



KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

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Notice of SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 16, 2026

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – 3:00 p.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. Public Hearing – Improvement District No. 4 Engineering Report
- V. 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. California Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of Delta Program Revenue Bonds
 - b. 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. One potential suit

VI. 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 March 3, 2026.


Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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Improvement District No. 4 Engineering Report

The Kern County Water Agency, on behalf of ID4, is obligated by contract to pay for 82,946 acre-feet (af) of State Water Project water in calendar year 2026. This includes a SWP Table 1 allocation of 77,000 af of M&I water and 5,946 af of firm agricultural water supplies.

If the 2026 California Department of Water Resources SWP allocation remains at 30 percent, Agency staff estimates that 24,884 af of water will be imported into ID4. Approximately 11,198 af of this water will be recharged as conveyance losses in delivering raw surface water to the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant. Banked groundwater supplies will be needed to meet the balance of demand within ID4.

An amount of 50,639 af of treated surface water is needed to be delivered to water purveyors within ID4 during calendar year 2026.

The estimated amount of agricultural water extracted by well owners within ID4 from the groundwater supplies for the year 2026 is estimated to be 1,700 af. The estimated amount of all other non-agricultural water withdrawn from the groundwater supplies of ID4 for the 2026 calendar year is 57,000 af.

It is recommended that charges for groundwater production in ID4, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, be levied as follows:

1. Agricultural groundwater production: \$20 per af
2. All other groundwater production: \$40 per af
3. Small groundwater-producing facilities: \$40 (flat rate)
4. Very small groundwater-producing facilities: \$0 (no charge)



James T. Gardiner

DATE: January 30, 2026