



Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EPCGSA)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Windfall Farms Conference Room, 4710 Flying Paster Lane, Paso Robles

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM by Hilary Graves

Directors Roll Call:

Hilary Graves – present

Lee Nesbitt - present

Ryan Scott – present

Zach Merkel – present

Eric Pooler – absent

Others present: Guests (in person and by teleconference)

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from multiple attendees:

Dean Porter expressed disappointment with the way the fees were developed for the Prop 26 process conducted by PRAGA. Ryan Scott responded.

Murray Powell submitted documents for the record that were posted by PRAGA and suggested EPCWD compare the acres in the District database to what PRAGA's data shows with reference to irrigated and non-irrigated acreage.

ITEM 3: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2026 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVES THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2026 MEETING made by Ryan Scott, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, voice vote: Motion carried 4-0-0.

ITEMS 4: UPDATE ON THE WRAC MEETING JUNE 3, 2026

Lee Nesbitt reported that the Flood Control District budget will remain unchanged from 2025-26 levels. There was continued discussion of desalination with an estimate timeframe of 2028 before planning is done.

ITEM 5: CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL FINAL 2026-2027 BUDGET

Hilary Graves reiterated that moving to have all data consolidated at the Fallowed Land Registry would keep all participants on the same page in terms of irrigated vs fallowed property. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL 2026-2027 BUDGET made by Zack Merkel, seconded by Ryan Scott, roll call vote:

Hilary Graves – yes

Zack Merkel – yes

Lee Nesbitt – yes

Ryan Scott – yes

Eric Pooler – absent

Motion carried 4-0-0.

ITEM 6: TREASURER’S REPORT MAY 2026

The May Treasurer’s Report was presented by staff and no comments were received.

ITEM 7: NEW BUSINESS

Hilary Graves would like to arrange an update on the Fallowed Land Registry and consider conducting a landowners’ workshop on the topic. Hilary Graves suggested refreshing the topic of outreach and consider how best to connect with District landowners.

ITEM 12: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – JULY 8, 2026

Consider rescheduling to Thursday, July 16, 2026.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2.46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Gage, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:

Hilary Graves, President

Date