KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

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Notice of
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 18, 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. 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)

f. 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)

g. 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)

h. 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)

i. State Water Board Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 5013 (Water Quality Control Plan Phase 1 Litigation)

j. Oroville Dam Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 4974

k. Temporary Applications Filed for Kern River Water

l. Bring Back the Kern, *et al.* v. City of Bakersfield, *et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-22-103220

m. Delta Conveyance Project Litigation, Court Case No. 24WM000017

n. 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)

o. 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. Three 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

   b. Negotiator: Water Resources Manager
   Property: Rio Bravo Hydroelectric Project
   Parties: Nickel Resources LLC and Olcese Water District
   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. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

1. Minutes of Board Meetings and Committee Meetings –
   Regular Board Meeting October 22, 2026

2. Payment of the Bills

3. Consideration and Approval of Exceedance Policy and Action Plans Version 3.0 and Degraded Water Quality Implementation Provisions Version 2.0

4. Consideration and Approval of the Kern County Subbasin Well Mitigation Program Version 3.0

5. Authorization to Issue Notice of Completion for the North Pioneer West Basin Levee Reconstruction Project – Contract No. KCWA 2026-02

6. Consideration of the Kern County Water Agency Employee Travel, Expense and Vehicle Use Policy

7. Authorization to Execute an Agreement with NEOGOV for Additional Modules for the Kern County Water Agency Human Resources Information System

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. Report of the Administrative Operations Manager
2. Financial Report

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

1. Update on Delta Conveyance Activities
2. Update on Legislative Activities
3. State Water Project Policy Activities
   a. Report on 2026 State Water Project and Central Valley Project Allocations and Operations

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
   b. Consideration of Providing Advance Credits for Variable Operation, Maintenance, Power and Replacement Charges, for Former Table 1 Surplus Entitlement on the Basic Contract Member Unit January 2027 Payments
   c. Authorization to Delay Basic Contract Member Unit January 2027 Payments Per the 90 Day Deferral Option

4. Groundwater Banking

   a. Ratification of the Agreement Between the Kern County Water Agency and the Kern Water Bank Authority for the Temporary Replacement of the N-2 Siphon

   b. Authorization to Approve the 2027 Pioneer Project Budgets

   c. Authorization to Approve the 2027 Berrenda Mesa Joint Water Banking Project Budget

   d. Report on 2026 Water Banking Operations

5. Sustainable Groundwater Management

   a. 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 the Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee

3. Report on Cross Valley Canal Operations and Deliveries

4. Authorization to Approve the 2027 Cross Valley Canal Operations and Maintenance Budget

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

1. Report of the Improvement District No. 4 Manager

2. Report on Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee

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. Authorization to Retain an Environmental Services Consultant for Improvement District No. 4 Facilities

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

1. Update on Construction/Maintenance Projects

2. Authorization to Execute the Notice of Award for the Improvement District No. 4 Train A Settled Water Channel Improvements Project – Contract No. KCWA 2026-03

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 November 13, 2026.



Stephanie N. Prince, Board Secretary

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