

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
ANGIOLA WATER DISTRICT
February 19, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Angiola Water District met on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

1. President Andrew called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Secretary Wilkins kept the Minutes.
 2. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Craig Andrew; Dick VanderHam (arrived at 10:03 a.m.); Cory VanderHam; Sherod Craig; Guntars Vecpuiasis; Jim Wilson; and David VanderEyk
DIRECTORS ABSENT:
OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Stroud and Anthony Leonis (Young Wooldridge); Staci Wilkins (Secretary); Joe Ortega (AWD); and Ritchie Oppedyk.
 3. President Andrew asked for public comment. No comments were offered.
 4. The Board considered approval of the Minutes for the special Board meeting held on January 13, 2026. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board approved the minutes as presented. (6-0)
 5. The Board considered approval of the Bank Report, Finance Report, Warrants and Payroll for January 14, 2026, through February 19, 2026. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director VanderEyk, the Board approved the financial documents as presented. (6-0)
 6. Review and consider action to increase wages for District employees. The ad hoc committee was unable to meet and prepare a recommendation for Board consideration. They will meet and report back at the April meeting. No other action was taken.
- * Director D. VanderHam arrived.
7. Consider separate BasinSafe accounts for dairy wells. This item was discussed, but action was tabled until the meeting in April. A Rules and Regulations committee was formed, consisting of Directors Andrew and C. VanderHam, as well as landowners Ritchie Oppedyk and Erik Hansen, to meet with Mr. Stroud to review and update the District's Rules and Regulations.
 8. Consider action to replace the storm-damaged window awning. Office staff had not been able to compile bid information prior to the meeting. On the motion of Director VanderEyk and seconded by Director C. VanderHam, staff is directed to find a reasonably priced, good quality replacement or repair option without further Board approval. (7-0)

9. Fresno Slough transfer update

The Bureau is overwhelmed at this time with requests and there has been no further information provided on the AWD request.

10. Tri-County Water Authority SGMA Report

The GSA will be meeting later today to consider approval of the Friant-Kern Canal Benchmark Study. In March, there will be a Southern Land Subsidence Study which will focus on subsidence in the southern portion of the GSA.

11. Report on field operations

Mr. Ortega reported that the snowpack is good and there is 1,200 AF available through TLB. The five wells are still down and the quote that was expected on the pressure wash has not been received.

12. Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestions – None

13. The Board retired to Closed Session at 10:26 a.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*

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

14. The Board returned to open session at 11:29 a.m. No reportable action was taken.

15. At 11:29 a.m., there being no further business to come before the Board of Directors on the occasion of February 19, 2026, President Andrew adjourned the meeting until April 16, 2026, at the same location, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Craig Andrew, President

Affirm:



Staci Wilkins, Board Secretary