

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SEMITROPIC WATER
STORAGE DISTRICT AND ITS GSA AND SEMITROPIC,
BUTTONWILLOW, POND-POSO, AND WILDLIFE
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

Convened at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Waterhouse on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 12:30 p.m., at the Semitropic Water Storage District (District) office located at 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California.

Directors Present: Dan Waterhouse, Philip Portwood, Jeff Fabbri, Chad W. Carroll, Todd Tracy, David Daniel, and Tim Thomson

Directors Absent: Todd Tracy

Other Participants: General Manager, Jason Gianquinto
District Superintendent, John Lynch
District Engineer, Isela Medina
District Controller, Bobby Salinas
District Contract Administrator, Becky Ortiz
Receptionist, Yesenia Ramirez
District Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani
Special Projects Manager, Larry Rodriguez
Justin Murray (AG Thought Consulting)
Sam Schaefer (GEI Consultants)
Christian T. (Water One Ag)
Erina Szeto (Valley Water)
Jeff Mathiowetz (WM Lyles)
Rayme Mackinson (Poso Creek Family Dairy)
Sebastian Silveria (Gladstone Land)
John Gaugel (Wonderful Orchards)
Floyd Wicks (Aqua Via North America)
Steve Pistoressi (Mid-Valley)
Ralph Pistoressi (Mid-Valley)
Kole Quezada (Congressman Valadeo CA-22)
Bernard Puget (Wonderful Orchards)
Terry Nugent (Oro Vista Farms)

President Waterhouse opened the meeting and welcomed all guests. Attendance was taken and recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ralph Pistoresi provided an overview of a draft Memorandum of Understanding regarding the potential utilization of his property for an expansion of the District's water banking operations.

Mr. Justin Murray about the status of the Landowner Recharge Agreement. District Legal Counsel noted the agreement is in process.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Agenda

No Action; no changes to the Agenda.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 10, 2026, and the SWSD GSA Board Meeting of June 10, 2026, were presented for approval.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Daniel and unanimously carried, the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of June 10, 2026, and the SWSD GSA Board Meeting of June 10, 2026, were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Reports

The Treasurer's reports for June 2026 were presented for review and approval.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Fabbri and unanimously carried, the Treasurer's Reports for June 2026 for the Semitropic Water Storage District and Semitropic Improvement District were approved for filing.

Financial Report

District Controller, Bobby Salinas, reviewed the Income Statements and the Financial Report for June 2026.

Accounts Payable

The Cash Disbursement List for July 11, 2026, was presented for review, approval, and payment.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Thomson and unanimously

carried, the Board authorized payment of the Accounts Payable as listed on the July 11, 2026, Disbursement List for Semitropic Water Storage District and Semitropic Improvement District. A copy of the Disbursement List listing the payments that were approved is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

Consider Cost Proposal for Constructing the Schuster Subsurface Recharge Project from LIDCO

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview of the Cost Proposal for Constructing the Schuster Subsurface Recharge Project from LIDCO and recommended approval. A copy was also included in the board packet.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Thomson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Cost Proposal for Constructing the Schuster Subsurface Recharge Project from LIDCO.

Consider Approval of Contract Change Order for Turbine Instrumentation Package and Turbine Chamber Modifications from Canyon Hydro

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview of the Contract Change Order for Turbine Instrumentation Package and Turbine Chamber Modifications from Canyon Hydro and recommended approval.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Fabbri and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Contract Change Order for Turbine Instrumentation Package and Turbine Chamber Modifications from Canyon Hydro.

Consider Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Participation Agreement to Form a Monitoring Committee [KFMC]

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto, provided an overview to Consider Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Participation Agreement to Form a Monitoring Committee [KFMC] and recommended approval.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Carroll and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Amendment No. 1 to Participation Agreement to Form a Monitoring Committee.

SEMITROPIC WSD GSA UPDATE

At 1:08 p.m., Board President, Dan Waterhouse, opened the meeting of the Semitropic Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SWSD GSA), and the Board proceeded to consider SWSD GSA agenda items.

SGMA Updates and Discussion

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto and Special Projects Manager, Larry Rodriguez,

provided an update regarding the District's SGMA related activities.

Potential Action Items

Consider Proposal for Aquifer Injection Feasibility Study for FKC Subsidence Mitigation (North Kern WSD)

Special Projects Manager, Larry Rodriguez provided a detailed overview of the cost proposal for Aquifer Injection Feasibility Study for FKC Subsidence Mitigation (North Kern WSD) and recommended Board approval.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Carroll and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Proposal for Aquifer Injection Feasibility Study for FKC Subsidence Mitigation (North Kern WSD).

The SWSD GSA meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m., at which time the Board resumed consideration of the remainder of the District's non-GSA items below.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

SWRU – Construction Update by W.M. Lyles

W.M. Lyle's Representative, Jeff Matthews, provided a summary of W.M. Lyle's monthly progress report, which was included in the Board Packet.

Consulting Engineer's Report

Sam Schaefer, GEI Consultants, provided an overview of the GEI Consulting Engineering's Report for May 2026, which was included in the Board Packet.

Balance Public Relations

Dean Florez of Balance Public Relations was not present. However, a report on BPR's activity was included in the Board Packet.

REDtrac

Greg Allen, of REDTrac, was not present. A report on REDTrac's activity was not included in the Board Packet.

INFORMATIONAL AND UP-DATE ITEMS

General Manager Jason Gianquinto, provided a summary of the General Administrative Activities discussed in the Staff Report.

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided a summary of the Engineering Activities discussed in the Staff Report.

District Superintendent, John Lynch, provided an overview of the Operations and Maintenance Report included in the Board Packet and noted that the copper theft at the water wells continue.

At 1:41 p.m., President Waterhouse, adjourned the Regular Board meeting and reported that there was a need for the Board to reconvene to closed session.

Closed Session

At 1:54 p.m., the meeting continued with Closed Session.

Participants included:

Directors Present: Dan Waterhouse, Jeff Fabbri, Chad Carroll, , David Daniel, Tim Thomson, and Philip Portwood

Directors Absent: Todd Tracy

Other Participants: General Manager, Jason Gianquinto
District Controller, Bobby Salinas
District Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani
District Engineer, Isela Medina
District Contract Administrator, Becky Ortiz

- a. **Conference with legal counsel Re: Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d))**
- 1) *Various applications filed for Kings River Water by Semitropic WSD, et al.; Petition for Change of Points of Diversion, etc. (License 11521) filed by Kings River Water Assn.; and related matters and proceedings, before the State Water Resources Control Bd.*
 - 2) *Sierra Club v. California Department of Water Resources (DWR), etc. Re: Consolidated CEQA Case and "Complaint for Validation" Re: Delta Program Revenue Bonds, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2020-80003517 (consolidated), Third Appellate Dist., Case No. C100552*
 - 3) *Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-100418*
 - 4) *Semitropic Water Storage Dist. v. The Dow Chemical Co., et al., Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No. BCV-21-102528*
 - 5) *Sierra Club, et al., v. DWR, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 24WM000008, and related cases, challenging DCP EIR*
 - 6) *DWR v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of Delta Conveyance Program Bonds, etc., Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 25CV000704*
- b. **Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Anticipated Litigation: Possible exposure to litigation pursuant Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2).**
- 1) *Two Items.*

c. Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Anticipated Litigation: Possible initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(4)

1) Two Items

d. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8)

District's Designated Representative:

General Manager

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

1) *Property: State Water Project Supplies*

a. Negotiation With: California Department of Water Resources, Kern County Water Agency and its Member Units, And State Water Contractors

2) *Property: Acquisition of Water Supplies*

a. Negotiation with: Multiple sellers

3) *Property: Various*

At 4:44 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session. The President stated that several items were discussed, but no reportable action was taken in closed session.

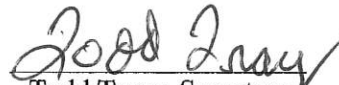
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

APPROVED:



Daniel Waterhouse, President


Todd Tracy, Secretary

Board Day Presentation
SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT July 08, 2026 BOARD MEETING

JUNE AFTER BOARD MEETING

SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Special Projects

1	Downey Brand- professional services Kings River Water Rights	\$ 17,324.10
2	GEI Consultants*	89,292.40
3	W.M. Lyles Co- SWRU Phase 2 System X	1,388.75
4	Remy Moose Manley, LLP- Tulare Lake Storage/Floodwater Project	450.00
Special Projects Subtotal		\$ 108,455.25

Operation Maintenance

5	AC Electric Company- SWSD MSA on call services	\$ 4,844.00
6	Acid Source, Inc- sulfuric acid for PH Adjustment Facility	10,130.15
7	AT&T- long distance charges	50.57
8	Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman- Audit services/2025 401k Plan	5,250.00
9	Chester Avenue Brake- turn handle signal for Unit #321	162.10
10	Collins, Ron- gardening (May)	600.00
11	Larry Cross Tire Repair- computer tire balance on Unit #217 & 15" tube on wobble wheel compactor	76.24
12	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.- office copier (July)	401.17
13	FedEx- late fee	3.64
14	Frontier Communications - data communication for substation	290.53
15	Gas Company- office utilities	30.90
16	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- replace shop PC and PC options for Joe's station	3,563.18
17	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- MSP Agrmnt, Patch Mgmt, Secure offsite data backup, adv.email security (July)	5,568.80
18	Greer's Banner Air of Bakersfield, Inc.- semi annual service and labor and material on lobby unit	1,780.00
19	Home Depot- May supplies for O&M	341.02
20	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products	13,414.92
21	Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency- 2nd 2026 Semiannual Assessment	25,012.50
22	Kern Water Bank Authority- 1st 2026 Semiannual Assessment	154,483.00
23	Kirk Key Interlock Company, LLC- 20 Kirk SD Keys	1,066.26
24	Knight's Pumping & Portable - portable toilet & services	559.63
25	Myers Diesel Repair- 2006 Peterbilt 370 Pumping Plant Rig	130.00
26	Normandy Machine Company, Inc- Hwy 46 Substation load tap changer contact kit	12,931.35
27	O'Reilly Auto Parts- May shop supplies	894.62
28	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines	834,025.57
29	Pitney Bowes- postage meter rental 04/01/2026 - 06/30/2026	122.89
30	A.C. Poettgen- monthly cylinder rental (May 2026)	126.00
31	Rodriguez, Larry- reimbursement for travel	5,972.89
32	SBS of Bakersfield, Inc.- office copier (copy charges for June)	869.93
33	Shafter Parts and Supply, Inc.- May shop supplies for O&M	1,682.17
34	ShareFile LLC- ShareFile Advanced for 8 users	1,468.80
35	South Tulare Richgrove Refuse Inc.- trash service for drilling yard	534.00
36	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel	842.88
37	Target Specialty Products- Cascade Aquatic Herbicide	44,761.38
38	Taylor Equipment & Repair, Inc. - part & labor to repair final drive on 140H motorgrader	11,280.50
39	T&L Battery LLC- batteries for Hwy 46 substation PG&E control equipment	205.68
40	unWired Broadband, LLC- internet	65.99
41	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager	568.79
42	Wasco Tire Service, LLC- Kubota tractor tire repair	325.00
43	Waterbender LLC - scale inhibitor	1,557.83
Operating Expense Subtotal		\$ 1,145,974.88

TOTAL BILLS FOR JUNE AFTER BOARD MEETING \$ 1,254,430.13

EXHIBIT A

****BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR July 08, 2026 BOARD MEETING**

2 GEI Consultants, Inc. - *

General engineering fees, GW Modelling & expenses	\$	33,296.43
Groundwater Monitoring Program		29,390.29
IRWMP Expense		363.71 R
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		6,738.43
Delta Pipeline Conv. Improv. Project		19,503.54 G
	\$	<u>89,292.40</u>

G Grant

R Reimbursed

	19,503.54
	<u>363.71</u>
\$	<u>19,867.25</u>

JULY 2026 BOARD MAILING**SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT****Operation Maintenance**

44	Acid Source, Inc- sulfuric acid	\$	11,181.12
45	Advanced Compliance- Annual vapor recovery testing		1,013.59
46	Alliance Ag Services, Inc.- Option Commission Avantus		180.00
47	AT&T- telephone services		1,757.73
48	Avadine- engineer/analyst - senior & monthly software products license maintenance/support agreement June		960.00
49	B&B Surplus, Inc.- material to fabricate cover for BR334GW discharge into standpipe		189.44
50	B&K Valves & Equipment- valve repair kits		2,016.90
51	BSK Analytical Laboratories- water testing for well sampling program		2,712.00
52	Budget Bolt, Inc.- North Pumping Plant Unit #7 starter repair		31.18
53	Central California Power- John Deere backhoe A/C hose		363.98
54	Chester Avenue Brake- crane truck stop light switch		12.80
55	CS Amsco- APCO valve repair parts		3,245.80
56	Ferguson-clamps to repair leak on 36"ball valve discharge pipe at Semitropic #3		865.49
57	Grainger- parts to reinstall copper wire to Units #1 & #2 at Delta Pumping Plant		305.65
58	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products		11,057.40
59	Land IQ- Monthly Evapotranspiration Evaluation (July)		12,021.31
60	McCormick, Kenny- safety boots		100.00
61	Office Depot- office supplies		3,620.42
62	Ortiz, Becky- 401k plan overpayment-reimbursement		59.21
63	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		5,281.47
64	Primo Brands- water for shop		677.78
65	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel		822.11
66	Sunbelt Solomon Services, LLC- repair & recondition 15kv substation voltage regulator		12,464.94
67	Tel-Tec Security Systems, Inc.- service labor & shop monitoring services (July)		220.00
68	T-Mobile - Internet access for communication with Solar Site		20.00
69	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager		731.58
70	Weasco- electrical supplies, North PP Unit #7, Beta PP Unit #4 & #5		9,839.98
Operating Expense Subtotal \$			<u>81,721.86</u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR JULY BOARD MAILING \$ 81,721.86

+ S.W.S.D - Payroll Accounts - transfer of funds from S.I.D. for June payroll \$ 680,368.04

JULY 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING**SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT****Special Projects**

71	W.M. Lyles Co- SWRU Phase 2 System X	\$	555.50
72	W.M. Lyles Co- TCP Treatment Project		41,641.38
73	Young Wooldridge*		55,983.21
Special Projects Subtotal \$			<u>98,180.09</u>

Operation Maintenance

74	American Refuse- quarterly fee for blue recycling can	\$	34.81
75	American Refuse- trash service for shop		340.36
76	American TireTec-used tire disposal		11.62
77	Balance Public Relations- lobbying services		13,500.00
78	Charter Communications (Spectrum)- Internet		433.51
79	Clerou Tire Company- trailer, motorgrader and CAT 430F2 backhoe tires		9,763.79
80	Coverall - office cleaning services for July		717.00
81	CS Amsco- APCO air/vacuum valve repair part		268.72
82	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- Server Project		19,109.19

SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**Operation Maintenance**

83	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products	1,399.85
84	Kern County Environmental Health - bus plan med high risk 1 unit and state service chg-oversite, Annual Bus plan fee	1,705.00
85	Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc.- cylinder rental	60.59
86	Liset Alanis- Web Design	2,062.50
87	Myers Diesel Repair- Annual Opacity Test for Units #202 and #325	260.00
88	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines	656.48
89	PTS Rentals Inc- generator rental 06/23/26-07/01/26	421.46
90	Richland Chevrolet- June shop supplies	3,563.50
91	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel	53.31
92	Stockdale Landscape & Concrete- Irrigation system update labor repairs by station	7,973.32
93	Torres, Eddie- safety boots	100.00
94	United Tracking Systems, LLC- Water Dashboard Subscription	8,241.00
95	Wasco Automotive & Smog- smog inspection on Unit #203	60.00
96	City of Wasco- water, sewer, and trash services for office (June)	947.01
97	Waterbender LLC - scale inhibitor	1,537.85
98	Wells Fargo Business Card-**	2,889.83
99	Wesco- North P.P. Unit #7 repair and carbon water treatment pilot project	520.93
100	Zultys, Inc.- monthly charges for phone system (July)	1,043.81
Operating Expense Subtotal \$		<u><u>77,655.44</u></u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR JULY 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$ 175,835.53

TOTAL BILLS FOR JUNE 2026 AFTER BOARD MEETING \$ 1,254,430.13
TOTAL BILLS FOR JULY 2026 BOARD MAILING \$ 81,721.86
TOTAL BILLS FOR JULY 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$ 175,835.53
TOTAL BILLS TO BE APPROVED AT BOARD MEETING \$ 1,511,987.52

+ (Additional disbursements or adjusted amounts.)

*(See page 5 for Special Project Funds)

** (See page 5 for breakdown)

****BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR July 08, 2026 BOARD MEETING**

98 Wells Fargo Business Cards**

Operating Supplies- Yesenia Ramirez	\$	1,050.79
Operating Supplies- John Lynch		208.54
Travel expenses - Isela Medina		675.28
Fuel & Operating Supplies- Jason Gianquinto		602.22
Operating Supplies- Ralph Sanchez		353.00
	\$	<u>2,889.83</u>

73 Young, Wooldridge, LLP - *

Legal fees & expenses	\$	30,844.60
High Speed Rail Project Phase 7		222.00 R
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		13,795.75
TCP Litigation		11,120.86
	\$	<u>55,983.21</u>

G Grant

R Reimbursed

\$	0.00
	<u>222.00</u>
\$	<u>222.00</u>

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT July 08, 2026 BOARD MEETING

WIRE TRANSACTIONS

1	Kern County Water Agency- water transfers and exchanges (due 07/25/26)	\$	15,100.00 R
2	Kern County Water Agency- CVC estimated operating costs (due 07/30/26)		4,575.00
3	Kern County Water Agency- water transfers and exchanges (due 08/15/26)		1,750.00 R
4	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority- 2026 Following Transfer Agreement 8,622 AF (due 07/08/26)		6,613,074.00
5	Sun Trust Bank - 2006 Swap Agreement (June) (due 06/29/26)		60,620.22
		\$	<u>6,695,119.22</u>