

CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 16, 2026
5:00 pm

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kevin Sparks
Garrett Hesser
Jack Tressler
Mathew Warmerdam

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Blood

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Baily VanBebber
Member of Public (Online)

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by President Sparks at 5:02 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS: Directors Sparks, Hesser, Tressler, and Warmerdam were present. Director Blood was absent.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limit 3 minutes per person/15 minutes per subject):

Bailey VanBebber addressed the Board regarding her intention to return at a future meeting to request that the District waive the capacity fee for a new service connection to the meter serving the former Wishing Well building.

Mr. Roberts provided background on the current status of both the Wishing Well meter and the residential meter located on the same parcel. He summarized previous discussions he had with Ms. VanBebber's family regarding the property and reviewed the options that had been presented to them. Mr. Roberts informed Ms. VanBebber and the Board that the current configuration, in which a single meter serves both the former Wishing Well building and the residence, is prohibited under the District's standards unless the applicable ADU capacity fee is paid. He further explained that, pursuant to the District's 2022 Water Capacity and Connection Fee Study, the District is prohibited from waiving capacity fees, as those fees are established based on the adopted study and must be applied consistently.

Following the discussion, the Board expressed consensus in support of the options presented by Mr. Roberts.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. May 19, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. May Claim Summary

The Board reviewed and discussed the May Claims Summary. Staff responded to questions from the Board regarding the minutes and claims presented. A motion was made by Director Hesser, seconded by Director Tressler, to approve Consent Items a-b. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Tressler, Warmerdam, Hesser, and Sparks voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

6. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Sparks recognized Carissa Bear for her 10 years of service and John Cunningham for his 15 years of service with the District. President Sparks presented Ms. Bear with a commemorative plaque, and General Manager Mat Roberts accepted the plaque on behalf of Mr. Cunningham, who was unable to attend. Mr. Roberts spoke about the valuable contributions both Ms. Bear and Mr. Cunningham have made to the District and expressed his appreciation and gratitude for their dedicated service. The Board also expressed its appreciation and thanked both employees for their years of dedicated service and commitment to the District.

7. RESOLUTION 2026-02 APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL MANAGER

A motion was made by President Sparks, seconded by Director Hesser, to approve Resolution 2026-02 Approving The Amendment To Employment Agreement For General Manager. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Warmerdam, Tressler, Hesser, and Sparks voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

8. MOKELUMNE FOREST RESILIENCE BOND (FRB) FUNDING

The Board held a lengthy discussion regarding the District's potential financial contribution to the Forest Resilience Bond (FRB). Some Directors expressed concern about the use of ratepayer funds to support a project that does not directly impact the District's operations or service area. Other Directors noted that participation could demonstrate regional partnership and collaboration and may help position the District for future funding opportunities. A motion was made by Director Hesser, seconded by President Sparks, to approve a \$5,000 contribution to the Forest Resilience Bond (FRB). A roll call vote was taken. Directors Hesser and Sparks voted yes. Directors Tressler and Warmerdam voted no. Motion failed 2-2.

9. 2026 UPPER MOKELUMNE RIVER WATERSHED SANITARY SURVEY

Mr. Roberts informed the Board that the District's Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Sanitary Survey is due. Mr. Roberts reached out to the Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) to determine whether they would be interested in partnering again, as they have in the past, in order to help share and reduce the cost burden. CCWD expressed interest and agreed to participate in the partnership. A motion was made by Director Tressler, seconded by President Sparks, to approve the Verdantas proposal for \$28,880, with costs shared equally between both agencies at \$14,440 each. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Tressler, Warmerdam, Hesser, and Sparks voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

10. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 BUDGET

Mr. Roberts presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget. The Board and staff engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed budget, including several recommended revisions from the Board.

During the discussion, several directors emphasized the importance of developing and updating District policies to strengthen long-term financial planning and budgeting practices. Director Tressler requested that staff develop a Vehicle Replacement Policy, while Director Hesser recommended updating the District's Reserve Policy.

Mr. Roberts informed the Board that it was brought to his attention that the federal extension regarding website compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) does not supersede the California state deadline. At this time, the state compliance deadline remains April 2027. He recommended adding \$9,600 to the budget for ADA website compliance. Mr. Brown advised the Board that the budget should include a dedicated line item for the District's upcoming ADA website compliance requirements. President Sparks requested a presentation from Streamline (CivicPlus) regarding the products and services available to bring the District's website into compliance and expressed interest in evaluating ADA compliance throughout the District's facilities as well. The Board requested that an additional \$5,000 be allocated in the budget for potential ADA compliance needs outside of the website.

Staff and IT also reviewed the District's current technology infrastructure and identified several recommended upgrades to address increasing cybersecurity risks. Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 improvements were presented, with staff recommending implementation of the Tier 1 critical protections at an estimated annual cost of \$5,550. The Board asked Mr. Roberts to follow up with IT to determine the full additional cost to the current contract, including what is already included under the existing agreement and what would require additional funding.

Staff further discussed the need to upgrade the District's computer systems due to the end of Microsoft Windows 10 support. A total of 22 District computers require replacement to accommodate Windows 11. Staff proposed replacing eight computers during Fiscal Year 2026/27 at an estimated cost of \$21,000, with the remaining replacements planned for Fiscal Year 2027/28. The Board expressed a preference for purchasing as many of the replacement computers as feasible during Fiscal Year 2026/27 rather than spreading the purchases over two fiscal years and requested that an additional \$19,000 be added to the proposed \$21,000 allocation.

During the budget review, Mr. Roberts noted that no funding had been allocated to the Engineering Capital General Ledger account in the proposed budget. He requested that funding be added to the account, and after discussion, the Board directed staff to allocate \$41,000 to the Engineering Capital GL.

A motion was made by Director Warmerdam, seconded by Director Tressler, to adopt Resolution 2026-03, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget, with the following amendments:

1. Add \$5,000 to the ADA Compliance budget.
2. Add \$19,000 to the Computer budget.
3. Remove the \$5,000 allocation for the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMWRA) Forest Resilience Bond (FRB).
4. Add \$41,000 to the Engineering Capital budget.

A roll call vote was taken. Directors Tressler, Warmerdam, Hesser, and Sparks voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

11. CALPERS CONTRACT AMENDMENT – PEPRA COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Mr. Roberts informed the Board that there are no changes to employee benefits, contribution rates, or other related provisions. The changes being presented are to update the CalPERS contract language to accurately reflect modifications that were previously approved and implemented. A motion was made by Director Tressler, seconded by Director Sparks, to approve the CalPERS Resolution of Intention. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Tressler, Warmerdam, Hesser, and Sparks voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

12. REPORTS

- a. Legal Counsel's Report

No report this month.

- 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 May.

- d. Engineer's Report

Report will be covered in General Manager's Report.

- e. General Manager's Report

Mr. Roberts provided an overview of his General Manager's Report. He expressed his appreciation to the field crew for their hard work on the San Andreas Tank project and for successfully keeping the project in-house, noting that this was a significant accomplishment and a major win for the District. Mr. Roberts also thanked the Board for supporting the purchase of necessary equipment and tools that allow the crew to complete projects internally. Additionally, he recognized the office staff for their efforts in notifying customers and assisting with communications related to the outage.

- f. Directors' Comments:

Director Warmerdam discussed the possibility of holding two Board meetings per month, stating that he feels this may be more productive than the longer meetings that have occurred. Director Hesser expressed concerns regarding the addition of meetings, noting that more meetings would create additional work for staff. Director Hesser recommended utilizing ad hoc meetings for items that may require additional discussion or more time to work through, rather than adding additional regular meetings. Director Hesser thanked Mr. Roberts for his preparation of the budget and acknowledged the significant amount of work involved in the process. Director Tressler thanked District staff and the Board for their contributions in making the District what it is today.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sparks adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

