APPROVED
Board of Directors
Wynola Water District and
Saturday November 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
22135 CA – 79 Santa Ysabel CA 92070

1. **Call to Order: 9:01 a.m.**
2. **Roll Call of Board of Directors:**
    - **Jim Madaffer, President-present**
    - **Sandie McCann, Vice President-present**
    - **Brenden Kelso, Treasurer-absent**
    - **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 Madaffer to approve minutes. Approved 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 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.**
    - **Jim sent an email to Jack Bainbridge regarding the closing down of well 8 and redrilling of well 10. Jack can contact Stehly Brothers to make sure his property is taken care of during the work on the wells. Stehly Brothers will redo the fences, meter boxes and any other work to make the area compliant with State regulations.**
6. **Treasurer's Report: Brenden Kelso (absent, no report)**
7. **Office Managers Report-Karen Kincaid**
    i. **Lakedale house closed**
    ii. **Wisenor house on Lakedale for sale**
    iii. **Glenside house (Mears) pending**
8. **Old Business:**
    a. **Report by Board President Jim Madaffer (this will include the actions taken to date since the last board meeting on October 11, 2025).**

i. **Cancelled AT&T at the pumphouse and will install Starlink on the roof. Same amount of money and better reception.**
ii. **Jim talked to Ed Sayles from California Consulting who is our grant writer. Jim confirmed that the scope of work for the treatment system does not include any work related to the distribution system. The funds will only be used to take out contaminates including PFAS. The state is paying for the treatment facility design. The design work alone is $600,000. It will take all of 2026 for Dudek Corporation to design it.**
iii. **The state wants the WWD to put out a notice that we "might" have lead pipes in the service lines from meters to house. We have not received back the test results, but it is highly unlikely that we have any lead pipes. We are waiting for the report before any notices are sent out.**
iv. **Hawthorne came out and fixed the oil leak we had at well 3.**
v. **Over three years ago, the WWD board directed the water operator at the time, Buddy Seifert, to change the meters since they were very old, and to be compatible with the Flume device. Buddy purchased very cheap meters that were not compatible with Flume. Marty Harris has been working with USA Blue Book, and we will be replacing all meters to houses, except houses that have fire sprinkler systems inside their house. There are 17 homes in the estates that have sprinkler systems. The new meters will be compatible with Flume.**
vi. **Jim signed a bio contract with Calibri Ecological Consulting to do a biological assessment for drinking water. The cost is $8700, which is paid by the state of California.**
The water buffalo came in and is located at the pumphouse. It has a one-hundred-foot hose on a reel and holds 150 gallons. Jim wants to purchase a truck that will be able to transport the water buffalo trailer to any fire area in the estates. We will have a few residents per street to learn how to operate the rig. It came with a Honda engine.
vii. **Well 11 bids came back for the diesel generator project and JBT Contractor won the contractor. Soon work will start on the Placa property that was deeded to the estates for placement of the diesel generator.**

viii. **Jim is getting a quote from Hawthorne to purchase a new transfer switch at well 3. The current switch does not work when power outages occur.**

ix. **RCAC is looking into a new rate study since we are depleting funds with the new state regulations. We are hoping that we only need a modest rate increase if the state pays for the treatment facility, which looks very promising. Most of the increase will go on to the property taxes, which is tax deductible. This increase will build back our reserves, which have been depleted this year because of the age of the current system, and the State of California's new regulations to make the WWD compliant.**

b. **Report by Water Operator, Tim Guishard (this will include the actions taken to date since the last board meeting on October 11, 2025).**

i. **Well 7 is back online.**

ii. **Tim is a bit concerned about the potential for coliform bacteria from this well, because this water system is not chlorinated**

iii. **A possible bad bacteria sample in the distribution system was reported by the lab from Wednesday's sampling. Still waiting for the confirmation results.**

iv. **The lab is reporting higher iron and manganese levels post repair work.**

v. **Waiting for an electrician to help me upgrade the electrical at Well 7.**

vi. **Stehly's are about to move in to reconstruct well 10. I have removed all the electrical equipment at well 10 and disconnected most of the electrical equipment at well 8 in preparation for them to get started.**

vii. **The generator bidding process is moving forward at well 11, with a low bidder being reviewed by Pace Engineering.**

viii. **Still waiting on SDG&E to upgrade the electrical equipment at well 11.**

ix. **The grant for the water treatment plant engineering is moving forward.**

x. **A second sample on Mountainbrook has come back present for coliform bacteria, this time at a different location**.

xi. **Not having great, dedicated, sample taps may be part of the issue. During the upcoming meter replacements, we need to install dedicated bacteriological sample taps as I discussed a year ago.**

xii. **The extremely high level of iron is likely also part of the issue. The bacterial analysis is looking for a yellow color change in**

the sample and with WWD normally being somewhat yellow, it is hard to know for sure that there is a change in color.

xiii. **As a precaution, we will be introducing a relatively low dose of chlorine (<4.0PPM) into the storage tanks on Monday just after sampling again. People using Wynola Water District water to refill fish tanks should be warned to use a dechlorinating agent per the instructions on the container, until further notice. On Wednesday we will be conducting unidirectional flushing the water system to get the chlorine throughout the system. Expect very yellow water on Wednesday.**

xiv. **It will take at least 2-3 weeks to get all the chlorine fully flushed from the water system, before we can sample again. This is one of the huge drawbacks with a non-chlorinated water system! With a chlorinated water system, we rarely have bacteria issues, and we can resample just 24 hours apart.**

xv. **DDW may issue a Boil Water Notice, as a result of this sample.**

9. **New Business: none**
10. **Meeting adjourned: 9:3 a.m.**

Next Meeting: January 10, 2026 (2nd Saturday of every month) @ Santa Ysabel Nature Center. We are skipping the December 2025 meeting.

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