

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

Held August 20, 2025

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Authority) was held in-person on August 20, 2025, at 9:00 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 9:00 a.m. and presided thereat. Chairman Goff announced the resignation of Board Director Leon Elwell and the Berrenda Mesa Water District's appointment of representative Director Alan Scroggs to the WDWA GSA Board of Directors.

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, Tom Watson, Alex Dominguez (Legal Counsel), and Andrew Mason.

Brianda Rodriguez, Carrie Heredia, and Patrick Paggi (Auditor) were also present via teleconference.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA)
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For continuity purposes, Morgan Campbell requested that Agenda Item 4d “Approve contribution to August 1 – September 20, 2025, Technical Working Group Cost Share” be considered prior to Agenda Item 4c “Approve LandIQ proposal for 2025-2028 Evapotranspiration Reporting Services.” There were no other 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
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTION: Alan Scroggs

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. **Receive and file Fiscal Year 2024 Audit:** Patrick Paggi presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Audit. Mr. Paggi reported on the statement of net position, explaining that the increase in account payables was due to increased engineering and legal costs. Further, Mr. Paggi restated the prior year's financial statements to record a missing payment from the Buena Vista Water Storage District. After discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Bernard Puget, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to receive and file the 2024 Financial Audit:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

b. **Review Quarter 2 2025 Treasurer's Report:**

- i. **Approve Statement of Net Position and Profit and Loss Statement:**
Elisabeth Cervantes presented the Quarter 2 2025 Statement of Net Position and Profit and Loss Statement. After discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Quarter 2 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 2 2025 Warrant List. After discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the Quarter 2 2025 Warrant List:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- c. **Approve contribution to August 1 – September 20, 2025, Technical Working Group cost share:** Morgan Campbell provided the Board with a progress update on the Subbasin-wide cost share expenditures related to GSP production or technical work that benefits all GSAs within the Subbasin. Morgan informed the Board that the Subbasin's Technical Working Group (TWG) is currently requesting up to \$10,000 per GSA in funding for additional work through the end of September. After discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the contribution of up to \$10,000 through September for the Subbasin cost-share:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

d. Approve Land IQ proposal for 2025-2027 evapotranspiration reporting services:

Morgan Campbell presented a Land IQ proposal for 2025-2027 evapotranspiration reporting services to the Board. Morgan informed the Board that these services were previously paid via a DWR implementation grant that had expired in 2025. She informed the Board that Land IQ operates 35 monitoring stations in Kern County, of which three fall within the WDWA GSA boundary, and that the services provided by Land IQ are essential for maintaining compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). After discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved entering into contract with Land IQ for 2025-2027 evapotranspiration reporting services:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5. PUBLIC HEARING)
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a. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for Kern County Subbasin:

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Morgan Campbell presented an overview of the work-to-date on the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Kern County Subbasin. The Chairman then invited the public to provide public comment. No such comments were made.

- i. Adoption of the 2025 GSP for Kern County Subbasin, including the WDWA GSA “Blue Pages”:** After discussion, on motion of Jeremy Blackwell, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the adoption of the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Kern County Subbasin, including the WDWA GSA “Blue Pages”:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell

Alan Scroggs
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

- ii. **Consider approval of the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies:** Alex Dominguez presented an overview of the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. On motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Third Amended County Subbasin Coordination Agreement:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. WDWA GSA OPERATIONS)
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- a. **Approve 2026 board meeting schedule:** Morgan Campbell presented an updated Board meeting schedule for the WDWA GSA for 2026. The Board decided to change the location of the meetings for 2026 to the Lost Hills Water District Operations and Maintenance Office at 800 Aqueduct St., Lost Hills, CA 93249. On motion of Alan Scroggs, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2026 board meeting schedule:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell
Alan Scroggs
Bernard Pugét

Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- b. **Update on routine SGMA reporting requirements:** Morgan Campbell provided a brief overview of the routine SGMA reporting requirements. She informed the board that WDWA GSA can use Kern County well drilling permit documents to enforce the registration of new wells under the GSA's Well Registration Management Action. No Board action was taken.
- c. **Update on the Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Office draft subsidence best management practices:** Morgan Campbell provided a brief overview on the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management Office draft subsidence best management practices (BMP). She informed the board that WDWA GSA's management actions were highlighted in the Draft BMP from DWR. In addition, Morgan informed the board that the DWR's recommendation to monitor subsidence using a variety of methodologies aligns with the Subbasin's monitoring approach. No Board action was taken.

7. KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY)
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- a. **Consider approval of the Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement forming the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority:** Alex Dominguez provided an overview of the Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement forming the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority. After discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

8. REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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- a. **Appoint Board Treasurer:** Alex Dominguez informed the Board that, with the resignation of Board Director Leon Elwell, WDWA GSA must appoint a new Treasurer. After discussion, on nomination by Jeremy Blackwell, the Board appointed Director Bernard Pug t as the new Treasurer:

AYES: Rob Goff
Jeremy Blackwell
Alan Scroggs
Bernard Pug t
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- b. **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. Chairman Rob Goff informed the Board that Morgan Campbell was selected to participate in Class 55 of the California Agricultural Leadership Program run by the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation.

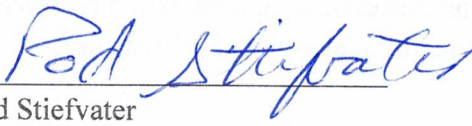
10. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION)
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The Chairman directed that the Board move into closed session at 11:01 a.m. Legal Counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the Directors and staff thereupon retired from the meeting.

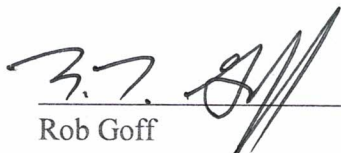
Following the closed session, the meeting was again open to the public at 11:35 a.m. Legal Counsel advised that no reportable action was taken in the closed session.

11. ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the Board, said meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.


Rod Stiefvater
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:


Rob Goff
Chairman of the Board of Directors