

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 9, 2026

The Special Meeting of September 9, 2026, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: Richard Hajas, Bob Daddi and Mike Weaver. General Manager Julia Aranda and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Jordan Kear, Consultant.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. VanDerMeer called the roll.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Hajas.

3. Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:

Mutuals: None

Ojai Water Conservation District: Absent

City of Ojai: Absent

Casitas Municipal Water District: None

Community Facilities District Report: None

4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:

Aranda provided an update on the Small GSA Coalition and Proposition 4 funding. Aranda reported that the unmetered wells and delinquent well owners are still being pursued with letters, phone calls and emails. Hajas requested to send a note to well owners that have complied with metering and requests for data.

5. BASIN STATUS REPORT:

Jordan Kear had a presentation "ALOJAI". Kear reported the Key Well was 103.29' below ground level and there was 64,000 acre feet in the basin.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Daddi motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Weaver seconded. The financial report for July 2026 and the minutes of the July 30, 2026 meeting were approved unanimously.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Daniel with Dudek gave a report on the 5-year periodic Evaluation Update with the Climate Change Scenarios.

b. Weaver gave a presentation on the Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company Tunnel Rehabilitation.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Aranda presented the Draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget. Aranda stated that the Draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget will be adopted at the September 24, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

b. Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update: None

c. Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update:
Aranda reported that meter compliance is ongoing.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be September 24, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____