

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
North Kern Water Storage District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 15, 2025

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of North Kern Water Storage District was in person - commencing at 7:00 a.m., on July 15, 2025.

President Andrew declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. The following Directors were present: Kevin Andrew, Joel Ackerknecht, Robert Holtermann and Winn Glende. Director Glende was present via remote location. Others present: David Hampton (General Manager), Marinelle Duarosan (Controller), Heather Williams (Operations Superintendent) and Christy Castaneda (Administrative Assistant) of North Kern Water Storage District, Scott Kuney, Alan Doud, Brett Stroud and Mark Bateman (District Counsel - Young Wooldridge), Guests present: Stephanie Hearn, Monte Mitchell and John Gaugel.

President Andrew called the meeting to order at 7:19 am and opened the floor for Public Comments. At this time, there were none.

Board of Directors –

- (25-61) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes from June 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Holtermann & Glende: Noes: None, Absent: None: Abstain: None)

Consent Calendar –

Consent Calendar included the following:

- A. District Groundwater Levels
- B. PG&E Monthly Analysis
- C. District Exchange Balances
- D. Operations Report

- (25-62) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Calendar.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Holtermann & Glende: Noes: None, Absent: None: Abstain: None)

General Informational Items –

General Manager Hampton gave a brief update on the lake inflows dropping from 2000 acre-ft to 500 acre-ft over a short period of time. The inflow at Isabella Lake is about 505 CFS and the outflow is 1,562 CFS.

Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority/Kern Water Collaborative Update – No update.

Financial Matters –

- (25-63) Upon motion of Director Holtermann, seconded by Director Ackerknecht and unanimously carried, to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the North Kern Water Storage District for the month of June as presented.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Holtermann & Glende: Noes: None, Absent: None: Abstain: None)

- (RR25-64) Upon motion of Director Holtermann, seconded by Director Ackerknecht and unanimously carried, to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the Rosedale Ranch Improvement District for the month of June as presented.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Holtermann & Glende: Noes: None, Absent: None: Abstain: None)

The Financial Statements, Summary of Water Sales and the Accounts Receivable reports for the month of June were reviewed and accepted as presented.

(25-65) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to approve payment of the Accounts Payable balance for the North Kern Water Storage District for the month of June as presented.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Holtermann & Glende: Noes: None, Absent: None: Abstain: None)

(RR25-66) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to approve payment of the Accounts Payable balance for the Rosedale Ranch Improvement District for the month of June as noted.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Holtermann & Glende: Noes: None, Absent: None: Abstain: None)

Consulting District Engineer – Mrs. Hearn provided an update on the following:

Project Summary – No significant construction update. The 2018 and 2020 Drought Resiliency Project is still anticipated to be completed by the end of July.

Status of Grants – Mrs. Hearn reported that they continue to focus on the State of California Prop 4 grant for potential grant opportunity and believes the District has a good chance for success.

ILRP/CV Salts – Mrs. Hearn reported that the CV Salts implementation phase of the nitrate and salt control programs celebrated the 5-year anniversary milestone and that the focus going forward is on improving the salt management program.

Budget & Personnel Committee – No Report at this time.

Engineering Committee –

General Manager Hampton addressed the need for the District to provide security services in the vicinity of Calloway Canal and Poso Creek to prevent consistent trespassing, vandalism, and damage to canal gates and weirs. Staff discussed proposed services to be provided by Blue Line Solutions.

(25-67) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried Authorize General Manager to execute an annual contract for Blue Line Solutions to provide a security camera trailer (Option #2) located in the area of Calloway Canal and Poso Creek for a monthly cost of \$2,000 per month or \$24,000 for one year, and security guard response at \$350 per on-site response.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Holtermann & Glende: Noes: None, Absent: None: Abstain: None)

Groundwater Committee –

General Manager Hampton provided an update on the GSP, noting that various consultants are currently reviewing the related amendments and documents which is anticipated to be completed tomorrow. The finalized Plan will be presented to the Board for adoption at the August board meeting in preparation for the State Board's Public Hearing on September 17th. Additionally, Mr. Hampton presented the Fourth Amendment of Joint Powers Authority of KNDLA noting that this latest amendment includes a withdrawal process provision and deletes the termination date clause in response to the State Board's concern over KNDLA's expiration date as it relates to the White Lands.

(25-68) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Glende and unanimously carried, to approve proposed Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers

Authority (JPA) for the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA) as substantially presented.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Holtermann & Glende: Noes: None, Absent: None: Abstain: None)

Produced Water Ad Hoc Committee – No report at this time.

Negotiating Committee – No report at this time.

Counsel of District –

District Counsel Doud discussed the draft resolution provided in the Board packet to appoint a Director to fill the director vacancy in Division 3, the Notice of Vacancy that was provided to the County, posting of the vacancy notices in within the District, and the Boards authority to appoint a director to fill the vacancy. Director Ackerknecht discussed an interview with Monte Mitchell, an authorized representative of Wonderful Orchards, that included President Andrew and General Manager Hampton. President Andrew and Director Ackerknecht recommended that Mitchell fill the vacancy. It was noted that a newly appointed Director would be required to undergo the election process at the next subsequent election year in 2027, and again in 2029 at the completion of the Division 3 four-year term.

(25-69) Upon motion of Director Ackerknecht, seconded by Director Holtermann and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution #25-69 Appointing Monte Mitchell to fill the vacancy in the office of Director of Division 3.

(Ayes: Andrew, Ackerknecht, Holtermann & Glende: Noes: None, Absent: None: Abstain: None)

Rosedale Ranch – No report at this time.

General Manager's Report – No report at this time

The President publicly stated that the legal authorities for holding Closed Session at today's Board Meeting are the following sections of the California Government Code:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION
(Govt. Code Section 54956.9(a) and (d)(1))
 - (i) North Kern Water Storage District v. City of Bakersfield
(VCSC #56-2011-00408712-CU-CO-VTA)
 - (ii) State Water Resources Control Board, Administrative Hearing Office
Adjudicative Hearing on Pending Applications 31673, 31674, 31675, 31676,
31677, and 31819
 - (iii) North Kern Water Storage District v. Rosedale Estates
(BCV-24-101361)
 - (iv) Bring Back the Kern et al. v. City of Bakersfield (Defendant/Respondent) and
Buena Vista Water Storage District et al. (Real Parties in Interest)
(BCV-22-1030220)
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section
54956.9: one case
- C. PERSONNEL MATTERS
(Govt. Code Section 54957)

- D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Govt. Code Section 54956.8) – use of District and landowner facilities for
various potential water management programs; negotiator, David Hampton

The above legal grounds were determined to exist based on advice of counsel, and discussion of such matters in an Open Session would cause prejudice to the District. The Board went into Closed Session at 8:10 a.m.

The Board reconvened back into the open session at 10:03 a.m. There were no reportable actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hampton, General Manager

Approved by Board
August 19, 2025

Kevin Andrew, President