



**DURHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Board of Directors:

*Matt Doyle, Chair; Kevin Phillips, Treasurer; Derek Sohnrey*

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

5:30 PM

District Office

9341 Midway, Unit B, Durham CA 95938

**1 CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM**

Present: Directors Doyle, Phillips, and Sohnrey

Absent: none

Also present: District Engineer Robin Kampmann, District Counsel Sophia Meyer, Water Operator Mike Butler and Adam Daigle, and Admin. Assistant Jeannie Trizzino.

**2 ROLL CALL / OPENING BUSINESS**

2.1 AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, AND/OR DELETIONS

2.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Owner Clay Carter requested assistance from District Engineer regarding extending service to his recently purchased parcels on Midway.

**3 REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DIRECTORS**

3.1 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 Vina GSA board meeting was primarily in closed session to discuss matters with counsel. He reported that Vina GSA is looking at options for aquifer recharge and matters of GSA oversight.

**4 PRESENTATIONS/GUESTS**

4.1 Financial Assistance Program Presentation – CSUC business students

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

CSUC team presented handouts representing their concept and design of the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) and the next steps to create an active site to receive customer donations.

**5 INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 Warrant Sheet from March 12, 2026 to April 11, 2026, including payments, deposits, and transaction adjustments.

SUBJECT: Approve payments, deposits, and transaction adjustments.

FISCAL IMPACT: See attachments.

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVE

- 5.2 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2026 and Special Board Meeting on March 30, 2026.

SUBJECT: Approve draft minutes.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE.

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVE

**A motion was made by Director Phillips and seconded by Director Sohnrey to approve Items 5.1 and 5.2 of the Consent Agenda.**

**Aye: 3 – Doyle, Phillips, Sohnrey**

**Nay: 0**

**Absent: 0**

## **6 DISTRICT ENGINEER REPORT**

- 6.1 USBR Grant-Funded Meter Replacement and Lead Service Laterals Assessment Project

SUBJECT: USBR Grant reimbursement update.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

District Engineer reports that no initial meeting has been set by the contracting officer.

Additionally, District Engineer reports that the developer of Creekside Estates project has reached out to NorthStar. Director Doyle indicated interest in attending any meetings on this project with District Engineer.

## **7 DISTRICT OUTREACH REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)**

- 7.1 District Outreach Report

SUBJECT: Report by Nicole Johansson.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

*No report.*

## **8 WATER OPERATOR REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)**

- 8.1 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.

- 8.2 Cross-Connection Hazard Assessment

SUBJECT: Report by water operator on the results of the first annual cross-connection hazard assessment for the District.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

In addition to a summary of the March 2026 daily report, the Water Operator provided an update on improving chlorine delivery options for the District. Director Phillips requested Water Operator to obtain three estimates for the needed work at the Holland site.

On Item 8.2 – Cross Connection regulatory reporting, the Water Operator provided a summary of a proposed pass-through of all costs related to the inspection, reporting, and recommendations. Sierra Water Utility has submitted the Cross Connection Hazard Report to the SWRCB for approval. Director Phillips will send state guidance on leaks to Water Operator, Counsel, and District Engineer.

Water Operator reports that there are maintenance issues relating to the pump at the Alley site, which is not performing optimally due to an imbalance in the shaft. The ballpark range for repair/replacement is \$6K. As a result, Water Operator has reduced pumping volume from the Alley site.

Water Operator was directed to obtain three bids for the repair for review and approval at the next board meeting.

## 9 DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

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

District Counsel provided guidance on remote attendance by board members and will draft a remote appearance policy for board members that is in compliance with the Brown Act and SB 707 enhancements.

The board directed counsel to suspend work on a form letter to advise alleyway-adjacent property owners.

## 10 REGULAR AGENDA

- 10.1 District Accounts Receivable Update  
SUBJECT: Update on current overdue accounts receivable and county lien process for 2026 and an update on the amount remaining on the liens submitted in 2025.  
FISCAL IMPACT: \$15,435.00  
ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.
- 10.2 USDA Community Project Funding – Water Storage Tank  
SUBJECT: The District has received federal funding approval for construction of a water storage tank. This grant requires a 25% local cost share of \$500,000.  
FISCAL IMPACT: \$500,000 District share / \$2,000,000 overall project  
ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

District Engineer reported that the required Preliminary Engineering Report is 75% complete and will be brought to the board for review and approval at the next board meeting.

- 10.3 Mass Notification Policy  
SUBJECT: Establish policy for use of mass notification system to the community.  
FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown  
ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt Mass Notification Policy.

Director Phillips gave direction to counsel to revise the policy to specifically require staff and water operators to issue notifications using the mass notification system. The revised policy is expected to be adopted at the next board meeting.

## **11 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:25 pm**

- 11.1 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

## **12 REPORT IN OPEN SESSION – 6:32 pm**

Direction was given to counsel; no reportable action taken.

## **13 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION**

Opportunity for Board to request items for future board consideration.

## **14 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Opportunity for Board comments on items not listed on the agenda.

## **15 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Adjourned to the next Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on May 20, 2026.

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