

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Clark at 2:00 pm

1.1 Flag Salute

Engineer Heindell led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

Present were President Clark, Vice President Wristen and Director Koch. Also present were Attorney McClure, Office Manager Padilla, Engineer Heindell and Manager Boucher. Director Taggart participated via teleconference from the Oroville Hospital Post Acute Center, 1000 Executive Parkway – Room 122, Oroville, CA 95966.

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Art Hatley was present to speak on Agenda Item 5.1.

Peggy Henderson was present to speak on a Non-Agenda Item.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 20, 2026.

3.2 Financial Statements – July 2025 – January 2026

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 22440-22497 Total \$668,063.82

Water LAIF Deposit - \$5,399.94

Water LAIF Withdrawal - \$280,000.00

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7728-7733 Total \$34,676.32

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$17,600.06

Health Reimb Account – Check Number 3086-3087 Total \$364.00

3.4 Superintendent's Monthly Report of Maintenance and Operations and Solar Power Generation for January 2026

It was moved by Director Wristen seconded by Director Koch to approve Consent Agenda Items 3.1 - 3.4. Motion carried. Roll Call was taken.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 Appointment to Fill Vacancy in Directorship for Division 2

Manager Boucher announced that the District has a vacancy in Division 2 and that the District has received one application. Arthur Hatley stood before the Board and informed them that he is interested in filling the vacancy for Division 2. He stated that he has lived in the District for well over 50 years and that he served on the City

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Council for 24 years. He mentioned that his main purpose in serving on the board is to protect the District and the rate payers. Motion was made by Director Koch, seconded by Director Wristen and unanimously carried to appoint Arthur Hatley to fill the vacancy in Directorship for Division 2. Roll Call was taken.

At this time, Arthur Hatley was sworn in as Director for Division 2 by Secretary, Jayme Boucher. He then joined the Board Meeting.

At this point, it was suggested by President Clark to move Item 11 forward in the agenda.

11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Peggy Henderson who resides at 2149 Plumas Avenue, stood before the Board and asked for clarification regarding her TWSD Statement. She stated that on her statement, there are four separate fees that are being charged which total \$101.73. She asked what these fees are for and what can be done to lower her bill.

Attorney McClure explained to Ms. Henderson that the District is subject to what's called the Brown Act, which means if you're not on the agenda, the board members can't really engage in a discussion with her. He mentioned that they can provide some general responses but probably can't get into the specifics of her bill. He suggested that Manager Boucher try and address the issues.

Manager Boucher broke down each of the components and explained what each of the service fees are allocated out to. He mentioned that if she would like to review her bill further to please give him a call.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 Concow Sediment Removal Funding Update

Engineer Heindell reported that he received a letter of support from Assemblyman Gallagher and Senator Dahle for moving the project forward in the budget allocation process. He mentioned that they have three meetings to attend tomorrow with different assembly members and budget committee staff to continue to push the agenda forward on Concow and the funding necessities to get the project completed. He mentioned that Golden Bear Strategies and Resource PA have been doing a good job of keeping the District updated on the weekly calls. So far everything is moving forward.

Manager Boucher mentioned that Golden Bear Strategies suggested having two directors attend a few of the meetings. They suggested appointing an Ad Hoc Committee. Attorney McClure mentioned that for an Ad Hoc Committee, it has to

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meet for a designated purpose, and it cannot have a board-approved meeting schedule. He suggested that if we wanted to hear a proposal from the Board President to form the Ad Hoc Committee, then we could hear recommendations from the whole Board about who wanted to be on it. Motion made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Koch and unanimously carried to form an Ad Hoc Committee meeting for purposes of attending the business in Sacramento for the Concow Sediment Removal Project. Roll call taken.

Engineer Heindell mentioned that the Ad Hoc committee would join both he and Manager Boucher to attend the meetings in Sacramento with different legislative staff members themselves, and just advocating on the District's behalf. Motion made by Director Hatley seconded by Director Taggart and unanimously carried to appoint Directors Koch and Clark to the Ad Hoc Committee. Roll call taken.

6.2 Table Mountain Pipeline Replacement Project

Engineer Heindell reported that two change orders were received from Sherwood Contracting regarding additional placement work. He mentioned that the District allocated \$470,000 for capital improvement pipeline replacement costs. The current project, which was a continuation of the Table Mountain pipeline replacement, goes from the Canal Bridge northwest to the Treatment Plant. That work was for \$303,000 and was completed per contract. In finalizing that, there was a discussion regarding the possibility of adding a little bit of additional placement work. He mentioned that there was a little section of about 90 feet of 14-inch steel main that was still in the ground that could be replaced and then paved the entrance way into the Treatment Plant. The two change orders come to \$77,722.70. That brings the total project cost to about \$373,000. Motion made by Director Clark seconded by Director Koch and unanimously carried to approve the change order from Sherwood Contracting in an amount not to exceed \$78,000.00.

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney McClure mentioned that he has three items to report on:

Bay Delta Plan: Attorney McClure reminded the Board that this is the State Board's obligation to set water quality requirements in the Delta. They are trying to obtain new water from all water users, both north of the Delta and south of the Delta. He mentioned that in the January news articles, there were a series of workshops about the plan and this is the plan with two tracks. One is the voluntary agreements. This is the water users agree to put up a certain amount of water, and that satisfies the regulators. If we don't land the voluntary agreements, then you're on what's called the unimpaired flow standard, where right now it's between 45 to 65 percent of all the water that follows this precinct. It's

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bypassed by every reservoir in the state, including Concow and Oroville, and runs through the Delta and out the Golden Gate. The current plan right now is to make a decision sometime in October. Nothing for the district to do, no decisions to make, but from our perspective, we're in favor of the voluntary agreements.

3M and BASF PFAS Litigation: This is a big class action lawsuit started by other water districts. The application was submitted about a year ago and TWSD should be eligible for some compensation. They are still undergoing the funding review.

Water Transfers: Every year, districts are required to submit notice of potential water transfers. On behalf of this district and other districts that Minasian Law represents, we have submitted that notice just in case a water transfer opportunity comes up.

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Koch reviewed over the January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

- Annual Audit was approved.
- Amended the budget to add in the pipeline inspection for across the Feather River.

9. WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA

9.1 Wyandotte Creek GSA

Director Wristen reviewed over the January 29, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA.

- The WAC currently has two vacancies: one for Agricultural Groundwater User Stakeholder position and one for Tribal Representative position. Jacob Weininger applied and was appointed as the Agricultural Groundwater User Stakeholder on the Wyandotte Creek GSA Advisory Committee. They are still looking to fill the Tribal Representative position.
- Heard a presentation from Hansford Economic Consulting regarding fee structure and budget considerations. The fee structure will now have two parts. The first part being a compliance fee, which basically is everything that has to do with meeting the requirements of being a GSA. It funds about 45% of the budget. Every parcel pays that fee and it is amounting to currently \$20.50 per parcel. The second part of the fee has to do with the classification of the parcel. The groundwater users pay the most, domestic users pay less, and rangeland is just the compliance fee.

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10. MANAGER REPORT

- **Confidential Voter Status – Butte Elected Officials:** Butte County Elections is reaching out regarding new legislation impacting Elected Officials and Candidates. Assembly Bill 1392 calls for automatic confidential voter enrollment unless the opt-out form is submitted. A copy of the form was emailed to you. If the form is not received back to Elections by Monday March 2, 2026 - the office holder will become a confidential voter and remain confidential until an opt-out form is received, or the Elected is no longer in office. The opt-out form can be signed and submitted in the following ways:
 - Email = elections@buttecounty.net
 - Mail or in person = 155 Nelson Ave, Oroville, CA 95965
 - Fax = (530) 538-6853
- **Employee Lyman Tomlinson:** Lyman Tomlinson has given notice that he will be retiring from the District on December 30th 2026. Lyman has been with the District since January 10, 2000.
- **Village at Ruddy Creek:** Engineer Heindell reported that the proposed subdivision which is located at 18th and Feather has started to move forward.

11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This item was moved forward in the agenda and has already been discussed.

12. BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

Everyone welcomed newly appointed Director Arthur Hatley.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.


Secretary of the Board


President of the Board