

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES January 22, 2026

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Wm. Cory Carvalho, President

Robert Motte

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606

Matthew J. Carvalho

DIRECTORS EXCUSED

Salvador Parra, Jr., Vice President

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Manny Amorelli, Executive Director

PUBLIC PRESENT

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Walter Flores-Barboza, Office Manager

Donna Hanneman, Secretary

Mirian I. Esparza, Office Clerk

LANDOWNERS/GROWERS

Eric Grouleff, Jr.

CONSULTANTS

PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP LLC

Eric Abrahamsen, P.E. (Zoom)

LEGAL COUNSEL

BKS LAW FIRM, PC

Ryan S. Bezerra, Esq. (Zoom)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("James GSA") was held Thursday, January 22, 2026, in the Agency office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 10 :00a.m., by President, Wm. Cory Carvalho. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 January 15, 2026, Adjourned Regular Meeting was ADJOURNED to this date 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. There were no public comments.

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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. REORGANIZATION: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M/S/C R.MOTTE/M.CARVALHO, to APPOINT the following slate of officers.

President Salvador Parra Jr.

Vice President Wm. Cory Carvalho

AYES: 4 (R.Motte,M.Carvalho,M.Amorelli,Wm.Carvalho)

EXCUSED: 1 (S.Parra)

8. AGENCY APPOINTMENTS

M/S/C M.AMORELLI/R.MOTTE, to RE-APPOINT the following as indicated (no changes):

1. JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Executive Director Manny Amorelli

2. KINGS RIVER GSA COORDINATOR GROUP

Primary Representative: Manny Amorelli

AYES: 4 (M.Amorelli,R.Motte,M.Carvalho,W.Carvalho)

EXCUSED: 1 (S.Parra)

9. MINUTES

a. ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING: JULY 23, 2025

M/S/C R.MOTTE/M.CARVALHO, to APPROVE as drafted.

AYES: 4 (R.Motte,M.Carvalho,M.Amorelli,W.Carvalho)

EXCUSED: 1 (S.Parra)

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

a. INTERIM WARRANTS: JULY 24, 2025-JANUARY 22, 2026 (Att.1)

M/S/C (R.MOTTE/M.CARVALHO), to RATIFY/APPROVE Interim Warrants (bills paid) since last meeting totaling \$93,941.36.

AYES: 4 (R.Motte,M.Carvalho,M.Amorelli,W.Carvalho)

EXCUSED: 1 (S.Parra)

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- b. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
None reported.
- b. CASH POSITION REPORT: DECEMBER 31, 2025
- c. INCOME STATEMENT (BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL) PERIOD ENDING: DECEMBER 31, 2025
- d. QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS-PERIOD ENDING: DECEMBER 31, 2025
(Gov. Code §53646)

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amorelli presented his verbal report as follows:

- ▶ KINGS SUBBASIN COORDINATION GROUP - Continues monthly meetings, focusing on ongoing basin coordination efforts among the member Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.
 - Domestic Well Mitigation - There have been no requests for assistance within this GSA's jurisdiction. It was noted that while other GSAs have received limited applications, activity overall has been minimal.
 - Groundwater Allocation Framework - Six of the seven member GSAs have agreed to a groundwater allocation framework. One GSA has not participated at this time.
- ▶ PROJECTS
 - James Bypass Groundwater Storage/Recharge - Construction has begun on the new Eastside Weir headwall. James ID crew are performing a substantial portion of the work, with consultant support for construction. The anticipated completion timeframe is Spring 2026. Staff will continue to provide progress updates through District communications, including newsletter and social media platforms.

12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

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

13. ACTION ITEMS

- a. KINGS SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK (01/22/2026) (Att.2)
Staff presented the proposed Allocation Framework. M/S/C (R.MOTTE / M.CARVALHO), to APPROVE KINGS SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK.
AYES: 4 (R.Motte, M.Carvalho, M.Amorelli, W.Carvalho)
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- b. FISCAL BUDGET: MARCH 1, 2026-FEBRUARY 28, 2027 (01/22/2026) (Att.3)
M/S/C (R.MOTTE/M.AMORELLI), to APPROVE FISCAL BUDGET as presented/discussed.
AYES: 4 (R.Motte,M.Amorelli,M.Carvalho,W.Carvalho)
EXCUSED: 1 (S.Parra)

14. REPORT ITEMS

- a. ANNUAL FILING OF STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FORMS (01/22/2026)
Staff reminded Directors and applicable staff members of their obligation to complete and file annual Conflict-of-Interest forms (Form 700) in accordance by the Political Reform Act, Gov. Code §81000-91015. Staff noted that assistance would be provided as needed to ensure timely compliance of April 1, 2026
- b. RURAL WELL OUTREACH (10/15/2020)
Staff reported no domestic well owners within GSAs jurisdiction have requested assistance. Staff will continue monitoring conditions and coordinating with Basin partners to respond to future needs.

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.

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

1 CASE

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

1 CASE

17. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session was not held.

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18. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, M/S/C (R.MOTTE/M.CARVALHO), to ADJOURN the meeting at 10:35 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2026.

AYES: 4 (R.Motte,M.Carvalho,M.Amorelli,W.Carvalho)

EXCUSED: 1 (S.Parra)

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Mirian I. Esparza, Office Clerk
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Wm. Cory Carvalho, President
JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Manny Amorelli, Executive Director
JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

ATTACHMENTS:

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| 1 | Interim Warrants: July 24, 2025-January 22, 2026 , \$93,941.36 |
| 2 | Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework, Approved January 22, 2026 |
| 3 | Fiscal Budget: March 1, 2026-February 28, 2027, Approved January 22, 2026 |