



Meeting Agenda

Date & Time: 4/17/2026 | 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

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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 December 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
5. **Committee to Consider Acceptance of the Financial Report**
6. **Committee to Consider Approval of Quarterly Meeting Schedule**

REPORT ITEMS

7. Committee to Receive Report on the Mud Slough Restoration Program
8. Committee to Receive 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
 - b. 2nd Expert Panel Report Comment Period
 - c. AB 2447 Status Report
11. Reports from District Representatives
12. Reports on Other Items Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(3)
13. Date and Time of Next Meeting
14. Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL on Existing Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (1) Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

 - A. Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations (PCFFA), 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 (GBP Citizen Suit)
 - B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Pursuant to Subdivision (a) and Paragraphs 2 or 3 of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 potential case) or Paragraph 4 of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 potential case)
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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Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 12/12/2025 | 9:30 AM

Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los Banos

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

Attendance

Committee Members Present

Camp 13 Drainage District: David Cory, Chair
Charleston Drainage District: Branden Teicheira, Member
Firebaugh Canal Water District: Kevin Hurd, Member,
Jeff Bryant, Alternate
Panoche Drainage District: Wayne Western, Alternate Member

Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance

Others Present

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority
Mauricio Soriano, Summers Engineering-Telephonic

Authority Representatives Present

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel - Telephonic
Chris Linneman, Drainage Coordinator

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
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| 1. | Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair David Cory at approximately 9:35 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 November 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes - M/S - On a motion made by Chairman David Cory, seconded by Member Kevin Hurd the Committee approved the November 21, 2025 meeting minutes.
Vote: Ayes – Cory, Teicheira, Hurd, Western; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0. | |

5. **Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report** Tarka
– Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented the Financial Report for the period: 3/1/2025 – 10/31/25 (receivables) and the period 3/1/25 – 10/31/25 for (Budget to Actual) and noted 61 % of the budget remains
M/S - On a motion made by Member Kevin Hurd, seconded by Member Branden Teicheira the Committee accepted the Financial Expenditures Report. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Teicheira, Hurd, Western; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
6. **Committee to Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Budget** Linneman
Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reviewed the Draft Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Budget and estimated district dues for the Grassland Basin Drainage #3A (Fund 22) to the committee in detail. Linneman highlighted reduction in the budget and discussion ensued in reference to the cleaning of sediment from the drain. Following Linneman addressing questions it was noted an estimated \$350,000 in carryover from last year was in place to offset dues. Linneman concluded his budget presentation with the review of provisional District dues in two forms: one was full dues and the second was adjusted for carryover. The Grassland Bypass Project dues in graphic form for the past nine (9) years was reviewed. On a motion by Member Kevin Hurd to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Budget for the Grassland Basin Drainers, seconded by Alternate Member Wayne Western, the Committee approved the 2026 – 2027 Budget for the Grassland Basin Drainers.
Vote: Ayes – Cory, Teicheira, Hurd, Western; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0
7. **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.
8. **Committee to Receive Report on the Status of the Prop 84 Grant Program** – Linneman
Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported the Prop 84 Grant is still progressing on the San Joaquin River Water Quality Improvement Project (SJRWQIP), with funded projects moving forward. Linneman concluded by stating; some of the left-over funds could be utilized for other projects.
9. **Grassland Bypass Project Updates –** Linneman
a. Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman explained no discharges in 2025 have occurred and then 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 November 19, 2025 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for January 1, 2025– November 2025 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.

- b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report** – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented and the Committee reviewed toxicity data for November 2025. The Committee gave direction to release the Toxicity data.

10. **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 explained the Valley Water Collaborative is process is moving forward on priority 2 basins with reports due in the near future.
11. **Reports from District Representatives – No Report.**
12. **Reports on Other Items Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 (a)(3)** – No other items were presented.
13. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** - It was noted the next meeting will be February 20, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
14. **Closed Session - The Committee did not assemble to Closed Session.**
15. **Return to Open Session** – No Closed Session occurred.
16. **Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1** – No Report.
17. **Adjournment** - Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:07 a.m.

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MARCH 1, 2025 - FEBRUARY 28, 2026
GRASSLAND BASIN DRAINAGE #3A (FUND 22)
ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS BUDGET TO ACTUAL







Report Period 3/1/25 -2/28/26

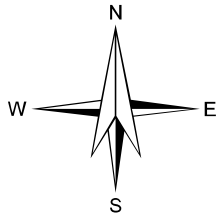
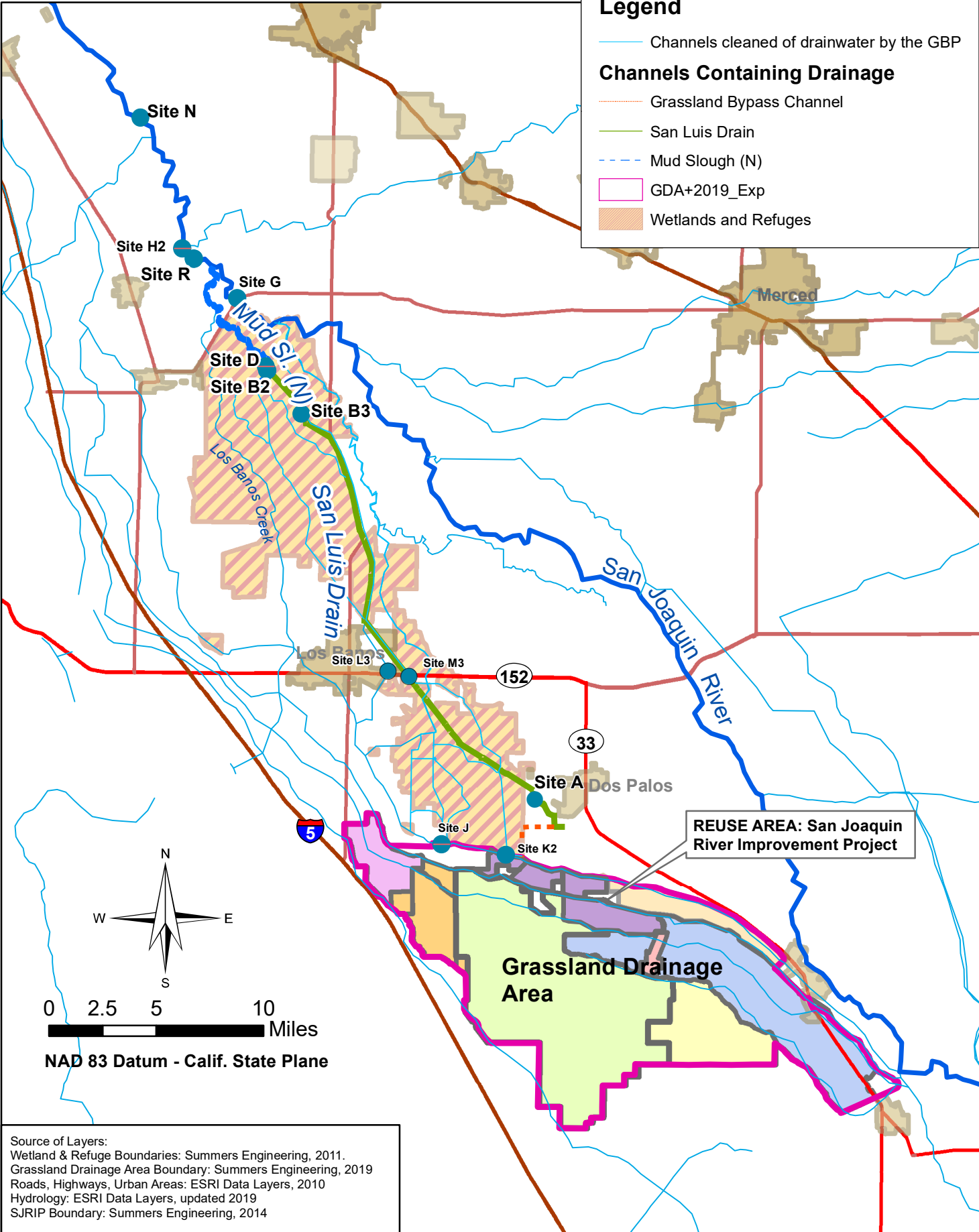
EXPENDITURES	Annual Budget		Paid/ Expense	Amount Remaining	% of Amt Remaining	Expenses Through
Legal:						
Pioneer Law Group - CEQA Legal Consultant / Matarazzo Law	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 392	\$ 19,608	98%	12/2/25
Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 200	\$ 29,800	99%	11/25/25
Kahn, Soares & Conway	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 1,445	\$ 8,555	86%	7/31/25
Misc. Legal Support	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 1,475	\$ 8,525	85%	8/31/25
GBD Specific:						
Drainage Coordinator (Summers)	\$ 150,000	1	\$ 98,523	\$ 51,477	34%	12/31/25
Quality Data Processing/Load Calc (Summers)	\$ 150,000	1	\$ 133,372	\$ 16,628	11%	2/28/26
Flow Calculation/Station Maint. (Summers)	\$ 110,000	1	\$ 78,317	\$ 31,683	29%	1/31/26
Panoche Creek Gauging Station	\$ 9,730	1	\$ 5,530	\$ 4,200	43%	4/8/25
Water Quality Monitoring (Reg. Sites)	\$ 250,000	1	\$ 154,006	\$ 95,994	38%	2/25/26
Newman Water Costs	\$ 123,658	1	\$ 123,661	\$ (3)	0%	2/28/26
Restoration of Mud Slough Channel (Newman Land)	\$ 75,000	1	\$ 2,719	\$ 72,281	96%	1/31/26
Waste Discharge Permit Fees	\$ 21,150	1	\$ 13,085	\$ 8,065	38%	6/30/26
SJRIP Monitor Wells	\$ 5,000	1	\$ -	\$ 5,000	100%	
GBD Reporting	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 23,445	\$ 1,555	6%	10/31/25
New UA Mud Slough Mitigation:						
Remove Sediment in SLD	\$ 50,000	1	\$ -	\$ 50,000	100%	
Biological Monitoring:						
Pacific Eco Risk	\$ 105,000	1	\$ 80,605	\$ 24,395	23%	2/28/26
HT Harvey-SJRIP Egg Monitoring	\$ 100,000	1	\$ 121,881	\$ (21,881)	-22%	1/31/26
Fish Biologist - Splittail/Sturgeon	\$ 16,000	1	\$ 15,247	\$ 753	5%	2/28/26
Groundwater WDR Specific:						
Membership Enrollment/List (Summers)	\$ 100,000	2	\$ 37,327	\$ 62,673	63%	2/28/26
Farm Evaluation Plan (Summers)	\$ 45,000	2	\$ 8,457	\$ 36,543	81%	1/31/26
NMP Summary Report	\$ 25,000	2	\$ 33,253	\$ (8,253)	-33%	1/31/26
MPEP Group Workplan	\$ 5,400	2	\$ 2,328	\$ 3,072	57%	2/21/26
Groundwater Protection Formula	\$ 5,000	2	\$ 3,231	\$ 1,769	35%	2/28/26
CVSalts Nitrate Compliance	\$ 50,000	2	\$ -	\$ 50,000	100%	
Prioritization and Optimization Study-CVSalts	\$ 15,500	2	\$ 9,552	\$ 5,948	38%	7/31/25
Trend Monit Prgm	\$ 84,000	2	\$ 62,165	\$ 21,835	26%	2/28/26
Develop Web Portal	\$ 3,500	2	\$ 4,200	\$ (700)	-20%	4/26/25
Collect State Board Fee	\$ 123,000	2	\$ 123,153	\$ (153)	0%	6/30/26
Annual Monitoring Report (Summers)	\$ 30,000	2	\$ 8,457	\$ 21,543	72%	1/31/26
CVGMC Data	\$ 2,311	2	\$ 6,565	\$ (4,254)	-184%	2/28/26
Other:						
General Counsel	\$ 35,000	1	\$ 564	\$ 34,436	98%	2/28/26
Deputy General Counsel	\$ -		\$ 599	\$ (599)	0%	2/28/26
In-House Staff	\$ 3,250	1	\$ 2,879	\$ 371	11%	2/28/26
Dissolved Oxygen Aerator	\$ 6,250	1	\$ -	\$ 6,250	100%	
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,793,749		\$ 1,156,631	\$ 637,118	36%	

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
GRASSLAND BASIN DRAINAGE
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 03/01/25 - 02/28/26**

		Grassland Basin Drainage	
		Fund 22	Total
Report Period: 3/1/25-2/28/26			
Report Date: 4/15/25			
Receivable Balance at October 31, 2025		\$ 236,035.00	\$ 236,035.00
Billings:			
	Total Billings:	\$ -	\$ -
Collections:			
Camp 13 Drainage District		\$ 36,327.00	\$ 36,327.00
Charleston Drainage District			\$ -
Firebaugh Canal Water District			\$ -
Pacheco Water District			\$ -
Panoche Drainage District		\$ 156,726.00	\$ 156,726.00
San Joaquin River Improvement Project			\$ -
Widren LLC			\$ -
	Total Collections:	\$ 193,053.00	\$ 193,053.00
Receivable Balance at February 28, 2026		\$ 42,982.00	\$ 42,982.00
Outstanding Accounts:			
FY26 Membership Outstanding			
Camp 13 Drainage District		\$ 42,982.00	\$ 42,982.00
		\$ 42,982.00	\$ 42,982.00
Outstanding Grand Total		\$ 42,982.00	\$ 42,982.00

Legend

-  Channels cleaned of drainwater by the GBP
- Channels Containing Drainage**
 -  Grassland Bypass Channel
 -  San Luis Drain
 -  Mud Slough (N)
-  GDA+2019_Exp
-  Wetlands and Refuges



0 2.5 5 10 Miles

NAD 83 Datum - Calif. State Plane

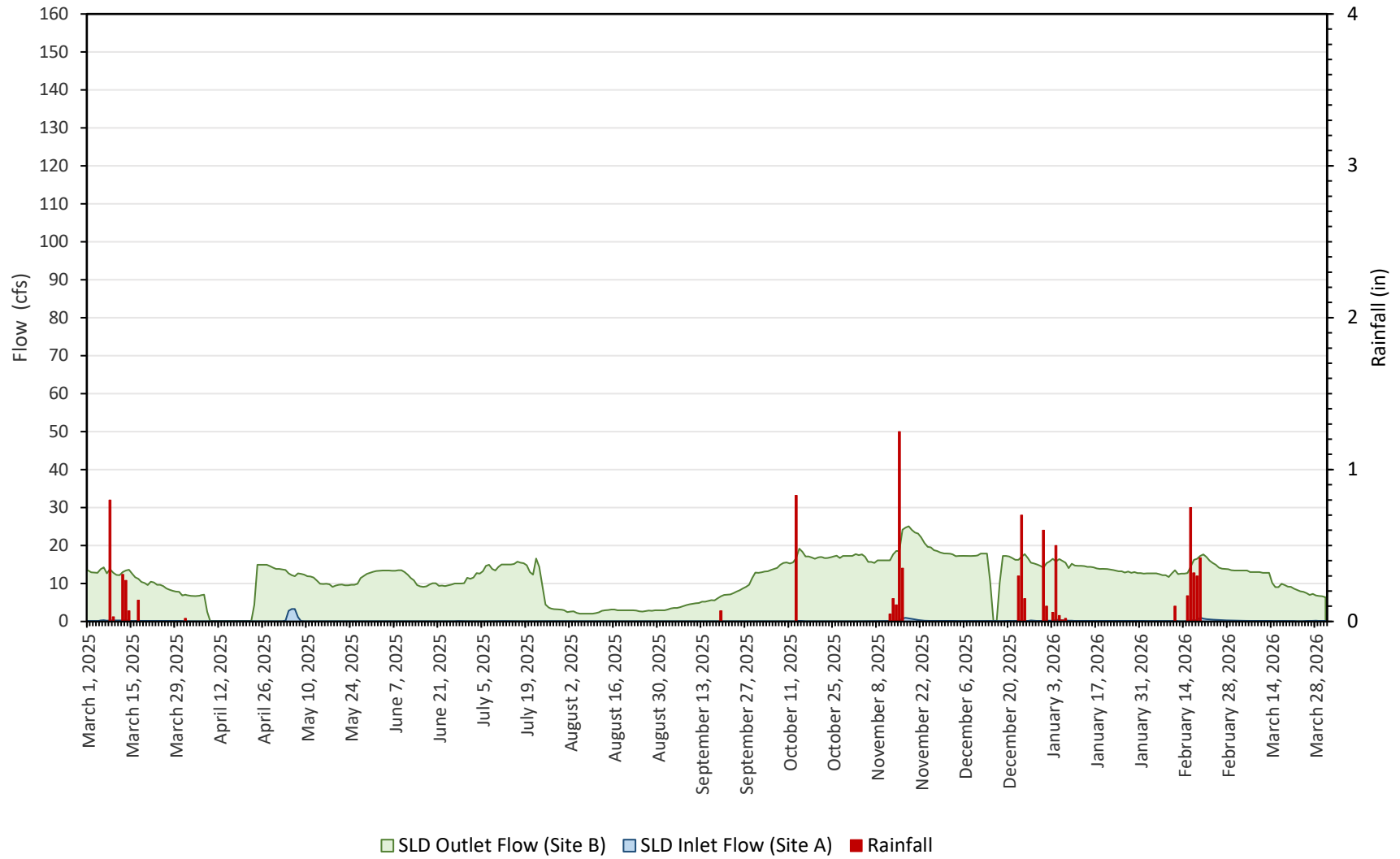
Source of Layers:
 Wetland & Refuge Boundaries: Summers Engineering, 2011.
 Grassland Drainage Area Boundary: Summers Engineering, 2019
 Roads, Highways, Urban Areas: ESRI Data Layers, 2010
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 SJRIP Boundary: Summers Engineering, 2014

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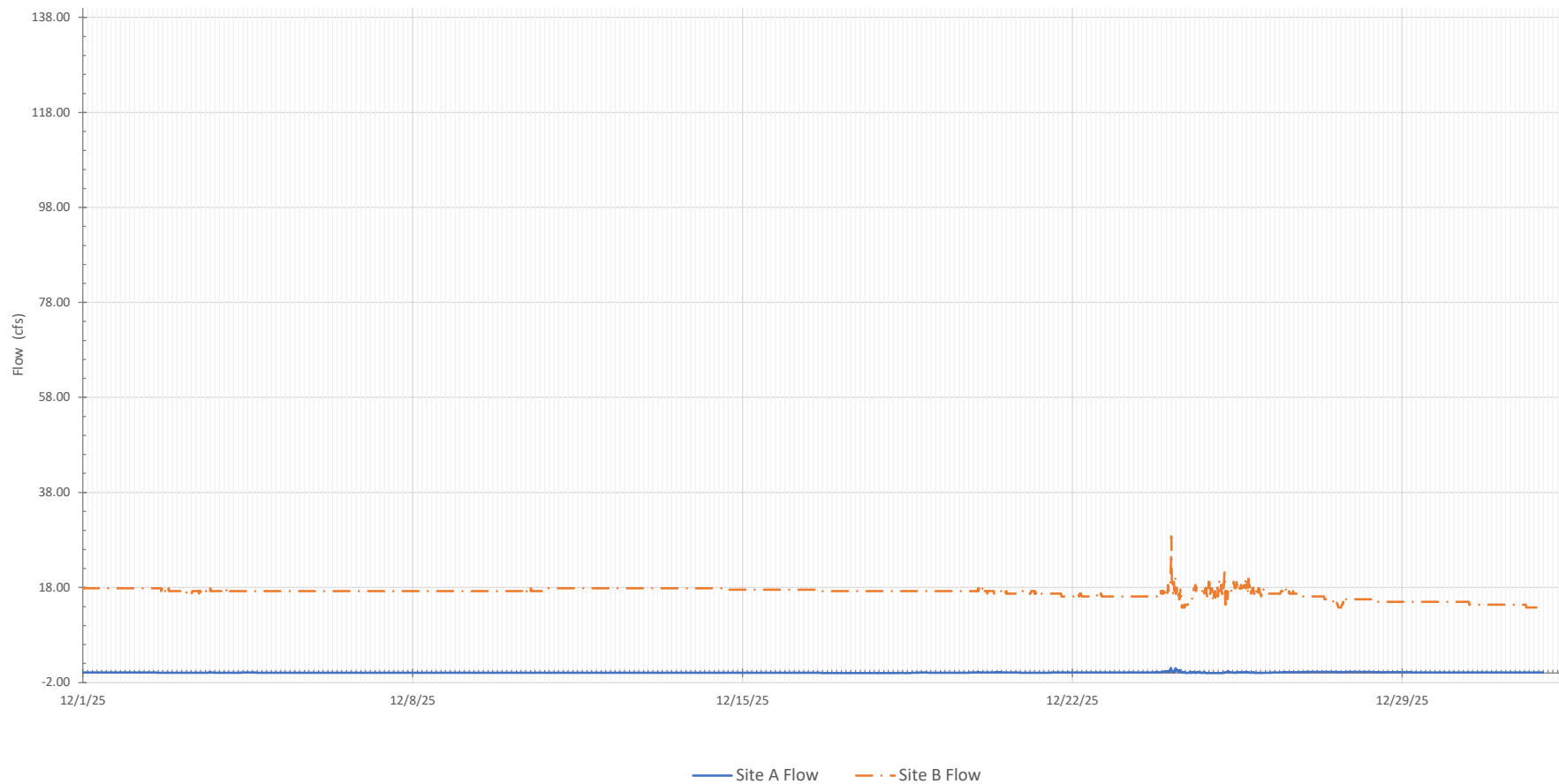
Grassland Bypass Project Location Map

Prepared by:
 Summers Engineering, Inc.
 Consulting Engineers
 Hanford California

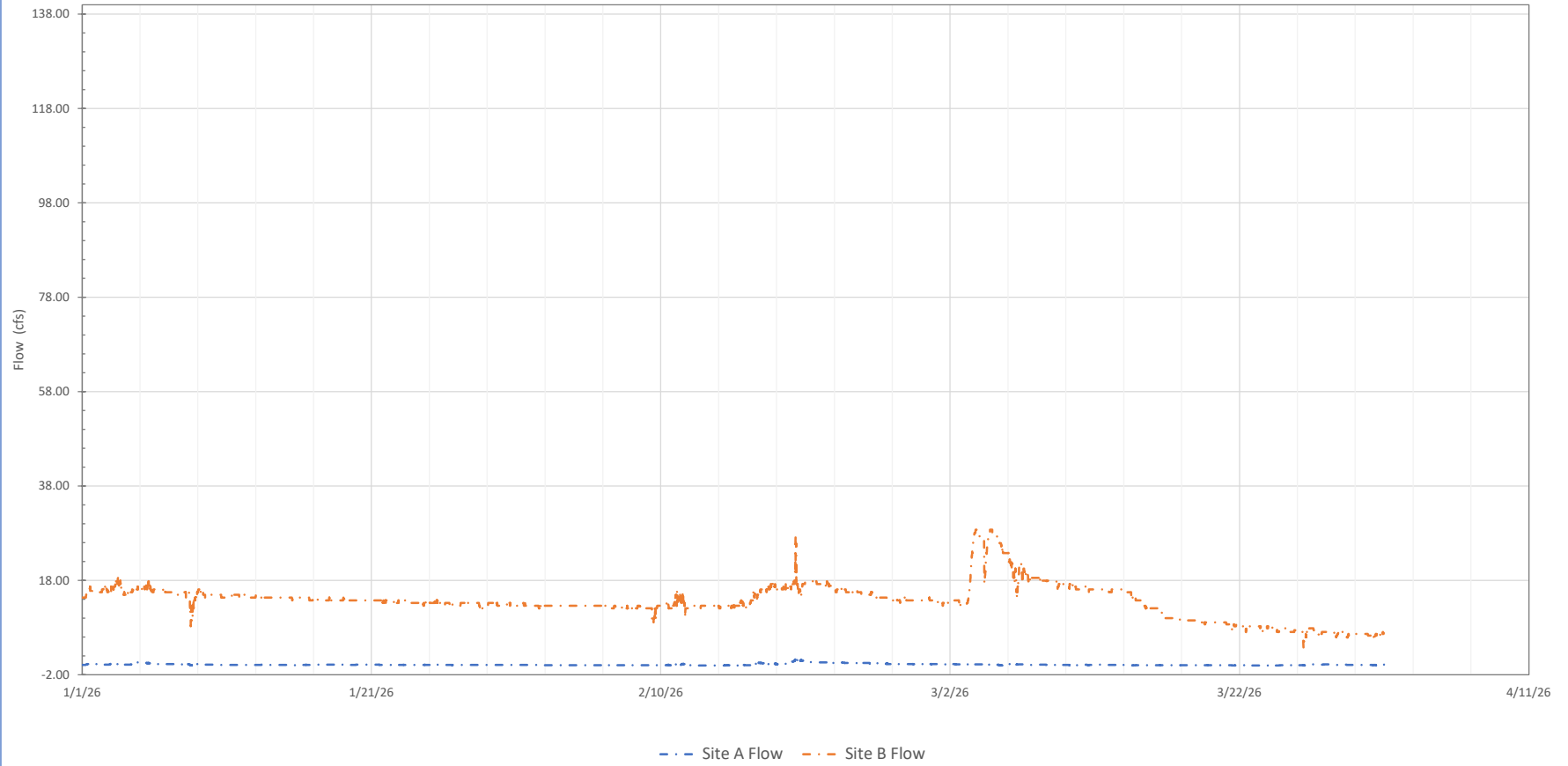
Grassland Bypass Project - Site A & B Flow & Rainfall



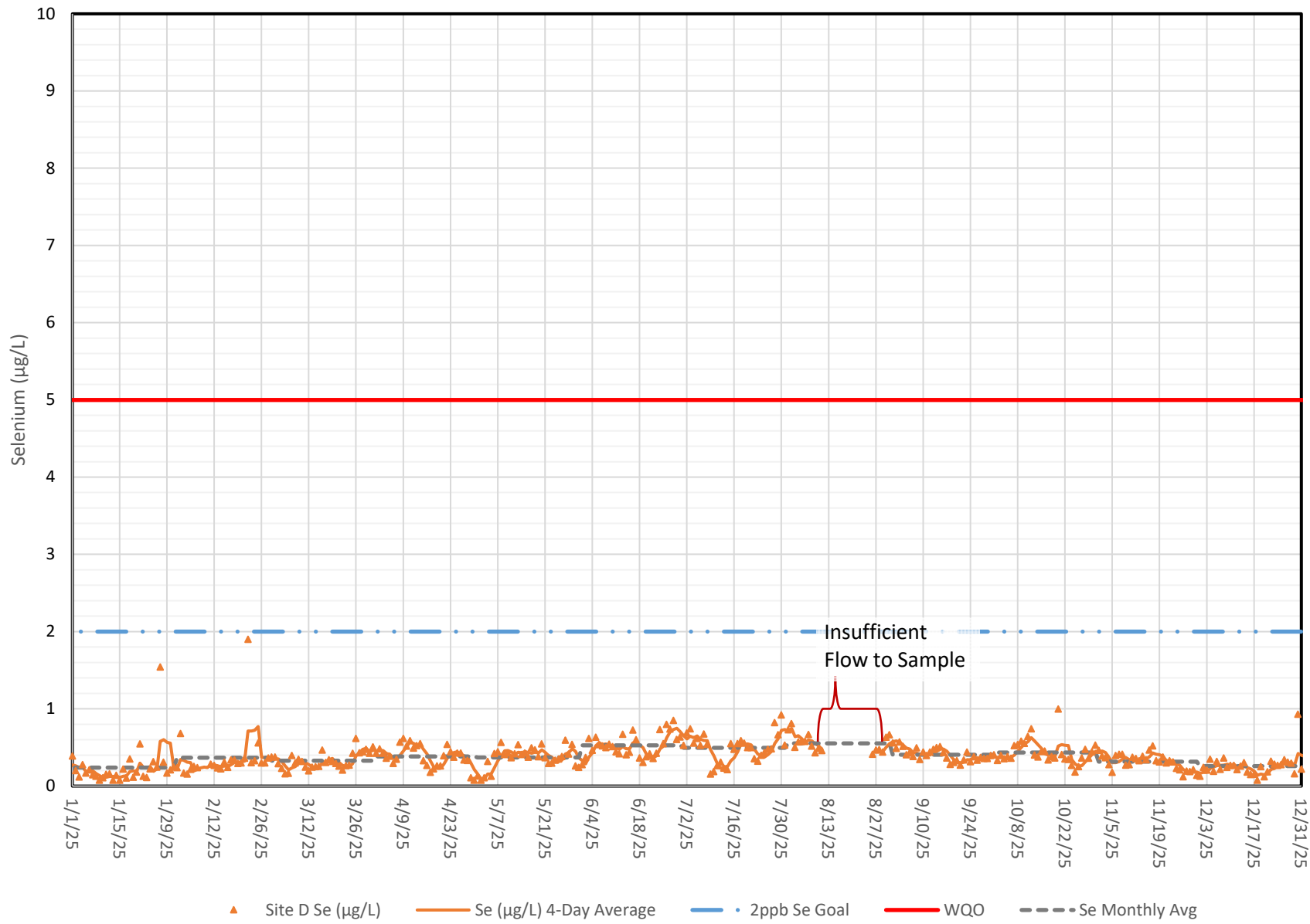
Site A & B Flow
2025



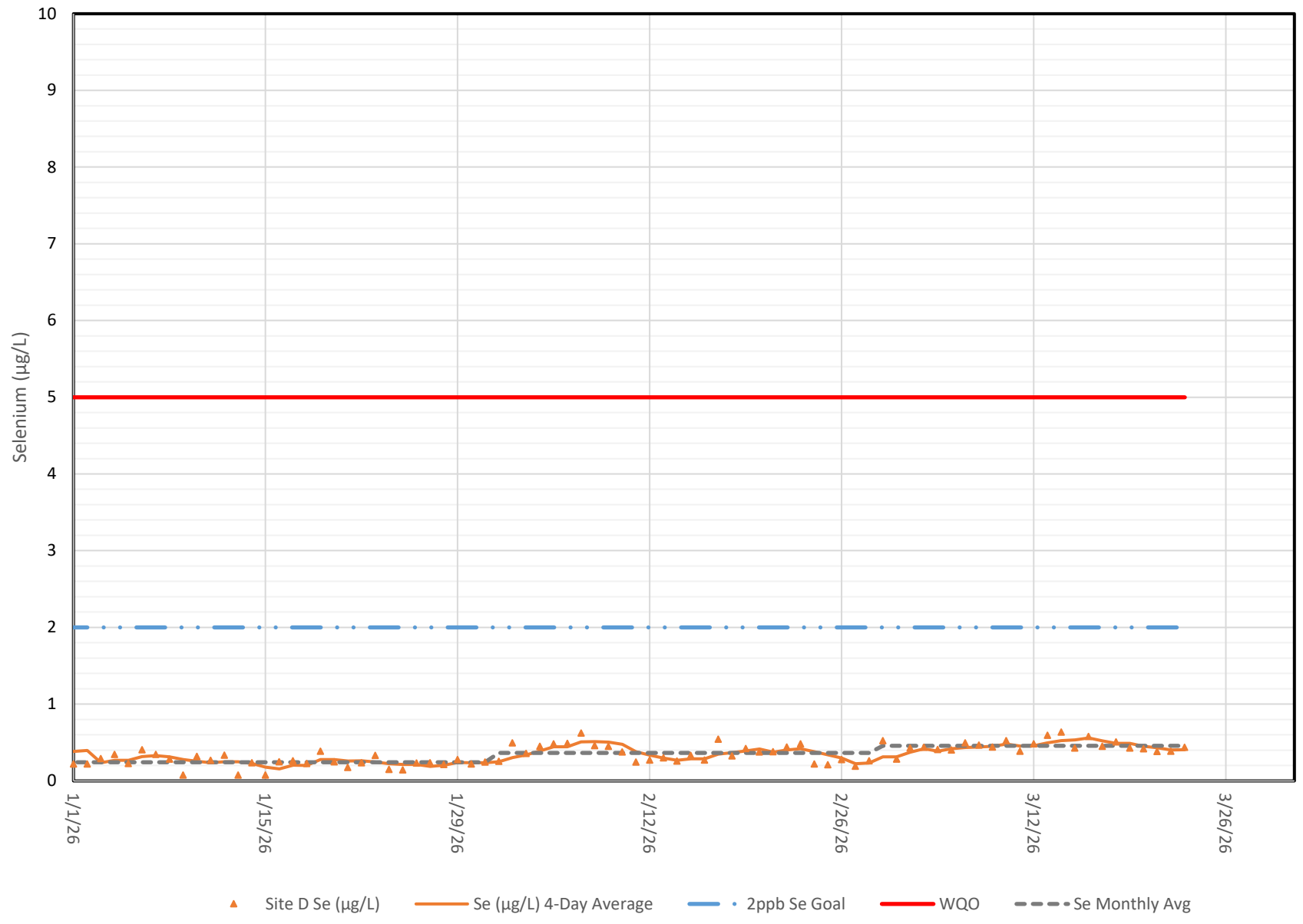
Site A Flow
2026



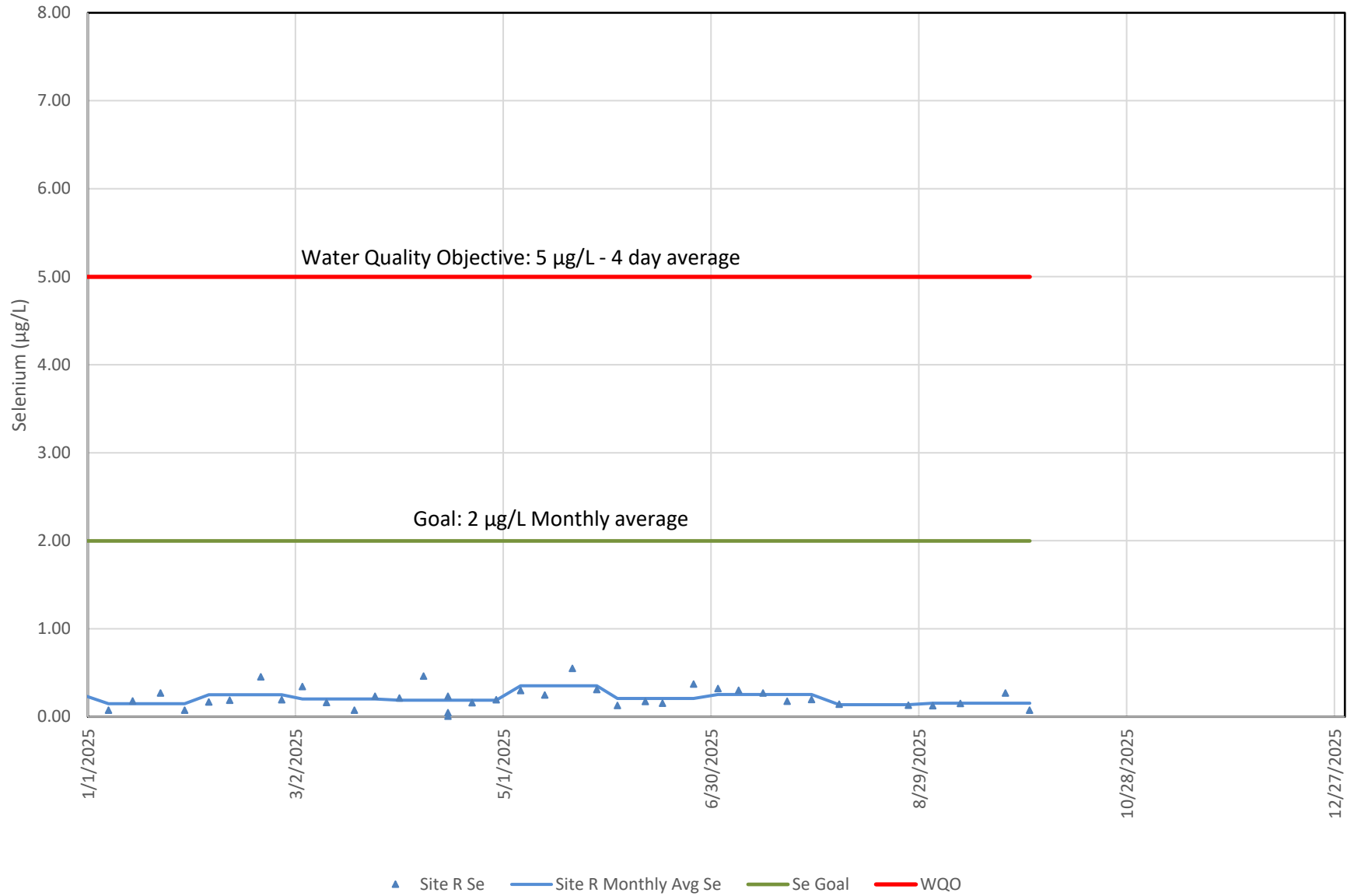
Mud Slough Selenium



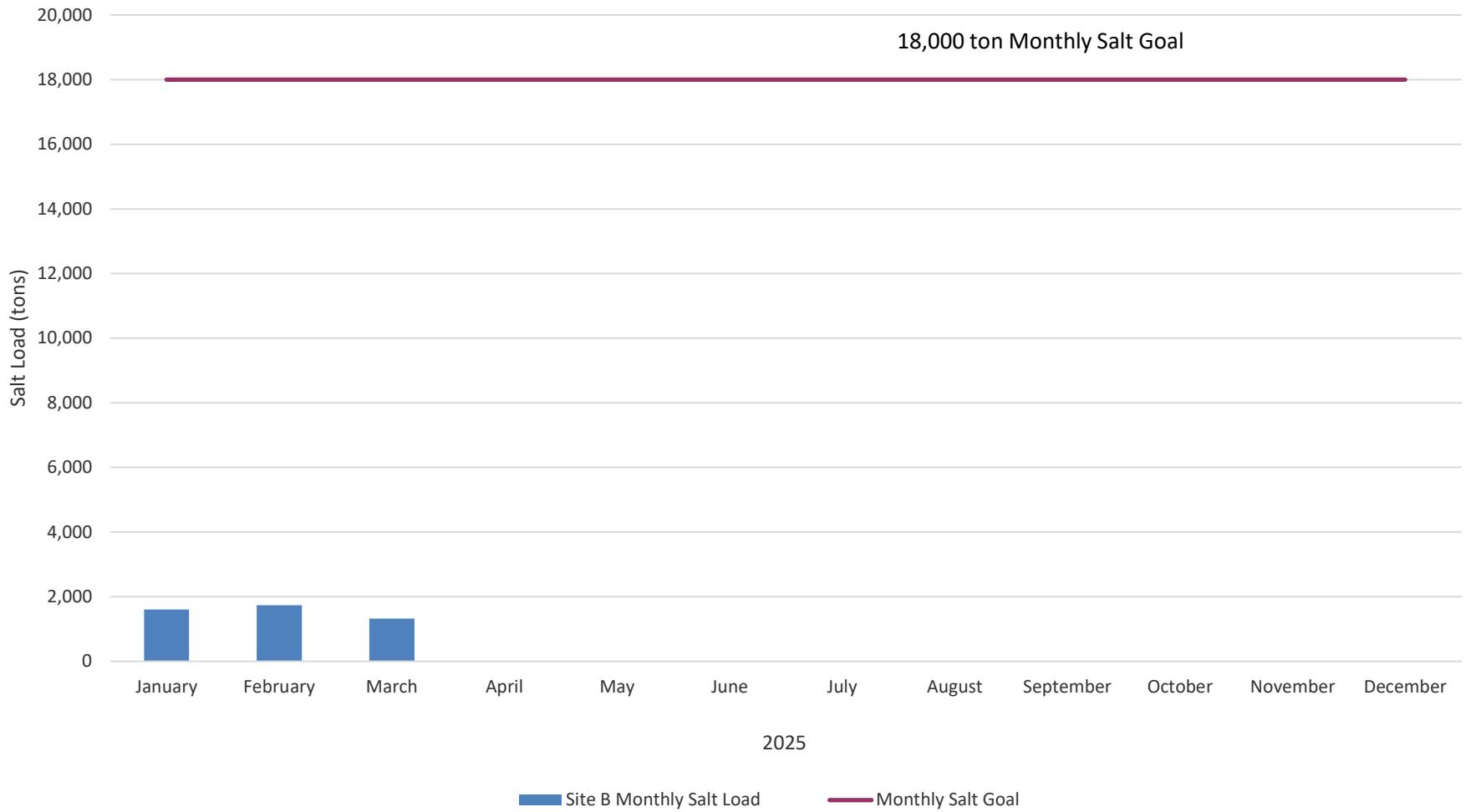
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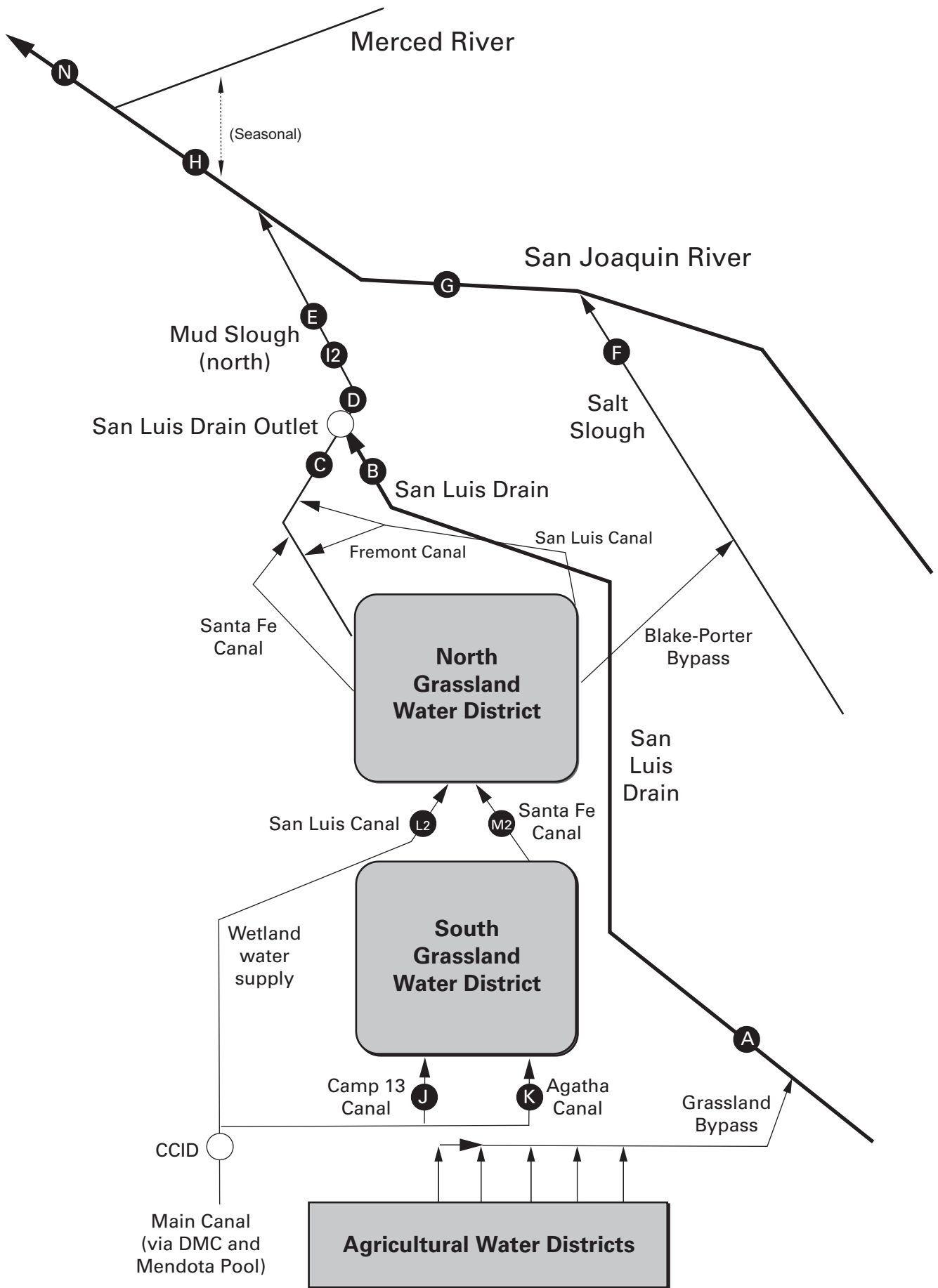


Site R - San Joaquin River downstream of Mud Slough - Selenium Concentrations



San Luis Drain Site B Monthly Salt Load





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. The TST analysis resulted in a pass, indicating that the sample was not toxic for the growth endpoint. The test data and summary of statistical analyses for this testing are presented in Appendix B.

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean Algal Cell Density (cells/mL x 10 ⁶)	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	0.87		
GBP-129-D-TE	4.01	Pass	-374%

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 sample was not toxic for the survival endpoint. The test data and summary of statistical analyses for this testing are presented in Appendix C.

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	95.0		
GBP-129-D-TE	100	Pass	-5.3%

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

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

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	100		
GBP-129-D-TE	97.5	Pass	2.5%



3. RESULTS

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

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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	2.46		
GBP-130-D-TE	4.94	Pass	-101%

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

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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-130-D-TE	100	Pass	0.0%

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Lab Water Control	100		
GBP-130-D-TE	100	Pass	0.0%



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

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Treatment/Sample ID	Mean Algal Cell Density (cells/mL x 10 ⁶)	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	2.24		
GBP-131-D-TE	5.16	Pass	-130%

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

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Lab Water Control	100		
GBP-131-D-TE	100	Pass	0.0%

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Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	97.5		
GBP-131-D-TE	100	Pass	-2.6%

