



KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

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Notice of BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 23, 2026

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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. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, *et al.* v. Kern County Water Agency, *et al.* (CVC Issues)
 - e. Kern Delta Water District, *et al.* v. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Onyx CEQA)
 - f. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Buena Vista Water Storage District, *et al.* (Onyx Water Rights)

- g. 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)
- h. 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)
- i. 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)
- j. 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)
- k. State Water Board Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 5013 (Water Quality Control Plan Phase 1 Litigation)
- l. Oroville Dam Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 4974
- m. Temporary Applications Filed for Kern River Water
- n. Bring Back the Kern, *et al.* v. City of Bakersfield, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-22-103220
- o. Delta Conveyance Project Litigation, Court Case No. 24WM000017
- p. 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)
- q. Mass X, Inc. v. Kern County Water Agency, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-24-104394

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation: (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)):
 - a. Four potential suits
3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code section 54956.8):
 - a. Negotiator: General Manager / Water Resources Manager
 Property: State Water Project Water
 Parties: California Department of Water Resources and State Water Project Contractors
 Under Negotiation: Price & Terms

III. Closed Session Report

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. 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 –

Regular Board Meeting	June 25, 2026
Special Board Meeting	July 1, 2026
2. Payment of the Bills
3. Authorization to Publish the Notice of Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2027-28 Zones of Benefit
4. Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement Among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Antelope Valley East-Kern Water Agency, Kern County Water Agency and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for a Short-Term Transfer and Storage of a Portion of Antelope Valley East-Kern Water Agency's State Water Project Table A Water in Irvine Ranch Water District's Groundwater Banking Program, SWP #23024-A
5. Authorization to Adopt a New Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Kern County Water Agency Election with the Kern County General Elections
6. Adoption of an Electronic Records Policy and Amendment to the Records Retention Schedule

7. Consideration of the Kern County Water Agency Travel, Expense and Vehicle Use Policy
8. Setting of the Financial Reserves for Fiscal Year 2026-27

VII. 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. Financial Report
2. Treasury Report
3. Report of the General Manager
 - a. Kern County Water Agency Strategic Plan
 - b. 2026 Goals and Objectives for the Kern County Water Agency
 - c. Kern County Water Agency Strategic Staffing Plan

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

1. Update on Delta Conveyance Activities
 - a. Consideration and possible Approval of Resolution No. 45-26, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Kern County Water Agency: (1) Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into Amendment No. 2 to the Contract Between Kern County Water Agency and its Member Units for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential Delta Conveyance Project; (2) Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department of Water Resources for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential Delta Conveyance Project; and (3) Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Letter Setting Forth the Agency's Agreement to Advance or Contribute Additional Money to the Department of Water Resources for the Agency's Share of the Delta Conveyance Project Planning and Pre-Construction Costs for Calendar Years 2026-2027 including its 8,000 acre-feet share with funds expended from the Water Management Fund
2. Update on Legislative Activities

3. 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
4. Authorization to Execute an Agreement for the State Water Project Audit for Fiscal Year 2026-27

C. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Director Fast, Chair

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
2. Consideration and Possible Approval of Water Supply Agreement with Western Hills Water District and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute that Agreement
3. 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
4. Local State Water Project
 - a. Report on 2026 Local State Water Project Operations and Water Transfers, Exchanges and Purchases
 - b. Setting of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Zones of Benefit Assessments
5. Sustainable Groundwater Management
 - a. Update on the Pioneer Groundwater Sustainability Agency

D. CROSS VALLEY CANAL COMMITTEE – Director Lundquist, Chair

1. Report of the Water Resources Manager
2. Report on the Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee
3. Report on Cross Valley Canal Operations and Deliveries

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

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

1. Update on Construction/Maintenance Projects

VIII. Correspondence

IX. Brief Report on Potential New Business

X. 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 17, 2026.


Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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