



# CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT Legal Affairs Committee Meeting

**MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

The following Committee Members were present:

Director Davidson  
Director Ratterman

Staff Present:

Michael Minkler, General Manager  
Kate Jesus, Human Resources Technician  
Kelly Gerkenmeyer, External Affairs Manager  
Mark Rincon-Ibarra, District Engineer\*  
Kevin Williams, Senior Civil Engineer\*  
Haley Airola, Engineering Technician\*  
Dylan Smith, Information Systems Administrator\*

Others Present:

Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey\*  
Russ Thomas\*

\*Attended Virtually

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

Director Ratterman called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3a Approval of Minutes for August 1, 2023 and October 3, 2023 Committee Meetings  
(Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board)

Director Davidson moved to approve the minutes and Director Ratterman seconded the motion.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- 4a [Federal Legislative Update](#)  
(Michael Minkler, General Manager)

**Discussion:** Director Ratterman stated he will be attending the Washington, D.C. ACWA Conference as a member of the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee.

Michael Minkler, General Manager gave an update from Mia O'Connell on Federal Affairs: 1) FY 2024 Appropriations; 2) Water Resources Development Act of 2024; and 3) the Virtual Spring Visit

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was heard.

- 4b [State Legislative Update](#)  
(Michael Minkler, General Manager)

**Discussion:** Michael Minkler, General Manager gave an update on the following items: 1) the CCWD Customer Assistance Program; 2) potential relaxing of Brown Act rules for Committees; 3) exhaustion of remedies requirement for Prop 218; 4) CA Budget deficit; 4) Water Bond; 5) Water Rights reform; and 6) CSDA us honoring Senator Alvarado-Gil as Legislator of the Year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was heard.

## 5. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Michael Minkler stated Kelly Gerkenmeyer is now an outreach captain for ACWA Region 3. He also discussed vacant positions and hiring status.

## 6. DIRECTOR COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Ratterman spoke about the work MCWRA Legislative Committee is doing and would like a staff member to attend these meetings as well.

Director Davidson had nothing to report.


## 7. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

- Tuesday April 2, 2024, 1:00 p.m.,

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Rebecca Hitchcock  
Clerk to the Board