

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, November 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Waterhouse on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 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, David Daniel, Tim Thomson, Chad W. Carroll

Directors Absent: Todd Tracy

Other Participants: General Manager, Jason Gianquinto  
District Engineer, Isela Medina  
District Controller, Bobby Salinas  
District Superintendent, John Lynch  
Receptionist, Yesenia Ramirez  
District Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani  
Justin Murray (AG Thought Consulting)  
Rick Amigh (W.M Lyles)  
Dean Florez (BPR)  
Maddie Reyes (Illume Ag.)  
John Gaugel (Wonderful Orchards)  
Joshua Vogal (Water Wrights.net)  
Floyd Wicks (Agua Via)  
Matthew Scroggs (Westside Farm Management)  
Haydan Kuchta (Skyview Dairy)  
Scott Silva (Greystone Equities)  
John Patino (United Tracking Systems)  
Scott Steinbeck (Agri Tracking Systems)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Agenda**

No Action; no changes to the Agenda.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2025, and the GSA Meeting of October 8, 2025, were presented for approval.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Fabbri and unanimously carried, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2025 and the GSA Meeting of October 8, 2025, were approved as presented.

### **Treasurer's Reports**

The Treasurer's reports for September 2025 and October 2025 were presented for review and approval.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Carroll and unanimously carried, the Treasurer's Reports for September 2025 and October 2025 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 October 2025.

### **Accounts Payable**

The Cash Disbursement List for November 12, 2025, was presented for review, approval, and payment.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Daniel and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment of the Accounts Payable as listed on the November 12, 2025, 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 Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code Section 22050 (a)(1)) to Address Immediate Replacement of Discharge Manifold Pipe for the Pond Poso PP**

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview for the Continuation of Emergency Declaration to Address Immediate Replacement of Discharge Manifold Pipe for the Pond Poso PP and stated that the work will continue until the end of the year.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Thomson and unanimously carried, The Board approved the Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code Sect. 22050 (a)(1)) to Address Immediate Replacement of Discharge Manifold Pipe for the Pond Poso PP.

**Consider Continuation of Emergency Declaration Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050 to Address Immediate Structural Repair at Designated Pumping Plants: B21, Wegis and Charlie**

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview of the need for the continuation of the emergency Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050 to Address Immediate Structural Repair at Designated Pumping Plants: B21, Wegis and Charlie.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Daniel and unanimously carried, the Board approved to Continuation of the Emergency Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050 to Address Immediate Structural Repair at Designated Pumping Plants: B21, Wegis and Charlie.

**Consider Cost Proposal from Mainspring Energy for the Construction of a 4MW Linear Generator Facility at North Plant**

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview on the Cost Proposal from Mainspring Energy for the Construction of a 4MW Linear Generator Facility at North Plant.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Portwood and unanimously carried, the Board approved entering into agreements with Mainspring Energy for the Construction of a 4MW Linear Generator Facility at North Plant at the cost included in the cost proposal and authorized execution of the appropriate agreements by the General Manager subject to review and approval of the form of the agreements by District Legal Counsel and the Board President.

**Consider Cost Proposal from EMP to Provide Electrical Engineering Services to Support Construction of New 4MW Linear Generator**

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview on the Cost Proposal from EMP to Provide Electrical Engineering Services to Support Construction of New 4MW Linear Generator.

On motion by Director Fabbri, seconded by Director Thomson and unanimously carried, the Board approved to consider the Cost Proposal from EMP to Provide Electrical Engineering Services to Support Construction of New 4MW Linear Generator.

**1:00 PM Public Hearing – NOTICE OF FIXING SWP WATER CHARGE AND ADDITIONAL WATER USE CHARGE FOR 2026, AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS BW 25-06 AND PP 25-06 FIXING SWP WATER CHARGE AND ADDITIONAL WATER USE CHARGE FOR 2026**

President Waterhouse opened the public hearing at 1:02 p.m.

District's legal counsel, Steve Torigiani, stated that this was the time and place for the public hearing on fixing the SWP Water Charge and Additional Water Use Charge for Surface Water Service for 2026.

Mr. Steve Torigiani stated that at its October 29, 1980 meeting, the Board of Directors adopted a financial plan, which among other things, provides a procedure for annually fixing the SWP Water Charge and Additional Water Use Charge and computing the amount of the budget to be allocated to the Contingency Reserve Fund. At its meeting of October 9, 1996, the Board of Directors modified the balancing formula within to plan to use a seven-year average pumping lift.

At its meeting of February 10, 2016, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution ST 16-03 certifying the results of a Proposition 218 Majority Protest proceeding establishing a SWP Water Charge and Additional Water Use Charge to be paid in lieu of the Water Use Charge and Service Charge provided for in the Water Service Contracts.

At its October 8, 2025 meeting, the Board reviewed the Finance Committees' recommendations to fix the 2026 surface water costs according to the modified plan. The Board then fixed the preliminary amount of money to be raised from the SWP Water Charge and the preliminary amount to be raised from the Additional Water Use Charge (on a per acre-foot basis), from which the preliminary rates were computed. These amounts and preliminary rates are set forth in Resolutions No. BW 25-05 and PP 25-05.

Mr. Torigiani offered the following items to be marked as indicated and attached to the minutes.

"AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING TO WATER USERS AND PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE WATER BILLINGS FOR WATER SERVICE IN BUTTONWILLOW AND POND-POSO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS OF OCTOBER 31, 2025", attaching a "NOTICE OF FIXING SURFACE WATER SERVICE AREA SWP WATER CHARGE AND ADDITIONAL WATER USE CHARGE FOR 2026, AND THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON."

To be attached to the minutes as Exhibit B.

"A PROOF OF PUBLICATION" from The Bakersfield Californian for Buttonwillow Improvement District and Pond-Poso Improvement District of "NOTICE OF FIXING SURFACE WATER SERVICE AREA SWP WATER CHARGE AND ADDITIONAL WATER USE CHARGE FOR 2026, AND THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON."

To be attached to the minutes as Exhibit C.

Manager Gianquinto provided a brief description of how the preliminary rates were arrived at for the improvement districts.

President Waterhouse asked if there were any comments, questions, or objections to the fixing of the Surface Water Area Service Charge or Additional Water Use Charge for 2026. There were none presented at the public hearing. Legal counsel reported that staff had advised that no written comments, questions, or objections had been received by the District or any of its Improvement Districts prior to the public hearing.

There being no comments or objections to fixing said charges, Legal Counsel presented Resolution No. BW 25-06 for the Board's consideration.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Thomson, the Board adopted Resolution No. BW 25-06:

The President called for a roll call vote to adopt said resolution and approve inclusion of each and all said Exhibits as part of the Minutes. The following is a record of the roll call vote:

AYES:	Director Waterhouse, Portwood, Carroll, Fabbri, Thomson, Daniel
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Director Tracy
ABSTAIN:	None

The President announced that the motion carried.

On motion by Director Fabbri, seconded by Director Daniel, the Board adopted Resolution No. PP 25-06:

The President called for a roll call vote on to adopt said resolution and approve inclusion of each and all of said Exhibits as part of the Minutes. The following is a record of the roll call vote:

AYES:	Director Waterhouse, Portwood, Carroll, Fabbri, Thomson, Daniel
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Director Tracy
ABSTAIN:	None

The President announced that the motion carried.

Mr. Torigiani explained that the SWP Water Charge shall be billed to the water users in eight (8) equal installments. Each installment is to become due and payable on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the months of February through September of 2026. The additional water use charge shall be invoiced to water user monthly based upon 2026 deliveries.

Mr. Torigiani further explained that now that the Board has adopted the budget and fixed the Surface Water Service Charges, as the final phase of the District's 2026 financial program, the amount of the General Administrative Service Charge on each acre of assessable land in the improvement district and the amount of the General Project Service Charge on each acre of developed land in the improvement district shall be fixed next year at the regular meeting in April, or such other time as may be announced at that meeting, all as provided by the Improvement Districts' Rules and Regulations.

The President declared the Public Hearing closed at 1:11 p.m.

### **SEMITROPIC WSD GSA UPDATE**

At 1:11 p.m., the General Manager, Jason Gianquinto declared there was a need for a meeting of the Semitropic Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SWSD GSA), and the Board proceeding to consider SWSD GSA agenda items.

#### **SGMA Updates and Discussion**

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto, and Special Project Manager, Larry Rodriguez provided the Board with an overview of the 2025 SWSD RMW Hydrographs.

#### **Overview of Updated SWSD SGMA Dashboard**

Scott Steinbeck, with Agri Tracking Systems, provided an overview and presented to the Board an update of the SWSD GSA SGMA Dashboard.

#### **Consider full release of Updated SWSD GSA SGMA Dashboard**

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto recommended approval for full release of Updated SWSD GSA SGMA Dashboard.

On Motion by Director Carroll, seconded by Director Portwood and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the full release of Updated SWSD GSA SGMA Dashboard.

The GSA meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m. and the Board resumed consideration of the remainder of the District's agenda items.

### **CONSULTANT REPORTS**

#### **SWRU – Construction Update by W.M. Lyles**

W.M. Lyle's Representative, Rick Amigh, gave a brief review of W.M. Lyle's monthly

progress report, which was included in the Board Packet.

### **Consulting Engineer's Report**

Sam Schaefer, GEI Consultants, was not present. GEI Consulting Engineering's Report for October 2025 was included in the Board Packet.

### **Balance Public Relations**

Dean Florez of Balance Public Relations gave a brief review of Balance Public Relations' activity including a summary of this year's legislative session and potential candidates for next year's election of a new governor. His monthly report was included in the Board Packet.

### **REDtrac**

Greg Allen, of REDTrac, was not present. The REDTrac's activity and site survey report was included in the Board Packet.

### **INFORMATIONAL AND UP-DATE ITEMS**

General Manager Gianquinto noted that the Staff Report, titled "District Activity During October 2025," dated November 7, 2025, was included in the Board Packet.

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided a summary of the District Engineer's activities discussed in the Staff Report. A letter regarding SWSD Notice of Planned Maintenance was mailed out to all Water Users on November 12, 2025.

Superintendent, John Lynch, provided a summary of the Operations and Maintenance Activities discussed in the Staff Report.

At 2:25 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 2:41 p.m., the meeting continued with Closed Session.

Participants included:

Directors Present:	Directors Dan Waterhouse, Jeff Fabbri, Tim Thomson, Chad Carroll, David Daniel, and Philip Portwood
Directors Absent:	Director Todd Tracy
Other Participants:	General Manager, Jason Gianquinto District Controller, Bobby Salinas

District Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani  
District Engineer, Isela Medina

- 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 3:50 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**

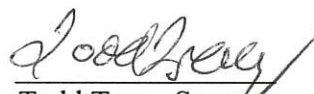
The meeting was adjourned at 3:51p.m.

APPROVED:



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Daniel Waterhouse, President

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Todd Tracy, Secretary

Board Day Presentation  
**SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT November 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING

**OCTOBER AFTER BOARD MEETING**

**Special Projects**

1	Canyon Industries, Inc.- ST#2 New Hydro Milestone 1	\$ 145,921.00
2	Michael K. Nunley & Associates, Inc.- engineering services for California High Speed Rail	1,020.00 R
3	Nicholas Construction, Inc.- Delta Pipeline Improvement Proj. September progress payment	2,167,691.00 G
4	Kenneth Schmidt and Associates- Groundwater Monitoring Program	2,165.08 R
<b>Special Projects Subtotal \$</b>		<b><u>2,316,797.08</u></b>

**SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**Operation Maintenance**

5	AC Electric Company- R&M Electrical	\$ 1,222.00
6	AC Electric Company- Primary Pole Repair	3,488.38
7	ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority- auto & general liability 2025-2026	119,546.81
8	ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority- auto & general liability 2025-2026 for JPA	2,174.63 R
9	Ag Spray Equipment- parts to repair pull behind spray rig	319.86
10	Also Energy Inc. - 1 Year Renewal for SWSD Pond Road Solar Monitoring	1,386.56
11	AT&T- long distance charges	50.20
12	CDW Government- SCADA monitor for District Shop	509.68
13	Cen-Cal Machine- B-369 Pumping Plant Unit #3 Pump	19,719.80
14	Chester Avenue Brake- brake valve for 140H grader	166.02
15	Clark Pest Control- office maintenance	102.00
16	Collins, Ron- gardening (September)	600.00
17	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.- office copier (October)	401.17
18	FedEx- packages	29.15
19	Ferguson- PVC pipeline repair clamps	3,513.22
20	Frontier Communications - data communication for substation	134.39
21	Gas Company- office utilities	29.19
22	Grainger-engineering supplies	488.53
23	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- MSP Agrmnt, Patch Mgmt, Secure offsite data backup, adv.email secure (November)	4,450.80
24	Herc Rentals- dump truck to transport dried sedimentation from Serpentine Reservoir to North Reach Road	4,506.29
25	Home Depot- September supplies for O&M	1,004.32
26	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products	4,980.09
27	Johnson Controls Security Solutions- quarterly billing services acct. ending 8170 11/01/25 - 01/31/26	2,127.68
28	Kern County Tax Collector- property taxes 2025	138.93
29	Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority- 2025 & 2026 Membership fee	50.00
30	Office Depot- office supplies	1,119.11
31	McMaster-Carr- marker poles reflective tape	183.67
32	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines	504,322.47
33	A.C. Poettgen- monthly cylinder rental (September)	126.00
34	Powers Electric Products Co.- engineering supplies	1,926.23
35	Richland Chevrolet - September shop supplies	2,837.58
36	Shafter Parts and Supply, Inc.- September shop supplies for O&M	2,244.09
37	South Tulare Richgrove Refuse Inc.- trash service for drilling yard	534.00
38	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel	861.70
39	Strategic Policies LLC- consulting services and expenses for September	6,060.00
40	unWired Broadband, LLC- internet	59.99
41	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager	540.19
42	Wesco- electrical service kilo-watt-hour meters	1,937.68
43	Witts Everything for the Office Furniture- dryerase white board	867.55
<b>Operating Expense Subtotal \$</b>		<b><u>694,759.96</u></b>

**TOTAL BILLS FOR OCTOBER AFTER BOARD MEETING \$ 3,011,557.04**

**EXHIBIT A**

**\*\*BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR November 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

G Grant	\$ 2,167,691.00
R Reimbursed	5,359.71
	<u>\$ 2,173,050.71</u>

**NOVEMBER 2025 BOARD MAILING****SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT****Special Projects**

44	Downey Brand- professional services Groundwater Issues	\$	14,555.00
45	Downey Brand- professional services Tulare Lake Flood control proj.		1,977.50
46	GEI Consultants*		93,036.76
47	W.M. Lyles Co- SWRU Phase 2 System X		1,666.50
48	W.M. Lyles Co- North Plant Emergency Pipeline Repair		31,296.85
49	W.M. Lyles Co- remove and replace Pump Discharge Siphon Piping at Pond Poso Pumping Plant		179,996.50
50	W.M. Lyles Co- TCP Treatment Project		47,138.76
51	Young Wooldridge*		22,350.28
Special Projects Subtotal \$			<u><u>392,018.15</u></u>

**Operation Maintenance**

52	AC Electric Company- R&M on damaged poles	\$	17,122.04
53	American Refuse- trash service for shop		326.36
54	AT&T- telephone services		455.70
55	Avadine- engineer/analyst - senior & monthly software products license maintenance/support agreement (October)		950.00
56	Aviva Energy Corp.- energy consulting for October and November		1,150.00
57	Balance Public Relations- lobbying services		13,500.00
58	BSK Analytical Laboratories- water testing for well sampling program		2,597.25
59	Budget Bolt, Inc.- pump repair supplies		108.25
60	Buena Vista Groundwater Sustainability Agency- sixteenth funding request due for the SGMA CC		16,696.77
61	Cal Valley Equipment- payment for open case with Wells Fargo and finance charge		739.42
62	Central California Power- JD Backhoe exhaust manifold		289.22
63	Charter Communications (Spectrum)- internet		406.25
64	Collins, Ron- gardening and 50lb bag of rye seed (October)		680.00
65	Concepts in Controls, Inc.- remote Standtank to PP 900MHZ radios & I/O modules		3,407.28
66	Coverall - cleaning services for November		717.00
67	Crane Service Industries- Annual Cal-Osha inspection on Unit #338		803.00
68	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.- property tax and admin fee		121.37
69	Downs Equipment Rentals, Inc.- dozer to clean bottom of Poso Creek to transport water to Duck Clubs		3,868.00
70	Downs Equipment Rentals, Inc.- clean Poso Creek from Gun Club Pond to Duck Club turnout		1,415.00
71	FedEx- packages		70.92
72	Gibbs Truck Centers- reappear International water truck Unit #337		1,123.40
73	Government Finance Officers Association- membership renewal for Mariela 12/01/2024-11/30/2025		160.00
74	Grainger- engineering supplies		61.20
75	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- Windows 11 & Program Upgrade		1,530.19
76	Home Depot- October supplies for O&M		761.98
77	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products		16,256.07
78	Jim Burke Ford- vehicle repair & service parts		3,961.22
79	Kern Print Services- business cards for Larry Rodriguez		122.34
80	KMS Mechanics Inc.- 140H motorgrader engine repair		1,500.38
81	Knight's Pumping & Portable - portable toilet & services		506.05
82	Land IQ- Monthly Evapotranspiration Evaluation		11,654.98
83	Linde Gas & Equipment. Inc.- cylinder rental		58.15
84	Myers Diesel Repair- dump truck DPF gaskets		325.84
85	Office Depot- office supplies		534.21
86	O'Reilly Auto Parts- shop supplies		1,006.24
87	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		4,206.82
88	Primo Brands- water for shop		596.85
89	Quinn Company- 140H and 14E motorgrader parts		2,720.31
90	RedTrac, LLC.- Well Telem Monitoring (November)		5,354.00
91	Reserve Account- postage		2,000.00
92	Richland Chevrolet- October R&M supplies		1,250.03
93	SBS of Bakersfield, Inc.- office copier (copy charges for October)		629.12
94	Scherzer International - verification for employment		125.00
95	Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District- Assesment Fees for Exempt Parcels Year 2025-2026		404.13
96	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel		1,307.61
97	T&L Battery Co- batteries for P-667 Pumping Plant 125v D.C. control		1,579.91
98	T-Mobile - internet access for communication with Solar Site		20.00

**SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT****Operation Maintenance**

99	United Tracking Systems, LLC- Water Dashboard Subscription	8,241.00
100	Urban Water Institute, Inc.- member fiscal year dues 2026	550.00
101	City of Wasco- water, sewer, and trash services for office (October)	956.41
102	Wasco Tire Service, LLC- #324 JD backhoe repair	84.80
103	Waterbender LLC - scale inhibitor	2,117.04
104	Wells Fargo Business Cards-**	3,141.08
105	Wesco- logs for P-667 PP Standby 125v D.C. batteries	2,143.50
106	West Coast Drug Testing Inc.- drug tests	115.00
107	Wren's Hydraulics- slant disc valve hydraulic cylinder repair parts	422.13
Operating Expense Subtotal \$		<u><u>142,950.82</u></u>

**TOTAL BILLS FOR NOVEMBER BOARD MAILING \$ 534,968.97**

**S.W.S.D - Payroll Accounts - transfer of funds from S.I.D. for October payroll \$ 594,773.59**

**NOVEMBER 2025 AFTER BOARD MAILING****SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT****Special Projects**

108	Nicholas Construction, Inc.- Delta Pipeline Improvement Proj. October progress payment	\$ 1,015,469.46 G
Special Projects Subtotal \$		<u><u>1,015,469.46</u></u>

**Operation Maintenance**

109	AT&T- long distance charges	\$ 50.97
110	AT&T- telephone services	1,288.93
111	The Bakersfield Californian- legal notices	836.12
112	CDW Government- Adobe Acrobat Pro for Enterprise	25.00
113	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.- office copier (November)	401.17
114	Farm Pump and Irrigation Co., Inc.- repair Unit #2 pump from CW Pumping Plant	8,465.67
115	Ferguson- 2" service saddle for 2" air release valve	535.73
116	Frontier Communications - data communication for substation	75.79
117	Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department- modify CUP for solar project	2,612.50
118	Kern Water Bank Authority- October 2025 Recharge East (973 A/F)	10,703.00
119	Kern Water Bank Authority- October 2025 Recharge West (1,945 A/F)	47,652.50
120	Martin's Towing Service- towing for salvaged vehicle due to accident	2,350.00 R
121	McMaster-Carr- shop supplies	148.34
122	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines	430,869.46
123	Shafter Parts and Supply, Inc.- October shop supplies for O&M	2,388.56
124	South Tulare Richgrove Refuse Inc.- trash service for drilling yard	534.00
125	Strategic Policies LLC- consulting services and expenses for October	6,060.00
126	Tel-Tec Security Systems, Inc.- service labor & shop monitoring services (November)	220.00
127	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager & new tablets	685.29
128 +	Wells Fargo Business Cards-**	526.95
129	Wesco- replacement wire for Semi #3 Hydro electric generator & Hwy 46 Pole Line visibility strips	5,976.35
130	Zultys, Inc.- monthly charges for phone system	1,041.52
Operating Expense Subtotal \$		<u><u>523,447.85</u></u>

**TOTAL BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 2025 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$ 1,538,917.31**

TOTAL BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2025 AFTER BOARD MEETING	\$	3,011,557.04
TOTAL BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 2025 BOARD MAILING	\$	534,968.97
TOTAL BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 2025 AFTER BOARD MAILING	\$	1,538,917.31
TOTAL BILLS TO BE APPROVED AT BOARD MEETING	\$	<u>5,085,443.32</u>

**\*\*BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR November 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

46 GEI Consultants, Inc. - \*

General engineering fees, GW Modeling & expenses	\$	5,388.81
SGMA Implementation		17,821.71
IRWMP Expense		2,501.41 R
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		10,084.28
Delta Pipeline Conv. Improv. Project		52,290.76 G
Water Management Plan Update		380.16
Subsurface Recharge		4,569.63
	\$	<u>93,036.76</u>

104/ Wells Fargo Business Cards\*\*  
128

Operating Supplies- Yesenia Ramirez	\$	1,144.55
Travel expenses - Isela Medina		214.36
Operating Supplies- John Lynch		455.41
Operating Supplies- Ralph Sanchez		526.95
Fuel & Operating Supplies- Jason Gianquinto		1,326.76
	\$	<u>3,668.03</u>

51 Young, Wooldridge, LLP - \*

Legal fees & expenses	\$	20,920.28
High Speed Rail Project Phase 7		845.00 R
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		520.00
TCP Litigation		65.00
	\$	<u>22,350.28</u>

G Grant	\$	1,067,760.22
R Reimbursed		5,696.41
	\$	<u>1,073,456.63</u>

## SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT November 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING

### WIRE TRANSACTIONS

1	Kern County Water Agency- Pioneer R01 and R04 Replacement Wells Progress Payment No. 10	\$	12,702.00
2	Kern County Water Agency- water transfers & exchanges		3,000.00
3	Kern County Water Agency- CVC Advisory Committee & KCWA Board approval to purchase steel baffle walls for PP No. 2B		8,573.00
4	Sun Trust Bank - 2006 Swap Agreement (October)		52,421.47
5	Tinck D.O.O.- engineering supplies		2,578.47
6	City National Bank- principal and interest on 2018 Installment Note		932,300.00
		\$	<u>1,011,574.94</u>

**EXHIBIT B**



AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING TO WATER USERS AND PERSONS AUTHORIZED  
TO RECEIVE BILLINGS FOR WATER SERVICE IN BUTTONWILLOW AND  
POND-POSO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS ON OCTOBER 31, 2025

The undersigned says:

That said, mailing was accomplished by depositing in the United States Mail at Wasco, California, with proper and necessary postage prepaid, envelopes addressed as aforesaid.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Wasco, California, the 31<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

  
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Jason Gianquinto  
Asst. Secretary of the Board of Directors

**EXHIBIT A**



**1101 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 8043, Wasco, California 93280-0877**

**Telephone: (661) 758-5113 Bakersfield: (661) 327-7144**  
**Facsimile: (661) 758-3219 Email: [mail@semitropic.com](mailto:mail@semitropic.com)**  
**Website: [www.semitropic.com](http://www.semitropic.com)**

October 31, 2025

**ATTENTION:** Contract Water Users and Persons Authorized to Receive Billings for Water Service

**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING  
CHARGES FOR 2026 SURFACE WATER SERVICE

Dear Water User:

In setting the water charges each year, the Board establishes a SWP Water Charge and an Additional Water Use Charge. These charges are collected directly by the District. The following preliminary rates have been established for 2026.

1. SWP Water Charge - \$83.00 per acre-foot of Contract Water of the respective Water Service Contract
2. Additional Water Use Charge - \$60.00 per acre-foot of Contract Water delivered

To determine the total charges for your Contract Water Service, multiply the sum of the SWP Water Charge by your Contract Amount of Water (per acre-foot), and multiply the Additional Water Use Charge by the amount of Contract Water delivered, and add these two amounts. The Contract Amount of Water may be found on the "Exhibit A" of your Water Service Contract.

$$\begin{aligned} \$83.00 \times \text{Contract acre-feet} &= \text{SWP Water Charges} \\ \$60.00 \times \text{Contract acre-feet delivered} &= \text{Additional Water Use Charges} \\ &\text{TOTAL CONTRACT WATER CHARGE} \end{aligned}$$

In addition to the above charges, the Board establishes the General Administrative and General Project Service Charges in June of each year. On June 11, 2025 the Board set the General Administrative Service Charge at \$1.50 per acre, collected on all land in the Improvement District, and the General Project Service Charge at \$137.90 per acre, collected on all developed land in the Improvement District. These charges appear on your Kern County tax bill and are collected by the County.

**You are advised that a Hearing for fixing the 2026 Water Service Charges will be held on November 12, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the District office, 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California.**

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Jason Gianquinto, District General Manager, at (661) 758-5113.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Daniel Waterhouse  
President, Board of Directors

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**Semitropic Improvement District**

**Buttonwillow Improvement District**

**Pond-Poso Improvement District**

## **Exhibit C**

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF KERN

Solicitor I.D.: 0

I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID: I AM OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND NOT A PARTY OR INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED DAILY IN THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD COUNTY OF KERN,

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SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
FOR BUTTOWILLWILLOW IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
AND  
POND-POSO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OF SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF FIXING WATER SWP WATER  
CHARGE AND ADDITIONAL WATER USE CHARGE FOR 2026  
AND THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON

AND WHICH NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN ADJUDGED A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, UNDER DATE OF FEBRUARY 5, 1952, CASE NUMBER 57610; THAT THE NOTICE, OF WHICH THE ANNEXED IS A PRINTED COPY, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN EACH REGULAR AND ENTIRE ISSUE OF SAID NEWSPAPER AND NOT IN ANY SUPPLEMENT THEREOF ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, TO WIT:

10/16/2025 10/23/2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Semitropic Water Storage District acting for and on behalf of Semitropic Improvement District will fix the following preliminary charges affecting Contract Water Service to land in the Surface Water Service Area, during 2026, namely:

- (a) A preliminary SWP Water Charge of \$83.00 per acre-foot described in Exhibit "A" of the respective Water Service Contracts.
- (b) A preliminary Additional Water Use Charge of \$60.00 per acre-foot delivered of the Contract Amount of Water set forth in Exhibit "A" of the respective Water Service Contracts.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at the District Office, 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California, or at such other time or place as may be announced at said meeting. A public hearing will be held during the meeting, commencing at 1:00 p.m., at which time any person interested in the Improvement Districts' operation may in person or by representative appear and be heard regarding fixing of said charges. At the conclusion of the hearing the Board will adopt said charges as proposed or as modified pursuant to the Rules and Regulations and order that the SWP Water Charge and Additional Water Use Charge be paid and collected upon the same terms and conditions as set forth in the Water Service Contracts and the Improvement Districts' Rules and Regulations, and order that delinquent charges, penalties and interest shall constitute a lien upon the land as provided in said Water Service Contracts and the Improvement Districts' Rules and Regulations.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that questions regarding this matter may be directed to the District, Attention: Jason Glanquinto, P.O. Box 8043, Wasco, CA. 93280, or by telephoning (661) 758-5113.

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

By /s/ Jason Glanquinto  
Assistant Secretary

ALL IN YEAR 2025

I CERTIFY (OR DECLARE) UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Krista Fisher

DATED AT BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA

10/23/25

October 16, 23, 2025  
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