AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PLEASANT VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

March 24, 2026 10:00 AM - Immediately Following PVWD Meeting

Meeting Held at:
Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant
Belmont Room
24505 W Dorris Ave, Coalinga, CA 93210

Also made accessible by video at the link:
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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Public Comment**
   Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter on the agenda. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person and no more than fifteen minutes per topic. For good cause, the meeting Chair may waive these limitations. Reminder that this meeting is being recorded.

3. **Closed Session**
   The Board will meet with Legal Counsel in closed session pursuant to the Government Code sections noted to discuss the following:
   a. Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation
   Significant exposure to litigation (Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4))) – 1 potential case

4. **Report from Closed Session, if any, Required by Government Code Section 54957.1**

5. **Consent Calendar (Woolf)**
   All items listed on the Consent Calendar are routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by a single action of the Board of Directors, unless a Board Member requests separate consideration of the item. If such a request is made, the item may be heard as an action item at this meeting.

Board of Directors to Consider:

a. Approving the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 24, 2026
b. Approving the Accounts Payable Reports

6. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Dutton/Henson/Fisher/Woolf)**
   Serving as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency of the Pleasant Valley Subbasin:
   a. SWRCB meeting of March 16, 2026 **(Dutton/Henson)**
   b. Annual Report **(Fisher)**
   c. Land IQ Presentation **(Woolf)**

7. **Actions Taken at the January 14, 2026, Meeting (Stevens)**
   a. Consider and Discuss Adoption of Resolution **01-26,** Approving Methodology Used to Establish Acreage for Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Lands and 2026 Groundwater Allocations
   b. Consider and Discuss Adoption of Resolution **02-26,** Setting a Groundwater Extraction Fee for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
   c. Consider and Discuss Adoption of Resolution **03-26,** Setting Regular Board Meeting Date, Time, and Location
   d. Consider and Discuss Adoption of Resolution **04-26,** Designating Location of PVGSA Office and Mailing Address

8. **General Manager's Report (Woolf)**
   a. Insurance Update
   b. Consider and Discuss Approval of Scope of Work for Provost & Pritchard to Conduct a Proposition 218 Proceeding for Groundwater Extraction Charge
   c. Allocation Confirmation Update
   d. Consider and Discuss Approval of Deadline of April 15, 2026 for Submission of 2026 Allocation Confirmation Forms
   e. Financial Update

9. **General Counsel's Report (Stevens)**

10. **Adjournment**

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PLEASANT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

February 24, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency held a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 24505 W. Dorris Avenue, Coalinga, CA and by teleconference. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order by President Anderson at approximately 10:10 a.m. Directors attending the meeting were James Anderson, Turner Christensen, Karen d'Artenay, Craig Finster, William Fisher, Joseph Lovelace, James Nichols, Sebastian Silveira and Brian Whelan. Also in attendance were Calvin Monreal, James Fisher, Sarah Woolf, Lindsay Cederquist, Lauren Layne, Wesley Henson, Anona Dutton, Emily Lovell, Brett Hewitson, Jose Saldana, Tara Kahn, Amanda Peisch-Derby, John Kinsey, Lisa Hansen McEwen, Robert Kuhs, Russell McGlothlin, Alexis Stevens (General Counsel) and Donna Wilt (bookkeeper).

PUBLIC COMMENT. None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION.

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
   Significant exposure to litigation (Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4))) - 2 potential cases.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY, REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1. Upon coming out of closed session, General Counsel Alexis Stevens reported that Board received a letter sent on behalf of Gladstone Land Corporation alleging Brown Act violations for the January 14, 2026 meeting and demanding that PVGSA cure and correct. She further reported that the Board intends to take action to cure and correct the alleged violations at the March meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR.

a. The minutes of the Special Board Meeting on January 14, 2026 were reviewed and discussed. Director Christensen motioned to approve the January 14, 2026 Minutes which was seconded by Director Fisher. The motion was approved as follows:
   AYES: Anderson, Christensen, d'Artenay, Finster, Fisher, Lovelace, Nichols, Silveira and Whelan
   NOES: None
   ABTENTIONS: None
   ABSENTEES: None

b. The Board reviewed and discussed the Accounts Payable Report. Director Christensen motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Report, which was seconded by Director Fisher. The motion was approved as follows:
AYES: Anderson, Christensen, d'Artenay, Finster, Fisher, Lovelace, Nichols, Silveira and Whelan
NOES: None
ABTENTIONS: None
ABSENTEES: None

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT. Anona Dutton from EKI reported to the Board on the following items.

a. EKI provided an update on the status of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).
    - Sebastain Silveria asked whether the sustainable yield can be increased given the new sustainable yield range that has been identified. Anona Dutton responded that it was not recommended at this time.
    - Lisa Hansen McEwen inquired whether the draft GSP incorporated guidance issued in DWR's Subsidence Best Management Practices or whether it will be incorporated in the future. Anona Dutton responded that the guidance is included and that the threshold has been set at the recent historic low. The intent is to not allow water levels to decline anymore which will result in no more active subsidence.
b. EKI provided an update on DWR Deficiency #2 explaining that additional information is needed.
c. EKI discussed potential dates for a workshop on the draft GSP.
d. EKI reported on the need to augment its budget for 2026 by $172,439 for the total budget to be $665,659.
e. City of Coalinga License Agreement – The Board reviewed and discussed the City of Coalinga License Agreement. Director Fisher motioned to approve the City of Coalinga License Agreement, which was seconded by Director Silveira. The motion was approved as follows:
AYES: Anderson, Christensen, d'Artenay, Finster, Fisher, Lovelace, Nichols, Silveira and Whelan
NOES: None
ABTENTIONS: None
ABSENTEES: None
f. Resolution 01-26 – General Counsel Alexis Stevens reviewed and discussed with the Board Resolution 01-26 Approving Methodology to Establish Acreage for Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Lands and 2026 Groundwater Allocations and the changes approved at the January 14, 2026 meeting.
    - Joe Lovelace commented that the allocations are uneven compared to historical pumping. He suggested implementing a cap so as to not impact smaller landowners. He further commented that in January, the Board was asked to affirm Provost and Prichard (P&P) data, but the Land IQ data does not conform to the numbers used by P&P. He believes the methodology was misapplied

- Sebastian Silveria commented that Gladstone has reached out to Land IQ they believe there are errors in how the data was applied. He also asked questions of P&P engineers.
- John Kinsey commented on behalf of Hewitson Farms regarding concerns with the 90/10 allocation. He advocated for the use of assessed acres to determine the allocation.
- Russell McGlothlin commented on behalf of Gladstone regarding using DWR data on cropped vs. irrigated acres. He explained that the policy references applied groundwater on property with groundwater and surface water. What the GSA is using as "cropland" is not irrigated crops. Land IQ representatives had a conversation with Gladstone and have told Gladstone that the DWR data is being misapplied by the GSA. The GSA should use Land IQ to find which lands have actually used groundwater. He believes there should be a systematic facilitated process for assessing irrigated acres and argued against reaffirming the January vote. He also recommended that the GSA recast the definition in the policy as "beneficial use" not "irrigated acres."

<u>GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</u>. Sarah Woolf reported to the Board on the following.

a. 2026 Budget Augmentation – The Board reviewed and discussed the EKI 2026 Budget increase of $172,439 for a total budget of $665,659. Director Christensen motioned to approve the 2026 Budget Augmentation of $172,439 for EKI, which was seconded by Director Fisher. The motion was approved as follows:
   AYES: Anderson, Christensen, d'Artenay, Finster, Fisher, Lovelace, Nichols, Silveira and Whelan
   NOES: None
   ABTENTIONS: None
   ABSENTEES: None
b. Groundwater Allocation and Transfer Process
   i. Allocation Verification Form – all allocation forms need to be completed.
   ii. Outstanding Invoice Status – all outstanding invoices need to be paid.
   iii. Transfer Request Form – allocation forms confirmed by the landowners and submitted to the GSA staff and outstanding invoices must be paid in order for transfer requests to be processed.
c. Insurance – Sarah Woolf reported that she is in the process of adding the GSA to our current insurance company, Insurica.

<u>GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT</u>. General Counsel Stevens reported to the Board that she is working on the By Laws.

<u>ADJOURNMENT.</u> The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Craig Finster, Secretary