

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District  
Weekly Update  
Sunday March 17, 2024



Lakso system on a bluebird Friday

**Recharge Operations Dashboard:** Important to note that the North System projects were brought online over time starting January 22. The North System recharge would be closer to 500 AF **per month** at current capacity.

<b>North System Recharge:</b>	610 AF
<b>Tracy Lakes Recharge:</b>	67 AF
<b>South System Recharge:</b>	382 AF approx
<b>CalFed Recharge:</b>	530 AF approx

**Operations Update:** The North System generator failed on Saturday throwing an exhaust system code. It happens to have timed itself well with budbreak and Lakso requested we turn off the system for the season starting Sunday. Given the high cost of the generator, reduced volume of recharge from a single field, and mosquito difficulties with running Reynolds field, staff is planning to shut the North system down until the fall recharge season resumes. The generator will be returned and staff is hopeful the PG&E connection will be in place by that time.

**SOQ Update:** Staff met with Garney and Dewberry to tour the north and south pump stations in preparation for their response this Friday. Staff will present the proposal to the Board for direction on whether to negotiate a final Design Build contract for the North Station Project on Monday next week.



Cover Crops (Beans and Sweet Peas) flowering in the Lakso system

**EWA Meeting:** District Staff presented the Draft Dry Well Mitigation Program to the EWA Steering Committee on Wednesday. The draft program was well received with the only concern being replenishing the initial funding. Staff is recommending; given the modest amount of funding required and the projected infrequent need for the program, that debates about the replenishment of the fund be tabled unless and until it becomes necessary. Other agencies would like to lock in the funding by responsibility now. District Staff feels negotiations to define responsibility may bog down and delay implementation (and the GSP review and approval) if we pursue that effort up front. Staff drafted a finished plan based on Steering Committee input and will present it at the next EWA Board Meeting.

**Cost of Money Update:** Staff expects to hear today from our bank on approval to borrow from County at nearly 3.5 percent less than the bank option. Staff does not believe it should be a problem since all outstanding warrants are secured by Improvement District Funds and Ground Water Pumping Charge revenue is explicitly exempt. Moreover, any borrowing will be repaid by April when the next round of GW pumping charges will be funded by the County and additional grant expenses will have been reimbursed.