

CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 19, 2026
5:00 pm

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kevin Sparks
Garrett Hesser
Richard Blood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Tressler
Mathew Warmerdam

STAFF PRESENT: Mathew Roberts, General Manager
Carissa Bear, Clerk of the Board
Wyatt Rovera, Water System Superintendent
Adam Brown, District Legal Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT: Rich Sanchez, Chief Dam Safety Engineer
Member of Public (**Online**)

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by President Sparks at 5:04 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS: Directors Sparks, Hesser, and Blood were present. Directors Tressler and Warmerdam were absent.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limit 3 minutes per person/15 minutes per subject): None
5. CONSENT ITEMS
 - a. April 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. April Claim Summary

The Board reviewed and discussed the April Claims Summary. Staff responded to questions from the Board regarding the claims presented. A motion was made by Director Blood, seconded by Director Sparks, to approve Consent Items a-b. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Blood, Hesser, and Sparks voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

6. GEI CONSULTANTS - DAM SAFETY/FERC UPDATE

Rich Sanchez, the District's Chief Dam Safety Engineer with GEI Consultants, provided a brief overview of his professional experience and history with the District. He then presented a status update on the District's pending and past-due items related to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) compliance and responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Sanchez reviewed the District's current contract with GEI Consultants and explained the process used to determine the scope of work to be completed each fiscal year. He noted that the District is currently operating under a blanket contract arrangement.

Mr. Roberts explained that all work performed under the contract is completed within the approved fiscal year budget. He further stated that any work anticipated to exceed the budgeted amount would be brought to the Board for consideration.

Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to continue operating under the existing contract. The Board requested that any significant expenditures or unexpected project items be brought before the Board.

7. BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026/27

Mr. Roberts informed the Board that the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget was not yet ready for review at this meeting. He requested that the Budget/Finance Ad Hoc Committee meet prior to the June Board meeting and that a Board Budget Workshop be held during the June meeting. Due to scheduling constraints, President Sparks removed Director Tressler from the Budget/Finance Ad Hoc Committee and appointed Director Hesser in his place. The committee intends to meet during the week of June 8th to review the proposed budget and prepare for the June Budget Workshop.

8. UMRWA BOARD MEETING UPDATES

Director Hesser provided a recap of the most recent Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA) meeting and informed the Board that the UMRWA Board approved the District's project substitution for the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) project. Director Hesser also discussed the Forest Resilience Bond (FRB) program. He explained that UMRWA is seeking additional funding and is encouraging member districts to contribute. Director Hesser recommended that the District make a contribution, noting that any level of participation would demonstrate the District's support.

The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of contributing funds to the FRB. Director Blood stated that he would be more comfortable making a contribution if the District also provided a letter expressing its vision for the program. Director Hesser recommended that Director Blood draft a letter for the Board's review at the June meeting.

9. RICH GULCH PROJECT

Mr. Roberts informed the Board that the project substitution has officially been approved by the California Department of Water Resources. The District can now proceed with the project design, which will be reimbursable through the grant.

He reminded the Board that the District will be required to cash flow the project, as reimbursements will only be processed once per quarter. Mr. Roberts stated that, based on review of the Fiscal Year 2026/27 budget, he is confident the District will be able to manage the cash flow requirements without issue.

10. REPORTS

- a. Legal Counsel's Report
Report will be covered in closed session.
- b. Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
No report this month.
- c. Water System Superintendent's Report

Mr. Rovera presented the Monthly Maintenance Report for April.

d. Engineer's Report

Report has already been covered. No additional report was provided.

e. General Manager's Report

Mr. Roberts provided an overview of his General Manager's Report. He informed the Board that he applied for a Calaveras County grant; however, the District was not awarded funding. He expressed appreciation to Matt Ospital with WGA for his support and advocacy on behalf of the District. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Ospital attended the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors meeting, where Mr. Ospital emphasized the importance of funding infrastructure upgrades to support new development projects within the County.

Mr. Roberts stated that he felt the message was well received by the Board of Supervisors and expressed optimism regarding potential future funding opportunities.

Mr. Roberts also thanked staff for their continued support and proactive efforts related to Dam Safety, as well as their contributions toward keeping projects managed in-house.

f. Directors' Comments:

No comments this month.

****Went into closed session at 7:45 pm****

11. CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)

Title: General Manager

The Board met in closed session with the General Manager and completed his performance evaluation. Following the evaluation, the Board approved a salary increase for the General Manager. An amended Employee Agreement reflecting this change will be presented for Board consideration at the June Board meeting.

****Came out of closed session at 8:31 pm****

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sparks adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

