

CHARLESTON DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 18, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on February 18, 2026, at 9:00 am. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors: Jake Barcellos, President
 Will Teixeira, Vice-President
 Alec Barcellos, Director
 Branden Teicheira, Director
 Tom Teixeira, Director

District Staff: Patrick McGowan, General Manager
 Marlene Brazil, Accounting Supervisor
 Juan Cadena, Water Resources Manager
 Sandra Reyes, Water Master

Others: Gabriel Delgado, General Counsel
 Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

CALL TO ORDER

President Barcellos called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Barcellos led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

General Manager Patrick McGowan noted that we would be approving the financial reports prior to reviewing and considering adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 2027, and setting the Drainage Service Fee.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Board and the presence of the District's Officers were confirmed.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Accounts Payable
- B. Monthly Financials
- C. FYE 2025 Budget to Actual Report
- D. Other Financial Matters Affecting the District

After discussion by the board and upon a motion by Vice-President W. Teixeira and seconded by Director A. Barcellos, the Board approved the payables and financial reports as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	A. Barcellos, J. Barcellos, B. Teicheira, T. Teixeira, W. Teixeira
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2027, AND SETTING DRAINAGE SERVICE FEE

General Manager Patrick McGowan presented the board with the Proposed FYE 2027 Budget showing a decrease from last fiscal year.

After discussion by the board and upon a motion by Director T. Teixeira and seconded by Vice-President W. Teixeira, the Board approved setting the Tiled Drainage Service Fee at \$50/Acre and the Non-Tiled Drainage Service Fee at \$10/Acre.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	A. Barcellos, J. Barcellos, B. Teicheira, T. Teixeira, W. Teixeira
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

REPORT ITEMS

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. Grassland Bypass Project Water Quality Monitoring

Water Resources Manager Juan Cadena reported we have been successful in meeting our water quality objectives and have been below the threshold. Mr. Cadena also noted that we are expecting rain the next couple of days.

B. Other Drainage Related Matters Affecting the District.

GM McGowan noted that there were no other matters to report on.

GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY

The General Manager of the Grassland Basin Authority (GBA) Mr. Palmer McCoy presented the Board with a report on the following activities:

I). Administrative:

- The GBA Board approved the 2026-27 Operations and Maintenance Budget and set participation dues at \$ 24.50/Acre. Dues are payable in May and November.
- The San Luis Drain License Agreement has been signed by both PDD and GBA and we are waiting on a fully executed copy from the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA).

II). Operations and Maintenance:

- New Storage Basins – Storm events in late December saturated the soil profile, resulting in significant runoff and field ponding across the GBA service area. Diversions into the short-term storage ponds occurred with three of the four basins being utilized until warmer weather allows for release and reuse in irrigation.
- San Luis Drain – GBA staff continues weekly inspections of the drain, removing debris, and completing repairs to fencing, gates, and signage. A washout northwest of Swift Road was identified and Superior Construction has been contacted to repair and reline the affected section.

- DMC Tile A/B – The facility’s pump and motor were reinstalled and the tile pump resumed operation on February 3, 2026.
- JTWG – Irrigation scheduling continues to be managed to avoid impacts on all Proposition 84 projects. All available fields are currently being grazed by sheep and goats.
- Old Ponds – Ground leveling operations have resumed on a limited basis but remain delayed due to persistently wet conditions for earlier storms.
- Drain Realignment – The realignment project is complete except for installation of a control gate, which McElvaney Construction will complete as part of their Basin Phase 2 Project, anticipated by the end of February.
- Well Pumping Program- The GBA Board approved efficiency testing of wells and initiated negotiations with PWD to determine potential water deliveries for the year. Results will be brought back to the Board for further directions.
- RP9 Siphon – This project awaits delivery of a gate needed to complete construction, which will occur concurrently with Basin Project #2.
- RP3 Rebuild – Repairs to the facility have been completed and testing is currently underway.

III). Prop 84:

- OD Pump Station – Coordination continues with Garney Construction. Pipeline and structural components are complete, and testing of VFDs, motors, and gates is in progress. Summers Engineering is assisting with the project punch list.
- Westside Conveyance & Pumps – The contractor has installed the pump structure in the PE14 Drain and initiated pipeline installation. Work has been delayed by rainfall and will resume once conditions permit trench excavation.
- Basin Project Phase 2 – This phase includes the middle siphon. McElvaney Construction has completed siphon installation through the Outside Canal and is currently installing control gates. Project Completion is estimated by end of February, 2026.

Mr. Palmer McCoy also talked about Silver Creek and that Firebaugh Canal Water District has left their #3 canal empty to be able to collect any overflow. GBA started utilizing the new ponds on the East side of Russell in lieu of discharging giving us a good opportunity to test the ponds. GM McCoy also noted that due to the Department of Water Resources giving an end of February timeline, the GBA is asking all of their contractors to true up their billing. GM McCoy ended his presentation by noting that the Grassland Basin Authority is now managing the San Luis Drain.

BOARD TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM STAFF ON VARIOUS MATTERS AFFECTING THE DISTRICT

GM McGowan noted that there were no updates to report at this time.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

A. Prop 84 Grant:

- I. Downslope Salt Mitigation Pumping Program
- II. OD Pump Station & Pipeline
- III. SJRIP Field Consolidation & Re-Bordering Project
- IV. Short Term Storage Basin

GM McGowan reported that everything had pretty much already been discussed throughout the meeting, but wanted to let the Board know about the Joint Grower Workshop being held by Pacheco and Panoche Water Districts and extended an invitation to attend to the CDD Board members, as well.

REPORTS ON OTHER ITEMS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(a)(3)

FUTURE MEETING DATES

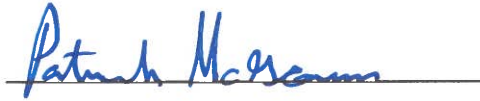
- A. Board to Consider Action to Set Special Meeting Date(s):
- B. Next Regular Meeting Date: *May 20, 2026, at 9:00 am.*

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am.



Jake Barcellos, President



Patrick McGowan, Secretary