



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

# MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12, 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:**

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| Michael Minkler   | General Manager                      |
| Matt Weber, Esq.  | General Counsel, Downey Brand        |
| Rebecca Hitchcock | Clerk to the Board                   |
| Damon Wyckoff     | Director of Operations               |
| Kelly Zahniser    | Director of Administrative Services  |
| Kelly Gerkenmeyer | External Affairs Manager             |
| Andrew Renshaw    | Water Resources Manager              |
| Kevin Williams    | District Engineer                    |
| Monica Remus      | Business Services Manager            |
| Kate Jesus*       | Human Resources Technician           |
| Jesse Hampton*    | Plant Operations Manager             |
| Joshua Fernandez* | Information Systems Technician       |
| Nick Schroven*    | Water Resources Technician           |
| Haley Airola*     | Engineering Coordinator              |
| Tiffany Burke*    | Operations Administrative Technician |
| Robin Patolo*     | Customer Service                     |
| Jared Gravette*   | Construction Inspector               |
| Jason Knick*      | Construction Inspector               |
| Doug Turner*      | Distribution                         |

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

|                 |                   |
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| Jerry Middleton | Ford Construction |
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\*Attended Virtually

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Garamendi called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of  
[Video](#) Allegiance.

**1 ROLL CALL**

All Directors were present.

**2 PUBLIC COMMENT**

[Video](#) Public Comment was given by Ian Rohrbach from the Ebbetts Pass Softball Association.

**3 CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: Directors Ratterman/Thomas-Moved to Approve Consent Agenda Items: 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, and 3g as presented**

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| <b>3a</b> | Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of July 22, 2026<br><i>Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board</i>                                                        |                    |
| <b>3b</b> | Review Board of Directors Monthly Time Sheets for July 2026<br><i>Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board</i>                                                           |                    |
| <b>3c</b> | Ratify Claim Summary #653, Secretarial Fund, in the Amount of \$4,555,641.79 for July 2026<br><i>Kelly Zahniser, Director of Administrative Services</i>              | <b>RES 2026-60</b> |
| <b>3d</b> | 2026 Biennial Review of the District's Conflict of Interest Code, Policy 5070<br><i>Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board</i>                                         |                    |
| <b>3e</b> | Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 District Pay Schedule for CalPERS Compliance<br><i>Stacey Lollar, Human Resources Manager</i>                                       | <b>RES 2026-61</b> |
| <b>3f</b> | Approval of Amendments to Rules and Regulations Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)<br><i>Kevin Williams, District Engineer</i>                                 | <b>RES 2026-62</b> |
| <b>3g</b> | Approval of Tribal Monitoring and Cultural Resource Protection Agreement for the Arnold WWTF Phase 1 Improvements Project<br><i>Kevin Williams, District Engineer</i> | <b>RES 2026-63</b> |

**AYES:** Davidson, Ratterman, Thomas, Robertson, and Garamendi

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

[Video](#)

**4 NEW BUSINESS**

|           |                                                                                                                                                      |                    |
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| <b>4a</b> | Discussion/Action Regarding Awarding Construction Contract, Lake Tulloch Intertie Project, CIP No. 11104<br><i>Kevin Williams, District Engineer</i> | <b>RES 2026-64</b> |
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**MOTION:** Directors Ratterman/Robertson-Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2026-64, Awarding a Construction Contract for the Lake Tulloch Intertie Project, CIP No. 11104

**DISCUSSION:** Kevin Williams presented the award recommendation for the Lake Tulloch Intertie construction project to Ford Construction Company, reviewed the project scope and bids received, and responded to Board questions. Jerry Middleton from Ford Construction addressed the Board and answered questions.

[Video](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jerry Middleton provided public comment.

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

**4b**

Gann Fire Update

*Michael Minkler, General Manager and Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations*

**DISCUSSION:** Michael Minkler and Damon Wyckoff detailed the district's response to the Gann Fire, including mandatory evacuation of the administrative office, relocation of equipment and staff, coordination with emergency agencies, and ongoing support for affected employees and customers.

[Video](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was provided.

**4c**

Discussion/Action Regarding Acceptance of the Copper Cove Water Treatment Plant Filters 1 and 2 Rehabilitation Project CIP #11136  
*Jesse Hampton, Plant Operations Manager*

**RES 2026-65**

**MOTION:** Directors Thomas/Ratterman-Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2026-65, Accepting the Copper Cove Water Treatment Plant Filters 1 and 2 Rehabilitation Project CIP# 11136

**DISCUSSION:** Jesse reported the completion of the filter rehabilitation project at Copper Cove Water Treatment Plant. Recent upgrades at the plant include an ozone generator replacement, UPS installation, clarifier improvements, and new filter media and screens, resulting in noticeable improvements in water quality.

[Video](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was provided.

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

4d

Discussion/Action Regarding Wholesale Water Purchase Agreement with East Bay Municipal Utilities District  
*Andrew Renshaw, Water Resources Manager*

RES 2026-66

**MOTION: Directors Robertson/Ratterman-Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2026-66, Approving the Wholesale Water Purchase Agreement with East Bay Municipal Utilities District**

**DISCUSSION:** Andrew Renshaw presented a water transfer agreement with East Bay Municipal Utilities District, leveraging CCWD's pre-1914 water right to supply up to 150 acre-feet annually for the Comanche South Shore area, with financial and technical collaboration components.

[Video](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was provided.

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

4e

Discussion/Action Regarding Adoption of Service Line Installation Standardized Fees  
*Kevin Williams, District Engineer*

RES 2026-67

**MOTION: Directors Davidson/Robertson-Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2026-67, Adopting the Service Line Installation Standardized Fees**

**DISCUSSION:** Kevin Williams outlined a new standardized fee structure for service line installations, separating pavement restoration costs and providing greater cost predictability for customers and staff. There was discussion on the standardization changes.

[Video](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was provided.

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

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**OLD BUSINESS**

5a

Update Regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
*Andrew Renshaw, Water Resources Manager*

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

**6 REPORTS****6a**

Monthly Operations Report  
*Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations*

**DISCUSSION** Damon Wyckoff provided updates on recent operations, including fire incidents near facilities, harmful algal bloom monitoring, service line repairs, main breaks, equipment upgrades, and ongoing construction projects.

[Video](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was provided.

**6b**

General Manager's Report  
*Michael Minkler*

Mr. Minkler provided updates on several items, including:

1. A meeting with CV Development
2. The status of the pre-application notice of intent to file for FERC Relicensing
3. The virtual Washington, D.C. meetings scheduled for October
4. The Legal Affairs Committee Meeting
5. The NCPA Dinner
6. A brief status of Monthly Billing
7. The Urban Water Institute Conference
8. The expected super El Niño this winter
9. Dylan Smith applied for a cyber security grant and it was awarded to the District

[Video](#)

**7 BOARD REPORTS / INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Robertson reported on the NCPA Dinner and requested a future agenda item or meeting on possible money-making opportunities for the District. He and Director Ratterman plan to meet with Mr. Minkler to discuss.

Director Ratterman expressed that the Legal Affairs Committee meeting had great speakers, commented on the new format of the agenda, reported on the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association meeting and reception, and the Urban Water Institute Conference. He also recommends that the District investigate training for staff on AI in the workplace.

[Video](#)

Director Davidson had nothing to report.

Director Thomas noted the letter of appreciation from the school district regarding the summer interns was very heartwarming.

Director Garamendi congratulated the other Board members for all three of them running unopposed in their November elections.

**8 NEXT BOARD MEETINGS**

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 1:00 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 1:00 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting

**9****CLOSED SESSION****9a**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was given.

The meeting adjourned into the Closed Session at 3:46 p.m.

Closed Session Participants:

Board Members: Scott Ratterman, Russ Thomas, Jeff Robertson, Jeff Davidson, and Jack Garamendi

Staff: Michael Minkler

General Counsel: Matt Weber

**10****REPORTABLE ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened the Open Session at 3:43 p.m. There was no reportable action.

**11****ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

By:

ATTEST:



Michael Minkler  
General Manager



Rebecca Hitchcock  
Clerk to the Board