

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 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 Silva, Director Dutcher, Neal Costanzo, Jason Franklin, Julia Razo
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. **NEW BUSINESS: NONE**
6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS:** (Continued from September 9, 2026 meeting) Rate Study
General discussion ensued regarding the Rate Study proposed by LT Municipal Consultants. Director Silva mentioned AB2180 which was recently signed into law. Discussion regarding AB2180 revealed that it could possibly affect the Rate Study, and the outcome is that Neal will review AB2180 and will contact Alison at LT Municipal Consultants regarding any possible impact on the Rate Study. There was discussion from Director Dutcher regarding the District's billing for multi-unit properties and whether it is accurately based upon the lot size of the properties in question. Jason informed that the mobile home parks & apartment complexes within District service areas usually have only 1 or 2 connections and are billed on a flat rate per unit. Director Valdez suggested that LT Municipal Consultants attend the October 7 General Meeting to provide the Board with additional information and some definitive answers to their questions. Neal suggested that the Rate Study discussion be continued to the October 7 meeting. Director Silva motioned and Director Dutcher seconded to continue the Rate Study discussion to October 7. Vote was taken, with Directors Silva & Dutcher voting to continue the Rate Study discussion to October 7, and Directors Rodriguez and Valdez opposing continuing to October 7 meeting. The subject was dropped.
Director Dutcher began questioning items on the 2012 Rate Study, and stated he had spoken to a friend in Madera who informed him that the documents provided at his request for the 2021 Rate Study did not actually constitute a Rate Study. Director Rodriguez suggested that everyone put together their questions regarding this and present them at the Oct. 7 meeting. Director Dutcher continued with questions regarding what was charged to customers following the 2012 Rate Study & stated that to his calculations there should be additional funds in the Restricted Funds account based upon the information from the 2012 Rate Study. Continued discussion back and forth regarding the 2012 Rate Study. Board is looking for more documents for the 2012 and 2021 Rate Studies and requested that Jason try to obtain them. Director Rodriguez suggested that any documentation requests come from the Board as a whole; Director Dutcher disagreed and stated that it would take too long to get anything done based upon one meeting per month. Further discussion continued regarding what documents are and are not available and could be requested from District staff regarding the Restricted Funds account. Additional discussion continued with the outcome being that the Directors will compile questions to present at the Oct. 7 Board meeting and will go from there.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** 6:12 p.m.
Motion by: Director Silva **Second by:** Director Valdez
All voted in favor to adjourn
8. **CLOSED SESSION: NONE**
9. **RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION:**
10. **ADJOURNMENT:**
Motion By: **Second By:**

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
BOARD PRESIDENT

JOANN VIERRA
DISTRICT SECRETARY