Meeting Agenda

Date & Time: 6/19/2026 | 9:30 AM
Location: SLDMWA 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 Water Resources Committee/Board concerning any item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

Because the notice provides for a regular meeting of the Water Resources Committee ("WRC") and a joint regular WRC Meeting/Special Board workshop, Board Directors/Alternates may discuss items listed on the agenda; however, only WRC Members/Alternates may correct or add to the agenda or vote on action items.

NOTE FURTHER: Meeting materials have been made available to the public on the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority's website, https://www.sldmwa.org, and at the Los Banos Administrative Office, 842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635.

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 *et seq*.	
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 April 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes**	
5.	**Committee to Consider Acceptance of the Financial Report**	
	REPORT ITEMS	
6.	Committee to Receive Report on the Mud Slough Restoration Program	

7. Committee to Receive Report on the Status of the Prop 84 Grant Program

8. Grassland Bypass Project Updates
   a. Operations Report
   b. Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report

9. 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 Update
   c. AB 2447 Status Report

10. Reports from District Representatives

11. Reports on Other Items Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(3)

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

13. 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)

14. Return to Open Session

15. Report from Closed Session, if any, Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

16. ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 4/17/2026 | 9:30 AM
Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
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

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel - Telephonic
Chris Linneman, Drainage Coordinator
Lauren Viers, Staff Accountant

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 December 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes** - M/S - On a motion made by Member Patrick McGowan, seconded by Member Kevin Hurd the Committee approved the December 12, 2025 meeting minutes. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, Hurley, McGowan; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	Cory

5.	**Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report – Staff Accountant Lauren Viers** presented the Financial Report for the period: 3/1/2025 – 2/28/2026 receivables and Budget to Actual and noted 36 % of the budget remains. Following Ms. Viers presentation, Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman responded to questions on; collections and carryover figures. M/S - On a motion made by Member Kevin Hurd, seconded by Member Parick McGowan the Committee accepted the Financial Expenditures Report. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, Hurley, McGowan; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	Viers
6.	**Committee to Consider Approval of Quarterly Meeting Schedule** Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman explained that monthly meetings were no longer necessary however, quarterly meeting would be scheduled. Linneman noted that only during budget preparation and approval, would monthly meeting be scheduled. This item was informational.	Linneman
7.	**Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project -** Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported he continues to work with California State Fish and Wildlife on restoration. Linneman then discussed options to restore water flow to Newman Lake.	Linneman
8.	**Committee to Receive Report on the Status of the Prop 84 Grant Program –** 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.	Linneman
9.	**Grassland Bypass Project Updates –** a. Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported the Stakeholder Meeting with the Regional Board occurred on January 16, 2026 and noted the meeting lasted 45 minutes. Linneman gave a detailed report on the meeting, 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 March 28, 2026 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for January 1, 2025– December 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	Linneman

reviewed toxicity data for December 2025, January 21, 2026 and February 17, 2026.

10. **Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water for the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition**
    a. **Nitrogen Management Zone Plan - Valley Water Collaborative; Delta – Mendota Advisory Committee -** Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman discussed the nitrogen management zone issues and noted reports due end of April 2026.
    b. **2nd Expert Panel Report Comment Period -** Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported on the meeting he had with experts pertinent to the panel report.
    c. **AB 2447 Status Report –** Chairman David Cory reported this bill focuses on nitrogen application. Cory then discussed lobbyist status on this issue on our behalf.

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 May 15, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

14. **Closed Session -** The Committee assembled to Closed Session at 10:03 a.m.

15. **Return to Open Session –** The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:09 a.m.

16. **Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1** – Chairman David Cory reported the Committee was given an update on existing litigation and no action was taken.

17. **Adjournment** - Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:10 a.m.

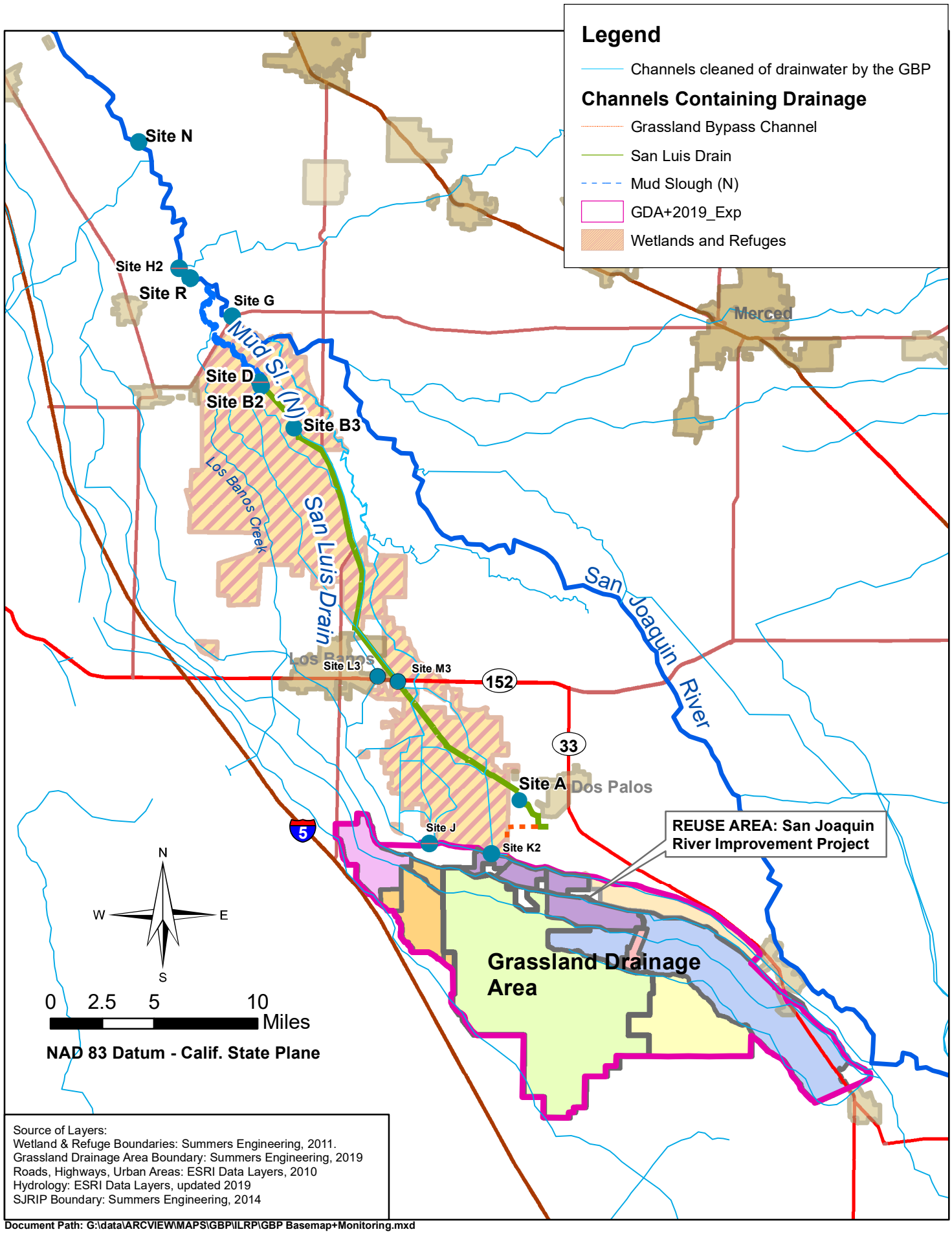
SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MARCH 1, 2026 - FEBRUARY 28, 2027
GRASSLAND BASIN DRAINAGE #3A (FUND 22)
ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS BUDGET TO ACTUAL

Report Period 3/1/26 - 4/30/26

EXPENDITURES	Annual Budget		Paid/ Expense	Amount Remaining	% of Amt Remaining	Expenses Through
Legal:						
Misc. Legal Support	$ 20,000	1	$ -	$ 20,000	100%	
GBD Specific:						
Drainage Coordinator (Summers)	$ 120,000	1	$ 3,582	$ 116,418	97%	3/31/26
Quality Data Processing/Load Calc (Summers)	$ 150,000	1	$ 18,288	$ 131,712	88%	3/31/26
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	$ 19,612	$ 210,388	91%	3/31/26
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
New UA Mud Slough Mitigation:						
Remove Sediment in SLD	$ 50,000	1	$ -	$ 50,000	100%	
Biological Monitoring:						
Pacific Eco Risk	$ 105,000	1	$ 24,615	$ 80,385	77%	4/30/26
HT Harvey-SJRIP Egg Monitoring	$ 100,000	1	$ 359	$ 99,641	100%	3/31/26
Fish Biologist - Splittail/Sturgeon	$ 16,000	1	$ 562	$ 15,438	96%	3/31/26
Groundwater WDR Specific:						
Membership Enrollment/List (Summers)	$ 30,000	2	$ 2,966	$ 27,034	90%	3/31/26
Farm Evaluation Plan (Summers)	$ 45,000	2	$ 1,109	$ 43,891	98%	3/31/26
NMP Summary Report	$ 21,000	2	$ 4,151	$ 16,849	80%	3/31/26
MPEP Group Workplan	$ 5,400	2	$ 211	$ 5,189	96%	3/31/26
Groundwater Protection Formula	$ 5,000	2	$ 242	$ 4,758	95%	4/30/26
CVSalts Nitrate Compliance	$ 35,000	2	$ 25,061	$ 9,939	28%	
Prioritization and Optimization Study-CVSalts	$ 15,500	2	$ -	$ 15,500	100%	
Trend Monit Prgrm	$ 88,000	2	$ 4,367	$ 83,634	95%	3/31/26
Develop Web Portal	$ 4,200	2	$ -	$ 4,200	100%	
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	$ 2,335	$ 32,665	93%	3/31/26
Other:						
Deputy General Counsel	$ 5,264		$ 889	$ 4,375	83%	4/30/26
In-House Staff	$ 3,900	1	$ 424	$ 3,476	89%	4/30/26
Dissolved Oxygen Aerator	$ 6,250	1	$ -	$ 6,250	100%	
Total Expenditures	$ 1,540,677		$ 184,758	$ 1,355,919	88%	

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: 3/1/26-6/15/26			
Report Date: 6/17/26			
	Receivable Balance at February 28, 2026	$ 42,982.00	$ 42,982.00
Billings:			
	FY27 Membership Assessments 1st Installment	$ 351,386.50	$ 351,386.50
	GBD Annexation Fees - Panoche	167,739.55	$ 167,739.55
	Total Billings:	$ 519,126.05	$ 519,126.05
Collections:			
	Camp 13 Drainage District	$ 59,097.50	$ 59,097.50
	Charleston Drainage District	$ 14,523.00	$ 14,523.00
	Firebaugh Canal Water District	$ 81,331.50	$ 81,331.50
	GBD Annexation Fees - Panoche	$ 107,041.30	$ 107,041.30
	Pacheco Water District	$ 24,110.50	$ 24,110.50
	Panoche Drainage District	$ 132,097.00	$ 132,097.00
	San Joaquin River Improvement Project	$ 14,968.00	$ 14,968.00
	Widren LLC	$ 2,192.00	$ 2,192.00
	Total Collections:	**$ 435,360.80**	**$ 435,360.80**
	Receivable Balance at June 15, 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**



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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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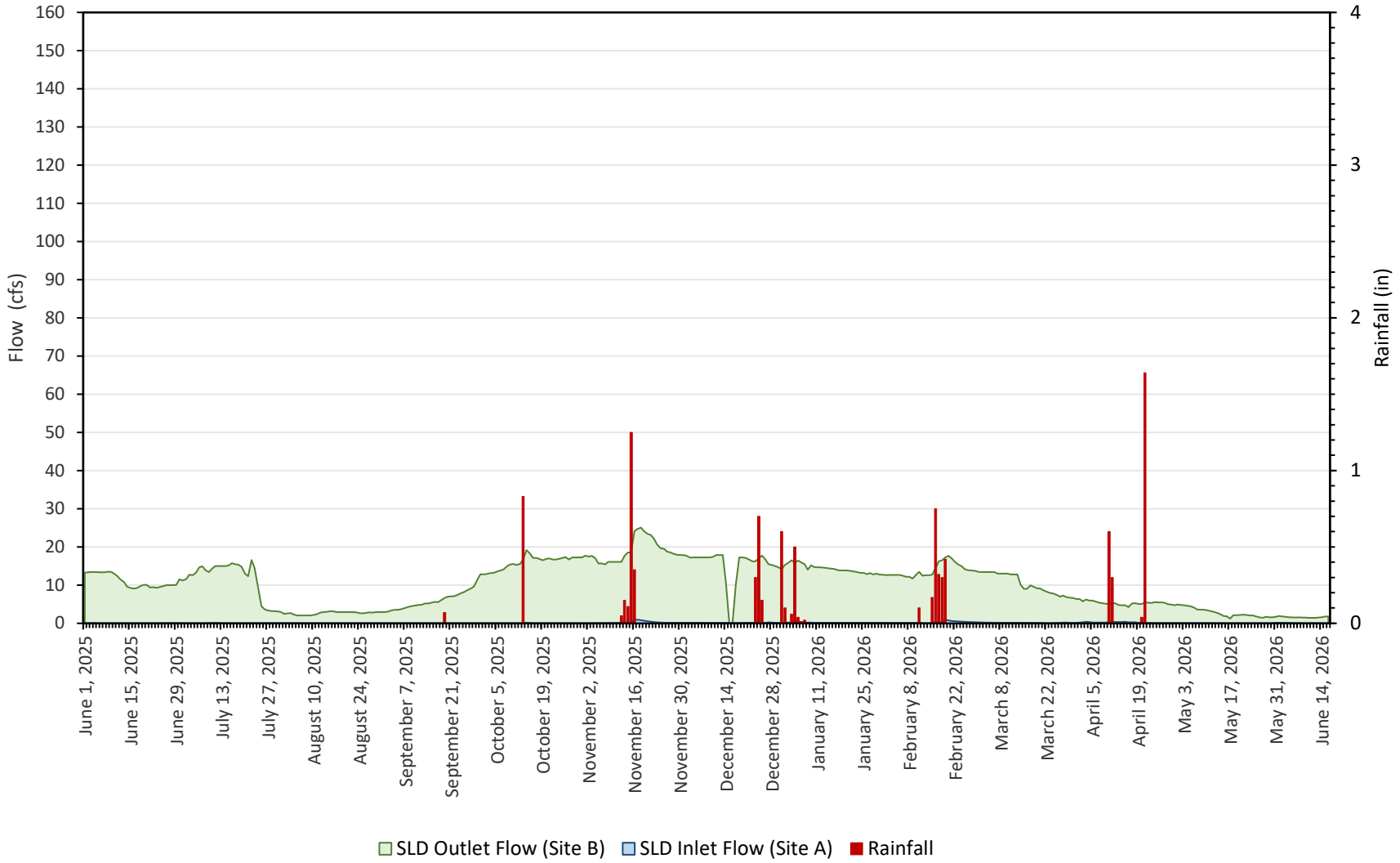
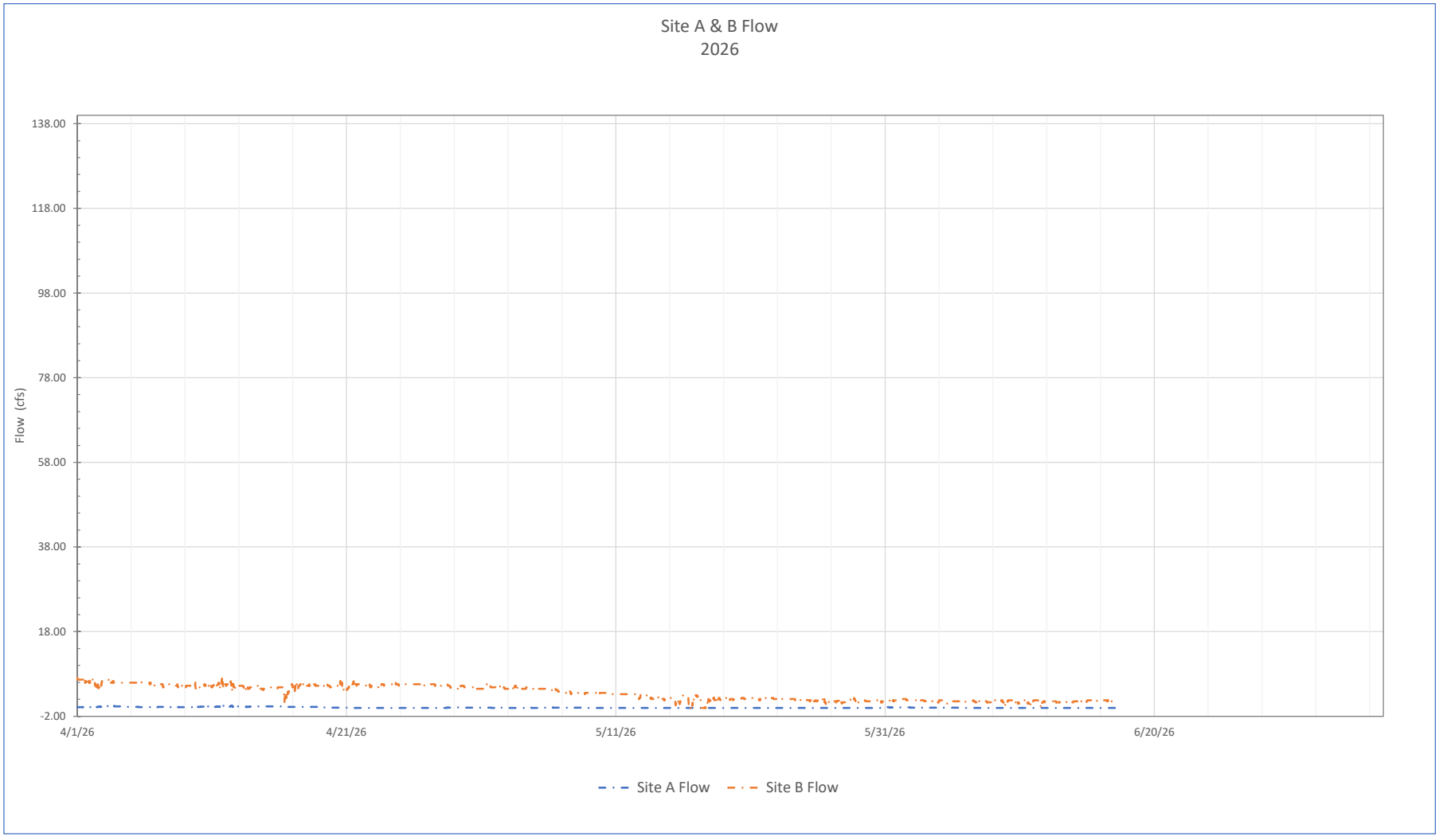
Grassland Bypass Project Location Map

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

Grassland Bypass Project - Site A & B Flow & Rainfall

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Site A Flow
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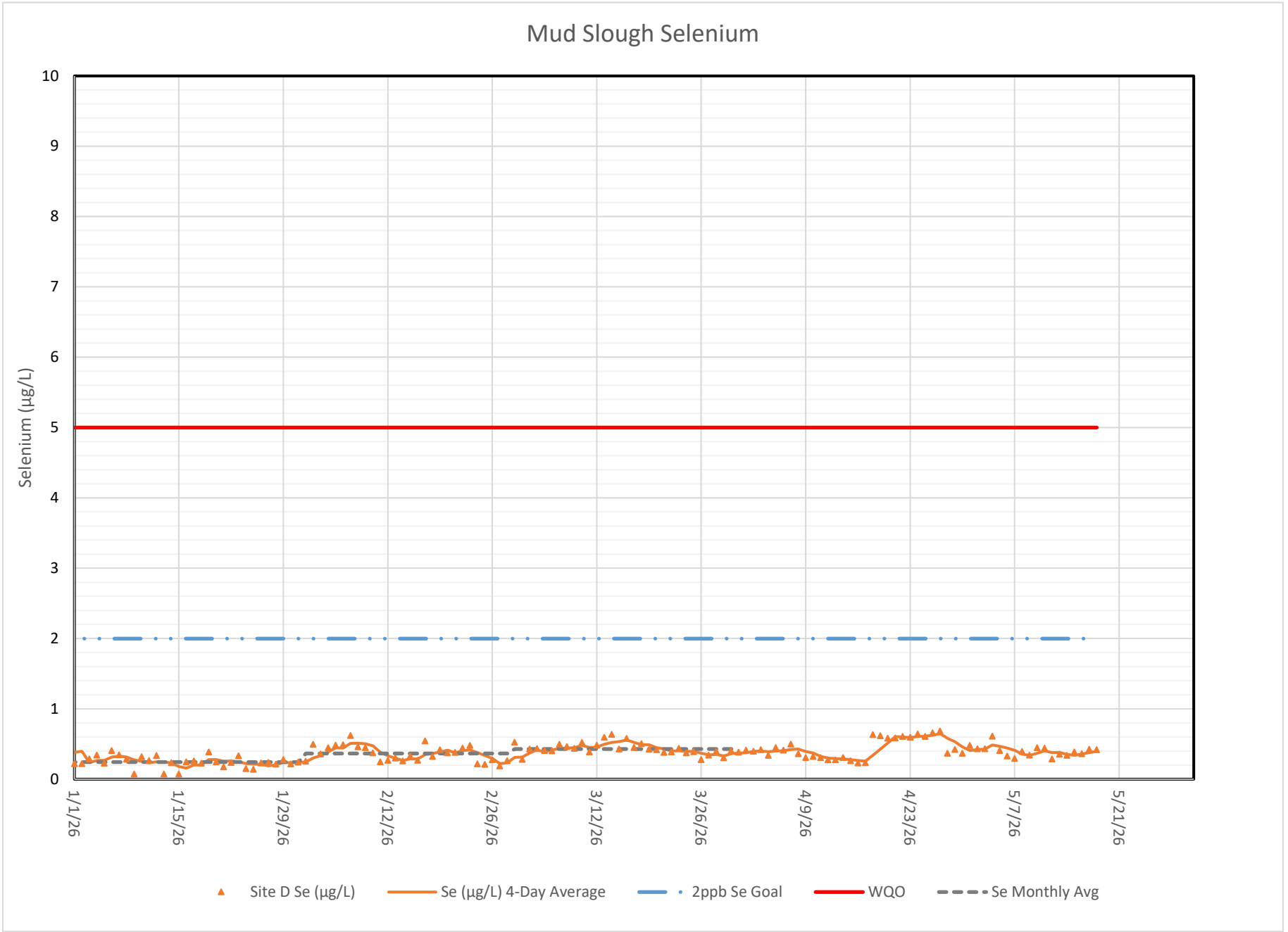

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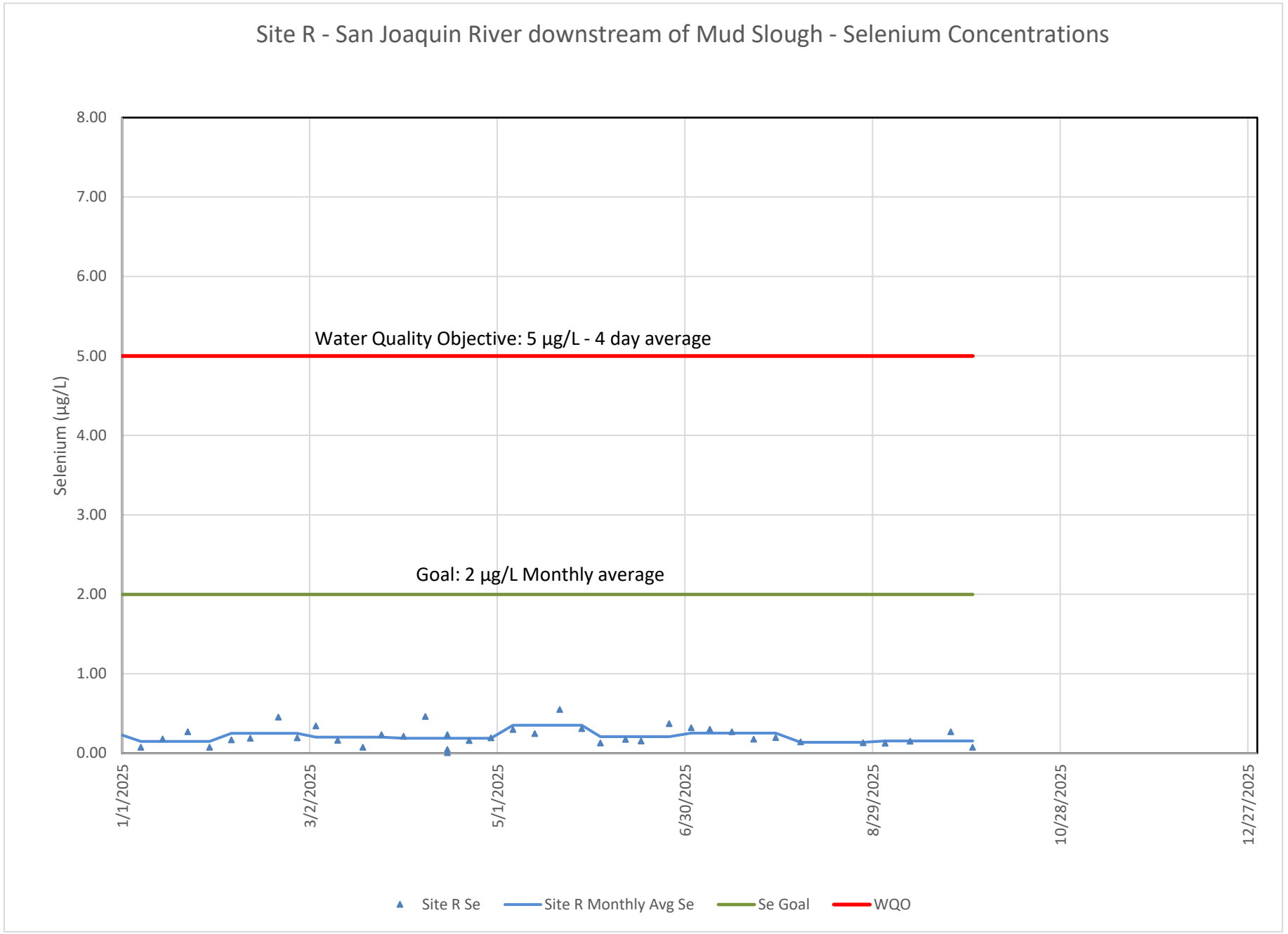

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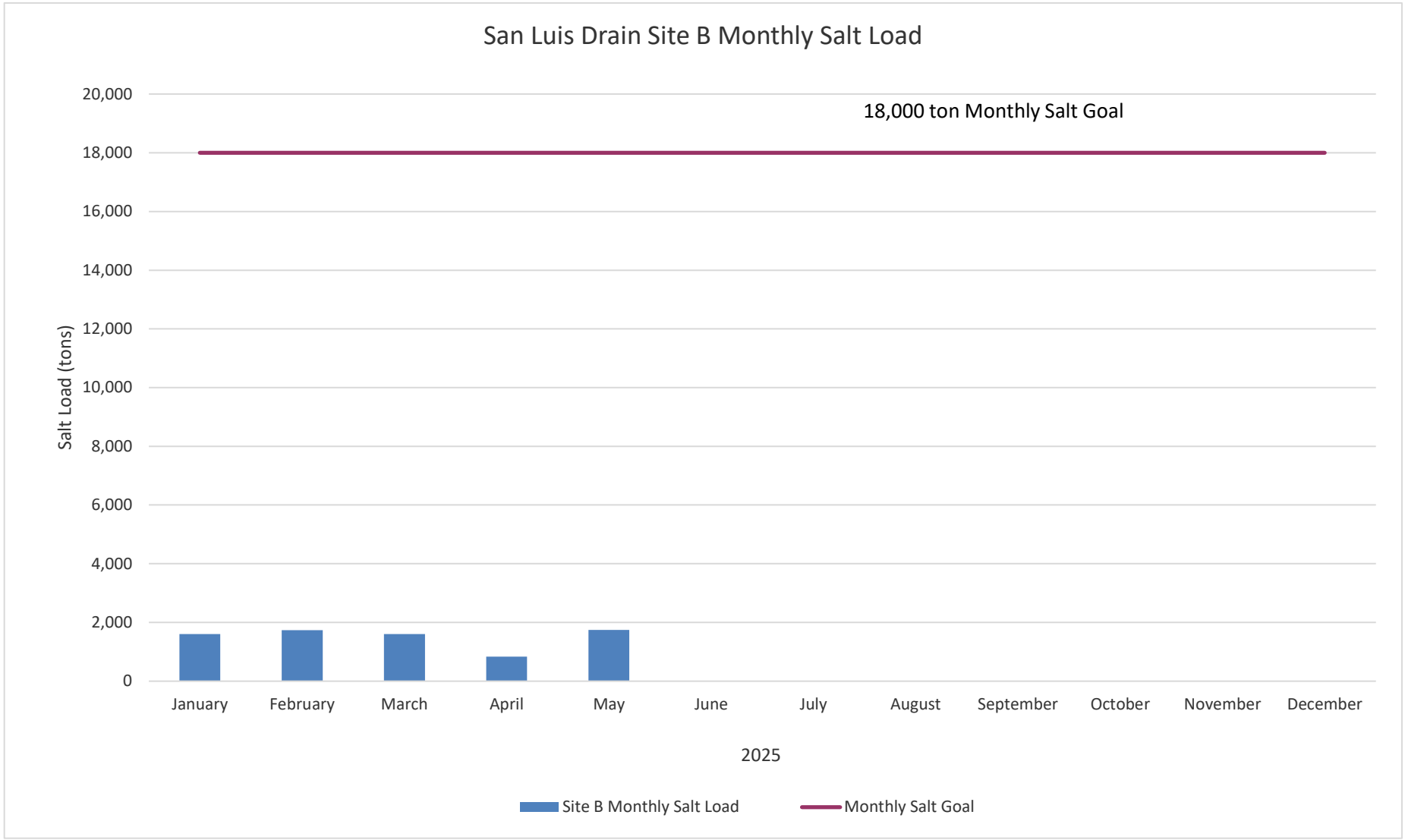

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3. RESULTS

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 analyses 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 *Selenastrum capricornutum*

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean Algal Cell Density (cells/mL x 10^6)	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	2.47		
GBP-132-D-TE	5.78	Pass	-134%
GBP-132-B3-TE	4.42	Pass	-79%
GBP-132-F-TE	5.92	Pass	-139%
GBP-132-R-TE	6.11	Pass	-147%

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 analyses 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 *Daphnia magna*.

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	100		
GBP-132-D-TE	100	Pass	0%
GBP-132-B3-TE	100	Pass	0%
GBP-132-F-TE	100	Pass	0%
GBP-132-R-TE	100	Pass	0%

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 analyses 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 D.

Table 4. Effects of Grasslands Bypass Project ambient water on fathead minnows.

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	95.0		
GBP-132-D-TE	100	Pass	-5.3%
GBP-132-B3-TE	95.0	Pass	0.0%
GBP-132-F-TE	97.5	Pass	-2.6%
GBP-132-R-TE	100	Pass	-5.3%

3.4 Effects of the Grasslands Bypass Project Sediment on *Hyalella azteca*

The results of this test are summarized in Table 5. 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 test is present in Appendix E.

Table 5. Effects of Grasslands Bypass Project ambient sediment on *Hyalella azteca*.

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	98.8		
GBP-132-D-SE	97.5	Pass	1.3%

3. RESULTS

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Table 2. Effects of Grasslands Bypass Project ambient water on *Selenastrum capricornutum*

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean Algal Cell Density (cells/mL x 10^6)	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	1.61		
GBP-133-D-TE	5.44	Pass	-238%

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 *Daphnia magna*.

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	100		
GBP-133-D-TE	100	Pass	0.0%

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Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	100		
GBP-133-D-TE	100	Pass	0.0%

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 *Selenastrum capricornutum*

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean Algal Cell Density (cells/mL x 10^6)	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	2.20		
GBP-134-D-TE	5.70	Pass	-159%

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 *Daphnia magna*.

Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	100		
GBP-134-D-TE	100	Pass	0.0%

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Treatment/Sample ID	Mean % Survival	TST Analysis	% Effect
Lab Water Control	100		
GBP-134-D-TE	100	Pass	0.0%