THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
August 18, 2026

President Ron Stefani called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Directors Present: Vice President Greg MacMillan, Director James Cochran, Director Cosme Padilla, Director Glenn Oania, and President Ron Stefani
Absent:
General Manager: James Derbin
Secretary to the Board: Lidia Santos
Staff Present:
Guest: Joel Ruiz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ron Stefani led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Joel Ruiz announced to the Board that he is a Castroville resident and he is on the ballot for the Castroville CSD (2) Directors seat this November 3, 2026, Monterey County General Election. He wanted to introduce himself to the Board and hopes to be elected, so he may serve his community. He apologized for not being able to stay for the rest of the board meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consider and approve the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, July 21, 2026. A motion was made by Greg MacMillan and seconded by Cosme Padilla to approve the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, July 21, 2026. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	MacMillan, Cochran, Padilla, Oania, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

Consent Calendar accepted as presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Board of Directors and staff congratulating the governing body of Castroville CSD, management, and staff on achieving no paid claims for the Workers' Compensation Program years 2021-2026 with the President's Special Acknowledgement Award.

Correspondence Calendar accepted as presented

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Release: "California Transportation Commission Awards $60 Million for the SR 156 Castroville Boulevard Project"
2. Monterey County Elections: Notice of Extended Filing Period for Elective Office. The filing period for the following offices, in which an eligible incumbent did not file, is extended until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. Castroville CSD is on the ballot (2 seats) this November 3, 2026
3. California Special District Association (CSDA) E-Newsletter: Panel Elevates Special Districts Among Business Leaders

Informational items accepted as presented

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Water and Wastewater Rate Study Workshop II by Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. (RDN) – Anthony Elowsky, Project Manager/Analyst with RND via Zoom presented a second detailed analysis of the District's financial outlook, which included adding an additional Scenario 5. As mentioned at last month's board meeting, Sewer Zone 1 (Castroville) and Sewer Zone 2 (Moro Cojo, Monte De Lago &NMCHS) will not require a rate increase at this time. Water (Castroville) and Sewer Zone 3 (Moss Landing) will need a rate increase. RDN presented various scenarios and recommended the District move forward with Scenario 5 no surcharges for Water and Scenario 4 for Sewer Zone 3 which will have the least impact on customers while still accomplishing the District's goals. RND will present the draft report at the next regularly scheduled board meeting 15th of September.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider, select and approve a scenario for Water (Castroville) & Sewer Zone 3 (Moss Landing) from the Water and Wastewater Rate Study presented by Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. (RDN) – After much discussion, a motion is made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Greg MacMillan to select and approve to move forward with Scenario 5 (No Surcharges) for Water and Scenario 4 for Sewer Zone 3. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	MacMillan, Cochran, Padilla, Oania, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

2. Consider and adopt a Water and Sewer Reserve Policy as recommended by the District's rate consultant Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. (RDN) – A motion is made by Greg MacMillan and seconded by James Cochran to adopt a Water and Sewer Reserve Policy (CCSD Policy No. 2150). The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	MacMillan, Cochran, Padilla, Oania, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

3. Consider and approve authorizing the General Manager to order a 2027 Ford F350 4x2 Regular Cab from Cypress Coast Ford, Seaside, in the amount of $79,392.59 – General Manager James Derbin stated that he is not ready to move forward with this request, pending further information. A motion is made by Greg MacMillan and seconded by Cosme Padilla to table this item until the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	MacMillan, Cochran, Padilla, Oania, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on street lighting for Castroville Zone 1 and Moro Cojo Zone 2 – General Manager James Derbin informed the Board that there has not been much change from the information reported previously. He continues to have a monthly meeting with Pacific Gas & Electric streetlight team to address any concerns. Due to the lack of lighting in the District yard, lighting has been fixed by Darrel Varni Electric, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION: When needed, this time is reserved for the Board of Directors to communicate activity, educational classes, and/or Committee reports.

1. Update on Monterey One Water meeting (M1W) – President Ron Stefani stated rate increase of revenue adjustments started July 1, 2026. MIW was pleased that they did not receive a lot of opposition regarding the rate increases.

2. Update on Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) meeting – President Ron Stefani announced SVBGSA reluctantly voted to select a project and is moving forward with the smallest option for the brackish water project.

3. Update on meetings or educational classes attended by the Directors – There were no meetings or educational classes attended by the Directors.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

1. General Manager's Report – Compliance update, current projects update, meetings/seminars update, staff update, suggestive projects discussions
2. Operations Report
   a) Water – Pumpage & Usage Update, Water Testing Update, Current Installation
   b) Water -Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update, Customer Service Update, Safety Issue
   c) Sewer & Storm Drain – Jetting, Current Installation Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update, Customer Service Update, Safety Issues
3. Customer /Billing Reports – Water Sales, Water Usage, A/R Update, Customer Service Update
4. Financial Reports – Treasures L.A.I.F. Report, Internal Report, Administration Update

General Operations Reports were accepted as presented

CHECK LIST – July 2026. A motion was made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Glenn Oania to pay all bills presented. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	MacMillan, Cochran, Padilla, Oania, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

There being no further business, a motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by James Cochran to adjourn to the next scheduled Board meeting; the motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	MacMillan, Cochran, Padilla, Oania, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lidia Santos
Secretary to the Board

Approved by,

Ron Stefani
President