

GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

JULY 16, 2026

5:00 PM

21415 REEVES STREET

The GHCSO Board of Directors duly met for a Regular Meeting on July 16, 2026 at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, California.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 5:00 PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT: David Benham, John Buckley, Matt Guggemos

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Joe King, Scott Wyatt

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Wells, Interim General Manager; Davin Blain, Water Operations Manager; Brian Barnett, Business Analyst

2. CLOSED SESSION INPUT:

No Public Comment

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Director Guggemos referenced the items listed on the Agenda for Closed Session and advised the Board and public that these items would be discussed under Closed Session.

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made by Director Benham at 5:01 PM, seconded by Director Buckley and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King, Wyatt

CLOSED SESSION – CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Government Code § 54957: General Counsel

Director King arrived during Closed Session at 5:10 PM. Motion to adjourn from Closed Session was made by Director Buckley at 5:59 PM, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wyatt

Director King left the meeting at this point.

OPEN SESSION 6:00 PM

4. FLAG SALUTE:

Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

5. REPORTING ON CLOSED SESSION:

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

Director Guggemos pulled Agenda #13 to this point in the meeting

7. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Staff presented report on the District's financial statements.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion to approve the consent calendar A-E was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director Benham and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King, Wyatt

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

10. RESOLUTION 26-20, APPROVING STANDBY OR AVAILABILITY CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027:

Board approved for adoption Resolution 26-20, water standby or availability charges was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director Benham and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King, Wyatt

11. RESOLUTION 26-21, APPROVING THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND PLACEMENT OF CHARGES AND PENALTIES DESCRIBED THEREIN ON THE TAX ROLL IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 61115(b):

Board approved for adoption Resolution 26-21, placement of charges and penalties described therein on the tax roll was made by Director Benham, seconded by Director Buckley and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King, Wyatt

12. RESOLUTION 26-22 ORDERING AN ELECTION, REQUESTING COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF THE ELECTION :

Board approved Resolution 26-22 to facilitate the General election on November 3, 2026 to fill two District Board of Directors seats and provide payment to the Kern County Election Division was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director Benham and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King, Wyatt

13. JOINT PARTICIPATION WITH TEHACHAPI VALLEY RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT (TVRPD) IN THE MUD RUN

Board item was pulled from Agenda due to Ad Hoc Committee meeting with TVRPD before the meeting and agreeing not to hold the mud run.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- 1) Finance – Director Guggemos gave a report
- 2) Personnel – No report given

B. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

None

C. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- 1) Surrounding Community – No report given
- 2) Nature Park Activity Priorities – Director Buckley gave a report.
- 3) District Lands Revenue Generation – No report given
- 4) General Manager Recruitment – No report given.

D. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

None

15. NEW BUSINESS:

Request that the Director of Public Works attend a future Board meeting to discuss roads and paving.

16. ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:22 PM was made by Director Benham, seconded by Director Buckley and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King, Wyatt

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/

Susan Wells, Secretary

/s/

Joe King, Chair