HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 6, 2026

Members Present – Jim Jones, Frank Hilliard, David Anderson, and Jim Gerdes.

Members Absent – Tony Salvador Jr.

Public in Attendance – None.

Action Items

A motion to approve the Consent Items reflecting the change of Agenda Action Item 6a to reflect the name of Eric Yonan for the Conditional Can & Will Serve Notice as he is now the owner of the parcel listed on the CC&W notice and to correct Action Item 6a to reflect October 2026 not November 2026 was made by David Anderson and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: October 2026 was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve the Conditional Can and Will Service Notice for Eric Yonan was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Professional Services with Quad Knopf, Inc. dba QK was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to Adopt Resolution No. 599: A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Financial Assistance Application to the State Water Resources Control Board for the Water System Improvement Project and Designating the District Manager as the District's Authorized Representative was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to Adopt Resolution No. 601: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hilmar County Water District Adopting an Abridged Water Shortage Contingency Plan Pursuant to Water Code Section 10609.60 was made by David Anderson and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to Adopt Resolution No. 600: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hilmar County Water District Approving Membership in the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN), Approving the CalWARN 2007 Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement, and Authorizing Its Execution was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Fank Hilliard. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting – 10/06/26

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Jim Jones.

Consent Items – A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent items reflecting the change of Agenda Action Item 6a to reflect the name of Eric Yonan for the Conditional Can & Will Serve Notice as he is now the owner of the parcel listed on the CC&W notice and to correct Action Item 6a to reflect October 2026 not November 2026.

Public Forum – None

District Manager's Report –

Curtis Jorritsma reported the nitrate results continue to be consistent. He has been in conversations with California Water Board regarding the grant application for funding. The water loss percentage was 1.25% for the month. It seems to be low. The average is between 5 to 12%. He provided the chart below for the Nitrate results and the production of water per well and the total water usage:

Nitrates	Cox Well #4	Jake Well #6	Woody Well #7	Mark Well #8	TID Yard
9/1/26	Stand-By	0.70	22.00	0.60	0.30
9/8/26	Stand-By	0.70	20.00	0.60	0.30
9/15/26	Stand-By	0.70	22.00	0.60	0.30
9/22/26	Stand-By	0.70	21.00	0.60	0.30
9/29/26					

	Cox Well #4	Jake Well #6	Woody Well #7	Mark Well #8	Total
Production (MG)	0.000	0.303	0.078	32.770	33.151

	Residential (SF)	Residential (MF)	Commercial	Institutional	School	Total
Usage (MG)	27.514	1.044	3.350	0.576	0.253	32.737

% Loss
1.25%

He also provided the TSS and BOD results for the month of September, but he did not have the capacity figures as he was having an issue with accessing the data from the field staff:

	WWTF	Capacity
Average (MG)	~	~
Total (MG)	~	
Max (MG)	~	~

	TSS	BOD
9/1/26	58.00	46.00
9/8/26	49.00	48.00
9/15/26	48.00	63.00
9/22/26	46.00	72.00
9/29/26		

Curtis reported the District has invested into solar powered aerator. Staff will be installing it in the next week or so.

Curtis informed the Board that Cody Bettencourt celebrated 20 years with the District. This is a great accomplishment, and he continues to do a remarkable job.

Curtis reported that the new corporation yard is operational. He also spoke with David Starck of SKW & Associates, the architect developing plans for the future District office.

Curtis reported based on the conversation at the September board meeting regarding the options of changing to a Community Services District, he had a preliminary conversation with LAFCO, that then turned into scheduling a meeting with LAFCO and Merced County Public Works as we can't provide a service that the County provides. This meeting is scheduled for October 19th.

Curtis explained that Mr. Salvador was absent due to work commitments but remains in regular contact with him to stay informed about District matters. Board members noted that Mr. Salvador is a valuable member of the Board.

Director Reports – None.

Action Items –

A) The bills that are due to be paid in October were presented. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills presented.
B) Curtis presented the conditional can and will serve notice for Eric Yonan. This property was split into two lots. Prior owner being Brian Silva. This notice is for one water and one sewer connection. Staff recommended approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the

Conditional Can & will Serve Notice as amended, changing ownership from Brian Silva to Eric Yonan.

C) Curtis presented Amendment No.2 to the agreement for Professional Services with Quad Knopf, Inc. dba QK. The amendment updates language of the agreement and updates the current rates. This is needed for the grant funding of the tank. A motion was made and seconded to approve Amendment No. 2 to the agreement for Professional Services with Quad Knopf Inc. dba QK.

D) Curtis presented Resolution No. 599: A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Financial Assistance Application to the State Water Resources Control Board for the Water System Improvement Project and Designating the District Manager as the District's Authorized Representative. This resolution gives Curtis and the board president authority to sign documents on the District's behalf regarding the financial assistance application. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 599.

E) Curtis presented Resolution No. 601: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hilmar County Water District Adopting an Abridged Water Shortage Contingency Plan Pursuant to Water Code Section 10609.60. This establishes a water shortage contingency plan which we already had a version used during the drought but needed updating for the grant application. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 601.

F) Curtis presented Resolution No. 600: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hilmar County Water District Approving Membership in the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN), Approving CalWARN 2007 Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement, and Authorizing Its Execution. CalWARN is a network of water and wastewater agencies in the state of California, helping each other to respond to and recover from disasters. This membership is needed for the grant application. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 600.

Discussion Items –

A) Curtis distributed the audit results to the Board. Curtis stated that the Board continues to look at the bigger picture and it reflects on the financial statement as our assets value have increased. He informed the Board to let him know if they have any questions regarding the financial statement. This will be an action item at the next monthly board meeting. Mr. Frank Hilliard asked Curtis to provide comparable figures for the last 5 to 10 years in reference to the asset value. Those figures will be provided at the next monthly meeting.

B) Mr. Stuart Spencer, legal counsel, reviewed the statues regarding board compensation. He stated that anytime Board compensation is to be adjusted it does require an amendment to the ordinance and a call for a public meeting needs to be done. The Board may increase the compensation by 5% for each calendar year from the last increase. The Board does have the option to wait until next budget season or do it sooner. If an increase is approved, there is a 60-day waiting period before it becomes effective.

Mr. Spencer Supinger, District Engineer, was excused from the meeting, before closed session began.

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 6:18 p.m.

A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (1 case).

B) Public Employee Performance Evaluation per Government Code Section 54957 – Operations and Administrations Annual Employee Reviews.

Directors returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

The Board was advised by Legal Counsel regarding item A. Item B was tabled and will be brought back at the next monthly Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Boggs

Approved by:

Jim Jones
Board Member

11-3-26
Date