HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 4, 2026

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

Members Absent – None.

Public in Attendance – None.

Action Items

A motion to approve the Consent Items was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Tony Salvador Jr. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: August 2026 was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the extension of the Conditional Can & Will Serve Letter for Parcel 045-160-008-000 on American Avenue for Kenneth R. Olds and Kasey C. Olds, was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the extension of the Conditional Can & Will Serve Letter for Richard Ellington Subdivision (Richard and Juanita Ellington), was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Tony Salvador Jr. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 598: A Resolution Amending and Restating the District's Conflict of Interest Code for Designated Employees, Which Incorporates by Reference the Fair Political Practices Commission's Standard Model Conflict of Interest Code and Designating Employees Who Must Disclose and Categories of Disclosure, was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to table 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, was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion was tabled 5-0.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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 the bulk of the water production is coming from Well #8. Water loss ratio for the month of July was 7.24%. 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
6/30/26	Stand-By	1.10	22.00	0.50	0.50
7/7/26	Stand-By	0.50	22.00	0.50	0.30
7/14/26	Stand-By	Maintenance	22.00	0.50	0.50
7/21/26	Stand-By	Maintenance	22.00	0.50	0.40
7/28/26	Stand-By	0.50	22.00	0.50	0.20

		Cox Well #4	Jake Well #6	Woody Well #7	Mark Well #8	Total
Production (MG)		0.000	0.333	0.603	37.275	38.211

	Residential (SF)	Residential (MF)	Commercial	Institutional	School	Total
Usage (MG)	30.150	1.152	3.392	0.622	0.129	35.445

% Loss
7.24%

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

	WWTF	Capacity
Average (MG)	0.326	59.27%
Total (MG)	10.121	
Max (MG)	0.334	60.73%

	TSS	BOD
7/7/26	56.00	80.00
7/14/26	20.00	35.00
7/21/26	53.00	35.00
7/28/26		

Curtis reported that the District installed a new phone system at the office. The connection is voice-over IP (VOIP) based.

Curtis also reported that employees have turned in their goal setting review sheets for the coming fiscal year and individual reviews will follow. He also stated that he will be attending the California Special District Association's annual conference in Palm Dessert, the week of August 24th to the 27th.

Curtis reported the sewer/storm drain video inspection equipment was delivered and it has already been utilized. He also reported, we have sold the 2015 GMC pickup truck and the sewer inspection van on Govdeals.com as of today.

Director Reports – Mr. Jim Gerdes requested staff and legal to look at the options for Board member compensation. Mr. Stuart Spencer, legal counsel, stated that there are specific requirements for board members compensation increases. Staff will follow up.

Action Items –

A) The bills that are due to be paid in August were presented. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills presented.

B) The Conditional Can & Will Serve Letter extension request for Parcel 045-160-008-000 on American Avenue for Kenneth R. Olds and Kasey C. Olds was presented to the Board. Staff recommended approval of the extension of the CC&W Serve Notice. A motion was made and seconded to extend the Conditional Can & Will Serve Notice.

C) The Conditional Can & Will Serve Letter extension request for Richard Ellington Subdivision (Richard and Juanita Ellington) was presented to the Board. Staff recommended approval of the extension of the CC&W Serve Notice. A motion was made and seconded to extend the Conditional Can & Will Serve Notice.

D) Curtis presented Resolution No. 598: A Resolution Amending and Restating the District's Conflict of Interest Code for Designated Employees, Which Incorporates by Reference the Fair Political Practices Commission's Standard Model Conflict of Interest Code and Designating Employees Who Must Disclose and Categories of Disclosure. Mr. Stuart Spencer, legal counsel, stated every two years we need to look at the Notice of Conflict-of-Interest Code regarding the rules of disclosure as to what has changed for holdings and gifts. Form 700 now needs to be completed directly online with the FPPC. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 598.

E) 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 since we now own the property on Geer Avenue, he has been exploring what else we could do with that piece of property. As Curtis was looking at the status of the storage tank application with the State, he came across the Community Resilience Centers grant opportunity. By adopting this resolution, it would allow the District to apply for the grant. There are different opportunities Curtis feels the District could possibly partner with Merced County or other community groups. He provided a memo with additional information to the Board. The project would be 100% funded. The application is due in September. Mr. Frank Hilliard inquired as to what would the process be for the District? Various concerns were brought up and it was suggested if it's needed the Board could call for a special meeting to follow up with responses to the questions from the Board. A motion was made and seconded to table this item until further information is provided to the Board.

Discussion Items –

A) Curtis reminded the election candidate filing period is through August 7, 2026. Three incumbents, Mr. Jim Gerdes, Mr. David Anderson, and Mr. Frank Hilliard have signed up.

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 6:25 p.m.

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

Directors returned to open session at 6:31 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Boggs

Approved by:

Jim Jones ______________________ 9-1-26 ______________

Board Member Date