

GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 16, 2026

5:00 PM

21415 REEVES STREET

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

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 5:01 PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT: David Benham, John Buckley, Matt Guggemos, Joe King, Scott Wyatt

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Carlson, General Manager; Davin Blain, Water Operations Manager; Brian Barnett, Business Analyst;

2. CLOSED SESSION INPUT:

No Public Comment

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Director King 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 Buckley at 5:03 PM, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION – CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Government Code § 54957: General Counsel

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Government. Code § 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: General Manager

Motion to adjourn from Closed Session was made by Director Benham at 5:29 PM, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

7. KERN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE (KCSO) INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEM:

Board received an informational update and participate in a question-and-answer discussion with representatives from the Kern County Sheriff’s Office (KCSO), including command staff.

Office Kessler – Explained what KC Sheriff does and how to get patrol for an area in Golden Hills.

Jennifer – Put in a veteran memorial at the nature park with flags and branches of the military.

Steven – Cars park without placards, tinted windows and raised trucks.

8. HONOR FLIGHT KERN COUNTY DONATION REQUEST:

Board heard from Steven Miles concerning potential donation from the GHCSO to support the Honor Flight Kern County program. The Board approved a donation of \$3,000 to this prestigious program was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

#12 was brought to this point in the agenda.

Director Buckley left at this point in the meeting

9. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Staff presented report on the District's financial statements.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion to approve the consent calendar A-D was made by Director Guggemos, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

12. TEHACHAPI VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT (TVRPD) AND GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (GHCSO) ANNUAL EVENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU):

Board reviewed and approved the Annual Event Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Tehachapi Valley Parks and Recreation District (TVRPD) and the Golden Hills Community Services District (GHCSO) and to generalize host/support and lead/ support in the MOU was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

13. REVIEW OF SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2026:

Board recapped discussion

14. RESOLUTION NO. 26-13 INCREASING BASE AND CONSUMPTIVE RATES IN DIRECT CORRELATION WITH THE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

Board reviewed and approved Resolution No. 26-13, increasing base and consumptive rates by 2.6% effective July 1, 2026, in direct correspondence with the CPI increase as indicated through comparisons of the "CPI, All Urban Consumers, All Items Index, Western Cities with populations between 50,000 and 1,500,000" (the CPI-U) as outlined in the recently adopted 2023 Water Rate Study was made by Director Guggemos, seconded by Director Benham and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

15. REQUEST BY ACCOUNT NUMBER 01-4810-01 TO WAIVE ALL PAST DUE LATE FEES AND ACCUMULATED TAG FEES DUE TO MEDICAL HARDSHIP:

Board discussed removing tags fees but ultimately decided to put 01-4810-01 on a contract.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

B. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

None

C. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- 1) Surrounding Community – Director Benham gave a report.
- 2) Nature Park Activity Priorities – Director Buckley gave a report.
- 3) District Lands Revenue Generation – No report given.
- 4) Multi-Agency Security Collaboration – No report given

D. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

Dissolve the Multi-Agency Security Collaboration Committee

Create the Ad Hoc Scholarship Committee – Director Guggemos & Benham

17. NEW BUSINESS:

None

18. ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:57 PM was made by Director Benham, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/

Christopher Carlson, Secretary

/s/

Joe King, Chair