

HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 5, 2026

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

Members Absent – Tony Salvador Jr., and David Anderson.

Public in Attendance – Mrs. Karen Tate, Mrs. Susan Azevedo and Mrs. Patty Ducheneaux.

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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 3-0.

A motion to move Discussion Item B — the presentation and discussion of the New Hilmar Pool Fund Group proposal regarding a potential real property exchange — to the beginning of the meeting was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: May 2026 was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by Jim Gerdes.
Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to no longer continue with the Finding of an Emergency as stated on Resolution 565 adopted at the July 31, 2023, Board meeting, based on the new well coming online, was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 592: A Resolution Implementing Annual Adjustment to Facilities, Capital Improvement Fees, Impact Fees, and Inspection Fees Pursuant to Ordinances Set Forth in title Four of the Hilmar County Water District Code was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by Jim Gerdes.
Motion passed 3-0.

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Meeting – 05/05/26

The meeting was called to order at 5:27 p.m. by President Jim Jones.

Consent Items – A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent items.

A motion was made and seconded to move Discussion Item B – the presentation and discussion of the New Hilmar Pool Fund Group proposal regarding a potential real property exchange – to the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Karen Tate, representing the New Hilmar Pool Fund Group (NHPFG), provided the Board with a letter stating they have made significant progress in planning and are now beginning to engage the public. She also stated that one of the most critical components of this project is its location. They would like to memorialize a set of mutually beneficial terms as Amendment 1 to the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hilmar County Water District. The letter provides the

proposed terms of Amendment 1. The proposal was sent via email to Mr. Tony Salvador and Mr. Frank Hilliard. Legal counsel will need to review the proposed amendment and bring it back to the Board at a later date. Mrs. Karen Tate and Mrs. Susan Azevedo thanked the Board for their time.

Public Forum – Mrs. Patty Ducheneaux inquired about the water situation. Curtis provided the overview of the monthly nitrate notice that is sent to our customers. He also stated that the new Mark well is up and running and things are going well and the best representation of the water that makes it into town is the results taken at the TID yard. This is a sample point halfway between the wells and the distribution system to customers. The water making it into town currently meets all the State standards.

District Manager’s Report –

Curtis Jorritsma reported that the new Mark Well #8 came online April 21st. It has been the prominent well since coming online. He also provided the TSS and BOD levels, and nitrate levels, as stated below:

		Cox Well #4	Jake Well #6	Woody Well #7	Mark Well #8	TID Yard
	Nitrates 04/07	Stand-By	1.11	11.00	0.00	8.03
	Nitrates 04/14	Stand-By	1.50	12.00	0.80	7.20
	Nitrates 04/21	Stand-By	1.50	8.80	0.40	4.70
	Nitrates 04/28	Stand-By	0.50	15.00	0.50	0.80
		Cox Well #4	Jake Well #6	Woody Well #7	Mark Well #8	Total
Production (MG)		0.000	4.706	12.750	7.700	25.156
	Residential (SF)	Residential (MF)	Commercial	Institutional	School	Total
Usage (MG)	21.960	0.875	0.278	0.296	0.267	23.676
						% Loss
						5.88%
			TSS	BOD		
	4/7/26					
	4/14/26		37.00	110.00		
	4/21/26		36.00	77.00		
	4/28/26		37.00	110.00		
	Total		36.67	99.00		

Curtis stated that the BOD spiked last month. This is consistent with the past years at this time of the year.

Curtis reported that we will be looking at updating our capacity studies. We will also be working at lifting the moratorium.

Curtis reported that he attended the CRWA Annual Expo. He attended the leadership and finance sessions.

Curtis reminded the Board of the Public Hearing meeting to be held Tuesday, May 26th at 5:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall.

Director Reports – None.

Action Items –

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in May 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 no longer warrant to continue with the emergency order with the Mark well coming online. We will need to evaluate our overall status and have a conversation with legal counsel as to how to move forward as we are still dealing with water quality issues. A motion was made and seconded to no longer continue with the emergency order.
- C) Curtis presented Resolution No. 592: A Resolution Implementing Annual Adjustment to Facilities, Capital Improvement Fees, Impact Fees, and Inspection Fees Pursuant to Ordinances Set Forth in Title Four of the Hilmar County Water District Code. The increase is based on the California Engineering New Record Construction Cost Index from March. This year the ratio is 2.7%. A motion was made and seconded to Adopt Resolution No. 592.

Discussion Items –

- A) Curtis reported that we've utilized all the funds from the loan with Holman Capital. He is exploring refinancing options with the possibility of a better interest rate.
- B) This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.
- C) Curtis provided the first draft of the 2026/2027 budget. We expect the figures to come in within the budgeted amounts for 2025/2026.

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 6:26 p.m.

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

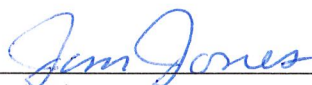
Directors returned to open session at 6:35 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.


Respectfully Submitted,



Approved by:



Board Member



Date