



March 12th, 2026

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

1. Roll Call of Closed Session 5:00 p.m. adjourned at 6:26 p.m.
M. Kovich, M. Oliver, M. George Johnson, J. Frederick, and M. Davies. In Attendance by virtual Zoom was District Counsel Lemmo, Special Counsel Pearce, Special Counsel Neasham, Special Counsel Buchman.
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, M. George Johnson, J. Frederick, and M. Davies in attendance. District Counsel Lemmo in attendance virtual Zoom. Approximately 30 in person attendees. Approximately 25 virtual attendees. This included items 6. and 7. from Agenda.
8. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session
None
9. Consent Calendar
 - A. Minutes of Regular meeting on February 12th: Motioned by M. Kovich, 2nd by M. Oliver, Unanimously approved.
10. Public Comment on Agenda Items
None prior to moving into Agenda items
11. **Agenda Items – Community Facilities District No. 1:**
 - A. M. Kovich gave presentation on Ferrellgas and the propane savings to the Community
 - B. M. Oliver gave presentation of Squirrel abatement that that the current method using the eradication devices were not showing results. Further study needs to be done.

C. Consider and action on the Diablo Grande Action Committee access to the Clubhouse to conduct non-profit Community events and approve conditional use permit: Motioned by M. Kovich, 2nd by M. Johnson, Unanimously approved.

D. Consider and action on Community Yard Sale Use on Lower Clubhouse Parking Lot April 18: Motioned by M. Kovich, 2nd by M. Oliver, Aye by M. Davies, Aye by M. Johnson, No by J. Frederick.

E. Consider and action on Renting of Clubhouse Tables and Chairs for Community Yard Sale: Motioned by M. Johnson, 2nd by M. Kovich, Aye by M. Davies, No by M. Oliver and J. Frederick.

10. Agenda Items – Western Hills Water District

F. Presentation and update by M. Kovich on Kern County Water Agency

G. Consider and action on water rate study proposal from Kier+Wright \$21,500: Motioned by M. Johnson, 2nd by M. Oliver, Unanimously approved.

H. Presentation by M. Kovich on Delinquent WHWD accounts

I. Consider and action on Resolution 2026-01 to lower Commercial Water Rate: Motioned by M. Johnson, 2nd by M. Kovich, Unanimously approved.

J. Consider and action on Resolution 2026-02 adopting restated WHWD Bylaws and rescind creation of the Bylaws committee, and dissolving the Committee: Motioned by M. Johnson, 2nd by M. Oliver, Unanimously approved.

K. Consider and action on Resolution 2026-03 adopting re-connection and new account policy requiring property owners to co-sign financial responsibility of their tenants: Motioned by M. Johnson, 2nd by J. Frederick, Unanimously approved.

L. Consider and action on Resolution 2026-04 adopting revised shut off policy for delinquent accounts pursuant to CA SB998: Motioned by M. Johnson, 2nd by M. Kovich, Unanimously approved.

M. Consider and action on Resolution 2026-05 adopting revised amortization policy pursuant to CA SB998: Motioned by M. Kovich, 2nd by M. Johnson, Unanimously approved.

N. Consider and action on proposals from J4 Systems for WHWD cybersecurity \$4,954: Motioned by M. Johnson, 2nd by M. Kovich, Aye by M. Oliver, Aye by M. Davies, No by J. Frederick.

O. Consider and action on proposals from Creative Security for motion and video security systems of WHWD lift stations and treatment facility \$35,725 + \$1,500 monthly or American Fork UT \$86,190 with annual recurring fee of \$173,550: Motioned to table by M. Johnson, 2nd by M. Davies, Unanimous to table.

P. Consider and action on proposal from EWS Industrial Services for filter treatment \$388,110: Motion to table by M. Kovich, 2nd by M. Oliver, Unanimous to table.

Q. Consider and action on proposal from Cal Con Systems for water treatment facility calibrations \$13,250: Motioned by M. Kovich, 2nd by M. Oliver, Unanimously approved.

R. Consider and action on proposal from Cal Con Systems for annual electrical maintenance of Lift Stations \$19,500: Motioned by M. Johnson, 2nd by M. Kovich, Unanimously approved.

S. Consider and action on proposal from Holt of California backup generator maintenance \$43,076: Motioned by M. Johnson, 2nd by M. Oliver, Unanimously approved.

T. Consider and action on proposal from The Electric Company for expanded exterior lighting of Lift Stations \$28,048: Motion to table by M. Kovich, 2nd by M. Johnson to table. Unanimous to table.


U. Consider and action on proposal from EWS Industrial Services to replace all air actuated valves on filters up to \$100,000: \$63,400 actual estimate. Motioned by M. Oliver, 2nd by M. Kovich, Unanimously approved.

V. Consider and action on proposal from Silveria Construction for repair of WHWD office roof \$2892.16: Motioned by M. Johnson, 2nd by J. Frederick, Unanimously approved.

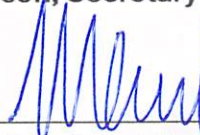
11: Homeowner/Resident Ron Kelly commented he would like to see before and after photos of the filter maintenance.

At 9:00 pm M. George Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by J. Frederick, Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Lawson, Secretary of the Board



Mark Kovich, Board President