

**PANOCHE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on August 11th, 2026, at 9:00 am. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors: Aaron Barcellos, President
Neill Callis, Vice-President
Wayne Western, Director

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

Others: Ajay Chopra, USC Farms, LLC
Emily McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority
Phil Williams, Legal Counselor

CALL TO ORDER

President Barcellos called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Barcellos 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 JULY 14, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Vice-President Callis and seconded by Director Western, the Board approved the July 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER RECOGNITION OF JOE DEL BOSQUE THROUGH A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

General Manager Patrick McGowan presented the board with a letter of appreciation for Mr. Joe Del Bosque for review. GM McGowan explained Mr. Del Bosque was instrumental in working with our legislators to help ensure the continued availability of Proposition 84 funding for implementation of the Westside Regional Drainage Plan within the Grassland Drainage Area.

After discussion by the Board and upon a motion by Vice-President Callis and seconded by Director Western, the Board approved the letter of appreciation as presented.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION # 849-26 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Legal Counsel Phil Williams reported that Resolution # 849-26 was ratifying the decision to hold and conduct the election on November 3, 2026. Mr. Williams explained that the ballots have all been mailed and that the window for any forms for declarations of candidacy needed to be submitted by this past Friday at 4 pm, noting that the only forms received were from the incumbents.

After discussion by the Board and upon a motion by Vice-President Callis and seconded by Director Western, the board adopted resolution # 849-26 calling for the general election.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

- General Maintenance.
- Staff sprayed 1144, Buick, Russell, and West side drains.
- Staff cleaned out Courtney drain from Oxford Ave. to T-Canal.
- Staff mowed Cambria drain.
- Staff disked weeds on Davidson drain.
- Charleston Drainage District – Checking oilers on CH-2 pumps.

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT

General Manager Patrick McGowan reported for Water Resources Manager Juan Cadena on the following drainage management activities for the month of July:

- 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

GBA Office Manager Emily McCoy reported for General Manager of the Grassland Basin Authority (GBA) Mr. Palmer McCoy on the following activities for July:

I). Administrative:

- Insurance Claim – A tractor fire occurred on April 20, 2026, resulting in a total loss. Board approved using insurance claim payment towards the purchase of replacement tractor. Staff is currently looking for a tractor at auctions and surrounding areas.

II). Operations and Maintenance:

- Regulating Basins – We started emptying the basins in mid-July in coordination with the environmental consultant. Three of the basins have been emptied and the fourth one is in progress, should be done by August 17th.
- San Luis Drain – There have been several locks cut off the gates in the last few weeks, GBA staff continue weekly inspections, debris removal, and maintenance of 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. Weed control efforts have been completed from Russell Ave to Hwy 152, the northern section is scheduled for the coming weeks.
- DMC Tile Sumps/Pumps – Repairs to tile systems K and H/J are currently underway, with an estimated completion date of late July 10th. Tile systems D/E and C are estimated to be completed by 8/10, motors are in, they are finishing wiring.
- JTWG – Irrigation scheduling continues based on field availability. We finished the first cutting. Market prices have increased to \$ 95 – 105 a ton.
- Old Ponds – McElvaney construction did surveys at the end of July and has completed all work on the Miles/Koda property, and the GBA side.
- Well Pumping Program – Staff continues to work with PWD staff and deliver water as requested.

III). Prop 84:

- Funding – We received notice to resume the project on July 27th and have had meetings with contractors to go over schedules to make sure we can still get everything done in the time permitted. Work on the projects resumed the first week of August.
- OD Pump Station – Garney Construction finished all work and the facility is operating.
- O'Banion Area – We received notice to resume the project on July 27th and have had meetings with contractors to go over schedules to make sure we can still get everything done in the time permitted. Work on the projects resumed the first week of August.
- Westside Conveyance & Pumps – We received notice to resume the project on July 27th and have had meetings with contractors to go over schedules to make sure we can still get

everything done in the time permitted. Work on the projects resumed the first week of August.

- **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.

Ms. McCoy also noted that the merge between the GBA and the Grassland Basin Drainers (GBD) has already been voted on by the SLDMWA Board and will be brought before the GBA board at their next meeting. GM Patrick McGowan also reported on the Brackish Water Delivery Program noting that we should be hitting our goal this year.

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 July 14th, 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 Extension Approval

GM McGowan noted that Prop 84 funds had already been covered earlier in the meeting.

B. GBD Steering Committee

GM McGowan noted that the GBD Steering Committee had already been discussed as far as the transitioning of the GBD to the GBA.

C. San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority (SJVDA)

GM McGowan reported that the SJVDA meeting did not take place.

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

There were no other items.

PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel

At 11:12 am, the Board met in Closed Session to discuss with legal counsel on related anticipated litigation.

At 11:20 am, Mr. Williams stated that no reportable actions were taken in Closed session.

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

At 11:02 am, the Boards met in Closed Session to discuss with legal counsel on related anticipated litigation.

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES

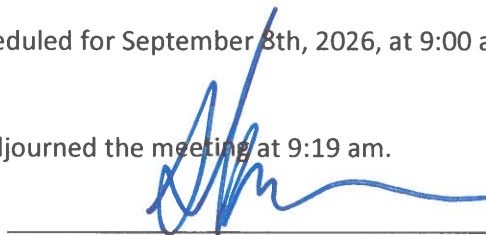
The next Regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for September 8th, 2026, at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 9:19 am.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Steve Fausone, Secretary