REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 • 1:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

District 2 - Jack Garamendi, President
District 1 - Scott Ratterman, Vice President
District 3 - Jeff Robertson, Director
District 4 - Russ Thomas, Director
District 5 - Jeff Davidson, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Minkler	General Manager
Rebecca Hitchcock	Clerk to the Board
Matt Weber, Esq.	General Counsel, Downey Brand
Damon Wyckoff	Director of Operations
Pat Burkhardt	Construction & Maintenance Manager
Kelly Gerkensmeyer	External Affairs Manager
Kelly Zahniser	Director of Administrative Services
Dylan Smith	Information Systems Administrator
Kate Jesus*	Human Resources Technician
Stacey Lollar*	Human Resources Manager
Andrew Renshaw	Water Resources Manager
Kevin Williams	District Engineer
Monica Remus	Business Services Manager
Joshua Fernandez*	Information Systems Technician
Bana Rousan-Gedese*	Water Resources Technician
Nick Schroven*	Water Resources Technician
Haley Airola*	Engineering Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pat McGreavy	Cal Am Team of Foresters
Glenn Babros*	Member of the public
Bob*	Member of the public

*Attended Virtually

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1 ROLL CALL

President Garamendi called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All directors were present.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Video No public comment was given.

3 CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Directors Ratterman/Davidson-Moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 3a, 3b,3c, 3d, 3e, and 3f as presented

3a	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of September 16, 2026 *Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board*	
3b	Review Board of Directors Monthly Time Sheets for September 2026 *Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board*	
3c	Ratify Claim Summary #655, Secretarial Fund, in the Amount of $3,573,072.69 for September 2026 *Kelly Zahniser, Director of Administrative Services*	RES 2026-71
3d	Monthly Investment Report *Kelly Zahniser, Director of Administrative Services*	
3e	Purchase Request for Three Emergency Standby Generators *Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations*	RES 2026-73
3f	Authorization of Agents for the FFY 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program *Kelly Zahniser, Director of Administrative Services*	RES 2026-72

Video

AYES: Ratterman, Davidson, Thomas, Robertson, and Garamendi
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

4 NEW BUSINESS

4a	Discussion/Action regarding Acceptance of Completion- Jenny Lind Water System Tank A-B Water Transmission Pipeline Project (CIP No. 11088) *Kevin Williams, District Engineer*	RES 2026-74

MOTION:Directors Davidson/Ratterman-Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2026-74 Accepting the Completion of the Jenny Lind Water System Tank A-B Water Transmission Pipeline Project, CIP 11088

Video **DISCUSSION:** Kevin Williams presented the completed project details. He reviewed the project scope, the new tank configuration, the capacity and pressure changes, and construction costs. He responded to questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was given.

AYES:	**Ratterman, Davidson, Thomas, Robertson, and Garamendi**
NOES:	**None**
ABSTAIN:	**None**
ABSENT:	**None**

4b	Discussion regarding Vegetative Maintenance Project at the Arnold Wastewater Treatment Plant Site *Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations*

Video

DISCUSSION: Damon described the proposed use of approximately $200,000 in remaining Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant funds to maintain fuel-break work on about 88 acres at the Arnold Wastewater Treatment Plant, with the County acting as fiscal agent and the Cal Am team managing the project. He reviewed the proposed work, roles and funding, next steps, and maintenance. The Board was supportive of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat McGreavy from the Cal Am team added to the discussion.

4c	Discussion on the Monthly Billing Transition Project *Kelly Zahniser, Director of Administrative Services*

Video

DISCUSSION: Kelly Zahniser and the monthly billing team updated the board on the planned January transition to monthly billing, emphasizing cost containment, customer communications, free bank-account payments, paperless billing, and a temporary approach for applying consumption charges. She responded to questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was given.

5 REPORTS

5a	Monthly Operations Report *Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations*

Video

DISCUSSION Damon reported substantial September operations work, including 78 water-line repairs, completion of the critical-facility generator project, service-lateral installations, treatment-system upgrades, and repairs across Rancho Calaveras, West Point, Ebbetts Pass, Sheep Ranch, Copper, and Wallace.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was provided.

5b	General Manager's Report *Michael Minkler*

Video

Mr. Minkler provided updates on several items, including:

1. The A-B Project and the team that made it possible
2. External Relations, Finance, and Legal Affairs Committee Meetings
3. The virtual Washington, D.C. meetings
4. Potential Federal Reforms
5. Legislative priority development
6. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Meetings

7. FERC Relicensing status
8. HDR Capital Improvement Plan support
9. The tour of Westlands Water District
10. The relicensing of New Hogan

6 BOARD REPORTS / INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Robertson reported on the Utica Water and Power Authority (UWPA) Board Meeting.

Director Ratterman attended the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) Meeting, reception, and tour. He stated he has been invited to the Calaveras Public Utility District meeting to report on the history of the Calaveras Amador Mokelumne River Authority (CAMRA). He also reported on the upcoming MCWRA Fall Forum.

Video

Director Davidson asked for an update on the progress of the LGI Homes project and the Jenny Lind School District project.

Director Thomas reported on the upcoming town hall meeting in Copperopolis.

Director Garamendi reported on the meeting he attended with Michael Minkler on Hydropower and noted that it was educational.

7 NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 1:00 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 2026, 1:00 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting

8 CLOSED SESSION

8a	Government Code § 54957.6 Agency Negotiators: General Manager Michael Minkler, HR Manager Stacey Lollar regarding Negotiations with Employee Organization SEIU Local 1021
8b	Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 – three potential cases
8c	*Calaveras County Water District v. All Saints Rehab Properties, LLC et al.* Calaveras County Superior Court Case No. 26CV48924

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenn Babros provided public comment.

The meeting adjourned into the Closed Session at 2:33 p.m.

Closed Session Participants:
Board Members: Scott Ratterman, Russ Thomas, Jeff Robertson, Jeff Davidson, and Jack Garamendi
Staff: Michael Minkler, Stacey Lollar, and Andrew Renshaw
General Counsel: Matt Weber

9 REPORTABLE ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:22 p.m. There was no reportable action.

10 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

By: ATTEST:

Michael Minkler
General Manager

Rebecca Hitchcock
Clerk to the Board