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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

June 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

1. Call to Order by President Amen at 6:03 pm.

Directors Present: Ivar Amen, Ronnean Lund, and Garrett Wallis

Directors Absent: Audie Butcher and Matt Arrowsmith

Staff Present: Dan Ruiz, Ben Duncan, Shawna Bell

2. Flag Salute by Ben Duncan

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.

Bill Gifford - Expressed appreciation to the District for significantly improved water delivery and service during the current season.

Ray Hart - Reported issues with recent ditch/berm reconstruction on his property, including structural failure, soil cracking, and mud runoff onto the roadway.

The General Manager stated the matter would be handled as a formal claim and addressed in closed session.

Arnold Morin and Warren (no last name given) - Reported insufficient irrigation water during several recent delivery cycles.

Discussion indicated potential contributing factors, including timing of water turnover and flow conditions within the system.

Staff will monitor upcoming deliveries and evaluate system performance.

4. Consent Items

a. Payroll: Paycom Labor Distribution Report for May 2026

Director Lund made the motion to approve the Labor Distribution Report for May 2026; Director Wallis seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 passed unanimously.

5. Regular Business Items

- a. Minutes – Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 14,2026

Director Lund made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 14,2026; Director Wallis seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 passed unanimously.

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

Director Wallis made the motion to approve the Financial Status Report for Year-to-Date through May 2026; Director Lund seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 passed unanimously.

- c. Cash Disbursement Journal for May 2026

Director Wallis made the motion to approve the Cash Disbursement Journal for May 2026; Director Lund seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 passed unanimously.

6. New Business Items

- a. Review and Approve Resolution 2026-06 Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District Ordering a General District Election; Consolidation of Election; and Specification of the Election Order

Director Wallis made the motion to approve the Resolution 2026-06; Director Lund seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 passed unanimously.

- b. Review and Approve Finance Manager Employment Agreement with Andromeda Herlihy

Director Lund made the motion to approve the Finance Manager Employment Agreement with Andromeda Herlihy; Director Wallis seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 passed unanimously.

- c. Review and Discuss Draft 2026/27 Offseason Improvement Work Priorities

Ben Duncan presented a draft list of proposed offseason capital improvement projects, focusing on areas of water loss, drainage issues, and infrastructure deficiencies throughout the District.

Key discussion points included:

- Identification of priority locations experiencing water loss, saturation, and maintenance challenges.
- Evaluation of potential solutions, including canal reshaping, compaction, pipeline repair/replacement, and possible lining alternatives.
- Consideration of ongoing drainage concerns and responsibility for stormwater management in certain areas.
- Preliminary cost estimates based on prior project experience, with acknowledgment that actual costs will be refined through the bidding process.
- Discussion of incorporating vegetation management and staff workload into overall planning.

Board direction:

Proceed with developing project scopes and obtaining bid estimates. Continue researching feasible alternatives and cost-effective approaches. Return with refined cost data to support prioritization of projects and budget decisions.

7. Other Business

a. Operations Manager Report

Ben Duncan reported ongoing efforts to improve water delivery efficiency, with a focus on operational adjustments to Lateral 29 to reduce cycle times and improve flow reliability.

Updates included:

- Continued challenges with vegetation management, with plans to expand spraying efforts and optimize staff resources.
- Improved system efficiency resulting in reduced water loss.
- Ongoing monitoring and maintenance of canal conditions, leaks, and infrastructure across the system.

b. General Manager Report

The General Manager provided updates on development coordination, emergency preparedness activities, and legal matters, including a scheduled condemnation trial on June 24, 2026.

Discussion also included regional water management program planning and potential future participation.

Board input:

The Board acknowledged the upcoming trial and the need for coordination and preparation, and expressed awareness of the developing regional programs and the likelihood of future Board involvement. No formal action was taken.

c. Committee Reports

- a. Budget
- b. Personnel
- c. Diversion Dam
- d. Assessment
- e. Strategic
- f. EAGSA
- g. SRSC

No committee reports were presented.

8. Open Session Adjourned at 7:26 pm

9. Closed Session:

- a. **CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS** (Government Code section §54956.8)

Confer with District negotiators (Daniel Ruiz and Counsel Dustin Cooper)

Negotiating Parties: Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District, City of Redding, Bella Vista Water District, City of Shasta Lake, Shasta Community Service District.

Under Negotiation: Terms and Condition of a potential Drought Protection Program Agreement Water Transfers

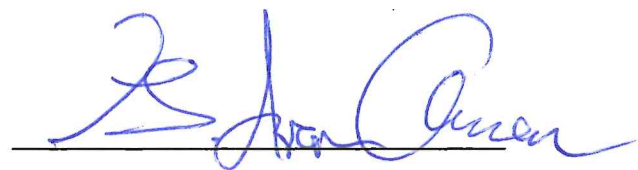
Board gave general direction to the General Manager and Council.

b. **CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT AND/OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code § 54957)**

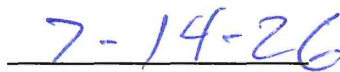
Title: General Manager & Operations Manager Evaluation

No reportable action taken

10. Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Z. J. Quinn", written over a horizontal line.

Signature

A handwritten date in blue ink, "7-14-26", written over a horizontal line.

Date