



REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, California

TUESDAY, April 7, 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 March 17, 2026.
 - B. Mandated Board Training – Anti Harassment.

- 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

March 17, 2026

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

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Borba.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Maureen Reilly – Todd Groundwater.

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 1:04PM.

REGULAR SESSION DECLARED AT 1:08PM

President Palla called to order the Regular Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 1:08PM.

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.

A. Public Hearing Regarding the Adoption of the Kern Delta 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP): Staff provided introductory comments related to the preparation of the Kern Delta 2025 AWMP. This plan, which is required by the Department of Water Resources, is prepared every five years and must be adopted by April 1, 2026. Maureen Reilly with Todd Groundwater provided an overview presentation of the plan prior to the opening of the Public Hearing.

Following the presentation, President Palla opened the Public Hearing at 1:22PM. No public comments were provided, and the Public Hearing was closed at 1:22PM.

A(i). Approval of Resolution 2026-02 – Adopting the 2025 District Agricultural Water Management Plan: Following the conclusion of the Public Hearing, President Palla returned the item to the Board for action.

M/S/C (Spitzer/Mendonca) (yes-8, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Borba Absent, the Board approved the Kern Delta 2025 AWMP as presented.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (Tillema/Kaiser) (yes-8, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Borba 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 March 3, 2026.
- B. Approval of February/March District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) Disbursements.
- C. Approval of February/March District Disbursements.

III. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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

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

M/S/C (Antongiovanni/Garone) (yes-8, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Borba absent, the Board approved the February District and Water Banking Project(s) Financial Statements, Treasurer's Reports, and Delinquency Report as presented.

B. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-03 – Setting District State Water Tolls (Recommended by the Business and Finance Committee): Staff presented information regarding the results of the annual calculations associated with the setting of the District State Water Tolls for 2026. Staff provided information regarding the calculation for previous years for comparison purposes to the 2026 calculations. It was noted that the Board has held the State Water Tolls at the approved 2022 levels since 2022. Staff conveyed that the Business and Finance Committee recommended the Board maintain the 2026 District State Water Tolls at the 2022 levels, holding the rates flat. Following a Board discussion on the information presented, the Board agreed with the committee recommendation to keep the 2026 State Water Tolls flat at the 2022 levels, resulting in no increase to the rates over the 2022 approved rates. The Board requested staff review recent PG&E rate structure changes to see if they had an impact on the annual calculation process.

M/S/C (Kaiser/Fanucchi) (yes-8, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Borba absent, the Board approved the 2026 District State Water Tolls, maintaining the 2022 rates.

IV. OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS

A. - A(i-iv). Operations and Projects Committee Report – March 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 an update regarding District initiated projects.

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 February and early March. Approximately 10,711 acre-feet of water was diverted in District during the month of February. Staff also provided information related to current precipitation totals and future forecasts. It was noted that the current 2026 SWP is 30% and the most recent B-120 April through July Kern River runoff forecast for 2026 was 75%. Staff provided a brief update regarding current water management activities.

B. Kern River Watermaster Report: The March 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. General Manager's Report: General Manager Teglia provided an update on several items identified below:

A(i). Review and Approval of Contract for a Portion of Kern County Water Agency Kern River Lower River Rights and Obligations: Mr. Teglia explained that the previous Lower River agreement with KCWA expired in December of 2025. This new agreement, which runs through December 31, 2025, provides for KDWD and other member units of KCWA to access KCWA lower river entitlements when they are realized. The terms of this agreement are almost identical to the previous agreement, except for the annual administration charge, which was increased to \$0.80 per acre-foot of the member unit's total Table A amount (previously \$0.50).

M/S/C (Mendonca/Spitzer) (yes-8, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Borba absent, the Board approved the Contract for a Portion of Kern County Water Agency Kern River Lower River Rights and Obligations as presented.

A(ii). Review and Approval of Updated Board Committee Assignments: Following the recommendation of President Palla, the Board Committee Assignments were updated to reflect the addition of the new Division 6 Director. President Palla further requested a volunteer to serve as the District JPIA Board representative, which will be appointed at an upcoming meeting.

M/S/C (Tillema/Garone) (yes-8, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Director Borba absent, the Board approved the updated Board committee assignments as presented.

A(iii-v). Mr. Teglia highlighted the North West Kern Resource Conservation District 2025 Annual report

which was included in the Board packet. Mr. Teglia explained that the cover letter provided a recap of the conservation district's specific activities in Kern Delta Water District during 2025. Mr. Teglia also mentioned upcoming Land IQ Daily ET Tool workshops that were scheduled for March 18th and 19th. The workshops are designed to assist District growers and landowners with understanding the benefits of the Land IQ Daily ET Tool and aid with getting started with the program. Finally, Mr. Teglia provided a brief update regarding local SGMA activities, including the initiation of the subbasin-wide water quality monitoring program.

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 provided an update regarding the VAWC legislative update, which was provided in the Board packet for review. Mr. Iger highlighted SB872, which would provide state funding to address the impacts of subsidence on the State Water Project.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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