

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 12:33 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Waterhouse on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 12:33 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: None

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)
Grace Martin (GEI Consultants)
Erina Szeto (Valley Water)
Jeff Mathiowetz (WM Lyles)
Steve Pistoresi (Mid-Valley)
Ralph Pistoresi (Mid-Valley)
Oscar Lopez (Wonderful Orchards)
Jessica Birrueta (Oro Vista Farms)
Noel Howard (Wonder One Ag)
Lauren Spellman (Dairy Cares)
Rayme Mackinson (Poso Creek Family Dairy)
Floyd Wicks (Aqua Via North America)
Dean Florez (BPR)
Steven Piggott (Nuveen Natural Capital)
Geoff Vanden Heuvel (Milk Producers Council)
Kyle Leland (Bennett)
John Bison (Bennett/Green Leaf Ag.)
Wade DeBoer (Southern Cross Dairy)

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 recharge.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Agenda

No Action; no changes to the Agenda.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2026, and the SWSD GSA Board Meeting of August 12, 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 August 12, 2026, and the SWSD GSA Board Meeting of August 12, 2026, were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Reports

The Treasurer's report for August 2026 was presented for review and approval.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Tracy and unanimously carried, the Treasurer's Reports for August 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 August 2026.

Accounts Payable

The Cash Disbursement List for September 9, 2026, was presented for review, approval, and payment.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Carroll and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment of the Accounts Payable as listed on the September 9, 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 2026 Capital Project Financing/Resolution No. SID 26-03

District Controller, Bobby Salinas, provided an overview of the 2026 Capital Project Financing Proposals received

On motion by Director Carroll, seconded by Director Portwood and unanimously carried, the Board directed Staff to accept the proposal from Webster Public Finance Corporation for a \$25 million financing, for 10 years at 4.4%

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Daniel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, the Board adopted Resolution No. SID 26-03 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery by the District of an Installment Purchase Contract and Authorizing the Execution of Other Necessary Documents and Related Actions.

The following is a record of the roll call vote on the motion:

AYES:	Directors Waterhouse, Portwood, Daniel, Thomson, Tracy, Carroll, and Fabbri
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

Consider Funding of the SVWRA FFD Demonstration Project

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto, provided an overview of the SVWRA FFD Demonstration Project, and recommended approval of the District funding the construction costs of the demonstration project in amount not to exceed the District's pro rata share and assuming all special activity agreement members commit to paying their respective pro rata shares of the costs.

On motion by Director Carroll, seconded by Director Portwood and unanimously carried, the Board approved the District's funding of the SVWRA FFD Demonstration Project subject to SVWRA obtaining all required permits for construction and operation and subject to financial participation in the costs of constructing and operating the project by all members of the project special activity agreement to the extent of their respective pro rata share of project obligations.

Consider Adoption of Resolution Declaring an Emergency (Public Contract Code Sect. 22050 (a)(1)) to Address Immediate Need for Treatment of District's Facilities for Golden Mussels and Authorize Filing of Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA [Pub. Res. Code, § 20080(b)(2)(4)]

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview of the Immediate Need for Treatment of District's Facilities for Golden Mussels and filing of a Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA.

On motion by Director Tracy, seconded by Director Thomson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution No. ST 26-03 Declaring an Emergency (Public Contract Code Sect. 22050 (a)(1)) to Address Immediate Need for Treatment of District's Facilities for Golden

Mussels, which included authorization for the filing of a Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA.

Consider Cost Proposal and Agreement with Greenleaf Ag for Golden Mussel Treatment

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview of the Cost Proposal and Agreement with Greenleaf Ag for Golden Mussel Treatment and recommended Board approval. On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Carroll and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Cost Proposal and authorized execution of Agreement with Greenleaf Ag for Golden Mussel Treatment subject to final approval as to legal form by Legal Counsel and the General Manager.

Consider Resolution to Adopt An Amended Conflict-of-Interest Code and Establishing a Comment Period

District Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani, provided an overview of the Resolution to Adopt An Amended Conflict-of-Interest Code and Establishing a Comment Period, and recommended approval.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Thomson and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. ST 26-04 to Adopt An Amended Conflict-of-Interest Code and Establishing a Comment Period.

SEMITROPIC WSD GSA UPDATE

At 1:20 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 SWSD GSA's SGMA-related activities.

The SWSD GSA meeting adjourned at 1:39 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

Grace Martin, GEI Consultants, provided an overview of the GEI Consulting Engineering's Report for August 2026, which was included in the Board Packet.

Balance Public Relations

Dean Florez of Balance Public Relations was present and provided an overview of his report on BPR's activity, which was 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.

Contract Administrator, Becky Ortiz, provided a summary of the Water Operations Activities discussed in the Staff Report.

At 2:02 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 2:13 p.m., the meeting continued with Closed Session to discuss the following matters.

Participants included:

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

Directors Absent: None

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 3:37 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 3:38 p.m.

APPROVED:



Daniel Waterhouse, President



Todd Tracy, Secretary

Board Day Presentation
SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT September 09, 2026 BOARD MEETING

AUGUST AFTER BOARD MEETING

SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Special Projects

1	Remy Moose Manley, LLP- professional services	\$ 315.00
2	Kenneth Schmidt and Associates- Groundwater Monitoring Program	3,737.47 R
Special Projects Subtotal		\$ <u><u>4,052.47</u></u>

Operation Maintenance

3	Acid Source, Inc- sulfuric acid for PH Adjustment Facility	\$ 11,244.96
4	American Refuse- trash service for shop	340.36
5	American TireTec-used tire disposal	181.02
6	Bakersfield Electric Motor Repair, Inc.- rewind Unit #2 electric motor from B-369 pumping plant	5,988.86
7	BSK Analytical Laboratories- TCP Pilot Project	775.00
8	CDW Government- Isela's workstation	2,184.42
9	Collins, Ron- gardening (July)	600.00
10	Larry Cross Tire Repair- dismount & mount dump truck, truck crane and backhoe	1,715.00
11	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.- office copier (September)	401.17
12	FedEx- late fee	3.19
13	Frontier Communications - data communication for substation	169.91
14	Gas Company- office utilities	16.92
15	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- IT service support for email exchange, data backup, conferencing (September)	5,788.80
16	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products	6,133.57
17	Kern County Public Works- shop yard clean up	828.04
18	Kern Non-Districted Land Authority- July 2026 Cash call	7,963.00
19	Martin's Towing Service- tow 2017 Chevy Silverado pick up from shop to Richland Chevrolet	250.00
20	McMaster-Carr- parts to repair Kubota tractor	319.44
21	Office Depot- office supplies	1,337.44
22	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines	1,076,786.96
23	A.C. Poettgen- monthly cylinder rental (July)	126.00
24	Resa Power Solutions, LLC- repair & recondition Allis-Chalmers LA-3000A air circuit breaker	10,850.54
25	Reserve Account- postage	2,000.00
26	Safeguard- accounts payable & payroll checks	2,297.84
27	SBS of Bakersfield, Inc.- office copier (copy charges for August)	505.42
28	Shafter Parts and Supply, Inc.- July shop supplies for O&M	5,024.52
29	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel	882.21
30	Strategic Policies LLC- consulting services and expenses for July	6,060.00
31	unWired Broadband, LLC- internet	65.99
32	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager	568.81
33	Waterbender LLC - scale inhibitor	1,418.02
Operating Expense Subtotal		\$ <u><u>1,152,827.41</u></u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR AUGUST AFTER BOARD MEETING \$ 1,156,879.88

G Grant	\$ 0.00
R Reimbursed	3,737.47
	\$ <u><u>3,737.47</u></u>

EXHIBIT A

SEPTEMBER 2026 BOARD MAILING**SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT****Special Projects**

34	Canyon Industries, Inc.- ST#2 New Hydro Milestone 4	\$	21,406.87
35	Concepts in Controls, Inc.- SCADA System Upgrade Phase 2 (August & September)		35,048.00
36	Downey Brand- professional services		44,762.75
37	GEI Consultants*		78,188.00
38	Young Wooldridge*		26,622.63
Special Projects Subtotal			<u>\$ 206,028.25</u>

Operation Maintenance

39	Amarok LLC- Security Services	\$	5,040.00
40	American Refuse- fee for blue recycling can		34.81
41	AT&T- telephone services		2,317.49
42	Avadine- engineer/analyst - senior & monthly software products license maintenance/support agreement (August)		950.00
43	Berchold Equipment Co.- hydraulic pump for Kubota M8030 tractor		2,564.92
44	Big Brand Tire and Service- balance wheel for Unit #217		21.62
45	BSK Analytical Laboratories- water testing for well sampling program		648.00
46	Cantu, Anthony- safety boots		100.00
47	Charter Communications (Spectrum)- internet		513.95
48	Clerou Tire Company- Unit #207 and motorgrader tires		1,884.21
49	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products		12,191.82
50	Knight's Pumping & Portable - portable toilet & services		559.63
51	Land IQ- Monthly Evapotranspiration Evaluation (September)		12,021.31
52	Land IQ- Daily Irrigation Management Tool (September)		6,032.22
53	Liset Alanis- Web Design		1,731.00
54	McMaster-Carr- hose to repair hydraulic system on Kubota tractor		28.15
55	Motion Industries- parts to repair slant disc valve hydraulic cylinders		354.44
56	Parsons Farms- 250 HP motor replacement parts and labor		28,424.04
57	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		6,779.32
58	Primo Brands- water for shop		965.80
59	RedTrac, LLC.- Well Telem Monitoring (September)		5,354.00
60	Richland Chevrolet - August shop supplies		6,237.50
61	Rodriguez, Larry- reimbursement for travel		2,465.31
62	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel		790.12
63	State of California - D.W.R. - Prop. 13 Ground Water Recharge Bond #E77007		159,791.73
64	Target Specialty Products- Herbicides		2,973.23
65	Tel-Tec Security Systems, Inc.- service labor & shop monitoring services (September)		220.00
66	T-Mobile - internet access for communication with Solar Site		20.00
67	United Tracking Systems, LLC- Water Dashboard Subscription		8,241.00
68	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager		1,705.96
69	Waterbender LLC - scale inhibitor		619.14
70	Wells Fargo Business Cards-**		1,206.54
Operating Expense Subtotal			<u>\$ 272,787.26</u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER BOARD MAILING \$ 478,815.51

S.W.S.D - Payroll Accounts - transfer of funds from S.I.D. for August payroll \$ 484,976.54

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

71	W.M. Lyles Co- TCP Treatment Project		\$	30,545.02
Special Projects Subtotal				<u>\$ 30,545.02</u>

Operation Maintenance

72	AT&T- long distance charges		\$	52.06
73	Balance Public Relations- lobbying services			13,500.00
74	CDW Government- Mariela and Mike's workstation			402.32
75	Coverall - cleaning services for September			717.00
76	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines			180,494.87
77	South Tulare Richgrove Refuse Inc.- trash service for drilling yard			567.98
78	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel			53.31
79	City of Wasco- water, sewer, and trash services for office (August)			1,349.25
80	Wells Fargo Business Cards-**			1,594.74
81	Zultys, Inc.- monthly charges for phone system			1,046.37
Operating Expense Subtotal				<u>\$ 199,777.90</u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$ 230,322.92

TOTAL BILLS FOR AUGUST 2026 AFTER BOARD MEETING	\$ 1,156,879.88
TOTAL BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 BOARD MAILING	\$ 478,815.51
TOTAL BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING	\$ <u>230,322.92</u>
TOTAL BILLS TO BE APPROVED AT BOARD MEETING	\$ <u>1,866,018.31</u>

+ (Additional disbursements or adjusted amounts.)

*(See page 4 for Special Project Funds)

** (See page 4 for breakdown)

****BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR September 09, 2026 BOARD MEETING**

37 GEI Consultants, Inc. - *

General engineering fees, GW Modeling & expenses	\$	21,464.99
Groundwater Monitoring Program		24,492.45
DRP Grant Application		5,431.20
Professional Services		10,991.93
High Speed Rail Project Phase 7		383.00
IRWMP Expense		1,925.10 R
Delta Pipeline Conv. Improv. Project		13,499.33 G
	\$	<u><u>78,188.00</u></u>

70/ Wells Fargo Business Cards**

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Operating Supplies- Yesenia Ramirez	\$	1,102.67
Operating Supplies- John Lynch		290.72
Operating Supplies- Ralph Sanchez		414.46
Operating Supplies & Travel Expenses- Isela Medina		591.76
Operating Supplies - Bobby Salinas		103.87
Fuel & Operating Supplies- Jason Gianquinto		297.80
	\$	<u><u>2,801.28</u></u>

38 Young, Wooldridge, LLP - *

Legal fees & expenses	\$	24,435.83
High Speed Rail Project Phase 7		148.00 R
TCP Litigation		207.30
Professional Services		1,831.50
	\$	<u><u>26,622.63</u></u>

G Grant	\$	13,499.33
R Reimbursed		2,073.10
	\$	<u><u>15,572.43</u></u>

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT September 09, 2026 BOARD MEETING

WIRE TRANSACTIONS

1	Sun Trust Bank - 2006 Swap Agreement (August) (due 08/28/26)	\$	58,388.84
2	Kern County Water Agency- 2025-26 IAA Participation Credit & 2026-27 IAA Participation Costs (due 09/26/26)		29,339.00
		\$	<u>87,727.84</u>