



KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

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Notice of BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 23, 2025

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AGENDA

- I. Call to order – 12:00 p.m.
- II. Oath of Office for Divisions 2, 3 and 6
- III. Report of the General Counsel
 - A. Authorization for Closed Session regarding:
 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a)):
 - a. Applications Filed for Kern River Water
 - b. California Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Contract Extension Amendments
 - c. North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources (COA CEQA)
 - d. California Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of Delta Program Revenue Bonds
 - e. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, *et al.* v. Kern County Water Agency, *et al.* (CVC Issues)
 - f. Kern Delta Water District, *et al.* v. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Onyx CEQA)
 - g. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Buena Vista Water Storage District, *et al.* (Onyx Water Rights)

- h. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, *et al.* v. California State Water Resources Control Board, *et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-80003761 (2021 Order Re Temporary Urgency Change Petition)
- i. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, *et al.* v. State Water Resources Control Board, *et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-80003763 (2021 Order Re Shasta Temporary Management Plan)
- j. California Water Impact Network v. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-80003492; North Coast Rivers Alliance v. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-80003491 (Water Management Tools)
- k. Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, *et al.* v. Ross,., E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00431 & California Natural Resources Agency, *et al.* v. Ross, *et al.*, E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00426 (Long-term Operations)
- l. State Water Board Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 5013 (Water Quality Control Plan Phase 1 Litigation)
- m. Oroville Dam Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 4974
- n. Long-term State Water Project Operations Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 5117
- o. Temporary Applications Filed for Kern River Water
- p. Bring Back the Kern, *et al.* v. City of Bakersfield, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-22-103220
- q. Delta Conveyance Project Litigation, Court Case No. 24WM000017
- r. California Sportsfishing Alliance, *et al.* v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, *et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000181; Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, *et al.* v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, *et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000183; San Francisco Baykeeper, *et al.* v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000185; and Central Delta Water Agency and South Delta Water Agency v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000186 (2024 Incidental Take Permit Litigation)
- s. Mass X, Inc. v. Kern County Water Agency, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-24-104394

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation: (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)):
 - a. Three potential suits
 3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code section 54956.8):
 - a. Negotiator: Water Resources Manager
 Property: State Water Project Water
 Parties: California Department of Water Resources and State Water Project Contractors
 Under Negotiation: Price & Terms
- IV. Election of Kern County Water Agency Board Officers and Appointment of Board Secretaries
- V. Directors’ Forum
- VI. Public Comment
 Anyone may comment on any subject within Agency jurisdiction whether or not it is on the agenda. Time for such comment may be limited.
- VII. Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings –
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| Special Board Meeting | December 10, 2024 |
| Regular Board Meeting | December 18, 2024 |
- VIII. Report of the General Manager
- IX. Advisory Committee Reports
- A. Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee
 - B. Improvement District No. 3 Advisory Committee
 - C. Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee
- X. Board Committee Reports
 The following items will be discussed in detail at the meeting and may result in appropriate action being taken relating to the subject matter (such action may or may not conform to any staff recommended action):
- A. **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**
1. Report of the Administrative Operations Manager
 2. Payment of the Bills
 3. Financial Report
 4. Treasury Report
 5. Adoption of the Annual Schedule of Regular Kern County Water Agency Board Meetings

6. Consideration of Casting a Ballot for Representatives to the California Farm Water Coalition Board of Directors
7. Update on Brown Act Teleconferencing

B. POLICY COMMITTEE

1. Update on Delta Conveyance Activities
2. Update on Legislative Activities

C. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
2. Report on the State Water Contractors Board Meetings
3. Report on 2025 State Water Project and Central Valley Project Allocations and Operations
4. Water Delivery Operations
 - a. Report on Kern County Water Agency California Aqueduct Deliveries
 - b. Update on Water Transfers, Exchanges and Purchases
 - c. Authorization to Approve a Transfer of Berrenda Mesa Water District's State Water Project Table 1 Water to Henry Miller Water District
 - d. Authorization to Approve a Transfer of Belridge Water Storage District's State Water Project Table 1 Water to Henry Miller Water District
 - e. Authorization to Execute Amendment to the Article 55 Agreement Between the Department of Water Resources of the State of California and Kern County Water Agency for Conveyance of San Jaquin River Exchange Contractor Water Authority's 2024 Central Valley Project Water, SWP#24012-A
5. Authorization to Enter into a Temporary Water Service Contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for Section 215 Water for Water Year 2025

D. WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Engineering and Groundwater Services Manager
 - a. Update on Groundwater Banking Construction/Maintenance Projects
 - b. Update on Pioneer Project Recharge Facilities – Basin 11

2. Report on 2024 and 2025 Water Operations
3. Appointment of the Improvement District No. 3 Advisory Committee Members
4. Authorization to Execute the Annual Grazing Leases for Kern County Water Agency Properties
5. Report on Kern Water Bank Activities

E. CROSS VALLEY CANAL COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
 - a. Update on Cross Valley Canal Construction/Maintenance Projects
2. Report on Cross Valley Canal Operations and Deliveries

F. URBAN BAKERSFIELD COMMITTEE

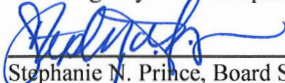
1. Report of the Improvement District No. 4 Manager
 - a. Report on the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting
 - b. Amend Appointment of Representatives to the Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee
2. Authorization to Approve 2025 Water Transfers, Exchanges, and Purchases for Improvement District No. 4
3. Water Supply Report
 - a. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2024 Water Supply and Management Plan
 - b. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2025 Water Supply and Management Plan
4. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant
 - a. Authorization to Execute a Contract for Herbicide Application Services

XI. Correspondence

XII. Brief Report on Potential New Business

XIII. Adjournment

DECLARATION OF POSTING: I declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the Kern County Water Agency and that I posted the foregoing Agenda at the Agency Office on January 17, 2025.


Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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