

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 1, 2025
DISTRICT OFFICE

ROLL CALL:

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Those in attendance: Director Rodriguez, Director Peranick, Director Silva, Director Dutcher, Mike Slater, Harrison Hughes, Jason Franklin, JoAnn Vierra

District Counsel requests to add a Closed Session item to this meeting agenda. Director Dutcher motioned to add Closed Session item, Director Peranick seconded. Vote was cast, with all board members in attendance voting in favor to add a Closed Session item to this meeting agenda. Director Valdez was absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

3.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of June 3 were accepted as presented. Bills payable were not accepted, as there was a mixup on one of the line items. General discussion regarding bills payable, Director Dutcher suggested that the board receive additional detail on the bills payable items that are over \$5,000, and that there's a more specific breakdown on the legal expenses. Director Dutcher commented regarding decisions of board members on District's handling of the litigation in process. Mike Slater interjected that litigation is a Closed Session item, and discussion was discontinued. Additional questions regarding some of the District expenses were posed and addressed. Director Dutcher motioned that the Board receive detail regarding expenses over \$5,000 which are non-monthly-recurring--whether the detail be by invoice or a notation explaining the expense. Director Peranick seconded the motion & a vote was cast, with all voting in favor that the Board receive additional detail on expenses. Director Dutcher stated that he would like to see the meeting minutes be sent to the Board within 5 business days after a meeting & he made a motion for the Board to vote on it, Director Peranick seconded and a vote was cast with all voting in favor, Director Valdez was absent.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Resolution Requesting that Delinquent Accounts Be Placed on the County Tax Rolls. Director Peranick motioned to accept the Resolution 2025-01. Director Dutcher requested an explanation, since he is new to the board. Mike Slater explained that collection of delinquent accounts has become more difficult, and because of this the District now requires all of the accounts to be in property owners' names. Delinquent accounts are sent to the Fresno County Assessor's office to be placed on the property tax rolls as a special assessment. The Assessor's office collects the monies & reimburses the District. Director Dutcher seconded the motion to accept Resolution 2025-01, a vote was cast with all 4 present board members voting in favor to accept Resolution 2025-01, and Director Valdez being absent.

DEFERRED BUSINESS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 Manager's Report:

9.1.1 2025-2026 Proposed Budget submitted to the Board for review. Questions regarding the calculations used for projected revenue; Director Dutcher requested revenue information from prior year for comparison. Director Peranick stated that the bulk of the District's expenses are boilerplate & don't vary too much from year to year, repairs are the items that increase each year and that probably won't change. Questions regarding where some line items are listed. JoAnn will take a closer look at the line items and will provide added detail going forward. Question specifically regarding CalPers Unfunded Accrued Liability which is listed under Maintenance Contracts. Mike gave a brief explanation regarding Unfunded Accrued Liability. Director Silva motioned to postpone approval of annual budget, that the District continue with the 2024-25 annual budget into the next month so that bills can be paid. Director Dutcher seconded, a vote was cast and all 4 present board members voted in favor. Director Valdez was absent from this meeting.

9.2 Engineer's Report:

Harrison Hughes reports that the SWRCB did approve an amendment to their Cross Connection Control Plan; however, it did not apply to the District. The District's plan has been submitted and the District is waiting for comments from the SWRCB. The next step is the hazard assessment.

Regarding the Water Main Replacement Project, the final submittals will be submitted to the DWR and P & P will submit their final invoice to the District in June. The District will have until September to get everything sent to the DWR and to get them a letter for the reimbursement of the retention.

There is nothing further to report regarding the Water Meter Funding project.

9.3 **Attorney’s Report:** Report to be given during Closed Session.
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9.4 **Board President’s Report:** NONE

9.5 **Director’s Report(s):**
Director Peranick inquired regarding what the schools are paying for their water services, and whether they’re being billed according to their usage. Jason will investigate and will report back to the board. Director Dutcher requested that JoAnn pull up what the District is billing Fresno Unified for the water. JoAnn reported that the District is billing just under \$300 per month for water for Pinedale School. Mike reported that there’s a process that the District would need to follow for the schools to be notified that the District will begin metering their water use. Director Dutcher motioned & Director Peranick seconded to direct staff to investigate whether schools have meters. Mike will check the District’s ordinance to verify whether the District requires the schools to be metered. Board consensus is that the Board is giving the staff direction to pursue the metering of the schools within the District’s service area, and per Mike Slater there was no vote required for the Board to provide direction to the staff. Jason has the authority to act on the District’s behalf and will provide information to the Board as it becomes available.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:06 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
BOARD PRESIDENT

JOANN VIERRA
DISTRICT SECRETARY