

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
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August 18, 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

Engineer Heindell led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

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

1.3 Moment of Silence

President Clark asked everyone for a moment of silence to remember Director Taggart.

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Brenda Rightmyer from the Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council is present to speak on Agenda Item 5.1.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 21, 2026

3.2 July 2026 Financial Statement - Delayed

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 22795-22860 Total \$499,622.71

Water LAIF Deposit - \$5,743.09

Water LAIF Withdrawal - \$22,000.00

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7763-7768 Total \$362,011.03

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$17,756.91

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

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

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council

Brenda Rightmyer from the Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council introduced two of her co-workers, Katie and Matt. She mentioned that they are new but bring great talent and expertise in the field of forestry work, outreach and education. She mentioned

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that one of the big projects that they have been working on is a multi-year project called the staging areas. There are seven staging areas that are identified around the Concow-Yankee Hill area for the purpose of typically a wildfire emergency situation. Basically, it is a last-ditch effort location where they put an emphasis on fuel reduction but is also recognized by the Sheriff Department, Cal Fire and First Responders as a place where the public may assemble or they may use during the time of an event. She mentioned that they have done a lot of work around Concow Lake in the past because of the frequencies of fire, but also in the way of trying to help themselves as residents up there and working with first responders and creating these safe zones. She hopes by the end of next week that they will have the fuel reduction contractors coming back up and will likely get started on the Hoffman piece working up to private property and tying in a fuel break section that also runs along Hoffman Road to help enhance that part of the community's evacuation route. She mentioned that a Landowner Agreement form was sent over to Manager Boucher. They had planned to start a little sooner but had only reviewed the property and started flagging some sections. She stated that they hope to also provide clearance knowing that TWSD is also working on a big project for the lake and where space may be needed to move material.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 Grand Avenue Pipeline Replacement Bid Review/Award

Engineer Heindell mentioned that he had received three bids based upon the RFP that were sent out.

Duke Sherwood Contracting	\$1,279,279.00
Wahlberg Inc.	\$1,452,855.00
MJ Shelton General Engineering	\$2,109,600.00

He mentioned that TWSD will have some compaction testing that will be associated with the permit through the County for what is done in the right-of-way. Motion made by Director Koch seconded by Director Clark and unanimously carried to award the bid to Duke Sherwood Contracting in an amount of \$1,279,279.00

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney McClure reported that he is currently involved in two cases that are under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

He also reported on the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes program, which is the voluntary agreement.

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8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Koch reviewed over the July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

- Closed Session and the lawsuit are still moving forward.
- Discussion on the Joint Powers Agreement.

9. WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA

9.1 Wyandotte Creek GSA

Engineer Heindell reviewed over the Wyandotte Creek GSA meeting.

- Reviewed proposed amendments and finalized the groundwater level sustainable management criteria.
- The measurable objectives, minimum thresholds, and interim milestones, were approved to be included in the revised sustainability plan, which is due by the end of this year.
- Approval of the MOU for continued financial services through the Butte County auditors.
- Ongoing Sigma implementation support services that's being funded through a grant that RFP is in the making and hoping to have that approved at this coming meeting on Thursday.

10. MANAGER REPORT

Director Bradley Taggart: The District received word on August 9th that Director Bradley Taggart passed away. Director Taggart became a Board member on August 17, 2004 and served on the Board for 21 Years. Bradley will truly be missed.

Tentative date for Bradley's Celebration of Life will be Saturday, September 19, 2026.

Employee Appreciation Day: Staff would like to say thank you for the Employee Appreciation Day that was held at the Bowlero in Chico on Friday, July 24th. There was lots of food and everyone had a great time!

New Employee: Staff interviewed several candidates for the Operations Maintenance/Utility Worker I position. An offer was made to Jacob Fox who will start work with the District on Monday, August 17th.

Treatment Plant Incident: Employee Lyman Tomlinson was injured on the job on July 27, 2026. Manager Boucher has been in contact with Taylor Jeffery from Cal/OSHA regarding the incident. Cal/OSHA came to the Treatment Plant on July 31st to do an inspection of the area where the incident occurred. Mr. Jeffery provided the District with a Heat Illness Prevention Program template which the District has revised and will be using.

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Golden Feather MHP Wastewater Consolidation Project: Engineer Heindell mentioned that they have completed all of the assessments of SCOR's infrastructure of the park's infrastructure. He mentioned that we don't have a smoking gun to say that there's anything within SCOR's infrastructure that could preclude the park from connecting. The general consensus from Jacobs Engineering is that the line needs a regular maintenance program. SCOR thinks it needs to be cleaned. There were quite a few air pockets and noticing of debris in the lines throughout the force main. There is still one more ARV that is broken and can't be accessed right now. They are working to get that operable soon and we can do some more flow testing to see if that improves anything at that time. Right now, we're moving forward with design of a new collection system there in the park. They are going to do about a 60% design, wrap up an engineering report and a conditions assessment report, and then get that all submitted to the State to look for a construction funding.

11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

12. BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

Bradley Taggart will truly be missed.

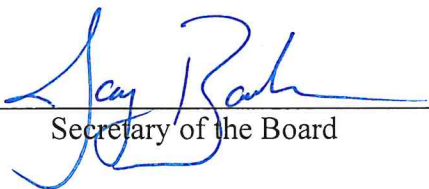
At 3:00 pm the meeting recessed to go into Closed Session and reconvened at 3:08 pm.

13. CLOSED SESSION

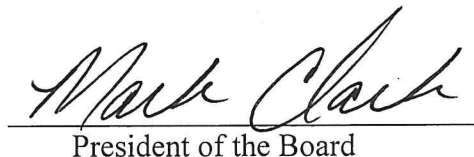
13.1 With respect to real property negotiations, the Board provided direction to legal counsel and staff.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.



Secretary of the Board



President of the Board