



## MINUTES

### UNION PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

APRIL 20, 2026

Directors Present: Greg Rasmussen, President  
Bruce Tallakson, Vice-President  
Tom Quincy, Secretary  
Ralph Chick, Treasurer  
Eric Bottomley, Director

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Self, General Manager  
Joe Darby, Operations Manager  
Jenna Mayo, Executive Admin Coordinator

Others Present: Frank Splendorio, Best, Best & Krieger LLP  
Matt Ospital, District Engineer, Weber Ghio & Associates (WGA)  
Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting  
Public at Large

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### CALL TO ORDER/THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Director Rasmussen called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 2:03 PM and led the Pledge of

Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Director Chick  
Second: Director Tallakson  
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Tallakson, Quincy, Chick, and Bottomley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of Minutes:
  - o March 16, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
  - o April 2, 2026 – Special Board Meeting
- b. Expenditures – March 2026
- c. Fund Balance Report – March 2026
- d. Balance Sheet & Income Statement – March 2026
- e. YTD Budget to Actuals – March 2026
- f. Legal Fees Year-to-Date Review

Motion: Director Bottomley  
Second: Director Tallakson  
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Tallakson, Quincy, Chick, and Bottomley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT CLOSED SESSION WOULD BE TAKEN PRIOR TO NEW BUSINESS, AND NEW BUSINESS ITEM C WOULD BE CONSIDERED FIRST.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Possible Action: Overview of ACWA’s Vision for Our Water Future and Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No 2026-006  
(*Jessica Self, General Manager*)

**RES 2026-006**

Motion: Director Quincy  
Second: Director Chick  
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Tallakson, Quincy, Chick, and Bottomley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

RESO NO. 2026-006. SUPPORT ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES VISION FOR OUR WATER FUTURE INITIATIVE, AS PRESENTED.

- b. Discussion and Possible Action: Consolidation of the 2026 General District Election  
(Jessica Self, General Manager) **RES 2026-007**

Motion: Director Chick  
Second: Director Quincy  
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Tallakson, Quincy, Chick, and Bottomley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

RESO NO. 2026-007. RESOLUTION CALLING GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION, AS PRESENTED.

- c. Discussion and Possible Action: Presentation of the Draft Connection and Capacity Fee Study  
(Matt Ospital (WGA) and Catherine Hansford (Hansford Economic Consulting))

ITEM C WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AND HEARD FIRST.

Mr. Ospital and Ms. Hansford presented the draft Connection and Capacity Fee Study to the Board, outlining the proposed restructuring of fees into separate connection and capacity components, with fees based on meter size and system demand. The presentation included an overview of the methodology used to calculate capacity fees, including the “buy-in” approach based on system replacement cost, capacity, and Equivalent Meter Units (EMUs), as well as proposed fees for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Discussion included the overall increase in total fees compared to current flat rates, the rationale for ensuring new development pays its proportional share of system capacity, and how the proposed structure aligns with industry standards and regulatory requirements.

The Board expressed concern regarding the inclusion of grant funding assumptions in the analysis and requested that staff and consultants revise the study to exclude grant funding considerations. Direction was given for staff and consultants to further review and refine the calculations and return with an updated version of the fee study reflecting this adjustment.

## 6. UPDATES

Discussion and Potential Direction Regarding Utica Water & Power Authority

Director Bottomley reported that UWPA is currently working on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), including maintenance efforts at the Murphys Powerhouse. He expressed appreciation to the community and crew for their continued support and assistance.

Director Tallakson reported that following a recent CIP meeting, UWPA General Manager Erik Holt presented the proposed budget. Concerns were raised regarding a potential additional contribution amount of \$800,000 if it is a water year 4 and \$500,000 if it is a water year 3. This amount is on top of the \$447,000 scheduled for each member agency to contribute. However, Director Tallakson expressed confusion on how the budget was created and hoped that UWPA was not asking for additional funds for the next fiscal year.

The Public and UPUD staff expressed concerns about the potential excess ask from UWPA.

**7. REPORTS**

**a. Operations Manager**

The Operation's Manager's report was presented to the Board by Operations Manager, Joe Darby.

**b. General Manager**

The General Manager's report was presented to the Board by General Manager, Jessica Self.

**c. Board**

No Reports Were Given by the Board.

**8. CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 2:30 PM

**a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code § 54957.6)**

Employee Organization: SEIU Local 1021

Agency Negotiator: Jessica Self, General Manager

**b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1))**

Name of case: Michael Hatfield v. Union Public Utility District, Case No. 23CV46786

**9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting returned to open session at 3:41 PM**

**a. Report on Closed Session**

**10. REPORTABLE ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION: There was no reportable action.**

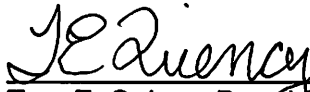
**11. NEXT BOARD MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- May 18, 2026 at 2:00 pm
- June 15, 2026 at 2:00 pm
- July 20, 2026 at 2:00 pm

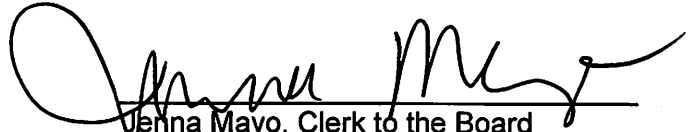
**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Tom E. Quincy, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Jenna Mayo, Clerk to the Board