

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
WESTSIDE DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY GSA

Held January 12, 2026

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Authority) was held in-person on January 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at 20992 Universal Street, Lost Hills, CA 93249.

1. CALL TO ORDER )  
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Chairman Rob Goff called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL )  
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The following directors were present: Rob Goff, Jeremy Blackwell, Rob Yraceburu, Bernard Pugét, Rod Stiefvater, and Alan Scroggs.

The following individuals were also present: Mark Gilkey, Justin Rowe, Morgan Campbell, Alex Dominguez (Legal Counsel), and Brad Kroeker (Member of the Public).

Trevor Maggart, Jamie Marquez, Elisabeth Cervantes, Brianda Rodriguez, Dan Martin, Mushtaq Mohideen, and Ronda Stark were also present via teleconference.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA )  
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There were no changes to the agenda.

3. CONSENT AGENDA )  
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The Chairman asked if there were any questions concerning the Consent Agenda, which items were detailed in the Board packet. On motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved each item listed on the Consent Agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff  
Jeremy Blackwell  
Bernard Pugét  
Rod Stiefvater  
Rob Yraceburu  
Alan Scroggs

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

4. FINANCIAL REPORT )  
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- a. **Consider and take appropriate action regarding Kern County Subbasin 2026 SGMA implementation cost share methodology:** Morgan Campbell presented to the Board an update on Kern County Subbasin’s cost share methodology. She explained to the Board that historically each Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) paid a 1/22 cost share split; however, new discussions were taking place to develop a cost share methodology based upon GSA size. Morgan explained to the Board that the new cost share structure would lock in for a 5-year period, which would align with the next 5-year update in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in 2030. She then explained to the Board four potential cost-share methodologies: (1) an even 1/22 split, (2) a cost based on percentage share of 100% developed acreage, (3) a 50/50 blend of the previous, or (4) a cost “pool” which would consist of a negotiated alternative based on size. The Board informed staff that they were comfortable with both options 2 and 3 and agreed to contribute up to \$60,000 toward Subbasin-wide costs. On motion of Alan Scroggs, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, the Board approved the cost share methodology and contribution:

AYES: Rob Goff  
Jeremy Blackwell  
Alan Scroggs  
Bernard Pugét  
Rod Stiefvater  
Rob Yraceburu

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5. WDWA GSA OPERATIONS )  
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- a. **Update on 2026 SGMA Implementation:** Morgan Campbell informed the Board that, as of December 2025, the Kern Subbasin was no longer under the purview of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). She explained to the Board that the Subbasin,

and its new GSP, had been returned to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to review the GSP, which could take up to two years. No Board action was taken.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS )  
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Brad Kroeker (as a member of the public) gave comment regarding the de-designation effort being initiated by Valley Water Management Company, which conducts oilfield wastewater disposal. Brad contended that Valley Water Management Company has added to the contamination of the local groundwater aquifer since the 1950s. Brad further informed the Board that he and Starrh Farms, GP were petitioning the SWRCB arguing that CEQA compliance had been violated by Valley Water Management Company. Staff clarified that WDWA GSA is not initiating any de-designation efforts.

7. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION )  
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The Chairman directed that the Board move into closed session at 1:56 p.m. Legal Counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the Directors and staff thereupon retired from the meeting.

Following the closed session, the meeting was again open to the public at 2:12 p.m. Legal Counsel advised that no reportable action was taken in the closed session.

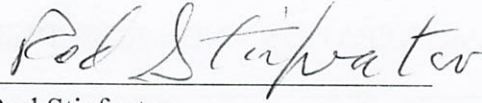
8. ADJOURNMENT )  
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There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Alan Scroggs, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff  
Jeremy Blackwell  
Bernard Pugét  
Rod Stiefvater  
Rob Yraceburu  
Alan Scroggs

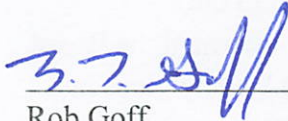
NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Rod Stiefvater  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:



Rob Goff  
Chairman of the Board of Directors