

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2026
DISTRICT OFFICE

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

- 2. **ROLL CALL:** Director Rodriguez (Board President), Director Valdez, Director Peranick, Director Silva, Director Dutcher, Harrison Hughes, Neal Costanzo & Jason Franklin

- 3. **AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:** To better accommodate members of the public or inconvenience in the order of presentation, items on the agenda may not be presented or acted upon in the order listed. Additions to the Agenda may be added only pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.2 (b).

- 4. **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter.

- 5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items listed under the Consent Calendar category are considered routine. The complete Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion by roll call vote. For purposes of discussion, any Board member may have an item removed from the Consent Calendar and made part of the regular agenda. The Board can then approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar.
 - 5.1 Consideration and approval of the regular meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of 12/10/25
 - 5.2 The Bills Payable as presented.**Recommended Action:** Approve the Consent Calendar as presented or modified by the Board.
Motion By: Director Valdez **Second By:** Director Peranick
All voted in favor to approve the 12/10/25 minutes & Bills Payable list as submitted.

- 6. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: NOTICE(S) TO THE PUBLIC:** At this time, any member of the public may address the Board of Directors regarding any item not on the meeting agenda over which the Board has jurisdiction. No action or discussion will be taken on any item not on the agenda. Issues raised will be referred to the General Manager for review. Members of the public shall limit their remarks to five (5) minutes.

- 7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** NONE

- 8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 8.1. Engineer’s Report
Harrison states that he will email the Provost & Pritchard contract to Jason. It will be a multi-year contract. The amount for 2026 will be \$24,000, with updates each year as needed. Jason will email the contract to the Board.
Harrison states that the Planning Application for funding for Wells #5 & 9 is in process. There will be a Resolution on the board meeting agenda in February which will be needed in order to establish Jason as an authorized representative to sign on behalf of PCWD for the funding application.
Discussion continued regarding the PFOS/PFAS situation, with Neal stating that the City of Fresno has filed a lawsuit. Neal informed that the Statute of Limitations is 3 years. He also mentioned that the City of Caruthers had TCE contamination and hired someone to represent them who was able to secure funding. Neal commented that he intends to speak with the person that represented the City of Caruthers to see if PCWD might obtain their assistance. Neal stated that part of the problem is that the State Department of Health has not established an MCL on the PFOS/PFAS at this time.

- 9. **DEFERRED BUSINESS:** NONE

- 10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

- 11. **BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:**
 - 11.1 Manager’s Report
 - 11.1.1 Budget Report (FYI- no action required)
 - 11.1.2 Revenue Report (FYI-no action required)
Director Dutcher inquired regarding the status on the metering for the schools in the District service area. Jason informed that the plan is that installation of the meters

will be done during Spring break. The meters that were operational are being read and the schools are now being billed based upon metered rates. We did send an informational letter to inform them of the change in their billing rates (along with a sample billing) prior to billing them based upon actual usage (aka metered rates).

- 11.2 Attorney's Report: Neal states that Item 13.2 can be removed from Closed Session
Brief discussion ensued regarding the Smith property on Alluvial & the District's property next door to it. Suggestion was made that the District install a fence at the property. The general consensus of the Board is that they want the issues that the District has had with Mr. Smith to be resolved immediately, and they have directed Neal to follow up with Mr. Smith on this matter.
- 11.3 Board President's Report: NONE
- 11.5 Director's Report(s): NONE

- 12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:35 p.m.
Motion By: Director Dutcher **Second By:** Director Peranick
Directors Dutcher, Peranick, Rodriguez, Silva & Valdez voted in favor to adjourn to Closed Session

- 13. **CLOSED SESSION:**
 - 13.1 Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).) City of Fresno v. Pinedale County Water District Kings County Case No. 18C-0051.
 - 13.2 Removed from Closed Session per Attorney request

- 14. **RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION:** 6:00 p.m.
 - 14.1 Reportable Action: NONE

- 15. **ADJOURNMENT:** Reconvened meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.
Motion By: Director Dutcher **Second By:** Director Peranick
Directors Dutcher, Peranick, Rodriguez, Valdez & Silva voted in favor to adjourn.

APPROVED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
 DAVID RODRIGUEZ BOARD PRESIDENT	 JOANN VIERRA DISTRICT SECRETARY