



# CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### Board of Directors

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**Katelyn Zenger** County of Kern  
**Mark Ellsworth** Cuyama Basin Water District

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### AGENDA

May 6, 2026

Agenda for a meeting of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the **Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center 4689 CA-166, New Cuyama, CA 93254**. Participate via computer at: <https://shorturl.at/CEXif> or by going to Microsoft Teams, downloading the free application, then entering Meeting ID: 285 525 814 804 96 Passcode: fc2R8yg6 or enter or telephonically at (469) 480-3918 Phone Conference ID: 955 559 561#.

#### Teleconference Locations:

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| 4689 CA-166<br>New Cuyama, CA 93254 | 1087 Santa Rosa Street<br>San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 | 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor,<br>Bakersfield, CA 93301 | 3118 Marsala St<br>Bakersfield, Ca 93311 |
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The order in which agenda items are discussed may be changed to accommodate scheduling or other needs of the Board or Committee, the public, or meeting participants. Members of the public are encouraged to arrive at the commencement of the meeting to ensure that they are present for discussion of all items in which they are interested.

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in this meeting, please contact Taylor Blakslee at (661) 477-3385 by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to this meeting. The Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency reserves the right to limit each speaker to three (3) minutes per subject or topic.*

1. Call to Order (Jackson) (1 min)
2. Roll Call (Bianchi) (1 min)
3. Pledge of Allegiance (Jackson) (1 min)
4. Meeting Protocols (Bianchi) (2 min)
5. Introduction of New Legal Counsel (Collins) (3 min)
6. Standing Advisory Committee Meeting Report (Kelly) (3 min)

### CONSENT AGENDA

*Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.*

7. Approve March 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes (Jackson) (1 min)
8. Approve Payment of Bills for February and March 2026 (Blakslee) (1 min)

9. Approve Financial Reports for February and March 2026 (Blakslee) (1 min)

**ACTION ITEMS**

*All action items require a simple majority vote by default (50% of the vote). Items that require a super majority vote (75% of the weighted total) will be noted as such at the end of the item.*

10. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation
- a) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on GSA Response to DWR’s Additional Information Request Regarding their Review of the Amended 2025 GSP and Periodic Evaluation (Blakslee/Van Lienden) (60 min)
  - b) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Potential Areas of Overdraft Outside the Central Management Area (Blakslee/Bianchi) (30 min)
  - c) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on FY 2026-2027 Budget and Cash Flow (Blakslee) (60 min) **[Supermajority Vote Required: 75%]**
  - d) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Consultant Task Orders for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (Blakslee) (15 min)

**REPORT ITEMS**

11. Administrative Updates
- a) Report of the Executive Director (Blakslee) (5 min)
    - i. Report on Final 2025 Basin-wide Groundwater Use, 2025 CMA Allocation Compliance, and CMA Groundwater Allocation Exchanges
  - b) Report of the General Counsel (Collins) (5 min)
12. Technical Updates
- a) Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Activities (Van Lienden) (5 min)
  - b) Update on Grant-Funded Projects (Van Lienden) (5 min)
13. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (15 min)
- Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)
- (a) Bolthouse Land Company, LLC, et al v. All Persons Claiming a Right to Extract or Store Groundwater in the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin (BCV-21-101927)
14. Report of Ad Hoc Committees (1 min)
15. Directors’ Forum (1 min)
16. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (5 min)
17. Correspondence (1 min)
18. Adjourn (4:40 p.m.)