

GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 27, 2026

5:00 PM

21415 REEVES STREET

The GHCSO Board of Directors duly met for a Regular Meeting on August 27, 2026, at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, California.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 5:01 PM

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Joe King

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Wells, Interim General Manager; Davin Blain,
Water Operations Manager

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 Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King

CLOSED SESSION – CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:

Property address: 21415 Reeves Street
Agency negotiator: Susan Wells
Party: County of Kern
Under Negotiation: Leasehold price and terms

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: [GOVERNMENT CODE § 54956.9(c)]

Initiation of Litigation, 1 potential case

Director King joined the Closed Session at 5:08 PM

Motion to adjourn from Closed Session was made by Director Guggemos at 5:52 PM, seconded by Director Benham 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:

No reportable action.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Hojat Entezari spoke on Tehachapi Unified School District's Bond Measure D.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Staff presented report on the District's financial statements.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

10. HEAR STAFF PRESENTATION AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO THE WATER OPERATIONS FUND NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR BEAUTIFICATION OF THE AREA SURROUNDING THE SOLAR PROJECT:

Board approved for the expenditure of \$20,000 for beautification of the area surrounding the Solar Project.

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

11. APPEAL BY ROBERT TORRES OF WATER CHARGES:

Board approved request by Robert Torres to credit his account for \$111.00 covering water loss due to a leak on his side of the water meter.

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

12. BOARD TO HEAR STAFF UPDATE REGARDING NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION(S) TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE VACANCY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN JANUARY 2027:

Board approved creation of an Ad hoc committee to address the vacancy created by a lack of candidates.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

B. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

No change.

C. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

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

D. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

The Board created two (2) additional Ad hoc committees:

- 1) PFAS – Directors Benham and King
- 2) Board Appointment – Benham and Guggemos

The Board removed Director Buckley from the Surrounding Community Ad hoc committee.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

The Board requested an agenda item for the September 2026 Regular Board meeting for Tehachapi Unified School District to present information on Bond Measure D.

16. ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM was made by Director Benham, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/

Susan Wells, Secretary

/s/

Joe King, Chair