

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
POPLAR COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the POPLAR COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT was held on JUNE 8th, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Those Directors present were the following, to wit:

RACHELE ALCANTAR

BILLY SOTO

ALEX LUCIO

ARTURO RODRIGUEZ

Those Directors absent were:

N/A

Also Present were:

MARISOL ALVARADO, SECRETARY

THOMAS DEGAN, DISTRICT CONSUEL

DALLAS GARCIA, WATER OPERTOR

DELLAN, 4 CREEKS ENGNEER

The meeting was called to order under the direction of the President, RACHELE ALCANTAR. The flag salute was recited, and the following business was conducted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Representatives from CVEA and local residents attended the Board of Directors meeting to present their comment letters. The individuals who addressed the Board included Mayra Barrera urges the Board to rescind the 60 – day eviction notice for the Larry Long Resource Center, highlighting CVEA essential services for the community., Nora Yanes express deep concern over the eviction notice, emphasizing CVEA critical role in providing housing stability, food security, and community advocacy, Nail from the Oneill Program support CVEA, noting their compassionate and consistent support for families on the Tule River Indian Reservation. Ben Takemot, a community organizer supports CVEA and expresses concern over the potential loss of essential services. David from Community Interventions in Bakersfield supports CVEA, urging the Board to reconsider the eviction decision. Cilva Ralas, a pastor and Stephanie Martinez a community leader, both express strong support for CVEA and its services. and Mari Perez Ruiz; presents additional letters of support from various organizations and individuals and suggests that the Board members stay after the meeting to discuss further with community members.

Mari Perez Ruiz provided the Board with copies of these letters (including those not read during the meeting) for their review.

Arturo Rodriguez exited the meeting once the public comment period concluded.

CONSENT AGENDA:

District Manager didn't have minutes for the Board to review. No termination of service. The Board was advised that there were no termination for service. The bills had been presented and was approved to be paid.

On a Motion by Director BILLY SOTO, seconded by Director ALEX LUCIO and unanimously carried, approved the minutes and payment of the bills. 3YES – 1 ABSENT - 1 VACANT

OPERATOR'S REPORT:

The operator report for the month of May 2026 is as follows. The Poplar water system was fully operational without interruption while the Poplar wastewater system experienced interruption on 5/30/26 the interruption was due to high flow and was addressed without further incident. A call for service was made on 5/20/26 @19283 Ave 144 which was determined to be the district's responsibility. The call was addressed without further incident. Additionally the pump efficiency test for the North Well was completed on 5/21/26 and the results have been forwarded to the team at 4 Creeks for review. Lab results are currently pending and the well depths are as follows. On 5/29/26 North Well @ 87ft and Middle Well @ 91ft. This concludes the operator report for the month of May 2026.

Dallas Garcia discusses the need for a temporary fence around the main office due to a recent break-in.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

The engineer provides an update on the North Well capacity testing and the need for a full rebuild or belt and suspenders approach.

OPEN SESSION:

- a. Ingram Equipment Co Pumps to address the Board regarding North Pump & Treatment Plant:

Item was tabled.

- b. Cherly Retamal 19151 Ave 145-Trailer to address to the Board requiring no service:

Item was tabled

- c. To discuss A.M.Crawford invoice and payment arrangement:

Item was moved to closed session.

- d. Update POPLARCSD Ordinance:

THOMAS DEGAN and Board of Directors address MARISOL ALVARADO to post the draft park ordinance on the district's Facebook page and invite public comment, including a request for community input on the ordinance.

- e. Apex Estimate:

Item Tabled and moved to next Board meeting in July 2026.

- f. Board to discuss hiring Part-Time Maintenance Employee:

The board discusses the need for a new maintenance assistant and the process of hiring and interviewing candidates.

The board decides to create a new position as maintenance assistant and authorizes a committee to review applications and conduct interviews.

Item was moved to closed session.

g. Office Fence Estimate:

Marisol Alvarado address to the Board Abraham did not email the estimate in time for today's meeting. But will present it to the Board at the next Board meeting in July 2026.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Billy Soto has reported that several pathway lights at the park are currently non-functional.

Alex Lucio has requested that we identify a contractor to repair the broken fire hydrant located on Highway 190.

Rachele Alcantar has provided an update regarding a break-in that occurred at the facility on Memorial Day.

SECRETARY REPORT:

a. Main Office update:

Marisol Alvarado informed the Board that Abraham from Pacific Construction is currently awaiting permit approval from the county.

b. Marisol Alvarado informed the Board that cameras at treatment plant will be installed on Wednesday June 10th, 2026.

CLOSE SESSION:

On a Motion by Director ALEX LUCIO, seconded by BILLY SOTO Director and unanimously carried, approval to move into close session. 3Yes – 1ABSENT - 1 Vacant

a. CONFERENCE WITH REALY PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – (Gov. Code Section 54956.8) Property Description:

**The West half of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter
Of Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Mt. Diablo Base
And Meridian, in the County of Tulare, State of California, according to
the Official Plat thereof.**

Excepting therefrom the North 33 feet thereof conveyed to the Tipton Irrigation District for road and ditch purposes by Deed recorded Book 62, Page 193 Deeds.

Agency Negotiators: PCSD Board
Negotiating Party: Wildcat Farms/Greenleaf

Item tabled

- b. Public Employment (Gov Code Section 54957.1(a)(5)
The Board will consider appointment of someone for the maintenance position

On a Motion by Director ALEX LUCIO, seconded by BILLY SOTO Director and unanimously carried to establish an assistant maintenance position that will pay between \$17.50 and \$18.50 per hour, depending on experience. Vote: 4 Yes – 1 Vacant

- c. Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9
3 cases.

On a Motion by Director ALEX LUCIO, seconded by BILLY SOTO Director and unanimously carried. 3 Yes – 1 Absent- 1 Vacant

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on a motion by Director ALEX LUCIO, seconded by Director BILLY SOTO and unanimously carried, the Board meeting was adjourned.

Dated the 8th day of JUNE 2026.

RACHELE ALCANTAR, President