

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2025
DISTRICT OFFICE

ROLL CALL:

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M. Those in attendance: Director Rodriguez, Director Valdez, Director Peranick, Director Silva, Director Dutcher, Mike Slater, Harrison Hughes, Jason Franklin, Julia Razo (Interim for JoAnn Vierra).

CONSENT CALENDAR:

3.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of April 1 & bills payable were accepted as presented, with Director Silva abstaining from the vote.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

DEFERRED BUSINESS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 Manager's Report:

Jason requested to skip to item 9.1.2. The Board has copies of pages 6 & 7, which are the details of the Proposal from Berger & Co. for the performance of the District's annual audit for fiscal year end 06/30/25. Berger & Co. proposes to perform the audit for the cost of no more than \$25,500.00 which is \$1,000 more than last year's audit. Director Dutcher questioned why they weren't given the document in its entirety, and Jason explained that it's the same basic boilerplate that has been done each year and it's a lengthy document. Director Dutcher requested that the document in its entirety be emailed to the board. Director Valdez motioned to accept Berger & Co's proposal for the FYE 06/30/25 audit. Director Peranick seconded. A vote was cast, with Directors Valdez, Peranick and Rodriguez voting in favor to accept the proposal. Director Dutcher voted against accepting the proposal, and Director Silva abstained. There being a quorum, the motion passed and the proposal was accepted.

9.1.3 Regarding the budget report, Director Dutcher requested a detail of the District revenue which gives a breakdown of what is billed and what is past due for Residential & Commercial accounts.

9.1.1 Cross Connection Control Program report by Harrison Hughes (see Item 9.2 on this agenda)

9.2 Engineer's Report:

Harrison Hughes reported that due to new regulations for backflow prevention devices which have been Implemented by the State of California, the District will need to develop a written cross-connection control plan. A written plan will need to be prepared & submitted to the State by July 1, 2025, and will need to include provisions for the District to have legal authority to respond if a customer does not comply with cross-connection control standards. Properties will also be required to have a hazard assessment done, to identify what type of hazard may/may not exist at said property. Discussion ensued, with Mike Slater informing that the District's Ordinance grants the District legal authority to enforce the cross-connection control plan and will need to be compared to with what the State requires to determine if any wording will need to be altered or added. The District currently requires all commercial accounts to have a backflow prevention device. Per Harrison, the State now requires that a hazard assessment be done on residential properties to determine if a hazard exists and whether a backflow prevention device is needed. Discussion continued regarding the semantics of trying to obtain a hazard assessment on all of the residential properties, with Harrison informing that there is a questionnaire that the District could send out which could aid in identifying possible problem properties. The District will need to hire a Certified Cross Connection Specialist to sign off on some of this, and to assist when necessary to determine whether a hazard exists at certain properties which may be in question. Per Harrison, although the written plan must be submitted by July 1, 2025, there is no set timeline for the completion of the hazard assessment or the actual work being done. Per Jason, at this juncture what is needed is for Board approval to enter into a contract for the preparation of the written cross-connection control plan. Per Harrison, getting the written plan completed & submitted by the July 1 deadline should not be a problem.

Regarding the Water Main Replacement Project, Harrison informs that the final payment request has been paid to Haydon Construction, and the retention for the project has also been paid to Haydon. Provost & Pritchard is currently working on completing a list of deliverables to submit to the DWR (Department of Water Resources). In June, the final reports and billing should be submitted to the DWR, along with a letter for payment of retention to the District.

9.3 **Attorney's Report:** Report to be given during Closed Session.

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9.4 **Board President's Report:**

There will be a celebration at St. Agnes Church, and also a Salsa Festival at Pinedale School in the next couple of weeks.

9.5 **Director's Report(s):**

Director Peranick inquired as to the location of the mural at the Boys & Girls Club. Director Rodriguez informed that the mural is located inside of the building, and that the building is open to the public after school and evenings.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 5:39 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
BOARD PRESIDENT

JULIA RAZO
INTERIM DISTRICT SECRETARY