

October 13, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MID-YEAR CAPITAL PROJECT
FOR BENA GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL BE1-20
REPLACEMENT (S.D. #2)**

(Fiscal Impact: \$320,000; Solid Waste Enterprise C.P.; Budgeted; Discretionary)

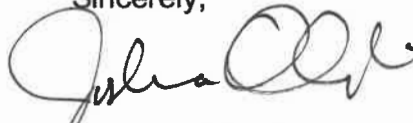
The Public Works Department requests your Board's approval to reallocate appropriations in a total amount of \$320,000 within Public Works Solid Waste Enterprise C.P. Fund 5010FD, to fund increased costs for the Bena Groundwater Monitoring Well BE1-20 Replacement. Sufficient funding is available in current year Capital Projects - Infrastructure within Fund 5010FD and Cost Center 3412CC.

The groundwater level within Detection Monitoring Program (DMP) well BE1-20 has declined, making it an unviable well thus putting the monitoring network at the Bena Sanitary Landfill out of compliance with California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 27. Monitoring well BE1-20 will be abandoned, and a replacement well will be installed at a greater depth to reach the current groundwater levels. The new monitoring well will bring the DMP network at the Bena Landfill back into regulatory compliance with CCR Title 27.

To facilitate the funding for the increased costs for the Bena Groundwater Monitoring Well BE1-20 Replacement, it is necessary to reallocate appropriations in the amount of \$320,000 within Fund 5010FD – Cost Center 3412CC – Current Year Account 1004SC – Capital Projects – Infrastructure. The Department budgeted \$4,500,000 for the Shafter-Wasco Landfill Module 4 Project. The full budgeted amount will not be utilized during the current fiscal year 2026/27, as the project has been delayed until Fiscal Year 2027/28. Therefore, the budgeted funds are available for reallocation to fund the increased Capital Project costs. The Bena Groundwater Monitoring Well BE1-20 Replacement Project was previously approved last fiscal year; however the project did not commence during that fiscal year.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the mid-year capital project for Bena Groundwater Monitoring Well BE1-20 in an amount not to exceed \$320,000 and authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the specified budgetary adjustments and accounting transactions.

Sincerely,



Joshua Champlin
Director

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Budget Amendment: - Project Operating Total
Expense on 10/13/2026 : BUDAMD2700185

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Budget Template Project Operating Total Expense : 250506PRJ_Project Operating Total Expense
Budget 250506PRJ_Project Operating Total Expense
Amendment ID BUDAMD2700185
Amendment Date 10/13/2026
Description Decrease fund to move to 251124PRJ
Amendment Type Additional Project Funding
Balanced Amendment No
Status Draft
Budget Currency USD

Budget Amendment Entries

Period	*Ledger Account/Summary	*Project	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Currency Rate	Base Debit Amount	Base Credit Amount	Base Currency	Memo	Exceptions
07/01/2024 - 06/30/2026 (250506PRJ_Project Operating Total Expense)	Kern Parent Account Set: Budget Expenses	8149 SHAFTER- WASCO LANDFILL MODULE 4	\$0.00	\$320,000.00	1	0.00	320,000.00	USD	To fund 251124PRJ	



Budget Amendment: - Project Operating Total
Expense on 10/13/2026 : BUDAMD2700187

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Budget Template Project Operating Total Expense : 251124PRJ Budget
Budget 251124PRJ Budget
Amendment ID BUDAMD2700187
Amendment Date 10/13/2026
Description Additional funds needed to make purchase
Amendment Type Additional Project Funding
Balanced Amendment No
Status Draft
Budget Currency USD

Budget Amendment Entries

Period	*Ledger Account/Summary	*Project	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Currency Rate	Base Debit Amount	Base Credit Amount	Base Currency	Memo	Exceptions
07/01/2025 - 06/30/2027 (251124PRJ Budget)	Kern Parent Account Set: Budget Expenses	Capital Project - Bena Ground Monitoring Well BE 1-20 Replacement	\$320,000.00	\$0.00	1	320,000.00	0.00	USD	Fund coming from 250506PRJ	