



# CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT Legal Affairs Committee Meeting

**MINUTES  
APRIL 2, 2024**

The following Committee Members were present:

Director Davidson  
Director Ratterman

Staff Present:

Michael Minkler, General Manager  
Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board  
Kelly Gerkensmeyer, External Affairs Manager  
John Coleman, Water Resources Manager  
Mark Rincon-Ibarra, District Engineer\*  
Stacey Lollar, Human Resources Manager\*  
Kate Jesus, Human Resources Technician\*  
Bana Rouson-Gedese, Water Resources Specialist\*

Others Present:

Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey\*  
Dane Wadle, CSDA\*  
Chelsea Haines, ACWA\*

\*Attended Virtually

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

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

Director Ratterman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

No public comment was heard.

#### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

3a [Federal Legislative Update](#)  
(Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey and Michael Minkler, General Manager)

**Discussion:** Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey gave an update on Federal Affairs: 1) the Army Corp of Engineers Funding; 2) Energy and Water Appropriations Bill applications for Fiscal Year 24/25; 3) the Water Resources Development Act funding request; and 4) the County Biomass project funding request through USDA.

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

3b [State Legislative Update](#)  
(Michael Minkler, General Manager)

**Discussion:** Kelly Gerkenmeyer, External Affairs Manager, Introduced Dane Wadle from CDSA who addressed the Committee about HR7525 Special District Grant Accessibility Act and responded to questions.

Mr. Gerkenmeyer also introduced Chelsea Gaines from ACWA who briefed the Committee on the State Water Boards Water Use Efficiency legislation and responded to questions.

Mr. Gerkenmeyer highlighted some additional legislation with the Committee: 1) SB 1088-Water Infrastructure Improvements to Enhance Fire Resilience in Rural Communities; 2) Wildland Urban Interface (WUI); 3) Marita Calloway was recognized as the 2024 Women of the Year; and 4) AB 1337 Water Diversion Curtailments.

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

4. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no General Manager comments.

5. **DIRECTOR COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Ratterman asked for the information packet presented at the meeting to be included in the agenda package in the future.

6. **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Tuesday June 4, 2024

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Rebecca Hitchcock  
Clerk to the Board