

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GARFIELD WATER DISTRICT
April 21, 2026**

1. President Pat Ricchiuti called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. In attendance were Directors Karl Kienow and Palmer Lien. Director Bill Smittcamp and Mark Johnson were absent. Attorney Lauren Layne, 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 March 23, 2026 meeting. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Directors Smittcamp and Johnson were absent.

3. Business and Presentations from the Floor

None.

4. Additions to the Agenda

None.

It was moved by Karl Kienow and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the agenda. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Directors Smittcamp and Johnson were absent.

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

None. No discussion will occur.

6. Correspondence

A. California Rural Water Association (CRWA) - Apprenticeship Training Calendar – Mr. Woodworth presented the calendar flyer.

B. Paradigm - Local Excavator Training – Mr. Woodworth presented the training flyer.

C. California Special District Association (CSDA) Management Leadership Summit - Mr. Woodworth presented the flyer to the Board.

D. Bank of America – Line of Credit Offer - Mr. Woodworth presented the offer to the Board.

E. City of Fresno – 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan Notice – Mr. Woodworth presented the notice.

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F. Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) Letter/Email – Mr. Ricchiuti discussed the email notice he received from FMFCD regarding its ponding basin easement. Mr. Keller stated he replied to FMFCD and did not agree with the proposed fence placement over the District’s easement. Ms. Layne will respond via letter to FMFCD regarding the District’s easement and the proposed fence alignment.

7. 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 reviewed the assessment accounts receivable. Mr. Woodworth will speak with the County’s accounting representative regarding the payment allocation for FMFCD. Mr. Woodworth noted the payment allocation was applied to only one of FMFCD APNs versus all three APNs.

Mr. Woodworth notified the Board that the District still has not received the August or October 2025 water usage invoices from the BOR. Mr. Woodworth will make another request from the BOR accounting staff to obtain the missing invoices.

Mr. Woodworth informed the Board that he received confirmation from the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District’s (KDWCD) accounting clerk that the payment was approved and mailed.

Mr. Woodworth reviewed the interest earned on the US Bank and Valley Strong Credit Union money market accounts.

Mr. Woodworth and President Ricchiuti will close out the B of A savings account on April 24, 2026.

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

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8. Bills to Pay

Mr. Woodworth provided the Board with the monthly bill payment report for approval. Mr. Woodworth also requested approval for an additional Friant Water Authority (FWA) invoice that arrived after the packet release.

It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the bill payments including the additional FWA invoice. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Directors Smittcamp and Johnson were absent.

9. Water Master Report

A. Mr. Keller reported 116 AF of usage for March 2026. Friant Water Authority (FWA) also reported 116 AF of usage. Mr. Keller also reviewed the 2025-2026 year-end water usage report. Mr. Keller noted water losses were reported to the ponding basin.

B. Mr. Keller stated the Bureau of Reclamation continues to maintain a 100% allocation. He believes it will hold based on forecasted storms through April and May.

Mr. Keller noted that FWA is shutting down the canal in November for regular maintenance.

10. Continuing Business to consider and take action

A. North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Mr. Kienow noted the board meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2026 with a standard agenda. The board will approve the financials at the meeting.

Mr. Keller was unable to attend the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Keller attended the Technical Committee. The Committee discussed penalties for water replacement. The discussion focused on how to calculate the penalties and enforcement. Mr. Keller recommends that the GSA enforce the program versus the individual agencies.

B. Ad hoc Committee – City of Clovis

Mr. Keller stated Dennis Keller would like another meeting with the committee members. Ms. Layne will schedule the meeting. No action taken.

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C. Kuldip and Kajori Thusu Annexation Application – Mr. Woodworth notified the board that a LAFCO representative contacted him on the status of the annexation application after an inquiry made by Mr. Thusu to LAFCO.

Mr. Keller noted the BOR has not responded to his letter requesting clarification on what types of usage are allowed under the District’s 9D contract. Mr. Keller will update the board once a response is received. No action taken. This item will be removed from the agenda.

11. New Business

None.

12. Public Hearing

None.

13. Closed Session

A. The Board went into closed session at 1:18 p.m. to discuss anticipated litigation with legal counsel.

The Board came out of closed session at 1:24 p.m. with no reportable action.

14. Next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2026 and it will be held at P-R Farms, 2917 Shepherd Avenue, Clovis, California at 12:30 p.m.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.