

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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GENERAL MANAGER

Justin Dahl

**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

December 16, 2025

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

X Mike Vereschagin
X Steve Carlos
X Brian Erickson
X Jim Jones
X Chuck Schonauer (via remote participation)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Justin Dahl, Manager
Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent
Angel Stephens, Administrative Assistant
Kayla Mendonca, Administrative Assistant
Marty Bailey, Tax Collector/Assessor
Darin Titus, Water User
Dustin Coughlin, Water User
Julia Violich, Water User
Lance Atkins, Water User
Matt Toste, Water User
John Campbell, Water User

CALL TO ORDER

President Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 1:30 P.M. The Board, acting as a Board of Equalization, is to consider Resolution 2025-08 Determining Gross Assessed Value and Fixing and Ordering Assessment.

President Vereschagin opened the hearing at 1:30 p.m. There were no members of the Public present for comment.

President Vereschagin closed the hearing at 1:31 p.m.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve Resolution 2025-08 fixing the assessment charge at \$21.76 per acre, by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	<u> X</u>			
Steve Carlos:	<u> X</u>			
Brian Erickson:	<u> X</u>			
Jim Jones:	<u> X</u>			
Chuck Schonauer:	<u> X</u>			

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the November 25, 2025, Special Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Carlos/Jones) to approve the November 25 Special Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:				<u> X</u>
Steve Carlos:	<u> X</u>			
Brian Erickson:	<u> X</u>			
Jim Jones:	<u> X</u>			
Chuck Schonauer:	<u> X</u>			

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary and check register for November 2025. Administrative Assistant Angel Stephens suggested adjusting percentages for earned interest on the Reserve accounts for Tri Counties Money Market investments, which the Board agreed with. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve the November Financial Report and checks #15840 through #15875 by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	X			
Steve Carlos:	X			
Brian Erickson:	X			
Jim Jones:	X			
Chuck Schonauer:	X			

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard provided an update on District operations, water use, deep wells, vehicles, and water quality, and answered any questions from the Board. He also reported on the following: safety training for harness use; inspection and cleaning of sumps; repairing pump oilers; Lely pipe repair on Road MM; TCCA Canal low; spraying for weeds; switching gear inspections; annexation projects commencing; and painting deliveries as weather permits.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Manager Dahl reviewed his Manager’s Report, which was included in the Board packet, and answered any questions from the Board. He reported on the following items: Glenn Groundwater Authority Meeting; Well mitigation meeting; RemoteTracker system cost is approximately \$0.35 per acre for the portal; Shasta Reservoir is currently at 2.6 million acre-feet; year-end financials and single audit; invoicing for Phase 1 annexation projects; and various field work.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Board to Receive an update on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Activities

Director Jones reported on the following: no 3F water; Sites negotiations with GCID and TCCA conveyance; 2026 payment reimbursement from Sites; winter maintenance projects; policy updates; updates on strategic plan; Ad-Hoc Committee for Contributions, and Water Users Conference January 28-30.

i. Update on Black Butte Spillway and OAWD

A letter was sent, and the Bureau is interested in meeting. Considerations for a 10,000-acre-foot maximum with seven points along the TCCA that could take water from the Orland Unit Water Users Association.

The Board to Receive an Update on the Glenn Groundwater Authority Activities

i. Report on GGA Board Meeting

General Manager Dahl reported that well mitigation is to be complete by December 19, 2025. David's Engineering is to help with Demand Management in 2026.

ii. Report on OAWD recharge projects

General Manager Dahl provided a presentation to Colusa Basin Drainage. Potential for \$100,00 for 3 years, as used. The decision will be announced in January 2026.

The Board to Receive an Update on the Annexation Projects

i. The Board will receive an update from staff on annexation projects and grants.

N&T Digmire was selected to perform the Phase I construction. Staff are working on billing.

- ii. The Board to discuss and provide direction on amending annexation agreements to address terms for grower financing of construction of new facilities and payment terms for the same.
Legal Counsel provided edits for amended agreements. Staff will coordinate with annexation landowners to collect signatures.
- iii. The Board will review and provide direction on a proposed loan program for landowners who wish to finance their Annexation Infrastructure Improvement Project – Phase I construction costs.
The District is considering serving as a lender for Phase I construction. Terms would be a 5-year loan with 5% interest.

Tracking for the loans and annexed lands would be tracked separately in QuickBooks, but all funds would be deposited into the District’s existing bank account.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Schonauer) to approve the District’s loan terms for Phase I for 5 years and 5% interest by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Steve Carlos:	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Brian Erickson:	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Jim Jones:	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Chuck Schonauer:	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Board to consider Resolution 2025-09, Ordering the District Assessor to add unpaid charges to assessments

Staff reported that there are 6 parcels totaling \$146,000 of unpaid charges.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to approve Resolution 2025-09, Ordering the District Assessor to add unpaid charges to assessments, by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Steve Carlos:	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Brian Erickson:	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Jim Jones:	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Chuck Schonauer:	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Board to Consider Approving the District Retirement Contribution Increase

General Manager Dahl reported that the District’s retirement contributions were last adjusted in 1984. He asked for retirement contributions to be adjusted from 7% to 10%.

After thorough consideration by the Board, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to approve retirement contributions at 10%, by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	<u> X </u>			
Steve Carlos:	<u> X </u>			
Brian Erickson:	<u> X </u>			
Jim Jones:	<u> X </u>			
Chuck Schonauer:	<u> X </u>			

The Board is to consider approving the 2026 Draft Budget

General Manager Dahl reviewed the budget with the Board. He asked the Board if they would like to consider using reserves to lower operations costs. It was decided to utilize \$143,000 from reserves to lower operations to \$38 per acre for 2026.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve utilizing reserves to lower operations costs to \$38 per acre, by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	<u> X </u>			
Steve Carlos:	<u> X </u>			
Brian Erickson:	<u> X </u>			
Jim Jones:	<u> X </u>			
Chuck Schonauer:	<u> X </u>			

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla Mendonca

APPROVED AT THE JANUARY 20, 2026 BOARD MEETING