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REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

September 9, 2026

Board President Todd Citron called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees:		
	Commissioner Todd Citron (v)	General Manager Justin Clary
	Commissioner David Holland	Engineering Manager Greg Nicoll
	Commissioner Jeff Knakal	Finance Manager Jenny Signs
	Commissioner Nick Greif	Operations Manager Jason Dahlstrom
	Commissioner John Carter (v)	Legal Counsel Bob Carmichael

Also in attendance was member of the public Michael Miller (v). Attendees noted with a (v) attended the meeting virtually. Commissioner Greif joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Action Taken

Knakal moved, Holland seconded, approval of:

- **Minutes for the 08.26.2026 Regular Board Meeting**
- **Payroll for Pay Period #18 (08.15.2026 through 08.28.2026) totaling $52,307.00**
- **Benefits for Pay Period #18 totaling $56,675.14**
- **Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling $127,885.91.**

Motion passed.

Draft 2027-2028 Biennial Budget Discussion

Signs presented an updated 2027-2028 draft budget for Board discussion. The main change from the draft presented for discussion at the August 26, 2026 regular Board meeting was the addition of $50,000 to the operating budget to provide funding for a compensation study in fiscal year 2028. The District's most recent study was completed in 2024. Additionally, minor errors were corrected and a draft narrative of capital improvement projects was added. Discussion followed.

General Manager's Report

Clary updated the Board on several topics, including FEMA design approval and increased funding for upcoming capital projects, District employee Greg Soto's National Championship win at the American Public Works Association's National Roadeo competition, and upcoming staffing changes and recruitment.

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

Citron recessed the Regular Session to Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. It was estimated that the

Executive Session would take 9 minutes and end at 7:05 p.m. The purpose of the Executive Session was to review the performance of a public employee (General Manager performance evaluation). Citron recessed the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m. No action was taken.

With no further business, Citron adjourned the regular session at 7:06 p.m.

Board President, Todd Citron

Attest: _____
Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope

Minutes approved by motion at ☑ Regular ☐ Special Board Meeting on October 28, 2026