

**DURHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT****Regular Board Meeting****Board of Directors:*****Matt Doyle, Chair; Kevin Phillips, Treasurer; Derek Sohnrey*****Wednesday, August 19, 2026****5:30 PM****District Office****9341 Midway, Unit B, Durham CA 95938****1 CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM**

Present: Directors Doyle and Sohnrey

Absent: Phillips

Also present: District Engineer Robin Kampmann, District Counsel Sophia Meyer (remote attendance via telephone), Water Operator Adam Daigle, and Admin. Assistant Jeannie Trizzino.

Director Phillips attended the board meeting as a non-voting member of the public by telephone. He did not participate in the closed session portion of the meeting. He was unable to attend the board meeting in person due to unavoidable air travel delays.

2 ROLL CALL / OPENING BUSINESS

2.1 AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, AND/OR DELETIONS

2.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Phillips commented that the District may want to look at additional personnel on admin/support side on a temporary/short term basis if within District spending policy.

Ms. Azevedo commented that Water Operator Adam Daigle was very helpful in helping determine that the high water usage on her account is from an unidentified leak on her side of the meter and not malfunctioning District equipment as she had previously supposed.

3 REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DIRECTORS3.1 VINA GSA REPORT ([Vina GSA Calendar Link](#))

SUBJECT: Status report on Vina GSA.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

Director Sohnrey reported that the recent board meetings of Vina GSA have been very long. The May 13, 2026 board meeting was five hours long. He noted that the Board voted to keep the Minimum Threshold (MT) levels the same. The Vina GSA board will start at 5:00 pm through the end of the year.

4 INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.1 Warrant Sheet from June 13, 2026 to August 13, 2026, including payments, deposits, and transaction adjustments.

SUBJECT: Approve payments, deposits, and transaction adjustments.

FISCAL IMPACT: See attachments.

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVE

A motion was made by Director Sohnrey and seconded by Director Doyle to approve Items 4.1 of the Consent Agenda.

Aye: 2 – Doyle, Sohnrey

Nay: 0

Absent: Phillips

5 DISTRICT ENGINEER REPORT

- 5.1 2026 Mid-Year District Budget Review

SUBJECT: Review of actuals to budget and discussion and approval of adjustments.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information on 2026 District Budget.

District Engineer Kampmann reviewed the budget highlights noting that contractor expenses are below expected and District utilities costs are also below expected. For 2025 expenses exceeded revenue but included \$50K in capital improvement projects. For 2026 to date, income has exceeded expenses, which allows the District to set aside funds for its CIP reserve.

- 5.2 USDA Community Project Funding – Water Storage Tank

SUBJECT: The District received federal funding approval for construction of a water storage tank. This grant requires a 25% local cost share of \$500,000 and preparation of a Preliminary Engineering Report.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$500,000 District share / \$2,000,000 overall project

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

District Engineer reported that the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was submitted to USDA on August 12, 2026. USDA notified her that it will take care of federal environmental requirements under NEPA, but that the District will still be responsible for meeting CEQA requirements. As a result, the RFQ for design and engineering services will include CEQA. USDA can also provide gap funding of \$3 million for a fair interest rate. The deadline for the District to request this funding is September 30, 2026.

6 WATER OPERATOR REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

- 6.1 Monthly Water Operator Report
SUBJECT: Report by water operator on previous month's activities.
FISCAL IMPACT: NONE
ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

Water Operator Adam Daigle noted that the Butte County AQMD generator inspection went well. July 2026 was occupied with work on the alley pump. The contractor, CPM, did a good job in correcting the alignment of the pump components. During the repair process the contractor determined that some key bearings needed to be replaced, which caused the final invoice to exceed the original board-approved amount. See Agenda Item 8.2 – CPM Generator Invoice.

7 DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

- 7.1 District Counsel Report
SUBJECT: Verbal report by counsel on district-related activities. *See also regular agenda.*

District Counsel reported that the District received an unusual number of California Public Records Act (CPRA) requests that she is responding to.

She also confirmed that the Butte County Board of Supervisors approved the expansion of the District board of directors from three to five seats, as approved by the Board at its July 6, 2026 special board meeting.

8 REGULAR AGENDA

- 8.1 USBR Grant-Funded Meter Replacement and Lead Service Laterals Assessment Project
SUBJECT: USBR Grant reimbursement update. This project was completed in late 2023 and consisted of two items, lead service line assessments and installation of forty-two water meters on unmetered connections. Since that time, the District has attempted to clear up issues that prevented approximately \$70,000 in grant monies from being paid out to the District.

In late April 2026, the federal contracting agency retracted grant funding from this grant and efforts to get more clarity from the agency have been unsuccessful.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE
ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

No update.

- 8.2 Generator Service at Holland and Library Sites, and Radiator Replacement and Cooling System Service at Library Well Site
SUBJECT: Approve additional funding in the amount of \$504.92. At its May 2026 meeting, the Board approved work on the Alley Well in the amount of \$8252 plus a 10% contingency for a total approved amount of \$9077. The District received an invoice in the amount of \$9581.92 from the contractor. The Board is asked to approve an additional payment of \$504.92 to Commercial Pump and Mechanical resulting from an unforeseen additional repair that occurred while the other repairs were in progress while the pump was pulled.
FISCAL IMPACT: \$504.92
ACTION REQUESTED: Review and approve additional payment in the amount of \$504.92 to Commercial Pump and Mechanical.

A motion was made by Director Doyle and seconded by Director Sohnrey to approve Item 8.2 - additional payment in the amount of \$504.92 to Commercial Pump and Mechanical

Aye: 2 – Doyle, Sohnrey

Nay: 0

Absent: Phillips

- 8.3 Backflow and Cross-Connection Policy
SUBJECT: Discuss and approve a comprehensive backflow and cross-connection policy safeguarding the safety and integrity of the District's distribution system.
FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown
ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt Leak Adjustment Policy.

Water Operator Daigle reported that Sierra Water Utility is preparing a draft backflow and cross-connection policy and fee plan with assistance from the District Engineer. The water operator will be expected to perform an assessment of each District connection as part of the policy.

- 8.4 Part-time General Manager
SUBJECT: Discuss District workload needs and ways to ensure it gets completed.
FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown
ACTION REQUESTED: Discuss and provide direction.

Table to September 2026 board meeting.

- 8.5 Strategic Planning – Director Doyle
SUBJECT: Updates on strategic planning action items and goals.
FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown
ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss, and provide direction.

Director Doyle summarized progress on the strategic plan.

9 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:32 pm

- 9.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

Patrick Button v. Durham Irrigation District, a public agency, Butte County Case No. 25 AP00007

10 REPORT IN OPEN SESSION – 6:48 pm

Direction was given to counsel; no reportable action taken.

11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION – NONE**12 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS****13 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Adjourned to the next Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on September 16, 2026.

All meetings held at the District office at 9341 Midway, Unit B, unless otherwise noted.