



KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

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Notice of BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 24, 2025

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REVISED AGENDA

- I. Call to order – 12:00 p.m.
- II. Oath of Office for Division 1
- 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

t. Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of Delta Conveyance Project Program Revenue Bonds etc. (2025 DWR Validation Action), Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 25 CV000704

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation: (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)):

a. Two 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

4. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code sections 54957, 54957.6):
Agency Negotiators: General Manager
Labor Groups: General and Middle Managers Bargaining Units

IV. Directors' Forum

V. 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.

VI. Minutes of Board tings and Committee Meetings –

Special Board Meeting	March 17, 2025
Special Board Meeting	March 27, 2025
Regular Board Meeting	March 27, 2025
Special Board Meeting	April 8, 2025

VII. Report of the General Manager

VIII. Advisory Committee Reports

A. Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee

B. Improvement District No. 3 Advisory Committee

C. Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee

IX. 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 – Director Cattani, Chair**

1. Report of the Administrative Operations Manager

2. Payment of the Bills
3. Financial Report
4. Treasury Report
5. Authorization of Deposit into the Kern County Water Agency's Account for California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust
6. Authorization to Participate in the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Fund
7. Authorization to Execute Investment Management Agreement with U.S. Bankcorp Asset Management, Inc. for Investment Management Services
8. Authorization to Publish a Notice of Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget
9. Authorization to Execute Lease Amendment No. 6 for Office Space in Sacramento
10. Authorization to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the General Bargaining Unit
11. Authorization to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Middle Managers Bargaining Unit

B. POLICY COMMITTEE – Director Milobar, Chair

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

C. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Director Fast, Chair

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
2. Report on the State Water Contractors Board Meeting
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
5. Consideration of Berrenda Mesa Water District Annexation No. 35

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 2025 Water Operations
3. Authorization to Issue the Notice to Invite Bids for the North Pioneer East Basin Turnout Structures Project – Contract No. KCWA 2025-01
4. Report on Kern Water Bank Activities

E. CROSS VALLEY CANAL COMMITTEE – Director Lundquist, Chair

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

F. URBAN BAKERSFIELD COMMITTEE – Director Wulff, Chair

1. Report of the Improvement District No. 4 Manager
 - a. Report on the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting
2. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2025 Water Supply and Management Plan
3. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant

- X. Correspondence
- XI. Brief Report on Potential New Business
- XII. Adjournment

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Omarama, NZ**

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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 April 21, 2025.


Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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