

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
August 12, 2025  
8:00 a.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025

A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Unruh to approve the Board of Directors' July 8, 2025 regular 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 July 31, 2025, to the Board, highlighting significant payments made in July. She noted that the County Fund Account balances are still estimates due to the transition to a new accounting system. Additionally, she reported staff has subscribed to a new system to help with changes to ownership of lands within the District and staff is working to complete a full analysis of all assessed properties within the District.

- b) Accounts Payable/ July 8, 2025 through August 8, 2025 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$652,687.45. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Watts 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 July 30, 2025. She highlighted several accounts that have large changes or budget overages compared to last month.
- d) Water Charge Update – No report.

#### **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 across the District, including removal of the sand pile at the Allen Road ponds and cleanup of debris in the tunnel left behind by transients.

#### **WATER RESOURCES REPORT**

- a) State Water Project Operations – Mr. Taylor provided a detailed report on current State Water Project operations, including analysis of the 8-station index graph, reservoir conditions, and snow water content reports. He noted that staff continues to monitor conditions at Oroville to anticipate potential spill impacts on the District’s carryover balance in San Luis Reservoir. Mr. Taylor also briefed the Board on a Department of Water Resources subsidence presentation, noting that State Water Project costs for the District are projected to nearly double by 2033.
- 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, noting that the agency is continuing its progress on the strategic planning process.

#### **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- a) Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the District’s mission, values, and strategic priorities with the Board as a refresher, and briefed the Board on staff’s efforts under Goal #3 of the strategic plan to develop a water charge, noting that the effort has been completed and the first round successfully implemented.
- b) Rosedale Recap – Ms. Echeverria reported staff is working on the Rosedale Recap for August and provided metrics for the open and click rates of the newsletter.
- c) Project Evaluation Update- Mr. Bartel presented his ‘How Big Things Get Done’ presentation to highlight staff’s evaluation of District initiatives. Ms. Echeverria, serving as project manager, reviewed recaps from each team, including the Risk and Reliability Team, the Affordability Team, and the How Much Water Team.

## **ENGINEER'S / PROJECTS REPORT**

### **a) Onyx Ranch**

- i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on Onyx Ranch operations including the completion of the barn repair and reported project flows over the past month. He noted that the Coordination Agreement with First Point Kern River Interests has been executed, and an exchange agreement with the City of Bakersfield was finalized, allowing for project flows to commence being exchanged in July.

### **b) Improvement Projects – Mr. Nygren updated the Board on the status of various improvement projects across the District including progress on the SCADA project.**

- i. Ratification of Fabricated Gate Purchase for West Superior – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the West Superior Weir construction progress. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to ratify the purchase of 2 fabricated slide gates from Fresno Valve and Casting for West Superior weir structure in the amount of \$22,800. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority –**

- i. Consideration of Design Proposal and Special Activities Agreement- Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the Rosedale No. 1 Channel reverse flow restrictions and various options to resolve. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Millwee to authorize staff to execute a task order with Zeiders Consulting for up to \$108,020 for the preparation of plans, specifications, and bid documents and also enter into a special activities agreement with the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority to perform design and construction efforts. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

### **b) South Valley Project- Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the South Valley Project efforts.**

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

- i. Stakeholder Meeting Attendance- Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the stakeholder attendance.
- ii. Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) (Link: [www.kerngsp.com](http://www.kerngsp.com)) and supporting appendix of projects and management actions for the Kern County Subbasin of the Tulare Lake Groundwater Basin – Mr. Raytis outlined the process for the public hearing. Mr. Raytis explained that it was the time for a public hearing regarding the adoption of the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Kern Subbasin, which the Rosedale GSA has participated in developing, and which would replace any GSPs previously approved by the Rosedale Board. He further

explained that various revisions to the 2025 Draft plans were made to accommodate the issues highlighted by DWR and others raised by the State Board staff. Mr. Raytis stated that Mr. Bartel would provide a presentation highlighting all of the effort that went into developing the GSP and that he would discuss in detail various components of the GSP and the changes that have been agreed to amongst the GSAs in the subbasin. Mr. Raytis further explained that after Mr. Bartel's presentation, the floor would be open to public comments. The Board then opened the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. and Mr. Bartel provided a detailed presentation on various components of the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan and the process that all of the subbasin GSAs engaged in to develop and agree to the 2025 GSP. At the end of Mr. Bartel's presentation, the floor was opened for public comments. No public comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 10:20 a.m.

- iii. Consideration of Adoption of 2025 GSP – The Board engaged in discussion of the 2025 GSP, at the end of which Director Unruh made a motion, with a second by Director Watts, to adopt the 2025 Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Amended Final Version), subject to minor modifications that may be necessary to ensure ongoing subbasin coordination. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iv. Consideration approving the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies – Mr. Bartel reviewed the amended coordination agreement with the Board. The primary purposes of the amendments were to make the agreement consistent with the revisions to the GSP. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to approve and authorize staff to execute the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- v. Consideration of a contract amendment with Self-Hep Enterprises to administer the Kern County Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Program – This item was tabled to a future Board meeting. No action was taken at this time.

d) Kern Non-Districted Lands Joint Power Authority –

- i. Consideration of Fourth Amendment to Joint Power Authority Formation Document – Mr. Bartel reminded the Board that authorization to sign the Fourth Amendment was given by the Board at the July meeting and staff is bringing the final version back for approval now that is complete. Mr. Raytis explained that the primary change was to revise the term to reaffirm the subbasin's commitment to having the KNDLA lands be managed. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Unruh 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, Unruh, Watts and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No report.
- g) Pioneer Project Committee – No report.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Smith briefed the Board on the latest Kern River Watershed meeting.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report.
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the latest information from the group.
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the Fish Friendly Diversion project reporting cost estimates are coming in higher than the original engineers estimates and the group is evaluating them at this time.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- o) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor reported the updated cost estimates have been released on the project and staff is evaluating them.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – Mr. Taylor reported on the latest election updates.

#### **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

None.

#### **OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Misuraca reported on the wellness grant received from ACWA JPIA and the sun care kit that was provided to employees with those funds.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:31 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 12:53 p.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 12:53 p.m. President Pierucci adjourned the meeting.