

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GARFIELD WATER DISTRICT  
September 16, 2025**

1. President Pat Ricchiuti called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.m. In attendance were Directors Karl Kienow, Bill Smittcamp, and Palmer Lien. Attorney Lauren Layne and Secretary Paul Woodworth were also present. Director Mark Johnson and Engineer/Watermaster Nicholas Keller were absent.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion with Director Smittcamp abstaining. Directors Johnson was absent.

3. Business and Presentations from the Floor

None.

4. Additions to the Agenda

None.

It was moved by Karl Kienow and seconded by Palmer Lien to approve the agenda. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion with Director Smittcamp abstaining. Directors Johnson was absent.

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

Pat Ricchiuti and Bill Smittcamp identified a potential conflict of interest on agenda Item 11 (a), but there will be no discussion on that item today.

6. Correspondence

A. Family Water Alliance – Mr. Woodworth presented the dinner invitation notice to the Board.

B. Gill Ranch Storage Pipeline Safety Resources - Mr. Woodworth presented the resource flyer notice. Mr. Woodworth noted the District is not within the Gill Ranch Storage area and not applicable to the District.

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.

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Mr. Woodworth noted the year-to-date profit and loss figures were updated to include the July and August 2025 water sales/usage. Mr. Woodworth issued the August 2025 water invoices and statements to the users.

Mr. Woodworth noted the US Bank interest earned on the prior month's transfer amount of \$140,000.

Mr. Woodworth informed the Board that the District received its September check release. Mr. Woodworth will request the payment details from the County's accounting representative.

Director Lien inquired on the payment status for Tri-Valley Water District (TVWD) and Hills Valley Irrigation District (HVID). Mr. Woodworth noted that payments were not received at the time of the meeting and there was discussion on this matter. Mr. Woodworth will follow-up with Mr. Keller on the status of both payments.

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

8. Bills to Pay

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

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

9. Water Master Report

A. Mr. Woodworth reported 266.264 AF of usage for August 2025. Friant Water Authority (FWA) did not report August or YTD usage to the District.

Director Kienow reported a leak on Copper Avenue between Peach and Willow Avenues. There was a temporary repair to the pipeline, but it will need a permanent fix. The Board inquired if the line could be abandoned by the District. Ms. Layne and Mr. Keller will look into it. Otherwise, the Board requested Mr. Keller draft a plan to replace and repair the next section of Copper Avenue pipeline to address the leak. Mr. Woodworth will add the Copper Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project - Phase 3 to next month's Board Agenda.

Director(s) Kienow and Smittcamp discussed Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) placement of soil scalings on its parcels located in the District. Mr. Layne noted it is likely recharge scrapings from FMFCD's ponding basins outside the District. Director Kienow will reach out to FMFCD to discuss the matter.

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B. Mr. Woodworth informed the Board that PR Farms rescinded its supplemental water order due to the cooler weather. Mr. Woodworth indicated only two water users have now ordered the supplemental water for less than 6 AF. Mr. Woodworth stated that based on the prior month's allocation schedule, the District may have 100 to 300 AF available for sale based on current usage rates.

Mr. Woodworth suggested allowing Mr. Keller to sell up to 300 AF of the District's unscheduled Class 1 allocation. Mr. Woodworth requested a motion to authorize Mr. Keller to sell any unscheduled water exceeding its carry-over allocation and projected use.

It was moved by Bill Smittcamp and seconded by Palmer Lien to authorize Mr. Keller to sell up to 300 AF of unscheduled Class 1 allocation, at Mr. Keller's discretion as the District's Engineer. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Directors Johnson was absent.

10. Continuing Business to consider and take action

A. North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Mr. Kienow stated the Board did not meet. Mr. Kienow stated the October board meeting is scheduled.

Mr. Kienow also noted that over 800 wells were registered on the GSA's well registration portal.

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

B. Kuldip and Kajori Thusu Annexation Application

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

C. Bureau of Reclamation Annual Usage and Billing Reconciliation

Mr. Woodworth and Mr. Keller discussed the reconciliation. Mr. Keller added the additional water sales invoice for Kaweah Delta Irrigation District (KWID) from the prior year. Mr. Woodworth provided Mr. Keller with the KWID invoice. Mr. Keller is completing the final TVWD billing allocation.

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

D. 2025-20 Annual Assessment – Fresno County Special Assessments Special Tax Packet Submission

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Mr. Woodworth received three APN rejections from the County. All three rejections were due to property sales resulting in changes to the APNs. Mr. Woodworth researched the changes with the County's property appraisers and submitted the corrections. No action taken. This item will be added to the next Board meeting agenda.

11. New Business

E. Ad hoc Committee – City of Clovis

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

12. Public Hearing

A. None.

13. Closed Session

A. None.

14. Next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2025 and it will be held at P-R Farms, 2917 Shepherd Avenue, Clovis, California at 12:30 p.m.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.