

**KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-23

**A RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION OF THE KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE
WELDON REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT AS AN INACTIVE DISTRICT PURSUANT
TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 56654, 56375(a)(2)(G), AND 56879**

WHEREAS, the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission ("Commission") approved the formation of the Weldon Regional Water District ("District") to provide domestic water service to the Weldon area near Lake Isabella, and the District came into legal existence through the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Section 56000 et seq.), with a Certificate of Completion filed; and

WHEREAS, the District never became operational because its governing board never organized; an initial board was elected concurrently with the formation election, but one successful candidate died before taking office and other elected members subsequently resigned, and the District never seated the quorum necessary to hold a valid organizational meeting or to conduct any District business; and

WHEREAS, the Kern County Board of Supervisors issued public notice of the board vacancies and no applicants came forward, and there is accordingly no available means, internal or external, by which the District's board could be constituted; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board terminated the funding that had been committed to the proposed water system, and Self-Help Enterprises, which had served as project manager, has concluded its involvement, so that the District has no functioning governing board, project manager, operating revenue, or committed project funding; and

WHEREAS, the District has never completed the Proposition 218 process, has never levied a tax or assessment, has never collected revenue of any kind, and has never delivered water service to a single connection; and

WHEREAS, staff has confirmed that the District holds no assets and has no liabilities, has no outstanding debts, judgments, litigation, contracts, liens, or claims, and has no property tax base, assessment, or charge on the tax roll requiring unwinding, and has further confirmed with the Office of the State Controller that the District never registered with, and never filed any financial report to, the Controller, and does not appear in the Controller's records; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56042 defines an "inactive district" as a special district that (a) is a special district as defined in Section 56036; (b) has had no financial transactions in the previous fiscal year; (c) has no assets and no liabilities; and (d) has no outstanding debts, judgments, litigation, contracts, liens, or claims, and, based upon the information presently available, the District appears to meet each of these four criteria; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56650 provides that proceedings for a change of organization or reorganization may be initiated by petition or by resolution of application, and, because the District has no functioning governing board and no organized body of voters or landowners positioned to carry a petition, initiation by resolution of application is the appropriate method; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56654 authorizes initiation by resolution of application, Government Code Section 56375(a)(2)(G) confirms the Commission's authority to initiate the dissolution of an inactive district by that means, and Government Code Section 56879 supplies the streamlined procedure that follows once the proceeding is initiated; and

WHEREAS, because the District never filed financial reports and does not appear in the State Controller's records, it was not identified on the Controller's annual list of inactive districts, and the Commission's authority to initiate this proceeding therefore rests on Government Code Section 56375(a)(2)(G) rather than on a notification from the Controller; and

WHEREAS, because the Commission is initiating this proceeding on its own resolution of application and there is no functioning District board or successor agency to carry the proposal forward, the Commission is the lead agency for the proposed dissolution under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), as that term is defined in Public Resources Code Section 21067; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Commission's practice, the environmental determination for the proposed dissolution will be made in connection with the Commission's action on the dissolution at the noticed public hearing, and not upon initiation, which commits the Commission to no project and authorizes no physical change; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution initiates proceedings only, and the question of whether the District should be dissolved is reserved for the Commission's determination at the noticed public hearing, at which the Commission will consider the environmental determination and receive the staff report, public testimony, and any additional evidence before taking final action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission as follows:

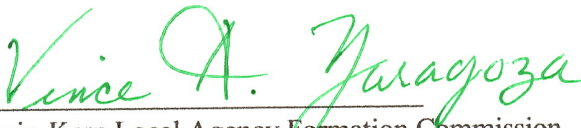
1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Based upon the information presently available, the Commission finds that the Weldon Regional Water District appears to meet each of the four criteria of an inactive district set forth in Government Code Section 56042. This finding is made for the purpose of initiating proceedings and does not preclude the Commission from considering contrary or additional evidence at the noticed public hearing.
3. The Commission determines that it is the lead agency for the proposed dissolution under the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental determination is made by this resolution; the environmental determination will be made in connection with the Commission's action on the dissolution at the noticed public hearing.
4. The Commission hereby initiates proceedings for the dissolution of the Weldon Regional Water District as an inactive district, by this resolution of application, pursuant to Government Code Sections 56654, 56375(a)(2)(G), and 56879. As provided in Section

56879, the dissolution of an inactive district is not subject to the conducting-authority and protest proceedings of Government Code Sections 57000 through 57176, is not subject to the determinations otherwise required under subdivision (b) of Section 56881, is not subject to the study-consistency requirement applicable to other Commission-initiated reorganizations and is not subject to the property tax exchange negotiation under Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 99 and 99.01.

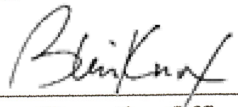
5. The Executive Officer is directed to provide the notice required by law and to set the matter for a public hearing to be held not more than 90 days following the adoption of this resolution, at which hearing the Commission will consider the environmental determination for the proposed dissolution, receive additional evidence, and determine whether to order the dissolution of the District.
6. The adoption of this resolution initiates the proceeding only and does not order the dissolution of the District. The determination whether the District should be dissolved is reserved to the Commission at the noticed public hearing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of September 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	Clark, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Couch, Gonzales, Olvera


Chair, Kern Local Agency Formation Commission

ATTEST:


Blair Knox, Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Tom Schroeter (Sep 23, 2026 17:19:14 PDT)
Commission Counsel

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