

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

Held May 6, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Authority) was held in-person on May 6, 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 Leon Elwell.

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

Jamie Marquez, Carrie Heredia, Mary King, Abbigale Seal, and Elizabeth Fernandez were present via teleconference.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA)
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There were no requests to revise 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 Rod Stiefvater, 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
Leon Elwell
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rob Yraceburu

4. FINANCIAL REPORT)
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Rob Yraceburu joined the meeting at this time.

a. **Review Quarter 1 2025 Treasurer's Report:**

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

Elisabeth Cervantes presented the Quarter 1 2025 Statement of Net Position and Profit and Loss Statement. After discussion, on motion of Jeremy Blackwell, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Quarter 1 2025 Statement of Net Position and Profit and Loss Statement:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Jeremy Blackwell
Rob Yraceburu
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ii. **Ratify warrants:** Elisabeth Cervantes presented the Quarter 1 2025 Warrant List. After discussion, on motion of Leon Elwell, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the Quarter 1 2025 Warrant List:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Leon Elwell
Jeremy Blackwell
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- b. **Approve Resolution “Designating Authorized Signatories and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Agreements”**: Morgan Campbell provided the Board with an overview of the resolution “Designating Authorized Signatories and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Agreements.” The resolution provides the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, Director of Accounting, and Director of Regulatory Affairs with the authority to execute certain agreements on behalf of WDWA GSA. After discussion, on motion of Leon Elwell, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the resolution “Designating Authorized Signatories and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Agreements”:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Leon Elwell
Jeremy Blackwell
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- c. **Review and Approve 2024 Un-districted (“white”) Lands Acreage Assessment**: Morgan Campbell provided the Board with an overview of WDWA GSA’s proposed 2024 un-districted (“white”) lands acreage assessment of \$3.07/acre to be collected in 2025. During this discussion, Director Rob Goff requested that staff notice all landowners of white lands enrolled with WDWA GSA to inform them of the open opportunity to sit on the KNDLA Board of Directors as a WDWA GSA white land representative. On motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2024 un-districted (“white”) lands acreage assessment fee of \$3.07/acre:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Leon Elwell
Jeremy Blackwell
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5. WDWA GSA OPERATIONS)

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- a. **Authorize Purchase of Director Liability Insurance:** Morgan Campbell presented the staff recommendation for purchasing Director Liability Insurance for the Board. After discussion, on motion from Bernard Pugét, seconded by Leon Elwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of director liability insurance:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Leon Elwell
Jeremy Blackwell
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- b. **Appoint Morgan Campbell as Assistant Secretary to WDWA GSA:** Morgan Campbell presented the staff recommendation to appoint her as Assistant Secretary to WDWA GSA. After discussion, on motion from Jeremy Blackwell, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the appointment of Morgan Campbell as Assistant Secretary to WDWA GSA:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Leon Elwell
Jeremy Blackwell
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- c. **Consider Six-Month Renewal of the Groundwater Extraction Moratorium within Proximity to Critical Infrastructure Impacted by Subsidence Management Action:** Morgan Campbell presented to the Board on staff's recommendation to approve a six-month renewal of WDWA GSA's management action prohibiting groundwater extraction within a 2.5-mile radial buffer zone of the California Aqueduct from mileposts 195-215. After discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a six-month renewal of the Groundwater Extraction Moratorium within Proximity to Critical Infrastructure Impacted by Subsidence Management Action:

AYES: Rob Goff

Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Jeremy Blackwell
Rob Yraceburu
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- d. **Approval to Submit Updated 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to the State Water Resources Control Board staff on June 20, 2025:** Morgan Campbell presented a progress report on the Kern Subbasin's 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) regarding the amended GSP's key changes, improved outreach and engagement efforts, and revised sustainable management criteria. Morgan Campbell informed the Board that the formal adoption hearing for the final 2025 GSP will occur at WDWA GSA's August board meeting. After discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the submission of the updated 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan draft to the SWRCB for technical review by June 20, 2025:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Jeremy Blackwell
Rob Yraceburu
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Leon Elwell left the meeting at this time.

- e. **Update on routine Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance activities:** Morgan Campbell provided an informational update on the Kern Subbasin's routine SGMA compliance activities including groundwater monitoring. No Board action was taken.
- f. **Consider Adoption of Energy Reimbursement Policy for Monitoring Wells used for Water Quality Sampling:** Morgan Campbell presented the staff's proposed energy reimbursement policy for landowners who operate wells for the purposes of WDWA GSA's routine water quality sampling program. Morgan informed the Board that the

purpose of the policy was to compensate landowners who incur costs associated with groundwater pumping for the purpose of WDWA GSA's regulatory compliance. After discussion, on motion from Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the energy reimbursement policy:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Leon Elwell

6. STATE WATER CONTRACTORS SUBSIDENCE WORKING GROUP)
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- a. **Update on State Water Contractors Subsidence Working Group activities:** Morgan Campbell provided an informational update on the activities of the State Water Contractors Subsidence Working Group. Morgan summarized DWR CASP's reporting on its No-Explicit-SGMA-Projects (NESP) results from its Subsidence Forecast Model (SFM) and CASP's comment letter on Westlands' 5-year GSP update. No Board action was taken.

7. KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY)
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- a. **Update on Kern Non-Districted Land Authority activities:** Morgan Campbell provided an informational update on the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA). No Board action was taken.

8. REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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- a. **Updates on Kings County Farm Bureau, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board:** Alex Dominguez informed the Board that there was no significant update regarding the *Kings County Farm Bureau, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board* legal proceedings. No board action was taken.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NON AGENDIZED ITEMS)
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No public participation occurred.

10. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION)
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No closed session occurred.

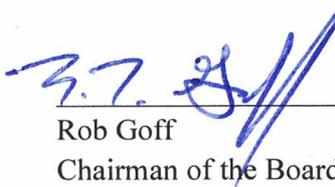
11. ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the Board, said meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.



Rod Stiefvater
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:



Rob Goff
Chairman of the Board of Directors

