

WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes – Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

800 Kern Street
Taft, California

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

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

District Counsel: *Alex Dominguez*

Recording Secretary: *Tami Sivils*

Staff in Attendance: *Adeana McDaniel-Furman, 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 5:02 p.m. HR Administrator, Tami Sivils called roll and noted President Scott Niblett, Vice President Bo Bravo, Director David A. Wells, Director Barry Jameson 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 Wells, Seconded
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Approve April 28, 2026
Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

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

A. March 4, 2026 Special Board Meeting.

***Upon Motion by Director Bravo, Seconded
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To approve the Minutes of the
March 4, 2026 Special Board Meeting.***

B. March 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

***Upon Motion by Director Bravo, Seconded
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To approve the Minutes of the
March 24, 2026 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 March 2026**

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**

RECOMMENDATION: Information Only.

vi. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Position Vacancies**

RECOMMENDATION: Information Only.

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

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Approve Consent Items i-vi of the
April 28, 2026 Regular Board Agenda.*

XI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

General Manager, Greg A. Hammett 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, Golden Mussel Update and State Water allocations.

3. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Consumer Confidence Report**

General Manager, Greg A. Hammett, reported the District's 2025 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is required to be mailed to District customers and submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board by July 1, 2026. Staff have updated the analytical data and education material required by the State.

*Upon Motion by Director Jameson, Seconded
By Director Bravo and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Authorize District Staff to Submit and Distribute
The 2025 Consumer Confidence Report.*

4. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Kern Subbasin Subsidence Program Implementation
And Support for 2026**

General Manager, Greg A. Hammett reported the Kern Subbasin GSAs requested proposals from several consultants to provide support and analysis to implement the subbasin-wide subsidence program in 2026. This effort is a critical component of the overall implementation of the Subbasin GSP and a focus of DWR's current GSP review. The consultant's scope of work for 2026 includes technical support during discussions with DWR's Sustainable Groundwater Management Office (SGMO) and California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP); subbasin-wide critical head analysis; and participation on the subsidence technical subcommittee. The estimated cost to provide this scope of work for 2026 is \$224,000 and will be allocated to GSAs using the recently agreed upon subbasin-wide cost allocation methodology. The district's share of these costs is about \$8,500.00.

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Authorize the General Manager to execute
a cost share agreement related to Kern Subbasin
Subsidence Program implementation and support for 2026.*

5. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Golden Mussel Update**

General Manager, Greg A. Hammett reported on March 31, 2026 District Staff submitted the golden mussel survey report to CDFW. An automatic response was received explaining they will review the report and photos and send a scientist out to survey the area as soon as one is available. La Paloma completed a robotic inspection on all their tanks and piping and there were no signs of the golden mussel in their facility. On April 14, 2026, Agency staff performed an underwater inspection of CVC Pool 6 and located several golden mussels along the turnout headwalls, trash racks and in the afterbay of Pumping Plant No.6a. CVC Pools 1-6 have been taken down to remove and dispose of the mussels. The agency will continue to inspect CVC Facilities on a routine basis and look for opportunities to remove and dispose of mussels found.

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

No items to Discuss.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE
(Jameson, Niblett)**

1. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
North Well Field Mowing Project, Job #26-4600**

Production Administrator, John Stuntebeck reported Ant's Tractor Mowing has completed the scope of Work for weed abatement in the North Well Field on March 25, 2026.

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded.
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
Approve the final acceptance of the Work for the
North Well Field Mowing Project, Job 26-4600,
Authorize staff to process final payment, including
release of retention, in the amount of \$35,788.00,
and authorize filing of the Notice of Completion
with the County Recorder.*

2. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Well NW5 Removal and Inspection, Job #26-6201**

Production Administrator, John Stuntebeck reported On February 24, 2026, the Board authorized staff to approve change orders for Well NW5 in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 to address conditions identified during pump removal and inspection. At that time, staff indicated that any change order under this authorization would be brought back to the Board for ratification. Additionally, Rain for Rent (RFR) has submitted Progress Payment No. 2 for bailing, swage repair, and video inspection. All work reflected on this invoice has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded.
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
Approve A. Ratify Change Order No. 1 for Well NW5
Removal and Inspection Project in the amount of
\$180,152.60, as previously authorized. B. Approve
Progress Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$22,920.03,
less 5% retention of \$1,146.00, for a total payment of
\$21,774.03, for bailing, swage repair, and video inspection.*

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

1. **Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Accounts Payable for April 2026**

Controller/Finance Administrator, Adeana McDaniel-Furman presented the accounts payable report for April 2026.

*Upon Motion by Director Wells, Seconded.
By Director Morris and Carried Unanimously
With 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
To Approve Expenditure for April 2026
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. May 2026 Meeting Calendar

Directors approved the May 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

General Manager, Greg A. Hammett reported that the irrigation and landscaping plans for Franklin Field are complete. The Fort Preservation Society asked if the District could assist with preparation of an updated Irrigation Plan for the facility. After discussion the Board directed staff to engage a landscaper for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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: 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 Case
3. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Government Code, § 54956.8
Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Description of Property: SWP Supplies/Facilities
Agency Negotiator: Greg A. Hammett, General Manager
Under Negotiator: Price and Terms of Participation
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Government Code, § 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Unrepresented Position
5. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding:
Government Code, § 54957
Public Employee Appointment
Title: General Manager

Directors moved into Closed Session at 5:38 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

President Niblett reported Direction given to Legal Counsel and General Manager the following matters:

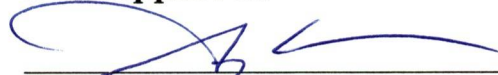
Government Code, § 54956.8, SWP Supplies and Participation in future SWP Facilities.
Government Code, § 54957.6, Water Resources Manager

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

May 26, 2026

Date Approved



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