

# HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 6, 2026

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

Members Absent – None.

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 David Anderson. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: January 2026 was made by Tony Salvador Jr. and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the continuation of the emergency order the Board approved at the July 31, 2023, Board meeting, based on the conditions continue as per Resolution 565, was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the Conditional Can and Will Service Notice for Michael Silva Projects was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 5-0.

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**Meeting – 01/06/25**

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 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 that we pumped 16.914 MG of water in December, and billed for 14.183 MG— indicating a water loss of 12.42%. He reported the average flow at the wastewater treatment facility was .205 MG per day and the total flow was 6.366 MG. He also provided the TSS and BOD levels, and nitrate levels, as stated below.

	Nitrates Well 6	Nitrates Well 7	Nitrates Well 8	Nitrates TID Yard	TSS WWTF	BOD WWTF
12/2	1.08	22.90	-	1.05	22.5	26.0
12/9	1.20	25.20	-	1.28	24.8	27.0
12/16	1.20	Offline	-	1.05	25.2	30.0
12/23	0.70	Offline	-	0.87	27.7	24.0
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Curtis reported that the shaft at Well 7 has snapped causing the well to go offline. The pump has been pulled, and a video inspection of the casing revealed that the patch applied during the previous maintenance on Well 7 had partially failed, and the sand separator had detached. He stated that today he authorized swaging the partial failure in the liner and airlifting the debris that has accumulated at the bottom of the well.

Mr. Frank Hilliard asked whether Well 7 remains a viable option given its history of issues. Curtis responded that Well 7 will still be viable once it is redeveloped and brought back online.

Curtis reported that the storm drain system held up well with the recent rain storms.

As a follow up from the December meeting regarding the possibility of consolidating the Gemperle water system with ours, he did meet with Mr. Gemperle and has had communication with the State and will be working on the cost impacts.

**Director Reports – None.**

**Action Items –**

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in January were presented. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills presented.
- B) Curtis stated the Board approved Resolution 565 – Finding an Emergency and Authorizing Abbreviated Emergency Procedures for Construction of a New Well on July 31, 2023. As part of this process, the Board needs to analyze the situation and determine if the situation still constitutes an emergency. After a brief discussion, the Board determined the conditions warrant to continue with an emergency order. A motion was made and seconded to continue with the emergency order.
- C) Curtis presented the Conditional Can and Will Serve Notice request from Mr. Michael Silva. This is for potential residential development on First Street for a maximum of 43 units. Staff recommended approving the request. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Conditional Can and Will Serve Notice.

**Discussion Items –**

- A) Curtis provided breakdown of the amount advanced from the loan thus far with Holman Capital is \$3.28 million. This leaves \$2.1 million available for the remaining well payments, expenses and land acquisition.
- B) Curtis provided a draft copy of the Legislative Advocacy Policy. This is a policy that came from California Special Districts Association. This policy will provide guidelines to the District

officials and staff in considering legislative or regulatory proposals that are likely to have an impact on the District. He requested the Board to look over it and let him know if they have any questions or concerns. This policy will be brought back for approval in February.

- C) Curtis informed the Board that he received a letter from representatives of the Bloss Cove and Bloss Woods subdivisions requesting the Board to consider deferring fees for their upcoming projects. He provided a detailed breakdown of the current fee schedule. Legal counsel advised that any terms the Board agrees to would need to be incorporated into the development agreement. After an extensive discussion, it was decided that legal counsel will research current California law to determine the District's legal authority regarding the timing of collecting facilities and capital fees and will report back to Curtis for further review.

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 6:32 p.m.

- A) Update: Real property negotiations per Government Code Section 54956.8. Location: 045-200-033.

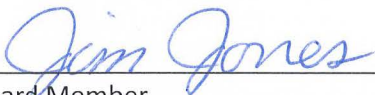
Directors returned to the open session at 6:37 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Approved by:



Board Member



Date