

CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

December 16, 2025  
5:00 pm

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jack Tressler  
Richard Blood  
Kevin Sparks  
Garrett Hesser

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mathew Roberts, General Manager  
Carissa Bear, Clerk of the Board  
Adam Brown, District Legal Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT: Mathew Warmerdam

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by President Tressler at 5:06 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS: Directors Tressler, Blood, Sparks and Hesser were present.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limit 3 minutes per person/15 minutes per subject): None
5. CONSENT ITEMS
  - a. November 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - b. November Claim Summary

The Board reviewed and discussed the claim summary for November. Staff responded to questions and provided clarification, after which no further discussion occurred. A motion was made by Director Blood, seconded by President Tressler, to approve Consent Items a-b. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Sparks, Hesser, Blood, and Tressler voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

6. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Director Blood to nominate Director Sparks as President. A motion was made by Director Sparks to nominate Director Hesser as Vice President. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Sparks, Hesser, Blood, and Tressler voted yes. Motion carried 4-0 to elect Director Sparks as President and Director Hesser as Vice President for the 2026 calendar year.

*\* President Sparks requested that the Board 101 Workshop be moved to occur before the Application for Citizen Appointment, so the applicant could receive a full overview of the duties prior to any appointment decision.*

## 8. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 101 WORKSHOP: THE ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR IN DISTRICT GOVERNANCE

Mr. Brown presented the Board of Directors 101 Workshop, providing an overview of the roles, responsibilities, and legal obligations of the Board under the Brown Act and other applicable laws and best practices. He addressed questions from the Board of Directors and offered clarification on key topics discussed during the presentation.

## 7. APPLICATION FOR CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board interviewed the sole candidate, Mathew Warmerdam. Mr. Warmerdam provided a brief introduction and outlined his goals for serving on the Board. A motion was made by Director Blood, seconded by President Sparks, to appoint Mathew Warmerdam to the Calaveras Public Utility District Board of Directors. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Sparks, Hesser, Blood, and Tressler voted yes. Motion carried 4-0. The oath of office was administered to Director Warmerdam by Ms. Bear, Secretary/Clerk of the Board.

## 9. APPROVE REVISING UMWRA GRANT APPLICATION FOR ALTERNATE PROJECT

The Engineering/Planning Committee Temporary Advisory Committee met with the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMWRA) to discuss the District's options for replacing the Backwash Project with an alternative better aligned with the District's needs, such as the Rich Gulch Project. The Board and staff discussed the logistics of the proposed project, with staff responding to questions as they arose. A motion was made by Director Tressler, seconded by Director Hesser, to authorize District staff and Weber Ghio & Associates (WGA) to revise and resubmit the UMWRA grant application previously approved for the treatment plant backwash project to instead fund the replacement of a section of water main line in Rich Gulch. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Blood, Tressler, Warmerdam, Hesser, and Sparks voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

## 10. PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Roberts provided background information on the Fairfield Inn project from the beginning to the present. The developers/owners are seeking to reduce project costs and have requested that the District assume some of those costs. The District presented two options to the developers/owners: (1) completion of offsite improvements, or (2) payment of capacity and connection fees. The developers/owners expressed dissatisfaction with the options provided and requested a meeting with the Board in January 2026 for further discussion. The Board expressed concern that the developers/owners were portraying the District as a roadblock to the project. The District reiterated its desire to see the project move forward, but emphasized that District funds cannot be used to subsidize the development. Mr. Roberts requested that President Sparks form a temporary advisory committee of the Board to allow for more detailed discussion of the project. President Sparks formed [name] Temporary Advisory Committee for this purpose, and appointed Directors Blood and Tressler to serve on the committee.

## 11. REPORTS

a. Legal Counsel's Report  
Report has been covered.

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 November.

d. Engineer's Report

No report this month.

e. General Manager's Report

Mr. Roberts presented the General Manager's report and informed the Board that the District received ACWA/JPIA's President's Award for both the Property and Workers' Compensation programs.

f. Directors' Comments:

President Tressler inquired about the progress on decommissioning the hydro facility at Schaads. Mr. Roberts responded that the District is still working toward that goal, but is currently prioritizing the pending FERC requirements before proceeding with decommissioning. Director Warmerdam requested guidance on obtaining information about the District to gain a better understanding of its operations. Mr. Roberts stated he would schedule a tour of the facilities for Director Warmerdam and provide relevant documents to help bring him up to speed on the current state of the District.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sparks adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carissa Bear, Secretary/Clerk of the Board



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