

CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 17, 2026  
5:00 pm

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kevin Sparks  
Garrett Hesser  
Richard Blood  
Jack Tressler (Arrived at 5:19pm)  
Mathew Warmerdam

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Member of Public (Online)

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by President Sparks at 5:03 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS: Directors Blood, Warmerdam, Hesser and Sparks were present. Director Tressler was absent.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limit 3 minutes per person/15 minutes per subject): None
5. CONSENT ITEMS
  - a. January 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - b. January Claim Summary
  - c. Tuition Reimbursement – Mathew Roberts – Section 4.10 of General Manager’s contract (Documentation attached; amount within FY2026 budget)

President Sparks commended Mr. Roberts on continuing his education. The Board reviewed and discussed the January claim summary. A motion was made by Director Blood, seconded by Director Sparks, to approve Consent Items a-c. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Blood, Warmerdam, Hesser, and Sparks voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**\*\*Director Tressler arrived.**

6. CLEARGOV WORKSHOP

Mr. Roberts provided background information on ClearGov, explaining that the previous General Manager was enthusiastic about the transparency the product could provide for the District’s budget. The Board had approved the service shortly before the previous General Manager left, so it was never implemented.

Mr. Roberts stated that he does not see the same benefits as the previous General Manager and believes the product would significantly increase his workload. He noted that the District's budget is already transparent and is posted on the District's website quarterly when it is presented to the Board; however, it does not include an interactive platform such as the one ClearGov provides.

Mr. Roberts also explained that the contract is an annual subscription with an escalator. Directors recalled that the product had been presented as a tool that could help the District qualify for a transparency award through the District's insurance provider. After discussion, the Board agreed that if the current General Manager does not find the product beneficial, the District should terminate the contract. A motion was made by Director Hesser, seconded by Director Blood, to terminate the contract with ClearGov. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Blood, Tressler, Warmerdam, Hesser, and Sparks voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

## 7. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL OPTIONS WITH FERC REGARDING THE MIDDLE FORK DAM

Mr. Roberts recapped the FERC projects and discussed the current status. He explained that returning the projects to compliance with FERC is a lengthy process and that staff are continuing to work through the required Part 12D items.

Mr. Roberts asked the Board to begin considering the possibility of decommissioning the hydroelectric facility at Schaads. He noted that while the District must complete the current list of pending FERC requirements, it would be beneficial for the Board to be prepared when a decision regarding the future of the facility needs to be made.

The Board discussed concerns regarding the cost of maintaining Schaads Reservoir. It was noted that the District holds pre-1914 water rights associated with Schaads, which makes the reservoir an important asset to retain. Some Board members commented that if the District plans to keep Schaads Reservoir, discussions should also include potential ways to better utilize or capitalize on the asset.

President Sparks requested that this item be brought back to a future meeting with additional information outlining the pros and cons of decommissioning the hydroelectric facility at Schaads.

## 8. REPORTS

### a. Legal Counsel's Report

Mr. Brown informed the Board that an update on the telecommunication policy will be provided at the next Board meeting. He also reported that the Verizon cellphone tower lease he had been working on with Crown Castle will not be moving forward. Mr. Brown stated he will follow up with Crown Castle for confirmation, but it appears the upgrade is no longer needed. Once confirmed, Mr. Roberts stated that staff will need to amend the budget, as the anticipated lease revenue had already been included.

### b. Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Mrs. Bear reminded the Board of their form 700s and required training is due.

### c. Water System Superintendent's Report

Mr. Rovera presented the Monthly Maintenance Report for February. He thanked Director Hesser and the Mokelumne Hill Fire Department for their assistance with the New Year's Day leak in Mokelumne Hill.

d. Engineer's Report

Mr. Roberts voiced some concerns with WGA regarding soil conditions at the Rich Gulch project site. WGA recommended that a geotechnical engineer be brought in to test the soil. Mr. Roberts confirmed with WGA that geotechnical soil sampling is included in the scope of work and will be budgeted accordingly. While WGA is eager to move forward with the design, Mr. Roberts is awaiting confirmation from the grant engineers that the project is approved for the swap. He is also in discussions with the USDA regarding potential grant funding to cover the remainder of the project as written in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Construction Grant Application.

e. General Manager's Report

Mr. Roberts presented the General Manager's Report and informed the Board that the District recently sent a staff member to Class A schooling. He thanked the Board for their continued support in this effort. He also noted that another office staff member is in the process of obtaining her notary commission, which will help relieve some of the notary-related duties currently handled by Mrs. Bear.

f. Directors' Comments:

Director Hesser reported that he met with the General Manager of East Bay Municipal Utility District. They discussed ten years of budgeting, and he received a significant amount of useful information. He expressed interest in exploring this further, as well as in strategies for utilizing the District's debt. Director Hesser noted that he hopes the Ad Hoc committees will begin meeting to plan for the District's future. He also provided related literature to Mr. Roberts. Director Blood reported on the most recent UMRWA meeting, where a presentation was given on the GreenGen project. He noted some concerns regarding the water rights associated with the project. President Sparks recommended inviting a presenter to provide the District with more information at the next Board meeting. Director Hesser indicated that, given his familiarity with the project, he is willing to provide a presentation for the Board at the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sparks adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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