



2025 ANNUAL REPORT





A LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

In 2025, the District navigated a slightly below average water year while staying true to its mission of protecting and managing its surface and groundwater resources to meet the needs of our customers. **Despite the drier conditions, FID ran a four-month irrigation season prioritizing deliveries to our customers over groundwater recharge to help extend those irrigation supplies for our growers.** We were still able to recharge nearly 30,000 acre-feet in FID basins, stretching available supplies. And, deliveries to growers provides a direct benefit to our groundwater table by keeping pumps off in favor of FID deliveries for irrigation.

No matter what nature brings, each year FID continues to deliver on our project commitments. The District completed construction of the 35-acre Carter-Bybee Recharge Basin last year to equip FID to capture more water and keep it in the District during the wettest years. This brings the total number of acres constructed into basins in the last five years to 270. These projects are

critical to secure our landowners' long-term water access and support local Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) goals. More projects are on the books, with Krum and Metzler recharge basins slated for construction next thanks to a \$3 million grant awarded to FID last year from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Program.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all FID landowners for their continued engagement with us, and for their strategic use of water supplies to grow food and fiber, leading Fresno County to rank as the number one agricultural producer in the entire country. To all our stakeholders, thank you for staying in touch and learning more about FID's work in this annual report. I invite you to stay connected with the District through our website, social media, email list, annual grower meetings, or by contacting our office at any time at (559) 233-7161.

Sincerely,

Bill Stretch, General Manager

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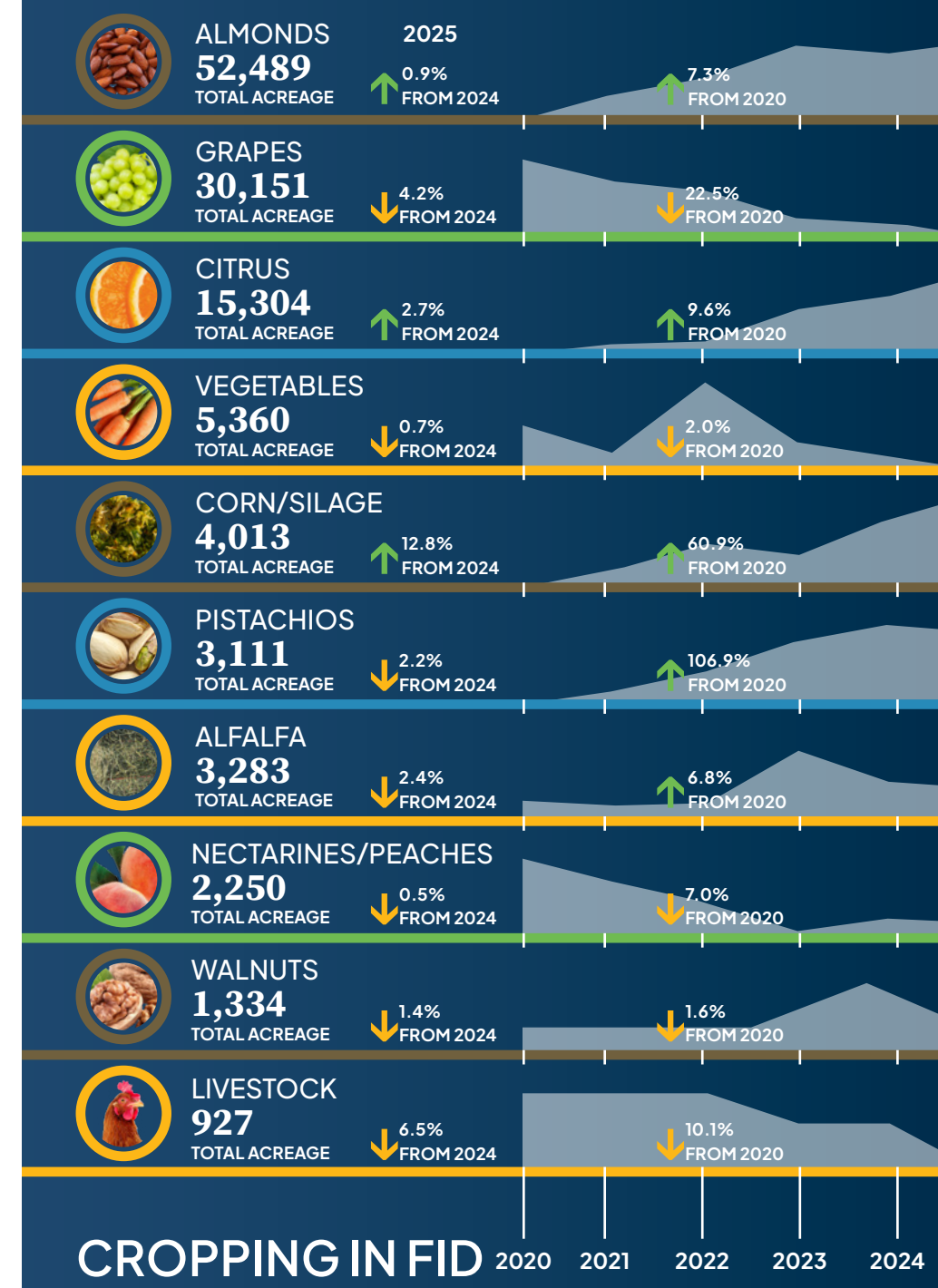
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AWARD SPOTLIGHT: BASIN INTERTIE PROJECT RECOGNIZED



FID was named a finalist at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) 2025 Excellence in Innovation Award for its Basin Interties Project. Developed in partnership with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (Flood Control District), the project connects FID canals to four existing Flood Control District stormwater basins to capture excess floodwater in wet years. By leveraging existing facilities, the District was able to complete the project at a significantly lower cost. The project provides an annual average of 1,700 acre-feet of groundwater recharge, delivering meaningful results cost effectively.

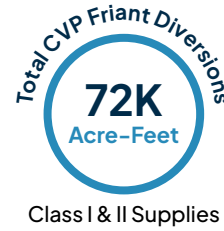
THANKS FOR CONNECTING WITH US AT THE 2025 GROWER MEETINGS!



WATER DELIVERIES

SECURED THROUGH RELIABLE WATER RIGHTS

462,000 acre-feet total delivered into FID, including City of Fresno Class I Central Valley Project (CVP) contract supplies



LENGTH OF DELIVERIES

KINGS RIVER RUNOFF (AF)



DID YOU KNOW?

FID is considered a "low flow" Kings River unit. This means that during most months of the year, FID has some level of Kings River water right entitlement, even in the smallest of natural river flows, that can be stored in Pine Flat Reservoir or diverted into FID. These "low flow" water rights, when combined with FID's stored water in Pine Flat Reservoir, helps give FID the ability to deliver water to its customers in the driest of years such as 2021 and 2022, when other Kings River districts and units are not able to have a water season.



BIG DRY CREEK & FANCHER CREEK RESERVOIR REOPERATION PROJECT

UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL TO ADD 15,000 ACRE-FEET OF WATER STORAGE FOR THE FRESNO REGION

Efforts are underway to bring two long-idle reservoirs back to life, unlocking the potential to add an estimated 15,000 acre-feet of water storage (nearly 5 billion gallons) during wet years for the region.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a study to evaluate cost-effective measures to advance the Big Dry Creek and Fancher Creek Reservoir Reoperation Project. Estimated to take between five and seven years to complete, the study will identify a path forward for improving the reservoirs for reoperation. The reoperation would dramatically strengthen the region's ability to capture and store water in wet years.

Both reservoirs are usually dry and unequipped to store water for extended periods of time. Once reoperated, the reservoirs will provide short-term water storage during winter and spring. This water will then flow into the Fresno area's extensive network of groundwater recharge basins and into FID's conveyance system for irrigation deliveries in the summer.

The Big Dry Creek and Fancher Creek Reoperation Project is a joint effort between the Army Corps of Engineers and the Fresno County Stream Group (a multi-agency collaborative including FID, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, County of Fresno, and cities of Fresno and Clovis).

MAINTENANCE

- 3,627 HOURS** Gate Repair
Inspecting, repairing, and replacing water control devices (like gates) prevents water loss and provides reliable delivery to our customers.
- 5,083 HOURS** TRASH REMOVAL
- 8,767 HOURS** WEED CONTROL & VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
- 5,327 HOURS** Pipeline Repair
Replacing and repairing pipelines is key to reducing delivery interruptions, preventing leaks, and providing customers with consistent water deliveries.
- 16,211 HOURS** CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- 1,419 HOURS** SHOP FABRICATION AND FIELD REPAIRS
- 9,005 HOURS** Earthwork
Canal earthwork — including sloping, dredging, and grading — clears sediment and debris, prevents erosion, and reinforces canal stability to prepare for next season's water deliveries.
- 1,688 HOURS** MEASUREMENT SITE MAINTENANCE
- 2,282 HOURS** OTHER ACTIVITIES
Mowing, building maintenance, etc.

2024-2025 CONSTRUCTION MAINTAINING A RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY

ADDITIONAL ANNUAL AVG. WATER SUPPLY

840 AF

Carter-Bybee Recharge Basin

Located at the northwest corner of North Jameson and West Barstow avenues, this basin helps stabilize the groundwater table, develops additional water supply, improves groundwater quality, and increases drinking water availability for nearby domestic well users.

MAINTAINING WATER DELIVERY SYSTEMS

FID invests in annual maintenance activities to keep infrastructure working efficiently, ensuring water reaches its customers each delivery season.

FID'S 2025 MAINTENANCE EFFORTS:

53,400+ HOURS WORKED **403** WORK ORDERS COMPLETED

FUNDING:
31% FID
69% GRANTS

PIPELINE REPLACED **1,550 FEET**

Little Houghton Pipeline Replacement

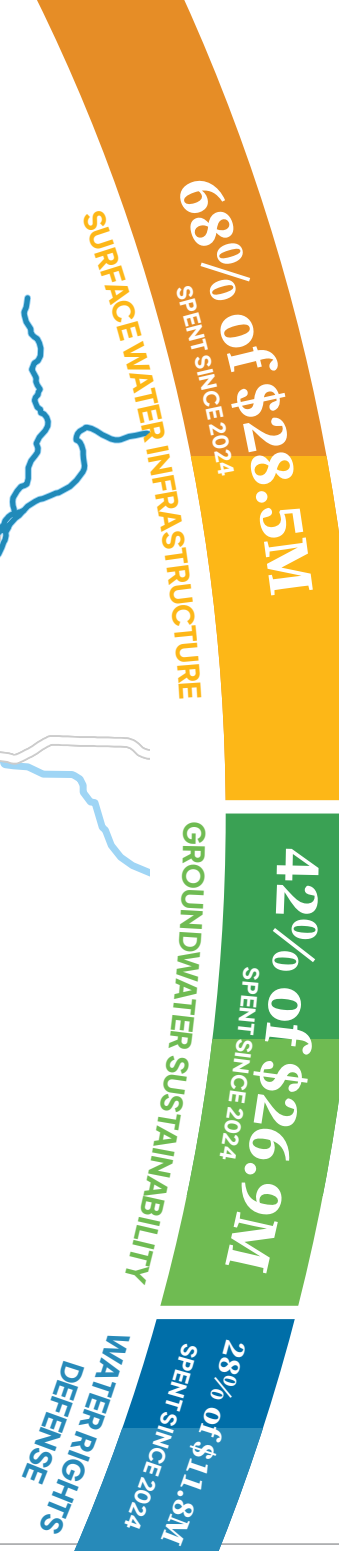
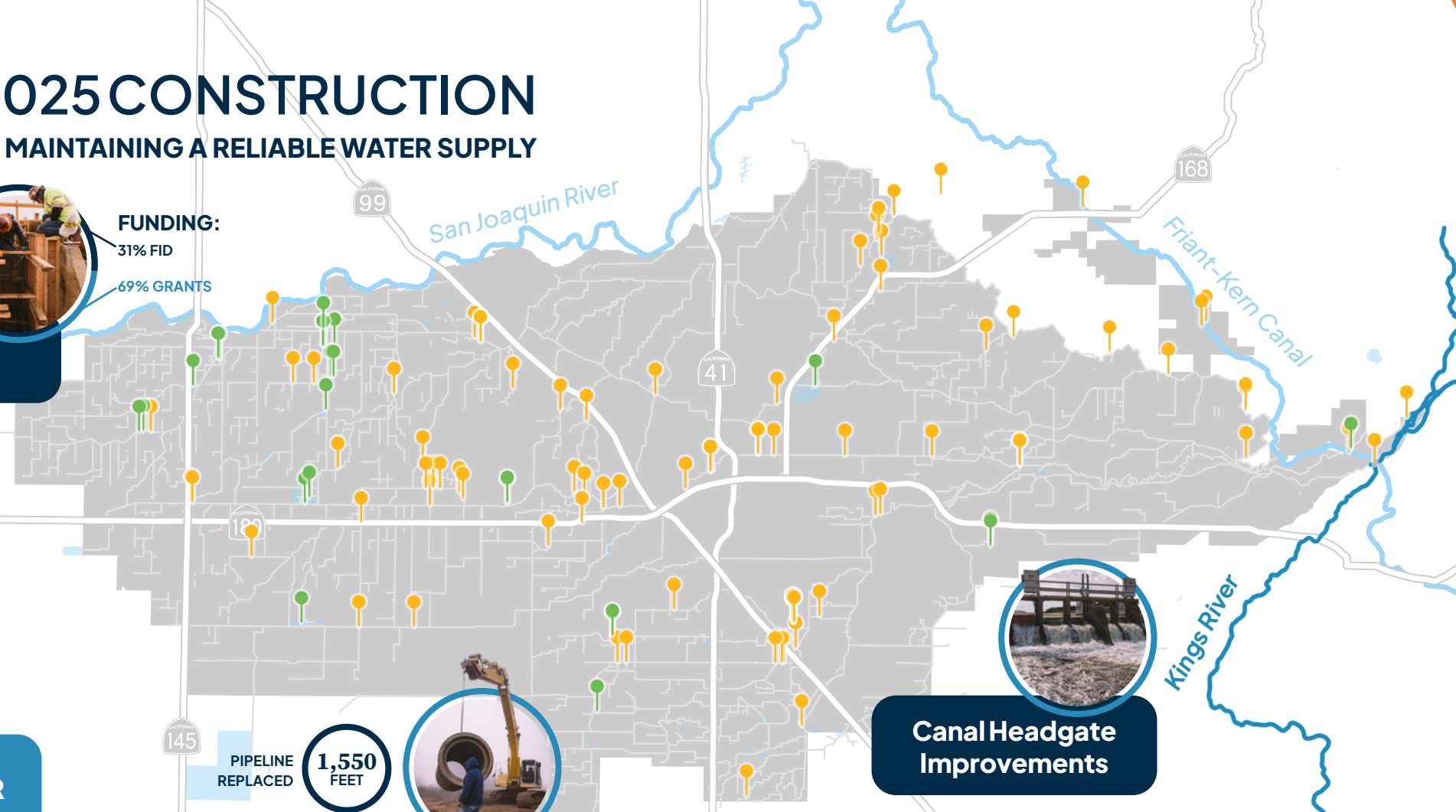
Located southwest of Belmont and Grantland avenues, this project improves water flow, prevents water service disruptions, and reduces the need for frequent repairs.

Canal Headgate Improvements

FID installed new gate actuators, computer screens and necessary communication, telemetry, and automation systems at Gould Canal, Mill Canal, Holland Creek Bypass Canal, and Fancher Canal headgates. These upgrades improve reliability of water deliveries, enhance flow control, and automate headgate operation for greater efficiency.

FID'S 2025 CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS:

+840 ACRE- FEET OF NEW AVERAGE ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY **+35** ACRES OF NEW RECHARGE BASIN CAPACITY **30** PROJECTS COMPLETED



INVESTING IN FID'S WATER FUTURE: PROP 218 REPORT CARD

2025 marked the second year of additional investments in District construction, maintenance, and operations from increased assessments. FID continued to invest in strengthening water reliability, expanding surface and groundwater supplies, and protecting water rights. In 2025, \$9.7 million was invested to sustain the Carter-Bybee Recharge Basin. \$4.5 million was dedicated to surface water infrastructure improvements, and \$1.7 million was invested in water rights protection. **By leveraging over \$32 million in grant funding secured by FID since 2021, every FID dollar stretches further to deliver greater value and return on investment.** With a proven track record, FID will continue its pursuit of grants to maximize the financial investments from the District's other revenue sources, including landowner assessments.

ASSESSMENT INVESTMENT REPORT

DID YOU KNOW?

Construction investments strengthen FID's water conveyance and recharge systems, supporting long-term water supply availability for customers. This reliable water access helps sustain farming and maintain farmland value — an outcome highlighted in the 2025 Chapter of American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers — which identified FID as one of the few regions in the state with rising farmland values.



TRACKING GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS GETS AN UPGRADE

WITH NEW MONITORING WELLS

The North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) began work on 10 dedicated groundwater monitoring wells in 2025, the first of 48 new installations planned to improve the agency's understanding of groundwater conditions.

The GSA has been gathering groundwater data from 32 existing wells in its "monitoring network" bi-annually as part of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) tracking and reporting. This network tracks groundwater conditions over time, shedding light on whether projects and programs are having their intended effect on reaching SGMA targets.

While the current network is fairly expansive, many of the wells are active agricultural wells, which can skew groundwater data because of well construction and pumping frequency differences. Inconsistencies across this data can make groundwater level trends difficult to predict.

These new wells are installed solely for monitoring, ensuring precise readings and greater GSA-wide coverage, particularly in areas lacking existing monitoring wells. Additionally, the wells are set up with telemetry systems, meaning real-time reporting on groundwater conditions.

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING YOUR WELLS

Thank you to all FID landowners who completed your well registration. Your cooperation provides valuable information that helps the North Kings GSA plan for long-term groundwater reliability under SGMA and helps maintain local control over groundwater management.

While the Well Registration Program began in March 2024, the North Kings GSA passed a policy requiring registration effective May 1, 2025. Having well information demonstrates to the State the GSA's commitment to managing the sustainability process effectively and supports long-term planning efforts.

The deadline to register your wells for free was February 1, 2026, but it's not too late to register. Find more information, register, or contact the North Kings GSA at northkingsgsa.org/wellregistration.



ONLINE TOOLS FOR WELL OWNERS

GROUNDWATER INFO AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Knowing current and projected groundwater conditions is critical for well owners to plan and ensure the continued reliability of water supply in their wells. North Kings GSA has developed online mapping tools that provide local groundwater insights to support informed decision-making.



Groundwater Level Data Viewer Tool

View groundwater level trends near your property using data from the GSA's monitoring well network. Track conditions over time and better understand local groundwater conditions in your area. Visit northkingsgsa.org/groundwater-level-data-viewer or scan the QR code to access the Groundwater Level Data Viewer Tool.

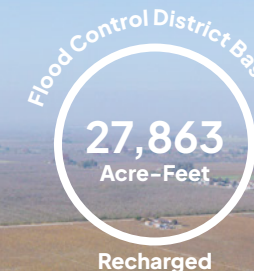


Minimum Well Depth Tool

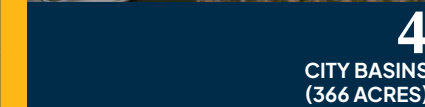
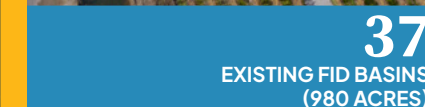
The Minimum Well Depth Tool helps you better understand risks to your wells and plan ahead for long-term well reliability by showing where groundwater levels may decline before stabilizing by 2040. Compare your well depth to projected groundwater levels and the North Kings GSA's Minimum Thresholds - the lowest groundwater levels expected during the most extreme drought scenario. Visit northkingsgsa.org/minimum-well-depth-tool or scan the QR code to access the tool.

NEARLY 74,000 ACRE-FEET

RECHARGED IN FID DURING 2025



RECHARGE CAPACITY IN FID REGION





KINGS RIVER WATER RIGHTS FIGHT

DEFENDING A CENTURY OF KINGS RIVER WATER RIGHTS

With more than 120 years of established Kings River water rights practices in place, FID and its Upper River partners, Consolidated and Alta irrigation districts, continue to stand ready to defend and uphold these historic rights. The river is designated by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) as a fully appropriated stream, meaning its supply is fully allocated to existing water rights holders, including FID as one of the most senior.

In 2017, Semitropic Water Storage District challenged this designation, seeking rights to over 1 million acre-feet of Kings River water and prompting State Board hearings in 2021 regarding potential impacts to longstanding Kings River water rights. To date, no decisions have been made. The State Board continues to evaluate authority related to the matter and has not announced additional hearings following a January 2024 conference.

FID remains committed to protecting these established water rights to help ensure reliable surface water supplies for customers long into the future.



2025 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

In 2025, total revenue was \$39,820,385 generated from assessments, water programs, project contributions, investment income, power generation revenue, service charges, and grant funds. Total expenses for the year were \$22,317,190. Any revenue in excess of expenses is applied to cover the costs of future year projects.



FID SECURES OVER \$5 MILLION TO STRENGTHEN WATER RELIABILITY

FID continued to grow its grant award portfolio in 2025, securing over \$5 million in funding and bringing total grants awarded since 2021 to over \$32 million. These funds support projects that strengthen water supply reliability, improve infrastructure, and expand groundwater recharge capacity across the District.

Among the awards, FID received a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Program to support construction of two new groundwater recharge basins – Krum Basin and Metzler Basin. This award advances FID's efforts to develop an additional 400 acres of recharge basins to capture water and support Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance.

FID also secured \$2.1 million through the Natural Resources Conservation Service's WaterSMART program to strengthen surface water infrastructure and improve irrigation efficiency. This funding supports five pipeline replacement projects, recharge basin construction, and pipeline work to deliver surface water to Fresno State's farm.

GROWER-LED INITIATIVES SHAPE THE FUTURE OF FARMING & IRRIGATION

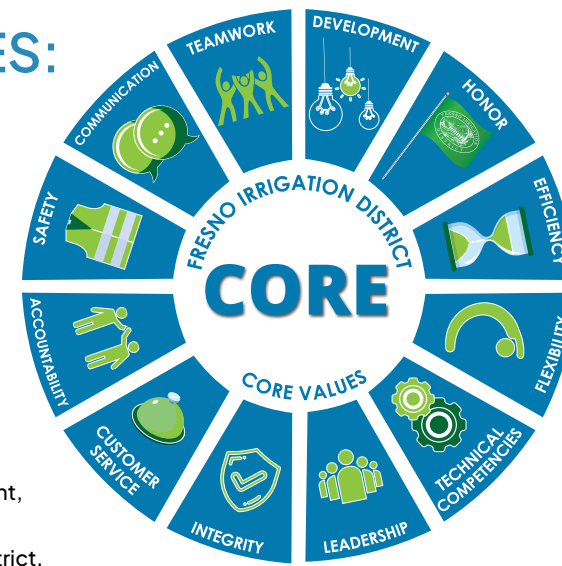
FID recognizes and thanks the growers who participated in the Natural Resources Conservation Service's EQIP WaterSMART funding opportunities. This funding supported grower-driven projects including pipeline replacements, on-farm recharge, drip irrigation, cover crops, and more. Together, these on-farm improvements help advance irrigation efficiency and support long-term water reliability across the District.

CORE VALUES:

BUILDING A VALUES-DRIVEN WORKFORCE

CORE is FID's core values and professional development framework. CORE was created and implemented in 2020 to provide a foundation for guiding day-to-day operations and behaviors. Built around 12 core values, CORE has contributed to increased employee engagement, heightened accountability, and reduced turnover across the District.

In 2025, FID celebrated the graduation of its first CORE Cubed cohort, the most recent phase of the CORE initiative. CORE Cubed was created to develop bench strength and support employees who desire to strengthen leadership skills and expand their knowledge and abilities. This cohort comprised 12 dedicated employees who, on their own time, developed practical leadership tools, gained hands-on experience, and cultivated peer connections. Additionally, FID gathers for CORE More, a monthly, District-wide meeting designed to keep our core values top of mind for all employees.



THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE WORK

90 EMPLOYEES 88 FULL-TIME 2 PART-TIME

2025 LONGEVITY AWARDS

FID takes pride in its employee tenure and promotes longevity as a key tool in providing excellent service to its stakeholders. Employees with the District earn the Longevity Award for every five years of service. The 14 employees who have received the 2025 award contribute to a combined 280 years of service.

- 45 YEARS** Philip Stanley, Water System Supervisor II
- 40 YEARS** Kevin Eskelsen, Instrument Maintenance Technician III
- 35 YEARS** Robert Armas, Heavy Equipment Operator III
- 35 YEARS** David Burrow, Watermaster
- 30 YEARS** Michael Prestridge, Construction-Maintenance Superintendent
- 20 YEARS** Dennis McGaha, Water System Operator III
- 20 YEARS** Doug Gutierrez, Construction-Maintenance Assistant to the Superintendent
- 15 YEARS** September Singh, Assistant General Manager - Administration
- 10 YEARS** Christopher Woolf, Board of Director, Division Two
- 10 YEARS** Christopher Fields, Water System Operator III
- 5 YEARS** Norvell Wilson, Water System Operator I
- 5 YEARS** Pam Dahlman, Office Assistant II
- 5 YEARS** Tou Vue, Chemical Applicator I
- 5 YEARS** Jordan Burns, Water System Supervisor I

HONORING RETIREES OF 2025

- LESLIE SUMIDA**, Water System Operator (26 years)
- VIRGINIA IRION**, Water System Operator III (23 years)
- ROBERT METZLER**, Heavy Equipment Operator III (20 years)



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