

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

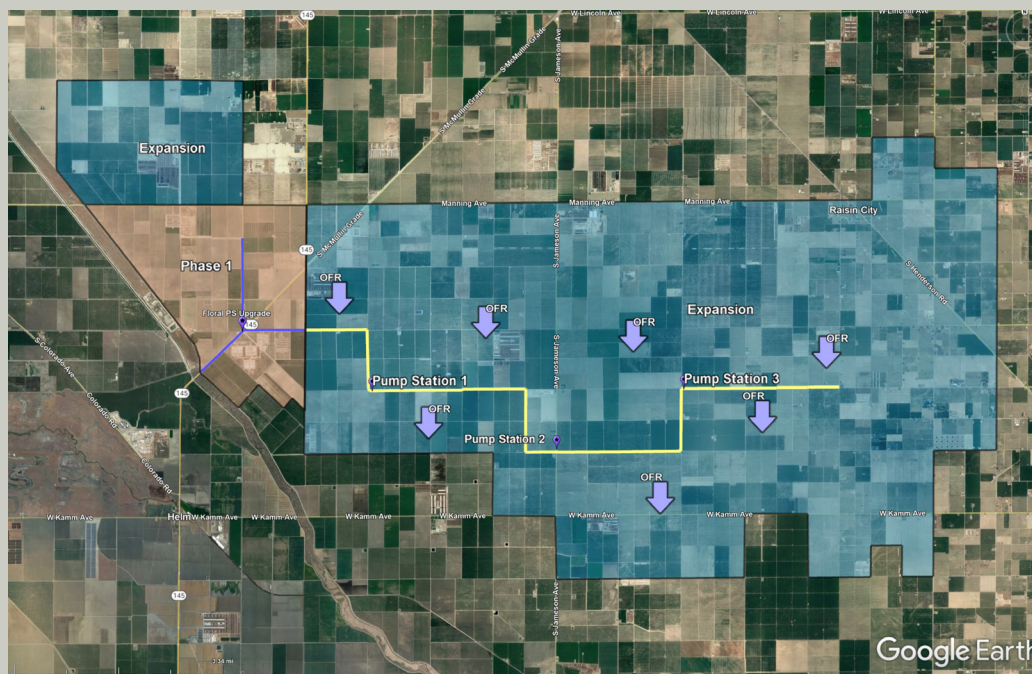
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McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Expansion Project on Schedule

The McMullin Expansion Project is on schedule with construction targeted to begin the summer of 2022. The required environmental studies are nearing completion. Once the studies are completed, the public will have an opportunity to provide comments prior to finalization. The Project will divert flood flows from the Kings River when they are available for distribution to participating farmlands within the Raisin City Water District (RCWD) using an approach termed On-Farm Recharge.

Over the last few months, the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MAGSA) project team have met with impacted landowners in the field to discuss various project components including the main conveyance canal, pump stations, and road crossings. Landowners were shown the alignment of the canal in relation to their property and existing facilities. MAGSA's team received input from landowners regarding preferred locations for constructed road crossings and turnouts.

The McMullin Expansion Project will operate as a partnership between RCWD and MAGSA and is funded through grants received by both agencies. By leveraging the grants, RCWD landowners will benefit from more water for recharge and a \$22 million direct economic benefit. This project will also significantly contribute to the joint effort by RCWD and MAGSA to offset groundwater overdraft. Visit www.mcmullinarea.org/OFR for more details on the Project.



The map represents the McMullin Expansion Project infrastructure and implementation area. The **blue area** shows the private farmland that is identified for participation in on-farm recharge. The **yellow line** shows the main conveyance for the McMullin Expansion Project. The **purple line** shows the main conveyance of McMullin Phase 1. Unallocated flood water and stormwater flows will be delivered through the main system and laterals to private landowners for on-farm recharge.

MAGSA Landowners Must Register Wells by January 1, 2022

The McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MAGSA) has adopted a Groundwater Well Metering, Monitoring, and Construction Policy and Implementing Rules and Regulations with requirements for well owners. The Rules and Regulations include a requirement to register all wells designed to produce more than two (2) acre feet of water annually within the MAGSA boundary no later than January 1, 2022. If you farm in the RCWD, you are a MAGSA landowner and must register your wells.

MAGSA landowners can register their well(s) through a print or online form. Access both versions of the form and read full instructions for submitting your well registration form on the well registration webpage on the MAGSA website, www.mcmullinarea.org/wellregistration.

Meet Gere Gunlund, RCWD Grower and Board President



Tell us about yourself?

I am a third generation farming family in the Raisin City Water District with my wife and two children. My operation grows almonds, raisin grapes and wine grapes.

Why did you choose to serve on the RCWD Board?

The opportunity to serve began in 1994 when I filled a vacancy on the Board. I made the decision to serve to support project opportunities that would benefit RCWD stakeholders.

What do you believe is the role of the RCWD?

Presently, the focus is on compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Going forward, hopefully there is opportunity for RCWD to work with MAGSA and other Groundwater Sustainability Agencies on projects to reduce groundwater overdraft in the RCWD service area.

What do you like to do when you are not farming?

I have had the pleasure of helping my children with their volunteer activities at Beautify Fresno, Animal Compassion Team Fresno, and The Bulldog Pantry.

What is your favorite food?

Honestly, I don't think I have ever said no to any taco. I enjoy trying them all.

What is the best farming advice you have ever received?

I have been told this multiple times, by multiple people: Measure twice cut once. It is good advice. I pass it on as well.

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Important updates enclosed for Raisin City Water District landowners.



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rcwd.ca.gov

Joint Board Meeting Planned to Discuss Annexation

The Raisin City WD and Mid-Valley WD Boards are planning to schedule a joint meeting to discuss the annexation of the land within the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency not covered by a water district. More information regarding the meeting will be made available soon. To stay informed, go to rcwd.ca.gov.

RCWD Board Meeting December 21, 1:30 PM

To receive updates on RCWD activities, join RCWD landowners at the upcoming Board meeting. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm. Meetings are held online via Microsoft Teams and at the Raisin City Water District Office located at 455 W. Fir Ave., Clovis 93611. For meeting agendas go to rcwd.ca.gov.

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