

HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT MINUTES
Regular Meeting- Public Hearing
Brutocao Cellars
13500 S Highway 101, Hopland, CA 95449
Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89264358470>.

October 09, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The Hopland Public Utility District (HPUD) held a Regular Meeting/Public Hearing on October 9, 2025, the meeting was legally noticed on October 6, 2025. The meeting was held in person and at the following virtual link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85678203449>. Chair J. Norry called the meeting to order at 6:31 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, Liz Patton, Billing and Customer Service Manager, and Kim Saylor, Deputy Clerk. **Also Present**: Mark Hildebrand, Hildebrand Consulting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the Minutes of 2025-09-11.

Motion/Second: C. Gunter-Hall/G. Rosetti to approve the Minutes of September 11, 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:

There were a few comments or questions that ultimately were agendized topics and were addressed during the public hearing.

Open Public Hearing at 6:41 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 (119).

- 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 the following community members: Chris P., Peni Goings, Tim Mathias, Kip Folkerts, Tina Moody, Vernon Budinger, Wendy Morelli and other members of the public. Public Comment was closed at 7:46.

Public Member Tina Moody and Vernon Budinger watched as the ballots were double count verified total 119.

Close Public Hearing at 7:56 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration and Approval of 2024-2025 Audit

Motion/Second: C. Gunter-Hall / G. Rosetti, to accept 2024-2025 Audit. 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Provided in Unfinished Business.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT REPORT:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Capacity Planning**
 - i. Report provided.
- b. **Report on Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)**
 - i. Report on Eel-Russian Project Authority (ERPA) & IWPC, no new updates regarding meetings. The Potter Valley Project (PVP) is gaining momentum with larger areas with heavy agriculture. The project is gaining political ground as well with a few politicians becoming aware of the desire to take down dams.
- c. **Update on Ukiah Valley Water Authority and Consolidation Efforts**
 - i. GM Walker reported Report on Ukiah Valley Water Authority's Member Agencies are going through a joint rate study. The boards will meet and discuss the information as individual boards.
 - ii. next meeting will be on November 6, 2025.
- d. **Update on Draft Waste Discharge Requirements**
 - i. GM Walker reached out for an update but had not heard back prior to the meeting.
- e. **Update on Caltrans Project - Hwy 101 - ADA Improvements**
 - i. No updates, the community and board are requesting that Caltrans attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the HWY 101 project.

- f. **Update on Rate Study**
 - i. Information provided in presentation.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: November 13, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Joan Norry, President

Date _____

Kim Saylor, Deputy Clerk

Date _____

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