

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
ANGIOLA WATER DISTRICT
January 13, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Angiola Water District met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at the hour of 1:00 p.m.

1. President Andrew called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Secretary Wilkins kept the Minutes.
2. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Craig Andrew; Dick VanderHam; Cory VanderHam; Sherod Craig; Guntars Vecpuišis; Jim Wilson
DIRECTORS ABSENT: David VanderEyk
OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Stroud and Anthony Leonis (Young Wooldridge); Staci Wilkins (Secretary); Joe Ortega (AWD); and Deanna Jackson (TCWA).
3. President Andrew asked for public comment. No comments were offered.
4. The Board considered approval of the Minutes for the regular Board meeting held on October 10, 2025. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director D. VanderHam, the Board approved the minutes as presented. (6-0)
5. The Board considered approval of the Bank Report, Finance Report, Warrants and Payroll for October 16, 2025, through January 13, 2026. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director Craig, the Board approved the financial documents as presented. (6-0)
6. Elect Officers for a 2-year term per Bylaws Section III (B), On the motion of Director Wilson and seconded by Director Craig, the Board voted to keep the current slate of Officers: Craig Andrew, President; Dick VanderHam, Vice President; Cory VanderHam, Treasurer; and Staci Wilkins, Secretary. (6-0)
7. Ratify the hiring of Victor Flores as Ditch Tender at the rate of \$23/hour. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director D. VanderHam, the Board voted to ratify the hiring of Mr. Flores at \$23/hour. (6-0)
8. Review and consider approval of proposal from Water Resource Management Company LLC (WRMCO). This item was tabled until a later date.
9. Review and consider action to increase wages for District employees. An Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Directors Andrew and C. VanderHam will meet and make a recommendation at the next Board meeting. No other action was taken.
10. Review and consider action to approve the purchase of an iPad for use by Field Superintendent. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director Craig,

the Board voted to approve the purchase of an iPad for use by Field Superintendent Garcia. (6-0)

11. Consider approval of opening a California CLASS account with an opening deposit to a primary account and to direct staff to deposit the funds received from Lower Tule for mitigation fees in the amount of \$222,207.64 into a dedicated sub-account.

On the recommendation of Mr. Stroud, this action item was moved for consideration after Closed Session.

12. Review procedure to provide property access for compliance with TCWA meter reading requirements and for recording water usage. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to have each landowner with a well controlled by the District to sign a Property Access Agreement with TCWA for access to their wells for recording water usage. (6-0)

13. Consider separate BasinSafe accounts for dairy wells. Mr. Stroud will have further discussion with Directors C. VanderHam and Andrew to make a recommendation to the Board, in compliance with the 2005 Distribution Agreement. This item was tabled and no other action was taken.

14. Consider action to replace the storm-damaged window awning. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director Vecpuiis, the Board directed staff to obtain three bids with different options to present for consideration at the next meeting. (6-0)

15. Review and consider action to hire a consultant for Fresno Slough transfer. This item was tabled for a later date.

16. Tri-County Water Authority SGMA Report

Ms. Jackson reported on the Policy Committee established in the Tule Subbasin to address deficiencies raised by the staff at SWRCB. There was also information provided on the status of reporting pumping in the Tulare Lake Subbasin to the State. Communication with State staff has begun and the GSAs are working on coordination with allocations and subsidence management.

17. Report on field operations.

Mr. Ortega reported that maintenance on the canals is going well. There are currently six wells not working: two need replacement, three are plugged from the flood, and one needs a new tubing shaft. He will work on getting bids for the tubing shaft and he is meeting with a contact on recommendations to fix the plugged problem.

18. Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestions - None

19. The Board retired to Closed Session at 1:30 p.m.

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9; three potential cases

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one potential case
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
 - i. *Application to Appropriate Water from White River, State Water Resources Control Board Application No. AO32514*
 - ii. *Tule Subbasin Probationary Proceedings, State Water Resources Control Board*

* Directors VanderHam and Secretary Wilkins were asked to leave Closed Session due to a conflict of interest with agenda item 19.c.iii at 1:40 p.m.

- iii. *Angiola Water District v. Tri-County Water Authority, Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU316296*

- 20. The Board returned to open session at 1:42 p.m. Director C. VanderHam and Secretary Wilkins returned to the meeting. No reportable action was taken.
- 21. Consider approval of opening a California CLASS account with an opening deposit to a primary account and to direct staff to deposit the funds received from Lower Tule for mitigation fees in the amount of \$222,207.64 into a dedicated sub-account. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to direct staff to open a California CLASS account with an opening deposit of \$25.00 but to continue holding the mitigation fee check from Lower Tule. (5-0)
- 22. At 1:44 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board of Directors on the occasion of January 13, 2026, President Andrew adjourned the meeting until February 19, 2026, at the same location, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Craig Andrew, President

Affirm:



Staci Wilkins, Board Secretary