

**MINUTES
HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY AUGUST 14, 2025**

Call to Order

The Hopland Public Utility District held a Regular Meeting/Public Hearing on August 14, 2025, the meeting was legally noticed on August 11, 2025. The meeting was held in person and at the following virtual link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/V82893564652>. Chair J. Norry called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. CHAIR J. NORRY PRESIDING.

Roll Call

Roll was taken with the following **Directors Present:** Gary Rosetti, Carol Gunter-Hall, Shaun Falleri, and Chair Joan Norry. **Directors Absent:** None. **Staff Present:** Jared Walker, Deputy Director of Water Resources, Dan Buffalo, Finance Director, Mark Hildebrand, Consulting, Liz Patton, Billing and Customer Service Manager, and Kim Saylor, Deputy Clerk.

Open Public Hearing at 6:40 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED INCREASE TO WATER RATES

- a. Introduction of Proposed Water Rates – Presentation by Mark Hildebrand
- b. Conduct Public Hearing
- c. Result of Public Hearing – Counted Protest Votes (62).
- d. Consideration of Resolution 2025-01: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hopland Public Utility District Establishing Change in Rate Structure, Rules, and Regulations for Water & Sewer Service by Ordinance 99-1 and Supersedes all Previous Ordinances and Resolutions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment was received from several community members.

Close Public Hearing at 8:12 pm.

The board moved to bring back this item after a second 218 notification is sent out. The item will come back on October 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting-Public Hearing. (to allow the 45-day notice).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of Agreement Between the City of Ukiah and Hopland Discussion/Action Public Utility District for Administrative, Billing and Collection Services

Motion/Second: C. Gunter-Hall / S. Falleri to approve Agreement Between the City of Ukiah and Hopland Discussion/Action Public Utility District for Administrative, Billing and Collection Services. Motion **carried** by the following Roll Call votes: **AYES:** C. Gunter-Hall, G. Rosetti, S. Falleri and Chair, J. Norry. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Report.

Motion/Second: G. Rosetti/ C. Gunter-Hall to approve the Financial Reports. Motion **carried** by the following Roll Call votes: **AYES:** C. Gunter-Hall, G. Rosetti, S. Falleri, and Chair, J. Norry. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the Minutes of 2025-07-10.

Motion/Second: C. Gunter-Hall/G. Rosetti to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2025, a Regular Meeting. Motion **carried** by the following Roll Call votes: **AYES:** C. Gunter-Hall, G. Rosetti, S. Falleri and Chair, J. Norry. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:**

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Provided in Unfinished Business.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT REPORT:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Capacity Planning**
 - i. No new updates.
- b. **Report on Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)**
 - i. Report on Eel-Russian Project Authority (ERPA) & IWPC. The PG & E change petition was approved by FERC lowering to 25 cfs, aprox 5 cfs going into Lake Mendocino. Invoices have been received from RRFC.
- c. **Update on Ukiah Valley Water Authority and Consolidation Efforts**
 - i. GM Walker reported Report on Ukiah Valley Water Authority (UVWA) Special Meeting provided information to board regarding the Application to SAFER. Staff requested feedback from board members on Application to SAFER at the August 7, 2025, meeting.
 - ii. next meeting will be on September 4, 2025.
- d. **Update on Draft Waste Discharge Requirements**
 - i. None.
- e. **Update on Caltrans Project - Hwy 101 - ADA Improvements**
 - i. No updates.
- f. **Update on Rate Study**
 - i. Information provided in presentation.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: September 11, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Joan Norry, President

Date_____

Kim Saylor, Deputy Clerk

Date_____