

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

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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:**

a. Review of minutes from the Board meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026.

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 September 1, 2026.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

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

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

Account # 20173-00

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

Description (if customer request granted):

Customer is requesting removal of late fees, made payment on a wrong account.

(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 & WATER FORECAST 2026-2027:**
Monthly usage: 48 acre feet 194 Year-to-date: acre feet.
Engineer Keller will update the Board with the water supply forecast for the upcoming year 2026-2027.
8. **CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM SERVICES:**
Carlos Rayas, cross-connection specialist is reaching out to inquire if the district is needing assistance managing the cross-connection program. He is offering annual program management for \$400.00 per year, billed in quarterly payment of \$100.00 per quarter. The board may or may not approve the request.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
9. **AUDIT ENDING JUNE 30, 2026:**
Jaribu Nelson has sent an engagement letter for the 2025/2026 audit. Estimated fees for the audit and other services other than the preparation of the Financial Transactions Report will be \$17,000.00 and \$1,500.00 for the preparation of the Financial Transactions Report. If GASB 68 implementation is required, the fee will not exceed \$1,200.00. \$8,500 will be dup with the signing of the engagement letter. The Board may or may not authorize signing of the engagement letter.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
10. **DIRECTOR SEAT 1:**
One candidate signed up to run for the Strathmore PUD Board, Director Seat 1. Naomi Rodriguez, will be appointed by the Tulare County Board to replace director Lightner. Director Lightner's final month as a board member will be December 2026.
11. **UTILITY BILL DISCOUNT/STAND-BY REQUEST:**
Darrell Levasseur has requested for the board to consider the possibility of reducing the cost of water and sewer service charge for senior citizens and veterans. Other customers have inquired about a stand-by fee for services not being utilized. The Board can discuss the possibility of making the requested changes.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
12. **LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:**
Legal counsel Lew has provided an agreement for legal services between McCormick, Kabot & Lew and Strathmore Public Utility District. The term of the agreement will begin August 13, 2026 through August 31, 2029. General counsel services will be at the rate of \$200/hr for the first year, through August 31, 2027; at the rate of \$210/hr through August 31, 2028; and at the rate of \$220/hr thereafter. Paralegal services at the rate of \$125/hr. All billing will be in one-tenth (1/10) hour increments. The board may or may not enter into the agreement.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
13. **RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT FROM WATER TO SEWER:**
Resolution No. 2026-7-20-13 to pay back sewer from water for payment of monies borrowed. The board may or may not authorize the payment.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
14. **WATER TREATMENT PLANT STORAGE TANK REPAIR:**
Engineer Keller is requesting direction on searching for financial help to make repairs or replacement of the storage tank at the water treatment plant. Engineer Keller has drafted the letter for technical assistance request to the State.
15. **CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE REVIEW:**
County of Tulare is requiring special districts to review their conflict-of-interest code. Action must be taken no later than October 1, 2026. The board can discuss and make amendments if necessary.
Motion: _____ Second: _____

16. **RATE FEE SCHEDULE:**
The board will review the rate fee schedule and make changes if necessary. Motion to approve or deny the rate fee schedule. Customer is requesting a stand-by rate for dwellings not being utilized.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
17. **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9-13-17 BUDGET AMENDMENT:**
District staff will comment on an amendment needed to the budget. The board may or may not approve the resolution to make changes to the current budget.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
18. **RESOLUTION FOR TOWERPOINT WATER TOWER PURCHASE:**
Resolution No. 2026-7-20-20 authorizing the wireless communications facilities Easement and Purchase Agreements with Towerpoint Communications and approval of the agreement.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
19. **CV-SALTS PARTICIPATION FEE:**
Central Valley Salinity Coalition has sent out a reminder to renew the districts participation in the CV-SALTS Program by August 31, 2026. The board may or may not authorize payment for the program.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
20. **HIRING OF OFFICE ASSISTANT:**
The board can discuss and give direction for hiring of an office assistant. Starting pay rate \$20.00/hr to 24.00/hr depending on experience.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
21. **EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION:**
District manager has provided employee evaluations and is requesting a 5% salary increase. The Board may or may not approve the request.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
22. **UPDATE/ REPORTS:**
Will-Not-Serve letter was provided for APN 215-250-014. The parcel is outside of Strathmore PUD boundaries.

Public records request for the groundwater monitor well installation project at the wastewater was provided to DG Construction, Inc. by manager Ordonez via email.
23. **CLOSED SESSION ITEM:**
Time in: _____ Time out: _____

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION. [GC 54956.9(d)(2): one case, 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: 22235 Ave 196, Strathmore California.

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

Under Negotiation: Terms for lease agreement.

Annual Personnel Evaluations (Gov. Code Section 54957). Positions: all District employment positions

Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section 54957.6), Agency Representatives: Adrian Ordonez and Julia Lew. Employee groups: all unrepresented employees

Action taken: _____

24. 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.