Reporting	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 13,815	\$ 11,185	45%	3/31/26
<u>New UA Mud Slough Mitigation:</u>						
Remove Sediment in SLD	\$ 50,000	1	\$ -	\$ 50,000	100%	
<u>Biological Monitoring:</u>						
Pacific Eco Risk	\$ 105,000	1	\$ 29,210	\$ 75,790	72%	5/31/26
HT Harvey-SJRIP Egg Monitoring	\$ 100,000	1	\$ 13,826	\$ 86,174	86%	4/30/26
Fish Biologist - Splittail/Sturgeon	\$ 16,000	1	\$ 2,309	\$ 13,691	86%	4/30/26
<u>Groundwater WDR Specific:</u>						
Membership Enrollment/List (Summers)	\$ 30,000	2	\$ 10,290	\$ 19,710	66%	4/30/26
Farm Evaluation Plan (Summers)	\$ 45,000	2	\$ 1,109	\$ 43,891	98%	3/31/26
NMP Summary Report	\$ 21,000	2	\$ 4,184	\$ 16,816	80%	4/30/26
MPEP Group Workplan	\$ 5,400	2	\$ 436	\$ 4,964	92%	4/30/26
Groundwater Protection Formula	\$ 5,000	2	\$ 608	\$ 4,392	88%	5/22/26
CVSalts Nitrate Compliance	\$ 35,000	2	\$ 25,061	\$ 9,939	28%	
Prioritization and Optimization Study-CVSalts	\$ 15,500	2	\$ -	\$ 15,500	100%	
Trend Monit Prgm	\$ 88,000	2	\$ 10,888	\$ 77,112	88%	4/30/26
Develop Web Portal	\$ 4,200	2	\$ 4,200	\$ -	0%	4/30/26
Collect State Board Fee	\$ 128,982	2	\$ 41,103	\$ 87,879	68%	
Annual Monitoring Report (Summers)	\$ 15,000	2	\$ 1,109	\$ 13,891	93%	3/31/26
CVGMC Data	\$ 35,000	2	\$ 6,809	\$ 28,191	81%	4/30/26
<u>Other:</u>						
Deputy General Counsel	\$ 5,264		\$ 2,030	\$ 3,234	61%	5/31/26
In-House Staff	\$ 3,900	1	\$ 660	\$ 3,240	83%	5/31/26
Dissolved Oxygen Aerator	\$ 6,250	1	\$ -	\$ 6,250	100%	
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,540,677		\$ 261,671	\$ 1,279,006	83%	

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
GRASSLAND BASIN DRAINAGE
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 03/01/26 - 02/28/27

		Grassland Basin Drainage	
		Fund 22	Total
Report Period: 6/15/26-7/10/26			
Report Date: 7/15/26			
	Receivable Balance at June 15, 2026	\$ 126,747.25	\$ 126,747.25
Billings:			
	Total Billings:	\$ -	\$ -
Collections:			
	Total Collections:	\$ -	\$ -
	Receivable Balance at July 10, 2026	\$ 126,747.25	\$ 126,747.25
Outstanding Accounts:			
FY26 Membership Outstanding			
GBD Annexation Fees - Panoche		\$ 60,698.25	\$ 60,698.25
Panoche Drainage District		\$ 66,049.00	\$ 66,049.00
		\$ 126,747.25	\$ 126,747.25
Outstanding Grand Total		\$ 126,747.25	\$ 126,747.25

Legend

— Channels cleaned of drainwater by the GBP

Channels Containing Drainage

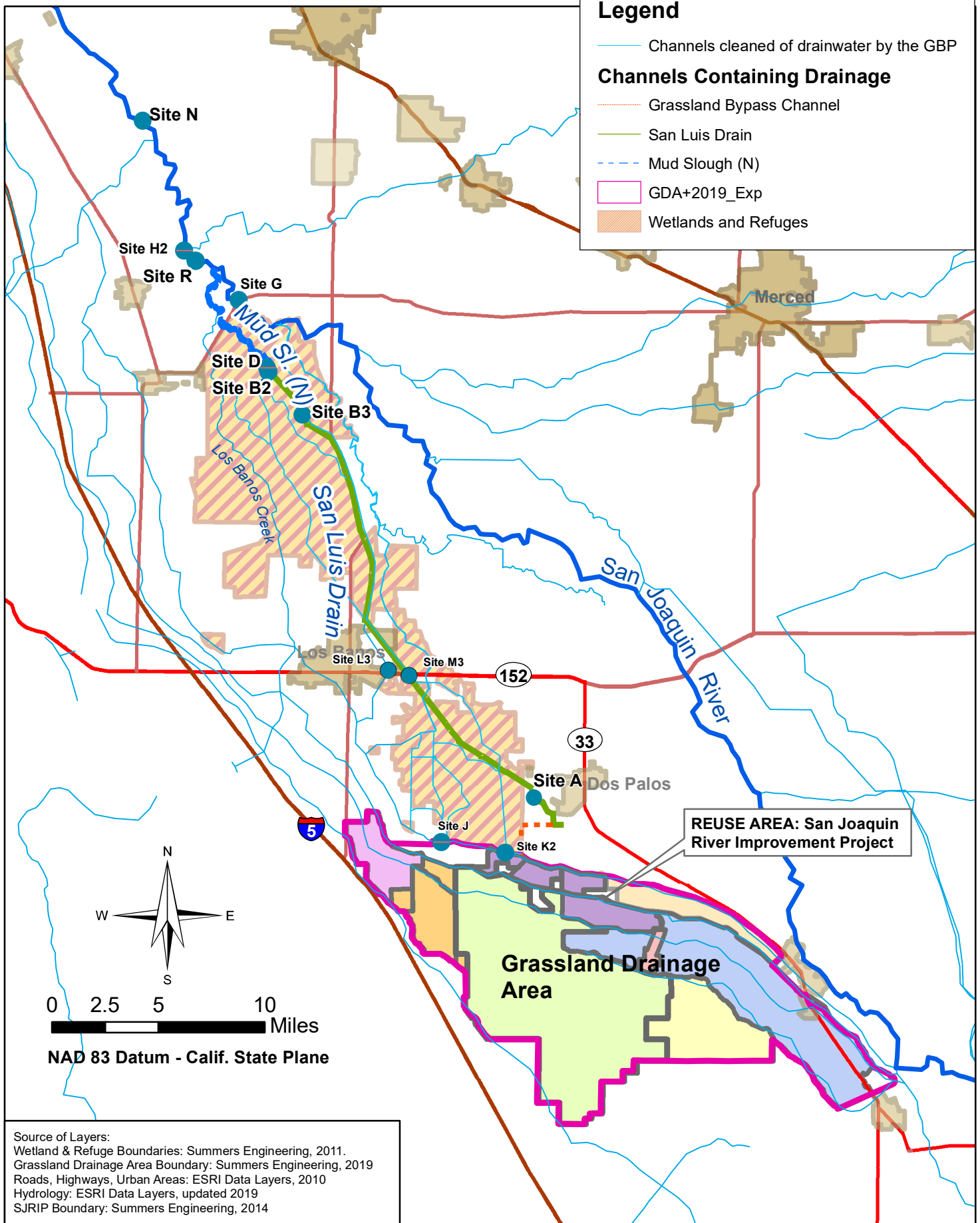
— Grassland Bypass Channel

— San Luis Drain

— Mud Slough (N)

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■ Wetlands and Refuges

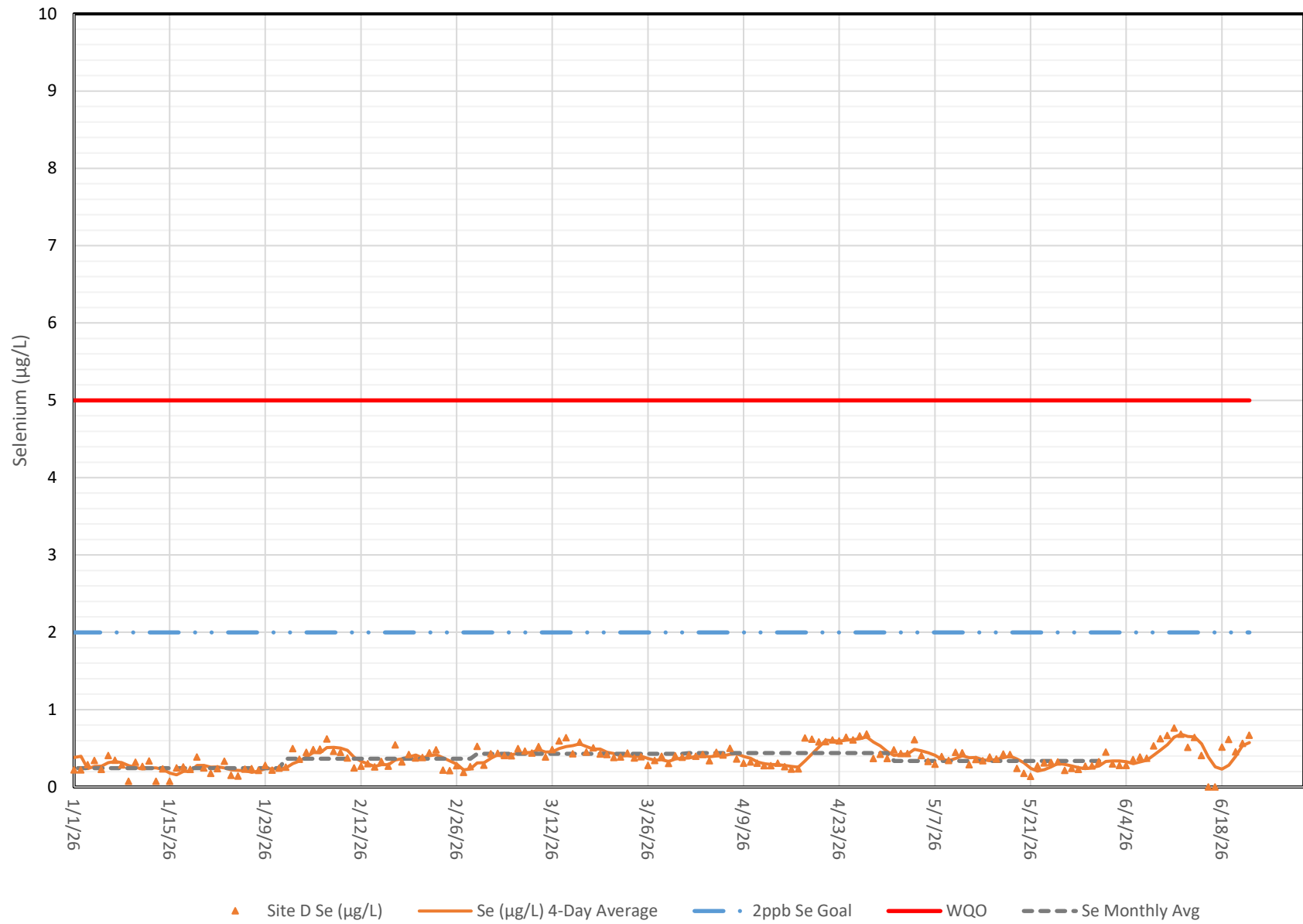


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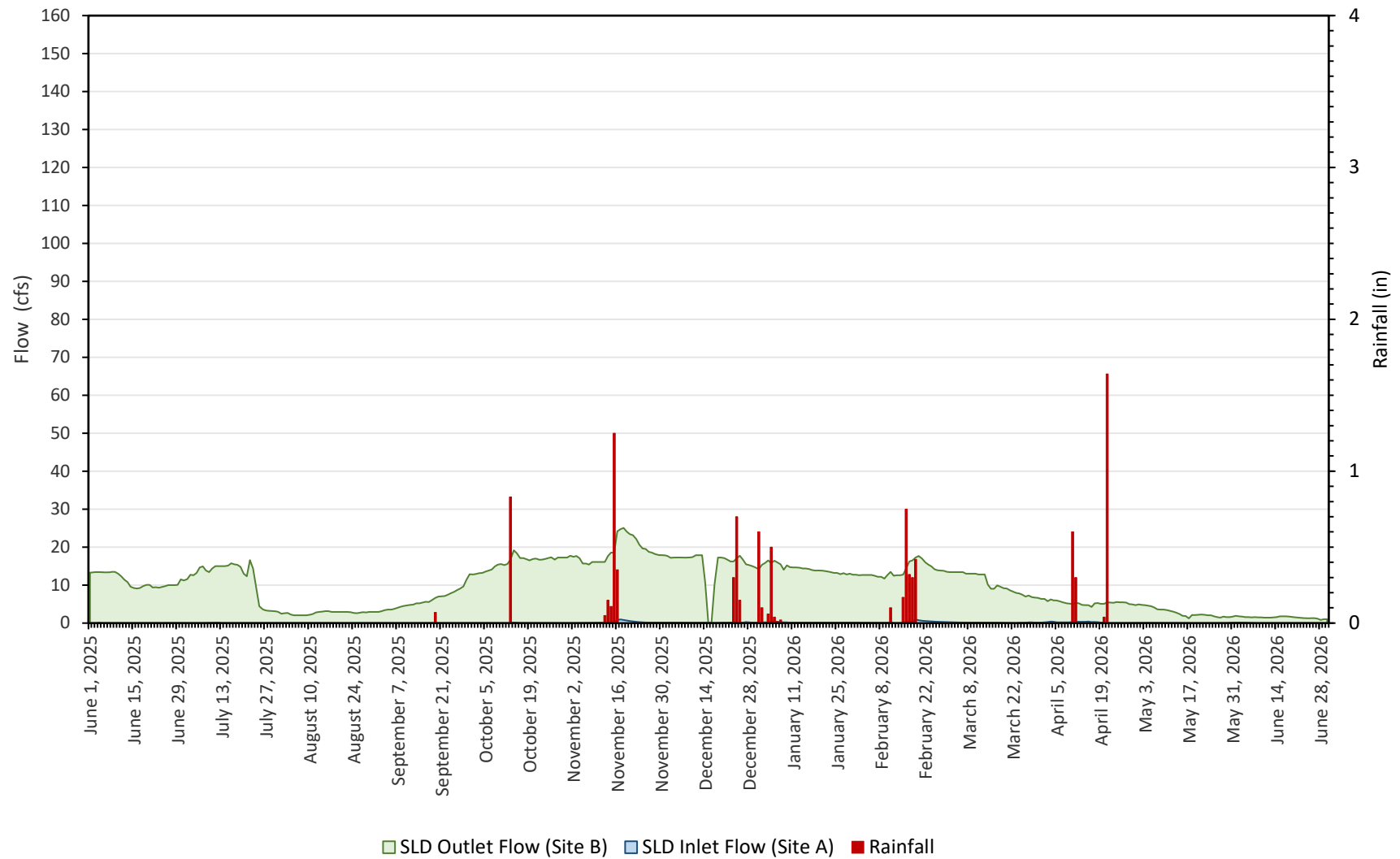
Grassland Bypass Project Location Map

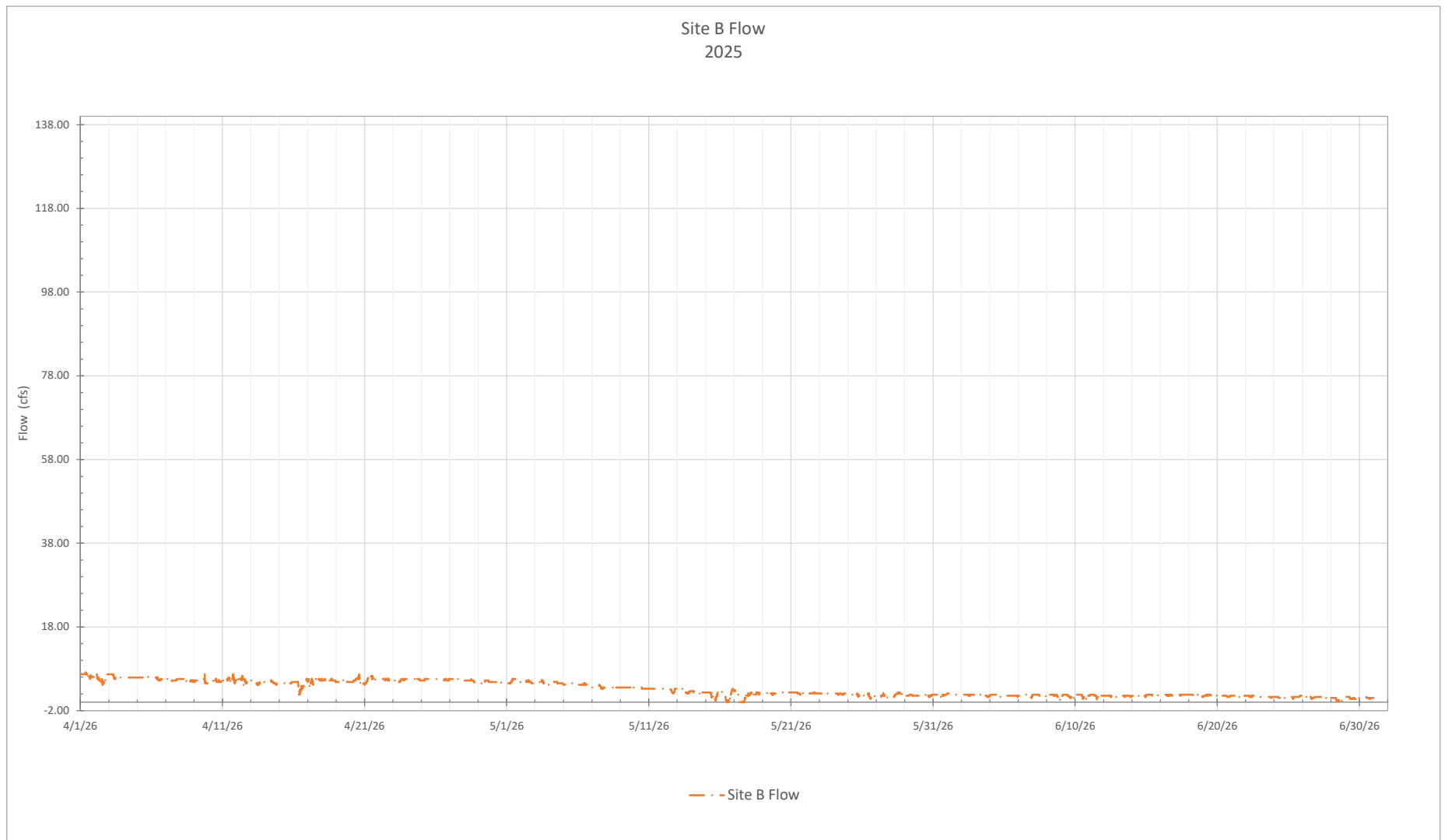
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Mud Slough Selenium

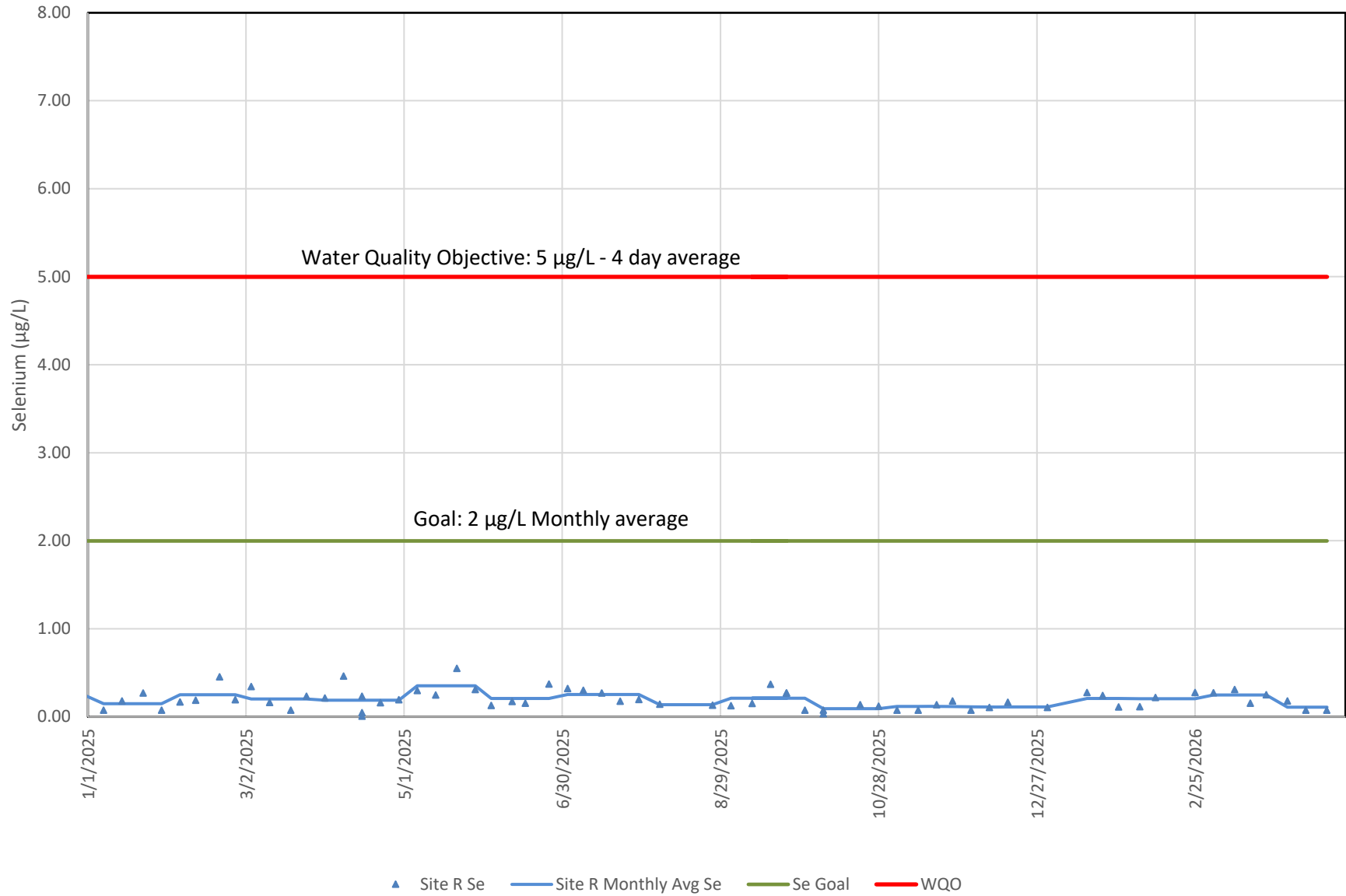


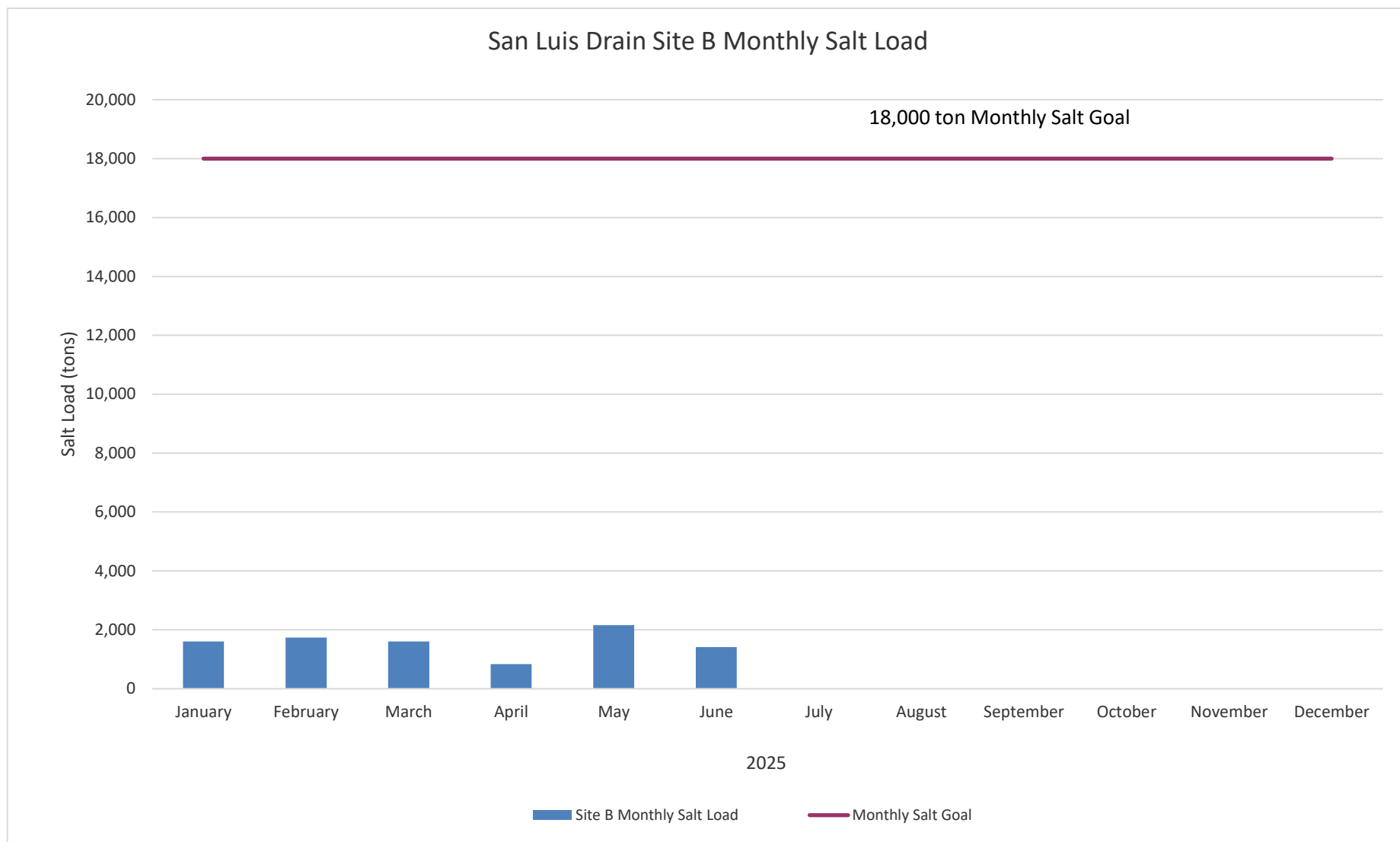
Grassland Bypass Project - Site A & B Flow & Rainfall





Site R - San Joaquin River downstream of Mud Slough - Selenium Concentrations





3. RESULTS

3.1 Effects of the Grasslands Bypass Project Ambient Water on *Selenastrum capricornutum*

The results for this testing are summarized in Table 2. TST analysis resulted in a pass, indicating that the samples were not toxic for the growth endpoint. The test data and summary of statistical analyses for this testing are presented in Appendix B.

Table 2. Effects of Grasslands Bypass Project ambient water on <i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i>			
Treatment/Sample ID	Mean Algal Cell Density (cells/mL x 10 ⁶)	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	2.86		
GBP-135-D-TE	4.45	Pass	-55.2%
GBP-135-B3-TE	4.54	Pass	-58.6%
GBP-135-F-TE	4.27	Pass	-49.0%
GBP-135-R-TE	4.81	Pass	-67.9%

3.2 Effects of the Grasslands Bypass Project Ambient Water on *Daphnia magna*

The results for this testing are summarized in Table 3. The TST analysis resulted in a pass, indicating that the samples were not toxic for the survival endpoint. The test data and summary of statistical analyses for this testing are presented in Appendix C.

Table 3. Effects of Grasslands Bypass Project ambient water on <i>Daphnia magna</i> .			
Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	100		
GBP-135-D-TE	100	Pass	0.0%
GBP-135-B3-TE	90.0	Pass	10%
GBP-135-F-TE	95.0	Pass	5.0%
GBP-135-R-TE	95.0	Pass	5.0%



3.3 Effects of the Grasslands Bypass Project Ambient Water on Fathead Minnows

The results for this testing are summarized in Table 4. TST analysis resulted in a pass, indicating that the samples were not toxic survival endpoint. The test data and summary of statistical analyses for this testing are presented in Appendix D.

Table 4. Effects of Grasslands Bypass Project ambient water on fathead minnows.			
Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	100		
GBP-135-D-TE	97.5	Pass	2.5%
GBP-135-B3-TE	97.5	Pass	2.5%
GBP-135-F-TE	100	Pass	0.0%
GBP-135-R-TE	97.5	Pass	2.5%

