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Daniel Ruiz
General Manager

Special Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

August 31, 2026 1:00 p.m.

1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

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

Directors Present: Ivar Amen, Ronnean Lund, and Matt Arrowsmith

Directors Absent: Garrett Wallis and Audie Butcher

Staff Present: Dan Ruiz and Shawna Bell

2. Flag Salute by Dan Ruiz

3. Public Participation

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

There was no public comment at this time.

4. Business Items

- a. Discuss Special Benefit Assessment and Consider Approving Scope of Work Amendment for the Assessment Engineer's Report and Proposition 218 Election Assistance Project (Presentation by Danny Kerns, SE P&P)

Danny Kerns, SE, of Provost & Pritchard, presented a summary of the proposed Scope of Work Amendment related to the District's Special Benefit Assessment and Proposition 218 election process.

Mr. Kerns reviewed the history of the project, noting that Provost & Pritchard began assisting the District in June 2024 with preparation of an Engineer's Report to support a proposed Special Benefit Assessment. The draft report was completed and presented to the Board in December 2024 and later finalized in May 2025. On both occasions, the Board elected to defer moving forward with the Proposition 218 landowner approval process.

Following a Board committee meeting held in July 2026, Provost & Pritchard was directed to prepare an amendment to its existing agreement outlining the remaining work necessary to complete the assessment process. Mr. Kerns explained that the proposed amendment would include updating the Engineer's Report to reflect the District's most recent financial information, updating parcel ownership and assessment roll data obtained from Shasta and Tehama Counties, preparing required Proposition 218 notices and ballots, coordinating election administration services, and providing public outreach assistance, including preparation of informational materials and a public town hall meeting.

The Board discussed the estimated costs associated with updating the Engineer's Report and parcel database, the proposed timeline for completing the work, and the anticipated schedule for conducting the Proposition 218 election process. Mr. Kerns explained that if the District wishes to conduct a Proposition 218 hearing in December 2026, the updated Engineer's Report and election materials would need to be completed in advance to satisfy statutory notice and ballot requirements. Questions were raised regarding the process of obtaining parcel ownership information from the county assessors and the level of effort required to prepare the assessment roll and ballot materials.

Members of the public provided comments and asked questions regarding the purpose of the proposed assessment, its applicability to parcels that do not currently receive irrigation water, and the benefits provided by ACID. Discussion included groundwater recharge, maintenance of water delivery infrastructure, preservation of agricultural and open-space resources, and other district-wide benefits provided by ACID's water rights and operations. Discussion also occurred regarding the District's existing ad valorem tax revenues, the distinction between existing taxes and the proposed Special Benefit Assessment, and challenges associated with private laterals and service access. Legal counsel also provided clarification regarding existing District tax revenues, Proposition 218 requirements, and legal considerations associated with the proposed assessment.

Following discussion, the Board directed staff and Provost & Pritchard to move forward with the proposed Scope of Work Amendment.

Director Arrowsmith made the motion to approve moving forward with the proposed scope of work amendment; Director Lund seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 passed unanimously.

- b. Review and Approve Resolution 2026-08: Approving 2026-27 Off-Season Maintenance Work and Declaring the Work Exempt Under the California Environmental Quality Act

General Manager Dan Ruiz presented Resolution 2026-08 for Board consideration. The resolution authorizes the District's 2026-27 Off-Season Maintenance Work Program and declares the work exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

GM Ruiz explained that the maintenance projects were previously reviewed and approved by the Board as part of the District's annual off-season maintenance program.

GM Ruiz stated that legal counsel had reviewed the projects and determined they qualify for applicable CEQA categorical exemptions. Adoption of the resolution authorizes the filing of a Notice of Exemption (NOE), beginning the applicable review period prior to commencement of the work.

Board members confirmed that the projects listed in Exhibit A were the same projects approved during the Board's previous review of the off-season maintenance program. Legal counsel advised that filing the Notice of Exemption provides additional procedural protection for the District and noted that the District has successfully followed this process in prior years.

Director Lund made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-08; Director Arrowsmith seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 passed unanimously.

5. Open Session Adjourned at 1:37 pm

6. CLOSED SESSION:

- a. Public Employee Employment and/or Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957)

Title: General Manager & Operations Manager Evaluation

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – water transfer CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section §54956.8)

Confer with District negotiators (Daniel Ruiz and Counsel Jackson Minasian)

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.

- c. Conference with Legal Counsel - PENDING LITIGATION. Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1): Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District v. Kaden Breshears, Shasta County Superior Court.

The Board provided general direction to the General Manager and legal counsel on all of the above. No reportable action was taken.

7. Closed Session Adjourn at 2:35 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivar Amen', is written over a horizontal line.

Ivar Amen, President