

Water Transfers for Water Year 2026 and Delegating Authority for Future Annual Water Transfers

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Strategic Plan

GOAL B

Reliable Water Supply
and Infrastructure

Provide customers
with reliable water
supply and
infrastructure.

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Develop a diversified water supply plan and implement supported projects and programs

2026 Water Supplies

- 45% SWP Allocation
- Full Groundwater Basin
 - 143 AF of outflow in May
 - 10,000 AF target production
- 2026 SWP carryover was 4,000 AF above target
- No proposed banking
 - 106,400 AF in storage
- 8,000 AF Proposed for Transfer

	Source	Amount (AF)
Supply	Table A	36,300
	Lake Del Valle	8,900
	SWP Carryover	14,000
	Groundwater Basin	10,000
	Yuba Accord	300
	Total	69,500

	Water Use	Amount (AF)
Planned Usage	Treated	36,800
	Untreated	5,000
	SWP Carryover	11,900
	LDV Carryover	4,000
	Local Recharge	3,000
	Kern Banking	-
	Miscellaneous Losses	800
	Transfer	8,000
	Total	69,500

Annual Water Transfers

- Negotiate pricing and volumes (i.e. spot market)
- Could be a single or multiple buyers
- Zone 7 has done annual water transfers in 2023 and 2025
- Benefits:
 - Decreases spill risk
 - Operational flexibility
 - Increases revenues (secondary)
- CEQA exemption

Recommendation

- Authorize the General Manager (or designee) to negotiate, execute, amend and administer future water transfer agreements
 - Up to 8,000 AF in 2026
 - Up to 12,000 AF in subsequent years



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Questions?

