

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 12:31 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Waterhouse on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 12:31 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

Directors Absent: Tim Thomson

Other Participants: General Manager, Jason Gianquinto

District Controller, Bobby Salinas
District Superintendent, John Lynch
District Contract Administrator, Becky Ortiz
Receptionist, Yesenia Ramirez
District Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani
Special Projects Manager, Larry Rodriguez
Justin Murray (AG Thought Consulting)
Dean Florez (BPR)
Sam Schaefer (GEI Consultants)
Steven Piggott (Nuveen Natural Capital)
Joel Kimmelshue (Land IQ)
Tomo Kumahira (Water One)
Christian T. (Water One Ag)
Kaho Kong (Valley Water)
Brent Hankins (Hankins Farms)

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 January 14, 2026, the SWSD GSA Board Meeting of January 14, 2026, and the Special Board Meeting of January 28, 2026, were presented for approval.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Carroll and unanimously carried, the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2026, the SWSD GSA Board Meeting of January 14, 2026, and the Special Board Meeting of January 28, 2026, were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Reports

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

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

Accounts Payable

The Cash Disbursement List for February 11, 2026 was presented for review, approval, and payment.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Tracy and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment of the Accounts Payable as listed on the February 11, 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 Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code, § 22050 (a)(1)) for Replacement of Discharge Manifold Pipe for the Pond Poso PP

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto stated that the Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code, § 22050 (a)(1)) for Replacement of Discharge Manifold Pipe for the Pond Poso PP emergency work is progressing and will continue until the end of

February.

On motion by Director Fabbri, seconded by Director Portwood and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code, § 22050 (a)(1)) for Replacement of Discharge Manifold Pipe for the Pond Poso PP.

Consider Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code, § 22050 (a)(1)) for Structural Repair at Designated Pumping Plants: B21, Wegis and Charlie

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto stated that the Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code, § 22050 (a)(1)) for Structural Repair at Designated Pumping Plants: B21, Wegis and Charlie emergency work is progressing and will continue until the end of February.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Daniel and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code, § 22050 (a)(1)) for Structural Repair at Designated Pumping Plants: B21, Wegis and Charlie.

Consider Landowner Recharge Policy for Permanent Recharge Facilities

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto provided the Board with an update on the Landowner Banking Committee Ad Hoc Meeting and development of the policy for Landowner Recharge Facilities, Sub-Surface Facilities, and Permanent Surface for Conventional Facilities.

Consider Release of Draft 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan and Providing Notice of same including Notice of Public Hearing on March 11, 2026

Special Projects Manager, Larry Rodriguez, provided the Board with a review of the Draft 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan.

The Board directed release of the Draft 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan and, as required by law, providing notice of the same including Notice of the Public Hearing at the next regular meeting of the Board on March 11, 2026.

SEMITROPIC WSD GSA UPDATE

At 2:02 p.m., the Board President, Dan Waterhouse, opened the meeting the Semitropic Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SWSD GSA), and the Board proceeded to consider SWSD GSA agenda items.

SGMA Updates and Discussion

Consider Land IQ – Daily Et Tool (Presentation by Land IQ)

Joel Kimmelshue, with Land IQ, provided the Board with a detailed overview of the Daily Et Tool in a presentation. General Manager, Jason Gianquinto recommended approval of the Daily Et Tool.

On motion by Director Tracy, seconded by Director Fabbri and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Daily Et Tool with Land IQ.

Potential Action Items

Consider Adoption of Resolution ST GSA 26-01: DEFERRING PRELIMINARY FIXING, HEARING AND FINAL IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES TO BE ADMINISTRATIVELY IMPOSED ON LANDOWNERS EXCEEDING THEIR LANDOWNER WATER BUDGETS

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Fabbri, the Board adopted Resolution No. ST GSA 26-01 on a roll call vote as follows.

The President called for a roll call vote to adopt said resolution. The following is a record of the roll call vote:

AYES: Director Waterhouse, Portwood, Carroll, Fabbri, Daniel Tracy

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Thomson

ABSTAIN: None

The President announced that the motion carried.

The GSA meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. and the Board resumed consideration of the remainder of the District's non-GSA agenda items.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

SWRU – Construction Update by W.M. Lyles

W.M. Lyle's Representative, Rick Amigh, was not present. However, W.M. Lyle's monthly progress report 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 January 2026, including Delta Pipeline Improvement Project and data review which was included in the Board Packet.

Balance Public Relations

Dean Florez of Balance Public Relations discussed items contained in Balance Public Relations' monthly report, which was included in the Board Packet.

REDtrac

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

INFORMATIONAL AND UP-DATE ITEMS

General Manager Gianquinto noted that the Staff Report, titled "District Activity During January 2026," dated February 6, 2026, was included in the Board Packet.

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

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

At 2:36 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 2:50 p.m., the meeting continued with Closed Session.

Participants included:

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

Directors Absent: Tim Thomson

Other Participants: General Manager, Jason Gianquinto
District Controller, Bobby Salinas
District Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani
District Engineer, Isela Medina
District Superintendent, John Lynch
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 3:45 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.

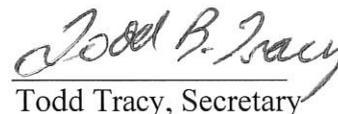
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

APPROVED:



Daniel Waterhouse, President



Todd Tracy, Secretary

Board Day Presentation
SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT February 11, 2026 BOARD MEETING

JANUARY AFTER BOARD MEETING

SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Special Projects

1	Downey Brand- professional services Tulare Lake Flood control proj.	\$	20,839.00
2	GEI Consultants*		86,739.94
3	Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc.- repair & maintenance of Stand Tanks		190,690.45
		\$	<u>298,269.39</u>

Operation Maintenance

4	American Fabrication- part "T" repair and coat	\$	6,246.03
5	Asbury Environmental Services- used oil disposal		153.00
6	B&B Surplus, Inc.- material to fabricate rain gutter for Semi #3 Hydro Generator control center shade		76.86
7	Bakersfield Lock & Safe Company, Inc.- service on office doors		402.84
8	Buena Vista Groundwater Sustainability Agency- seventeenth funding request due for the SGMA CC		16,118.00
9	CDW Government- Annual Subscription Renewal		1,254.38
10	Cen-Cal Machine- repair North Pumping Plant Unit #7 Pump		28,211.52
11	C&H Fence & Patio, Inc.- P-667 Pumping Plant gate		1,148.00
12	Chester Avenue Brake- part to repair Unit #301		196.58
13	Delano Equipment- thrust block concrete		228.10
14	Ferguson- pump repair supplies and R&M on turnouts		494.62
15	Frontier Communications - data communication for substation		59.01
16	Gas Company- office utilities		634.87
17	Grainger- engineering supplies		60.54
18	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- Lenovo host drive failure		427.54
19	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- MSP Agrmnt, Patch Mgmt.,Secure offsite data backup,adv.email security (February)		4,443.80
20	Hilltop Securities Asset Management- 2015 Series A Rev Bonds Installment calculation		5,600.00
21	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products		10,120.96
22	Jim Burke Ford- vehicle service supplies		4,022.25
23	Johnson Controls Security Solutions- quart. Bill. services acct. ending 8170 02/01/26- 04/30/26		2,127.68
24	Kern Print Services- envelopes		428.80
25	Knight's Pumping & Portable - portable toilet & services		506.05
26	A.C. Poettgen- monthly cylinder rental (December 2025) and supplies		314.11
27	Reserve Account- postage		2,000.00
28	SBS of Bakersfield, Inc.- office copier (copy charges for January)		474.69
29	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel		891.92
30	Target Specialty Products- roundup custom & roundup pro		4,139.72
	Operating Expense Subtotal	\$	<u>90,781.87</u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR JANUARY AFTER BOARD MEETING \$ 389,051.26

+ (Additional disbursements or adjusted amounts.)

*(See page 2 for Special Project Funds)

** (See page 2 for breakdown)

EXHIBIT A

****BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR February 11, 2026 BOARD MEETING**

2 GEI Consultants, Inc. - *

General engineering fees, GW Modeling & expenses	\$	22,475.92
Delta Pipeline Conv. Improv. Project		46,273.70 G
SGMA Implementation		7,147.46
IRWMP Expense		1,805.35 R
Subsurface Recharge		4,136.04 G
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		4,901.47
	\$	<u><u>86,739.94</u></u>

G Grant	\$	50,409.74
R Reimbursed		1,805.35
	\$	<u><u>52,215.09</u></u>

FEBRUARY 2026 BOARD MAILING

SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Special Projects

31	Canyon Industries, Inc.- ST#2 New Hydro Milestone 1	\$	8,620.98
32	Concepts in Controls, Inc.- SCADA System Upgrade Phase 2		68,430.00
33	Downey Brand- professional services Tulare Lake Flood control proj.		1,913.00
34	W.M. Lyles Co- SWRU Phase 2 System X		1,944.25
35	W.M. Lyles Co- TCP Treatment Project		378,058.92
36	Nicholas Construction, Inc.- Delta Pipeline Improvement Proj. January progress payment		2,043,678.95
37	Young Woodridge*		28,176.08
Special Projects Subtotal \$			<u>2,530,822.18</u>

SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Operation Maintenance

38	AC Electric Company- Shark Meter Install	\$	13,499.00
39	American Refuse- trash service for shop		326.36
40	AT&T- telephone services		1,757.19
41	Avadine- engineer/analyst - senior & monthly software products license maintenance/support agreement January		950.00
42	Avadine- engineer/analyst - 2025 Dataset Export/Isela Medina		150.00
43	Balance Public Relations- lobbying services		13,500.00
44	Blueprint Service Co.- Groundwater Monitoring Biannual Report		3,508.09
45	Budget Bolt, Inc.- pump repair supplies		97.43
46	Charter Communications (Spectrum)- internet		406.25
47	Coverall - cleaning services for February		717.00
48	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.- office copier (February)		401.17
49	FedEx- packages		157.82
50 +	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- logitech camera/sound issue in conference room		45.60
51	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- Domain-Yr (10/01/2025-09/30/2026)		390.00
52	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products		8,476.94
53	Jim Burke Ford- vehicle service supplies		608.06
54	Kern Trophies- name plates		44.04
55	Linde Gas & Equipment. Inc.- monthly cylinder rental		60.59
56	McMaster-Carr- material to fabricate buss for electric motor starter and spray rig repair parts		674.83
57	Office Depot- office supplies		532.97
58	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		646.91
59	Primo Brands- water for shop		473.25
60	Rain for Rent- transfer line rental		387.72
61	Richland Chevrolet- January shop supplies		734.65
62	Rodriguez, Larry- reimbursement for travel		2,505.15
63	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District- 26/27 Annual Permits to Operate		46.00
64	ShareFile LLC- new user account for Emma		172.83
65	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel		879.75
66	Sunbelt Solomon Services, LLC- voltage regulator for B-21 substation		30,185.51
67	Tel-Tec Security Systems, Inc.- service labor & shop monitoring services (February)		220.00
68	T-Mobile - internet access for communication with Solar Site		30.00
69	United Tracking Systems, LLC- Water Dashboard Subscription		8,241.00
70	Valley Ag Water Coalition- 2026 membership dues		10,000.00
71	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager		685.86
72	City of Wasco- water, sewer, and trash services for office (January)		718.27
73	Wells Fargo Business Cards-**		1,884.00
74	Wesco- B-369 Pumping Plant repair and PP repair supplies, electrical supplies		3,141.97
75	Zultys, Inc.- monthly charges for phone system (February)		1,041.99
Operating Expense Subtotal \$			<u>108,298.20</u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR FEBRUARY BOARD MAILING \$ 2,639,120.38

+ **S.W.S.D - Payroll Accounts - transfer of funds from S.I.D. for January payroll \$ 462,051.47**

FEBRUARY 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING

SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Special Projects

76	Electrical Management Planning, Inc.- North Linear Generator Interconnection	\$	1,800.00
77	Michael K. Nunley & Associates, Inc.- engineering services for California High Speed Rail		3,108.00 R
78	Kenneth Schmidt and Associates- Groundwater Monitoring Program		14,584.47 R
Special Projects Subtotal			\$ 19,492.47

Operation Maintenance

79	AC Electric Company- new electric service for BP184 TE/BE Snow Farms	\$	4,960.00
80	AT&T- long distance charges		50.79
81	Collins, Ron- gardening (January)		600.00
82	Home Depot- January supplies for O&M		686.99
83	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products		932.82
84	O'Reilly Auto Parts- shop supplies		1,089.80
85	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		14,771.80
86	A.C. Poettgen- monthly cylinder rental (January)		126.00
87	PTS Rentals Inc- generator rental 02/04/26-02/05/26		179.15
88	RedTrac, LLC.- Well Telem Monitoring (January & February)		10,708.00
89	Shafter Parts and Supply, Inc.- January shop supplies for O&M		2,477.82
90	South Tulare Richgrove Refuse Inc.- trash service for drilling yard		534.00
91	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager		588.83
92	Waterbender LLC - scale inhibitor		2,316.77
93	Water Education Foundation- 2026 WEF Membership		12,000.00
Operating Expense Subtotal			\$ 52,022.77

TOTAL BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$ 71,515.24

TOTAL BILLS FOR JANUARY 2026 AFTER BOARD MEETING \$ 389,051.26
TOTAL BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2026 BOARD MAILING \$ 2,639,120.38
TOTAL BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2026 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$ 71,515.24
TOTAL BILLS TO BE APPROVED AT BOARD MEETING \$ 3,099,686.88

+ (Additional disbursements or adjusted amounts.)

*(See page 5 for Special Project Funds)

** (See page 5 for breakdown)

****BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR February 11, 2026 BOARD MEETING**

73 Wells Fargo Business Cards**

Operating Supplies- Ralph Sanchez	\$	476.37
Operating Supplies - Yesenia Ramirez		581.29
Operating Supplies- John Lynch		397.44
Travel expenses - Isela Medina		192.15
Fuel & Operating Supplies- Jason Gianquinto		236.75
	\$	<u>1,884.00</u>

37 Young, Wooldridge, LLP - *

Legal fees & expenses	\$	15,253.08
High Speed Rail Project Phase 7		74.00 R
Litigation support		1,850.00
TCP Litigation		8,964.00
North Plant Linear Generator Project		518.00
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		1,517.00
	\$	<u>28,176.08</u>

G Grant	\$	2,043,678.95
R Reimbursed		17,766.47
	\$	<u>2,061,445.42</u>

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT February 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING

WIRE TRANSACTIONS

1	Kern County Water Agency- Pioneer Project Billing for Recharge October 2025	\$	211,976.00
2	Kern County Water Agency- 2025 Yuba Water Purchase Program		13,824.00
3	Sun Trust Bank - 2006 Swap Agreement (January)		57,751.06
		\$	<u>283,551.06</u>