

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES July 30, 2026

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Salvador Parra, Jr., President (Arr.1:12 p.m.)

Wm. Cory Carvalho, Vice President

Robert Motte

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606

Matthew J. Carvalho

PUBLIC PRESENT

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Walter Flores-Barboza, Office Manager

Mirian I. Esparza, Secretary

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Manny Amorelli, Executive Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("James GSA") was held Thursday, July 30, 2026, in the Agency office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m., by Vice President, Wm. Cory Carvalho. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (S.PARRA / W.CARVALHO)

Vice-President Wm. Cory Carvalho led the meeting in reciting the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. It was NOTED FOR THE RECORD that the July 23, 2026, Adjourned Regular Meeting was ADJOURNED to this date July 30, 2026 due to scheduling conflicts. Notice was e-mailed and posted online as well as in the lobby of the Agency office as prescribed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public were given an opportunity to directly address the Board on any item of interest before or during consideration of the item. No comments were offered.

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5. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

6. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (FPPC §87105)

Directors were given an opportunity to identify a potential conflict-of-interest with items appearing on the Agenda. None were reported.

7. MINUTES

a. ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 22, 2026

(M/S/C M.AMORELLI / M.CARVALHO), to APPROVE as drafted.

AYES: 5 (M.Amorelli,M.Carvalho,W.Carvalho,R.Motte,S.Parra)

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Water Code §24273, reports were presented by Mr.Amorelli as follows:

a. INTERIM WARRANTS: JANUARY 23 – JULY 30, 2026 (Att.1)

(M/S/C R.MOTTE / W.CARVALHO), to RATIFY/APPROVE Interim Warrants (bills paid) since last meeting totaling \$107,991.23.

AYES: 5 (R.Motte,W.Carvalho,M.Amorelli,M.Carvalho,S.Parra)

b. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

None reported.

c. CASH POSITION REPORT: JUNE 30, 2026

d. INCOME STATEMENT (BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL) PERIOD ENDING: JUNE 30, 2026

e. QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS-PERIOD ENDING: JUNE 30, 2026 (Gov.Code §53646)

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amorelli presented his verbal report as follows:

▸ KINGS GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN GSA COORDINATION GROUP

- King Basin representatives continue meeting monthly.
- A meeting with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) regarding subsidence management and best management practices is anticipate soon.
- The King Basin five-year Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) update has been submitted.
- DWR comments on GSP are now expected later in 2026 or early 2027 due to continue delays.

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▶ PROJECTS

- James Bypass Groundwater Recharge / Eastside Weir – Staff reported that construction remains on schedule and is expected to be completed by September 2026.

▶ CENTRAL VALLEY BLUEPRINT

- The James GSA has joined the Central Valley Blue print, a regional groundwater collaboration consisting of GSA's, Irrigation Districts, and other agencies throughout the San Joaquin Valley.
- The organization will provide coordinated representation on statewide groundwater issues and serve as a collaborative resource for member agencies

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Directors were given an opportunity to report on meetings and/or conferences attended on behalf of the Agency. None were reported.

11. ACTION ITEMS

- a. ▶ RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF BANKING SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY WEST BANK FOLLOWING THE MERGER OF THE UNITED SECURITY BANK, N.A. (07/30/2026) (Att.2)
Staff presented a Draft Resolution authorizing continuation of banking services following the merger of Unites Security Bank into Community West Bank. Staff explained the change is administrative only.

(M/S/C M.CARVALHO / R.MOTTE), to APPROVE RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF BANKING SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY WEST BANK FOLLOWING THE MERGER OF THE UNITED SECURITY BANK, N.A as drafted.

AYES: 5 (M.Carvalho,R.Motte,M.Amorelli,W.Carvalho,S.Parra)

- b. ▶ INVESTMENT POLICY (07/30/2026) (Att.3)

The Board reviewed the proposed James Groundwater Investment Policy. (GOV.CODE §53646)
The GSA previously had no formal investment policy due to limited reserves. With Grant funding and increased balances anticipated, an investment policy is now appropriate. The policy mirrors the James Irrigation District investment policy.

(M/S/C R.MOTTE / M.CARVALHO), to APPROVE INVESTMENT POLICY AS PRESENTED.

AYES: 5 (R.Motte,M.Carvalho,M.Amorelli,W.Carvalho,S.Parra)

12. REPORT ITEMS

- a. ETHICS TRAINING (06/20/2006) - Staff reminded Directors that biennial AB Ethics training requirement is due at end of year. District council will coordinate a future group training session for Board members.

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ALTHOUGH THE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS WERE LISTED ON THE AGENDA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MANNY AMORELLI, INDICATED THERE WAS NOT AN IMMEDIATE NEED TO DISCUSS THEM AT THIS TIME. THE BOARD OPTED TO MOVE TO ADJOURNMENT.

13. **CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

1 CASE

14. **CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 -SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION
PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OR (3) OF SUBDIVISION (D)**

1 CASE

15. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, M/S/C (M.CARVALHO / W.CARVALHO), to ADJOURN the meeting at 1:30 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026.

AYES: 5 (M.Carvalho,Wm.Carvalho,M.Amorelli,R.Motte,S.Parra)

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Mirian I. Esparza, Secretary
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Salvador Parra, Jr., President
JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Manny Amorelli, Executive Director
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ATTACHMENTS:

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| 1 | Interim Warrants: January 23 – July 30, 2026, \$107,991.23 |
| 2 | Resolution 2026-01 Resolution: Authorizing the continuation of Banking services with Community West Bank following the merger of the United Security Bank, N.A |
| 3 | Resolution 2026-02 Investment Policy |