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BORREGO SPRINGS WATERMASTER SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Conducted In-Person at the Borrego Water District and via GoToMeeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

The following individuals were present at the meeting:

Directors Present	Chair Tyler Bilyk – Agricultural Sector
	Vice Chair Jim Bennett – County of San Diego
	Treasurer Shannon Smith – Recreational Sector
	Secretary Gina Moran – Borrego Water District (BWD)
	Mark Jorgensen – Community Representative
Watermaster Staff Present	James M. Markman, Legal Counsel
	Samantha Adams, Executive Director, West Yost
	Andrew Malone, Lead Technical Consultant, West Yost
	Lauren Salberg, Staff Geologist, West Yost
Others Present	Diane Johnson, BWD Board Member
	Geoff Poole, BWD General Manager
	Jessica Clabaugh, BWD Finance Office
	Steve Anderson, BB&K, representing BWD
	Tammy Baker, BWD Board Member and Board Alternate - BWD
	Trey Driscoll, Intera, TAC Member representing BWD

Please visit the [Watermaster’s Website](#)¹ to access the Agenda Packet, recording, and presentation for the March 17-18, 2026 Meeting. The following meeting minutes identify the start time each agenda item discussion (hours, minutes, seconds: 00:00:00), which can be used as a reference to find and listen to the details of each topic discussed in the [meeting recording](#) for specifics and context.

Opening Procedures – Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

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| I. Chair Bilyk called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM at which time the meeting recording was started. | 00:00:00 |
| II. Samantha Adams, Executive Director (ED) called roll and confirmed that a quorum of all members of the Board were present. | 00:00:12 |
| II. Workshop Schedule. Chair Bilyk provided an overview of the schedule for the March 18 th Workshop, including the topics and timing of each session. | 00:00:34 |

Session #4 – Assessment Report Chapters 3 & 8 (RCA No. 3)

Assessment Report Chapter 3: Recommended Corrective Actions 00:02:27

- ED Adams gave a summary of the RCAs described in Chapter 3 of the GMP Assessment Report.

RCA No. 3 SMC for Groundwater Levels 00:06:15

- Andy Malone gave a presentation on RCA No. 3 and the proposed approach for responding to RCA No. 3.
- Board discussion ensued throughout the presentation.

¹ <https://borregospringswatermaster.com/past-watermaster-meetings/>

- Public comment was made by Steve Anderson, Tammy Baker, and Trey Driscoll. Mr. Driscoll, as the TAC representative for the BWD, gave a presentation on BWD's recommended SMC for groundwater levels.

Break 01:58:27

Session #5 – Assessment Report Chapters 3 & 8 (RCA No. 4 and No. 5)

RCA No. 4 – SMC for Groundwater Storage 01:58:31

- Mr. Malone gave a presentation on RCA No. 4 and the proposed approach for responding to RCA No. 4.
- Board discussion ensued throughout the presentation.

RCA No. 5 – SMC for Groundwater Quality 02:22:23

- ED Adams gave a presentation on RCA No. 5 and the proposed approach for responding to RCA No. 5.
- Board discussion ensued throughout the presentation.
- Public comment was made by Trey Driscoll.

Session #5 - Public Comment 03:16:40

- There was no public comment.

Adjourn to Lunch Break 03:17:11

Call Meeting Order and Roll Call

Following the lunch break, Chair Bilyk called the meeting to order at 1:50 PM, at which time the meeting recording resumed. ED Adams called roll and confirmed that a quorum of all members of the Board were present. 03:17:17

Session #6 – Assessment Report Chapters 3 & 8 (RCA No. 6 and Assessment of Progress Towards Sustainability)

RCA No. 6 – Land Subsidence 03:17:33

- Mr. Malone gave a presentation on RCA No. 4 and the proposed approach for responding to RCA No. 4.
- Board discussion ensued at the end of the presentation.
- There were no public comments.

Assessment Report Chapter 8 – Assessment of Progress Towards Sustainability 03:26:35

- ED Adams gave a presentation summarizing the assessment of progress towards sustainability documented in Chapter 8 of the GMP Assessment Report.
- Board discussion ensued throughout the presentation.

Session #6 – Public Comment 03:49:37

- Public comment was made by Steve Anderson and Diane Johnson.

Additional Board Discussion

03:58:24

- The Board and public discussed topics from earlier in the day. The majority of the additional discussion focused on the proposed SMC for groundwater levels (RCA No. 3).
- Public comment was made by Trey Driscoll, Steve Anderson, and Tammy Baker.

Overview, Schedule, and Next Steps

04:20:38

- ED Adams provided a summary of the schedule and next steps to complete the GMP update and the 5-Year Assessment Report.
- Board discussion ensued following ED Adam’s summary.

Meeting Adjournment

Chair Bilyk adjourned the meeting at 3:07 PM.

04:32:04



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Attest:
Gina Moran, Secretary of the Board