

Item 12A - Adopted FY 2025-26 FCGMA Operating Account Budget
July 23, 2025 FCGMA Board Meeting

FCGMA FY 2025-26 BUDGET - OPERATING ACCOUNT

1	Operating Account	2022-23 Year-End Actuals	2023-24 Year-End Actuals	2024-25 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Actuals Through June 2025	2025-26 Draft Budget	Increase / Decrease Over Previous Year	% Change Over PY
2	<u>Revenues</u>							
3	Pump Charge ¹	\$801,486	\$841,816	\$726,000	\$874,038	\$800,000	\$74,000	10%
4	Groundwater Sustainability Fee ²	\$1,626,366	\$2,756,100	\$3,509,000	\$3,546,969	\$2,904,000	(\$605,000)	-17%
5	Penalties / Interest	\$47,965	\$299,408	\$130,000	\$158,717	\$150,000	\$20,000	15%
6	SGM Impl Grant Round 1 (OPV) - DWR ³	\$0	\$0	\$2,577,800	\$2,577,800	\$0	(\$2,577,800)	-100%
7	SGM Impl Grant Round 1 (OPV) - Admin ⁴	\$0	\$92,944	\$46,472	\$46,472	\$51,502	\$5,030	11%
8	Interest Earnings ⁵	\$11,453	\$36,068	\$287,000	\$134,362	\$130,000	(\$157,000)	-55%
9	Loan From Surcharges ⁶	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
10	Misc. Revenue	\$2,950	\$163	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
11	Total Revenues	\$3,490,220	\$4,026,499	\$7,276,272	\$7,338,358	\$4,035,502	(\$3,240,770)	-45%
12	<u>Expenditures</u>							
13	Public Works Agency Charges ⁷	\$1,814,950	\$1,736,041	\$3,382,544	\$2,758,888	\$2,988,752	(\$393,792)	-12%
14	General Services Agency Charges ⁸	\$24,670	\$18,990	\$25,000	\$19,784	\$20,000	(\$5,000)	-20%
15	FCGMA Online Support / GIS ⁹	\$189,440	\$173,025	\$247,061	\$93,332	\$200,000	(\$47,061)	-19%
16	LAFCO Funding ¹⁰	\$2,551	\$2,995	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$5,192		0%
17	General Legal (County Counsel) ¹¹	\$129,490	\$185,852	\$170,000	\$119,711	\$255,000	\$85,000	50%
18	Board Member Insurance	\$3,796	\$4,118	\$4,085	\$4,085	\$5,045	\$960	24%
19	Biennial Audit	\$16,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$26,820	\$20,848	\$848	4%
20	AWA Dues / Symposium/Conference	3,973	\$2,501	\$2,500	\$2,786	\$3,000	\$500	20%
21	Public Notices	\$880	\$991	\$1,000	\$1,111	\$1,500	\$500	50%
22	GSP Annual Reports (Dudek) ¹²	\$19,798	\$59,085	\$97,000	\$65,248	\$138,000	\$41,000	42%
23	Watershed Contributions / Match ¹³	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	0%
24	Computer Equipment, Office Software & Website ¹⁴	\$0.00	\$3,355	\$5,000	\$1,473	\$7,500	\$2,500	50%
25	Office Equipment / Supplies / Printing	\$0.00	\$126	\$1,000	\$1,347	\$1,500	\$500	50%
26	Misc Expense / Misc Payment	\$451	\$2,033	\$2,500	\$383	\$2,500	\$0	0%
27	<u>Special Expenditures</u>							
28	New FCGMA Data Management System ¹⁵	\$10,860	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
29	GSP Implementation (Dudek) ¹⁶	\$266,995	\$554,562	\$989,000	\$592,213	\$150,000	(\$839,000)	-85%
30	SGM Impl. Grant Monitoring Well Install (OPV) ¹⁷	\$0	\$0	\$4,870,000	\$2,768,117	\$0	(\$4,870,000)	-100%
31	SGM Impl. Grant Round 1 - Administration ¹⁸	\$56,560	\$68,705	\$60,000	\$102,393	\$44,800	(\$15,200)	-25%
32	Monitoring Wells Network Improvement Planning	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$150,000	\$150,000	
33	SGM Round 2 Grant Application ¹⁹	\$14,011	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	
34	Public Outreach & Strategic Planning ²⁰	\$2,666	\$16,086	\$25,000	\$15,879	\$100,000	\$75,000	300%
35	AMI Data Support	\$0	\$12,352	61,648	36,627	\$0	(\$61,648)	-100%
36	Oxnard Well Destruction ²¹	\$0	\$86,976	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
37	Rate & Fee Schedule Consultant (Jarvis Fay) ²²	\$93,176	\$12,623	\$17,000	\$1,976	\$25,000	\$8,000	47%
38	Recruitment - Executive Officer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	
39	Repayment of Loan (Initiated FY 2022-23)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
40	Contribution to Reserves ²³	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000		
41	Total Expenditures ²⁴	\$2,651,765	\$2,945,916	\$9,985,348	\$6,645,681	\$5,520,137	(\$4,465,211)	-45%
42	<u>Net Operating Results</u>	\$838,454	\$1,080,583	(\$2,709,076)	\$692,677	(\$1,484,635)	\$1,224,441	45%
43	OPERATING RESERVES	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	1,000,000	1,250,000	250,000	25%

Footnotes:

- (1) FY 25-26 projected pump charge revenue assuming 121,000 AFY extraction at \$6.00 per AF.
- (2) Projected groundwater sustainability fee revenues assuming 121,000 AF extractions, and assuming fee is reduced by \$5 to \$24/AF for FY 2025-26 per Fiscal Committee.
- (3) Projected reimbursement from DWR for SGM Implementation Grant Round 1 funds for FCGMA projects in the Oxnard & Pleasant Valley Basins.
- (4) Reimbursement from subgrantees City of Camarillo, UWCD, and PVCWD for consultant grant administration services per Board direction (7/20/2022).
- (5) Annual interest earnings apportionments projected to be received from the County Pooled Investment Fund. As of FY 2024-25, all interest is allocated to Operating per Fiscal Committee.
- (6) Loan from Designated Surcharges Account approved by Board as part of FY 2022-23 Budget; Fiscal Committee recommends repaying loan in FF 2025-26.
- (7) Projected PWA charges to implement annual Work Plan. FY 2025-26 estimate includes PWA CS Fiscal allocation and FTE Executive Officer; does not include additional proposed roles.
- (8) County General Services Agency (GSA) fees for Board room and AV fees, etc.
- (9) FY 2025-26 Estimate for IT services to support, maintain, and technically improve FCGMA Online Data Management System and interface. IT Services and Support costs are split evenly between FCGMA and Watermaster. Staff proposes increasing FCGMA FTEs to 0.825 from 0.5 for FY 2025-26 (totals 1.7 FTEs for both).
- (10) Payment to LAFCO Per Govt. Code Sect. 56381 (b) (1).
- (11) County Counsel services for regular FCGMA legal services.
- (12) GSP Annual Report expense updated based on new Dudek scope approved by Board 12/9/2022 and amended 3/22/24; estimate accounts for Dudek rates adjusted up from 2022 levels, as contract will be renewed or modified October 2025, and will include revising reporting templates to comply with updated DWR guidelines.
- (13) Includes contributions to Watershed Coalition of Ventura County (\$2,200) and Santa Clara Watershed Committee (\$1,500).
- (14) Equipment cost related to computer hardware and software; a laptop was purchased as part of upgrades. Standard software licenses such as Adobe or MS Office; also includes website management costs (WordPress, Elementor).
- (15) New FCGMA data management system procurement planning-level projections. Not included this FY in favor of upgrading current system per FY 2024-25 Operations Committee recommendation.
- (16) Projected GSP implementation consultant costs based on contract approved 12/9/2022 and subsequent amendments; FY 2024-25 expenses reflected 5-Year Periodic Evaluations.
- (17) Monitoring well installation in OPV basins projected expense. Majority funded by DWR SGM Implementation Grant.
- (18) Consultant to assist with DWR SGM Implementation Grant Round 1 administration for the OPV Basins. Reimbursement from City of Camarillo, PVCWD, and UWCD. FCGMA net share was \$9,748 annually.
- (19) Estimated grant application consultant expenses for DWR SGM Impl. Grant Round 2 for projects in Las Posas Valley Basin; projection based on routine grant application cost.
- (20) FY 2024-25 included Hallmark contract costs to complete staffing needs analysis; FY 2025-26 estimate is per Board / Fiscal Committee recommendation to develop stakeholder outreach strategy (Board would like to prioritize rampdown conversations) and to develop 5-year strategic plan.
- (21) FY 2023-24; Projected cost to destroy Oxnard well. Delayed due to interest from County Airport in taking over well.
- (22) Rate counsel and consultant for planned replenishment fee. Projected expense in FY 2024-25 for GEMES by Jarvis Fay.
- (23) FY 2025-26 contribution to reserves is \$250,000 reallocated from funds previously earmarked as contingency. Per Fiscal Committee, future budgets will include a 10% annual contribution of net operating reserve to fund the reserves until the target amount is met (50% of anticipated annual expenses, or \$2.5 mm).
- (24) Additional line items may be added to Expenditures pending Fiscal Committee mid-year budget review and discussion (Light Gabler contract estimate, Board Member Compensation estimate).