REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, California

TUESDAY, November 4, 2025

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM **12:00PM**

CLOSED SESSION:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1):
1. Kern Delta Water District et al. v. Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District, et al. (Onyx Ranch CEQA).
2. Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District, et al. v Kern County Water Agency, et al. (CVC).
3. Bring Back the Kern, et al. v. City of Bakersfield, et al.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2),(e)(1):
1. One Matter.

REGULAR SESSION:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC

I. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any matter not on the agenda, but absent extraordinary circumstances, the Board may not act on such matters. Members of the public may address items of interest that are listed on the agenda prior to the Board's decision on such items.)

II. **MANAGER'S REPORT** (The General Manager will discuss, and the Board will consider various items and issues relating to the ongoing and future operations of the District which are of interest to the Board)

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2025.
B. Manager's Report.

III. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** (This item provides Board Members with an opportunity to make announcements or provide general comments.)

IV. **ADJOURN**

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 21, 2025

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 12:04PM– 2:30PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Palla, Antongiovanni, Tillema, Garone, Fanucchi, Kaiser, and Borba.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mendonca, and Spitzer.

STAFF PRESENT: General Manager Teglia, Assistant General Manager Bellue, General Counsel Iger, Controller Duncan, Hydrographer Hyatt, and Groundwater Manager Marquez.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joshua Vogel.

CLOSED SESSION DECLARED AT 12:04PM

President Palla called to order the Closed Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 12:04PM regarding the following agenda items:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1):

1. SWRCB Kern River.
2. Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District, et al. v. Kern County Water Agency, et al. (CVC).
3. Kern Delta Water District et al. v. Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District et al. (Onyx Ranch CEQA).
4. Bring Back the Kern, et al. v. City of Bakersfield, et al.
5. Sierra Club v. California Department of Water Resources (Delta Conveyance Project Validation).

B. Public Employment – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1).

Closed Session concluded at 1:14PM.

REGULAR SESSION DECLARED AT 1:19PM

President Palla called to order the Regular Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 1:19PM.

Closed Session Report: District General Counsel Iger reported the following:

Item A: No reportable action.
Item B: No reportable action.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC

Those listed as others present were introduced.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (Garone/Borba) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Mendonca and Spitzer absent, the Board approved and authorized items II A through II C of the Consent Calendar.

A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2025.
B. Approval of September/October District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) Disbursements.
C. Approval of September/October District Disbursements.

III. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. Business & Finance Committee Report – October 16, 2025: District Controller Duncan provided a report from the October Business & Finance Committee Meeting.

A(i). Approval of September 2025 Financial Reports: Mr. Duncan presented the September District and Water Banking Project(s) Financial Statements, Treasurer's Reports, and District Delinquency Report.

M/S/C (Kaiser/Antongiovanni) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Mendonca and Spitzer absent, the Board approved the September District and Water Banking Project(s) Financial Statements, Treasurer's Reports, and Delinquency Report as presented.

A(ii). Quarterly Investment Review: Mr. Duncan provided a brief overview of the quarterly investment review report, which was included in the Board agenda package. In addition, Mr. Teglia updated the Board regarding recent direction of the Business and Finance Committee to purchase $6,000,000 in U.S. Treasuries with $3,000,000 maturing in February of 2028 and $3,000,000 maturing in May of 2028. This item was informational only and no action was recommended or taken.

A(iii). Review and Approval of Audit Services Proposal with Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation: Mr. Duncan provided a brief overview of the Brown Armstrong proposal which provides for annual audit services for the District for the next three fiscal years ending December 31, 2025, 2026, and 2027. The associated cost for these services is $22,880 for each year covered under the proposal.

M/S/C (Garone/Tillema) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Mendonca and Spitzer absent, the Board approved the Brown Armstrong Audit Services Proposal as presented.

A(iv). District 457 Plan Document Update: Mr. Teglia provided brief comments on this item, explaining that upon review of staff it was discovered that the two District offered 457 deferred compensation plans had differing language for similar provisions. Staff will move forward with appropriate plan document updates to ensure consistency of both plans and will bring the updated plan documents back to the board for review and approval at a later date. This item was informational only.

IV. OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS

A. - A(i-iv). Operations and Projects Committee Report – October 7, 2025: Assistant General Manager Bellue reported on several items, including District maintenance activities, recent encroachment permit requests, pending development projects impacting District facilities, and a status update related to the Sunset Groundwater Banking project.

A(v). Shop Remodel Project Update – Review of Project Estimate: Staff updated the Board regarding the completion of the design for the shop remodel project. Staff conveyed that the estimated cost of the project to be roughly $530,000. Following a brief discussion, the Board authorized staff to move forward with the project utilizing the Open-Market Procedure.

M/S/C (Fanucchi/Borba) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Mendonca and Spitzer absent, the Board authorized staff to move forward with the shop remodel project utilizing the Open-Market Procedure.

A(vi). Kern Island at 30th Street Trash Screen Replacement Project Update: Staff provided a brief presentation regarding the current condition of the 30th Street trash screen on the Kern Island Canal. Staff recommended to the Board that staff move forward with fabrication of a new screen while at the same time procuring proposals for the installation of the new screen. Hearing no objection, staff will move forward in this direction and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

B. Review and Approval of Agreement with UCI Construction, Inc. for Concrete Liner Project – Eastside Canal at DiGiorgio Weir, in an amount not to exceed $194,167 (Recommended for approval by the Operations and Projects Committee): Mr. Bellue provided a brief overview of several proposals that were received for concrete work associated with the Eastside Canal at DiGiorgio Weir. This work is necessary for the eventual placement of a moving screen at the same location. Following a brief discussion, the board approved the agreement with UCI Construction, Inc.

M/S/C (Fanucchi/Kaiser) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Mendonca and Spitzer absent, the Board approved the Agreement with UCI Construction, Inc. for Concrete Liner Project – Eastside Canal at DiGiorgio Weir, in an amount not to exceed $194,167.

V. WATER RESOURCES REPORT

A. - A(i-iii). District Watermaster Report: Staff reviewed and discussed the water supplies of the District for the months of September and early October. Approximately 11,933 acre-feet of water was diverted in District during the month of September. Staff also provided information related to current precipitation totals and future forecasts. It was noted that the current SWP allocation stood at 50% and the B-120 April through July Kern River runoff for 2025 was 73%.

B. Kern River Watermaster Report: The October Kern River Watermaster Report was included in the Board packet.

C. District Groundwater Manager Report: In place of Groundwater Manager Marquez, Mr. Teglia provided verbal comments supplementing graphical information regarding depth to groundwater at various monitoring locations throughout the District.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. - A(i-ii). Verbal/SGMA Update/WAKC Annual Dinner: Mr. Teglia provided an update regarding local SGMA efforts, including a recap of the Kern Subbasin SWRCB Hearing on September 17, 2025. Teglia reiterated the SWRCB decision to return the Kern Subbasin to the oversight of the Department of Water

Resources pending SWRCB staff's final review of the 2025 adopted Kern Subbasin GSPs. Mr. Teglia briefly highlighted the continuing work the Kern Subbasin is engaged in given the recent action of the SWRCB. Mr. Teglia also informed the Board of the upcoming Water Association of Kern County Annual Dinner scheduled for November 5, 2025.

B. External Agency Report: Mr. Teglia provided verbal comments supplementing a memorandum included in the Board package which provided information on the meetings and activities of various external agencies. These agencies include, but are not limited to, the Kern County Water Agency, Kern Fan Authority, Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority, Kern Water Collaborative, Kern Non-Districted Land Authority, Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the South Valley Water Resources Authority, the Water Association of Kern County, and the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Mr. Teglia specifically highlighted a recent KCWA letter of approval to Kern Delta regarding Kern Delta's Annexation No. 3.

C. Water Banking Projects Report: Mr. Teglia provided verbal comments supplementing a memorandum included in the Board package which provided information on water banking project activity on the Kern Fan as well as District water banking project activities.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. VAWC Legislative Update: The most recent legislative update provided by the VAWC was provided.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Palla adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Teglia, General Manager

Approved by Board,

Richard Tillema, Board Secretary

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October 23, 2025
For Immediate Release

Kern County Water Agency Hires Eric Averett as New General Manager

Bakersfield, CA – At its meeting on October 23, 2025, the Board of Directors of Kern County Water Agency (Agency) approved a contract to hire former Agency director Eric Averett as the Agency's new General Manager. Mr. Averett has a long history with the Agency having started in an entry level field staff position in 1991 and working up to several management positions during his initial tenure at the Agency, which lasted approximately 17 years. Mr. Averett then served as General Manager of Agency member unit Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District for roughly 13 years. He has worked in the private sector for the past four years and joined the Agency's Board of Directors in 2022 before resigning in early October 2025.

"I am excited to undertake the challenge of this new position. There is much work to do in furthering the Agency's goals in serving Kern County and the Agency's member units and ensuring water resources in the county are effectively and efficiently managed. I look forward to enhancing the Agency's position with all stakeholders, including state and federal agencies and representatives," Averett stated.

"The Board of Directors is thrilled that Eric agreed to take on the General Manager position. His vast experience with the Agency, the member units, Kern County water and statewide water policy will be a tremendous benefit to the Agency as we proceed in meeting the challenges in continuing to bring water to our member units and their customers," said Gene Lundquist, Director of the Agency Board.

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The Kern County Water Agency (Agency) was created in 1961 by a special act of the State Legislature and serves as the local contracting entity for the State Water Project. The Agency, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011, participates in a wide scope of management activities, including water quality, flood control and groundwater operations to preserve and enhance Kern County's water supply—the main ingredient for the well-being of an economy.