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Carol Reel
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Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 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	Eric Hall, Operations Director
Director Ringen	Melissa McMullen, Executive Secretary/Board Clerk
	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** - The Board welcomes public attendance and comments on District matters. This section is reserved for items not on the agenda. The Board may not discuss or take action on these items but values and considers all input. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

No public comment was heard.

II. **Consent Calendar**

1. **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2026**
2. **Reject Claim for Damages – Claim No. 26-06; Catherine Bowman; Claimant**

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

III. **Regular Business**

3. **2026 Strategic Plan Progress Report**

Don Perkins presented the 2026 Strategic Plan Progress Report, providing an update on the progress made toward the objectives and actions associated with the District's seven strategic goals. Mr. Perkins noted that several actions had been completed, while others remained ongoing.

No public comment was heard.

4. **Adopt Resolution Declaring October 3rd through October 11th, 2026, to be Water Professionals Appreciation Week**

Madeline Barnes presented a Resolution declaring October 3 through October 11, 2026, as Water Professionals Appreciation Week. Ms. Barnes highlighted the contributions of water, wastewater, and recycled water professionals who helped provide safe and reliable services throughout California and the local community

No public comment was heard.

Director Reel moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-26 Declaring October 3rd through October 11th, 2026, to be Water Professionals Appreciation Week. Director Ringen seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

5. **Resolution Approving Amendments to the Tuolumne Utilities District Conflict-of-Interest Code**

Don Perkins and Jesse Barton presented the Resolution approving amendments to the Tuolumne Utilities District Conflict of Interest Code. Mr. Perkins explained that the amendments provide additional clarity, simplify certain sections, and ensure compliance with recent changes to the Political Reform Act.

No public comment was heard.

Director Jacobs moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-26 approving the Amendments to the Tuolumne Utilities District Conflict-of-Interest Code. Director Kerns seconded the motion, and it was approved (4-1)

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

IV. **Staff Reports**

Don Perkins reported on the following items:
- September 9, 2026: Attended the Twain Harte Community Services District (THCSD) Board meeting

Abby Parcon reported on the following items:
- October 8, 2026: Coffee Talk with Don Perkins and staff in the TUD Board room 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

V. **Director Communication and Reports**

Director Reel reported on the following items:
- September 11, 2026: Attended the ACWA Region 3 Program and Tour, Highway 50 Water Journey: From Headwaters to Tables Statewide
- September 14, 2026: Attended the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau meeting
- September 16, 2026: Attended the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM Water Advisory and JPA meetings

Director Ringen reported on the following items:
- September 10, 2026: Attended the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP met with Irrigation Districts to educate on watershed
- September 15, 2026: Participated in a Webinar on AI (Artificial Intelligence)
- September 16, 2026: Attended the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM Water Advisory and JPA meetings

Director Jacobs reported on the following items:
- August 23, 2026: Met with Chantal Unfug, Public Affairs, National Special Districts Association and Director Reel
- August 24-27, 2026: Attended the California Special Districts Association 2026 Annual Conference in Palm Desert, CA with Director Reel
- Met with Dan Keen regarding the Geneal Manager's evaluation
- September 22, 2026: Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Federal Affairs meetings
- September 23, 2026: Federal Advocacy meeting
- National Special District's Association (NSDA) Federal Affairs meeting will occur later this month

Director Hollis reported on the following items:
- September 14, 2026: Met with Don Perkins to discuss District business
- September 16, 2026: Attended a Water Interest Group meeting
- September 18, 2026: Attended the Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions (YSS) meeting

VI. **Closed Session**

a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Position: General Manager

The Public Employee Performance Evaluation was facilitated by Dan Keen of Daniel Keen Consulting.

b. 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 10:00 a.m.

VII. **Reconvene to Open Session**

a. Closed Session Disclosure

President Hollis reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 11:57 a.m. with reportable action taken during Closed Session.

No members of the public were present. No public comment was received.

The Board authorized the initiation of litigation for the defense against an encroachment in a District written easement.

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Date: October 13, 2026

ATTEST:

Jeff Hollis, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk