



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

*The Board of Directors of Butte Water District
Held July 10, 2025 at 10:00am*

CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President Peter Righero. The following Board members were present: Charlie Etcheverry, Dale Smith, and Darin Pantaleoni. Director Pete Waller was absent. Also present were Manager Donnie Stinnett, Mark Orme, and Office Manager Shelly Davis.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Visitors: Danny Kerns from Provost & Prichard. Terry and Karen Storm, landowners in the District.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Director Pantaleoni, seconded by Director Smith, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 12, 2025.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

A motion was made by Director Etcheverry, seconded by Director Smith, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to approve paying of the bills and to make the necessary transfers.

2025 BUDGET REVIEW:

Manager Stinnett reviewed the 2025 Budget with the Board. He went over the projected numbers and compared the actual numbers through June 30, 2025.

DISCUSS & CONSIDER AWARDED CONTRACT FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN EIR FOR POTENTIAL ONE-YEAR WATER TRANSFERS:

Manager Stinnett reviewed the RFPs with the Board and answered questions and concerns. *A motion was made by Director Pantaleoni, seconded by Director Etcheverry, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to award the contract for the preparation of an EIR for potential one-year water transfers to Provost and Prichard and gave authorization to Manager Stinnett to sign the contract.*

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE STANDBY CHARGE RATE FOR THE 2025/2026 TAX ROLL:

The Board discussed the Standby charge rate which is currently at \$7 per acre with a max rate of \$8.68 per acre. After some discussion the Board agreed they would not change the Standby charge rate for the 2025/2026 tax roll. *A motion*

was made by Director Etcheverry, seconded by Director Smith, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to set the Standby Charge Rate for the 2025/2026 tax roll at \$7 per assessed acre.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-05; CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF BUTTE THE VALIDITY OF DIRECT CHARGES (STANDBY) ON THE 2025/26 TAX ROLL:

A motion was made by Director Pantaleoni, seconded by Director Etcheverry, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to approve Resolution 2025-05; certifying to the County of Butte the validity of direct charges (standby) on the 2025/26 Tax Roll.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-06; CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF SUTTER THE VALIDITY OF DIRECT CHARGES (STANDBY) ON THE 2025/26 TAX ROLL:

A motion was made by Director Pantaleoni, seconded by Director Smith, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to approve Resolution 2025-06; certifying to the County of Sutter the validity of direct charges (standby) on the 2025/26 Tax Roll.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-07; CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF BUTTE THE VALIDITY OF DIRECT CHARGES (GW MGMT) ON THE 2025/26 TAX ROLL:

A motion was made by Director Smith, seconded by Director Etcheverry, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to approve Resolution 2025-07; certifying to the County of Butte the validity of direct charges (GW MGMT) on the 2025/26 Tax Roll.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-08; CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF SUTTER THE VALIDITY OF DIRECT CHARGES (GW MGMT) ON THE 2025/26 TAX ROLL:

A motion was made by Director Smith, seconded by Director Etcheverry, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to approve Resolution 2025-08; certifying to the County of Sutter the validity of direct charges (GW MGMT) on the 2025/26 Tax Roll.

APPROVAL OF BERNARD GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT FEE EXEMPTION APPLICATION:

Manager Stinnett reported that the Ground Water Management Fee Exemption application submitted by Bernard Family Trust meets the qualifications for exemption. *A motion was made by Director Pantaleoni, seconded by Director Smith, and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent to approve the Bernard GW Management Fee Exemption Application.*

(CLOSED SESSION): CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. INITIATION OF LITIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF SUBDIVISION (D) OF SECTION 54956.9. ONE CASE.

Closed Session Entered: 10:52am

Closed Session Ended: 10:56am

SGMA REPORT:

Manager Stinnett gave an update on the Sutter Subbasin's options for financing SGMA costs.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stinnett gave the Board an update on the Sutter County case and informed them that the asbestos case has been dismissed. He also reported on his meeting with John O'Hare regarding an investment policy for the District.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 11:23am

Peter Righero, President

Donnie Stinnett, Secretary-Manager