



**CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2024**

The following Committee Members were present:

Cindy Secada	Director
Russ Thomas	Director

Staff Present:

Michael Minkler	General Manager
Rebecca Hitchcock	Clerk to the Board
Kelly Gerkensmeyer	External Affairs Manager
Kate Jesus*	Human Resources Technician
Haley Airola*	Engineering Coordinator
Bana Rousan-Gedese*	Water Resources Specialist
Michael Bear*	Accountant
Tiffany Burke*	Operations Administrative Technician

Public Present:

Justin Caporusso, MCWRA*
Dane Wadle, CSDA*
Scott Ratterman*
Francisco De La Cruz*
Patrick Roy*

*Attended the meeting virtually

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., President Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was provided by Francisco de la Cruz and Pat Roy.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3a Approval of Minutes for September 3, 2024, Committee Meeting

Director Secada moved to approve the Minutes for the meeting of September 3, 2024, and Director Thomas seconded.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 4a [Update regarding the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association \(MCWRA\)](#)
(Kelly Gerkenmeyer and Justin Caporusso, MCWRA)

DISCUSSION: Kelly Gerkenmeyer presented Justin Caporusso from the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) who gave an update on their recent activities and responded to questions from the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was heard.

- 4b [Update regarding the California Special Districts Association \(CSDA\)](#)
(Kelly Gerkenmeyer and Dane Wadle, CSDA)

DISCUSSION: Kelly Gerkenmeyer presented Dane Wadle from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) who gave an update on their 2024 activities and responded to questions from the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was provided by Pat Roy.

- 4c [Update on the Calaveras Public Power Authority and the Clean Fleets Rule](#)
(Michael Minkler, General Manager)

DISCUSSION: Michael Minkler provided an update on the Clean Fleets Rule and discussed how CPPA could facilitate collaboration and dialogue among the various agencies impacted by the rule. He responded to questions from the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was provided by Pat Roy.

- 4d Update on the Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
(T-STAN)
(Juan Maya, Civil Engineer)

This item was postponed and will be addressed at the next meeting.

5. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

Michael Minkler reported on the National Hydropower Association Clean Currents Conference.

6. **DIRECTOR COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Secada would like a report on Association of California Water Agencies, Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority, and the Integrated Regional Watershed Management program.

Director Thomas asked for updated information on the potential apprenticeship program and spoke of the Washington, D.C. trip.

7. **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.-cancelled

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Hitchcock
Clerk to the Board