

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
North Kern Water Storage District
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 30, 2026

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of North Kern Water Storage District was held in person, commencing at 9:00 a.m., on June 30, 2026.

President Andrew declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. The following Directors were present: Kevin Andrew, Joel Ackerknecht, Robert Holtermann, Winn Glende and Monte Mitchell Others present: David Hampton (General Manager), Ram Venkatesan (Deputy General Manager) via teleconference, Marinelle Duarosan (Controller), and Mark Batemann of Young Wooldridge.

President Andrew called the meeting to order at 9:04 am and opened the floor for public comments. At this time, there were none.

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) 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)
 - (v) 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)

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 9:04 a.m. The Board reconvened back into the open session at 9:54 a.m. There were no reportable actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hampton, General Manager

Approved by Board
July 21, 2026

Kevin Andrew, President