

AGENDA
Board of Directors Meeting
Strathmore Public Utility District
Thursday, March 13, 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:

QUORUM? Y___ N___

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, February 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 April 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 # _____

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

Description (if customer request granted): _____

(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. **19715 GUTHRIE DRIVE SERVICE ABANDONMENT:**
The Board will review water and wastewater service abandonment for property 19715 Guthrie Drive. Motion to authorize or deny abandonment of services to the property.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
8. **WATER USAGE/SUPPLY 2024-2025/DROUGHT WATER BANK POLICY:**
Monthly usage: 22 acre feet 387 Year-to-date: acre feet.
Engineer Keller will update the Board with the water supply forecast for the upcoming year 2025-2026.
9. **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: _____
10. **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: _____
11. **APN 215-320-016 WATER SERVICE WHEELING AGREEMENT:**
Property owner Abigail Garcia, APN 215-320-016, is requesting sewer capacity rights from the District. Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District provides water service to that area and manager Craig Wallace has reached out to the District to discuss options for water service. He requested if it would be possible for an agreement allowing the customer connect to the waterline in the area belonging to Strathmore and Lindsay-Strathmore provide the District with the water capacity for the residence. The board may or may not approve the wheeling agreement.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
12. **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE:**
Engineer Keller will update the Board with information regarding the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. The Kick-off meeting was held on March 11 with Self-Help, Michael Taylor of P&P, State representatives and district staff.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
13. **STORAGE TANK ROOF REPAIR PROJECT:**
Engineer Keller will update the Board on the progress of the project. Superior tank came by to do a visual inspection and based on his findings, the tank will not need a full roof replacement but just the support rafters inside the tank. The district has also received a progress payment from the County in the amount of \$32,765.95.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
14. **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: _____

15. **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: _____
16. **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: _____
17. **RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF FEE SCHEDULE:**
Approval for adoption of resolution for fee schedule. Motion to approve or deny the fee schedule.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
18. **2023-2024 AUDIT:**
Jaribu Nelson has provided the 2023-2024 audit for your review. The Board may or may not approve the audit.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
19. **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: _____
20. **UPDATE REPORTS / INFORMATION ONLY:**
 1. Prop 218 update: district staff has provided engineer Keller with a 5 year budget proposal including staff salary, benefits, utilities, consumables, etc.
 2. County dump: district counsel Lew spoke with Jennifer Flores about the agreement to return the county dump to Tulare County.
21. **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: _____

22. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Time: _____ 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.