

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HILLS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

November 20, 2025

Visalia, California

CALL TO ORDER

President Booth called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. with the following in attendance: Directors Booth and Rinaldi. Also in attendance were Tracy Jones, Engineer-Secretary Dennis Keller, Engineer Nick Keller and Recording Secretary Carol Johnstone. Attending by Zoom were Drew Ketelsen and Tom Mulholland.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Secretary asked the Directors if there were any potential conflicts of interest to be declared and none were offered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Secretary asked if there were any comments to be presented during this portion of the Agenda and none were offered.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE Agenda

The Secretary asked if there were any additional items to be considered for addition to the Agenda and none were offered.

WATER SUPPLY AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES

2025-2026 Water Supply Issues, Schedule, Allocations and Purchase/Exchange/Transfer Options

Engineer Nick Keller reviewed with the Board that the District has 748 AF left, for the 2025-2026 Water Year. The USBR has granted a 10% Friant Division-wide carryover. Nick estimated the carryover amount to be revised to 12 to 15% of District contract quantity. Anymore than that will be very hard to carryover. The guaranteed carryover amount is 125AF. President Booth asked if excess water can be moved to SWID, but was explained that the problem is the ability to recover in the next year. The District will have frost protection water available in January and February, 2026.

AUDITORS REVIEW/AUDIT STATUS

Engineer D. Keller reported to the Board that the 2014 audit is waiting for three questions to be answered by Nick Keller and then the audit will be released to the District. He also reported that the 2015 audit is almost complete as well.

## FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### Treasurer's Report

The Secretary noted that the current Financial Report had been included in the Board meeting packet. Review of the document, covering the period June 12, 2025, through November 20, 2025, occurred. Review included Tri-Valley Water District and Fresno Irrigation District payments. The AEWSD bank balance was also reviewed. Following review, it was moved by Director Booth to accept the Financial Report and to authorize the payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Director Rinaldi and carried.

### USBR Reconciliation Payments

Secretary Keller reviewed with the Board that the reconciliation payment received from the USBR is not tied to any invoice or period of time. It was noted that this would make it very hard to assign the proceeds.

### Macias Delinquency

Secretary Keller reviewed with the Board that the outstanding 2025-2026 water invoice had been paid by Trinidad Macias.

### Wells Fargo Bank – Pricing Changes

Secretary Keller reported to the Board that he received notice of additional changes to the Wells Fargo Bank fees. He reported that there will be a \$6.00 charge for every walk-in transaction.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Minutes

Secretary Keller reported that the minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2025, had been transmitted to the Board for review prior to the Board meeting. He asked if there were any corrections or additions to same. A motion was made by Director Rinaldi to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Booth and the motion was carried.

### Web Site Contract

Nick Keller reported to the Board that the new website had been developed and was up and running. The website pathway is HillsValleyID.org. The Secretary indicated that, for now, only the Agenda and approved minutes would be uploaded to the website.

## REPAIRS

### FWA Metering System Repairs

Engineer N. Keller reported that Friant Water Authority had, at the beginning of the year, found a faulty transmitter and so they replaced the faulty parts. The problem now seems to be repaired. To date, the difference between the District meter reading and FWA is 26.09 AF versus 5,400 AF. He also reported that six (6) internal meters need to be pulled and repaired in the next year.

USA-Electronic Positive Responses Controversy

Engineer Keller reported to the Board that USA is requiring a positive response to a negative response. USA has threatened a fine and or continuing education if the District is non compliant with their demands. An annual map of the District is sent to USA, but they call for marking in areas far removed from the District. No Board action required.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The President adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m. to Executive Session. Attorney Alan Doud with Young/Wooldridge joined the Board meeting at 1:17.

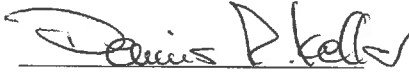
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The President opened the meeting to Regular Session at 1:32 p.m. No reportable action taken was announced. Attorney Doud left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no more items to address, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis R. Keller, Secretary