



Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EPCGSA)
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 23, 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 2:0PM by Hilary Graves

Directors Roll Call:

Hilary Graves – present

Lee Nesbitt - present

Ryan Scott – present

Zach Merkel – absent

Eric Pooler - absent

Others present: Guests (in person and by teleconference)

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

ITEM 3: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2026 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVES THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2026 MEETING made by Ryan Scott, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, voice vote.

Motion carried 3-0-0.

ITEMS 4: DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER DIRECTION FOR MARCH 25, 2026 PRAGA BOARD MEETING REGARDING FEE STRUCTURE OPTIONS

Staff briefly reviewed the outreach workshop held by PRAGA on March 12, 2026 which had approximately 20 attendees and presentations the draft PRAGA budget and Prop 26 funding options. Jerry Reaugh offered slides in response to the workshop for the board to consider in this meeting. The discussion included the potential funding gap if fees are collected by the County and various approaches to setting the fees. The question was raised as to what would happen volumetric fees are used and irrigated acres are reduced. If de minimis users benefit from PRAGA SGMA activities, should there be some fee set for that usage? Should there be a common cost plus a volumetric component so that there is a known bottom line? Since Prop 26 funding only covers one year, should there be an initial funding approach that changes in later years? Consideration of a Prop 218 in the future specifically for projects was discussed.

ITEM 5: TREASURERS REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

No comments were submitted.

ITEM 6: NEW BUSINESS

Dana Merrill requested an update on the Fallowed Land Program from Blaine Reely in an upcoming meeting, as well as an update on the Well Monitoring Program status and the status of the Grant funding.

ITEM 7: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – APRIL 8, 2026

Ryan Scott will not be able to attend that date.

ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:25PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Gage, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:

Hilary Graves, President

Date

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