

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTSIDE DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY GSA

Held November 4, 2025

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Authority) was held in-person on November 4, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., at 21908 7th Standard Road, McKittrick, CA 93251.

1. CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Rob Goff called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Rob Goff, Jeremy Blackwell, Rob Yraceburu, Bernard Pugét, Rod Stiefvater, and Alan Scroggs.

The following individuals were also present: Mark Gilkey, Justin Rowe, Elisabeth Cervantes, Trevor Maggart, Morgan Campbell, Jamie Marquez, Alex Dominguez (Legal Counsel), and Andrew Mason (member of the public).

Brianda Rodriguez, Carrie Heredia, Mary King, Ronda Stark, and Mushtaq Mohideen were also present via teleconference.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA)
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There were no changes to the agenda.

3. CONSENT AGENDA)
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The Chairman asked if there were any questions concerning the Consent Agenda, which items were detailed in the Board packet. On motion of Jeremy Blackwell, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved each item listed on the Consent Agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu
Alan Scroggs

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

4. FINANCIAL REPORT)
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a. Review Quarter 3 2025 Treasurer's Report:

i. Approve Statement of Net Position and Profit and Loss Statement:

Elisabeth Cervantes presented the Quarter 3 2025 Statement of Net Position and Profit and Loss Statement. After discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Alan Scroggs, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Quarter 3 2025 Statement of Net Position and Profit and Loss Statement:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell
Alan Scroggs
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ii. Ratify warrants: Elisabeth Cervantes presented the Quarter 3 2025 Warrant List. After discussion, on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the Quarter 3 2025 Warrant List:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell
Alan Scroggs
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- b. **Consider and take appropriate action regarding Resolution 25-06 adopting the WDWA GSA Investment Policy:** Morgan Campbell presented the WDWA GSA Investment Policy. On motion of Alan Scroggs, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 25-06 to adopt the WDWA GSA Investment Policy:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell
Alan Scroggs
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- c. **Consider and take appropriate action regarding WDWA GSA's contribution to October 1 – December 31, 2025 Kern County Subbasin Technical Working Group cost share:** Morgan Campbell presented to the Board an update regarding the continued subbasin-wide cost share for the Kern Subbasin's Technical Working Group. She explained that the scope of work covers subbasin-wide work and that each GSA pays an equal 1/22 share resulting in a cost share of \$32,814.77 for WDWA GSA. Morgan further explained that this cost share is estimated to cover work through Q1 of 2026, which includes work to complete and implement the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). After discussion, on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the cost share:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell
Alan Scroggs
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- d. **Consider and take appropriate action regarding 2026 budget:** Morgan Campbell presented on the proposed 2026 budget for WDWA GSA. Staff recommended collecting a contingency of \$100,000 to offset any potential invoices that may remain unpaid regarding white lands' revenue. After discussion, the Board instructed staff to allocate an additional \$100,000 contingency fund raising the 1/3 cost split across districts from

\$307,000 to \$340,000. On motion of Jeremy Blackwell, seconded by Alan Scroggs, and unanimously carried the Board approved the proposed 2026 budget:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell
Alan Scroggs
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5. WDWA GSA OPERATIONS)
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a. **Consider and take appropriate action regarding Resolution 25-07 adopting the 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule and Location:** Morgan Campbell presented the 2026 regular meeting schedule and location to the Board, informing them that the location would change to the Lost Hills Water District office and the time would change to 2:45 pm. On motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Alan Scroggs, the Board approved Resolution 25-07:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell
Alan Scroggs
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

b. **Update regarding September 17, 2025, State Water Resources Control Board Kern County Subbasin Probationary Hearing:** Morgan Campbell presented an update on the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Subbasin Probationary Hearing informing the Board that the SWRCB voted unanimously to not designate the Kern County Subbasin as probationary. She notified the Board that landowners will not need to register their wells with the State and will not be subject to a \$20/AF extraction fee at this time. No Board action was taken.

- c. **Update regarding routine SGMA reporting requirements and Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation:** Morgan Campbell informed the Board that staff is currently completing subbasin-wide routine work such as semiannual groundwater sampling, and cross-referencing WDWA GSA's well registration database with new Kern County well permit records.

- d. **Consider and take appropriate action regarding the renewal of WDWA GSA's Groundwater Extraction Moratorium within Proximity to Critical Infrastructure Impacted by Subsidence management action:** Morgan Campbell presented the potential to renew the groundwater extraction moratorium within a 2.5-mile radial buffer of the California Aqueduct between mileposts 195-215. Staff recommended that WDWA GSA renew the groundwater extraction moratorium. After discussion, on motion of Jeremy Blackwell, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried the Board renewed WDWA GSA's Groundwater Extraction Moratorium:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell
Alan Scroggs
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY)
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- a. **Update regarding Kern Non-Districted Land Authority activities:** No update was given.

7. REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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- a. **Update regarding Kings County Farm Bureau, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board:** Alex Dominguez (Legal Counsel) provided the Board with an update on the *Kings County Farm Bureau, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board* legal proceeding. He informed the Board that as of October 30th, 2025, the Court of Appeals lifted the injunction that was in place keeping the SWRCB from implementing its probationary status on the Tulare Lake subbasin. He further informed the Board that the Court of Appeals left intact the portion of the Trial Court's ruling regarding the State's

responsibility to consider good actor petitions under SGMA. Finally, Alex informed the Board that the Tulare Lake subbasin groundwater users now must comply with SWRCB's probationary status and subsequent penalties.

- b. **Update regarding SB 852 impact to Form 700 filings:** Alex Dominguez (Legal Counsel) provided the Board an update on a new law, SB 862, which requires individuals who manage public funds to complete Form 700 filings. He informed the Board that Mushtaq Mohideen would be filing a Form 700 on behalf of WDWA GSA.
- c. **Update regarding AB 1234 ethics training on December 10, 2025:** No update was given.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS)
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Andrew Mason (Member of the Public) informed the Board that Westlands GSA recently passed a land acquisition policy that would prioritize bids for lands within areas affected by subsidence to be acquired to prevent additional groundwater pumping causing subsidence.

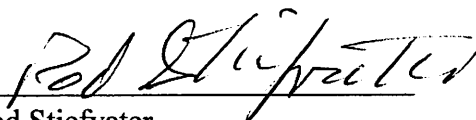
9. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION)
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The Chairman directed that the Board move into closed session at 11:49 a.m. Legal Counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the Directors and staff thereupon retired from the meeting.

Following the closed session, the meeting was again open to the public at 12:17 p.m. Legal Counsel advised that no reportable action was taken in the closed session.

10. ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the Board, said meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.



Rod Stiefvater
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

3.7.2011

Rob Goff
Chairman of the Board of Directors