

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

January 20, 2026

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

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: Director Cosme Padilla, Director Glenn Oania, Director James Cochran, and President Ron Stefani

Absent: Vice President Greg MacMillan

General Manager: James Derbin

Secretary to the Board: Lidia Santos

Staff Present:

Guest: Richelle Noroyan, Public Affair Field Coordinator, California Special Districts Association (CSDA)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ron Stefani led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Ms. Noroyan with CSDA wanted to meet the Board and thank them for being a CSDA member. She also wanted to inform them about training courses being offered, SB 827 Fiscal and Financial Training for Board Members and certain staff, which is a new requirement as of 2026. She briefly discussed vehicle carb regulations and how some vehicles may be exempt.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. The motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by James Cochran to approve the draft minutes of December 16, 2025, Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	4	Directors:	Padilla, Oania, Cochran, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	MacMillan

Consent Calendar accepted as presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. None

Correspondence Calendar accepted as presented

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. California Special District Association (CSDA) Webinar: SB 827 Fiscal and Financial Training for Board Members and Certain Employees, Wednesday, March 4, 2025, at 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM free to CSDA member.
2. Clog Busters: Stop the Clog
3. *The Guardian* - California farms applied millions of pounds of PFAS to key crops, study finds

Informational items accepted as presented

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PRESENTATIONS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider approving and authorizing the General Manager to process payment for emergency water service line replacements for 10530/10540 Blevins Way, \$17,906.59 on 9/26/25 and 10481 Geil Street, \$20,184.53 on 11/12/25 provided by West Valley Construction with Sole Source Justification – General Manager James Derbin stated that the total cost of this work was \$38,091.12 and will be funded from the Service Line Replacement CIP line item for water. After some discussion, a motion is made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by James Cochran to approve authorizing the General Manager to process payment for emergency water service line replacements for 10530/10540 Blevins Way, \$17,906.59 on 9/26/25 and 10481 Geil Street, \$20,184.53 on 11/12/25 provided by West Valley Construction with Sole Source Justification, not to exceed \$38,091.12. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 4 Directors: Padilla, Oania, Cochran, and Stefani
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 0 Directors: MacMillan

2. Consider and approve Resolution No. 26-01, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Castroville CSD Accepting Bill of Sale for Sewer System Facilities installed by The Marine Mammal Center located at 11125 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, CA for Castroville CSD: value \$198,674.81 – General Manager James Derbin informed the Board that the said property is described as follows: 320 linear feet of 6 inch SDR35 gravity sewer main, two manholes and four wye connections to serve 11125 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, CA 95012. After some discussion, a motion is made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Glenn Oania to approve Resolution No. 26-01, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Castroville CSD Accepting Bill of Sale for Sewer System Facilities installed by The Marine Mammal Center located at 11125 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, CA for Castroville CSD: value \$198,674.81. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 4 Directors: Padilla, Oania, Cochran, and Stefani
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 0 Directors: MacMillan

3. Consider and approve Notice of Completion (NOC) for Castroville Well #6 Emergency Deep Aquifer Supply Project, contractor Maggiora Brothers Drilling, Inc.- General Manager James Derbin reported to the Board that the drilling of Well #6 Emergency Deep Aquifer Supply Project has been completed by the contractor Maggiora Brothers Drilling, Inc. and a NOC needs to be filed with the County of Monterey. After some discussion, a motion was made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Glenn Oania to accept the Castroville Well #6 Emergency Deep Aquifer Supply Project as complete and to authorize the NOC to be filed with the County of Monterey.

AYES: 4 Directors: Padilla, Oania, Cochran, and Stefani
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 0 Directors: MacMillan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on water and sewer rate study – General Manager James Derbin informed the Board that he is still working on request for proposals (RFPs) and has been delayed due to the holidays. It will be a couple of months before Castroville CSD will be ready to select a consultant.
2. Update on Street Lighting for Castroville Zone1 and Moro Cojo Zone 2 – General Manager James Derbin stated that he is still working with PG&E representatives on correcting billing/ownership issues. The Union Circle street lighting appears to belong to the HOA for this housing development. North County Recreation and Park District has signed a contract with Varni Electric to improve lighting around the Japanese School and surrounding ballfield buildings, which lack of street lighting has been a concern to the community in this area. Director Cosme Padilla requested General Manager James Derbin notify the street lighting representative for the community of Castroville on these updates.
3. Update on Well #6 Project – General Manager James Derbin announced that the construction of Well #6 is complete. Further development and water quality sampling is recommended. Staff are waiting for a proposal from Pueblo.

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

2. Update on Monterey One meeting – President Ron Stefani announced that MIW will be going out for a rate study and will be getting a report on proposal at next month's meeting. February's meeting there will be a first decision on the outfall and Cal Am. Between February 2026 and the end of the fall 2026, that is when the decision will be made on the outfall.
3. Update on Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) meeting – President Ron Stefani announced that they have some big meetings coming up this week. The GSA received a letter from DWR stating they want more information so they can evaluate the 5-year interim inspection of what the GSA is doing.
4. Update on meetings or educational classes attended by the Directors – There were no meetings.

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
5. L.A.I.F. Report, Internal Report, Administration Update

General Operations Reports were accepted as presented

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CHECK LIST – December 2025. A motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by James Cochran to pay all bills presented. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	4	Directors:	Padilla, Oania, Cochran, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	MacMillan

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

AYES:	4	Directors:	Padilla, Oania, Cochran, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	MacMillan

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Lidia Santos
Secretary to the Board

Approved by,



Ron Stefani
President