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*Director, Division 1*

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*Director, Division 2*

**Matt Arrowsmith**  
*Director, Division 5*

**Daniel Ruiz**  
*General Manager*

# BOARD MEETING

## Approved Minutes

April 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

**1. Call to Order by** President Amen at 6 pm.

**Directors Present:** Ivar Amen, Garrett Wallis, Ronnean Lund, Audie Butcher, and Matt Arrowsmith

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

**2. Flag Salute was done by** District 5 Board Supervisor Chris Kelstrum

**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.

Tammy Weisberg - raised concerns about ongoing water runoff and waste caused by improper irrigation from neighboring properties near Ditch 21, disputing claims that rainfall is the cause.

Buddy Johns - requested reimbursement for not receiving water on a 14-day rotation and asked for an update on when the district expects to return to that schedule. The speaker stated the issue has persisted for approximately three years.

**4. Consent Items**

a. Payroll Summary for March 2026

Director Butcher made the motion to approve the Payroll Summary for March 2026; Director Wallis seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

b. Compensated Absences Summary for March 2026

Director Wallis made the motion to approve the Compensated Absences Summary for March 2026; Director Butcher seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

**5. Regular Business Items**

a. Minutes – Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 12, 2026 & Special Meeting Minutes March 31, 2026

Director Lund made the motion to approve the Minutes for Regular & Special meeting for March 2026; Director Butcher seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

b. Financial Status Report for Year-to-Date through March 2026

Director Lund made the motion to approve the Financial Status Report for Year-to-Date through March 2026; Director Wallis seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

c. Cash Disbursement Report for March 2026

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The Board discussed the March 2026 Cash Disbursement Report, including clarification that the credit column accurately reflects reductions to cash balances. Staff explained that “split” entries represent transactions where a single check is allocated across multiple expense accounts.

Director Butcher made the motion to approve the Cash Disbursement Report for March 2026; Director Wallis seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

## **6. New Business Items**

### **a. Update on 2025-26 Offseason Project Completion & Budget Status**

GM Ruiz provided an update on the status of 2025-26 Offseason Projects and associated budgets. All contractor work has stopped due to water being in the canals, though several contractor invoices have not yet been received. GM Ruiz projected that remaining invoices will be received and paid by the end of April, with an estimated \$1.45 million in additional billings forthcoming. Most projects were reported as substantially complete, including multiple main canal, lateral, pipeline, and pickup ditch projects, with billing to date generally aligning with approved budgets. Board discussion included questions regarding change orders, project delays, and next steps, with staff recommending that future incomplete work be identified by July and bid in August to allow adequate pricing and scheduling.

This item was presented for information only; no Board action was taken.

### **b. Review and Discuss 2026 Shasta Operations (Power Point Presentation)**

GM Ruiz provided an update and Power Point on 2026 CVP Operations, noting 100% allocations for Sacramento River Settlement Contractors and North-of-Delta users, with South-of-Delta contractors at 20%. While 2026 is currently tracking as a full-supply year, GM Ruiz cautioned that fall and carryover storage levels may approach levels of concern, increasing risk in future years. Settlement contractors are preparing a formal letter to federal agencies outlining these concerns, and GM Ruiz will continue monitoring conditions and updating the Board.

This item was presented for information only; no Board action was taken.

## **7. Other Business**

### **a. General Manager Report**

Following a dry March, groundwater transfer discussions resumed in the South-of-Delta region. Pursuant to prior Board authorization, GM Ruiz executed a conceptual letter of agreement allowing reimbursable District expenses up to \$75,000 if the program does not proceed. March well monitoring and meter readings were completed to maintain eligibility. No transfer agreement is in place at this time; any proposed term sheet would return to the Board for consideration.

GM Ruiz reported that the Linda Foster agreement has been fully executed.

Regarding the Shady Lane pipeline, District staff completed a temporary stabilization repair including installation of two manways and interior sealing. Final adjustments were completed, and the repair will be evaluated with startup of Lateral 21 operations. GM Ruiz is preparing a formal notice to the landowner and based on legal review of the encroachment agreement and engineering analysis intends to pursue full cost recovery for permanent repairs during the next off-season.

Due to early irrigation demand, the District began operations ahead of schedule. GM Ruiz advised that early starts typically require rescheduling CVP water, resulting in added Bureau costs. For 2026, staff projects approximately 14,000 acre-feet of rescheduled water, with an estimated \$110,000 additional cost, though no supply shortfall is anticipated.

Finally, GM Ruiz revisited the Board's direction to defer a formal land assessment until 2027 and presented a preliminary concept that would pair a land assessment with a temporary water-rate offset, phased over ten years. Legal review is underway regarding Proposition 218 requirements, and Ruiz recommends further committee and counsel review before any action. Consideration of non-irrigatable parcels will be included in future discussions.

This item was presented for information only; no Board action was taken.

b. Operations Manager Report

Ops Mgr. Duncan reported that canal startup progressed smoothly following winter shutdown, with flows increased incrementally as river conditions allowed. Early observations indicate improved canal efficiency and reduced water loss in repaired reaches. Seasonal dam installation was completed efficiently, debris control is ongoing, and routine inspections are underway.

Numerous off-season projects were completed, including canal reshaping, pipeline replacements, turnout upgrades, storm damage repairs, and fencing work, with some storm-related repairs eligible for FEMA reimbursement. Weed control operations are underway, including district spraying and staff-assisted treatments; drone spraying was limited and remaining funds will be used for spraying with temporary labor. Overall, Duncan reported a successful startup and improved system performance.

This item was presented for information only; no Board action was taken.

**8. Adjourned Open Session at 7:25 pm**

**9. Closed Session:**

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One potential case.

Notice of Claims - Jeff Poliak

Regarding the claim filed by DLaw on behalf of Poliak, the Board of Directors, by a unanimous 5-0 roll call vote, took action to return the claim in part and reject the remainder of the claim to the extent it was untimely.

Roll Call Vote: Ivar Amen, Garrett Wallis, Ronnean Lund, Audie Butcher, and Matt Arrowsmith.

**10. Adjourned at 8:15 pm**



Signature



Date