

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Jason Selvidge & Mitch Millwee

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Gary Unruh & Barry Watts

OTHERS PRESENT

District Staff / Consultants – Dan Bartel, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Zach Smith, Rachelle Echeverria, Markus Nygren, Dan Raytis & Jennifer Spaletta
Public – Matt Klassen

CALL TO ORDER

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2025

A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to approve the Board of Directors' June 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Treasurer's Report – Ms. Misuraca presented the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2025, to the Board, highlighting significant payments made in June. She noted that the County Fund Account balances are estimates due to the transition to a new accounting system. Additionally, she reported the transfer of funds to Computershare for the COP payment, which is scheduled to be made in July.

- b) Accounts Payable/ June 7, 2025 through July 7, 2025 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. Mr. Bartel noted for the Board that the checks to be ratified were only signed by two signers (one staff and one Board member) due to the unavailability of a third signer; normally checks are signed by three people. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Selvidge to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$1,430,812.96. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Ms. Misuraca presented the Revenue and Expenditures Report, comparing budgeted amounts to actuals through June 30, 2025. She highlighted several accounts that have large changes from last month.
- d) Water Charge Update – Mr. Taylor reported that staff continues to attempt delivery of the final water charge invoice, which has repeatedly been returned as undeliverable.

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 and reported staff has adjusted the name of a well to match the DMS database.
- 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.

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. Mr. Taylor also reported that staff is actively monitoring conditions at Oroville to stay ahead of any potential spill impacts on the District’s carryover balance in San Luis Reservoir.
- 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 agency is working on a strategic planning process.
- d) Consideration of Water Banking Agreement with TLBWSD – Mr. Taylor reviewed the agreement with the Board, noting that it is for 2026. However, due to the lengthy approval process last time, he wanted to initiate it early to stay ahead. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to approve and authorize staff to execute the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District and Los Angeles County Sanitation District Water Banking and Exchange Agreement for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge and Millwee

Noes: None

ABSTAINED: None

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Echeverria presented the Strategic Plan Goal #2 and staff’s efforts on each objective.
- b) Rosedale Recap – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the June 2025 Rosedale-Recap with the Board.

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. Mr. Bartel also reported that the Coordination Agreement with other river interests is being presented for consideration at the upcoming City Council meeting. The agreement, which would extend through December 31, 2025, includes a provision to transfer the Onyx Ranch water to the District's Pioneer Project account, as provided by existing Pioneer Project agreements.

- b) Improvement Projects – Mr. Nygren updated the Board on the status of various improvement projects across the District. Mr. Nygren also reviewed proposed SCADA equipment for Onyx Ranch that is covered by free satellite internet. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Milwee to approve the purchase and installation of up to 3 SCADA monitoring sites along the South Fork of the Kern River with a budget not to exceed \$35,000. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge and Milwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- i. Consideration of Purchase of Sluice Gates- West Superior – Mr. Nygren reviewed the proposed sluice gates with the Board. No action was taken at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority –

- i. Rosedale 1 Improvements – Mr. Bartel reported the flow capacity analysis for the Rosedale 1 channel was completed and he reviewed the proposed improvements for the channel. There was discussion of access to grant funds.

b) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act / Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency –

- i. Consideration of Amendment to Subbasin Coordination Agreement – Mr. Bartel reviewed the process for the submission of the revised GSP to the State Water Resources Control Board. No action was taken at this time. Mr. Bartel advised that this action (along with others relating to SGMA and the 2025 GSP) will come to the Board in August for final approval.
- ii. Consideration of Additional Scope Requests – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the various consultants' contracts for the revision of the Subbasins GSP document. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to approve the District's contribution up to an amount of \$12,000. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge and Milwee

NOS: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Kern Non-Districted Lands Joint Power Authority –
 - i. Consideration of Amendment to Joint Power Authority Formation Document – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the need for the amendment to the formation document. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to approve and authorize staff to execute the Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority. The motion unanimously passed.
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge and Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- d) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- e) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel reviewed the proposed conveyance alternatives 3 & 5 and reviewed the proposed agreement sent to the Kern County Water Agency to reimburse the agency for costs associated with the design efforts of the conveyance alternatives proposed by the GBJPA. Mr. Bartel noted the agreement was approved at the CVAC meeting and at the Kern County Water Agency Board meeting.
- f) Pioneer Project Committee – Mr. Bartel reviewed the redline of the revised Pioneer Project Groundwater Recharge Plan and map of facilities and proposed improvements with the Board.
- g) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Smith briefed the Board on the latest Kern River Watershed activities.
- h) Kern Fan Authority – Ms. Misuraca reported the agenda was included in the board pack.
- i) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report.
- j) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- k) South Valley Water Resources Authority – No report.
- l) Valley Ag Water Coalition – Mr. Taylor reported the report was included in the board pack.
- m) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- n) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor reported the updated cost estimates have been released on the project and staff is evaluating them.
- o) Association of California Water Agencies – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Klassen thanked the Board for their efforts.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:04 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:45 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 11:45 p.m. President Pierucci adjourned the meeting.