



KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

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Notice of BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 25, 2024

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AGENDA

- I. Call to order – 12:00 p.m.
- II. 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
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)):
 - a. One potential suit
 3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation: (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)):
 - a. Three potential suits
 4. 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

III. Directors' Forum

IV. 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.

V. Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings –

Regular Board Meeting

June 27, 2024

VI. Report of the General Manager

VII. Advisory Committee Reports

A. Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee

B. Improvement District No. 3 Advisory Committee

C. Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee

VIII. 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. Setting of the Financial Reserves for Fiscal Year 2024-25
6. Authorization to Retain a Certified Public Accounting Firm for the Kern County Water Agency Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audit

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 the State Water Project Contractors Authority Board Meeting

4. Report on 2024 State Water Project and Central Valley Project Allocations and Operations
5. Water Delivery Operations
 - a. Report on Kern County Water Agency California Aqueduct Deliveries
 - b. Update on Water Transfers, Exchanges and Purchases
 - c. Authorization to Execute an Article 55 Agreement Between the Department of Water Resources of the State of California and Kern County Water Agency for Conveyance of San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's 2024 Central Valley Project Water, SWP #24016
6. Setting of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Zones of Benefit Assessments
7. Authorization to Publish the Notice of Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Zones of Benefit
8. Report on the Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority Meeting

D. WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Director Averett, Chair

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 Water Operations
3. Authorization to Retain an Engineering Consultant for the Pioneer Replacement Recovery Wells KCWA-40, KCWA- 41, and the Berrenda Mesa Replacement Recovery Well BK-13 – Well Project
4. Authorization to Retain an Engineering Consultant for the North Pioneer East Basin Turnout Structures Project
5. Authorization to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding Between Kern Water Collaborative and Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Kern Subbasin, on behalf of the Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency
6. Authorization to Execute a Contract for Weed Maintenance Services on Pioneer and Berrenda Mesa Properties
7. Appointment of the Improvement District No. 3 Advisory Committee Members
8. 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
2. Report on Cross Valley Canal Operations and Deliveries
3. Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Cross Valley Canal Pools 1-6 Sediment Disposal

F. URBAN BAKERSFIELD COMMITTEE – Director Wulff, Chair

1. Report of the Improvement District No. 4 Manager
 - a. Update on Improvement District No. 4 Construction/Maintenance Projects
 - b. Report on the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting
2. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2024 Water Supply and Management Plan
3. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant
4. Authorization to Execute the Contract for Improvement District No. 4 Deep Well Vertical Turbine Pump Repairs

IX. Correspondence

X. Brief Report on Potential New Business

XI. 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 July 19, 2024.



Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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