



# KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center

3200 Rio Mirada Drive

Bakersfield, California

## Notice of SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 28, 2026

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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. 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 2026-27 Preliminary Budget for All Funds
- 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. 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
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- 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. Temporary Applications Filed for Kern River Water
- o. Bring Back the Kern, *et al.* v. City of Bakersfield, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-22-103220
- p. Delta Conveyance Project Litigation, Court Case No. 24WM000017

- q. 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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  - s. 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: Assistant General Manager  
Property: State Water Project Water  
Parties: California Department of Water Resources and State Water Project Contractors  
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms
  4. Public Employee Appointment (Government Code Section 54957)  
Title: Various positions

VI. Closed Session Report

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 22, 2026.

  
Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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V. Public Hearing – 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

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VIII. Consent Agenda Items

The following items are routine and will be approved collectively without discussion, unless a Board member or staff member (who has raised that issue with the Board President prior to the start of the meeting) requests that an item be removed for separate consideration:

**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings –
 

Special Board Meeting	April 23, 2026
Regular Board Meeting	April 23, 2026
2. Payment of the Bills
3. Authorization to Renew a Contract for Crane and Trucking Services

4. Authorization to Execute a Multi-Year Agreement Among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Dudley Ridge Water District, and Kern County Water Agency for a Non-Permanent Transfer of a Portion of Dudley Ridge Water District's State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency, on behalf of Various Common Landowners, SWP #26011
5. Authorization to Issue Notice of Completion for the North Pioneer East Basin Turnout Structures Project – Contract No. KCWA 2025-01
6. Consideration of the Unmanned Aerial Systems Policy

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 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Director Johnson, Chair**

1. Report of the Administrative Operations Manager
2. Financial Report

B. **STATE WATER PROJECT POLICY COMMITTEE – Director Cattani, Chair**

1. Report of the Assistant General Manager
2. Update on Delta Conveyance Activities
3. Update on Legislative Activities
4. State Water Project Policy Activities
  - a. Report on the State Water Contractors Board Meeting
  - b. Report on the State Water Contractor Meetings
  - c. Report on 2026 State Water Project and Central Valley Project Allocations and Operations
5. Report on the State and Federal Contractors Water Agency Board Meeting

C. **WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Director Fast, Chair**

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
2. Update on Golden Mussels

- a. Emergency Action Regarding Golden Mussels
  - b. Update on the Kern County Water Agency's Response to Local Golden Mussel Detections
3. Local State Water Project
    - a. Report on 2026 Local State Water Project Operations and Water Transfers, Exchanges and Purchases
  4. Groundwater Banking
    - a. Report on 2026 Water Banking Operations
  5. Sustainable Groundwater Management
    - a. Update on the Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency
    - b. Report on the Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority Meeting

**D. CROSS VALLEY CANAL COMMITTEE – Director Lundquist, Chair**

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
2. Report on Cross Valley Canal Operations and Deliveries
3. Review of the Emergency Action Regarding the Cross Valley Canal River Turnout No. 3 Secondary Turnout

**E. IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 COMMITTEE – Director Wulff, Chair**

1. Report on Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee
2. Report on the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting
3. Report on Kern Water Bank Activities
4. Report on the Improvement District No. 4 2026 Water Supply and Management Plan
5. Report on the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant
6. Update on the South Valley Water Resources Authority Joint Powers Agreement
7. Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement and Site Lease for Repowering of the Improvement District No. 4 Solar Photovoltaic System

F. ENGINEERING AND GROUNDWATER SERVICES COMMITTEE –  
Director Kroeker, Chair

1. Update on Construction/Maintenance Projects

X. Correspondence

XI. Brief Report on Potential New Business

XII. Adjournment

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Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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