



June 28th, 2025

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

1. Roll Call of Closed Session 10:30 a.m. adjourned at 11:47 a.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, Special Counsel Neasham, and Special Counsel Pearce.
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 12:00 p.m.  
Roll call was taken M. Kovich, M. Oliver, J. Frederick, M. George Johnson, Mary Davies attended virtually via Zoom. Approximately 95 in person attendees. Approximately 85 virtual attendees.
6. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session  
The Board voted unanimously to allow Director Kovich to read into the record that the Clubhouse pool had been breached by juveniles and asked the public to keep their minor children off Clubhouse property.
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items  
Several members of the public expressed concerned if the rate increase passes, they are asking how the funds are going to be spent to pay Kern County Water Agency. Some members expressed forming oversight

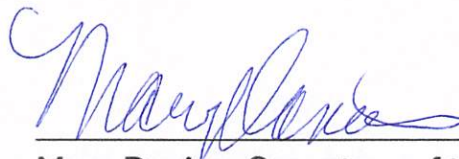
committees to address financial oversight of the District's revenues and expenses.

#### 8. Agenda Items

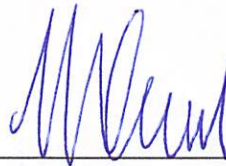
- A. Director Oliver updated the efforts regarding the Patterson Irrigation District.
- B. Motion to submit County permits for test well drilling at WHWD Lift Station #1 and Lift Station #2. Motioned by M. Oliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Frederick, unanimously approved.
- C. Motion to approve up to \$5,000 of CFD funds for water testing at the Maring family well. Motioned by J. Frederick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. George Johnson, unanimously approved.
- D. Resident/Homeowner Tim Connelly presented his independent study of future water rates.
- E. Hearing and counting of Prop 218 letters regarding water rate study. Resolution 2025-05 to approve the proposed water rate increase effective July 1, 2025. Director Kovich disclosed that 14 protest letters were received, 2 of which are invalid, and the Resolution was read into the record. Motioned by M. George Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Oliver, unanimously approved.

At 2:19 p.m. Director M. Kovich motioned to adjourn the public meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Oliver, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:



Mary Davies, Secretary of the Board



Mark Kovich, Board President