

AGENDA
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

33380 Cawelo Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - 7:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER
PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Board Meeting Minutes
 - A. Approve Minutes of January 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

2. Consent Calendar
(The Board will consider various non-controversial routine items, issues and reports relating to matters of interest to the District. Any Board member or member of the public may request that any or all items be considered and acted upon independently.)
 - A. District Groundwater Levels
 - B. District Exchange Balances
 - C. Operations Report
 - D. Approve Renewal of Standard Form License Agreement, Cogent Fiber LLC
 - E. Approve Issuance of Standard Form License Agreement, Lenar Homes LLC
 - F. Approve Well Property Exchange for Well 88-29-39, Demeter Agricultural Properties II LLC

3. General Informational Items
 - A. Kern River Watermaster Report
 - B. Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority/Kern Water Collaborative Update

4. Financial Matters
 - A. Approve Treasurer's Report
 1. NKWSD
 2. RRID
 - B. Monthly Financial Statements
 - C. Water Sales
 - D. Accounts Receivable
 - E. Approve Accounts Payable

5. Consulting District Engineer
 - A. Project Summary
 - B. Status of Grants*
 - C. Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program/CV-Salts*

6. Budget and Personnel Committee*

7. Engineering Committee
 - A. Consider Amendment No. 1 to the Grant of Pipeline Easement for the 9-22-126 Pipeline

8. Groundwater Committee
 - A. Meeting of the North Kern Groundwater Sustainability Agency and SGMA Update*
9. Produced Water Ad Hoc Committee*
10. Negotiating Committee*
11. Counsel of District*
 - A. Update on Brown Act
 - B. Update on Fiscal Training Requirement
12. Rosedale Ranch Improvement District*
13. General Manager's Report*
 - A. Amarok Fencing for Wells

OTHER BUSINESS

14. Closed Session Matters:
 - 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) State Water Resources Control Board, Administrative Hearing Office
Adjudicative Hearing on Pending Applications 31673, 31674, 31675, 31676,
31677, and 31819
 - (iii) California High-Speed Rail Authority v. North Kern Water Storage District
(BCV-25-102876)
 - (iv) North Kern Water Storage District v. Rosedale Estates
(BCV-24-101361)
 - (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); 5th District Court of Appeal (F087487); CA Supreme
Court (S290840)
 - B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section
54956.9: two cases
 - 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
15. Adjournment

*Oral report to be provided at the meeting.