

## **Item 5.1**

### **REGULAR BOARD MINUTES SOUTH PLACER MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

**MEETING DATE & TIME:** August 6, 2026 at 4:30 PM

**MEETING LOCATION:** SPMUD Boardroom

#### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the South Placer Municipal Utility District Board of Directors was called to order with President Dickinson presiding at 4:30 p.m.

#### **II. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

Present: Director Jerry Mitchell, Director Jewell, Director Will Dickinson, and Director Michael Faria

Absent: Director Jack Arney

Vacant: None

Staff: Adam Brown, Legal Counsel  
Eric Nielsen, General Manager  
Emilie Costan, Administrative Services Manager  
Chad Stites, Superintendent  
Carie Huff, District Engineer

#### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Jewell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

ASM Costan confirmed that no eComments were received. Hearing no other comments, the public comments session was closed.

#### **V. CONSENT ITEMS**

1. MINUTES from the July 2, 2026, Regular Meeting.
2. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE in the amount of \$4,673,722.20 through July 27, 2026.
3. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT in the total amount of 92,579,427 through June 30, 2026.
4. RESOLUTION 26-29 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SURPLUS PROPERTY AND/OR EQUIPMENT
5. RESOLUTION 26-30 CONSTRUCTION COOPERATION AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ROCKLIN FOR THE SIERRA COLLEGE BOULEVARD/INTERSTATE 80 INTERCHANGE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

6. RESOLUTION 26-31 AUTHORIZING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) REPLACEMENT PROJECT

No public comments were received on the Consent Items.

Vice President Mitchell motioned to approve the Consent Items, a second was made by Director Faria; a roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 4-0.

**VI. BOARD BUSINESS**

**1. RESOLUTION 26-32 ABOLISHMENT OF THE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE TECHNICIAN / SPECIALIST POSITION**

GM Nielsen presented on the operational and organizational District assessment and the resulting recommendation to abolish the Regulatory Compliance Technician/Specialist position. The Personnel Advisory Committee met in May to discuss the assessment and supported the abolishment of the classification with a recommendation for it to be brought forward to the full Board for discussion. The District notified and met with Local 39 in accordance with the provisions set by the MOU. The employee in the position will transfer into an open, vacant Maintenance Worker position, in lieu of separating.

Director Jewell asked if the abolishment of this position will negatively impact other staff. DS Stites shared that tasks will be split between other staff members, but he does not anticipate there being a negative impact on staff. GM Nielsen shared that the tasks were previously handled by the Superintendent and other Field Services staff before being assigned to the Regulatory Compliance Technician/Specialist position, and that the District will continue to monitor the workload moving forward. No public comments were received.

Director Faria motioned to approve Resolution 26-32 abolishing the position of Regulatory Compliance Technician/Specialist effective at the end of the workday on August 19, 2026, a second was made by Director Jewell; a roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 4-0.

**2. SOUTH PLACER WASTEWATER AUTHORITY EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT STUDY AND RELATED CORRESPONDENCE**

GM Nielsen presented background on the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) Study, which was brought back as an agenda item for further discussion at the direction of the Board from the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting. The Fee and Finance Committee met on July 15<sup>th</sup>; staff and the committee supported sending the proposed response to the full Board for consideration. In addition, a response to the District's letter to SPWA was received on July 17<sup>th</sup> and was included with the packet for consideration. Staff continue to examine the local capacity charges, at the direction of the Board, and will be returning to the Board in September with additional information. GM Nielsen clarified that District staff will prepare and send the response to the South Placer Wastewater Authority (SPWA) based on the Board's direction.

President Dickinson shared that there are still some outstanding questions after receiving the response from SPWA; however, he feels the proposal has a minimal cost associated with phase one and feels that phase two will be valuable. He supports moving forward with staff's recommendation.

Director Faria agreed with President Dickinson on the response received from SPWA. He questioned the real-world applicability of number 6, Adjustment for Overfunded Agencies, and how SPWA is quantifying what the District's proportionate share is, how it is calculated, and what the impact of build-out could mean. GM Nielsen shared that there are ongoing conversations between staff and SPWA on proportionate shares, and how they could change over time. The current agreement between partners has a calculation mechanism, but there might be ways to better align future capacity needs and the agreement. Staff can continue to provide updates to the Board on the conversations regarding proportionate shares.

Vice President Mitchell spoke about the changes in development and the need for fair regional charges. President Dickinson supported GM Nielsen having conversations with SPWA directly in the future.

GC Brown shared that it was the intent of the original agreement to revisit the agreement as development occurred and capacity needs changed. The regional fee was a recommended fee to ensure partners have the appropriate funding to pay for capacity needs. Future questions of proportionate shares and fees were anticipated.

Vice President Mitchell asked if these conversations are going to lead to an amendment of the current agreement, and if the other partners have interest in addressing this as well. GM Nielsen provided information on the current agreement. He shared that conversations amongst the partners are occurring related to capacity charges, including proportionate shares and the EDU study, which could lead to an amendment to the current agreement.

Director Jewell clarified the nature of the EDU study. GM Nielsen provided information and spoke on the impacts of EDU calculations on rates. He shared that this would be specific to age-restricted and multi-family residences. Small modifications to the scope could be suggested as needed, with the District's preference that SPWA handle the administrative work of the study. Director Jewell asked about the responsibility of tasks and costs associated, and the work required of staff. GM Nielsen provided information on each of the phases.

Director Faria voiced support for staff's recommendation. Staff and the Board discussed the timing of the correspondence and study. No public comments were received.

Director Jewell motioned to move forward with staff's recommendations as discussed, a second was made by Director Faria; a voice vote was held and the motion carried 4-0.

## **VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Legal Counsel (A. Brown):**

GC Brown had no report for this meeting.

### **General Manager (E. Nielsen):**

GM Nielsen shared that he will be away from the office the week of August 24<sup>th</sup> attending the California Special District Association (CSDA) Annual Conference.

President Dickinson asked for an update on the CalPERS Additional Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) payment. ASM Costan provided information on the payments and a breakdown between the funds transferred from the California Employee Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) and the budgeted payment. She shared the benefits and restrictions of the different funding sources.

Vice President Mitchell asked about the Bilingual Pay Program. ASM Costan shared information about the program, which was created by the recently adopted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Local 39. Director Jewell asked if having staff who speak other languages is a requirement. GM Nielsen shared that it was a negotiated item in the MOU. Director Faria shared information on Sacramento County's Bilingual Pay Program, and the benefit of having staff who speak other languages. GM Nielsen shared that the program will have a tracking log so the District is able to evaluate the use.

Vice President Mitchell asked about the SCADA system, and DS Stites shared a progress report and information on staff access.

#### **VIII. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Director Faria and Director Jewell acknowledged staff for 9.9 years without a Lost Time Accident or Injury. DS Stites shared that ten years is only 24 days away.

Vice President Mitchell spoke about the non-compliant Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) facilities without grease control devices.

President Dickinson requested a closed session in September to plan for the General Manager's evaluation.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on September 3, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.



Emilie Costan, Board Secretary