APPROVED
Board of Directors
Wynola Water District and
Saturday October 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
22135 CA – 79 Santa Ysabel CA 92070

1. **Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.**
2. **Roll Call of Board of Directors:**
    - **Jim Madaffer, President-present**
    - **Sandie McCann, Vice President-present**
    - **Brenden Kelso, Treasurer-present**
    - **Steve Kincaid- present**
    - **Ken Weber-present**
3. **Additions to the Agenda-none**
4. **Approval of meeting minutes of September 13, 2025.**
    i. **Motion from Kincaid and second from Kelso to approve minutes. Approved 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent**
5. **Public Comment – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. People addressing the Board are requested to state their name and address for the record.**
    i. **Karen Kincaid-Water has a yellow tint to it, not clear**
    ii. **Post Office wants rosemary bushes cut back below the mailboxes because of the abundance of bees. Cal Trans trimmed up to the beginning of the mailboxes because they are going to resurface the street near the bushes.**
    iii. **John Wester (Springview DiBernardo residence), asked who oversees mailboxes? We oversee our own mailboxes. We encourage people to have a locking mailbox.**
6. **Treasurer's Report: Brenden Kelso**
    i. **Total balances for all WWD banking, savings, and CD accounts: $314,891.**
    ii. **CD at Community Valley Bank matures in January 2026. We will end the CD and transfer it to the operating funds, because we have the rebuild of Well #10 that will cost about $100,000.**
    iii. **CD at Chase is $171,000 maturing in December 2025**
7. **Office Managers Report-Karen Kincaid**
    i. **Meadowridge house sold in September 2025. New owners, McManus Family**
    ii. **Glenside house (Mears) is in escrow**

iii. **Lakedale foreclosure house in escrow**

8. **Old Business:**

   a. **Report by Board President Jim Madaffer (this will include the actions taken to date since the last board meeting on September 13, 2025).**
      i. **Well #11 generator-received $500,000 grant to put a 65kw generator at the districts highest producing well. Marty Harris met with three companies who are bidding for the generator project. The first round of bidding had no applications. This is the second of the bidding applications. We are waiting for the bids to come in.**
      ii. **Included in the generator grant project is a portable trailer mounted generator that can go between Wells #7 or 10.**
      iii. **Well #9 is finalizing the repair for a new generator.**
      iv. **Well #10 is being rebuilt by Stehley Brothers. The well was eaten away from the chlorine that was poured into the well many years ago. Chlorine ate into the well casing. This well is low in manganese and iron. Starting in October 2025.**
      v. **Well #8 will be capped and destroyed.**
      vi. **We are going to do a rate study to see if the current rates will sustain the maintenance needed to keep the wells operating. Last rate study was over 10 years ago. Once the study is completed, the community will need to vote whether the rates will increase or stay the same.**
      vii. **We have been holding off on the rate study because we are hoping for a grant to install a new water treatment system in Wynola Estates that will cost $1.5-2 million dollars.**
      viii. **We have a lot of maintenance that needs to be done to stay in compliance with the State of California, which may necessitate a nominal rate increase just to cover replenishment of our reserves.**
      ix. **Our water operator is installing VFD's at the wells. This pressurizes the water and slows down the start up of the pumps and preserves the motors.**
      x. **We hired a grant consultant to find grants to redo our pump house and design a treatment center. We received a design grant for $750,000. We are also in line for possibly receiving a water treatment system grant for $2 million. The State will also allow us to add the cost of the grant writer, which is $18,000 to the amount needed for the treatment system.**
      xi. **Our water is currently not in compliance because of the iron and manganese that is in our water. That is why we need a water treatment system.**

xii. **The WWD Budget Proposal: We need to approve a new budget for 2025-2026. We will need to dip into our reserves to pay for the operational costs for the coming fiscal year. Any rate increase will be added to our property taxes, which is tax deductible. Once the water treatment system is completed, we will need to replace the pipes underground, because the pipes are over 50 years old. It was moved by Kincaid and seconded by McCann to approve the new 2025-2026 budget. 5 Ayes/0 Noyes/0 Absent. (attached is the Budget Proposal)**

xiii. **Kincaid suggested tagging the fire hydrants that the water is not free and to call a phone number for permission to pay for the water. It is a $5,000 fine for stealing of water if permission not granted.**

xiv. **The fire easement road between Madaffer and Bainbridge property will be changed to the Bainbridge property line and widened to 2 feet, instead of the existing easement that is directly on the Bainbridge property. This will be in Phase 2 of the fire hardening grant we received. This will begin in the next couple of weeks.**

b. **Report by Water Operator Tim Guishard:**

i. **I just did chemical/mechanical cleaning on well 7. I spent over a month working on this well, and disinfecting it 3 times before we finally got 3 consecutive absent samples from it. The water used to be quite turbid (orange) from the iron. It is now clear. Only time will tell when the iron color comes back. Today will be the first day of pumping into the distribution system since the cleaning. This well produces 9.5 GPM. This has been one of their lower iron wells, with very little manganese.**

ii. **I will be sampling the well for iron and manganese next week as a starting point to plot the changes over time. I'll also be sampling for bacteria weekly for a while, as I had a lot of trouble getting the well to even pass 2 consecutive coliform samples taken a few days apart.**

iii. **We are also in the process of upgrading the electrical equipment at well 7, to increase reliability of the water system. The existing equipment was installed in the 1970's. We are waiting on SDG&E to process some paperwork.**

iv. **Stehly's have stated they are going to start reconstructing well #10 next week. We do not know what will become of that, but hopefully during the reconstruction we can reduce the amount of iron/manganese from that well. It was also relatively low in iron and manganese compared to wells 9 & 11. This well has been offline for many years due to a coliform bacteria issue.**

v. **While not part of the CAP, WWD has received a grant and advertised an RFQ for installing a generator at well 11. Part of the project will hopefully fund a trailer mounted generator for use at wells 7 and/or 10. They had 3 responsive bidders show up at the pre bid meeting. The bid date closes on October 22, 2025.**

vi. **We are also in the process of installing a VFD at well 11 to increase the reliability of the well. This will also help during the design and**

installation of the treatment plant. Just waiting on SDG&E to process some paperwork.

vii. **Also, not part of the CAP, WWD has installed new VFD's on their booster pump station. This was a major undertaking, but is needed to increase reliability of the water system**

viii. **Since well 9 has been off, this has resulted in longer pump runs on well 11. This has apparently lowered the pumping water level in well 11. Since the pump run times are still only a few hours, and the well is apparently almost being completely dewatered, this suggests the pump is severely oversized for the well capacity. As soon as SDG&E gets scheduled to turn off the power to this well, we will install the VFD, which will allow me to slow down the pump to a more reasonable volume.**

ix. **Also, well 11: My electrician is asking SDG&E about scheduling the shutdown of the electric service, so we can make the electrical upgrades there. We should be one piece of paper away from starting/finishing this project.**

x. **Having well 7 off for part of this time has also significantly increased the iron concentration going into the distribution system. This well is back online, and I have limited the run hours for well 11, which should result in lower iron concentrations in next month's samples.**

9. **New Business: none**
10. **Meeting Adjourned 9:50 a.m.**

Next Meeting: November 8, 2025 (2nd Saturday of every month) @ Santa Ysabel Nature Center