AGENDA ITEM 4A

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BASIN WATERMASTER WATER RIGHTS PANEL

PLAZA AUDITORIUM
15500 DOWNEY AVE., PARAMOUNT CA 90723

1:30 P.M, THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

Chair Falagan called the meeting of the Central Basin Watermaster Water Rights Panel to order at 1:32 pm.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Falagan led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Panel Members	
Steve Lenton	Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company
Dan Mueller	City of Downey
Derek Nguyen	City of Lakewood
Anatole Falagan	City of Long Beach
Joanna Moreno	City of Vernon
Raymond Cordero	City of Whittier
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company

Also Present	
Jim Markman	RWG Law
Kenneth Scott	EcoGas
Matt Qassis	LADWP
Jackie Ramirez	Water Replenishment District (Secretary)
Asha Kreiling	Water Replenishment District
Esther Rojas	Water Replenishment District

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Falagan entertained a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was made by Panel Member Moore and seconded by Panel Member Moreno.

The consent calendar was approved by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes, 0 abstentions, and 0 no's (7-0-0).

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Water Replenishment District's summary reports showed the activities from Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to February 19, 2025, payments totaling $42,160.75 were processed leaving a balance of $668,100.27.

The CBWRP summary tables showed payments for four types of services: Administrative Services, Meter Testing, Legal Services, and Miscellaneous. For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the January and February payments totaled $8,212.62, bringing the overall Fiscal Year expenditures to $29,390.37. The current account balance is $122,509.63; approximately 81% of the total budget.

Chair Falagan entertained a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. The motion was made by Panel Member Lenton and seconded by Panel Member Moreno.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes, 0 abstentions, and 0 no's (7-0-0).

6. ADMINISTRATIVE BODY REPORT

Esther Rojas provided an update on the status of the Administrative Body.

2024 – 2025 Groundwater Pumping

For Administrative Year (AY) 2024-25 through January, Central Basin groundwater pumping was 100,111.01 acre-feet (af) that includes storage withdrawals, which is 6.3% more than the same period in the previous AY.

2024 – 2025 Water Rights Activity

For AY 2024-25 as of March 3rd, there were 28 leases processed transferring 12,947.00 af of rights, of which 22 leases are with flex and 6 leases without flex.

There have been three sales permanently transferring 16.15 af of APA and four transactions permanently transferring 68.00 af of one-year carryover.

2024 – 2025 Storage Activity

For Administrative Year (AY) 2024-25 a total of 30,687.17 af have been withdrawn from storage.

2025-2026 Watermaster Budget

Staff is preparing the AY 2025-26 Watermaster Budget, notices will be sent out prior to April 1st in accordance with the Judgment.

Chair Falagan entertained a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. The motion was made by Vice Chair Mueller and seconded by Panel Member Cordero.

The motion was approved by a roll call voice vote of 7 ayes, 0 abstentions, and 0 no's (7-0-0).

7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT
None.

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT
Secretary Ramirez provided an update on the Panel Website, stating that there is no Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificate causing the website to come-off as "unsecure" to users. Recommends establishing a 3- or 5-year SSL term to ensure safety and security.

The Panel agreed to add the SSL certificate. Secretary Ramirez will bring back as an action item at the next Panel meeting.

9. WATER METER TESTING
Secretary Ramirez presented the meter testing summary for December 2024. During December, 10 meters were tested, and 9 meters were determined to be within the acceptable margin of error. The January reports were excluded from this report as DWR was focused on emergency response efforts during the wildfires. These reports will be included in the next agenda.

Chair Falagan entertained a motion to receive and file the Administrative Body Report. The motion was made by Panel Member Moreno and seconded by Panel Member Moore.

The motion was approved by a roll call voice vote of 7 ayes, 0 abstentions, and 0 no's (7-0-0).

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
None.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MAY 8TH, 2025 WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEETING
Secretary Ramirez will include items for FY 2025-26 Panel Assessment/Budget for discussion and the Panel Website SSL certificate.

12. WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEMBER COMMENTS
Secretary Ramirez announced that the next Water Rights Panel Meeting on May 8, 2025 will be held at the Clearwater building because of ongoing construction at Progress Plaza.

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY