

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, September 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Waterhouse on Wednesday, September 10, 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, Tim Thomson, Chad W. Carroll, Jeff Fabbri, David Daniel, Philip Portwood

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
Special Projects Manager, Larry Rodriguez
Sam Schaefer (GEI)
Oscar Lopez (Wonderful Orchards)
Maddie Reyes (Illume Ag.)
Travis Millwee (Pacific Resources)
Brian Allum (Agua Via)
Justin Murray (AG Thought)
Scott Hamilton (SVWRA)
Kaho Kong (Valley Water)
Steven Piggott (Nuveen Natural Capitol)
Michael McAllister (REDtrac)
Stacie Ann Silva (Altum Aqua Logic)
Brent Hankins (Hankins Farms)
Tomo Kumahira (Water One)
Megan Harper (Nuveen)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Allum with Aqua Via presented a summary of the new Membrane Replacement System and an update of its project development. Scott Hamilton with South Valley Water Resource Authority thanked Semitropic Water Storage District for their ongoing support and gave a brief update on the Fish Friendly Diversion demonstration project and the status of the project.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Agenda

No Action; no changes to the Agenda.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2025, and the GSA Meeting of August 13, 2025, were presented for approval.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Daniel and unanimously carried, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2025 and the GSA Meeting August 13, 2025, were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Reports

The Treasurer's report for August 2025 was presented for review and approval.

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

Accounts Payable

The Cash Disbursement List for September 10, 2025, was presented for review, approval, and payment.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment of the Accounts Payable as listed on the September 10, 2025, Disbursement List for Semitropic Water Storage District and Semitropic Improvement District. A copy of the Disbursement List presenting the payments that were approved is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

Consider Amendments to Standard Landowner Banking Agreement

General Manager, Jason Gianguinto, provided a detailed summary of the draft Standard Landowner Banking Agreement and the proposed amendments and requested authorization to finalize the draft version of the Standard Landowner Banking Agreement. On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Carroll and unanimously carried, the Board authorized to finalize the amendments to the Standard Landowner Banking Agreement, subject to final review and approval as to form by the General Manager and Legal Counsel.

Consider Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code Sect. 22050 (a)(1)) to Address Immediate Replacement of Discharge Manifold Pipe for the Pond Poso PP

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview on 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 and recommended Board approval.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Carroll and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Continuation of Emergency Declaration.

Consider Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code Sect. 22050 (a)(1)) to Address Immediate Structural Repair at Designated Pumping Plants: B21, Wegis and Charlie

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview on the Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code Sect. 22050 (a)(1)) to Address Immediate Structural Repair at Designated Pumping Plants: B21, Wegis and Charlie and recommended Board approval.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Portwood and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Continuation of Emergency Declaration.

Consider Cost Proposal from Pacific Tank for Completing Charlie Standtank Interior Coating and Exterior Repairs

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview of the Cost Proposal from Pacific Tank for Completing Charlie Standtank Interior Coating and Exterior Repairs and recommended Board approval.

On motion by Director Fabbri, seconded by Director Thomson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Standtank cost proposal.

Consider Adoption of Resolution Approving the Schuster Subsurface Recharge Project, determined Exempt from CEQA Review by District Staff

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided an overview of the Resolution No. ST 25-07, approving the Schuster Subsurface Recharge Project and recommended Board approval.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Carroll, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. ST 25-07

The following is a record of the roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Waterhouse, Thomson, Carroll, Daniel, Fabbri and Portwood
Noes:	Director Tracy
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

The General Manager announced that the motion carried.

SEMITROPIC WSD GSA UPDATE

At 1:43 p.m., the Board President, Dan Waterhouse declared a meeting of the Semitropic Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

SGMA Updates and Discussion

Special Projects Manager, Larry Rodriguez, provided the Board with an overview of the SWRCB Staff Report for the September 17, 2025, Probationary Hearing. The Staff Report is based upon the SWRCB's review of the Draft 2025 GSPs submitted to the SWRCB in June of this year. The Staff Report includes the recommendation that the Kern Basin be moved back to the jurisdiction of the Department of Water Resources pending resolution of the following three remaining items: 1) adequate mitigation for drinking water wells with water quality impacts including 1,2,3 TCP; 2) adequate mitigation for state small water system wells; and 3) elimination of the KNDLA JPA May 2026 sunset provision. Mr. Rodriguez noted that subbasin representatives have been working with the SWRCB staff to address these concerns and it is the subbasin's position that these three remaining items have been resolved in the Final 2025 GSP.

Review SWRCB September 17, 2025, Hearing Presentation

Special Projects Manager, Larry Rodriguez, provided the Board with an overview of the Semitropic GSA's SWRCB presentation, which will be presented to the SWRCB on September 17, 2025.

Consider MOU with CWA/TBWA

On motion by Director Carroll, seconded by Director Fabbri and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with CWA/TBWA, subject to final review and approval as to form by the General Manager and Legal Counsel.

The GSA meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

SWRU – Construction Update by W.M. Lyles

W.M. Lyle's Representative, Rick Amigh, was not present. W.M. Lyle's monthly progress report was included in the Board Packet.

Consulting Engineer's Report

Sam Schaefer, GEI Consultants, presented and summarized GEI's Consulting Engineering Report for August 2025, which was included in the Board Packet.

Balance Public Relations

Dean Florez of Balance Public Relations gave a brief review of Balance Public Relations' activity. His monthly report was included in the Board Packet.

REDtrac

Michael McAllister, REDTrac, was present and gave a brief summary of REDTrac's activity and site surveys. The report was included in the Board Packet.

INFORMATIONAL AND UP-DATE ITEMS

General Manager Gianquinto noted that the Staff Report, titled "District Activity During August 2024," dated September 5, 2024, was included with the Board Packet.

District Engineer, Isela Medina, provided a summary of the District's Engineer's activities discussed in the Staff Report.

At 3:05 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 3:15 p.m., the meeting continued with Closed Session.

Participants included:

Directors Present: Directors Dan Waterhouse, Tim Thomson, Chad Carroll, David Daniel, Jeff Fabbri, 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 4:15 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session.

President Waterhouse stated that several items were discussed, but no reportable action was taken in closed session.

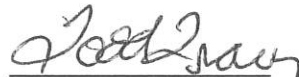
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by President Waterhouse.

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 September 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING

AUGUST AFTER BOARD MEETING

SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Special Projects

1	GEI Consultants*	\$ 83,349.39
Special Projects Subtotal		\$ <u>83,349.39</u>

Operation Maintenance

2	Arvin-Edison Water Storage District- Kern Hearing Dinner	\$ 379.97
3	Avadine- engineer/analyst - working with A1 to verify accounts in Latis and Solomon	62.50
4	Bakersfield Drug Testing- drug tests	55.00
5	Bakersfield Lock & Safe Company, Inc.- keys & master	210.00
6	BSK Analytical Laboratories- water testing for well sampling program	4,818.00
7	Budget Bolt, Inc.- pump repair supplies	123.41
8	Cen-Cal Machine- repair Unit #2 pump from North pumping plant	20,637.28
9	Clark Pest Control- office maintenance	102.00
10	Farm Pump and Irrigation Co., Inc.- repair parts for Unit #3 pump from B-369 Pumping Plant	1,929.67
11	FedEx Freight- Flowserve delivery	198.00
12	Ferguson- pipeline repair clamp	924.04
13	First American Title Company- title guarantee for TCP Treatment Project	682.00
14	Frontier Communications - data communication for substation	44.45
15	Gas Company- office utilities	15.78
16	Grainger- Delta Pumping Plant electrical wiring repair	1,722.47
17	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- IT service support for email exchange, data backup, conferencing (September)	4,447.30
18	Hernandez, David- safety boots	86.59
19	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products	4,890.78
20	Martin's Towing Service- tow 1/2 ton Chevy pickup from shop to Richland Chevrolet for transmission control module programming	250.00
21	Office Depot- office supplies	1,277.14
22	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines	1,238,613.11
23	A.C. Poettgen- monthly cylinder rental (July)	126.00
24	Rodriguez, Larry- reimbursement for travel	981.14
25	SBS of Bakersfield, Inc.- office copier (copy charges for August)	488.22
26	Scherzer International - verification for employment	125.00
27	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel	943.60
28	Taylor Equipment & Repair, Inc. - 140H motorgrader engine repair	7,627.24
29	Torres, Jessie- reimbursement of Vegetation Management event	40.00
30	unWired Broadband, LLC- internet	59.99
31	Valley Pacific Petroleum Services, Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products	827.76
32	Wasco Tire Service, LLC- computer tire balance on Unit #222	50.00
33	Waterbender LLC - scale inhibitor	3,515.10
Operating Expense Subtotal		\$ <u>1,296,253.54</u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR AUGUST AFTER BOARD MEETING \$ 1,379,602.93

+ (Additional disbursements or adjusted amounts.)

*(See page 2 for Special Project Funds)

**(See page 2 for breakdown)

EXHIBIT A

****BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR September 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

1 GEI Consultants, Inc. - *

General engineering fees, GW Modeling & expenses	\$	13,732.85	
SGMA Implementation		8,510.56	
IRWMP Expense		1,339.05	R
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		1,091.66	
Subsurface Recharge		4,076.51	
Delta Pipeline Conv. Improv. Project		43,889.78	G
Water Management Plan Update		10,708.98	
	\$	<u>83,349.39</u>	

G Grant	\$	43,889.78	
R Reimbursed		1,339.05	
	\$	<u>45,228.83</u>	

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

34	Downey Brand- professional services Groundwater Issues	\$	12,146.50
35	W.M. Lyles Co- SWRU Phase 2 System X		3,055.25
36	W.M. Lyles Co- TCP Treatment Project		25,967.86
37	Nicholas Construction, Inc.- Delta Pipeline Improvement Proj. August progress payment		1,083,997.50 G
38	Young Wooldridge*		16,050.25
Special Projects Subtotal \$			<u><u>1,141,217.36</u></u>

Operation Maintenance

39	Acid Source, Inc- sulfuric acid and supplies	\$	10,000.69
40	American Fabrication- R&M on P130 & P131 Turnouts		3,485.65
41	American TireTec- used tire disposal		9.60
42	AT&T- telephone services		1,359.91
43	Avadine- engineer/analyst - senior & monthly software products license maintenance/support agreement (August)		950.00
44	Balance Public Relations- lobbying services		13,500.00
45	CDW Government- otterbox case defender ipad pro (12)		961.13
46	Charter Communications (Spectrum)- internet		406.25
47	Clerou Tire Company- vehicle tires		2,138.37
48	Commworld- telephone tech onsite and remote support		600.00
49	Coverall - new rate increase for August & office cleaning services for September		15.00
50	FedEx- packages		202.09
51	Ferguson Enterprises- R&M on P130 and P131 turnouts		10,386.44
52	Grainger- South PP outdoor lights & shop air compressor air filter		1,235.94
53	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- desktop replacements and APS smart UPS		7,590.98
54	Greer's Banner Air of Bakersfield, Inc.- semi annual service		960.00
55	Home Depot- August supplies for O&M		1,048.76
56	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products		10,419.24
57	Jim Burke Ford- August supplies		1,252.99
58	Kern County Auditor Controller- LAFCO's operating costs for 2025-2026		29,949.00
59	Kern Fan Monitoring Committee- installment #2 for year 2024		3,398.00
60	Kern Trophies- name plates		114.43
61	Linde Gas & Equipment. Inc.- cylinder rental		59.16
62	Lopez, Maria- notary public registration reimbursement		40.00
63	McMaster-Carr- pump repair supplies & standtank pressure transmitter for SCADA system		958.75
64	Myers Diesel Repair- Annual Opacity Test on Unit #323		130.00
65	Office Depot- office supplies		212.45
66	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		6,977.46
67	Primo Brands- water for shop		800.44
68	Richland Chevrolet - August shop supplies		648.86
69	Rodriguez, Larry- reimbursement for travel and conferences		2,688.78
70	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel		400.28
71	Springbrook- Standard Professional Services		8,505.00
72	T-Mobile - internet access for communication with Solar Site		13.00
73	United Tracking Systems, LLC- Water Dashboard Subscription		8,241.00
74	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager		1,745.39
75	City of Wasco- water, sewer, and trash services for office (August)		997.96
76	Wells Fargo Business Cards-**		2,475.62
77	Wesco- electrical supplies & South PP outdoor lighting repair		3,077.89
Operating Expense Subtotal \$			<u><u>137,956.51</u></u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER BOARD MAILING \$ 1,279,173.87

S.W.S.D - Payroll Accounts - transfer of funds from S.I.D. for August payroll \$ 532,347.63

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

78	Kenneth Schmidt and Associates- Groundwater Monitoring Program	\$	2,248.80	R
Special Projects Subtotal		\$	<u>2,248.80</u>	

Operation Maintenance

79	Acid Source, Inc- sulfuric acid	\$	9,172.50	
80	ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority- Cyber Liability 07/01/2025-07/01/2026 for JPA		100.00	R
81	AT&T- long distance charges		50.20	
82	Budget Bolt, Inc.- supplies		54.13	
83	Coverall - cleaning services for September		717.00	
84	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.- office copier (September)		401.17	
85	FedEx- packages		43.92	
86	Knight's Pumping & Portable - portable toilet & services		506.05	
87	Office Depot- office supplies		239.24	
88	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		136,439.08	
89	RedTrac, LLC.- Well Telem Monitoring (September)		5,354.00	
90	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel		431.97	
91	Strategic Policies LLC- consulting services and expenses for August		6,060.00	
92	Tel-Tec Security Systems, Inc.- service labor & shop monitoring services (September)		220.00	
93	Zultys, Inc.- monthly charges for phone system		1,040.73	
Operating Expense Subtotal		\$	<u>160,829.99</u>	

TOTAL BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$ 163,078.79

TOTAL BILLS FOR AUGUST 2025 AFTER BOARD MEETING \$ 1,379,602.93
TOTAL BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 BOARD MAILING \$ 1,279,173.87
TOTAL BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$ 163,078.79
TOTAL BILLS TO BE APPROVED AT BOARD MEETING \$ 2,821,855.59

+ (Additional disbursements or adjusted amounts.)

*(See page 5 for Special Project Funds)

**(See page 5 for breakdown)

****BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR September 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

76 Wells Fargo Business Cards**

Operating Supplies- Yesenia Ramirez	\$	1,027.52
Operating Supplies & Travel Expenses- Isela Medina		387.52
Operating Supplies- Ralph Sanchez		399.92
Operating Supplies- John Lynch		297.39
Fuel & Operating Supplies- Jason Gianquinto		363.27
	\$	<u>2,475.62</u>

38 Young, Wooldridge, LLP - *

Legal fees & expenses	\$	13,759.00
High Speed Rail Project Phase 7		1,625.00 R
TCP Litigation		243.75
	\$	<u>15,627.75</u>

G Grant	\$	1,083,997.50
R Reimbursed		3,973.80
	\$	<u>1,087,971.30</u>

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT September 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING

WIRE TRANSACTIONS

1	Sun Trust Bank - 2006 Swap Agreement (August)	\$	49,806.64
2	Kutak Rock LLP- 2025 Installment Purchase Contract		22,500.00
3	Municipal Finance Corporation- loan arranger fee installment purchase contract		27,500.00
4	Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP- 2025 Installment Purchase Contract		12,000.00
5	Kern County Water Agency- Pioneer R01 & R04 Replacement Wells Progress Billing		463.00
6	Kern County Water Agency- CVC Estimated Billing for O&M and Power "Stand by Costs" 4th Qtr.		25,961.46
7	Kern County Water Agency- waters transfers and exchanges		5,900.00 R
8	California Debt & Investment Advisory Commission- 2025 Inst. Purchase Contract		3,250.00
		\$	<u>147,381.10</u>