MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GARFIELD WATER DISTRICT
June 23, 2026

1. President Pat Ricchiuti called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m. In attendance were Directors Karl Kienow, Bill Smittcamp, and Palmer Lien. Director Mark Johnson was absent. Attorney Doug Jensen, Engineer/Watermaster Nick Keller, and Secretary Paul Woodworth were also present.

2. Approval of Minutes

   It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 meeting. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Director Smittcamp abstained. Director Johnson was absent.

3. Business and Presentations from the Floor

   None.

4. Potential Conflicts of Interest - Board members were asked if any conflicts of interest existed.

   None. No discussion will occur on any item involving a possible conflict of interest.

5. Correspondence

   A. State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF) 2024 Dividend Notice – Mr. Woodworth notified the Board the District received a dividend check from SCIF for the 2024 policy period.

   B. Family Water Alliance – Flyer – Mr. Woodworth presented the flyer to the Board.

   C. California Special District Association (CSDA) Annual Conference – Flyer - Mr. Woodworth presented the flyer to the Board.

6. Financial Reports

   A-H. Mr. Woodworth presented the monthly financials. Mr. Woodworth updated the Board on the District's operating funds cash balance, bank reconciliations, and profit and loss statement.

   Mr. Woodworth informed the Board that the year-to-date financials included the April 2026 water sales/usage.

   Mr. Woodworth reviewed the assessment accounts receivable. Mr. Woodworth notified the Board the District received its third property assessment payment from the County. Mr.

Woodworth requested the payment detail report from the County. Mr. Woodworth will apply the payment(s) to the property owner accounts upon receipt of the detail report.

Mr. Woodworth discussed the District's water accounts receivables. Mr. Keller informed the Board that the Tri Valley Water District's (TVWD) board will meet the following week and he will obtain payment approval for its outstanding invoices. Mr. Keller requested any past due invoice copies from Mr. Woodworth. Mr. Woodworth will provide duplicate copies of any past due invoices to Mr. Keller.

Mr. Woodworth notified the Board that the District did not receive its water usage invoices from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Mr. Woodworth will make a request to the BOR accounting staff to obtain the current invoices. Mr. Keller does not recommend preparing US BOR Recap billing sheets and suggests waiting until the invoices are issued and received.

Mr. Woodworth reviewed the interest earned on the US Bank and Valley Strong Credit Union money market accounts. Mr. Woodworth recommended moving additional funds from the B of A operating checking account to an interest bearing account to stay within the FDIC insurance limits. Mr. Woodworth will research new account options and interest rates for review and approval by the Board.

It was moved by Karl Kienow and seconded by Bill Smittcamp to accept the monthly financial reports. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Director Johnson was absent.

7. Bills to Pay

Mr. Woodworth provided the Board with the monthly bill payment report for approval.

It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the bill payments. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Director Johnson was absent.

8. Water Master Report

A. Mr. Keller reported 232 AF of usage for May 2026. Friant Water Authority (FWA) also reported 232 AF of usage for May 2026.

Mr. Keller noted the pipeline replacement project between P-R Farms and Triple B will go out to bid in August with scheduled completion during the pipeline/canal shutdown. Mr. Keller notified the Board that the P-R 15 turnout replacement will occur at the same time.

Mr. Keller will contact the contractor, Travioli Construction, Inc., on the fence repair near Auberry Road and Copper Avenue intersection. Mr. Keller will request adding more decomposed granite (DG) aggregate to the area with a skid steer for more compaction to resolve the settling issue.

Mr. Keller contacted Fresno County on the repair of the damaged guardrail at the Auberry Road and Copper Avenue intersection, but did not hear back. Mr. Keller will reach out to the County personnel again to obtain a repair date.

Mr. Woodworth notified Mr. Keller and the Board that he received a call from the Ditch Tender, Jessie Fernandez, stating that the battery for Verni Farms meter is dead and needs replacement. Mr. Keller stated it requires a special lithium C-size battery. Mr. Keller will order the replacement battery and work with Mr. Fernandez on how to replace the battery.

B. Mr. Keller noted there is no change to the District's allocation at this time. Mr. Keller noted a small allocation change may occur in September, but does not believe it will have an impact on the District.

9. Continuing Business to consider and take action

A. North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Mr. Kienow stated the June meetings were cancelled.

No discussion or action taken. This item will be added to the next Board meeting agenda.

B. Ad hoc Committee – City of Clovis

Mr. Keller stated Dennis Keller requested an ad hoc committee meeting for either July 7th or 11th. Mr. Jensen will coordinate with Lauren Layne to schedule and confirm the meeting date and time.

No action taken.

10. Public Hearing

A. Mr. Ricchiuti opened the public hearing at 1:03 p.m.

Mr. Woodworth presented the assessment rate(s) and noted no changes from the prior year. No members of the public were present and no public comments were made.

B. Mr. Ricchiuti closed the hearing at 1:04 p.m.

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11. New Business

A. Fresno County 2026-2027 Anticipated Revenue and Expenditures Form

Mr. Woodworth presented the Direct Charges Form A – Intent and reviewed the reporting tax codes. Mr. Keller requested a correction to the District's phone number.

It was moved by Karl Kienow and seconded by Palmer Lien to approve the submission of Form A – Intent to the Fresno County Tax Collector's office. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Director Johnson was absent.

B. 2027-2028 Annual Fiscal Year Budget

Mr. Woodworth presented the District's 2027-2028 draft budget. Mr. Woodworth discussed the updates and assumptions factored in the budget. Mr. Woodworth noted his proposed increases to the engineering and legal fees, repair costs, and state fees.

It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the 2027-2028 Annual Budget. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Director Johnson was absent.

C. Assessment Rate for Fiscal Year 2027-2028

Mr. Woodworth presented the proposed water user property assessment rate of $103.03 per acre for the 2027-2028 fiscal year pursuant to the pricing schedule set as part of the District's Proposition 218 budget.

Mr. Woodworth presented the standard property assessment rate of $27.50 per acre for the 2027-2028 fiscal year.

It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Karl Kienow to set the water user property assessment to the maximum rate allowed of $103.03 per acre under the Proposition 218 budget and to set the standard property assessment to $27.50. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Director Johnson was absent.

D. Water Rate for Fiscal Year 2027-2028

Mr. Woodworth presented the proposed water rate of $200 for fiscal year 2027-2028. The rate was used to establish the approved fiscal budget.

It was moved by Bill Smittcamp and seconded by Karl Kienow to set the water rate at $200.00 per AF. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Woodworth reviewed the assessment rate schedule (Exhibit A) with the Board. Director Johnson was absent.

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E. 2026-2027 Annual Assessment – Fresno County Special Assessments Special Tax Packet Board Resolution – Authorizing The Levy of the Special Assessments For Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Requesting Fresno County Collect Such Specials Assessments

Mr. Woodworth presented the resolution authorizing the Fresno County Tax Collector to collect the District's annual assessments. Mr. Woodworth reviewed the assessment rate schedule (Exhibit A) with the Board.

It was moved by Bill Smittcamp and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the resolution authorizing the Fresno County Tax Collector to collect the District's annual assessments, and to authorize Mr. Ricchiuti and Mr. Woodworth to sign and submit the resolution. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Director Mr. Johnson was absent.

F. Conflict-of-Interest Code (COI) Policy

Mr. Woodworth presented the District's current COI policy with proposed changes by Lauren Layne to the policy. Mr. Woodworth requested a motion to approve the COI policy confirmation form submission and submit the revised COI Policy to the Fresno County Clerk's office.

It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Bill Smittcamp to submit the COI policy confirmation to the Fresno County Clerk's office with Ms. Layne's revised COI Policy changes. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion to submit the revised COI Policy. Directors Johnson was absent.

12. Closed Session

    A. The Board went into closed session at 1:22 p.m. to discuss anticipated litigation with legal counsel.

    The Board came out of closed session at 1:27 p.m. with no reportable action.

13. Next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2026 and it will be held at P-R Farms, 2917 Shepherd Avenue, Clovis, California at 12:30 p.m.

14. The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.