REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE WESTSIDE WATER DISTRICT
April 16, 2026
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Doug Parker at 10:00 a.m. on April 16, 2026 at the District office, 5005 State Highway 20, Williams, CA 95987.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Doug Parker
Allen Myers
Zachary Dennis
Perry Charter
James Peterson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mike Urkov, General Manager & Secretary/Treasurer
Pamela Katleba-Jenkins, Office Manager
Tony Garofalo, Operations Superintendent
Ethan New, Assistant Operations Superintendent

AGENDA:

M/S/C – To Approve the April 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda.

MINUTES:

M/S/C – To Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 12, 2026.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: OM Katleba-Jenkins presented the Board financial reports for review and approval. After thorough review, the following action was taken:

M/S/C Table Financial Reports – To table the financials to be approved after second review of financial reports at next board meeting, pending questions about cash versus accrual of bill payments to TCCA.

M/S/C – To approve the O&M Expenditures & Disbursements through March 31, 2026.

Directors inquired about if policy was adopted by district regarding funds maximum or minimums in accounts (i.e. reserves, cash, checking, etc.). The accounts are usually set by the budget committee each year, per the district's strategic plans and implementation. The office manager follows the budget direction on handling any financials, any policy directions, or any direction from General Manager advised by Directors. The Reserves historically were a safe guard but if any real repair or disaster happens the Board of Director's decision was a loan, instead of holding large amount of landowner funds in an account with little interest. Directors inquired specifically about Annexation Reserve account, if there was a plan, project or policy on the use of these funds or if they were to be re-distributed to original landowner. This will be revisited at budget meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

MANAGER'S REPORTS:

Operations Superintendent Report:

(OS Garofalo gave a verbal report updating Board on Operations. Referred to herein: Operations Superintendent Management Report – April Meeting 2026.) The report states water delivery calculated end of March 2026 for the 2026 water year.

- 3(f) Status: ended April 6, 2026.
- Drain D-5 – washout repair completed by staff early summer.
- Drain D-5 – Researching blueprints to verify district responsibility on drain pipe collapse/ erosion.
- Office: Ceiling drywall repair from roof leak needs repair. Working on schedule to complete.
- 2G-2: Meter failed, screen not repairable. Alsco-Geyer ordered new meter.
- WAPA replacing power pole at Lateral 4. Project time frame and details are still pending. ($1,600 each pole)

Assistant Operations Superintendent Report:

AOS New gave a verbal report with four pictures for reference regarding meters dead battery. Marking waterline on Walnut Drive, clearing ditch off East Camp Rd.

Office Manager's Report:

OM Katleba-Jenkins gave a verbal report, third quarter taxes filed, Form 700 filed, RMAP district award is 4% (60-69 points 1%, 70-79 points 4%, 80-89 points 5%, 90-99 points 7%, 100 points 10%) awarding $2,542.80 in July. Notified American flag purchased through House of Representatives – Flag certified flown over the State Capitol. Boden Klein & Sneesby to complete 2025 Financial Statement end of April. USBR reconciliation for YR2024, PUE (-$22,860.50), TPUD (-$36,452.34), FY24 Surplus (-$291,284.00) verses debit water $406,707.86, restoration $3,497.42 unknown FY or details. WIIN (-$2,770,942.22). WWD request historical reconciliation to provide details on ledger.

General Manager's Report:

GM Urkov gave a verbal report updating Board.

- Flag to be flown Monday – Friday, pulled down weekends. No light on flag.
- GM to reach out and contact two residential landowners, 10 acres & 3.62 acres. Question is are their meters read (outlet to system?), what are actual statement of accounts. Setting precedence for future landowners, have the right to turn them over to Colusa County for lien collection. WIIN $52.65 per ac 15-year loan (2035).
- Annexation has been submitted to USBR (Jake Berens), moving forward. Waiting to hear back from Strain.
- Drought planning: Continue groundwater recharge talks with Cortina, LaGrande, Davis to get water credits for 3(f) water we spill into project. Inquiry regarding email/phone call from GM Murphy CCWD regarding failed 218, pulled grants for recharge (linked?).
    - Other concerns are that Shasta storage has been lower than the last three years. Operations an issue, more aggressively moving water south. Shasta currently 4.1 M, leaving CVP vulnerable winter months.

- Shasta Storage 4,106,079 AF, Inflow (CFS) 8,354, Outflow (CFS) 5,137.
- Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA):
  - Currently confirmed three board actions to move WWD to full voting board member. Jared Shipley represents two (Princeton/Provident) giving WWD five, RD108, MID, City of Williams, County of Colusa will give us possible eight to nine votes by next Board meeting. Eight votes are required.
- Legal representation updating. GM compiled a list of eight firms. Directors' direction is to go unilateral with Downey Brand (safety in numbers/cost efficient).

TCCA UPDATE:

TCCA awarded $15 million in Federal Funding for infrastructure improvements. Delegation in DC in June 2025, The TCCA proposed $15.2 million for three distinct projects: two new pumps to complete the main pumping plant in Red Bluff, modernizing the Corning Canal Pumping Plant, and automated trash screens/racks on 9-10 turnouts along the main TCCA. Federal Funding possibly has $400 million to be applied for later, TCCA is working efficiently to complete current three projects to show the projects can be completed timely with good steward of finances to apply for more funding at future funding possibilities.

Also, a section of legislation to modify the law that restricts water transfers from the Orland Unit Project to the Central Valley Project (CVP) to drought years only (governor declares drought). The proposal would allow transfers/diversions in any water year type and whenever Orland Unit has surplus water. This is still being pursued out of La Malfa office, believe on track to be approved.

WWD landowner brought up protecting downstream interest from upstream misuse of groundwater, resulting in subsidence along the canal which could limit capacity to downstream landowners. TCCA strategy session March 2025 in Red bluff, priority on groundwater was low, GM Vanderwaal will request BOD to increase the priority of focus on particularly subsidence along the canal. GM Vanderwaal speaking with groundwater users, to be more aware of use. Survey done in Orland stretch (canal underneath 99 /I-5- road 27 and from 2008 to 2025 there was a three-foot drop in canal. Which creates issue with water deliveries south of location. Taking in, that if Sites is built, it could disrupt larger volumes of water deliveries flowing downstream.

Next Board Meeting: May 6, 2026 9 a.m.

Sites Project Authority

Update on Monthly Activities:

Sites Water Rights Hearing, ongoing. Draft Water Rights came out with a reduction of what was expected. Any formal comments to the SWRCB are due May 22nd. Sites staff will comment on May 22, 2026.

- Jerry Brown directed to continue negotiations with landowners, but not consummate deals.
- On agenda for April 16 meeting – two new high-cost positions that we don't have certainty for project. Current staff is renewed in December 2026. Demonstration of cost control is requested.

Next Sites meeting Friday, May 15, 2026 (9:00 am - noon).

Update on Zone 3:

Continues to meet at Colusa County Water District.

- GM Urkov directed with cost relief talks targeting of under $500 an ac/ft.
- Zone 3 has had a couple of meetings with North State participants (Shelly Murphy, Jordan Navarrot, Lewis Bair, Jeff Sutton & Colusa County [Mike Azevedo/ Gary Evans]) to stay aligned on Sites participation levels. GM Urkov to coordinate communication with Southern State participants/interest in participation levels with the intent to get cost relief for Northern California interest. Negotiations have different possibilities regarding lower cost, participation, storage, etc.
- Zone 3 continues to outreach/ meet with participants. A participant of 1,200 ac/ft, is still stating full investment. Chart showing $50 million on participation level, however being advised by another landowner and therefore more discussions planned. Potential thoughts about annexation might be topic of future discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.1. No new business

CLOSED SESSION:

Entered – 11:28 a.m.

Action – no action.

Exited: 12:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Parker adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Urkov, General Manager
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Doug Parker, President