



CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES AUGUST 19, 2025

The following Committee Members were present:

Jeff Davidson	Director, District 5
Scott Ratterman	Director, District 1

Staff Present:

Michael Minkler	General Manager
Rebecca Hitchcock	Clerk to the Board
Kelly Gerkensmeyer	External Affairs Manager
Bana Rouson-Gedese	Water Resources Specialist*
Andrew Renshaw	Water Resources Manager*
Kelly Richards	Business Services Manager*
Dylan Smith	Information Systems Manager*

Others Present:

Mia O'Connell	Oconnell & Dempsey*
Dane Wadle	CSDA*

Members of the Public:

None

*Attended Virtually

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL

Director Ratterman called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3a Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2025, Committee Meeting
(Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board)

Director Davidson moved to approve the minutes, and Director Ratterman seconded the motion.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4a Federal Legislative Update
(Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey)

Approved October 14, 2025

DISCUSSION: Mia O’Connell provided an update on Federal Affairs and addressed questions from the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was heard.

- 4b State Updates regarding:
- AB 367 Water: County of Ventura: fire suppression.
 - SB 616 Community Hardening Commission: wildfire mitigation program.
 - SB 499 Residential projects: fees and charges: emergency services.
 - Other Updates
- (Kylie Wright, ACWA State Relations Advocate)

Additional State Legislative Update
(Kelly Gerkenmeyer, External Affairs Manager)

DISCUSSION: Kylie Wright, on behalf of ACWA, provided updates concerning the aforementioned state bills, detailed ACWA's advocacy efforts, and responded to inquiries from the Committee.

Kelly Gerkenmeyer gave an additional State Legislative update and answered Committee questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was heard.

5. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

Michael Minkler reported on the Town Hall meeting hosted by CCWD in Copperopolis.

6. **DIRECTOR COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Ratterman expressed his appreciation to Kelly Gerkenmeyer and Kevin Williams for their work in securing support letters for WRDA funding. He also noted that he has a scheduling conflict with the upcoming meeting on October 7th and suggested consideration of an alternative date.

Director Davidson had nothing to report.

7. **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Hitchcock
Clerk to the Board