SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 16, 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
Matt Weber, Esq.	General Counsel, Downey Brand
Kate Jesus	Human Resources Technician
Kelly Zahniser	Director of Administrative Services
Dylan Smith	Information Systems Administrator
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
Julie Johnson*	Accounting Technician
Robin Patolo*	Customer Service Representative
Caroline McCartney*	Customer Service Representative

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuck Vertucci	HDR
Jim Lynch	HDR
Randy Bowersox	
John Devine*	Devine Consulting
Charles Sensiba*	Troutman Pepper Locke

*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. Director Ratterman initially listened to the meeting remotely. All other directors were present

2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Video No public comment was given.

3 CONSENT AGENDA

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

3a	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of August 26, 2026 *Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board*	
3b	Review Board of Directors Monthly Time Sheets for August 2026 *Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board*	
3c	Ratify Claim Summary #654, Secretarial Fund, in the Amount of $3,567,807.19 for August 2026 *Kelly Zahniser, Director of Administrative Services*	**RES 2026-69**

Video

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

4 NEW BUSINESS

4a Update on the Relicensing of the North Fork Stanislaus River Project through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC Project P-2409)
Michael Minkler, General Manager and Relicensing Team

Video

DISCUSSION: Michael Minkler, Andrew Renshaw, Jim Lynch, Chuck Vertucci, Randy Bowersox, and the CCWD relicensing team briefed the Board on FERC relicensing for the North Fork Stanislaus River Hydroelectric Project, including mandatory filings, stakeholder coordination, and the January 2032 license expiration. CCWD plans to file the Notice of Intent to Relicense (NOI), Pre-Application Document (PAD), and Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) request with FERC on September 29, 2026. Stakeholders may comment on the TLP request within 30 days, and ERC is expected to issue a notice of proceeding and a decision regarding use of the TLP on an approximately 30-day schedule. There was extensive discussion on this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was given.

At 1:36 p.m., Michael Minkler stated that Director Ratterman was participating remotely under the just-cause provisions of AB 2449 due to business travel. Director Ratterman then began participating in the meeting rather than solely listening.

4b Update on the Monthly Billing Project
Kelly Zahniser, Director of Administrative Services

Video

DISCUSSION: Kelly Zahniser presented the operational and financial impacts of moving from bi-monthly to monthly billing, estimating approximately $711,800 in annual billing-related costs compared with $430,400 under the current structure. Monica Remus and Kelly Gerkensmeyer described the policy, system, outreach, and customer-communication work required for a January 2027 transition. The Board discussed whether to begin district-wide monthly billing in January 2027 or defer implementation while pursuing lower-cost customer service measures. A majority of the Board directed staff to continue moving toward implementation while seeking opportunities to reduce costs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was given.

4c Discussion/Action regarding Approval of Option to Lease and Site Control Agreement with Arnold Power and Water, LLC for the Arnold Power and Water Project **RES 2026-70**
Michael Minkler, General Manager

MOTION:Directors Davidson/Robertson-Moved to Approve the Option to Lease and the Site Control Agreement with Arnold Power and Water, LLC for the Arnold Power and Water Project

Video

Michael Minkler and Matt Weber requested authority to finalize and execute an Option to Lease and Site Control Agreement with Arnold Power and Water, LLC, for a potential biomass facility at CCWD's Arnold wastewater site, subject to safeguards preserving CCWD's control over future lease terms

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was given.

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

5 REPORTS

5a Monthly Operations Report
Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations

DISCUSSION: No verbal Operations Report was provided. The Operations Report was included in the agenda package, and staff offered to respond to questions from the Board.

5b General Manager's Report
Michael Minkler

Video

Mr. Minkler provided updates on several items, including:

1. The biomass tour
2. The Region 3 Meeting
3. The State of the County meeting
4. A meeting with the Angels Camp City Administrator
5. The meeting with Stockton East Water District
6. Travis Small, formerly of CPUD, has been hired as the new General Manager of the Amador Water Agency
7. Congressman McClintock's Water and Ag Forum
8. External relations Committee meeting on Monday
9. The NCPA Annual Conference next week
10. The upcoming virtual Washington, D.C meetings

6 BOARD REPORTS / INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Thomas reported on a meeting held at the Turlock Irrigation District for the Joint Watershed Management Group.

Director Davidson had nothing to report.

Video

Director Ratterman reported on the JPIA meeting, the CAJAPA meeting, and the ACWA Federal Affairs meetings.

Director Robertson reported on the biomass tour and thanked Kelly Gerkensmeyer for his presentation at the State of the County meeting.

Director Garamendi echoed the comments on the State of the County, and he took a tour of the Pardee Dam with EBMUD and Engineering students from UC Berkeley.

7 NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 1:00 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, TBD | Special Board Meeting

8 CLOSED SESSION

8a Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 – three potential cases

8b *Calaveras County Water District v. All Saints Rehab Properties, LLC et al.* Calaveras County Superior Court Case No. 26CV48924

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was given.

The meeting adjourned into the Closed Session at 2:44 p.m.

Closed Session Participants:
Board Members: Scott Ratterman, Russ Thomas, Jeff Robertson, Jeff Davidson, and Jack Garamendi
Staff: Michael Minkler and Andrew Renshaw
General Counsel: Matt Weber
Others Present: Chuck Vertucci, Jim Lynch, Randy Bowersox, John Devine, and Charles Sensiba

9 REPORTABLE ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened the Open Session at 3:52 p.m. There was no reportable action.

10 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

By: ATTEST:

Michael Minkler
General Manager

Rebecca Hitchcock
Clerk to the Board