



Water Resources ♦ Flood Control ♦ Water Rights

MEMORANDUM

January 21, 2026

TO: Reclamation District No. 756

FROM: Nathan Hershey, Mike Kynett

SUBJECT: **January 2026 Engineer's Report**

Described below are the engineering items to be discussed at your January 21, 2026 meeting.

Subventions 2024-25 – The District submitted an application for participation in the Program in the amount of \$631,000. A total of \$16 million has been approved by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board for the Program for FY 2024-25. A final claim was submitted in the amount of \$233,909.13.

Subventions 2025-26 – The District submitted an application for participation in the Program in the amount of \$750,000. A total of \$16 million has been approved by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board for the Program for FY 2025-26.

Annual Maintenance – Attached are the current maintenance items we are tracking.

Regional Flood Fight Supply Depot – No updates this month. We are still waiting for delivery of the flood fight materials.

FEMA – All closeout documentation has been completed and submitted to CalOES.

The FEMA reimbursement rate is 100% for eligible costs incurred between 12/27/22 and 2/25/23 and 75% for eligible costs incurred between 2/26/23 and 7/14/23. The total claim amount for 100% FEMA reimbursement is \$11,441.42. The total claim amount for 75% FEMA reimbursement is \$18,738.10. CalOES will reimburse 75% of the 25% not reimbursed by FEMA (\$3,513.39). The approximate total combined reimbursement amount is expected to be \$29,008. The eligible costs in the claim are PG&E bills for electricity for the pump stations.

Special Projects – Construction of the Directed Action project to rehabilitate the north levee (BO-19-1-SP) is complete. We are working with DWR and CDFW to satisfy mitigation requirements. The funding agreement has been extended to December 31, 2027.

The design team is working on the final phase of the BO-17-1-SP project, which includes setting the levee back in the project area (Stations 500-550), creating a habitat bench, and relocating the pump station. We have progressed the designs and prepared a public review draft CEQA document consisting of an Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Board's review and approval along with permit applications for a CDFW Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA), Water Board Section 401, and USACE Section 404. We recommend the Board approve public release of the CEQA document as well as submit permit applications to the applicable agencies. The CEQA public review process allows for a 30-day comment period at which time we will review any comments received, formulate responses, and then the District can consider adoption of the final document

depending on the extent of comments received. We are preparing a scope of work to the funding agreement that requires approval from DWR and CDFW. We believe the current schedule will allow for bidding for the construction in Spring 2026 and beginning construction shortly after. Construction is expected to require two seasons, primarily due to the need to allow for consolidation of the soft foundation soils near the pump station and setback levee.

DWR has provided a funding agreement in the amount of \$900,000 for planning, permitting and design of a multi-benefit project from Stations 415-500 with a State cost share of 90%. The agreement (BO-24-1-SP) has been fully executed, and advance funding has been received. The project design is in progress. We have acquired topographic survey data and are working on a design configuration. Geotechnical exploration is complete as well as some environmental surveys.

SB 88 – Phase 5 flow meter and Wildeye telemetry equipment installations have been completed on Bouldin Island and Webb Tract. A separate request for proposals was released in September of 2025 for Bacon Island and Holland Tract and closed on October 2, 2025. Gornto has begun installation of these meters. The mounting of steel poles on Bacon Island and Holland Tract siphons will need to be completed by Reclamation District staff prior to the Wildeye installations.

Across all four islands, 62 siphons have measurement equipment (does not include recently installed phase 5 meters on Bacon Island and Holland Tract). However, the meters on 5 of those siphons are not working (see below for more information). Recently, efforts by Gornto, Reclamation District staff, Wildeye, and MBK were taken to replace and fix equipment. MWD purchased 15 batteries from Technoflo, which MBK staff have been using to replace expired or damaged batteries. MBK will continue to monitor all sites via Wildeye's website and will conduct additional site visits as needed to replace batteries and inspect equipment. Flow meter batteries have an estimated lifespan of approximately 3 years; therefore, any meters installed in 2022 or earlier that have not yet undergone battery replacement will continue to be monitored until replacement is needed.

All **Wildeye units** are currently working.

All **flow meters** are currently working, with the exception of:

Bacon Island

- (1) Bacon Island Siphon 14: Grounding cable disconnected and dead battery. Issues removing lid to replace battery. This is a Seametrics meter and is no longer under warranty (5-year warranty). We recommend purchasing a replacement meter if the lid cannot be removed.

Bouldin Island

- (2) Bouldin Island Siphon 30: Data is not recording to Wildeye and software is not connecting to meter when manually plugged in. Seametrics said there is most likely an issue with the data logger. This is a Seametrics meter and is still under warranty (5-year warranty). MBK is working with TechnoFlo to receive a replacement meter; however, Seametrics may require an evaluation of the meter which complicates the effort.

Webb Tract

- (3) Webb Tract Siphon 8: While at the site, the meter said pipe empty, but the siphon was running. Wildeye also does not show any diversions. This is a McCrometer meter and is no longer under warranty (3-year warranty). We recommend purchasing a replacement meter

Holland Tract

- (4) Holland Tract Siphon 1: Issues connecting the configuration tool with the meter. Meter is reading very little diversions (.5 AF) and showing lots of spikes despite being used to irrigate 100 acres of rice in 2025. MBK conducted a flow test and confirmed the meter is broken. This is a McCrometer meter and is no longer under warranty (3-year warranty). We recommend purchasing a replacement meter.
- (5) Holland Tract Siphon 2: While attempting to download the data, after "logging complete," the data file will not download/save to the laptop. MBK is discussing the issue with TechnoFlo.

Annual water right reporting for water year 2025 has started as of October 1, 2025. MBK worked with MWD to set up an account in CalWATRS and discuss account needs with SWRCB staff. MBK is working to analyze data and prepare annual reports.

Earlier this year, MWD mentioned that it may have interest in purchasing backup meters in case of meter failures now that the original backup meters are being used. In addition, three meters not under warranty are having issues and may need to be replaced. MBK is working with TechnoFlo to repair and/or replace meters that are still under warranty. MBK recommends that MWD purchase the backup meters at the same time as replacement meters for broken meters not under warranty. This purchase should be made after TechnoFlo has confirmed whether the one Seametrics meter under warranty can be replaced without charge.

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Issue Tracking Summary

January 16, 2026

Issue ID	Priority	Report Date	Reporter	Location	Issue Type	Description	Action	Field Notes
041	Medium	March 28, 2017 5:00 PM	RalphHeringer	Station 544-549	Crack	Cracking in LS Slope; seepage and cattails at toe	Monitor	Monitor and discuss repair; 10/23/17 Levee crown trenched; no encroachments located, Area to be graded and prepared for flood season; will proceed under Special Projects upon receipt of PFA. 12/4/17 - grading complete
41.1		April 24, 2020 12:00 AM	Nate Hershey					Reviewed the site area. Area appears to be moving again - not as dramatic as in 2017, but it appears to be along the same fault lines. Seepage observed exiting the surface. Recommend performing an updated survey and developing an action plan.
41.2		March 10, 2023 1:00 AM	Andrew Petrini					Visual observation suggests recent movement may have occurred. AECOM reports no significant movement detected by instrumentation at this time.
053	Medium	August 11, 2017 12:00 AM	Nate Hershey	Station 324	Seepage	Seepage at toe of 3 to 1 slope	Monitor	Monitor
054	Medium	August 11, 2017 12:00 AM	Nate Hershey	Station 336	Seepage		Monitor	Monitor; The hole is shallow at about 1-2 inches deep.
074	Low	January 5, 2019 5:54 PM	Russ Ryan	Land side within 150 foot Levee footprint. See attached photos. Low wet areas.	Other, Sinkhole	Bouldin Island - West stretch length adjacent to Mokelumne River. See attached photos for exact location.	Investigate	See notes above.
088	Low	June 7, 2019 1:55 PM	Dave Forkel	Sta 382+00	Seepage	Seepage on side of levee.	Investigate	

096	Medium	April 22, 2020 12:00 AM	Russ Ryan	Between 630 and 640	Seepage	Appears to be seepage	Investigate	
107	Medium	December 17, 2020 2:05 PM	Russ Ryan	Station 630	Seepage	Just inside levee footprint on land side of toe drain there water ponding. Was there prior to any rain this season during dry period.	Monitor	See photos taken on site.
116	Medium	February 21, 2022 3:23 PM	Russ Ryan	West levee north of camp 5 at pilot project instrumentation area.	Seepage	Noticeable standing water at toe of levee at the same 2017 slippage event.	Investigate	Need Geotech investigation and assessments.
117	Low	February 23, 2022 12:10 PM	Russ Ryan	Location is landside off west levee (Bouldin Island) and south of Hwy 12	Seepage	Landside water ponding presenting at toe of levee.	Investigate	Roughly an estimated 30 feet by 10 feet. Dimensions need to be verified in field investigation.
121	Medium	October 14, 2022 12:00 AM	Nate Hershey	Station 33	Seepage	Seepage observed periodically on toe of levee. Seems to come and go, sometimes difficult to tell if it is seepage or ponding water. Observations suggest it is likely seepage that periodically appears during times of high water.	Investigate	
144	Medium	October 18, 2023 1:27 PM	Jack Cronin	East levee. See point, near Caution marker in water.	Sloughing	Sloughing, appears old. Likely not from earthquake.	Monitor	
145	Medium	October 18, 2023 1:31 PM	Jack Cronin	See point.	Sloughing	Minor sloughing. Potentially from seismic event	Investigate	