



DURHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors:

Matt Doyle, Chair; Kevin Phillips, Treasurer; Derek Sohnrey

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – rescheduled from November 19, 2024
5:30 PM

District Office
9418-C Midway
Durham CA 95938

1 CALL TO ORDER – 5:33 PM

Present: Directors Doyle, Phillips and Sohnrey.

Absent: NONE

Also present: District Engineer Mark Adams; Water Operator Adam Daigle; District Counsel Amanda Uhrhammer; Public Outreach Nicole Johansson, and Administrative Assistant Jeannie Trizzino.

2 ROLL CALL / OPENING BUSINESS

2.1 AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS – NO CHANGES

2.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

3 CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

4 PRESENTATIONS - NONE

5 REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DIRECTORS

5.1 VINA GSA REPORT (Vina GSA Calendar here: <https://www.vinagsa.org/calendar>)

SUBJECT: Status report on Vina GSA.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

No report from Director Doyle; the Vina GSA monthly board meeting is on the following evening (November 13, 2024).

6 PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

7 INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7.1 Warrant Sheet from October 13, 2024 to November 5, 2024, including payments, deposits, and transaction adjustments.

SUBJECT: Approve payments, deposits, and transaction adjustments.

FISCAL IMPACT: See attachments.

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVE

A motion was made by Director Phillips and seconded by Director Sohnrey to approve the entire Consent Agenda.

Aye: 3 – Doyle, Phillips, Sohnrey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8 DISTRICT ENGINEER REPORT

- 8.1 Brown-Faber Pipeline Replacement

SUBJECT: Segments of the Brown-Faber Pipeline are in poor condition and need to be replaced as emergency repair work.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$52,000

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

District staff reports that the contract with Walberg Inc. has been signed. The District Counsel reports that she has been in touch with the property owner with the easement that has been paved over with concrete.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Patrick Button asks why the pipe diameter for the replacement segment is 6-inch when the original Brown Faber pipeline is 4-inch. District Engineer commented that 6-inch diameter improves service for existing District customers as a whole. Mr. Button further commented that he believes the pipeline diameter increase is in violation of Proposition 218.

- 8.2 Capacity Fees / Cost of Service Study

SUBJECT: District Engineer to report on cost of service analysis in preparation for the Capacity Fee/Prop 218 Process.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

District Engineer requests bringing a Draft Cost of Service Study back for board discussion in January 2025 so that he can obtain a full year of current data to use in his rate analysis for operational costs. He also noted that the District's expense accounts have changed over time, making it difficult to apply the same analysis as he did at the time of the last rate increase in 2018.

Chair Doyle asks if this delay will impact the CIP. The District Engineer says that operational costs are separate from CIP project costs.

Chair Doyle asks about the impact of the planned 5-home development on Durham Dayton Highway. District Engineer says that the development would fall under

connection fee and buy-in costs. He further notes that the construction timeline for this development will be beyond the timeline for the planned District rate increase . The District Engineer will ask for a step-up in the value of the District distribution system, since the book value of the system in the District audits does not accurately reflect the current value. Chair Doyle agrees, noting that the replacement cost of the system clearly exceeds the depreciated book value.

Director Phillips comments that the cost-of-service study and Prop 218 process must be completed in the first quarter. Director Phillips and Doyle comment that new rates build in a cost-of-living escalator with annual rate increases.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Patrick Button comments that there are examples of capacity fee increases for water districts in the area that were not subject to Prop. 218 and can be enacted by the board as needed. The connection fee is not property-related since it applies to parcels before they are connected to the District for service.

- 8.3 USBR Grant-Funded Meter Replacement and Lead Service Laterals Assessment Project
SUBJECT: USBR Grant reimbursement update.
FISCAL IMPACT: NONE
ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

District Engineer Kampmann continues to work with USBR on payment.

- 8.4 Water Quality Testing Results – PFAS and Lead
SUBJECT: After reviewing the water quality testing results for PFAS constituents Water Operator to report on mitigation options.
FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion of testing results and mitigation options.

Discussion of Lead Service Lateral notifications and PFAS results.

The District Engineer reported that the EPA has added requirements to lead service line assessments – not only does the District need to test and report on its distribution system lines, but it must also test and report on the customer-side service lines. The District does not have any known lead service lines, but analysis of the district’s customer service lines resulted in slightly over 100 service lines of unknown composition. The state requires written notification to every customer with service lines of unknown composition by November 15, 2024, with annual notices thereafter until the customer’s service line composition is determined. It is unclear whether the customer or the District would bear the cost of replacing customer service lines.

The District Engineer reported that the District submitted its PFAS results to the state as required, so the District is in compliance with all requirements at this time. He expects that state regulators will require quarterly monitoring of the affected well (the Library site well). There is no state guidance on PFAS remediation / mitigation currently.

Director Phillips asked that updates on state guidance be communicated to the entire board.

9 DISTRICT OUTREACH REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

SUBJECT: Report by Nicole Johansson on the following areas: (a) community outreach, (b) funding opportunities, (c) legislative outreach, and (d) management responsibilities, including mass notification system.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

Outreach Consultant Nicole Johansson was absent.

10 WATER OPERATOR REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

SUBJECT: Report by water operator on previous month's activities.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction.

The District Water Operator reported that the chlorinator at the Holland site failed and had to be replaced. He further noted that the District chlorinator programming had been revised, which will reduce District chlorine costs.

Director Phillips asked the Water Operator to investigate salt chlorination systems.

Director Sohnrey asked the Water Operator and Staff to review the open work order report for work orders that can be closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Patrick Button comments that forty years ago the District's water was not chlorinated. He also asked how much the District has spent on repairs to the Brown Faber line.

11 DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

SUBJECT: Verbal report by counsel on district-related activities. *See also the regular agenda.*

Director Phillips asked District Counsel to bring forward final bylaws for posting on the District website. The Bylaws were discussed and adopted at the October 15, 2024 board meeting with direction to counsel to format and send to staff for posting and distribution.

12 REGULAR AGENDA

12.1 Consideration of 2025 District Calendar

SUBJECT: Consideration of District calendar for 2025; possible change of regular board meeting dates.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve calendar.

ATTACHMENTS:

12.2 DURHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT CALENDAR 2025

The board agreed that the monthly board meeting be moved to the second Wednesday of the month to accommodate attendance by the District Engineer. District Counsel noted that the meeting date could be changed only by resolution and directed staff to prepare a resolution for discussion and adoption at the December board meeting with the new Wednesday meeting date becoming effective in February 2025.

13 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Sohnrey thanked everyone for attending and participating tonight.

14 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2024.