

Summary of Districts' 2026 AOP

The Districts are in the process of developing a 2026 AOP and anticipate operations similar to last year.

Summary of 2025 Operations

The Districts' non-irrigation season operations were primarily to release water for Central's FERC Diversion Requirements and icing on the NPPD system.

■ Inflows (684,452 af)

- Non-irrigation season (Oct-Apr) – 97% of 30 year median
- Irrigation season (May-Sept) – 71% of 30 year median
- Year total – 92% of 30 year median

■ Outflows (727,125 af)

- Non-irrigation season (Oct-Apr) – 90% of 30 year median
- Irrigation season (May-Sept) – 102% of 30 year median
- Year total – 98% of 30 year median

McConaughy decreased 147,500 acre-feet (7.6 feet) from previous year to end at 744,600 acre-feet.

Central supplied normal 18-inch contracts for 2025. A full irrigation supply on rotational deliveries was made available on all of NPPD's and NPPD's contract canals.

2026 Water Supply

■ Lake McConaughy

- 744,600 acre-feet
- 74% of the 30 year average carryover
- 42.7% capacity

■ Projected Lewellen Flows

- Oct-Mar = 374,000 af, 90% of 30 year median
- Oct-Apr = 431,000 af, 92% of 30 year median

2026 Plan of Operations

Most Likely Operations:

- Release to meet FERC release requirements.
- Normal irrigation season deliveries.
- Potential release of additional operational flows.
- Additional releases from Lake McConaughy may be necessary to lower the lake level for Kingsley Dam riprap inspection.

Other Considerations:

- Central has scheduled outages for the J1 and J2 hydros in October and November of this year. The J1 outages are planned for October 27–31, 2025, and November 17–21, 2025. The J2 hydro will also be in outage from November 17–21, 2025.

Additionally, Central anticipates a two-week outage at Kingsley in the fall of next year, along with a one-week outage for the Jeffrey, J1, and J2 hydros.

- NPPD is currently in fall outage on the Sutherland Project Canals. Outage start date was delayed by approximately 2 weeks due to failure of a pump motor at Gerald Gentleman Station. Planned work includes wasteway gate seal replacement and concrete replacement at Supply Canal MP 1.6, removal of old HWY 25 bridge, removal of silt deposits and repair of concrete lining multiple canals sections, and various other inspections and maintenance items. Work is anticipated to be completed in mid- to late-November.