

Vacant
President, Division 5

Ivar Amen
Vice President, Division 4

Ronnean Lund
Director, Division 1

Audie Butcher
Director, Division 2

Garrett Wallis
Director, Division 3

Daniel Ruiz
General Manager

BOARD MEETING

Approved Board Minutes

January 8, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

1. Call To Order at 5:58 pm by Vice President Amen

Directors Present: Ivar Amen, Garrett Wallis, Ronnean Lund, and Audie Butcher.

Directors Absent: all were present

Staff Present: Dan Ruiz, Ben Duncan, Terri White, Shawna Bell

2. Flag Salute by Vice President Amen. Then a moment of silence was observed for the passing of US Representative, Doug LaMalfa.

3. Public Participation

Time is set aside for members of the public who wish to address the Board regarding matters within the District's jurisdiction. Individuals are requested to limit comments to a maximum of three minutes.

Vice President opened the floor; there were no public comments.

4. New Business Items

a. Review Letter(s) of Interest and Appoint Director to fill Vacant Seat for Division 5

Two letters of interest were received from:

- Steve Gregory
- Matt Arrowsmith

Each candidate was interviewed individually regarding qualifications, background, and motivation to serve.

Summary of Candidate Interviews:

Steve Gregory

- Longtime district irrigator; retired contractor specializing in water treatment and excavation.
- Expressed interest in contributing to the District and confidence in managing board responsibilities.

Matt Arrowsmith

- Background in ranching and irrigation; holds an AA in Criminal Justice.
- Long-term resident and 18-year district water user.

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- Stated strong interest in protecting District water rights and representing District 5.

Following interviews, both candidates exited the room during Board deliberation.

Board Action: A motion was made by Director Lund, and the motion was seconded by Director Wallis to appoint Matt Arrowsmith to fill the Board vacancy. No public comments. Vote 4,0 Motion Passed Unanimously.

Oath of Office: Matt Arrowsmith returned to the meeting and formally took his Oath of Office. He assumed his seat as a Director for Division V. He then participated in all subsequent agenda items and votes.

b. Election of Officers

Vice President Amen opened nominations for officer positions.

President:

- Nomination: Ivar Amen

A motion was made by Director Lund, and the motion was seconded by Director Wallis to elect Ivar Amen to fill the President vacancy. No public comments. Vote 5-0 Motion Passed Unanimously.

Vice President:

- Nominations: Ronnean Lund, Garrett Wallis

A motion was made by Director Lund, and both nominations received a seconded motion from Director Butcher and Director Arrowsmith. For the tie, following discussion with the newly elected President Amen, he expressed support and a final motion in support of Director Wallis for Vice President. No public comments. All directors present then voted in favor of Director Wallis as Vice President. Vote 5-0 Motion Passed Unanimously.

Committee Appointments

Vacant committee assignments were reviewed. Adjustments made are as follows:

- Strategic Planning Committee: Audie Butcher appointed
- Diversion Dam Committee: Garrett Wallis appointed
- Budget Committee: Ivar Amen appointed
- Sacramento River Settlement Contractors: Matt Arrowsmith appointed
- NCWA / Legislative Committee: Matt Arrowsmith appointed

c. Approval of the 2026 Water Application

The Board reviewed the 2026 Water Service Application. Changes included internal formatting improvements and clarification of delinquency/NSF procedures.

Discussion Items:

- Add credit/debit card payment options with processing fees; staff will research costs and proceed if reasonable under President review.
- Add approximate seasonal water delivery dates (“mid-April to mid-October, weather dependent”) for customer clarity.

Board Action: A motion was made by Director Lund and seconded by Director Wallis to approve the application with the above additions. Motion Passed Unanimously. 5-0.

5. Other Business

a. General Manager Report

The General Manager presented updates on:

- Water Supply: Current reservoir and snowpack levels are above average; recent storms improved statewide storage conditions.
- Flood Control Releases: Shasta and Oroville have initiated flood releases as required.
- Personnel Settlement: A previously approved staff grievance settlement has been executed.
- Upcoming Conference: GM will attend the Water Users Conference in Reno; Board members invited to participate if desired.
- New Director Support: General Manager will schedule mapping/orientation sessions for new Directors.

b. Operations Manager Report

The Operations Manager provided the following updates:

- Storm Event Response: December storm caused major flooding in Churn Creek and Olney Creek areas; canals remained functional due to proactive debris management.
- Some landowners provided help, such as: Granting access to their property. Allowing equipment movement. Helping keep ditches or access points clear and cooperating during flooding impacts.
- Damage Assessment: Approx. \$2.5 million in storm-related structural impacts identified. Damage claims submitted to County OES.
- Project Progress:
 - Lateral 29 improvements near completion
 - Pickup Ditch piping in progress
 - Ongoing reshaping, vegetation work in Area 5

6. Informational Items

The Board received a letter of appreciation from a customer regarding the District's continued dedication to the maintenance and management of the irrigation system. The Board discussed sending a formal acknowledgment in return but agreed to defer action until the associated projects are fully completed.

7. General Session adjourned at 6:53 pm

8. Closed Session

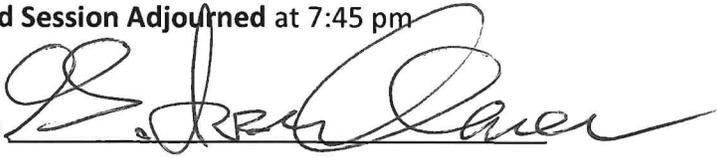
a. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2).**

Two potential cases.

In the closed session, legal counsel and the General Manager Ruiz were provided with general direction regarding all the items listed above by the Board.

9. Closed Session Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Signature

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