

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GARFIELD WATER DISTRICT
August 18, 2026**

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

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Bill Smittcamp and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026 meeting. The Directors unanimously approved the motion, with Director Johnson abstaining.

3. Business and Presentations from the Floor

Mr. Keller notified the Board that the Friant Water Authority is treating the canal with copper sulfate, which may affect nursery stock. Mr. Woodworth will continue to forward the FWA treatment notices to the board and watermaster upon receipt.

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

None.

5. Correspondence

A. California Special District Association (CSDA) Apprenticeship Notice and Membership Directory - Mr. Woodworth presented the notice and directory to the Board.

B. Pipeline Association For Public Awareness 811 Pipeline Safety Flyer – Mr. Woodworth presented the safety flyer to the Board.

C. Family Water Alliance Donation Notification Letter – Mr. Woodworth presented the donation correspondence letter.

D. County of Fresno Tax Collector – Annual Audit Requirement Notice – Mr. Woodworth notified the Board that he contacted the County and informed them the District is on a bi-annual audit cycle. Mr. Woodworth provided the current audit report to the County.

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.

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Mr. Woodworth noted the profit and loss statement includes the July 2026 water sales/usage. Mr. Woodworth noted the year-to-date financials now include May, June, and July 2026 water usage.

Mr. Woodworth reviewed the assessment accounts receivable. Mr. Woodworth notified the Board the District received the County's payment detail report for the fifth property assessment payment. Mr. Woodworth posted the payments as allocated by the County.

Mr. Woodworth also informed the Board the fifth payment received from the County included penalty and interest payments on past due assessment. Mr. Woodworth will contact the County on any past due assessments.

Mr. Woodworth discussed the District's water accounts receivables. Mr. Woodworth noted he provided Mr. Keller with the current Tri-Valley Water District (TVWD) invoices.

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 requested assistance from Mr. Keller on obtaining the billing information for the BOR FKC construction balance due by 2030, so that the District can issue an early payment in full. Mr. Keller noted the balance is approximately \$30,000.

Mr. Woodworth advised the Board that he opened the new Bank of America Flexible CD. Mr. Ricchiuti and Mr. Woodworth established the new account with an initial deposit of \$150,000 transferred from the B of A checking account.

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

It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Bill Smittcamp to accept the monthly financial reports. The Directors unanimously approved the motion.

7. Bills to Pay

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

Director Kienow requested an update on the engineering and watermaster billings.

Mr. Keller stated Nicholas Keller is finalizing the invoices and will submit them to Mr. Woodworth.

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

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8. Water Master Report

A. Mr. Keller reported 305.88 acre-foot (AF) of usage for July 2026. Friant Water Authority (FWA) reported 305 AF of usage for July 2026.

Mr. Keller noted the District's total recharge is at 133 AF. The District's target is 100 AF per water-year. Mr. Keller stated the excess recharge gets credited against next year's recharge requirement.

B. Mr. Keller noted there is no change to the District's allocation at this time. Mr. Keller noted the BOR has not made a decision on carry-over for next year. Mr. Keller recommends parking the carry-over in the event it is approved.

Mr. Keller reviewed the District's 2026-2027 water schedule with the Board and discussed the remaining water allocation balance. Mr. Keller noted the District could sell a portion of its current water allocation based on the remaining scheduled usage. Mr. Keller stated he could market up to 750 AF for \$200-\$325 per AF. After further discussion, the Board authorized Mr. Keller to sell up to 750 AF of the District's current allocation for a minimum price of \$200 per AF.

Mr. Keller stated the canal is still scheduled for shutdown on November 7th, 2026. The canal could re-open early if there is significant rainfall. The target opening date is February 1, 2027.

Additionally, the meter is out at Copper and Auberry and the new one is ordered. Everything is also ready to go out to bid for the pipeline replacement when the FKC shutdown occurs.

9. Continuing Business to consider and take action

A. North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Mr. Kienow attended the July meeting. The Board re-approved Board members Jerry Prieto, Jr. and Brian Pacheco. The Board also approved the monthly financials.

Mr. Keller noted Nick Keller attended the Advisory Technical Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee worked on policy items. He will provide an update at the next Board meeting.

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

B. 2026-2027 Annual Assessment – Fresno County Special Assessments Special Tax Packet

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Mr. Woodworth submitted the final packet to the County's Tax Collector's office. Mr. Woodworth received confirmation of receipt. Mr. Woodworth has not received any changes or rejections to the assessment roll.

No action taken.

C. Board of Directors Election Procedures and Timeline

Mr. Woodworth published the public notice in the Fresno Bee. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kienow, and Mr. Lien were the only applications received. Mr. Woodworth will notify the County of the applications received.

No action taken.

10. New Business

A. None.

11. Public Hearing

A. None.

12. Closed Session

A. None.

13. Next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 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 1:39 p.m.