



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Friday, October 16, 2026, Convenes at 10:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

Action items are listed in **bold**.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call, Flag Salute

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to provide comments at the time the Board considers the item. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, or at the Chairman's discretion. At all times, please state your name for the record.

3. CLOSED SESSION:

Please note that the Board will begin Open Session at 11:30 a.m.

- 1. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation: Three (3) cases.**

4. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

- a. Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

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6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Notice from the State Water Board Regarding GEARS Annual Reporting for 2026 for Tule Subbasin.
b. Status of Extraction Fee Billing

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Consideration and Approval of September 17, 2026, GSA Board Meeting Minutes (Action).**

8. ADMINISTRATION

- a. **Board Discussion and Consideration to Approve Draft Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Plan. (Action)**
b. **Board Discussion and Consideration of Draft Resolution to Approve the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Plan. (Action)**

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Provide a report to Board Members on meetings conducted to facilitate the Tule Subbasin Multi-GSA efforts and progress.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request that the PIDGSA provide a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in any public meeting. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats for the agendas and agenda packets used for any public meetings of the GSA. Requests for such assistance and for agendas and agenda packets shall be made in person, by telephone, facsimile, or written correspondence to the General Manager of the Porterville Irrigation District GSA at (559) 782-6321, at least 48 hours before a public meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: CONSENT CALENDAR / Consideration and approval of September 17, 2026, GSA Board Minutes (Action).

Submitted By: General Manager

The logo for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) features the letters "GSA" in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font. Below "GSA", the words "GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY" are written in a smaller, white, all-caps, sans-serif font. The text is set against a blue background. Above the blue background, there is a green area with a pattern of radiating lines, suggesting a sun or a stylized landscape.

President Eric Borba called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
Flag salute: Michael Knight

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Borba opened the floor for public comment on matters not appearing on the agenda.

No public comments were received.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Notice from the State Water Board Regarding GEARS Reporting Annual Fee Invoice Mailing for Tule Subbasin.

The GSA Manager provided an update regarding the State Water Resources Control Board's Groundwater Extraction Annual Reporting System (GEARS) invoices.

Staff reported that invoices had been distributed to groundwater extractors within the Tule Subbasin, although some individuals had not yet received their invoices.

The GSA Manager reminded groundwater users that the State Water Board had established a petition-for-reconsideration process for individuals who believed their reported groundwater extraction included previously stored or recharged surface water.

Staff explained that affected groundwater users generally have 30 days from receipt of their invoice to submit a petition for reconsideration.

The GSA Manager encouraged groundwater users to review their invoices promptly and contact the District office for assistance with questions regarding reported extraction volumes or the petition process.

The Board also discussed how to treat precipitation credits, Native Sustainable Yield, and previously stored surface water when determining groundwater extraction volumes for State reporting purposes.

No formal action was taken.

- b. Status of Extraction Fee Billing

The GSA Manager provided an update on implementing the PID GSA groundwater extraction fee approved by the Board on August 20, 2026.

Staff reported that additional administrative work had been necessary to reconcile Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs), including parcels divided into multiple accounting units associated with agricultural leases and groundwater accounting.

Staff completed the necessary account adjustments and anticipated distributing the groundwater extraction fee invoices by the end of September 2026.

No formal action was taken.

c. Status of PID GSP Review

The GSA Manager reported that the final draft of the PID Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was available on the District's website and distributed to interested parties through the District's mailing list.

Staff advised that the draft GSP would be presented to the PID GSA Stakeholder Committee for review and discussion at its October 1, 2026, meeting.

The GSA Manager encouraged interested parties to review the document and contact District staff with questions or comments.

No formal action was taken.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Consideration and Approval of August 20, 2026, GSA Board Meeting Minutes (Action).

The Board considered approval of the August 20, 2026, GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Action: Motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Vice President Gisler, to approve the August 20, 2026, GSA Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried without opposition.

5. ADMINISTRATION

a. No Items for Discussion.

No administrative items were presented.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. Provide a report to Committee Members on meetings conducted to facilitate the Tule Subbasin Multi-GSA efforts and progress.

The GSA Manager provided an update regarding ongoing Tule Subbasin coordination activities, including development of a unified Groundwater Sustainability Plan and efforts to address potential State Water Board groundwater pumping restrictions.

Staff identified three primary areas of ongoing coordination.

1. Friant-Kern Canal Subsidence Urgency Plan

The GSA Manager reported that the Tule Subbasin GSAs continued working to develop a coordinated alternative to the potential groundwater pumping moratorium the State Water Board is considering.

The anticipated objective was to develop a coordinated Friant-Kern Canal Subsidence Urgency Plan by December 2026, with implementation targeted for spring 2027.

Staff advised that discussions remained ongoing and that the State Water Board had not provided additional formal documentation on its proposed pumping moratorium beyond what it had previously presented.

2. Friant-Kern Canal Groundwater Modeling and Analysis

Staff reported that technical consultants continued developing a numerical groundwater model to evaluate groundwater conditions and potential management scenarios to protect the Friant-Kern Canal.

The analysis was anticipated to provide additional information regarding groundwater pumping, land subsidence, and potential management measures.

Preliminary modeling discussions had occurred, and the analysis was expected to be completed in early October 2026.

Staff emphasized that the technical findings and proposed management scenarios had not been finalized.

3. State Water Board Coordination

The GSA Manager reported that the Tule Subbasin GSAs were preparing for a September 30, 2026, technical meeting with State Water Board staff.

The meeting was expected to address drinking water well mitigation, groundwater quality, and related technical matters.

Staff reported that they submitted the requested information and discussion materials to the State Water Board by the September 16, 2026, deadline.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to:

1. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation: One (1) case.

8. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

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- a. Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

There was no reportable action pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Borba adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Knight, GSA General Manager