

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, June 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Waterhouse on Wednesday, June 10, 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: 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)
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)
Oscar Lopez (Wonderful Orchards)
Blanca Begart (LA Times)
Matt Pagne (Westside Ag)
Jake Bittle (Grist)
Dean Florez (BPR)
Todd Robins (RB Water)
Geoff King (Barbich Hooper King)
Mark Gehring (Barbich Hooper King)

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 Board Meeting of May 13, 2026, and the SWSD GSA Board Meeting of May 13, 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 May 13, 2026, and the SWSD GSA Board Meeting of May 13, 2026, were approved as presented.

Consider Acceptance of 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements

Jeff King with BHK provided a review of the draft 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements.

On motion by Director Tracy, seconded by Director Portwood, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Acceptance of 2024-2025 Audited Financial Reports.

Treasurer's Reports

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

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

Accounts Payable

The Cash Disbursement List for June 10, 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 June 10, 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 Budget Update

District Controller, Bobby Salinas provided a detailed review of the 2026 Budget Update.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Carroll and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2026 Budget Update.

Consider Approval of GEI Task Order 05-2026 for Engineering Services to prepare a grant application under USBR's WaterSMART Drought Response Program

District Engineer, Isela Medina, gave a brief overview of the GEI Task Order 05-2026.

On motion by Director Tracy, seconded by Director Daniel and unanimously carried, the Board approved GEI Task Order 05-2026 for Engineering Services to prepare a grant application under USBR's WaterSMART Drought Response Program.

Consider Approval of Amarok Cost Proposal for Enhanced Security Fence System and Associated Fence Repairs

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided a summary of the Amarok Cost Proposal. On motion by Director Carroll, seconded by Director Tracy, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Amarok Cost Proposal for Enhanced Security Fence System and Associated Fence Repairs, subject to approval by the General Manager and Legal Counsel as to the final form of the agreement.

Consider Amendment to DCF Interim Funding Participation

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto, provided an overview of the Amendment. On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Daniel, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Amendment to DCF Interim Funding Participation, subject to approval by the General Manager and Legal Counsel as to the final form of the funding agreement amendment.

Consider Consent to San Diego County Water Authority Assignment of Banking Agreement

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto, noted that Westside Ag is working with San Diego County Water Authority to receive assignment of San Diego's original banking program contract shares and other rights and obligations.

District Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani is still working with their legal counsel on the final form of consent and is requesting the Board's approval of the consent to assignment subject to the General Manager and Legal Counsel having authority to approve the final form of the consent.

On motion by Director Tracy, seconded by director Thomson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the execution of consent to assignment of San Diego County Water Authority's original banking program contract to Westside Ag, subject to the final approval of the General Manager and Legal Counsel as to the final form of the consent.

1:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING - NOTICE OF FILING OF PRELIMINARY ROLL REGARDING GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL PROJECT SERVICE CHARGES AND FIXING OF PRELIMINARY RATES APPLICABLE THERETO AND OF TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING OF OBJECTIONS TO ROLL (2026; COLLECTED 2026-2027), AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING THE ROLL, SETTING SERVICE CHARGES, ETC.: (i) RESOLUTION NO. PP 26-04, (ii) RESOLUTION BW NO. 26-04, and (iii) RESOLUTION NO. ST 26-02

President Waterhouse called the public hearing to order at 1:31 p.m. and stated that this was the time and place for the public hearing to hear objections to the preliminary roll for General Administrative and General Project Service Charges for the Buttonwillow and Pond-Poso Improvement Districts and to finalize the rolls and rates for said service charges for 2026-2027.

District's legal counsel, Steve Torigiani, stated that at the May 13, 2026, regular meeting of the Board of Directors, with adoption of Resolutions Nos. BW 26-02 and PP 26-02, the Board preliminarily fixed the amounts to be collected for the General Administrative and General Project Service Charges for 2026 for the Buttonwillow Improvement District and Pond-Poso Improvement District. Mr. Torigiani offered the following items to be marked as indicated and attached to these Minutes:

Affidavits of Publication prepared by the Bakersfield Californian showing publication of the Notice of Filing of Preliminary Roll and Rates and of this hearing.

To be marked Exhibit B-BW and Exhibit B-PP.

Affidavit of Mailing of Notice of this Hearing to landowners in the Buttonwillow and Pond-Poso Improvement Districts expected to receive a charge.

To be marked Exhibit C.

A reduced copy of the map in the roll of the Semitropic Water Storage District and the Buttonwillow and Pond-Poso Improvement Districts for reference as needed.

To be marked Exhibit D.

A Memorandum from General Manager Jason Gianquinto dated June 10, 2026.

To be marked Exhibit E.

On motion by Director Tracy, seconded by Director Fabbri and unanimously carried by roll call vote, all the Exhibits heretofore offered and marked as Exhibits B through E were received and will be attached to the minutes and made a part of the record of the public hearing. The following is a record of the roll call vote:

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

The President announced that the motion carried.

District Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani, reported that as described in the resolutions adopted at the May 13, 2026, Board of Director's meeting, the preliminary rates developed are as follows:

For Buttonwillow Improvement District, the General Administrative Service Charge is \$1.50 per acre and the General Project Service Charge is \$139.40 per acre. The Special Minimum General Project Service Charge for recreational land and irrigated native pasture is \$10.90 per acre. No change was made in the rate of the previously approved New Lands Surcharge.

For Pond-Poso Improvement District, the General Administrative Service Charge is \$1.50 per acre and the General Project Service Charge is \$139.40 per acre. The Special Minimum General Project Service Charge for recreational land and irrigated native pasture is \$10.90 per acre. No change was made in the rate of the previously approved New Lands Surcharge.

President Waterhouse asked if any person at the hearing desired to make any objections or comments. There were no objections or comments made or submitted verbally or in writing at the hearing. Staff confirmed that no written or verbal objections or comments regarding the preliminary roll or rates for said service charges, including final adoption and fixing of the same, were received by the District prior to the hearing regarding this matter, and President Waterhouse closed the Hearing.

Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani, stated that now is the time and place set by the Board to adopt the final Roll and fix the General Administrative and General Project Service Charges. He stated the action taken by the Board would be in the form of resolutions requiring a roll call vote.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Tracy, the Semitropic Board of Directors adopted the following **Resolution No. BW 26-04**. The General Manager called for a roll call vote on the motion. The following is a record of the roll call vote:

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

The President announced that the motion carried.

Resolution No. BW 26-04.

RESOLUTION FINALIZING ROLL OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL PROJECT SERVICE CHARGES; FIXING RATES PER ACRE FOR SAID CHARGES; ORDERING THAT THE SAME BE COLLECTED FROM THE OWNERS OF LANDS RECEIVING THE BENEFIT THEREOF AND ELECTING THAT SUCH CHARGES BE COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY OF KERN (2026; COLLECTED 2026-2027)

On motion by Director Fabbri, seconded by Director Daniel, the Semitropic Board of Directors adopted the following **Resolution No. PP 26-04**. The General Manager called for a roll call vote on the motion. The following is a record of the roll call vote:

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

The President announced that the motion carried.

Resolution No. PP 26-04

RESOLUTION FINALIZING ROLL OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL PROJECT SERVICE CHARGES; FIXING RATES PER ACRE FOR SAID CHARGES; ORDERING THAT THE SAME BE COLLECTED FROM THE OWNERS OF LANDS RECEIVING THE BENEFIT THEREOF AND ELECTING THAT SUCH CHARGES BE COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY OF KERN (2026; COLLECTED 2026-2027)

In furtherance of collection of the General Administrative and General Project Service Charges by the County of Kern, the following action was taken.

On motion by Director Thomson, seconded by Director Carroll, the Board adopted the following **Resolution No. ST 26-02**. The General Manager called for a roll call vote on the motion. The following is a record of the roll call vote

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

The President announced that the motion carried.

Resolution No. ST 25-02

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF KERN AND THE SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT FOR THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL PROJECT SERVICE CHARGES)

SEMITROPIC WSD GSA UPDATE

At 1:40 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 Adoption of the Exceedance Policy and associated Action Plan for Land Subsidence – Version 2.0 (June 2026)

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto, provided a summary to Consider Adoption of the Exceedance Policy and associated Action Plan for Land Subsidence – Version 2.0 (June 2026) and recommended approval by the Board.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Carroll and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Exceedance Policy and associated Action Plan for Land Subsidence – Version 2.0 (June 2026).

Consider Contingency Fund for Basin Activities

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto, provided a summary to consider Contingency Fund for Basin Activities and recommended approval by the Board.

On motion by Director Tracy, seconded by Director Thomson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Contingency Fund for Basin Activities.

The SWSD GSA meeting adjourned at 2:00 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 provided an overview of the members of the legislature. 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 Gianquinto noted that the recent SWP allocation is at 45%. The Staff Report, titled "District Activity During May 2026," dated June 5, 2026, was included in the Board Packet. He also 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 2:20 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 2:30 p.m., the meeting continued with Closed Session.

Participants included:

Directors Present: Dan Waterhouse, Jeff Fabbri, Chad Carroll, Todd Tracy, David Daniel, Tim Thomson, 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*
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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 June 10, 2026 BOARD MEETING

MAY AFTER BOARD MEETING

SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Special Projects

1	Concepts in Controls, Inc.- SCADA System Upgrade Phase 2	\$ 37,905.00
2	W.M. Lyles Co- remove and replace Pump Discharge Siphon Piping at Pond Poso Pumping Plant (Retention Release)	89,782.63
3	Nicholas Construction, Inc.- Delta Pipeline Improvement Proj. April progress payment No. 10 (Retention Release)	438,616.85 G
		\$ <u>566,304.48</u>

Operation Maintenance

4	AC Electric Company- Transformer Bank S labor and equipment charges	\$ 5,598.00
5	AECA Membership Invoice - 2026 Membership Dues	35,000.00
6	Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman- Audit and accounting services	37,500.00
7	BSK Analytical Laboratories- TCP Pilot Project	1,344.00
8	Chester Avenue Brake- parts for Kenworth tractor Unit #325	211.20
9	Clerou Tire Company- wobble wheel compactor tires and tubes	2,662.72
10	Contractors State License Board- contractor's license (Doug Geivet)	450.00
11	Larry Cross Tire Repair- tire and rims for weed eater, tike and tube for weed mower	899.35
12	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.- office copier (May & June)	802.34
13	Downs Equipment Rentals, Inc.- excavator to remove aquatic vegetation from intake canal	3,113.98
14	Frontier Communications - data communication for substation	95.98
15	Gas Company- office utilities	95.81
16	Global Ag Properties II USA LLC- grant deed Parcel No. P384TCP-1	68,160.00
17	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products	10,094.01
18	Knight's Pumping & Portable - portable toilet & services	559.63
19	Martin's Towing Service- tow Unit #204 pickup from shop to Richland Chevrolet for transmission module programming	250.00
20	McMaster-Carr- numbers to number substation air switches with PG&E numbering, bushings for wobble wheel compactor	202.51
21	Myers Diesel Repair- Annual Opacity Test for Units #321, #337 and #338, service truck #202	5,635.09
22	Office Depot- office supplies	256.93
23	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines	488,023.25
24	A.C. Poettgen- monthly cylinder rental (April 2026)	126.00
25	Sage Software Inc.- Sage Fixed Assets Silver Business Care 05/24/2026-05/23/2027	5,849.00
26	Shafter Parts and Supply, Inc.- April shop supplies for O&M	2,368.66
27	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel	798.77
28	unWired Broadband, LLC- internet	59.99
29	Waterbender LLC - scale inhibitor	2,057.13
	Operating Expense Subtotal	\$ <u>672,214.35</u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR MAY AFTER BOARD MEETING \$ 1,238,518.83

G Grant	\$ 438,616.85
R Reimbursed	0.00
	\$ <u>438,616.85</u>

EXHIBIT A

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

30	Downey Brand- professional services Tulare Lake Flood control proj.	\$	21,036.36
31	GEI Consultants*		91,497.21
32	W.M. Lyles Co- TCP Treatment Project		41,477.00
33	Young Wooldridge*		34,279.61
Special Projects Subtotal			<u><u>\$ 188,290.18</u></u>

Operation Maintenance

34	AC Electric Company- BR347 Power Monitoring	\$	12,772.00
35	AC Electric Company- SCADA High Tank Float Replacement		4,082.35
36	Ag Spray Equipment- weed sprayer pump		960.05
37	American Refuse- trash service for shop		326.36
38	American TireTec-used tire disposal		13.28
39	A&P Diesel Electric, Inc.- alternator for John Deere 310 backhoe		368.05
40	AT&T- telephone services		1,758.49
41	Avadine- engineer/analyst - senior & monthly software products license maintenance/support agreement (May)		950.00
42	Aviva Energy Corp.- energy consulting for May 2026		575.00
43	Balance Public Relations- lobbying services		13,500.00
44	Big Brand Tire and Service- 2 wheel alignment on Unit #217		85.00
45	Budget Bolt, Inc.- shop supplies		206.76
46	CDW Government- Adobe Acrobat Pro		55.53
47	Charter Communications (Spectrum)- internet		434.76
48	Coastline Equipment - parts to repair John Deere 310 backhoe		852.54
49	Commworld- remote support		125.00
50	FedEx- packages		69.12
51	Grainger- parts to repair Unit #7 starter at North Pumping Plant		1,176.35
52	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products		8,707.17
53	Jim Burke Ford- May shop supplies		1,010.10
54	Komin Medical Group- DMV physical/ DOT		100.00
55	Land IQ- Monthly Evapotranspiration Evaluation (June)		12,021.31
56	Linde Gas & Equipment. Inc.- cylinder rental		59.55
57	McMaster-Carr- substation PG&E switch numbers		105.14
58	Midpoint Bearing- 150HP US motors electric motor bottom bearing		165.53
59	Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc.- repair leak on CW Stand tank		5,500.00
60	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		265.03
61	RedTrac, LLC.- Well Telem Monitoring (June)		5,354.00
62	Richland Chevrolet- parts and supplies for April & May		1,143.04
63	SBS of Bakersfield, Inc.- office copier (copy charges for May)		566.71
64	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel		830.12
65	T-Mobile - internet access for communication with Solar Site		30.18
66	Tel-Tec Security Systems, Inc.- shop monitoring services (June)		220.00
67	United Tracking Systems, LLC- Water Dashboard Subscription		8,241.00
68	US Postal Service- renewal fee for PO Box 8043		398.00
69	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager		2,171.67
70	City of Wasco- water, sewer, and trash services for office (May)		938.91
71	Wasco Automotive & Smog- smog inspection on Unit #197		60.00
72	Water Association of Kern County- annual membership dues for 2026		4,000.00
73	Wells Fargo Business Cards-**		5,541.40
74	Zultys, Inc.- monthly charges for phone system (June)		1,042.35
Operating Expense Subtotal			<u><u>\$ 96,781.85</u></u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR JUNE BOARD MAILING \$ 285,072.03

S.W.S.D - Payroll Accounts - transfer of funds from S.I.D. for May payroll \$ 463,432.52

JUNE 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING

SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Operation Maintenance

75	The Bakersfield-Californian-legal notices	\$	2,295.76
76	Coverall - office cleaning services for June		717.00
77	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- MSP Agrmnt, Patch Mgmt.,Secure offsite data backup,adv.email security (June)		5,608.80
78	Kern Print Services- commercial envelopes		428.80
79	Kern Water Bank Authority- May 2026 Recovery 1,742 Af		411,112.00
80	Loyds Aviation- travel		12,261.00
81	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		86,495.90
82	Primo Brands- water for shop		610.23
83	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel		53.31
84	Strategic Policies LLC- consulting services and expenses for May		6,060.00
Operating Expense Subtotal		\$	<u><u>525,642.80</u></u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR JUNE 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$ 525,642.80

TOTAL BILLS FOR MAY 2026 AFTER BOARD MEETING	\$	1,238,518.83
TOTAL BILLS FOR JUNE 2026 BOARD MAILING	\$	285,072.03
TOTAL BILLS FOR JUNE 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING	\$	<u><u>525,642.80</u></u>
TOTAL BILLS TO BE APPROVED AT BOARD MEETING	\$	<u><u>2,049,233.66</u></u>

+ (Additional disbursements or adjusted amounts.)

*(See page 4 for Special Project Funds)

** (See page 4 for breakdown)

****BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR June 10, 2026 BOARD MEETING**

31 GEI Consultants, Inc. - *

General engineering fees, GW Modeling & expenses	\$	29,619.81	
Groundwater Monitoring Program		13,759.82	
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		13,375.22	
IRWMP Expense		40.41	R
Subsurface Recharge		2,059.85	G
Delta Pipeline Improv. Project		32,642.10	G
	\$	<u>91,497.21</u>	

73 Wells Fargo Business Cards**

Operating Supplies - Bobby Salinas	\$	620.00	
Operating Supplies- Ralph Sanchez		294.00	
Operating Supplies- John Lynch		527.71	
Operating Supplies- Yesenia Ramirez		1,523.19	
Travel expenses - Isela Medina		546.95	
Fuel & Operating Supplies- Jason Gianquinto		2,029.55	
	\$	<u>5,541.40</u>	

33 Young, Wooldridge, LLP - *

Legal fees & expenses	\$	24,794.11	
High Speed Rail Project Phase 7 -		296.00	R
TCP Litigation		422.50	
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		8,767.00	
	\$	<u>34,279.61</u>	

G Grant	\$	34,701.95	
R Reimbursed		336.41	
	\$	<u>35,038.36</u>	

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT June 10, 2026 BOARD MEETING

WIRE TRANSACTIONS

1	Kern County Water Agency- CVC 3rd Qtr. Estimated billing for O&M and Power "Stand-by" Costs (due 07/01/26)	\$	25,278.94
2	Kern County Water Agency- 2026 Table A, Lower River Rights, prior year credits (due 07/01/26)		5,496,894.00
3	Kern County Water Agency- Pioneer Project O&M 2026 (40%) (due 07/01/26)		214,605.00
4	Kern County Water Agency- Pioneer Project KCWA #37 Recon. Of Recovery Power Charges (due 07/01/26)		157.00
5	Kern County Water Agency- 25/26 carryover program (due 07/01/26)		19,867.00
6	Sun Trust Bank - 2006 Swap Agreement (May) (due 05/29/26)		59,279.39
		\$	<u><u>5,816,081.33</u></u>

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COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
UNDER DATE OF FEBRUARY 5, 1952, CASE NUMBER 57610;
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Lori Branch

DATED AT BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA

5-27-26

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DATED: May 13, 2026

/s/ Todd Tracy
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF KERN)

That on or before 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2026, I mailed copies of the NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS IN THE BUTTONWILLOW IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS IN THE POND-POSO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, to all landowners receiving a charge within said respective improvement districts shown on the last equalized assessment roll of the County of Kern or upon District's records at their addresses shown on said roll or District's records.

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

That there is and at said time was a regular communication by mail between said place of mailing and said places so addressed.

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

Executed at Wasco, California, this 28th day of May, 2026.

Assistant Secretary of the
Board of Directors

EXHIBIT C



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MEMORANDUM

Exhibit E

TO: Honorable Board of Directors
Semitropic Water Storage District
Acting for Buttonwillow and Pond-Poso Improvement Districts

FROM: Jason Gianquinto, General Manager

DATE: June 10, 2026

SUBJECT: RE: BUTTONWILLOW IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND POND-POSO
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL
PROJECT SERVICE CHARGES FOR 2026 (COLLECTED 2026-2027) MATTERS
FOR BOARD'S CONSIDERATION AT JUNE 10, 2026, HEARING.

By way of background, it should be noted that the matters to be considered at this hearing are the outgrowth of action taken by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors at its meeting of May 7, 1979. At that meeting, the Board of Directors adopted a policy of general application for each improvement district for annually fixing and collecting certain charges, known as the General Administrative and General Project Service Charges.

At its May 13, 2026 meeting, with adoption of Resolution Nos. BW 26-02 and PP 26-02, the Board fixed the amounts to be collected for said charges for 2026 for the respective improvement districts, the minimum charge to be fixed upon tracts less than an acre in area, and the percentage rate for lands permanently developed for recreational purposes or irrigated native pasture.

For Buttonwillow Improvement District these charges were: the General Administrative Service Charge - \$114,273.24 including an allowance of 3% for delinquencies and a charge of \$0.20 per parcel for cost of collection; for the General Project Service Charge the amount was fixed in the sum of \$8,834,272.53, including said allowance for delinquencies; the minimum charge for tracts of land less than an acre in area was set at zero; and the percentage rate set for recreational land and irrigated native pasture was found to be approximately 6.8% of the services and benefits to each acre of land developed and using water for other purposes.

Semitropic Improvement District

Buttonwillow Improvement District

Pond-Poso Improvement District

For Pond-Poso Improvement District these charges were: the General Administrative Service Charge - \$134,206.74, including the allowance of 3% for delinquencies and a charge of \$0.20 per parcel for cost of collection; for the General Project Service Charge the amount was fixed in the sum of \$9,965,518.63, including said allowance for delinquencies; the minimum charge for tracts of land less than an acre in area was set at zero; and the percentage rate set for recreational land and irrigated native pasture was found to be approximately 6.8% of the services and benefits to each acre of land developed and using water for other purposes.

The District obtained the roll of landowners in each improvement district from the County Assessor's office. This roll shows the names of the landowners at the time the roll was prepared and number of acres in each parcel. This roll was compared parcel by parcel with the County Assessor's parcel maps to make sure that all land in the improvement districts was on the roll and that no land outside of the two improvement districts was included.

In accordance with current criteria previously adopted by the Board after study and recommendation by the staff and consultants, certain lands are exempt from district charges. These lands include County-owned land, U.S. Government-owned land, school district land, the Jerry Slough in Buttonwillow Improvement District, and the Poso Creek Channel and the Alpaugh Canal in Pond-Poso Improvement District. These exempt lands were excluded from the roll along with sub-acre parcels, which the Board has ordered are to receive a zero charge. All the other lands, including the Alpaugh well field, farmsteads, feedlots, cotton gins, reservoirs, and farm roads were considered subject to district charges.

The lands to be charged were then classified into three categories: (1) undeveloped lands; (2) developed lands, both those relying on ground water and those receiving surface water service; and (3) recreation lands and irrigated native pasture, for which special rates were established.

Lost Hills Water Company and/or Lost Hills Utility District own approximately 147 acres of land in Pond-Poso Improvement District. 77 acres is used as a wellsite to pump groundwater principally for export outside the district and domestic use in the Lost Hills area. An additional 70 acres was purchased for the purpose of pumping additional quantities of groundwater at the wellsite. Since the land is otherwise idle, and for purposes of establishing charges, it is classified the same as developed land relying on groundwater pumping. The amount pumped has been roughly equivalent to agricultural usage and is being monitored for any significant increase in water pumping.

Additionally, in Pond-Poso Improvement District, another special rate is established which is based on the quantity of water extracted from the underground. In 2025, Alpaugh Irrigation District, the only entity fitting within this category, did not export any water, and therefore based on criteria established by the Board, no General Project Service Charge will be levied for Alpaugh lands this year.

To determine the classification of a parcel of land, crop surveys, prior to and including the 2026 survey, were reviewed for land use. The District makes a crop survey during May of each year showing the various crops being grown and the number of acres of each.

The preliminary roll, which lists each parcel of land showing acreage and classification for district charges, was then finalized.

The preliminary roll shows the following: In Buttonwillow Improvement District, the total area subject to district charges is 76,182.16 acres. There are 12,119.27 acres of undeveloped land which receive only the General Administrative Service Charge. There are 64,062.89 acres of developed land which receive the General Administrative Service Charge and the General Project Service Charge. There are 3,567.08 acres of recreational land and irrigated native pasture which receive the General Administrative Service Charge and the Special Minimum General Project Service Charge. There are 11.47 acres of sub-acre parcels to which no charge is applied.

In Pond-Poso Improvement District, the total area subject to district charges is 89,471.16 acres. There are 17,204.89 acres of undeveloped land which receive only the General Administrative Service Charge. There are 72,266.27 acres of developed land which receive the General Administrative Service Charge and the General Project Service Charge. There are 3,183.42 acres of recreational land and irrigated native pasture which receive the General Administrative Service Charge and the Special Minimum General Project Service Charge. There are 103.05 acres of sub-acre parcels to which no charge is applied.

Preliminary rates per acre were then calculated by dividing the charges fixed by the Board at the May 13, 2026 meeting for each classification by the number of acres in the respective classification. The preliminary rates developed are as follows:

For Buttonwillow Improvement District, the General Administrative Service Charge is \$1.50 per acre and the General Project Service Charge is \$137.90 per acre. The Special Minimum General Project Service Charge for recreational land and irrigated native pasture is \$9.40 per acre. The New Lands Surcharge is \$500.00 per acre-foot of water for land developed after July 1, 2017.

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Action by Board:

The above stated was considered by the Board at its June 10, 2026, meeting.

Examples of prior objections that have been considered by the Board are as follows:

(Frey Objection, 1979)

The grower had been raising rice on several parcels, had determined that it was not economically feasible, and had abandoned the parcels for at least four years. The Board determined that since these parcels had been abandoned for a long period of time and that no benefit had been received, they should be reclassified as undeveloped land.

(Grimes Objection, 1980)

The grower attempted to bring into production certain undeveloped parcels, failed to obtain a commercial crop and abandoned the parcels. The Board determined that these parcels had received no benefit and should be reclassified as undeveloped land.

(Torrez Objection, 1980)

The grower attempted to develop land but was unable to because wells drilled on the land failed to produce an adequate water supply for irrigation. The Board determined that no benefit had been received and the parcels should be reclassified as undeveloped land.

(Houchin Objection, 1980)

The grower farmed several parcels, totaling 640 acres, in the District, but only one of his wells was located in the District. This well was capable of irrigating approximately 160 acres and the water supply for the other 480 acres came from wells located outside the District. The Board determined that the benefit was to the 160 acres on which the well was located and that the other 480 acres should not be subject to the General Project Service Charge.

(Tank-McCart Objection, 1980)

The grower bought property, which had previously been a part of the Alpaugh Irrigation District well field and developed and irrigated a barley crop on a portion of said property. Under previous ownership, the entire parcel had been classified as subject to the General Project Service Charge. The Board determined that the benefit to the new owner was only on the developed portion of the property and amended the Preliminary Roll accordingly.