

AGENDA
Board of Directors Meeting
Strathmore Public Utility District
Thursday, April 10, 2025 – 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:

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** _____ **P.M.**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Members of the public may comment at this time. The Board President may set a time limit for the public comment period, as well as time limits for individual customer comments. This is the only time during the meeting that members of the public may make direct comments to the Board.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Review of minutes from the Board's regular meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Motion to approve minutes: _____ Second: _____

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Presented by MRS. SANCHEZ.

5. **APPROVAL OF BILL AND PAYROLL PAYMENTS:**

Review of district bills and payroll through May 1, 2025.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

6. **TERMINATION AND/OR ABANDONMENT OF SERVICES:**

(a) *Review of extensions or waivers of payments requested in writing by delinquent customers.*

Account # 30079-00

Motion to grant or deny customer request: _____ Second: _____

Description (if customer request granted):

Customer is requesting reversal of late fees. She states that her payment was dropped off on the 18th or 19th of the month and has never incurred late fees for 23 years of her being a customer.

(b) *Review list of customers with delinquent accounts.*

Motion to terminate services: _____ Second: _____

(c) *Review of accounts eligible for initiation of abandonment proceedings.*

Account No. _____

Motion to initiate abandonment proceedings: _____ Second: _____

7. **WATER USAGE/SUPPLY 2025-2026:**
Monthly usage: 23 acre feet 23 Year-to-date: acre feet.
Engineer Keller will update the Board with the water supply forecast for the upcoming year 2025-2026.
8. **SIERRA VIEW WATER CAPACITY RIGHT TRANSFER:**
Sierra View and Freddie Espinoza have agreed to transfer the water capacity right fee within a property located within the Strathmore PUD boundaries. The water capacity transfer will go from Sierra View to Freddie Espinoza, property 23070 Lawson Ave, Strathmore CA 93267 APN 215-071-010-000.
Authorization for the District to enter into an agreement with property Freddie Espinoza and Sierra View.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
9. **19640 ORANGE BELT DRIVE CAPACITY REQUEST:**
Property owner Victor Ceballos is requesting an approval letter for the County to be able to convert the second story into 8 apartment residences (4-1 bedroom units and 4-2 bedroom units). The bottom portion will remain as a commercial use. The property currently has 2 commercial capacity connections. The Board may or may not provide a will serve letter for the project.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
10. **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT 2024-2025:**
Keller/Wegley Engineering has offered their services to complete the consumer confidence report for 2024-2025. District staff has also been working to try and complete the CCR with the help of the State and Cal Rural Water. The Board may decide which direction to go with.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
11. **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE:**
Engineer Keller will update the Board with information regarding the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. P&P has sent an agreement to Keller for subcontracting work on the project.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
12. **STORAGE TANK ROOF REPAIR PROJECT:**
Engineer Keller will update the Board on the progress of the project. Engineer Keller has reached out to a structural engineer but they do not deal with tank rafters. He will continue to pursue a structural engineer for their professional opinion on the storage tank.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
13. **STRATHMORE PUD AND LINDSAY-STRATHMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AGREEMENT DISCUSSION:**
Discussion regarding the operation and maintenance of the water treatment plant between Strathmore Public Utility District and Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
14. **STRATHMORE MACHINERY PARTIAL PROPERTY PURCHASE:**
Jim Campbell has agreed to the sale of approximately 700 sq. ft. of property on the south-west corner of APN# 215-290-010. The purchase amount is \$3,500.00. The seller has provided the requested information and signed the sellers package. The District needs to sign the buyers package to finalize the purchase.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
15. **PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW:**
Discussion regarding review of District personnel policy and addition of holidays. Management has requested additional holiday: Columbus Day and Juneteenth.
Motion: _____ Second: _____

16. **RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF FEE SCHEDULE:**

Approval for adoption of resolution for fee schedule. Motion to approve or deny the fee schedule.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

17. **2023-2024 AUDIT:**

Jaribu Nelson met with the Board and reviewed the 2023-2024 audit. The requested changes were made to the audit. The Board may or may not approve the 2023-2024 audit.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

18. **MUFFIN MONSTER GRINDER REPAIR:**

JWC has provided a quote for replacement of the muffin monster grinder at the wastewater plant. The Board may or may not approve the repair. Please see attached quotes.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

19. **CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM:**

So Cal Water Pro has provided a quote to complete the cross connection control program due July 1, 2025, in the amount of \$2,750.00. The Board may or may not approve the proposal.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

20. **T-MOBILE MODIFICATION PROJECT:**

SiteCom has provided a set of plans for modifications at the water tower location for T-Mobile. The Board may or may not approve the modification project.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

21. **UPDATE REPORTS / INFORMATION ONLY:**

1. The District has received a Notice of Violation for the wastewater plant self monitoring reporting. Manager Ordonez spoke with Jeff Hannel of the State Water Resources Control Board to correct the violations. The required information has been added to the monthly/quarterly reports. Mr. Hannel was also advised the District is currently working on building a new plant or consolidation with the City of Porterville or the City of Lindsay. Manager Ordonez will reply to the State with corrective measures for the NOV.

22. **CLOSED SESSION ITEM:**

Time in: _____ Time out: _____

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

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

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.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [GC 54956.8]

Property: 22395 Ave 196, Strathmore California.

Agency Negotiator: Adrian Ordonez. Negotiating Parties: Strathmore Public Utility District and Jim Campbell.

Under Negotiation: Terms for purchase agreement.

Action taken: _____

23. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Time: _____ p.m.

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