

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on June 9th, 2026, at 9:00 am. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors: Neill Callis, Vice-President
 Steve Fausone, Secretary
 Beau Correia, Director
 Wayne Western, Director

Staff: Patrick McGowan, General Manager
 Marlene Brazil, Accounting Supervisor
 Juan Cadena, Water Resources Manager
 Chris Carlucci, Operations & Maintenance Manager
 Josh Marquez, Contracts Administrator
 Sandra Reyes, Water Master

Others: Chase Hurley, Water and Land Solutions
 Chris Linneman, Summers Engineering
 Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority
 Phil Williams, Legal Counselor

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pro Tempore Correia called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Pro Tempore Correia led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING MAY 12, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Vice-President Callis and seconded by Secretary Fausone, the Board approved the May 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Callis, Correia, Fausone, Western
Nays: None

Absent: Barcellos
Abstain: None

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE DEEMED UNCOLLECTIBLE

After discussion by the Board and upon a motion by Secretary Fausone and seconded by Director Western, the Board approved the accounts receivable as presented to be deemed uncollectible.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Callis, Correia, Fausone, Western
Nays: None
Absent: Barcellos
Abstain: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Accounts Payable**
- B. Monthly Financials**
- C. FYE 2025 Budget to Actual**
- D. Other financial matters**

Upon a motion by Vice-President Callis and seconded by Secretary Fausone, the board approved the financial reports as presented by Accounting Supervisor Mrs. Brazil.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Callis, Correia, Fausone, Western
Nays: None
Absent: Barcellos
Abstain: None

REPORT ITEMS

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Operations and Maintenance Manager Mr. Chris Carlucci reported on the following operations and maintenance activities for the month of May:

- General Maintenance.
- Staff sprayed Davidson, Westside, and Buick drains.
- Staff removed old drain crossing on the Buick Drain.
- Charleston Drainage District – Checking oilers on CH-2 pumps.

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT

Water Resources Manager Juan Cadena reported on the following drainage management activities for the month of May:

- There has been no activity at Mud Slough, so Site D has continued to remain below the target. No rain reported in the forecast.

GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY

The General Manager of the Grassland Basin Authority (GBA) Mr. Palmer McCoy presented the Board with a report on the following activities:

I). Administrative:

- Insurance Claim – A tractor fire occurred on April 20, 2026, resulting in a total loss. Staff are working with the insurance adjuster to complete the final assessment of the tractor and attached disc.

II). Operations and Maintenance:

- **Regulating Basins** – The basins remain full following storm events in late December 2025. With minimal additional rainfall forecasted, water is being retained to discourage bird habitat. The current plan is to maintain water levels through the end of June, after which migratory patterns for stilts and avocets will be reassessed in coordination with the environmental consultant.
- **San Luis Drain** – GBA staff continue weekly inspections, debris removal, and maintenance to fencing, gates, and signage. Staff are coordinating with Chris Linneman (Summers Engineering) to evaluate best practices for liner repairs, including the potential use of Concrete Canvas. With the addition of a maintenance/spray technician, weed control efforts are expected to increase.
- **DMC Tile Sumps/Pumps** – Repairs to tile systems K and H/J are currently underway, with an estimated completion date of late June.
- **JTWG** – Irrigation scheduling continues based on field availability. The first cutting began on May 6, 2026. Market prices remain low, though there is potential for improvement based on current water year conditions.
- **Old Ponds** – At the April Board meeting, staff were authorized to use up to \$ 100,000 from reserve funds for project completion. Staff are coordinating with contractors to determine the most effective approach and will provide updates as progress continues.
- **Well Pumping Program** – Anderson Pump removed Well 8 and completed a camera inspection. Repairs are in progress, with reinstallation anticipated by June 5, 2026. In the interim, water deliveries to PWD are being maintained using other wells.

III). Prop 84:

- **Funding** – Staff are awaiting funding updates from DWR, expected in late June, or July.
- **OD Pump Station** – Coordination with Garney Construction is ongoing, with Summers Engineering assisting in completion of the project punch list.
- **O'Banion Area** – Work remains halted due to funding constraints. There is concern that previously ripped acreage may dry and harden, potentially impacting future planting. Following board direction at the April meeting, staff will proceed with discing the area.
- **Westside Conveyance & Pumps** – Work remains on hold due to funding limitations.
- **Basin Project Phase 2** – This phase includes the middle siphon. License agreements with CCID were approved at the October GBA Board Meeting. McElvaney Construction has completed installation of the siphon: remaining work includes completion of the pipeline connection from the siphon to the control box for the new basins.

THE BOARD TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM STAFF ON VARIOUS MATTERS AFFECTING THE DISTRICT

GM Mc Gowan reported on various items that had been completed, or were ongoing, on the Action Items List presented – dated May 12th, 2026, and answered any questions that the Board had.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mr. McGowan reported on the following:

A. Prop 84 Grant Program Fund Expiration

GM McGowan reported that the District had received a significant amount of retention money back and had also received reimbursement for Invoice #33. GM McGowan and Engineer Chris Linneman also noted that a call has been put into DWR regarding funds update, but no word yet.

B. GBD Steering Committee

GM McGowan reported that the last meeting of the GBD had focused on discussions regarding AB2447 Water: Nitrogen Pollution Reduction Act, but the bill had died in the Appropriations Committee. GM McGowan and Engineer Chris Linneman also reported that there have been no discharges since 2024 and the focus has been on separating from the SLDMWA which should be completed by the end of next year.

C. San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority (SJVDA)

GM McGowan and Engineer Chris Linneman reported that CV salts, management zones, and nitrate regulation pushes are the main focus. The expert panel's final report is complete, and the efforts of the coalitions were acknowledged.

D. Annexation

GM McGowan reported that the annexation is complete and that he had attended the Fresno LAFCO meeting on May 13th. The 30-day reconsideration period ends on June 15th and it will then be recorded with the Fresno county.

REPORTS ON OTHER ITEMS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 (a)(3)

There were no other items.

PANOCHE DRAINAGE DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel

At 11:35 am, the Board met in Closed Session to discuss with legal counsel on related anticipated litigation.

At 11:39 am, Mr. Williams stated that no reportable actions were taken in Closed session.

PANOCHE WATER AND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS JOINT CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel

At 11:33 am, the Boards met in Closed Session to discuss with legal counsel on related anticipated litigation.

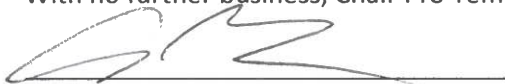
At 11:34 am Mr. Williams stated that no reportable actions were taken in Closed Session.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

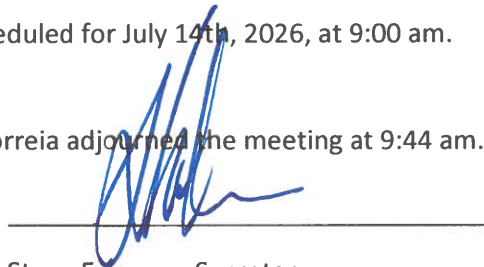
The next Regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for July 14th, 2026, at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Pro Tempore Correia adjourned the meeting at 9:44 am.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Steve Fausone, Secretary