

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Vereschagin, President
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Steve Carlos



GENERAL MANAGER

Justin Dahl

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

February 24, 2026

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

- X Mike Vereschagin
- X Steve Carlos
- X Brian Erickson
- X Jim Jones
- X Chuck Schonauer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Justin Dahl, Manager
Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent
Kayla Mendonca, Administrative Assistant
Marty Bailey, Tax Collector/Assessor
Bill Vanderwaal, TCCA General Manager

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

VOTE TO ADD ITEM TO AGENDA: Approve CEQA EXEMPTION DETERMINATION for all of Orland-Artois Water Districts’s Existing Recharge Projects

President Vereschagin asked the Board to consider adding the Approval of CEQA Exemption Determination for all of Orland-Artois Water District’s Existing Recharge Projects to the agenda. After discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) in favor of adding the item 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 January 20, 2026 Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve the January 20 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 January 2026. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Carlos) to approve the January Financial Report and checks #15934 to #15960 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>	_____	_____	_____

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 hearing safety, ladder safety, and gravity always wins; spraying weeds around the office and shop; painting plants and removing heat shields at 41.2 and 35.2; working with contractor for annexation projects, Road QQ almost complete; gathering numbers from turnouts for end of the water year; two pipe repairs this month due to water hammer; turning on all air vents; and order water for frost protection and irrigation checks.

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: Shasta Reservoir levels are up; allocation announcement anticipated for tomorrow; invoicing; 700 form completion and submittals; Ethics and Harassment training; and cyber-attack and Tri-Counties Bank hack update. General Manager Dahl also asked the Board if the District would be interested in storing excess water storage tanks in the yard for a period of 5 years. The Board supported the effort.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

TCCA General Manager Bill Vanderwaal reported on the following: winter maintenance is complete; allocation announcement should come tomorrow; repeater by Ladoga; Sites Use Agreement; Big Beautiful Bill Funding 3 projects; TC Canal treatment plan; subsidence; and Black Butte Update.

i. Update on Black Butte Spillway and OAWD

A site visit was held on January 21, 2026.

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

i. Report on GGA Board Meeting

Demand management and accounting system conversations continue.

ii. Report on OAWD recharge projects

Colusa Basin Drainage District had not yet provided feedback regarding potential funding.

iii. Approve CEQA Exemption Determination for all of Orland-Artois Water District’s Existing Recharge Projects

General Manager Dahl reported that the previous exemption expired in 2023. Without CEQA, there will be no credits for recharge. The District would like to declare a new exemption under the Existing Facilities and Common-Sense clauses for one-year periods.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Jones) to approve declaring a new CEQA Exemption under the Existing Facilities and Common-Sense clauses for a one year period, to be reviewed every January, 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 Receive an Update on the Annexation Projects

i. The Board will receive an update from staff on annexation projects/grants and Landowner Loan Agreements

Annexation project progress has stalled due to rain and some parts are delayed until April. The Knight 27 annexation project is complete.

Update the Board on draft encroachment agreements with OAWD and Glenn County.

General Manager Dahl reported that he met with the County Engineer and Director and let them know that the District is only interested in an agreement for the 99W project. A meeting is scheduled with Public Works Director Talia Richardson, General Manager Dahl and President Vereschagin in early March.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla Mendonca