

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2025
8:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Jason Selvidge, Gary Unruh, Barry Watts & Mitch Millwee

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

District Staff / Consultants – Dan Bartel, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Zach Smith, Rachelle Echeverria, Markus Nygren, Dan Raytis, and Jennifer Spaletta
Public – Oscar Lopez, Franz Affentranger, and Eric Averett

CALL TO ORDER

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025

A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve the Board of Directors' May 20, 2025 special meeting minutes. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

a) Treasurer's Report – Ms. Misuraca presented the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2025 to the Board, highlighting significant payments made in May. She also reported that the District has \$1.3 million in State Water Project and COP payments due in June.

b) Accounts Payable/ May 17, 2025 through June 6, 2025 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$325,242.59. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Ms. Misuraca presented the Revenue and Expenditures Report, comparing budgeted amounts to actuals through May 31, 2025. She highlighted several accounts that were over budget and provided details regarding the contributing factors to those overages.

- d) Water Charge Update – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the final collection efforts of the water charge, noting that the collection rate was nearly 100% to date. Mr. Taylor explained that there were issues with the USPS relating to one of the two outstanding invoices.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

- a) District Groundwater Levels – Mr. Nygren presented groundwater levels in relation to the District's minimum thresholds under SGMA in addition to a depth to water map across the District.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith provided an update on the District's water supplies and recharge and recovery operations.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reported on maintenance efforts throughout the District and noted staff has issued encroachment permits for the removal of sand from the Wes Selvidge Basins.
- d) Ratification of Purchase of Roary Mower – Mr. Smith reported that per the Board's request at the May 20, 2025 special meeting, staff located a rotary mower to replace the current flail on the John Deere tractor. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee to ratify the purchase a rotary mower attachment from Bertchold Equipment in the amount of \$22,191.25. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

WATER RESOURCES REPORT

- a) State Water Project Operations – Mr. Taylor provided a detailed report on current State Water Project operations, including an analysis of the 8-station index graph and reservoir conditions and snow water content reports.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the Delta Conveyance Project schedule and ongoing funding discussions.
- c) Kern County Water Agency Board Meeting Update – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on the recent Kern County Water Agency meeting reporting the General Manager contract will not be renewed and Nick Pavletich and Craig Wallace have been selected as co-interim managers.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Echeverria presented the Strategic Plan Goal #1 Objective status and reported on various events staff has attended.
- b) Rosedale Recap – No report.
- c) Employee Recognition – Mr. Bartel congratulated Markus Nygren for passing the survey portion of the PE Exam and reported he only has the seismic portion remaining.

ENGINEER'S / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch
 - i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on Onyx Ranch operations and reported project flows over the last month.

- ii. Consideration of Resolution No. 550 – Approving South Fork Kern River (Onyx Ranch Project) Operational Exchange and Determining Exchange is Exempt from CEQA – Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA – Mr. Bartel reviewed Resolution No. 550 with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to adopt Resolution No. 550 – Approving South Fork Kern River (Onyx Ranch Project) Exchange and Determining Exchange is Exempt from CEQA and authorizing staff to publish the Notice of Exemption for the operational exchange with the County. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Improvement Projects – Mr. Nygren updated the Board on the status of various improvement projects across the District and reported that the District qualifies for free satellite connectivity for SCADA at Onyx as a government entity. He noted that he is actively pursuing the opportunity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – Mr. Bartel reviewed the letter sent to the Kern County Water Agency regarding the GBJPA's request for a funding agreement to reimburse the CVC Advisory Committee for its efforts related to the development costs of CVC Improvement Alternative #5.
- b) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act / Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency –
 - i. Consideration of Final Draft Amendments to Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Supporting Appendix of Projects and Management Actions for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 - ii. Consideration to Authorize Submission of Final Draft Amendments to Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Supporting Documents by the Kern County Subbasin Point of Contact to the State Water Resources Control Board before June 20th for Review by SWRCB Staff
 - iii. Consideration to Authorize Release of Final Draft Amendments to Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Supporting Appendix of Projects and Management Actions for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Public Review and Comment

Mr. Bartel provided a presentation to the Board on the Kern County Subbasin Draft 2025 GSP Amendment. He also outlined the proposed process going forward, including the submission of the Draft 2025 GSP Amendment to the State Water Resources Control Board and the release of the same documents to the public for review and comment. Mr. Bartel outlined the timeline for acting on the 2025 Draft GSP Amendments over the Summer months in anticipation of the State Board hearing on September 17, 2025. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the Final Draft 2025 GSP Amendments, to authorize submission of

the same to the State Board, and to release the same for public review and comment, all as outlined in Agenda items 7bi., 7bii., and 7biii. The motion unanimously passed.

Ayes: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts

Noes: None

Abstained: None

- c) Kern Non-Districted Lands Joint Power Authority – Mr. Bartel reported the Kern Non-Districted Lands Joint Powers Authority approved the Final Draft Amendments to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- d) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – Mr. Nygren gave a brief report of activities to the Board.
- e) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel reported that meetings had been cancelled, but that cash calls continued to be issued. Mr. Bartel also reported on the status of projects that were not complete. He explained that funds are refunded through a year-end reconciliation and then re-collected for the following year. Concern was expressed over the lost interest earnings on funds that remain unused until project work begins.
- f) Pioneer Project Committee – Mr. Bartel reported that Pioneer activities had been largely the same as his report on the Cross Valley Canal.
- g) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Smith briefed the Board on the latest Kern River Watershed activities.
- h) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- i) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report.
- j) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- k) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the design and the timeline for the Fish Friendly Diversion project.
- l) Valley Ag Water Coalition – Mr. Taylor provided a brief update on various bills currently before the legislature, including the status of AB 1413, which would allow the court to adopt a sustainable yield in the adjudication process. By consensus, the Board authorized Mr. Taylor to sign an “oppose unless amended” letter relating to AB 1413 if requested.
- m) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- n) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on the project.
- o) Association of California Water Agencies – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Averett provided the Board with comments and answered questions relating to the Kern County Water Agency.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:46 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 10:50 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session. Mr. Raytis reported that the Board did not take any reportable action during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:25 p.m. President Pierucci adjourned the meeting.