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DIRECTORS
Jeff Hollis
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Jeff Kerns
Carol Reel
Ron W. Ringen

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.
TUD Board Room
18885 Nugget Blvd., Sonora, California

The following Directors and staff were present:

Director Hollis, President	Don Perkins, General Manager
Director Kerns, Vice President	Erik Johnson, District Engineer
Director Jacobs	Abby Parcon, Administrative Services Director
Director Reel	Melissa McMullen, Executive Secretary/Board Clerk
Director Ringen	Corey Adams, IT System Administrator
	Madeline Barnes, Administrative and External Affairs Specialist
	Jesse Barton, District Counsel

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

I. **Public Forum**

Public comment was not heard.

II. **Consent Calendar**

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 25, 2026
2. Approval of Reimbursement Claims for Directors Statement of Meetings Attended and/or Travel Expenses and Claim Summary for September 2026

   Director Ringen pulled Item #2 of the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

   No public comment was heard.

   Director Kerns moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Reel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

III. **Regular Business**

3. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to the General Manager Employment Agreement

   Jesse Barton presented Amendment No. 4 to the General Manager Employment Agreement, which updates compensation and benefits, extends the agreement term, revises renewal provisions, and updates administrative and evaluation provisions. The associated costs are included in the District's adopted budget. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

   Public comment was heard.

   Director Reel moved to approve Amendment No. 4 to the General Manager's Employment Agreement, with the provision that the General Manager salary reflect a 5% increase.

   Yes: Director Hollis, President, Director Kerns, Vice President, Director Jacobs, Director Reel
   No: Director Ringen

4. Coach's Corner – Water Math

   Don Perkins presented the Coach's Corner on water measurements and their use in understanding District water storage, treatment capacity, demand, and long-term water supply planning.

   No public comment was heard.

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IV. Staff Reports

Don Perkins reported on the following items:
- September 23, 2026: Attended the TUD Safety Fiesta
- September 25, 2026: Attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Headwaters Working Group
- September 30, 2026: Attended the ACWA Region 3 meeting
- October 6, 2026: Met with President Hollis to discuss District business and agenda preparation
- October 7, 2026: Tuolumne County Natural Resources Committee meeting was cancelled
- October 8, 2026: Coffee Talk with General Manager Don Perkins and the Management Team
- October 5-9, 2026: Celebrated Water Professionals Week
- October 10, 2026: Tuolumne County Chapter: California Special Districts Association (CSDA)
- October 10, 2026: LAFCO meeting
- October 15, 2026: Regional Sewer Advisory Committee meeting
- November 3, 2026: Will be meeting with Errin Bass, incoming TUD Director

Erik Johnson reported on the following items:
- New Melones: The public comment period for the USBR long-term water service contract for 6,000 acre-feet has closed. The Negative Declaration will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for consideration of adoption
- District received a $1.7 million state grant for Ditch Domestics
- Sierra Pines: Earthwork is substantially complete, with erosion control scheduled to begin. It was clarified that the project is not over budget, with less than 10% of the project budget expended to date. Upcoming equipment procurements will be presented to the Board for authorization

Carolyn Higgins reported on the following items:
- Annual Financial Audit: No findings were identified, and a clean audit is anticipated. The formal audit report will be presented at an upcoming Board meeting

Abby Parcon reported on the following items:
- Don Perkins and Abby Parcon met with Jennifer Rotz, ACWA Senior Regional Affairs Representative, to discuss TUD priorities and ideas for future outreach. Ms. Rotz also presented TUD with the "Top Outreach Agency in ACWA's Region 3" award.
- Quarterly OnTap was released on October 1, 2026
- October 8, 2026: Coffee Talk with General Manager Don Perkins and the Management Team
- Received a customer commendation recognizing Lucas Castle, Construction/Maintenance Foreman, and crew members Bob Betzler, Jack Morey, Danny Rodriguez, Paul Behee, Hayden Jacobson, Brandon Terrell, Josh Kappl, Derek Kruse, and Brennan Emerald for their October 3, 2026 response to the Nile River water line break.

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Reel reported on the following items:
- September 23, 2026: Attended the TUD Safety Fiesta
- Attended the County Data Center Planning Session
- October 8, 2026: Coffee Talk with General Manager Don Perkins and the Management Team

Director Ringen reported on the following items:
- September 23, 2026: Attended the TUD Safety Fiesta
- October 7, 2026: Tuolumne County Natural Resources Committee meeting was cancelled
- October 8, 2026: Coffee Talk with General Manager Don Perkins and the Management Team
- October 9, 2026: Attended the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association Board meeting

Director Jacobs reported on the following items:
- Reported on ACWA Federal Affairs Committee subcommittee meetings
- Reported on the National Special District's Association (NSDA) push for Federal recognition of Special Districts
- September 30, 2026: Toured the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility with Director Reel
- October 9, 2026: Attended the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association Board meeting via Zoom
- Regional Sewer Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Twain Harte Community Services District
- TUD Water Committee meeting will be held on October 19, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the TUD Board room

Director Hollis reported on the following items:
- Met with Don Perkins to discuss District business and agenda preparation
- September 23, 2026: Attended the TUD Safety Fiesta
- September 24, 2026: Attended the League of Women's Voters District 1 Candidates Forum
- October 8, 2026: Coffee Talk with General Manager Don Perkins and the Management Team

Closed Session

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9

President Hollis recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 11:28 a.m.

VII. **Reconvene to Open Session**

a. Closed Session Disclosure

President Hollis reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 12:05 p.m. with no reported action taken during Closed Session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Date: October 27, 2026

ATTEST:

Jeff Hollis, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk