

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GARFIELD WATER DISTRICT
May 19, 2026**

1. President Pat Ricchiuti called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. In attendance were Directors Karl Kienow and Palmer Lien. Director Bill Smittcamp, Director Mark Johnson, and Engineer/Watermaster Nick Keller were absent. Attorney Doug Jensen and Secretary Paul Woodworth were also present.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Karl Kienow and seconded by Palmer Lien to approve the minutes of the April 21, 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 Palmer Lien 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 on any item involving a possible conflict of interest.

6. Correspondence

A. California Special District Association (CSDA) Fiscal & Financial Training Workshop - Mr. Woodworth presented the flyer to the Board.

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 noted the profit and loss does not include the April 2026 water sales/usage due to a delay in the meter reading submission. Mr. Woodworth will include the April 2026 water usage in the June 2026 financials and update the year-to-date figures.

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Mr. Woodworth reviewed the assessment accounts receivable. Mr. Woodworth was unable to follow up with the County's accounting representative regarding the payment allocation for FMFCD. Mr. Woodworth will contact the representative to discuss the FMFCD allocation.

Mr. Woodworth notified the Board that the District has not received the August or October 2025 water usage invoices from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to date. Mr. Woodworth will make another request to the BOR accounting staff to obtain the missing invoices. Mr. Woodworth will prepare a US BOR Recap billing sheet and record the liability for August and October 2025.

Mr. Woodworth informed the Board that the District received the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District's (KDWCD) payment.

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 Karl Kienow to accept the monthly financial reports. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Director Smittcamp and Johnson were absent.

8. 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. Directors Smittcamp and Johnson were absent.

9. Water Master Report

A. Mr. Woodworth reported 199 AF of usage for April 2026. Friant Water Authority (FWA) reported 168 AF of usage. Mr. Woodworth will follow up with Mr. Keller on the difference.

Mr. Kienow and Mr. Lien inquired if there was an update on the pipeline leak repair between the Smittcamp and Ricchiuti properties, and the easement coordination with FMFCD. Mr. Woodworth will contact Mr. Keller to obtain a status update on both projects.

B. No discussion occurred.

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10. Continuing Business to consider and take action

A. North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Mr. Kienow attended the April board meeting. The Board approved the agency's financials and reviewed its water conditions at the meeting.

B. Ad hoc Committee – City of Clovis

No discussion occurred. No action taken.

11. New Business

A. Board of Directors Election Procedures and Timeline

Mr. Woodworth presented the election procedures and timeline prepared by Mr. Jensen's office.

Mr. Woodworth informed the Board he contacted the County of Fresno's Clerk's office to confirm the District's board seats up for election and discussed the timeline.

Mr. Woodworth will post the election notices in the designated locations per the timeline.

Mr. Woodworth will submit the public notice to the Fresno Bee for publication per the timeline.

Mr. Woodworth will provide the election applications to the Board members.

Mr. Woodworth requested a motion to approve the election procedures and timeline as presented.

It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the District's election procedures and timeline as presented. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Directors Smittcamp and Johnson were absent.

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

Mr. Woodworth presented the District's current COI policy. There are no proposed changes at this time to the policy. Mr. Woodworth requested a motion to approve the COI form submission to the Fresno County Clerk's office.

It was moved by Karl Kienow and seconded by Palmer Lien to submit the COI policy confirmation to the Fresno County Clerk's office with no changes. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion. Directors Smittcamp and Johnson were absent.

12. Public Hearing

None.

13. Closed Session

A. The Board went into closed session at 1:45 p.m. to discuss anticipated litigation with legal counsel.

The Board came out of closed session at 2:03 p.m. with no reportable action.

14. Next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 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 2:05 p.m.