

WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes – Board of Directors
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

800 Kern Street
Taft, California

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

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

District Counsel: *Alex Dominguez*

Recording Secretary: *Deann Crabtree*

Staff in Attendance: *Tami Sivils, Adeana McDaniel-Furman, Taylor Miller*
 Wendy Adams-Rosenberger, Troy Turley, John Stuntebeck,
 Zak Crabb and Mike Law

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

President Scott Niblett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Administrative Assistant, Deann Crabtree called roll and noted President Scott Niblett, Vice President Bo Bravo, Director Barry M. Jameson, Director David A. Wells and Director Gary J. Morris as present.

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

No conflicts to report.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon Motion by Director Jameson, Seconded
By Director Bravo and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Approve the November 18, 2025
Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

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

A. October 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously
With 4 Ayes, 0 Noes
Director Morris abstained
To approve the Minutes of the
October 28, 2025 Regular Board 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 October 2025**

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 & Project Report**

X. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

*Upon Motion by Director Morris, Seconded
By Director Bravo and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Approve Consent Items i-v of the
November 18, 2025 Regular 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.

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

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

B. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Jameson, Bravo)

1. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding: Kern Subbasin Cost Sharing Agreement Revising 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plans to Meet Requirements for Returning to Department of Water Resources Oversight

General Manager, Greg A. Hammett reported following the September 17, 2025, State Board (SWRCB) hearing, the State Board recommended the Kern Subbasin be returned to oversight by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) provided the Kern Subbasin addresses issues identified by the SWRCB. Numerous GSAs will retain consultants to perform the work necessary to meet the requirement for returning to DWR oversight. The total cost of the consultant's work is estimated to be \$721,925.00 These costs will be split equally (1/22) by GSAs in the subbasin.

*Upon Motion by Director Jameson, Seconded
By Director Wells and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Authorize the General Manager to execute a Cost
Sharing Agreement Revising 2025 Groundwater
Sustainability Plans to meet requirements for returning
to Department of Water Resources Oversight for an
amount not -to-exceed \$721,925.00 with the District's
share being \$32,815.00.*

2. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding: Resolution 25-08 - Authorizing the Filing of Pre-Application with the County of Kern, Planning and Natural Resources Department for a Community Development Block Grant FY 2026-2027, South Taft Water System Improvements Phase VI

Operations Coordinator, Taylor Miller reported staff is in the process of filing a pre-application with the County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department for a Community Development Block Grant for South Taft Water System Improvement Project

Phase VI. The application guideline requires the District to supply a resolution of governing body authorizing application for the Grant Funds.

*Upon Motion by Director Morris, Seconded
By Director Jameson and Carried Unanimously
By a Roll Call Vote
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To adopt Resolution 25-08 authorizing the Filing of
an Application with the County of Kern for a Community
Development Block Grant FY 2026-2027 for the South Taft
Water System Improvement Project Phase VI.*

3. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Resolution 25-09 - Authorizing the General Manager, or Designee, to Apply
for, Receive, Enter into An Agreement, and Administer a Grant Under the
California Energy Commission GFO-25-301: EPIC Microgrid & Commercial EV
Charging Demonstration Program**

Operations Coordinator, Taylor Miller reported California is requiring public agencies to transition light-duty fleet fuel vehicles to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs). The California Energy Commission (CEC) has released a grant (GFO-25-301) to help agencies install EV fleet charging paired with solar arrays and battery storage.

Grant Details:

- Minimum Project Amount: \$2,000,000 total
- Match Requirement: Minimum 30% match (cash or eligible in-kind, excluding land)
- Award Amount: Up to \$2M plus (depending on scope)
- Project Term: Construction, plus 12-month performance must finish before May 2030

Station C Yard is located within a CalEnviroScreen designated Disadvantaged Community (82nd percentile) and is the only feasible location to support EV fleet charging due to limited electrical capacity at the warehouse and nearby facilities. The District is currently in preliminary design with its Electrical Power Systems (EPS) to confirm equipment sizing, layout, and interconnection.

The proposed project would include installation of:

- ~400 kW solar PV
- ~810 kWh / ~270 kW battery energy storage
- Up to 16 Level-2 fleet-only charging ports (8 dual chargers)

A preliminary rough order of magnitude for this system is ~\$2.2M-\$2.6M prior to incentives. (Investment Tax Credit & Self Generation Incentive Program could reduce the net cost).

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded
By Director Bravo and Carried Unanimously
By a Roll Call Vote
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To adopt Resolution No. 25-09 authorizing the
General Manager, or designee, to apply for, execute,
and administer a California Energy Commission Grant
under GFO-25-301 to support fleet electrification at
Station C Yard.*

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE
(Jameson, Niblett)**

**1. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
25 Hill Tank No. 2 Rehabilitation Project Scope A, Job 26-3200**

Production Administrator, John Stuntebeck reported Unified Field Services (UFS) is currently working on the 25 Hill Tank No. 2 Rehabilitation Project - Scope A, which was originally scheduled to be completed within 21 calendar days. They have been making steady progress; however, as the project has moved forward, the work has taken a little longer than initially expected. UFS has requested 9 additional calendar days (7 working days) to complete the remaining work. We are also anticipating rainy weather that may impact site access and slow down work. To stay ahead of this and avoid unnecessary delays for the contractor, staff is recommending adding 7 calendar days (3 working days due to two holidays) to UFS's request, for a total extension of 16 calendar days. This proactive approach will give UFS the time needed to finish the remaining work. The request is for time only. There is no change to the Contract Price, and no additional costs are being requested.

*Upon Motion by Director Morris, Seconded
By Director Bravo and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Approve Change Order #1, a time extension of
16 calendar days, revising the Contract Completion
date from November 17, 2025, to December 3, 2025.*

**2. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Well NW2 Rehabilitation, Job #26-6200**

Production Administrator, John Stuntebeck reported South Valley Companies (SVC) submitted Pay Request #2 on 11/13/2025, in total amount of \$47,383.26 for pump inspection, pump bowl and shaft, wear rings, labor, and chemicals.

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Approve Pay Request #2 in the amount of
\$47,383.26 less 5% retention of \$2,369.16 for a
total of \$45,014.10 for pump inspection, pump
bowl and shaft, wear rings, labor, and chemicals.*

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

1. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Accounts Payable for November 2025**

Controller/Finance Administrator, Adeana McDaniel-Furman presented the accounts payable report for November 2025.

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded.
By Director Bravo and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Approve Expenditure for November 2025
Bills When Funds are Available.*

2. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Approve/Delay Water Rate Increase for 2026**

Controller/Finance Administrator, Adeana McDaniel-Furman noted in September 2022 the Board approved the West Kern Water Rate Study setting annual water rates through the Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027. Annually Staff and the Board review the proposed water rates for the next fiscal year to determine whether funding requirements from the cost-service analysis in the Rate Study are satisfied. After review, Staff is recommending increasing the water rates for fiscal year 2025 - 2026.

*Upon Motion by Director Bravo, Seconded.
By Director Jameson and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Approve increasing the water rates for
Fiscal Year 2025-2026.*

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

No items to discuss.

XII. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

No items to discuss.

XIII. **ISSUES OF CONCERN**

A. **November 2025 Meeting Calendar**

Directors approved the November Calendar.

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

No items to report.

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

Director Barry Jameson thanked the District for inviting the Board of Directors to the 2024-2025 Safety Event noting it was a fun event.

D. General Manager's Report

No items to report.

E. Management Staff Report

HR administrator, Tami Sivils, thanked the Safety Team for the hard work the team did on the 2024-2025 Safety Event. As well as the Board of Directors for allowing the District to continue to build moral and have fun events such as this.

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. California Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested
in The Matter of Authorization of Delta Conveyance Program
Revenue Bonds;
Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 25CV000704

C. Amaya v. City of Taft, et al.;;
Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-24-103650

2. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Government Code, § 54956.9(d)(4)
Conference with Legal Counsel
Potential Litigation: 2 Cases

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Government Code, § 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Title: Technical Analyst

Directors moved into Closed Session at 5:40 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 5:57 p.m.

President Niblett reported no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

December 16, 2025

Date Approved



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

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