

WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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Minutes - Board of Directors  
Tuesday, September 24, 2024

800 Kern Street  
Taft, California

*Directors Present: Barry M. Jameson  
Scott Niblett  
David A. Wells  
Gary Morris  
Bo Bravo - Teleconference*

*Ex-Officio Officer: Greg A. Hammett, General Manager/Secretary*

*District Counsel: Alex Dominguez*

*Recording Secretary: Deann Crabtree*

*Staff in Attendance: Sunny Kapoor, Tami Sivils, Taylor Miller, Troy Turley,  
Wendy Adams-Rosenberger, Wayne White,  
John Stuntebeck, Zak Crabb, Mike Law*

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

President Barry M. Jameson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Administrative Assistant, Deann Crabtree called roll and noted that President Jameson, Vice President Scott Niblett, Director Morris were present, Director David A Wells as absent and Director Bravo was present via teleconference.

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

No conflicts to report.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments to report.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Upon Motion by Director Niblett, Seconded  
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously  
With 4 Ayes, 0 Noes  
To approve the September 24, 2024  
Regular Board Meeting Agenda.*

**VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING:  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 27, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

*Upon Motion by Director Niblett, Seconded  
By Director Morris Carried Unanimously  
With 4 Ayes, 0 Noes  
To approve the Minutes of the  
August 27, 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting.*

**VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

i. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Training Report**

**RECOMMENDATION: Information Only.**

ii. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Operations Department Review**

**RECOMMENDATION: Information Only.**

iii. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Cash Flow for August 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION: Information Only.**

iv. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Capital Improvement Budget Comparison and Equipment Procurement**

**RECOMMENDATION: Information Only.**

v. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Safety Meeting and Projects Report**

**RECOMMENDATION: Information Only.**

**X. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

*Upon Motion by Director Morris, Seconded  
By Director Niblett Carried Unanimously  
With 4 Ayes, 0 Noes  
To Approve Consent Items i-v of the  
September 24, 2024, Board Agenda.*

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
(Wells, Bravo)

1. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Water Supply Report**

Regulatory Administrator, Wendy Adams-Rosenberger, reviewed the current Water Supply Report with Directors and staff.

Director David A Wells arrived at 5:38p.m.

2. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
General Manager Water Report**

General Manager, Greg A. Hammett reviewed the Northern Sierra Precipitation report, state reservoir conditions, snowpack and various hydrology reports with the board, the General Manager also reported on the Delta Conveyance Project and SWP Operations.

B. **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
(Jameson, Bravo)

1. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Adopt Resolution 24-02 of The Board of Directors of  
West Kern Water District Amending and Restating  
The District's Conflict of Interest.**

General Manager, Greg A. Hammett reported every local public agency is required to review its conflict of interest code every two years and identify any required amendments. (Gov. Code, § 87306.5.) Legal Counsel has reviewed the District's current conflict of interest code and proposes the following amendments requiring Adoption of Resolution 24-02 of The Board of Directors of West Kern Water District Amending and Restating the District's Conflict of Interest after the 45 day Notice of intention is complete on September 8, 2024.

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded  
By Director Morris Carried Unanimously  
By a Roll Call Vote  
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes  
To Adopt Resolution 24-02 of The Board of Directors of West Kern  
Water District Amending and Restating The District's Conflict of  
Interest.*

2. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
West Kern's Participation in Basin-Wide Effort to Finalize  
The 2024 Ground Water Sustainability Plan and Prepare for  
The February Probation Hearing and Illness Prevention  
Program (IIPP) Policy Update**

General Manager, Greg A. Hammett reported on May 29, 2024, the Kern Subbasin submitted revised draft Groundwater Sustainability Plans (2024 GSPs) to the State Water Resources Control Board. On July 25, 2024, the State Board released a draft Staff Report that focused on State Board Staff's review of GSPs submitted by the Kern Subbasin in 2022. The

Staff Report provided only a brief discussion related to its review of the 2024 draft GSP. Based on their review of both the 2022 and 2024 GSPs, State Board Staff recommended that the Kern Subbasin be placed on probation. Since July 2024, local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Kern Subbasin have been working to address comments in the Staff Report by, among other things, drafting a comprehensive comment letter, hosting subbasin tours for all five State Board members, meeting with State Board staff on a regular basis to discuss technical issues, finalizing the 2024 GSP and preparing for the Kern Subbasin Probationary hearing scheduled for February of 2025. Consultants that comprise the technical working group (TWG) for the subbasin have developed a scope and budget to provide support from September 1, 2024 through February 2025. Depending upon the level of effort required, the proposed budget to support that effort is \$505,000 to \$640,000. West Kern's obligation would be approximately \$23,000.00 - \$29,000.00.

*Upon Motion by Director Morris, Seconded  
By Director Niblett and Carried Unanimously  
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes  
To Approve West Kern's participation in basin-wide  
effort to finalize the 2024 GSP and prepare for the  
February 2025 Probation Hearing.*

**C. FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
(Jameson, Niblett)**

**1. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Removal & Inspection of Well 6-02, Job #24-6201**

Production Administrator, John Stuntebeck reported the chemical treatment, air lifting, and patch work has been completed. After reviewing the second video, additional airlifting will be required. Additionally, the pump requires repairs, column pipe, shafts, spiders, and miscellaneous need to be replaced. S.A. Camp provided Staff with an estimate to perform the additional work in the amount of \$115,602.70.

*Upon Motion by Director Niblett, Seconded  
By Director Wells and Carried Unanimously  
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes  
To Approve Change Order #2 for additional airlifting, pump repair,  
and replacement of miscellaneous piping & appurtenances for  
Well 6-02 in the amount of \$115,602.70 increasing the contract  
amount from \$69,087.00 to \$184,689.70.*

**D. FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(Morris, Niblett)**

**1. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Accounts Payable for September 2024**

Director of Finance, Sunny Kapoor presented the accounts payable report for August 2024.

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded.  
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously  
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes  
To Approve Expenditure for September 2024  
Bills When Funds are Available.*

**E. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
(Wells, Morris)**

No items to discuss.

**XII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

No items to discuss.

**XIII. ISSUES OF CONCERN**

**A. October 2024 Meeting Calendar**

Directors approved the October Calendar.

**B. Potential Issues to be Addressed at Next Board Meeting**

No items to report.

**C. Board of Director Announcements or Reports**

No items to report.

**D. General Manager's Report**

No items to report.

**E. Management Staff Report**

No items to report.

**F. Kern Non-Districted Land Authority Issues**

The General Manger provided a brief report on KNDLA issues.

**G. Attorney Report**

No items to report.

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION**

1. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Government Code, § 54956.9(d)(1)  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
Existing Litigation: 3 Cases
  - A. Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD et al. v. KCWA et. al.;  
Kern county Superior Court Case No. BCV-21-10418
  - B. Kern Water Bank Authority vs. Kern Local Agency Formation  
Commission  
Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-21-101310
2. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:  
Government Code, § 54956.9(d)(4)  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
Potential Litigation: 1 Case

Directors moved into Closed Session at 6:40 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

President Jameson reported there was no action taken in Closed Session:

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

October 22, 2024

**Date Approved**



**Greg A. Hammett,  
Secretary of the Board of Directors of  
WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT**

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