

# Pixley Public Utility District

## Board of Directors Board Meeting

Date: April 7, 2025

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: 232 East Davis Pixley CA 93256

Contact: (559)757-3878

### Agenda:

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Minutes**

**3. Bills to be Paid**

**4. Public Comments**

- Members of the public may address the Board during public comments regarding any matter which is under the jurisdiction of the Board. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person with thirty minutes overall for the entire comments period, unless otherwise indicated by the Board President.

**5. Jim Morehead – Pixley Foundation**

- Discuss the possibility of disconnecting one of the service lines at the Pixley Library/CSET and connecting it to the other line on the property

**6. Kirk Masters – Pixley Irrigation/Lower Tule Irrigation**

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

**7. Provost & Pritchard**

1) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND REPORT ON ACTIVE ITEMS

a) Available Water Units

**114**

• Will Serve Letters

- Thandi/Singh – 174 Court (12/22, 1/24, 3/25) 24
- *Palma – 772 Main Street (1/24)* 1
- Ayon – 585 ½ Walnut Avenue (1/24, 3/25) 1
- *Mercado – Walnut (11/19, 11/22, 3/24)* 1
- Orneles – 270 Court (12/19, 2/23, 3/24, 3/25) 3
- Jacobo – 156 Pine (3/24, 3/25) 1
- Valdovinos – 1086 Market (7/24) 1
- Galvan – 105 Airport (12/24) 1
- Orellano – 782 S Main (3/25) 1

- Remaining Available Water Units **80**

- Projects in *italics* have expired. Recommend sending notification letters indicating that extension requests are necessary. Projects in ***bold italics***

have applied for extensions. Projects in **bold** are new projects. Projects ~~struck out~~ have been constructed.

b) Orneles (270 W Court)

- It is understood that construction has begun for the proposed triplex at 270 W Court. A conditional will serve letter was issued, however the conditions set forth in the letter, including improvement plans showing proposed water and sewer services, have not been provided. A request for this information has been made. Some information has been received from the owner. Additional information is pending.

2) FUNDING

a) Well and Waterline Replacement Project

- The financial hardship memorandum associated with Proposition 84 funds was submitted. Michael and Ronnie met with State grant staff, who acknowledged the hardship and are reviewing the information to determine any potential compensatory payment to PPUD. The State communicated on December 17, 2024 that a Contract Amendment was being processed to allow for reimbursement of accrued interest costs. PPUD adopted an Authorizing Resolution on February 24, 2025, to authorize entering into a funding agreement for reimbursement of the accrued interest costs.
- Recommended Action: Board's Pleasure

3) INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

a) Drought Relief Grant from the Department of Water Resources – Well 4A

- The project is proceeding. Demolition of the building at the Well 4 site is complete. Well drilling / zone testing has initiated.
- Recommended Action: Board's Pleasure

b) TCP Planning Grant from the State Water Resources Control Board – Well 5, 3A, 4, & 6

- The State has assigned a Project Manager for the Construction Grant Application. A progress meeting was held on November 22, 2024. Design is near completion. Environmental documents were adopted in September 2024. The intent is to have a complete Construction Grant Application submitted by the end of April 2025.
- Recommended Action: Board's Pleasure

4) COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS

- County Staff approached the PPUD concerning three roadway projects. The locations include:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Water Valves</b>	<b>Sewer Manholes</b>	<b>Projected Cost</b>	<b>Projected Date</b>
Court St. Park St. to School St.	33	13	\$63,350	Spring 2024
Terra Bella Ave. Rd. 96 to Cedar St.	7	1	\$16,000	Spring 2025
Terra Bella Ave. SR 99 to School St.	23	8	TBD	Fall 2025

- The County provided a draft Utility Agreement (UA) for the second Terra Bella project. District Counsel Chad Lew has provided comments back to the County.
  - Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure
- 5) LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY
- The Lead Service Line Inventory was submitted on October 14, 2024
  - P&P is reviewing the inventory and district maps to identify additional service lines for PPUD to inspect.
  - Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure
- 6) SSMP UPDATE
- Pixley PUD has received a Notice of Applicability for the Sanitary Sewer Management Plan. The State has several requirements associated with updating the existing plan to comply with the new Geneal Order.
  - P&P staff prepared the update to the SSMP in accordance with the new requirements.
  - Additional information has been requested from PPUD. Once received, the updated SSMP will be completed for the board to consider for adoption and submittal to the State.
  - Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure
- 7) Cross Connection Control Plan
- A Cross Connection Control Plan is due by July 1, 2025
  - P&P has reviewed the requirements for Small Community Water System (201-999 connections) Cross Connection Control Plan. It is recommended that a cross-connection control specialist be retained to conduct the survey portion.
  - A proposal from Mike McKeever, Water Connection Inc. is enclosed for consideration.
  - Recommended Action: Consider authorizing P&P to contact with Water Connection Inc. to conduct the Cross Connection Control Survey

## 8) Water and Sewer Mapping

- Operations staff utilize old system maps for locating facilities in the field. Many projects have been completed to upgrade the water and sewer system. While plans exist for each project, Rob Masters indicated that an update of the overall field map set would be helpful. Preliminary maps will be presented to show a potential approach.
- A proposed Task Order is provided for consideration
- Recommended Action: Consider authorizing P&P to proceed with updating the water and sewer maps for the District.

## 8. Tools & Maintenance

## 9. Other Matters

### 1) AT&T Mobility Technology Upgrades – Water Tower - 629 S. Center

- Construction drawings provided by Epic Wireless Group are submitted for review for technology upgrades for the AT&T Mobility site at our Water Tower Site per the lease agreement.
- Recommended Action: Review and take action on approving the proposed tower upgrades

### 2) Review the following list of possible abandonment of water capacity and services and sewer services:

1. APN 298-060-026 – 617 West Compton
2. APN 298-042-013 - 310 West Ellsworth
3. APN 299-121-008 - 835 South Maple
4. APN 298-042-008 - 305 South Market
5. APN 298-042-012 - 280 West Ellsworth (Behind 397 Market)
6. APN 299-140-018 - Market/Bradbury
7. APN 314-250-007 - 651 East Terra Bella
8. APN 314-250-007 - 655 East Terra Bella
9. APN 299-091-021 - 172 South Ellsworth
10. APN 298-042-013 - 304 West Ellsworth
11. APN 298-052-004 - 617 South Market
12. APN 298-060-006 - 533 West Compton
13. APN 298-054-018 - 1003 South Market (County has listed as 981 S Market)
14. APN 298-051-004 – 655 South Ash
15. APN 299-103-011 – 173 South Elm
16. APN 299-160-033 – 354 South Main (trailer in back that burnt down, county has address for APN as 380 S Main St B)
17. APN 299-160-034 – 170 East Ellsworth (County has as 1003 E St)
18. APN 298-051-003 – 625 South Ash

- District Staff sent requests on March 17, 2025 to the last known account holders with the PPUD and the owners of the properties per the mini role received from the Tulare County Recorders received on March 5, 2025. Minimal response received back from Account/Property Owners.
- Recommended Action: Discuss and declare District's intentions to declare the above listed properties abandoned for purposes of water capacity and service and sewer service; set a date for abandonment hearing and direct District staff or District legal counsel to send out notices of abandonment hearing pursuant to District water and sewer ordinances to owners of properties listed above.

## **10. Board Member Communications**

### **11. Adjournment**

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