THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
October 20, 2026

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ron Stefani led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consider and approve the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 15, 2026. A motion was made by Greg MacMillan and seconded by Glenn Oania to approve the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 15, 2026. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	4	Directors: MacMillan, Oania, Cochran, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	1	Directors: Padilla

Consent Calendar accepted as presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter of support from Castroville CSD for North Monterey County Unified School District regarding Community Resilience Centers Program.
2. Letter from Philip Crader, Deputy Director with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to Sanitary Sewer Collections Systems concerning "Preparation for Anticipated 2026-2027 El Niño Rainy Season"

Correspondence Calendar accepted as presented

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. *County of Monterey Supervisors Snapshot for October 2026, District 2 (*Supervisor Glenn Church*)*
2. Caltrans News Release, Update #38 regarding State Route 183 (Merritt Street Project)
3. Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust ribbon cutting ceremony, Thursday, October 29, 2026, 4:00-5:30 p.m. The Haute Enchilada Café & Gallery, Moss Landing, CA 95039

Informational items accepted as presented

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Well No. 6 next steps – Nick Panofsky, Vice President of MNS Engineers/BKF Engineers presented a

PowerPoint presentation. The following was discussed: Well drilling, Well No. 4 and Well No. 6 water quality and blend ratios, prior work completed, and the next steps for the scope, schedule, and budget of improvements to bring Well No.6 online.

2. Castroville CSD 2026 Water and Sewer Rate and Fee Study, Final Report prepared by Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. (RDN, September 25, 2026) – Anthony Elowsky, Project Manager/Analyst was present at the board meeting and presented the final Report, dated September 25, 2026, of the Castroville CSD 2026 Water and Sewer Rate and Fee Study. Summary of recommendations: For Water, adjusting rates annually by the recommended revenue adjustments of 8.0 percent in Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031, issuing a $9.0 million bond in FY 2028 to offset capital PAYGO, adjusting meter rates to reflect industry standard meter ratio calculations and removing the monthly fee for units above the first connect to each meter. For Sewer Zone 1, make no change to the rates. For Sewer Zone 2, make no changes to the rates. For Sewer Zone 3, adjusting rates annually by the recommended revenue adjustment of 8.0 percent in Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031 and issuing a $6.75 million bond in FY 2029 to offset capital PAYGO. For Connection Fees, adjusting fees to include the value of the utility system and developing fees that equitably charge customers with different service requirements.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and receive/approve the Castroville CSD 2026 Water and Sewer Rate and Fee Study, Final Report (September 25, 2026) prepared by Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. (RDN) – Project Manager Anthony Elowsky answered questions and concerns the Board had regarding the final report. The motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Cosme Padilla to receive/approve the Castroville CSD 2026 Water and Sewer Rate and Fee Study, Final Report (September 25, 2026) prepared by Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. (RDN). The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

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

2. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2026-06, Approving Water and Sewer Utility Rate and Fee Adjustments and Directing the Required Public Approval Process (approve the proposed Water and Sewer Capacity Charges and direct staff to initiate Proposition 218 notification and public hearing process required for adoption of new water and sewer rates) – After some discussion, a motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Cosme Padilla to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06, Approving Water and Sewer Utility Rate and Fee Adjustments and Directing the Required Public Approval Process (approve the proposed Water and Sewer Capacity Charges and direct staff to initiate Proposition 218 notification and public hearing process required for adoption of new water and sewer rates). The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

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

3. Consider and approve filing the Notice of Completion with County of Monterey for the Merritt Street Water Services Replacement Project, completed 9/30/2026 by contractor J Johnson & Company – General Manager James Derbin informed the Board that this project is complete. The work consisted of removal and replacement of 47 water services and abandonment of 12 old water services in conjunction with the Caltrans State Route 183 Castroville Improvements Project. A motion was made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Greg MacMillan approving the filing of the Notice of Completion with County of Monterey for the Merritt Street Water Services Replacement Project, completed 9/30/2026 by contractor J Johnson & Company. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

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

4. Consider and approve authorizing ACWA Voting Representative Designation for Castroville CSD – After some discussion, a motion was made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Greg MacMillan to approve authorizing President Ron Stefan as the ACWA Voting Representative Designation for Castroville CSD. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Consider and reapprove authorizing the General Manager to order a 2027 Ford F350 4x2 Regular Cab from Cypress Coast Ford, Seaside, not-to-exceed amount of $88,117.60 – General Manager James Derbin informed the Board that this item on the agenda was originally approved at the September meeting with the incorrect staff report, which did not reflect the correct amount for the truck. The price difference is for safety addons. As mentioned at last month's meeting, bids were solicited from several Ford dealerships, and the lowest bidder was Cypress Coast Ford, Seaside. A motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Greg MacMillan to approve authorizing the General Manager to order a 2027 Ford F350 4x2 Regular Cab from Cypress Coast Ford, Seaside, not-to-exceed amount of $88,117.60. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

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

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 that he may have already mentioned that M1W rate increases passed and are set for the next 5 years. In addition, they only had eight hundred protest letters regarding the rates. M1W also entered into a $47 million contract to redo the digester.

2. Update on Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) meeting – President Ron Stefani stated that the SVBGSA's top priority is Demand Management regarding the deep aquifers. Consultants have been hired to help the SVBGSA.

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 – September 2026. The motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Greg MacMillan to pay all bills presented. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	MacMillan, Oania, Cochran, Padilla, 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 Greg MacMillan to adjourn to the next scheduled Board meeting; the motion carried by the following roll call votes:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lidia Santos
Secretary to the Board

Approved by,

James Cochran
Director