



CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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AGENDA

March 4, 2026

Agenda for a meeting of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors to be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 12:30 PM at the **Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center 4689 CA-166, New Cuyama, CA 93254**. Participate via computer at: <https://shorturl.at/CEXif> or by going to Microsoft Teams, downloading the free application, then entering Meeting ID: 285 525 814 804 96 Passcode: fc2R8yg6 or enter or telephonically at (469) 480-3918 Phone Conference ID: 955 559 561#.

Teleconference Locations:

4689 CA-166 New Cuyama, CA 93254	1115 Truxtun Ave, 5 th Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301	801 S. Miller St Santa Maria, CA 93454
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The order in which agenda items are discussed may be changed to accommodate scheduling or other needs of the Board or Committee, the public, or meeting participants. Members of the public are encouraged to arrive at the commencement of the meeting to ensure that they are present for discussion of all items in which they are interested.

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1. Call to Order (Jackson) (1 min)
2. Roll Call (Bianchi) (1 min)
3. Pledge of Allegiance (Jackson) (1 min)
4. Meeting Protocols (Bianchi) (2 min)
5. **Closed Session**
 - a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Public Employment (Gov. Code section 54957) (90 min)
Title: General Counsel
 - b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (15 min)
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)

- (a) Bolthouse Land Company, LLC, et al v. All Persons Claiming a Right to Extract or Store Groundwater in the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin (BCV-21-101927)

6. Standing Advisory Committee Meeting Report (Kelly) (3 min)

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.

7. Approve January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes (Jackson) (1 min)
8. Approve Payment of Bills for December 2025 and January 2026 (Blakslee) (1 min)
9. Approve Financial Reports for December 2025 and January 2026 (Blakslee) (1 min)

ACTION ITEMS

All action items require a simple majority vote by default (50% of the vote). Items that require a super majority vote (75% of the weighted total) will be noted as such at the end of the item.

10. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation
- a) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on DWR Review of GSP and Periodic Evaluation (Blakslee/Van Lienden) (30 min)
 - b) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Potential Areas of Overdraft Outside the Central Management Area (Blakslee/Bianchi) (30 min)
 - c) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on FY 2026-2027 Strategic Plan and Budget Components (Blakslee) (15 min)
 - d) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Water Year 2024-2025 Annual Report (Van Lienden) (15 min)
 - e) Report on 2025 Central Management Area Allocations and Authorize Penalty Fees (Blakslee) (5 min)

REPORT ITEMS

11. Administrative Updates
- a) Report of the Executive Director (Blakslee) (5 min)
 - i. Report on 2025 Basin-wide Groundwater Use, 2025 CMA Allocation Compliance, and CMA Groundwater Allocation Exchanges
 - b) Report of the General Counsel (Hughes) (5 min)
12. Technical Updates
- a) Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Activities (Van Lienden) (5 min)
 - b) Update on Grant-Funded Projects (Van Lienden) (5 min)
 - c) Update on January 2026 Groundwater Level Conditions Reports (Van Lienden) (5 min)
13. Report of Ad Hoc Committees (1 min)
14. Directors' Forum (1 min)
15. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (5 min)
16. Correspondence (1 min)
17. Adjourn (4:45 p.m.)