

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

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September 15, 2026 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Flag Salute

Vice President Wristen led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

Present were President Clark, Vice President Wristen, Director Koch and Director Hatley. Also present were Office Manager Padilla, Engineer Heindell and Manager Boucher. Attorney McClure was absent.

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tim Miller and Jeff Johnson were present to speak on Agenda Item 5.1.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 18, 2026

3.2 Financial Statements - July and August 2026

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 22861-22906 Total \$506,967.09

Water LAIF Deposit - \$5,493.09

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7769-7775 Total \$99,347.90

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$17,506.91

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

It was moved by Director Wristen seconded by Director Hatley to approve Consent Agenda Items 3.1 - 3.4. Motion carried.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 Appointment to Fill Vacancy in Directorship for Division 1

Manager Boucher announced that the District has a vacancy in Division 1 and that two applications were received.

Candidate #1: Tim Miller stood before the Board and informed them that he resides at 1676 Grand Avenue and is interested in filling the vacancy for Division 1. He stated that he has 25 years in the water industry working with GE Hydro rebuilding the turbines out at the Hyatt Powerhouse and has spent over 13 years with California Water Service working in the distribution field as a Water Treatment Operator. He has also served as a Purchasing Agent and has served on

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many committees within the company such as safety committees and employee development. He mentioned that he is currently employed by South Feather Water and Power as a full-time Water Treatment Plant Operator and has been there six years. He served on the Bangor Unified School District Board and the Lake Oroville Little League Board. He has gained lots of experience over the years working in the water industry and feels that he would be valuable to the district with the knowledge he has. He stated that this is an opportunity and that it's time for him to step up and serve.

Candidate #2: Jeff Johnson stood before the Board and informed them that he resides at 1300 Tehama Avenue and has lived there for over 11 years. He stated that he has worked construction most of his life, underground, above ground and running equipment and has been on multiple jobs. He mentioned that he knows what it takes to get things on the ground and get jobs going and how jobs need to be laid out. He is currently employed by Vulcan and has been with them for seven years. He runs equipment, maintenance work and works on the rock plant. He has lived in Oroville since 2000 and has been on multiple boards for different sports such as football. He stated that he is currently on the board at the church. He mentioned that he has raised his kids here, and wants to keep them here, and would like to have a future here.

Manager Boucher reminded the Board that a decision could be made today based on what they have heard. He mentioned that if they are not prepared to decide today, a special board meeting would need to be held as they will have until October 10th to appoint a candidate. President Clark asked if the Directors had any questions for the Candidates. There were no questions. Motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Koch and unanimously carried to appoint Jeff Johnson to fill the vacancy in Directorship for Division 1. Roll Call was taken.

At this time, Jeff Johnson was sworn in as Director for Division 1 by Secretary, Jayme Boucher. He then joined the Board Meeting.

5.2 Update Check Signers and JPIA Director

Manager Boucher mentioned that staff is requesting Bradley Taggart be removed as a check signer from the District's bank accounts. He mentioned that another check signer will be chosen in January 2027. Motion made by Director Koch, seconded by Director Clark and unanimously carried to remove Bradley Taggart as a check signer on the District's bank accounts.

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Manager Boucher mentioned that Brad Taggart was the Districts JPIA Representative. He mentioned that the position is for a board member to representative the District with insurance concerns. Motion made by Director Koch, seconded by Director Clark and unanimously carried to remove Bradley Taggart as the JPIA Representative and to add Director Hatley as the new JPIA Representative.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 Anchor QEA Project Addendum #1: Disposal Site

Engineer Heindell mentioned that included in the Board packet is Contract Amendment 1 from Anchor QEA in the amount of \$471,900. He informed the Board that this is to amend the existing contract to include design, environmental and geotechnical work for the new proposed disposal site. He mentioned that to get the permitting, this work would need to be done. The original contract states that they would evaluate disposal methods. They were moving forward with the fact that it was going to get hauled off somewhere. This contract would meet those requirements for them to be able to do the work and finish the review process with that as a selected disposal site for the dredging materials. The contract amendment would allow most of the fieldwork to be completed within the next two months and to finish out the design and geotechnical work to get the permit before the end of the year. This project would then be shovel ready in 2027. Motion made by Director Koch seconded by Director Wristen and unanimously carried to approve Contract Amendment 1 from Anchor QEA in the amount of \$471,900.

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

7.1 Hourly Rate Increase

Manager Boucher mentioned that Minasian Law will be raising their hourly rate from \$445.00 to \$490.00 effective January 1, 2027. Last rate increase took effect on June 1, 2025. Motion made by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Wristen and unanimously carried to approve the new hourly rate of \$490.00 to take effect on January 1, 2027.

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Koch reviewed over the August 25, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

- Attorney wrote the amendments into the JPA. It was sent out to all the attorneys for review.

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- Maintenance on all the ARV belts including the ones that go out along the river will be done by the rainy season.

9. WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA

9.1 Wyandotte Creek GSA

Engineer Heindell reviewed over August 20, 2026, Regular Meeting and August 27, 2026, Special Board Meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA.

- August 20, 2026 – Engineer Heindell reported that at last month's meeting, there was not a big enough majority quorum to make decisions on some financial issues so those were set aside for a special meeting.
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10. MANAGER REPORT

Bradley Taggart: Celebration of Life for Bradley will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at the Eagles Hall on Montgomery Street.

AB1234, AB1825 and SB827 Training: Manager Boucher mentioned that in the past, the Attorney provided training for the AB1234 and AB1825. He mentioned that this year, SB827 became effective which is focused on budgeting, financial oversight and ethical stewardship of public funds. He mentioned that the three training courses total six hours. The Board chose to have training in November by Attorney McClure.

American Flag: The District received a new American flag from the Oroville Women of the Moose. He mentioned that he drafted a letter thanking them for the new flag and their support. In order to keep the flags looking good, the new protocol will be that the flags will go up on Monday and will be brought down on Friday.

Grand Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project: Engineer Heindell mentioned that they met with Sherwood Contracting. They hope to start the project up within a month.

Concow Sediment Removal Lobbyist & Grant Funding Update: Engineer Heindell mentioned that the District did not receive appropriation of Prop 4 funding from the State Legislature. He mentioned that he and Manager Boucher discussed with the lobbyists to pause their efforts so that the District would not continue to incur the ongoing cost of \$12,500 a month. He mentioned that the lobbyist referred them to a Grant Writer who will be putting together a proposal that will be presented at the October Board meeting.

Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians: Manager Boucher mentioned that he has reached out to the Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians asking what they would like to discuss with the Board. He mentioned that he had not yet heard back from them.

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11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

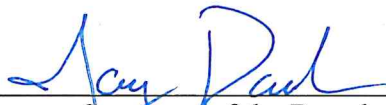
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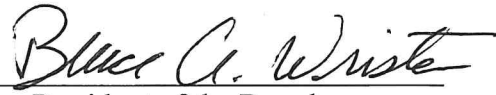
12. BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

Happy Anniversary Director Clark – 4 Years.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm.



Secretary of the Board

President of the Board