

MEINERS OAKS WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: 202 W. El Roblar Drive, Ojai, CA 93023

AUGUST 6, 2026 at 9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board President, Mike Etchart, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The meeting was also available via teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Board President, Mike Etchart; Board Directors: Director Oakland, James Kentosh, Joe Pangea, and Christine Cooper. Staff Present: General Manager, Justin Martinez, Board Secretary, Summer Ward. Attorney Present: Stuart Nielson and Jeanne Zolezzi (closed session only).

Absent: None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

The Board went into CLOSED SESSION at 9:02 AM.

4. CLOSED SESSION: The Board of Directors held a closed session to discuss litigation, pursuant to the attorney/client privilege, as authorized by Government Code Sections §54957, 54956.8, 54956.9, and 54957.

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code §54956.9)
Name of case: *Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v State Water Resources Control Board, et al.*,
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 19STCP01176

The Board ended CLOSED SESSION at 9:25 AM

Attorney Nielson reported that the Board discussed the agendaized closed session item, that no reportable action was taken in closed session, and that the item is agendaized for an open session vote.

5. **BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTIONS**

- a) **Review and potential approval of Watershed-wide physical solution in settlement of Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, Los Angeles Court Case No. 19STCP01176.**

Director Kentosh shared that he is pleased with the progress and fully supports the August 5, 2026 version of the physical solution.

Director Cooper made a motion to approve MOWD support for the August 5, 2026 Watershed-wide physical solution. Director Kentosh seconded the motion.

No Public Comment.

Cooper/Kentosh

Roll Call Vote:

(5) Ayes – M/S/C (Kentosh, Oakland, Cooper, Pangea, Etchart)

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on August 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at the District Office. Since there was no further business to conduct, Board President Mike Etchart adjourned the meeting at 9:26 AM.

Board Secretary

Board President