

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTSIDE WATER AUTHORITY

Held July 12, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Westside Water Authority was held in-person on July 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Belridge Water Storage District's Administrative and Operation Building.

CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Rob Yraceburu called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Rob Yraceburu, Rod Stiefvater, Mike Nordstrom, Rob Goff, Bernard Pugét, and Kim Brown (Alternate Director).

The following director was not present: Alan Scroggs and John Vidovich.

Also present were: Tom Hall, Aaron Hall, Dan Ward, Levi Barton, Brett Hampf, Leon Elwell, Morgan Campbell, Abigale Seal, Monte Mitchell, Daniel Cervantes, Mason Evans, Pier Swan, G. Patrick O'Dowd, Brad Kroeker, Jeremy Blackwell, Christin Faber, Scott Hamilton, Matt Payne, Josh Michnowski, Mary King, Alex Brookes, Alex Dominguez, Morgan Mitchell, Jamie Marquez, Steve Bottoms, Justin Rowe, Kim Constant (Assistant Secretary), Mark Gilkey (Executive Director) and Joseph D. Hughes (Legal Counsel).

CHANGES TO AGENDA)
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There were no requests to revise the agenda.

IN HONOR OF DON ELHOLM)
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The Board of Directors requested a moment of silence in honor of Don Elholm.

RESOLUTION 13)
HONORING DON ELHOLM)
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Mark Gilkey presented Resolution 13 honoring Don Elholm. Following discussion, on motion of Mike Nordstrom, seconded by Kim Brown, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution 13 in honor of Don Elholm on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Goff
Mike Nordstrom
Bernard Pugét
Kim Brown

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alan Scroggs
John Vidovich

CONSENT AGENDA)
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The Chairman asked if there were any questions concerning the Consent Agenda, which items were detailed with staff reports in the Board packet. On motion of Rob Goff, seconded by Kim Brown, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the item listed on the Consent Agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Goff
Mike Nordstrom
Bernard Pugét
Kim Brown

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alan Scroggs
John Vidovich

FINANCIAL REPORTS)
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Analysis of Consulting and Engineering Costs for 2022: Justin Rowe presented a consulting and engineering cost analysis for 2022.

2023 January through May Balance Sheet: Justin Rowe presented the 2023 balance sheet. Following discussion, on motion of Rob Goff, seconded by Mike Nordstrom, and unanimously carried, the 2023 balance sheet was approved and ordered filed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
 Rod Stiefvater
 Rob Goff
 Mike Nordstrom
 Bernard Pugét
 Kim Brown

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alan Scroggs
 John Vidovich

2023 January through May Income Statement: Justin Rowe presented the 2023 income statement. Following discussion, on motion of Rob Goff, seconded by Mike Nordstrom, and unanimously carried, the 2023 income statement was approved and ordered filed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
 Rod Stiefvater
 Rob Goff
 Mike Nordstrom
 Bernard Pugét
 Kim Brown

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alan Scroggs
 John Vidovich

Ratify 2023 January through May Warrant List:

Justin Rowe presented the 2023 register of warrants for ratification, stating that there were sufficient unencumbered monies to pay such warrants. Following discussion, on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Kim Brown, and unanimously carried, the 2023 warrant list was ratified on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
 Rod Stiefvater
 Rob Goff
 Mike Nordstrom
 Bernard Pugét
 Kim Brown

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alan Scroggs
 John Vidovich

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT)
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State Water Project (SWP) Supply and Operations

SWP Table A allocations for 2023 remain at 100 percent.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) reported that the outstanding Human, Health, and Safety (HH&S) balance is 57,393 acre-feet of the total 133,000 acre-feet that was delivered in 2022. DWR also indicated that the remaining 57,393 acre-feet is scheduled to be repaid in the next several months. HH&S payback water will become part of the overall State Water Project (SWP) supply.

The following table reflects the 2023 Table A allocation timeline for our Westside Districts:

| | | Dec. 1, 2022 | Jan. 26, 2023 | Feb. 22, 2023 | Mar. 24, 2023 | Apr. 20, 2023 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2023 Table A | 2023 Table A | 2023 Table A | 2023 Table A | 2024 Table A |
| Westside Water Authority | Table A | Allocation - 5% | Allocation - 30% | Allocation - 35% | Allocation - 75% | Allocation - 100% |
| | (af) | (af) | (af) | (af) | (af) | (af) |
| Belridge Water Storage Dist. | 121,508 | 6,075 | 36,452 | 42,528 | 91,131 | 121,508 |
| Berrenda Mesa Water Dist. | 92,600 | 4,630 | 27,780 | 32,410 | 69,450 | 92,600 |
| Lost Hills Water District | 119,110 | 5,956 | 35,733 | 41,689 | 89,333 | 119,110 |
| Dudley Ridge Water District | 41,350 | 2,068 | 12,405 | 14,473 | 31,013 | 41,350 |
| Westside 4 Total (WWA) | 374,568 | 18,729 | 112,370 | 131,100 | 280,927 | 374,568 |

Delta conditions continue to be in excess and could remain in excess for most of the year. Salinity conditions in the South Delta remain good, with no water quality constraints on exports.

There was a planned herbicide treatment at Clifton Court Forebay which reduced exports to zero for a few days beginning on June 27, 2023. This action resulted in drawing from San Luis Reservoir. Exports have now ramped back up. Last week, Banks PP averaged over 13,400 af/day. Bureau Jones pumping plant averaged a little over 7,800 af/day over the last week. The San Joaquin River flows at Vernalis have reduced significantly (avg. of about 8,839 cfs/day over the last week).

| Operations Data As Of: | 7/09/2023 |
|---|------------------|
| Oroville Storage (AF) - 3.55 maf max | 3,478,195 |
| Oroville Releases (cfs) | 11,877 |
| Exports | |
| SWP Banks Pumping Plant (cfs) | 6,633 |
| Bureau Jones (Tracy) Pumping Plan (cfs) | 4,118 |
| Delta | |
| Delta Inflow (cfs) | 23,094 |
| Net Delta Outflow (cfs) | 7,720 |
| Delta Conditions | Excess |
| San Luis Storage (AF) - 2.03 MAF Max | 1,945,453 |
| San Luis SWP Share (AF) - 1.062 MAF Max | 993,153 |
| San Luis Bureau Share (AF) - 966 TAF Max | 952,300 |
| Isabell Storage (AF) – 568,100 AF Max | 525,679 |
| Kern River Inflow (cfs) | 6,040 |
| Kern River Outflow (cfs) | 4,329 |

Oroville Reservoir storage remains close to full. The State share of San Luis Reservoir dipped below max due to the herbicide treatment in Clifton Court Forebay and has now started to increase.

Attached are the following as of July 9, 2023:

- Current Reservoir Conditions
- Oroville Storage chart
- San Luis Reservoir Storage chart

Article 21

The 2023 State Water Project Article 21 Interruptible Water Program started the week of March 15, 2023, and continued through June 28, 2023. Article 21 water could be available again in November 2023 based on 50 percent Exceedance studies.

Kern River

The Kern County Water Agency made Kern River Lower River Rights available to their Member Units beginning March 17, 2023. The latest Block 7 allocated 80,000 acre-feet to KCWA Member Units that must be delivered by July 31, 2023. As of July 9th, Isabella outflow is about 4,329 cfs. We anticipate additional blocks of Kern River Water being available.

The Corps of Engineer’s Flood Control information for Tulare Lake Basin for July 9, 2023, is as follows:

| ----- Tulare Lake Basin ----- | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | ----- Storages ----- | | | | Flood Control | | |
| | Gross Pool (acft) | Top of Conservation (acft) | Actual Res (acft) | % of Gross Pool | Above Top of Conserv (acft)(**) | Rain (in) | Snow (acft) |
| Pine Flat: | 1,000,000 | 868,964 | 930,535 | 93 | 61,571(47) | ---- | 648,651 |
| Total U/S: | 251,900 | | 233,373 | 93 | | | |
| Terminus: | 185,600 | 164,325 | 178,397 | 96 | 14,072(66) | 1.53 | 113,834 |
| Schafer: | 84,095 | 84,095 | 74,186 | 88 | -9,909(0) | 1.53 | 21,455 |
| Isabella: | 568,100 | 361,250 | 525,679 | 93 | 164,429 (79) | ---- | 315,704 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | |
| BASIN TOTALS | 1,793,400 | 1,478,634 | 1,708,797 | 95 | 230,163(73) | | |
| TOTAL FLOOD SPACE ENCROACHED | | | | | 240,072 | | |
| w/US Storages | 2,045,300 | | 1,942,170 | 95 | | | |

State Water Project

2024 DWR Statement of Charges

Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD) received the 2024 Statement of Charges (SOC) on June 30, 2023. The 2024 Statement of Charges (SOC) is the first SOC assembled under the provisions of the Contract Extension Amendment (CE). Some of the components may change prior to January 1, 2024, due to the lack of time to completely vet all the calculations under CE.

DRWD's 2024 Statement of Charges (fixed & variable charges) reflects an increase of 5.49% compared to 2023 (not including Rate Management Credits).

DWR will provide additional information on the SOC over the next couple months.

Sisk Dam (San Luis Reservoir) Seismic Retrofit

The total estimated cost of the Dam Modification Project for seismic retrofit is about \$1.1 billion. Bureau of Reclamation’s conclusion that costs of the modification project is subject to the joint federal and state cost-shares set forth in the San Luis Act. DWR and SWC position is that costs of the modification project should be subject to the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of

1978 which would require 15 percent of the costs (as opposed to 100 percent of costs) be subject to the cost split of the San Luis Act.

The Bureau has awarded and is proceeding with the \$120 million construction contract for the 1st phase of Sisk Safety of Dams Modification Project. An agreement as to the cost split between DWR and Bureau is still pending.

Delta Conveyance Project

The Draft EIR public review and comment period closed on December 16, 2022. DWR is reviewing and responding to substantive comments received on the Draft EIR and plans to issue a Final EIR by the end 2023. At that time, DWR will determine whether to approve the proposed project, an alternative or no project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a Draft EIS for the Delta Conveyance Project on December 16, 2022, for public review. This was a separate document and review process from DWR’s Draft EIR public review.

DWR plans to revise cost estimates once the EIR/EIS is completed.

CA Audit

On May 25, 2023, the California State Auditor sent a letter to the Governor and State Capitol regarding their audit that focused on DWR’s water supply forecasting and surface water management. Among other things, the Auditor stated that DWR’s forecasts do not adequately account for climate change and its reasons for some Reservoir releases are unclear.

DWR responded to the Auditor by letter dated May 9, 2023, disagreeing with the Audit’s conclusions.

Morgan Campbell updated the Board on the following items regarding the regulatory updates: (1) overview of WWA agricultural water regulatory programs; (2) SGMA regulatory timeline, (3) SGMA current events; (4) State Board probation landowner impacts; 5) Kern County Subbasin actions to avoid probation; (6) Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) overview; (7) groundwater protection formula, targets and values update and timeline; (8) CV-SALTS background; (9) CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program; and (10) Kern Water Collaborative.

WATER OPERATIONS)
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Jamie Marquez presented information to the Board regarding surface water supply, banking summary, and supplemental water.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER)
RESOURCES AUTHORITY)
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Scott Hamilton presented the following regarding the Fish Friendly Diversions: (1) environmentally friendly diversions and Delta implementation; (2) possible locations in the Delta; (3) expected increases in SWP water supply with Delta improvements; (4) biological study to determine infiltration rates; (5) engineering study to determine impact of turbidity on media performance; (6) water supply impacts; (7) hydraulic studies; (8) conceptual designs; and (9) contributions.

REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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No report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
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No public comment.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION)
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The Chairman directed that the Board move into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation. Legal Counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.8, 54956.9(d)(1), 54956.9(d)(2), and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the Directors, the Executive Director, Legal Counsel, Christin Faber, G. Patrick O'Dowd, Levi Barton, Brett Hampf, Leon Elwell, Monte Mitchell, Brad Kroeker, Morgan Mitchell, Mary King, Abigale Seal, Alex Dominguez, Alex Brookes, Morgan Campbell, Jamie Marquez, Kim Constant, and Justin Rowe, thereupon retired from the meeting.

Following the closed session, the meeting was again open to the public. Legal Counsel advised that no reportable action was taken in the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Rob Goff, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Alan Scroggs
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Rob Yraceburu
Chairman of the Board of Directors

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
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Held August 28, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside Water Authority was held as a joint meeting with Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, and Dudley Ridge Water District on August 28, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in-person at the Belridge Water Storage District's Administrative and Operation Building.

CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Rob Yraceburu called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Rob Yraceburu, Rod Stiefvater, Mike Nordstrom, Rob Goff, Bernard Pugét, and Kim Brown (Alternate Director).

The following directors were not present: Alan Scroggs and John Vidovich.

Also present were: Trevor Warren, Sharon Roden, Matt Payne, Brad Kroeker, Brett Hampf, Levi Barton, Monte Mitchell, Jeremy Blackwell, G. Patrick O'Dowd, Abbigale Seal, Morgan Campbell, Mohamed Mushtaq Mohideen, Morgan Mitchell, Alex Dominguez, Jamie Marquez, Steve Bottoms, Justin Rowe, Kim Constant (Assistant Secretary), Mark Gilkey (Executive Director), and Joseph D. Hughes (Legal Counsel).

CHANGES TO AGENDA)
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There were no requests to revise the agenda.

The Executive Director introduced the Director of Accounting.

WATER OPERATIONS)
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The Executive Director and Jamie Marquez updated the Board on water operations.

Alan Scroggs, Isaac Bocker, and Mando Perez arrived at this point in the meeting.

AD HOC DISTRICT TRANSFER COMMITTEE)

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Justin Rowe reported that the Transfer Ad Hoc Committee (Ad Hoc Committee) met to discuss district transfers policies and presented the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations. The Board directed Legal Counsel to create a policy for review based on the guiding principles presented.

Jamie Marquez presented information regarding the Rosedale – Rio Bravo Water Storage District 2:1 banking agreement. The agreements have been signed and staff requested that the Board ratify approval of the agreements.

REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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Indemnification Agreement Standard Form: Alex Dominguez reported that Legal Counsel would prepare a standard form indemnification agreement for staff’s use when participating in various activities with landowners (e.g., leasing of District lands.) Legal Counsel will present the standard form indemnification agreement draft for review and approval of the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
NON AGENDIZED ITEMS)
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No public comment.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION)
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The Chairman directed that the Board move into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation. Legal counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.8, 54956.9(d)(2), 54956.9(d)(4), and 54956.9(d)(1). All persons other than the Directors, the Executive Director, legal counsel, Alex Dominguez, Jeremy Blackwell, Brad Kroeker, Monte Mitchell, Brett Hampf, Levi Barton, Matt Payne, Patrick O'Dowd, Abbigale Seal, Mohamed Mushtaq Mohideen, Jaime Marquez, Morgan Mitchell, Steve Bottoms, Kim Constant, and Justin Rowe, thereupon retired from the meeting.

Following the closed session, the meeting was again open to the public. Following discussion, the Board recommended the individual Boards authorize the Executive Director to sign a one-year extension to the lease of Kern County Water Agency State Water Project Table A Water on behalf of the District subject to Landowner participation.

ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Alan Scroggs
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Rob Yraceburu
Chairman of the Board of Directors

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTSIDE WATER AUTHORITY

Held, September 13, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Westside Water Authority (Authority) was held in-person as a joint meeting with Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, and Dudley Ridge Water District on September 13, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. at 10000 Stockdale Highway, Second Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93311.

CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Rob Yraceburu called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Rob Yraceburu, Rod Stiefvater, Mike Nordstrom, Alan Scroggs, Rob Goff, Bernard Pugét, and Kim Brown (Alternate Director).

The following director was not present: John Vidovich.

Also present were: Brad Kroeker, Brett Hampf, Levi Barton, Jeremy Blackwell, Monte Mitchell, Matt Payne, Jamie Marquez, Justin Rowe, Kim Constant (Assistant Secretary), Mark Gilkey (Executive Director), and Alex Dominguez (Legal Counsel).

Also attending by video conference and/or teleconference were Christin Faber, Leon Elwell, G. Patrick O'Dowd, Mary King, Abbigale Seal, Mohamed Mushtaq Mohideen, Brianda Rodriguez, Tami Pensinger, Elisabeth Cervantes, and Morgan Campbell.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION)
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The President directed that the Board move into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation. Legal Counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the directors, the Executive Director, Legal Counsel, Brad Kroeker, Brett Hampf, Levi Barton, Jeremy Blackwell, Monte Mitchell, Matt Payne, Christin Faber, Leon Elwell, G. Patrick O'Dowd, Mary King, Abbigale Seal, Mohamed Mushtaq Mohideen, Brianda Rodriguez, Tami Pensinger, Elisabeth Cervantes, and Morgan Campbell, Jamie Marquez, Justin Rowe, and Kim Constant thereupon retired from the meeting.

Following the closed session, the meeting was again open to the public. Legal Counsel advised that no reportable action was taken in the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Rob Goff, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Alan Scroggs
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Rob Yraceburu
Chairman of the Board of Directors