



Board of Directors

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**NOTICE OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 24, 2026
5:00 P.M.
DISTRICT BOARD ROOM**

AGENDA

"Pursuant to Government Code section § 54957.5, any materials relating to an open session item on this agenda, distributed to the Board of Directors after the distribution of the agenda packet, will be made available for public inspection at the time of distribution at the following location: West Kern Water District, 800 Kern Street, Taft, CA."

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **FLAG SALUTE**
- III. **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- IV. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment to address any subject of District business which may not be on the Agenda. Comments may be limited to three (3) minutes per person.

- VI. **DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING:
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda is to be approved as presented, subject to review by the Board. The Board may change the order in which agenda items are discussed to accommodate scheduling or other needs of the Board, the public or meeting participants. Members of the public are encouraged to arrive at the commencement of the meeting to ensure that they are present for Board discussion of all items in which they are interested. The Board may add items to the agenda only as provided by Government Code section 54954.2.

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

A. January 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

- VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.

- i. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Contract for a portion of Kern County Water Agency
Kern River Lower Rights and Obligations
- ii. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Training Report
- iii. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Operations Review
- iv. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Cash Flow for January, 2026
- v. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Capital Improvements Budget Comparison & Equipment Procurement
- vi. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Safety Meeting and Project Report

IX. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. ***WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE***.....02/17/26
(Wells, Bravo)
 - 1. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Water Supply Report
 - 2. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
General Manager Water Report
 - 3. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
BV Replacement Water
 - 4. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Golden Mussel Discovered at La Paloma Water Pump Station
- B. ***ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE***.....02/19/26
(Jameson, Bravo)
 - 1. Discussion and Appropriate Action
Resolution 26-02 Authorizing Investment Monies
Amending Resolution no. 25-06
- C. ***FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE***.....02/18/26
(Jameson, Niblett)

1. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
North Well Field Mowing Project, Job #26-4600
2. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
25 Hill Tank No. 2 Job #26-3200
3. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Well NW5 Removal and Inspection, Job #26-6201

D. FINANCE COMMITTEE.....02/17/26
(Morris, Niblett)

1. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Accounts Payable for January 2026
2. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Audit Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

E. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.....02/18/26
(Wells, Morris)

No items to discuss.

XI. ISSUES OF CONCERN

- A. MARCH 2026 MEETING CALENDAR
Review meeting calendar
- B. POTENTIAL ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED AT NEXT BOARD MEETING
Determination of potential topics to be addressed at next meeting
- C. BOARD OF DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS
Directors may report on their activities during the month
- D. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
General Manager may give a report on current issues
- E. MANAGEMENT STAFF REPORT
Oral Presentation may be made
- F. KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY
General Manager will report on current issues
- G. ATTORNEY REPORT
Oral Presentation may be made

XII. INFORMATION ITEM

No items to discuss.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

1. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Government Code, § 54956.9(d)(1)
Conference with Legal Counsel
Existing Litigation: 4 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
 - D. *San Juan Water District, et al. vs State Water Resources Control Board*
Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 25WM000238
2. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Government Code, § 54956.9(d)(4)
Conference with Legal Counsel
Potential Litigation: 1 Cases
3. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Government Code, § 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Unrepresented Position
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Government Code, § 54957
Public Employee Appointment
Title: District Counsel

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
(Government Code Section 54953.2)

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