

WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Minutes – Board of Directors  
Friday, June 12, 2026

800 Kern Street  
Taft, California

*Directors Present:*      *Scott Niblett*  
                                  *Bo Bravo*  
                                  *Gary J. Morris*  
                                  *Barry M. Jameson*

*Directors Absent:*      *David A. Wells*

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

*District Counsel:*      *Alex Dominguez - Absent*

*Recording Secretary:*      *Deann Crabtree*

*Staff in Attendance:*      *Tami Sivils, Adeana McDaniel-Furman,*  
                                          *Taylor Miller, Wendy Adams -Rosenberger, Mike*  
                                          *Law, Zak Crabb, John Stuntebeck, Chris Havens*  
                                          *Tina Leikam, Andrea Crabb & Troy Turley*

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**I.      FLAG SALUTE**

**II.     ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

President Scott Niblett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Administrative Assistant, Deann Crabtree called roll and noted President Niblett, Vice President Bravo, Director Morris and Director Jameson as present and Director Wells as absent.

**III.    CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS**

No conflicts were reported.

**IV.    PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were received.

**V.     APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Upon Motion by Director Bravo, Seconded*  
*By Director Morris Carried Unanimously*  
*With 4 Ayes, 0 Noes*  
*To Approve the Agenda of the*  
*June 12, 2026 Special Board Meeting.*

## **VI. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

Controller/Finance Administrator, Adeana McDaniel-Furman, started the Special Board meeting thanking various District staff for the hard work and effort it takes to put together the District's Annual Budget.

### **1. DISCUSSION & APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING: 2026/2027 BUDGET**

#### **A. Revenue**

Controller/Finance Administrator, Adeana McDaniel-Furman, presented the Preliminary 2026-2027 Budget, which included the attached power point presentation. Mrs. McDaniel-Furman stated the District anticipates revenue to increase by 7.18%. and operating expenses to decrease by 2.77 as compared to the 2025-2026 Budget.

Mrs. McDaniel-Furman explained the District's projected excess for the 2026-2027 revenues (operating revenues less operating expenses) will be \$5,343,838.00 prior to any of the District's Capital Expenditures.

She further explained revenue for Residential water sales could possibly decrease with additional water conservation. Industrial water sales revenue is expected to increase due to the recent water rate increase. Water demands of the Cogeneration Plants could also affect revenues into the coming fiscal year.

#### **B. Cash Flow**

Mrs. McDaniel-Furman, reported the District has historically used a balanced budget approach in preparing the budget. However, the District did not use all reserves allocated last year to fund the Districts Capital Expenditures resulting in an increase in reserves of \$19,657,646.00.

#### **C. Labor**

Adeana McDaniel-Furman, stated the District currently has 42 employees. She noted salaries and benefits as a percentage of the total operating budget are projected to increase by 6.93% from last year due to additional positions on the District Payroll. The total salaries and benefits for the 2026-2027 budget is \$6,481,408.00.

The Board and staff then reviewed the Engineering, T&D, Field Services, Accounting and Administration Departments' budget numbers.

#### **D. Expenses**

Mrs. McDaniel-Furman, explained total District operating expenses are projected to will increase from \$21,199,179.00 for 2025-2026 to \$21,785,712.00 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

#### **E. Capital Improvements**

After discussion and review of the various Capital Expenditure options, the Board directed Staff to fund all requested Capital Expense projects in the amount of \$5,735,281.00.

#### **F. Equipment Procurement**

Mrs. Adeana McDaniel-Furman, noted future headwinds could potentially affect the budgetary numbers during the next fiscal year. Increasing water cost (source of supply) , gasoline, commodities, natural gas, electricity, Insurance, P&L, WC, and Health Benefits could substantially affect the projected expenses. Also, water sales, water marketing, costs to participate in the Delta Conveyance Facility and future groundwater regulations could be variable factors that could also influence the proposed budget going forward.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

June 23, 2026  
**Date Approved**



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

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