



# KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

**Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center**

3200 Rio Mirada Drive

Bakersfield, California

## **Notice of Special Board Meeting**

May 22, 2025

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## **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order –10:30 a.m.
- II. Directors' Forum
- III. 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.
- IV. Report of the General Manager
- V. Review of the Kern County Water Agency General Fund and State Contract Payment Fund Budgets and Cash Flow Projections, and Review of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Preliminary Budget for All Funds
- VI. 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
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      - 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)
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- 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

## VII. 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 May 16, 2025.

  
Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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  - 4. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code sections 54957, 54957.6):  
Agency Negotiators: General Manager  
Labor Groups: General and Middle Managers Bargaining Units
  - 5. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code section 54957)
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- VI. Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings –
 

Regular Board Meeting	April 24, 2025
Special Board Meeting	May 2, 2025
Special Board Meeting	May 7, 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. Authorization of Deposit into the Kern County Water Agency's Account for California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust
5. Authorization to Participate in the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Fund
6. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Kern County Water Agency Agreement for Information Technology Service Provider
7. Consideration of the Kern County Water Agency Investment Policy
8. Authorization to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the General Bargaining Unit
9. Authorization to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Middle Managers Bargaining Unit
10. Consideration of Setting Forth Terms and Conditions relating to Unrepresented Confidential Employees – Non Managers
11. Consideration of Setting Forth Terms and Conditions relating to Unrepresented Confidential Employees – Middle Managers

**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
  - c. Authorization to Execute an Agreement Among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District and Kern County Water Agency for Transfer and Storage of a Portion of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's State Water Project Water in Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District's Water Banking and Exchange Program, SWP #25001
  - d. 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 2025 Central Valley Project Water, SWP #25018
5. Report on the Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority Meeting

**D. WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Director Kroeker, Chair**

1. Report of the Engineering and Groundwater Services Manager
  - a. Update on Groundwater Banking Construction/Maintenance Projects
2. Report on 2024 Water Operations
3. Update on Pioneer Project Recharge Facilities – Basin 11
  - a. Authorization to Execute the Agreement Between the Kern County Water Agency and the Kern Water Bank Authority for Joint Use of Facilities Within the Pioneer Project
  - b. Authorization to Execute the Agreement Between the Kern County Water Agency and the Kern Water Bank Authority for Construction of the Basin 11 Turnouts
  - c. Authorization to Retain a Construction Management Services Consultant for the Basin 1-11 Project and the Low Flow Channel Project
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
3. Authorization to Approve an Amendment to the 2025 Cross Valley Canal Operations and Maintenance Budget
4. Authorization to Request Proposals for Engineering and Design Services for the Input/Output Card Modernization Project at the Cross Valley Canal Pumping Plants

**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
  - b. Amend Appointment of Representatives to the Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee
2. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2025 Water Supply and Management Plan
3. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant
4. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Kern County Water Agency Agreement for an Electrical Engineering Consultant for Improvement District No. 4

X. Correspondence

XI. Brief Report on Potential New Business

XII. Adjournment

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