



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Friday, May 8, 2026

Utica Headquarters | 1168 Booster Way, Angels Camp, CA 95222

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UTICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Caroline Schirato – Chair
Eric Bottomley – Vice Chair
Bruce Tallakson – Secretary
Alvin Broglio – Director
Gary Conrado – Director

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

- The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

- Directors Present
 - Director Schirato
 - Director Broglio
 - Director Bottomley
 - Director Tallakson
 - Director Conrado
- Utica Staff Present
 - Erik Holt, General Manager
 - Stacie Walker, Clerk of the Board
 - Frank Fields, O&M Superintendent
 - Kyle Rasmussen, Conveyance Supervisor
- Others Present
 - Tom Quincy, UPUD, Board Director
 - Jessica Self, UPUD, General Manager

- Joe Darby, UPUD, Operations Manager
- Mike Hodson, City of Angels, City Administrator

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Director Bottomley made a motion to approve the agenda

Second: Director Tallakson

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Vote: 5-0-0

Ayes: Director Schriato, Director Tallakson, Director Bottomley, Director Broglio, Director Conrado

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Public Comment

- None

5. Regular Agenda

- A. Discussion regarding the Utica Water and Power Authority Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget
(Erik Holt, General Manager)

General Manager Erik Holt presented the preliminary FY 2026–2027 budget, which includes a proposed 3% COLA and no increases to rental or agricultural rates. Mr. Holt explained that the budget was developed using the reserve policy and CIP Committee recommendations as baseline assumptions. He noted that improved hydrologic conditions shifted the projected water year designation from WY 4 to WY 3, increasing projected revenues by approximately \$350,000. Total projected revenues were estimated at approximately \$2.431 million.

Mr. Holt reviewed operational and accounting changes intended to improve cost tracking and transparency and outlined several priority CIP projects, including Murphys Powerhouse relay upgrades, Hunters Dam assessment work required by DSOD, generator rehabilitation evaluation at Murphys Powerhouse, Angels Penstock repair engineering review, and a tunnel feasibility study intended to reduce long-term conveyance risks. Including CIP expenditures and reserve contributions, total projected expenditures were estimated at approximately \$2.946 million, resulting in a projected shortfall of approximately \$515,526. Mr. Holt emphasized that many of the identified needs are tied to deferred maintenance, regulatory requirements, and aging infrastructure, and stated that the preliminary budget reflects minimum operational and compliance needs.

The Board discussed options for addressing the projected deficit, including reducing reserve contributions, delaying select CIP projects, pursuing grants, increasing revenues, and exploring long-term financing options such as USDA or private infrastructure loans. Directors also discussed historical underfunding of infrastructure needs and the financial limitations created by Proposition 218 requirements.

During discussion of member agency financial constraints, representatives from Union Public Utility District (UPUD) explained that ongoing litigation matters and potential customer refund obligations would be paid using its Utica reserve funds, limiting UPUD's ability to contribute additional funding beyond currently budgeted amounts.

The Board expressed interest in further evaluating long-term financing options and directed staff to continue refining the preliminary budget for future consideration and look into long-term loans.

6. Upcoming Board Meetings and Calendar Events

- Special Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Director Broglio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Second: Director Tallakson

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Vote: 5-0-0

Ayes: Director Schirato, Director Broglio, Director Tallakson, Director Bottomley, Director Conrado

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Utica Mission Statement

We are committed to preserving local control of our water resources through sound fiscal and operational management, rigorous dam safety practices, and regulatory compliance, ensuring a safe and reliable water supply for municipal and agricultural stakeholders now and for future generations.

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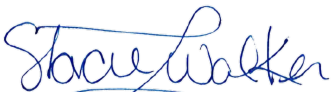
Approved at the June 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting:



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Caroline Schirato, Board Chair

Attest:



Stacie Walker, Clerk of the Board






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