

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CORNING WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

TIME: 12:02 pm

PLACE: District Office 22240 Gallagher Ave, Corning CA. 96021

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Hebrew called the herein-described regularly scheduled March 18, 2026 meeting of the Corning Water District's Board of Directors to order at 12:02 PM. The meeting was held at the district office, located at 22240 Gallagher Ave, Corning, CA. 96021

2. **ROLL CALL:** President Hebrew confirmed a quorum present. The attending Directors present were Kevin Hebrew, Scott Meinberg, Brad Henman and Mathieu Esteve. General Manager Barb Lindauer, Office Manager Moises Alvarado, and members of the public Tod Ferro and Edward Baker were in attendance. Director Hal Crain was absent.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – Members of the public may address the Board at this time on any item of interest to the public whether or not such an item is on the agenda. No action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. The Board reserves the right to limit public comments on any item to 5 minutes for each speaker. Edward Baker asked about a small rounding error on the financial report.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

A. **Review and Consider Approval of the February Payment Demands.** A motion was made by Director Henman, seconded by Director Esteve to approve the February 2026 payment demands. The motion carried by a 4:0 vote.

B. **Review and Consider Approval of the February 25, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes-** A motion was made by Director Esteve, seconded by Director Henman to approve the February 25, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was carried by a 4:0 vote.

C. **Review and Consider Approval of Financial Reports.** A motion was made by Director Meinberg, seconded by Director Esteve to approve the financial reports. The motion was carried by a 4:0 vote.

5. **APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, IF ANY:** No additional items were presented.

6. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. **Operations and Maintenance-** O&M Tech Havel reported on weed control at the pump stations, a new meter install, and vehicle maintenance. Havel also reported on making new "T" handles for customers, and a successful annual inspection from ACWA JPIA. Havel reported on a broken line on Orchard Ave, and increasing the run time on the traveling water screens. The safety topics that were covered were Hydration and Heat Illness.

B. **Meetings and Presentations-**

General Manager Lindauer reported on not attending a TCCA meeting due to a scheduled meeting at CWD office. Director Hebrew reported on attending the TCCA meeting and that the price to enter SITES Reservoir project increased.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS REPORT

- A. Discussion of Proposed Assessment Increase-** Lindauer reported on attending a meeting on March 11, 2026 with staff from Provost & Pritchard(P&P) at CWD office for a rate model overview. CWD & P&P staff went over the rate model and made necessary changes and then a draft budget was used for further needed changes. A timeline was presented and explained to the Board of Directors for Prop 218 process completion, which included having a special board meeting on May 6th, so the Board of Directors can accept the engineers report, mailing ballots on June 1st, having a public hearing on July 15th, and completing the process prior to CWD submitting assessment role to Tehama County on August 10, 2026. The reason for the Prop 218 assessment raise was re-explained for the attending members of the public.
- B. Discuss Water Year 2026-** Lindauer reported on CWD receiving 100% of its contract water for 2026, and that the USBR set the ag water rate at \$51.66, and the M&I water rate at \$90.88. Lindauer also reported that TCCA's assessment rate for 2026 will total \$115,256.66.
- C. Adopt Budget for 2026 and Set Water Rate-**
1. Lindauer presented the final draft labor budget for 2026 for board approval. A motion was made by Director Henman, seconded by Director Esteve to approve the 2026 labor budget. The motion was carried by a 4:0 vote
 2. Lindauer presented the final draft operating budget for 2026 for board approval. A motion was made by Director Meinberg, seconded by Director Henman to approve the 2026 operating budget. The motion was carried by a 4:0 vote.
 3. A motion was made by Director Henman, seconded by Director Esteve to keep the water rate at \$95 per AF for both ag and M&I water for 2026. The motion was carried by a 4:0 vote.
- D. Discuss Teams Meeting with Jacobs Engineering on March 6, 2026 Re: SCADA Quote-**
1. Lindauer reported on attending a teams meeting with Jacobs Engineering for a potential quote for CWD SCADA revamp, and that Jacobs stated that they would not be able to match the quote from Innovative Controls, and that said quote was very fair and would be very hard to match or beat. A motion was made by Director Hebrew, seconded by Director Meinberg to approve the use of Innovative Controls for CWD's SCADA revamp. The motion was carried by a 4:0 vote.
- E. Discuss 2025 700 (Statement of Economic Interest) Form-**
Lindauer reminded the Board of Directors to have their 700 forms completed and submitted by April 1, 2026 or risk getting fined.
- F. Discuss and Consider WaterSMART Funding Opportunities Available-**
Lindauer reported on David's Engineering(DE) reaching out about potential grant funding for water tracking software (H2O Tech) and how DE could be utilized to write the grant. Lindauer was instructed to agendize and action item for the next board meeting, when she got more information on the matter.

8. Adjourn 1:44 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Lindauer, General Manager