

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Strathmore Public Utility District**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.**  
**19626 Orange Belt Drive, Strathmore, CA 93267**  
**P.O. Box 425 Strathmore, CA 93267**

Meeting in person at:

Strathmore Public Utility District Office: 19626 Orange Belt Dr. Strathmore, CA 93267

**ATTENDEES:**

Christina Lightner, President  
Nicholas Martinez, Vice President  
Allaney Briggs, Treasurer  
Adrian Ordonez, Board Clerk/Manager  
Dennis Keller, District Engineer  
Julia Lew, District Counsel

**QUORUM? Yes**

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 6:48** P.M.
  
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
No public present.
  
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
Review of minutes from the Board's regular meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026.  
Motion to approve minutes: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
  
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**  
Presented by MRS. SANCHEZ.
  
5. **APPROVAL OF BILL AND PAYROLL PAYMENTS:**  
Approval of district bills and payroll through March 1, 2026.  
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
  
6. **TERMINATION AND/OR ABANDONMENT OF SERVICES:**
  - (a) *Review of extensions or waivers of payments requested in writing by delinquent customers.*
  
  - (b) Review list of customers with delinquent accounts.  
Motion to terminate services: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
  
  - (c) *Review of accounts eligible for initiation of abandonment proceedings.*  
Account No. 20055-00, 40048-00, 40055-00  
Motion to initiate abandonment proceedings: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

7. **EMERGING CONTAMINANTS FUNDING (PFAS):**  
Funding through the State Revolving Fund has become available with the goal to address perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other emerging contaminants in drinking water. No action taken unless sample results come back positive contaminants.
8. **WATER USAGE/SUPPLY 2025-2026 & WATER FORECAST 2026-2027:**  
Monthly usage: 28 acre feet 378 Year-to-date: acre feet.  
Engineer Keller updated the Board with the water supply forecast for the upcoming year 2026-2027.
9. **GOLDEN MUSSEL CANAL ISSUE:**  
Engineer Keller updated the board with the golden mussel canal issue and the impacts it can have on the district. The mussels have been detected closer to Bakersfield, Lake Woolums and Salcelito. The mussel adheres and stops equipment from properly working. It can become an issue by not allowing certain water supplies to not be available to pump into the Friant-Kern Canal.
10. **STATE WATER RESOURCE CONTROL BOARD DEFICIENCY LETTER:**  
The State Water Resources Control Board has sent the sanitary survey report that was conducted on October 22, 2025, regarding the inspection conducted at the water treatment plant. Attached is a list of items that need to be addressed. The board motioned to authorize engineer Keller to reply to the State. Engineer Keller will reply to plan for repairs to the clarifier, CAP for the storage tank, plans to repair or replace the storage tank, and review for approval for water system operations plan.  
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
11. **WATER STORAGE TANK:**  
The board will discuss the options of repair or replacement or both. Direction is needed by engineer Keller to seek repair of the tank or building of a new storage tank.
12. **LAFCO SPHERE OF INFLUENCE EXPANSION:**  
The district has received information the County is considering making changes to expand the Strathmore sphere of influence. Based on the information received, it appears the request was made by the high school district to allow future expansion to the south.
13. **TITLE 22 WATER TESTING PROGRAM:**  
Authorization request to participate in the 2026, collective Title 22 Water Testing Program for the coming year. The board motioned to authorize participation.  
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
14. **IMPERIAL MARKETING CONCEPTS INTERNET SERVICE:**  
A representative from Imperial Marketing Concepts has approached the district in regards to lowering cost of the current internet provider. Attached please find the order receipt and cost for the first and second year if authorization is given. The board may or may not authorize the order receipt.  
Board directed staff to ask representative to give a presentation to the board members with information.
15. **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT/PROVOST AND PRITCHARD PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT:**  
Engineer Keller updated the board with information on the project. Self-Help is currently canvassing Plainview to survey the community's interest in the project. District staff have verbally been told the Plainview Board is not interested in participating in the project.

**16. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE CONTRACT EXTENSION:**

The board may or may not authorize an extension for the full-time employment contract. Motion to extend employee contract thru July 31, 2026. In the same motion to increase employee pay for passing Distribution grade 1 according to the employee handbook.

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

**17. STRATHMORE PUD AND LINDSAY-STRATHMORE ID AGREEMENT DISCUSSION:**

Discussion regarding the operation and maintenance of the water treatment plant between Strathmore Public Utility District and Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District.

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**18. PROP 218 BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS:**

The board will provide responses and instructions to the draft base, Proposition 218 budget (handed out at the December 11, 2025 board meeting.) Keller will provide a timeline for a proposition 218 rate increase. Direction was given to engineer Keller to continue moving forward with the prop 218 rate increase.

**19. UPDATE/ REPORTS:**

Reminder: Form 700 will be due by April 1, 2026.

Engineer Keller has submitted an updated monitoring well plan for the wastewater plant. The State indicated they will be conducting an inspection soon.

**20. CLOSED SESSION ITEM:**

Time in: 8:06 p.m. Time out: 8:18 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION. [GC 54956.9(d)(2): Two cases, facts not known to potential plaintiff

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION. [GC 54956.9(d)(4)] Three cases.

**21. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [GC 54956.8]**

Property: Water Tower, Strathmore California.

Agency Negotiator: Adrian Ordonez and Julia Lew. Negotiating Parties: Strathmore Public Utility District and TowerPoint.

Under Negotiation: Terms for purchase agreement.

Action taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**22. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Note: California Government Code § 54957.5 requires all public agencies to make available to the public any documents provided to at least a majority of the agency's elected officials or distributed to those officials within seventy-two hours of a regular meeting. Copies of such documents shall be made available to the public no later than the time they are distributed at the following address: 19626 Orange Belt Drive, Strathmore, CA 93267.