



June 4th, 2025

Western Hills Water District
Minutes of the Special Meeting of
The Board of Directors

1. Roll Call of Closed Session 5:30 p.m. adjourned at 6:51 p.m.
M. Kovich, M. Oliver, and J. Frederick. M. George Johnson, M. Davies virtually attended via Zoom. In Attendance by teleconference were District Counsel Lemmo and Special Counsel Neasham
2. Motion to approve published agenda
Unanimously approved by Board members in attendance
3. Public Comments on Closed Session Items/Motion to adjourn to Closed Session
No public comments. No attendees from Public.
4. Closed session ended
Closed session items 4 (A), (B), and (C) discussed and concluded
5. Reconvened Open Session 7:00 p.m.
Roll call was taken M. Kovich, M. Oliver, J. Frederick, M. George Johnson, Mary Davies attended virtually via Zoom. Approximately 85 in person attendees. Approximately 80 virtual attendees.
6. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session
The Board voted unanimously to retain Attorney Colin Pearce of the Law Firm Duane Morris LLP to represent the District for legal matters relating to Kern County Water Agency.
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items
There were no public comments

8. Agenda Items

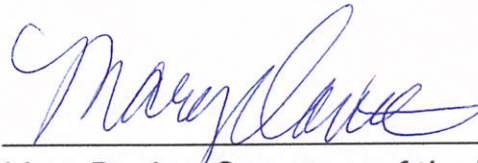
Question and Answer session conducted. Public comments as noted.

- **Debbie Antiqua:** Asked the County OES what constitutes an emergency. County Director of Emergency Services Erik Klevmyr answered under the Emergency Services Act. Director of Environmental Resources Robert Kostlivy answered the Red Tag process has already been communicated in writing to the people of Diablo Grande.
- **Susan Savage:** Commented that the rate increase needs to be approved. Recommends WHWD file Chapter 9 bankruptcy. File with DWR for WHWD be a State Water Contractor. Asked for Letters of Intent from potential developers. Create a subcommittee to oversee WHWD operations and finances.
- **Christina Jones:** Questioned at what point does WHWD file for bankruptcy?
- **Lydia Stewart:** Expressed concerned about having Kern shutting off water.
- **Jamie Lister:** Question why we cannot use the Marshall Davis well. Kovich explained it is prohibited due to past Court rulings and County sanctions.
- **Kenny Buehner:** Requested WHWD conduct test wells at Lift Station #1.
- **Eric Antiqua:** Confirmed that the residents and the current WHWD did not cause the problem encountered. Erik Klevmyr answered questions from Mr. Antiqua elaborating and explaining the County's role relating to what constitutes an actual emergency. County Counsel Tom Boze explained the difference between a Special District and the County.
- **Sonya Paz:** Asked the County officials what constitutes an emergency?
- **Mike Crumb:** Can we extend the Mello Roos bond to raise funds to pay Kern? Kovich said that was a legal question that would need to be explored.
- **Keith Jones:** Expressed concerns raising rates would not solve Kern's threat of suspending water.
- **Fonda Jean:** Will the tax collector give residents relief on not paying property taxes to enable residents' ability to pay a higher water bill? Tax Collector Donna Riley said the home would have to have zero value.
- **Sarah Hernandez:** Expressed what is happening to the people of DG is unethical and DG is also a high fire risk hazard.

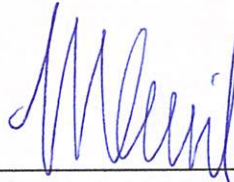
- Walker J: Questioned the administrative and variable costs from Kern.
- Doug Moore: Commented if the rate increase prevails he is confident that water will remain on.
- Dan Jenkins: Is Kern aware of the WHWD lawsuits against World/Angels?
- Martin Chavez: Questioned can a court issuing an injunction against Kern?

At 9:07 p.m. Director M. Kovich motioned to adjourn the public meeting. M. George Johnson 2nd, Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:



Mary Davies, Secretary of the Board



Mark Kovich, Board President