

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
North Kern Water Storage District  
Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 21, 2025

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of North Kern Water Storage District was in person - commencing at 7:00 a.m., on March 21, 2025.

President Andrew declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. The following Directors were present: Kevin Andrew, Joel Ackerknecht, Winn Glende, Kristen Camarena and Robert Holtermann. Others present: David Hampton (General Manager), Ram Venkatesan (Deputy General Manager) Marinelle Duarosan (Controller), Heather Williams (Operations Superintendent) of North Kern Water Storage District, Scott Kuney, Brett Stroud and Mark Bateman (District Counsel - Young Wooldridge), Guests present: Matt Brady.

President Andrew called the meeting to order at 7:03 am and opened the floor for Public Comments. At this time, there were none.

Board of Directors –

- (25-25) Upon motion of Director Holtermann, seconded by Director Camarena and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes from February 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.  
(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)

Consent Calendar –

Consent Calendar included the following:

- A. District Groundwater Levels
- B. PG&E Monthly Analysis
- C. District Exchange Balances
- D. Operations Report

- (25-26) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Calendar.  
(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)

General Informational Items –

General Manager Hampton gave a brief update on the Kern River Watermaster report. He indicated that the cloud seeding operation continues and ground generators were used on the weekend. The daily average inflow at the Lake peaked at about 1400 acre-ft. The latest projected A-J runoff is 94%.

Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority/Kern Water Collaborative Update – No report at this time.

Financial Matters –

- (25-27) Upon motion of Director Glende, seconded by Director Camarena and unanimously carried, to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the North Kern Water Storage District for the month of February as presented.  
(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)
- (RR25-28) Upon motion of Director Glende, seconded by Director Camarena and unanimously carried, to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the Rosedale Ranch Improvement District for the month of February as presented.  
(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)

The Financial Statements, Summary of Water Sales and the Accounts Receivable reports for the month of February were reviewed and accepted as presented.

(25-29) Upon motion of Director Glende, seconded by Director Ackerknecht and unanimously carried, to approve payment of the Accounts Payable balance for the North Kern Water Storage District for the month of February as presented.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)

(RR25-30) Upon motion of Director Glende, seconded by Director Ackerknecht and unanimously carried, to approve payment of the Accounts Payable balance for the Rosedale Ranch Improvement District for the month of February as presented.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)

Consulting District Engineer – Deputy General Manager Venkatesan provided an update on the following:

Project Summary – Calloway Canal lining is about 50-60% complete and is anticipated to be fully completed by the end of April or the first week of May. The DRP Project, with Specialty Construction Inc as the contractor, has received all the fabricated fittings and are currently being installed.

Status of Grants –No significant activity due to the federal funding freeze. The District has not received any determination on the status of the three Grant applications previously submitted. Mr. Venkatesan indicated that at this time, the Bureau of Reclamation is not certain of the timeline for approval of the grants.

Budget & Personnel Committee –

General Manager Hampton indicated that Staff would like to declare the old service truck as Surplus vehicle since it was replaced with the purchase of a new vehicle last month.

(25-31) Upon motion of Director Holtermann seconded by Director Glende and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 25-31 to declare the vehicle as presented as Surplus Property and authorize General Manager to sell such inventory at public sale.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)

Engineering Committee – No Report at this time.

Groundwater Committee –

General Manager Hampton stated that the probationary hearing was held on February 20, 2025. The State Board presented two draft resolutions, one for probation and the other for hearing continuance through September 17<sup>th</sup>. The State Board approved the continuance option; however, the resolution had added language to address the lack of outreach and engagement.

(25-32) Upon motion of Director Holtermann seconded by Director Glende and unanimously carried, to Approve to Conduct Community Outreach and Engagement for Kern County Groundwater Subbasin and authorize the District to pay a 1/22nd share not-to-exceed \$8,914.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)

(25-33) Upon motion of Director Glende seconded by Director Camarena and unanimously carried, to Approve Joint Summary of Scope to Prepare the Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Kern County Subbasin and authorize the District to pay a 1/22nd share not-to-exceed \$47,016.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)

(25-34) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht seconded by Director Camarena and unanimously carried, to Approve Amendment to the Contract Agreement for Kern County Subbasin Plan Manager Support and authorize the District to pay a 1/22nd share not-to-exceed \$7,381.  
(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)

(25-35) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht seconded by Director Camarena and unanimously carried, to Approve Notice of Intent to Adopt Amended GSPs for the Kern County Subbasin  
(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Glende, Holtermann & Camarena: Noes: None, Absent: None Abstain: None)

Produced Water Ad Hoc Committee – No report at this time.

Negotiating Committee – No report at this time.

Counsel of District – No report at this time.

Rosedale Ranch – No report at this time.

General Manager's Report –  
General Manager Hampton briefly discussed the WAKC Summit meeting.

The President publicly stated that the legal authorities for holding Closed Session at today's Board Meeting are the following sections of the California Government Code:


- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Govt. Code Section 54956.9(a) and (d)(1))
  - (i) North Kern Water Storage District v. City of Bakersfield  
(VCSC #56-2011-00408712-CU-CO-VTA)
  - (ii) Appeal of Regional Board General Order (R5-2013-0120) for Tulare Lake Basin to State Water Resources Control Board (re. Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program)
  - (iii) State Water Resources Control Board, Administrative Hearing Office  
Adjudicative Hearing on Pending Applications 31673, 31674, 31675, 31676, 31677, and 31819
  - (iv) North Kern Water Storage District v. Rosedale Estates  
(BCV-24-101361)
  - (v) North Kern Water Storage District v. Crimson Resource Management  
(BCV-23-101912)
  - (vi) Bring Back the Kern et al. v. City of Bakersfield (Defendant/Respondent) and Buena Vista Water Storage District et al. (Real Parties in Interest)  
(BCV-22-1030220)
  
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case
  
- C. PERSONNEL MATTERS  
(Govt. Code Section 54957)

D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
(Govt. Code Section 54956.8) – use of District and landowner facilities for various potential water management programs; negotiator, David Hampton

The above legal grounds were determined to exist based on advice of counsel, and discussion of such matters in an Open Session would cause prejudice to the District. The Board went into Closed Session at 8:09a.m.

The Board reconvened back into open session at 10:10 a.m. There were no reportable actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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David Hampton, General Manager

Approved by Board  
April 16, 2025

  
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Kevin Andrew, President