Western Hills Water District

August 13, 2026

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

1. Roll Call of Closed Session at 5:30 p.m.
   In person attendance by Kovich, Davies, Frederick, Oliver, and Johnson. District Counsel Lemmo, Special Counsel Neasham, Special Counsel Buchman in attendance.

2. Motion to approve published agenda
   Unanimously approved

3. Public Comments on Closed Session Item
   No public attendees prior to start of closed session

4. 5:30 p.m. Closed Executive Session

   The Board Discussed and Concluded Items A, B, and C.

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5. 7:00 p.m. Reconvene Open Session

6. Roll Call
   Kovich, Oliver, Davies, Johnson, and Frederick in attendance

7. Pledge of Alliance to the Flag

8. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session
   None

9. Consent Calendar

   A. Consider and action to approve the following Board Meeting Minutes:

   July 18th Special Meeting: Kovich motioned to table, Oliver 2nd, Unanimously approved to table

   July 24th Special Meeting: Kovich motioned to approve, Frederick 2nd, Unanimously approved

10. Public Comments on Agenda items
    None

11. Agenda Items – Western Hills Water District

    A. Director Kovich presented history and explanation of the new Western Hills Water contract with Kern County Water Agency.

B. Director Kovich presented update status of the Western Hills Water District operating finances.

C. Consider and action to transfer $409,625.00 Debt from Resolutions 2021-03, 2021-04, 2021-05, 2021-06, 2021-14 to WHWD reserve account per Resolution 2025-11: Motioned by Kovich, 2nd by Oliver, Unanimously approved.

A. Consider and action to approve $12,290 for SKM Engineering for installation of wireless system with and monthly service cost of $314 for repair and upgrade to SCADA communication system. (Cost savings of apx $10,000 per year from Frontier Communications): Motioned by Johnson, 2nd by Frederick, Unanimously approved.

B. Consider and action to approve and add to FY2027 budget $35,000 for deaf interpreting service required per California law: Motioned by Johnson, 2nd by Oliver, Aye by Kovich, Aye by Davies, No by Frederick.

C. Consider and action of Resolution 2026-08 honoring Anthea Hansen: Motioned by Kovich, 2nd by Oliver, Unanimously approved.

D. Resident Susan Savage to present a recommendation on daily social media posts for WHWD: The Board voted to start a trial on its Facebook page to explore the productivity and usefulness. Motioned by Kovich, 2nd by Johnson, Unanimously approved.

12. Agenda Items – Diablo Grande Community Services District #1

A. Consider and action to approve WHWD Board President to complete and submit the CFD's ballots for the HOA election: Motioned by Oliver, 2nd by Kovich, Unanimously approved.

B. Consider and action on selection of proposals for Diablo Grande squirrel mitigation:

3 Bids were submitted - The Board reviewed all 3 and selected Orkin for its price and flexibility
The 3 submitted were Bay Area Wildlife, Terminix, and Orkin
The Board reviewed all 3 and selected Orkin for its price and flexibility: Motioned by Johnson, 2nd by Kovich, Unanimously approved.

C. Consider and action to pay $948,000 Bondholder Interest payment due September 1, 2026: Motioned by Oliver as No, 2nd by Kovich as No, Unanimous votes were all No.

D. Diablo Grande Development Coordinator Gina Scotland update on development activities: Gina Scotland did not show due to illness.

11. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
None

12. Motion to adjourn public meeting at 8:09
Motioned by Johnson, 2nd by Kovich, Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Lawson, Board Secretary

Mark Kovich, Board President