Tulare Irrigation District

Recharge – Above, Below, and Beyond





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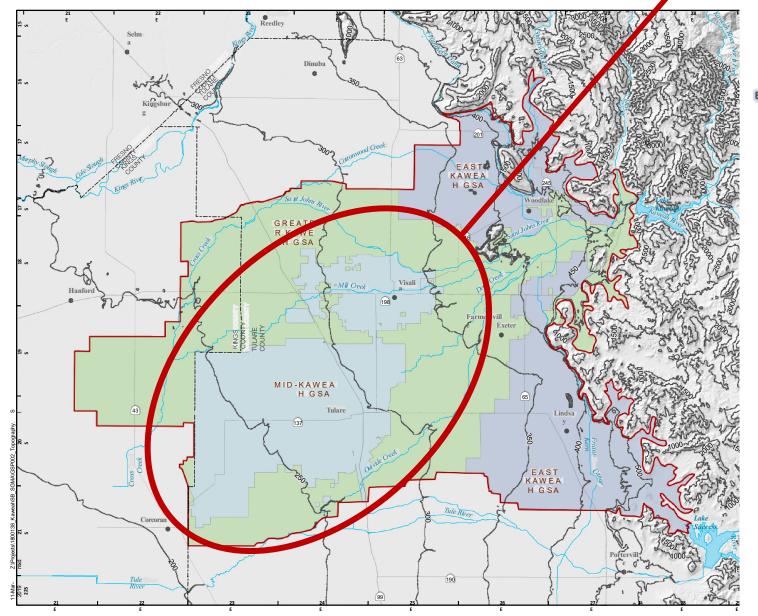
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Kaweah Sub Basin

Mid-Kaweah GSA





Who is the Tulare Irrigation District

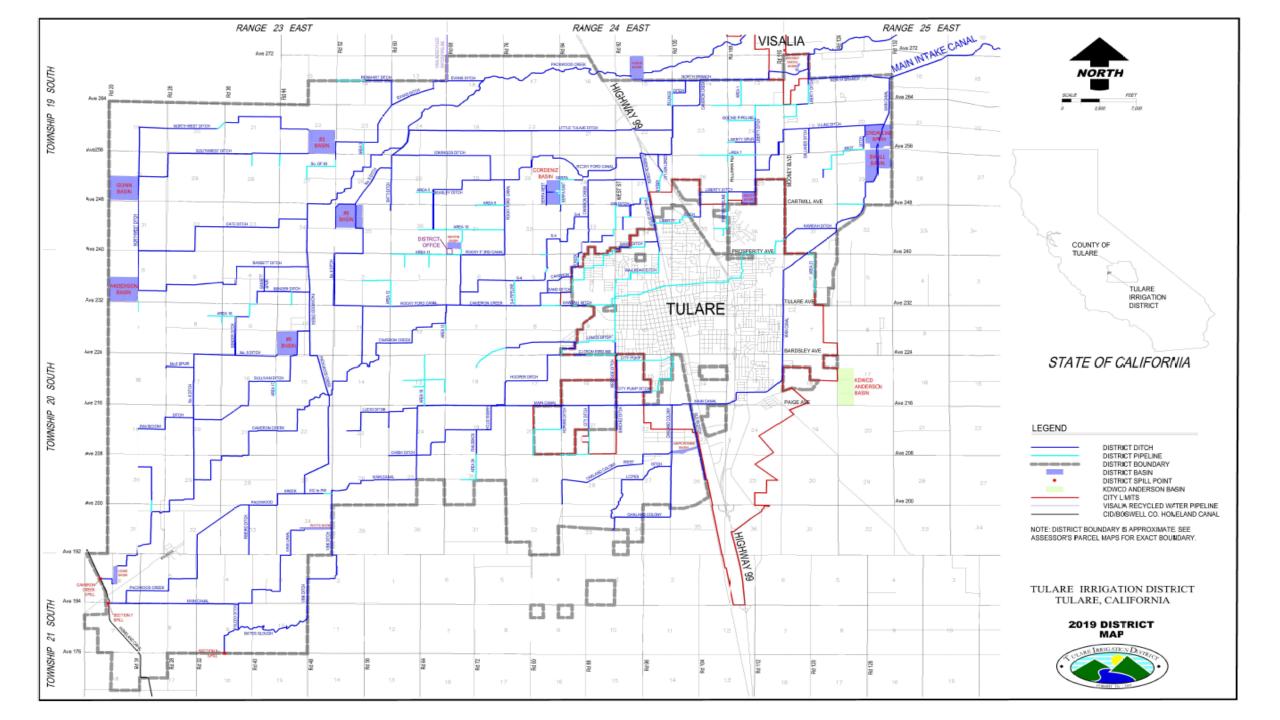
- Formed in 1889
- Acreage: Approx. 65,000 Acres
- 300 miles of earthen canals
- 30 miles of pipelines
- 1,300 Acres of Recharge Basins
- Average Annual Surface Water Supply of 150,000 AF
- Kaweah River Pre-1914 Water Rights
- CVP Friant Supplies
 - Class 1: 30,000 AF
 - Class 2: 141,000 AF
- Approx. 200 Growers
- Main Crops
 - Corn
 - Wheat
 - Alfalfa
 - Walnuts
 - Almonds
 - Pistachios











Plan A / Plan B Story

2020 Plan

- Plan A Projects
- Plan B Demand
 Management
 (Allocations)

Current Plan

- Plan A Demand
 Management
 (Allocations)
- Plan B Projects

The Story Begins

SGMA Compliance on The Ground in **2022**

We are here to help;

We are going to allocate;

We are going to restrict; and

We are going to charge

You for GROUNDWATER.



MKGSA Emergency Ordinance



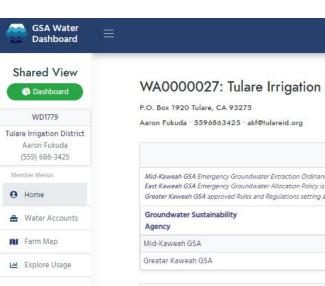
Emergency Ordinance - Groundwater Pumping Limit

- Pumping Limit ("Cap"): 2.5
 AF/acre as ET
 - Native Yield 10"
 - Relief Pumping Tier 1 10"
 - Relief Pumping Tier 2 10"
 - Costs: Service Fees and Replacement Fees
- Mitigation Tier 1 AF/Acre
 - Allows for buffer as we begin the program
 - Pricing based upon cost to replace water
- Penalty Tier 1 AF/Acre
 - High Penalty Fees
 - Loss of future water allocation on a 1:1 ratio

Surface Water User

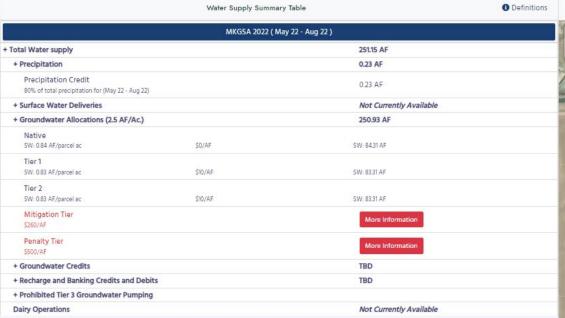
Surface Water	4.50 AF/Acre of ET	Groundwater Dependent User
Penalty Tier \$500/AF of ET	3.50 AF/Acre of ET	Penalty Tier \$500/AF of ET
Mitigation Tier \$260/AF of ET	Groundwater Pumping Limit (Per Section 2.1) 2.50 AF/acre of ET	Mitigation Tier \$260/AF of ET
GW Relief Pumping Tier 2 \$10.00/AF of ET	0.83 AF/Acre of ET	GW Relief Pumping Tier 2 \$210/AF of ET
GW Relief Pumping Tier 1 \$10.00/AF of ET	0.83 AF/Acre of ET	GW Relief Pumping Tier 1 \$160/AF of ET
Native Yield No Cost		Native Yield No Cost

Water Dashboard – Online Allocation/Usage Tool



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Water Account Summary Table Mid-Kaweah GSA Emergency Groundwater Extraction Ordinance is in effect as of May 1, 2022. East Kaweah GSA Emergency Groundwater Allocation Policy is effective retroactively from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. Greater Kaweah GSA approved Rules and Regulations setting a groundwater pumping cap for water year 2023 on September 27th, 2022 Call (559)302-9987 if you have any questions.											
Mid-Kaweah GSA	May 22 - Sep 22	5.3 AF	251.15 AF	29.23 AF	0.52 AF/field ac	28.66 AF	0.51 AF/field ac	100.37	56.76		
Greater Kaweah GSA	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.02 AF	0.00 AF/field ac	0.09 AF	0.00 AF/field ac	693.93	0.00		





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Roadmap

Winter 2023 on the Ground Recharge Operations

- Early January started flows into the system but kept the system with room to accommodate ongoing Atmospheric Rivers
- Mid-January: After atmospheric river activity
 - Opened up for irrigation deliveries and immediately went to 80+ turnouts active and 750 cubic feet per second (1,500 AF per day)
 - Historically 350 CFS (700 AF per day)
 - Where is the water going:
 - Field irrigation (majority of irrigation going to groundwater)
 - Canal system losses (filling entire system)
 - Recharge Basin (1,300 acres of recharge basin)





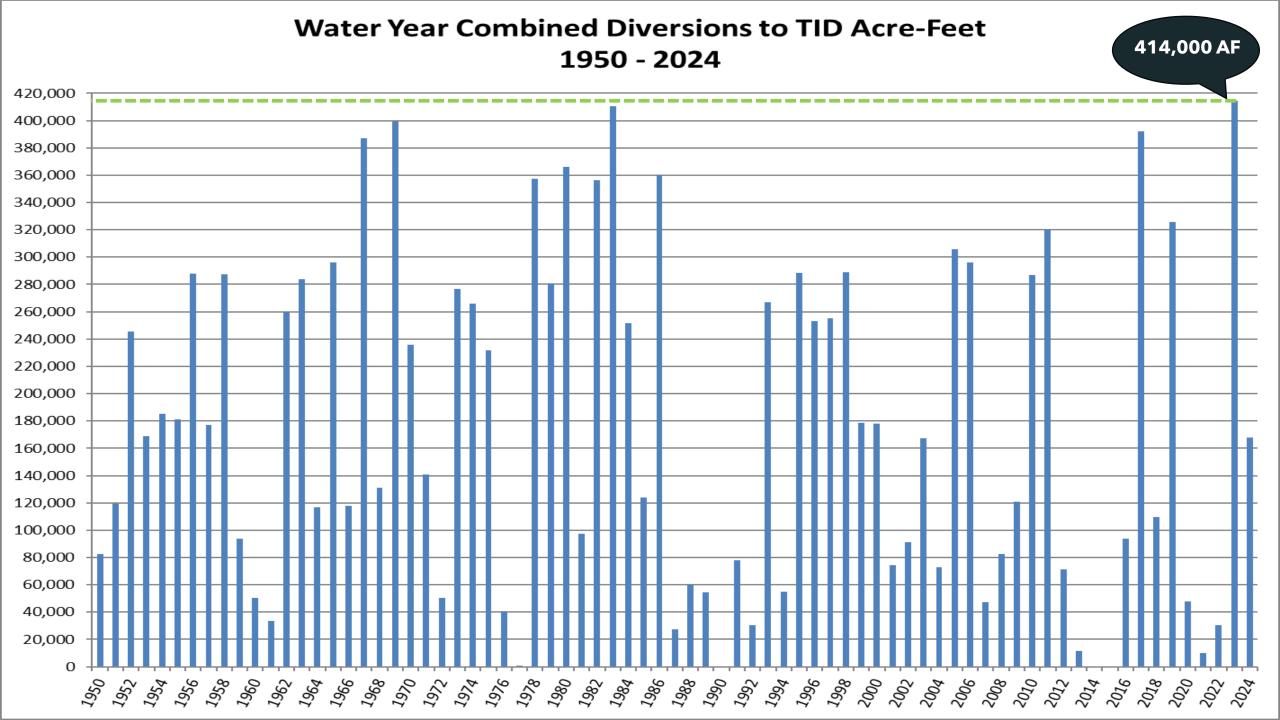
One Recharge Entity to 200+ Recharge Entities

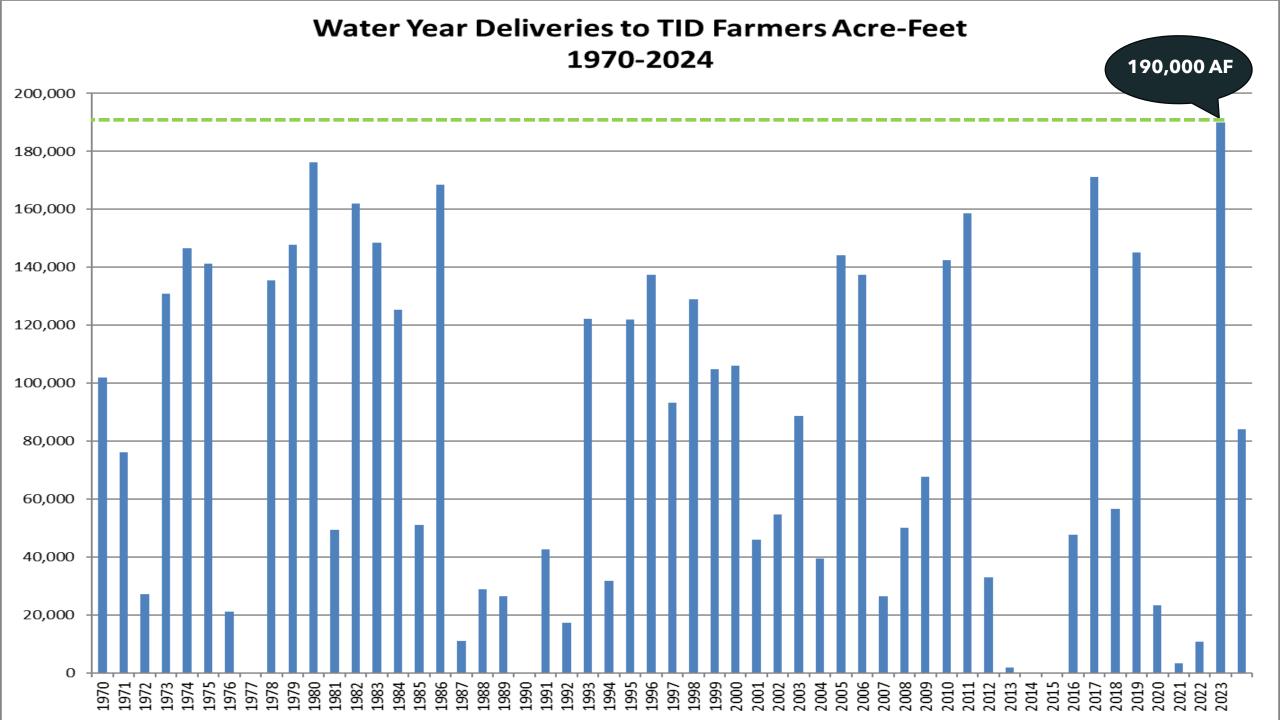


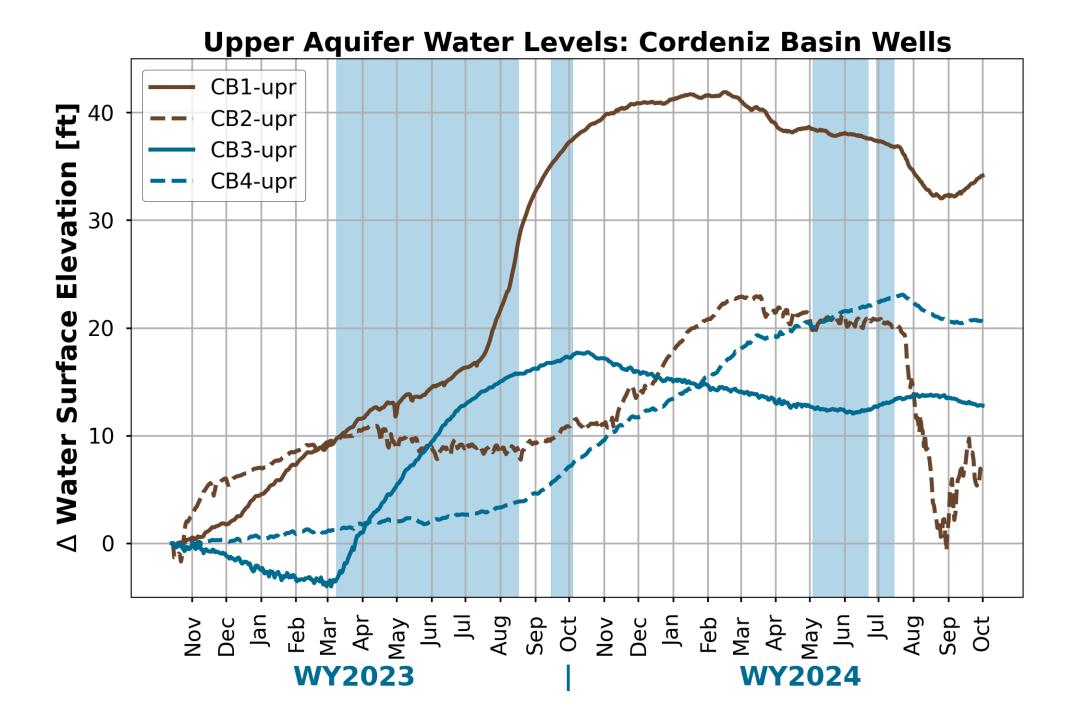
Recharge Basins



Winter Irrigation Recharge







SkyTEM - Recharge/Banking At Subbasin Level



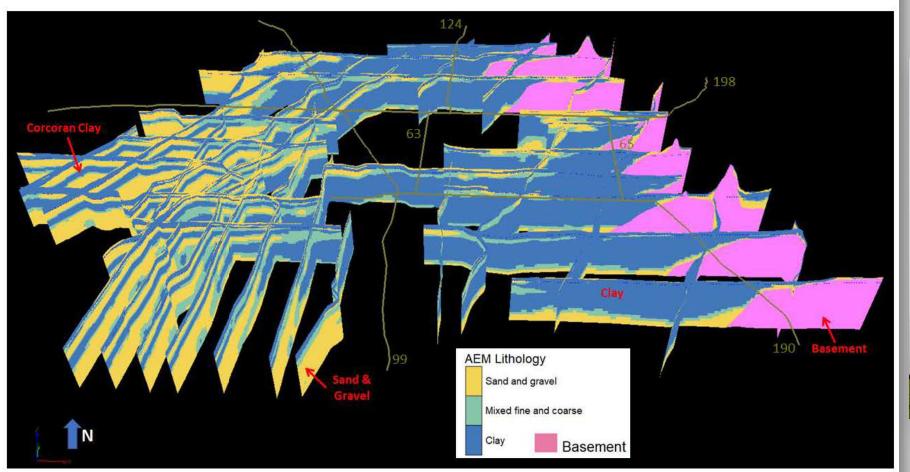




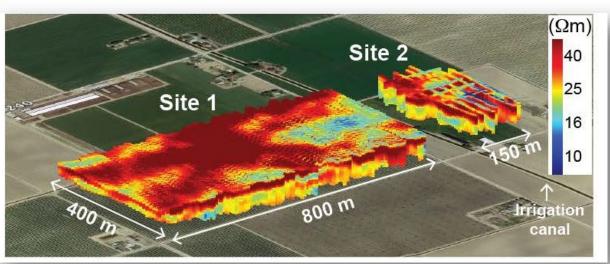
Figure 5-33. 3D lithologic interpretative fence diagram of the Kaweah Subbasin AEM inverted earth models, looking north. Greenish lines are local highways. Examples of the different lithologies are marked including the Corcoran Clay, undifferentiated Clay material, Sand and Gravel, and Basement materials.

TowTEM - Recharge/Banking At Field Level



How do we use the information:

- 1. Confirmation
- 2. Inform site specific testing program
- Assist with due diligence during lease/purchase agreements
- 4. Increase efficiency of on-farm recharge program
- 5. Increase existing recharge basin sinking capacity
- 6. Provide textural input to our groundwater models
- 7. Assist in citing new groundwater monitoring wells



The Recharge Game Plan



RECHARGE BASINS

Continue to use existing recharge basins – develop multibenefit projects (DAC/Habitat Priority)



WINTER IRRIGATION (ON FARM RECHARGE)
Continue to develop and enhance the program – target 1,000 CFS (2,000 AF per day) capacity



GSA/SUBBASIN GW
BANKING
Small-Scale Banking in
areas without subsidence
impacts—recovery to feed
areas of subsidence
impacts



for the San Joaquin Valley



REGIONAL GW BANKING

Large-Scale Subbasin
Banking operations on
retired farm ground –
Recovery for banking
partners



