

HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 1, 2026

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

Members Absent – Tony Salvador Jr.

Public in Attendance – None.

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Action Items

A motion to approve the Consent Items was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard.
Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: September 2026 was made by David Anderson and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve the Agreement for Architectural and Engineering Services with SKW & Associates for the New District Office Tenant Improvement in the Amount of \$118,800.00 was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 4-0.

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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.

Public Forum – None

District Manager's Report –

Curtis Jorritsma reported the nitrate results have been consistent. Woody Well continues to be the only result above the State standard. TID Yard results continue to be below 1mg/L. The State standard is 10mg/L. Water loss ratio for the month of August was 7.60%. A question was raised regarding the plan for addressing the nitrate issue associated with the Woody Well. Curtis replied that once SCADA is installed at Well 8 and up and running we will do a zone testing to hopefully identify the layer that the nitrate might be at. He provided the chart below for the Nitrate results and the production of water per well and the total water usage:

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	Residential (SF)	Residential (MF)	Commercial	Institutional	School	Total
Usage (MG)	28.897	1.098	3.153	0.519	0.201	33.868

% Loss
7.60%

He also provided the TSS and BOD results for the month of August:

	WWTF	Capacity
Average (MG)	0.334	60.73%
Total (MG)	10.344	
Max (MG)	0.356	64.73%
	TSS	BOD
8/4/26	38.00	18.00
8/11/26	59.00	25.00
8/18/26	52.00	43.00
8/25/26		

Curtis reported that the annual audit was completed a couple of weeks ago. He thanked Dina and Wendy for ensuring that all materials were available for the auditors. The results looked good and will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Curtis also reported that he attended the CSDA Annual Conference in Palm Desert. He stated that it was a good conference. He also stated there have been changes to the underground services (USA) alert reporting. Whenever someone is going to be digging at their property/project they contact USA to have all utilities marked at their property/project. The new change is that we now will receive three emails instead of one for each property/project, this is because we have three enterprises; water, sewer, and storm drain and once marked we need to clear the ticket on the website for each service.

Curtis informed the Board that only the three incumbent Board members had filed to run in the 2026 Board of Directors election. He also stated we are looking at the board compensation options and will have more information at the next Board meeting. He reported he is almost done with employee reviews and will provide a report at the next meeting.

Curtis informed the Board, Brian Silva, who owns the lot on the corner of Second Street and Acacia has just split that lot into two parcels and will be looking for a Conditional Can & Will Serve letter. Curtis asked if he could prepare a letter for the County if it became necessary prior to the next Board meeting. There was no objection from the Board.

Curtis informed the Board we received a California Public Records Act Request from a legal firm representing Nylund Dairy Farms, LLC. They are requesting copies of public records concerning the proposed aquatics center and/or community pool facility. Mr. Stuart Spencer, legal counsel, stated that the records request is very broad. Through our legal department, we will provide what we have available.

Director Reports – None.

Action Items –

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in September were presented. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills presented.
- B) Curtis presented the agreement from SKW & Associates for the New District Office Tenant Improvement plans. SKW was the only who presented a proposal. Curtis stated it would be good to have plans drawn up sooner than later should a grant opportunity arise. He also stated he would understand if the Board would want to wait. Mr. Jim Jones stated he believes it would be worthwhile to do it now. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agreement for Architectural and Engineering Services with SKW & Associates for the New District Office Tenant Improvement in the amount of \$118,800.00.
- C) Curtis presented Resolution No. 599: A Resolution Authorizing an Application to the California Strategic Growth Council for a Community Resilience Centers Round 2 Implementation Grant (up to \$10,000,000) and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute All Grant-Related Documents. Curtis stated this was discussed at the last board meeting. He also stated that Frank made great points at the last meeting and appreciated his concerns. Curtis believes that the "Project" would be a benefit for the community. Mr. Stuart Spencer, legal counsel, stated the biggest hurdle for Hilmar County Water District is that HCWD only has authority for what is listed within the water code. A county water district possesses only those powers expressly granted by the statute. We don't have authority other than providing water, sewer, and storm drain services. The Grant conditions require dedicating the funded facility to community use for a minimum of fifteen years, to be secured by a recorded deed restriction. The application is due this month, no changes will be able to be made before the deadline. Given the conversation

tonight, this grant will not be an option for the District. Curtis asked the Board whether the possibility of forming a Community Services District is a topic the Board may wish to discuss in the future. Staff was directed to determine the steps and requirements necessary to become a Community Services District (CSD). No motion was made and no action was taken.

Discussion Items –

- A) Curtis informed the Board, back in January, we had a walk through at the WWTP with a representative from the State Water Board. In August, we received a Notice of Violation. Violations 1-35 are for failure to comply with monthly average and daily maximum effluent limits for BOD and TSS, and settleable solids. Violations 36-76 are for submitting self-monitoring reports (SMRs) that were missing required data and for late or missing SMRs.

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 6:42 p.m.

- A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Possible Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (a)).

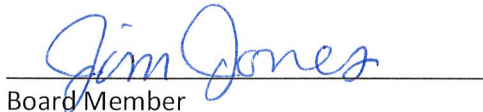
Directors returned to open session at 6:53 p.m.

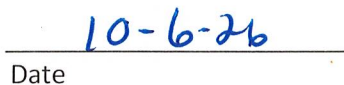
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Approved by:


Board Member


Date