



**Pixley Irrigation District  
Board of Directors  
Ground Sustainability Agency Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2026  
Location: 357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272  
Time: 9:00 a.m.**

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1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Junio.

Roll Call:

Director Div. 1 Neal Westbrook  
Director Div. 2 Bill DeGroot  
Director Div. 3 Randy Parreira  
Director Div. 4 Rusty Schott  
Director Div. 5 Frank Junio - President

District Staff:

Eric Limas, General Manager  
Travis Millwee, Resources Manager  
John Michael Domondon, Operations Manager  
Mark Greenall, Controller  
Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent  
Jack Lopez, Operations Superintendent  
Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Landowners and Public:

Seth Merritt, Doug Jackson, Elijah Greidanus, Nick Reed-Krase, Christian Tufenkjian, Jason Morehead, Lisa McEwen, Jesse Roseman, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Armando Leal, Lance Mouw, Bitta Tour, Anveer Toor, Josh Nugent, Rod Stiefvater, Jim Morehead, Erick Orellana.

2. Public Comment.

Elijah Greidanus asked the Board to consider setting the 2027 groundwater allocations in advance of the winter growing season.

3. General Administration-

- a. Agenda Approval

On motion of Director Parreira, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved with the closed session agenda addition.



b. Minutes of March 12, 2026 GSA Meeting

On motion of Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 12, 2026 regular meeting were approved as presented.

c. Minutes of March 31, 2026 Special GSA Meeting

On motion of Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 31, 2026 special meeting were approved as presented.

4. GSP Implementation

a. Updates

General manager Limas gave an update on the February 2026 groundwater usage.

b. SWRCB – Probationary Status

Resources Manager Millwee informed the Board that Pixley ID GSA was not recommended for an exclusion by the SWRCB staff. Millwee updated the Board on the recent meetings GSA staff had with SWRCB Board members and staff. Millwee explained that GSA staff voiced their concerns and pointed out errors in the SWRCB staff report regarding the request for exclusion from reporting pumping and paying fees. The SWRCB Board will vote on their staff's recommendation at their April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

c. Subsidence Management

No update

d. Projects

i. Land Conservation Easement Program

Millwee updated the Board on staff's efforts on developing a Voluntary Land Repurposing Program. The goal of the VLRP is to give growers the option to repurpose ground that is water challenged into less water intensive use. Staff are developing a strategy to fund this program with multiple sources of grant funding and are still waiting for funding opportunity announcements.

ii. Kaweah-Tule Banking Project Investigation

Millwee updated the Board about ongoing meetings with partners and consultants to explore the feasibility of a joint banking project. Millwee informed the Board that there will be a joint Board meeting held on April 29<sup>th</sup> to share the results on the feasibility study.





- e. Other
  - i. Land IQ Scope of Work Cost Proposal – **Action Item**

Millwee shared a SOW proposal from Land IQ for up to \$61,050. This consists of installing pressure transducers and doing emitter rate testing for growers enrolled in ET & meter pilot study, as well as providing technical support. The Board discussed the mutual interest with Land IQ in acquiring this data and that costs should be shared equally. On motion of Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the SOW was approved up to 50% of the total cost proposed by Land IQ.
  - ii. Tule Subbasin Coordination
    - 1. Updates

Resources Manager Millwee updated the Board about ongoing meetings for Tule Subbasin policy makers to sort through coordination issues. The group plans to continue meeting.
    - 2. Single Tule Subbasin GSP – **Action Item**

Millwee presented to the Board a single GSP process that the Tule Subbasin Policy Committee is proposing for the entire Subbasin. This process is meant to replicate the single GSP structure that was done by the Kern Subbasin. Millwee explained that this has been an effective approach for getting out of probation. On motion of Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, Pixley ID GSA's participation in a single GSP was approved.
    - 3. Tule Subbasin Mitigation Plan Reserve Fund – **Action Item**

Millwee presented to the Board multiple options for a Mitigation Plan Reserve Fund. The Tule Subbasin Policy Committee is asking for GSAs to consider an option that includes a single reserve account that is funded to fully projected mitigation costs. On motion of Director Parreira, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the participation in a single Mitigation Pan reserve fund at full mitigation costs was approved.
- 5. Closed Session. The Board entered Closed Session at the conclusion of the Irrigation District Board meeting open session.
  - a. Legal – Pending Litigation
    - i. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9: E.W. Merritt Farms v. Pixley Irrigation District GSA et al, T.C. Superior Court Case No: VCU332014
    - ii.
  - b. Personnel – Possible adjournment to executive session to confer on employee related matters in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 (Brown Act).



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- c. Real Property – Possible adjournment to executive session to confer on employee related matters in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 (Brown Act).
    - i. District Negotiator: General Manager Limas
- Closed Session adjourned. No reportable actions were taken during Closed Session.
- 6. Next GSA Meeting: May 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.  
357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272
  - 7. Adjourned by Board President Junio.

CERTIFICATION: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ORIGINAL AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING AND GROUND SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY WAS POSTED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY 9 AM, APRIL 6, 2026.

IF ANYONE WANTS COPIES OF ANY OF THE REFERENCED BOARD MATERIALS THEY MAY CONTACT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, CINTHIA CANALES AT 559-686-4716 OR BY EMAIL [customerservice@ltrid.org](mailto:customerservice@ltrid.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Travis Millwee  
Resources Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Millwee", written over the typed name.