



**ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY  
ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY FINANCING AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026, AT 3:00 PM**

**6450 WEST AVENUE "N," PALMDALE, CA 93551**

**TELECONFERENCE LOCATION(S): 41031 – 40<sup>TH</sup> St W, Palmdale, CA 93551; 2856 Owens  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL: Division 6 – **Audrey Miller** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 5 – **Robert Parris** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 3 – **Jay Tremblay** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 2 – **Keith Dyas** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 1 – **Drew Mercy** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 7 – **Gary Van Dam** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 4 – **George Lane** \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICERS: General Manager – **Matthew Knudson**; Attorney – **Jim Markman**; Board Secretary/Treasurer – **Holly Hughes****

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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| 4(a-1) | Adoption of Agenda for Special Board Meeting of January 27, 2026 | Board Order 4(a-1) | 5           |

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

a. Closed Session - Pursuant to Government Code Section §54957, Interviews for Legal Counsel Position

**6. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**7. OPEN SESSION TO CONVENE AT 5:30 PM**

- 8. **VOLUNTARY PUBLIC ROLL-CALL** – If any member of the public wishes to introduce themselves, please feel free to do so now.
- 9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PERIOD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – If anyone wishes to address the board on any item not on the agenda, please feel free to do so now.
- 10. **CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION ITEMS** – The public and board shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item(s) on the Consent Calendar as the Consent Calendar is considered collectively by the Board of Directors prior to action being taken.

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| 10(a-1.1) | Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 2026  | Board Order 10(a-1.1) | 6    |
| 10(a-1.2) | Approve Assignment of Water Service Agreement WSA 89-3 to the new property owner ( <i>Water Projects Committee Review on 01/16/26</i> ) | Board Order 10(a-1.2) | 11   |

**11. ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**a. Finance Committee (KD/GL/RP) 01/21/26**

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| 11(a-1) | Consideration and possible action on proposals for Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel Services associated with the potential refinance of the outstanding Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 ( <i>General Manager Knudson and Finance Manager Yates</i> ) | Board Order 11(a-1) | 18 |
| 11(a-2) | Consideration and possible action to accept and file the Check Register Lists for the period of January 1, 2026, through January 14, 2026 ( <i>General Manager Knudson</i> )   | Board Order 11(a-2) | 20 |
| 11(a-3) | Consideration and possible action to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending December 31, 2025 ( <i>Finance Manager Yates</i> )  | Board Order 11(a-3) | 28 |

**b. Customer Relations & Public Information Committee (GV/DM/JT) 01/16/26**

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| 11(b-1) | Consideration and possible action on authorization to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Lisa Lombardi O'Reilly to develop and create an AVEK Historical/Legacy Book ( <i>General Manager Knudson</i> ) | Board Order 11(b-1) | 44 |
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**c. Water Projects Committee (AM/KD/RP) 01/16/26**

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| 11(c-1) | Consideration and possible action on Crossing Agreement with 45MG 8ME, LLC for installation of power lines associated with the Aratina solar project ( <i>Assistant General Manager Livesay</i> )  | Board Order 11(c-1) | 46 |
| 11(c-2) | Consideration and possible action on filing the Notice of Completion for the Admin Mechanical Enclosure Project (Project No. CP20-08) ( <i>Engineering Manager Roberts</i> )   | Board Order 11(c-2) | 67 |
| 11(c-3) | Consideration and possible action on agreement with Cannon Corporation for structural evaluation and repair recommendations for QHWTP Clearwell #1 and Westside Water Bank Tank #2, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$80,195 ( <i>Engineering Manager Roberts</i> ) | Board Order 11(c-3) | 70 |

**d. Executive Committee (ad-hoc) (GL/GV/KD) 01/12/26**

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| 11(d-1) | Consideration and possible action on Professional Services Agreement with Montgomery & Associates for review and analysis of the Willow Springs Water Bank groundwater model in the not-to-exceed amount of \$31,400 ( <i>Assistant General Manager Livesay</i> ) | Board Order 11(d-1) | 73 |
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**e. Watermaster & Groundwater Stewardship Committee (RP/AM/DM) 01/23/26**

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| 11(e-1) | Provide Guidance to AVEK Representative for Antelope Valley Watermaster Meeting and Agenda for January 28, 2026, Watermaster Board Meeting ( <i>General Manager Knudson</i> ) | Board Order 11(e-1) | 81 |
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**12. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY, PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS**

a. Water Quality Update (*Laboratory Manager Wray*)

**13. DIRECTORS REPORTS**

**14. ATTORNEY REPORT**

**15. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Note:** The Board reserves the right to discuss and/or act on all the above agenda items.

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Posted: January 23, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m. by Holly Hughes, Board Secretary-Treasurer