



REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, California

TUESDAY, March 3, 2026

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

12:00PM

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. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 17, 2026.
 - B. Land IQ Daily ET Tool – Workshop Schedule.
 - C. Mandated Board Training – Ethics.

- 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**

February 17, 2026

Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 12:00PM– 2:37PM

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mendonca, and Division 6 Vacant.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

CLOSED SESSION DECLARED AT 12:00PM

President Palla called to order the Closed Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 12:00PM 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).

Closed Session concluded at 12:57PM.

REGULAR SESSION DECLARED AT 1:03PM

President Palla called to order the Regular Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 1:03PM.

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

Item A: 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 (Borba/Kaiser) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Mendonca absent and Division 6 vacant, 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 February 3, 2026.
- B. Approval of January/February District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) Disbursements.
- C. Approval of January/February District Disbursements.

III. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. Business & Finance Committee Report – February 12, 2026: District Controller Duncan provided a report from the February Business & Finance Committee Meeting.

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

M/S/C (Antongiovanni/Tillema) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Mendonca absent and Division 6 vacant, the Board approved the January District and Water Banking Project(s) Financial Statements, Treasurer’s Reports, and Delinquency Report as presented.

IV. OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS

A. - A(i-iv). Operations and Projects Committee Report – February 3, 2026: 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.

B. Review and Approval of Contract Change Order No. 1 to Agreement No. 2025-07 with UCI Construction Inc. for Concrete Liner Project – Eastside Canal at DiGiorgio Weir (\$11,880, revised not to exceed amount \$206,047): Staff reviewed the circumstances related to the contract change order request identified above. The primary reason for the adjustment was due to a change in expected conditions related to oversaturation in the project area found during the project, which necessitated deeper excavation than what was anticipated originally.

M/S/C (Fanucchi/Borba) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Mendonca absent and Division 6 vacant, the Board approved Contract Change Order No. 1 to Agreement No. 2025-07 with UCI Construction Inc. for Concrete Liner Project – Eastside Canal at DiGiorgio Weir (\$11,880, revised not to exceed amount \$206,047) as presented.

C. Review and Approval of Water Discharge Agreement with Cal Water Service Company: Staff provided a brief overview of the above-mentioned agreement between the District and Cal Water Service Company (Cal Water). This agreement provides the terms and conditions by which Cal Water will be allowed to discharge well water into District facilities at specific locations.

M/S/C (Antongiovanni/Kaiser) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Mendonca absent and Division 6 vacant, the Board approved the Water Discharge Agreement with Cal Water Service Company as presented.

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 January and early February. Approximately 20,148 acre-feet of water was diverted in District during the month of January. Staff also provided information related to current precipitation totals and future forecasts. It was noted that the current 2026 SWP allocation was increased to 30% and the February 1st B-120 April through July Kern River runoff forecast for 2026 was 70%. Staff provided a brief update regarding current water management activities.

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

C. District Groundwater Manager Report: Groundwater Manager Marquez 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 Water Summit: General Manager Teglia provided an update regarding 2026 District Water Applications which were sent out to all District water users. These applications are required of all water users and are due back to the District by the end of March.

With respect to local SGMA efforts, Mr. Teglia stated the Kern Subbasin was preparing for initial discussions with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) regarding their review of the Kern Subbasin GSPs. Mr. Teglia also provided a brief update regarding the efforts of the Kern Non-District Land Authority (KNDLA).

Finally, Mr. Teglia highlighted the upcoming annual Water Association of Kern County Water Summit scheduled for March 5, 2026.

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.

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: General Counsel Iger stated there was no update at this time.

B. – B(i). Board Vacancy – Appointment of Director – Division 6: Mr. Iger conveyed that this was the time for the Board to consider an appointment to fill the vacant Division 6 Director seat on the Board. Mr. Iger conveyed that only one letter of interest was received by the District from Mr. Chad Garone of McKittrick Ranch. Following a brief discussion by the Board a motion was offered to appoint Mr. Chad Garone to Director – Division 6.

M/S/C (Fanucchi/Spitzer) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Mendonca absent and Division 6 vacant, the Board appointed Mr. Chad Garone as the Director for Division 6.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

President Palla conveyed that due to the appointment of a new Director, he would be reviewing the Board committee assignments. Staff also noted that the next two first Tuesday Board meetings will include state-mandated trainings.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Palla adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steven Teglia, General Manager

Approved by Board,



Richard Tillema, Board Secretary



DAILY ET & IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT TOOL

Land IQ has been providing field-by-field monthly evapotranspiration (ET) and precipitation results to irrigation districts (Districts) and Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) since 2016. This tool takes ET and precipitation to the daily timestep, providing results in 1-2 days, allowing growers to better manage their water.

GROWER PORTAL

- Claim fields
- Assign an entity for viewing (Farm Manager or Landowner)
- View claimed fields only
- Track water use against a user-defined target or allocation
- Download daily ET and precipitation by field

ENTITY ACCESS

- View only assigned fields
- Track water use against the grower defined target or allocation
- Download daily ET and precipitation

ADMINISTRATOR PORTAL

- View all claimed fields
- View field-level data
- Track number of claimed fields
- Track District/GSA water use
- Download daily ET and precipitation

WHAT

All the inputs that make the monthly, 30-day ET deliverable reliable, drive the daily ET tool as well. These inputs include:

- a data driven approach
- use of ground station data
- modeling at the field-level
- use of multiple remotely sensed images
- incorporation of agronomic variables

MONTHLY RESULTS

For consistency, the results of this daily product will match the proven results of the monthly, 30-day ET results that are currently provided to nearly 40 GSAs and Districts.

ACCESS

The grower only has access to the results of their fields, while the administrator-level has access to all fields and is provided with area-wide (e.g., GSA, Districts, or similar entity) summaries of accumulated consumption, precipitation, grower participation, crop type, field-level results, etc.

GROWER LEVEL ACCESS

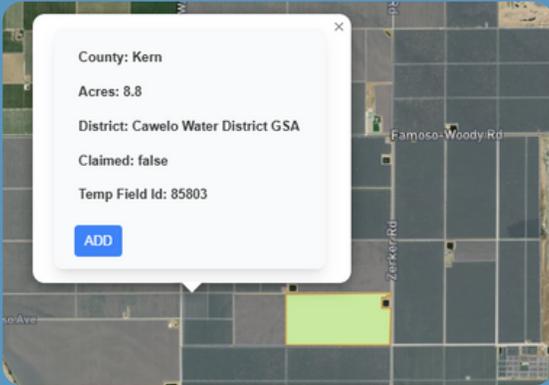
- Claim fields
- Assign an entity for viewing (i.e. Farm Manager or Landowner)
- View claimed fields only
- Track water use against a user-defined target or allocation
- Download daily ET and precipitation by field



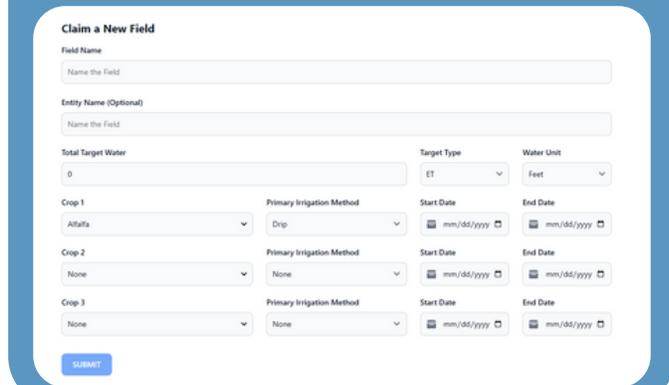
ENTITY LEVEL ACCESS

Provide landowners or farm manager level users access to assigned fields where they may view and download data by identifying an entity level user.

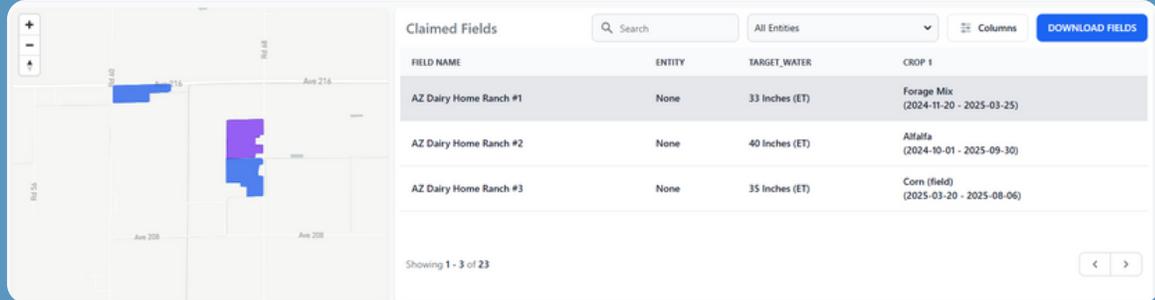
Claim a Field:



Enter Crop Specific Details:



View all claimed fields in spatial and tabular form:



View and download field-level daily ET and precipitation:

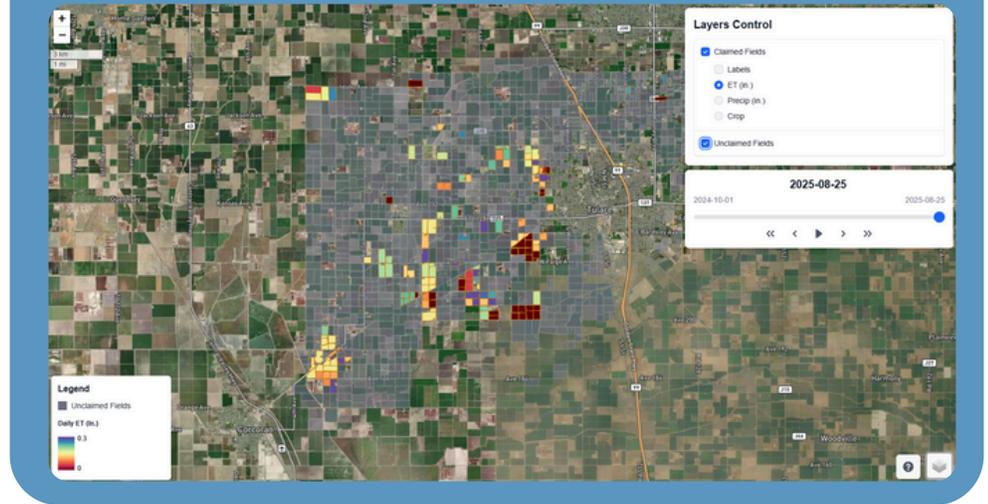


Track field-level water use against a user defined target or historical trends:



- View all claimed fields
- View field-level data
- Track number of claimed fields
- Track District/GSA water use
- Download daily ET and precipitation

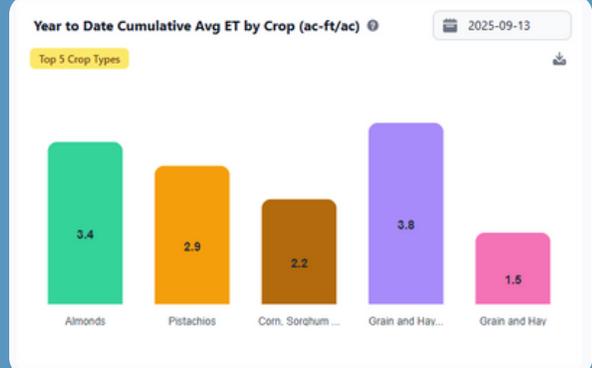
View Claimed Fields in the District/GSA:



Track District/GSA Level Stats:



Track and Download ET by Crop Type:



Track Claimed Fields:



View and download district-level daily ET and precipitation:



View and download field-level daily ET and precipitation:

