

Pixley Public Utility District

Board of Directors Board Meeting

Date: March 2, 2026

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: 232 East Davis Pixley CA 93256

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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. Lavinder Singh – American Motel

- Discuss potentiality of a bill reduction due to business not currently operating.
- Recommended Action: Discuss and potentially approve a solution to the resident’s concern.

6. Pixley Irrigation/Lower Tule Irrigation – Kirk Masters

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

7. Provost & Pritchard

1) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND REPORT ON ACTIVE ITEMS

a) <u>Available Water Units</u>	110
• Will Service Letters	
• Thandi/Singh – 174 Court (12/22, 1/24, 3/25)	24
• Ayon – 565 Walnut Avenue (1/24, 3/25)	1
• Jacobo – 156 Pine (3/24, 3/25)	1
• Valdovinos – 1086 Market (7/24)	1
• Galvan – 105 Airport (2/26)	1
• Orellano – 782 S Main (3/25)	1
• Martinez – 656 W Bradbury (5/25)	1
• Terrel – 426 W Terra Bella (5/25)	2
• Correa – Tract 7445 (7/25)	18
• Medical Draw Station (9/26)	0 (existing service)
• Remaining Available Water Units	60

- 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) Singh – 174 East Court Avenue – Will Serve Extension Request

- Water and sewer service is requested for a 24-unit apartment development on the property located at 174 East Court Avenue and 210 North Main Street. A will serve letter extension was approved in March 2025, which is set to expire. An extension has been requested.
- Recommended Action: Approve Conditional Will Serve Letter to 174 East Court Avenue

c) Jacobo – 156 North Pine Street – Will Serve Extension Request

- Water and sewer service is requested for a residential unit on the property located at 156 North Pine Street. A will server letter extension was approved in March 2025, which is set to expire. An extension has been requested.
- Recommended Action: Approve Conditional Will Serve Letter to 156 North Pine Street.

2) INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

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

- The well pump and discharge piping have been installed. Electrical and control items have also been installed. Generator source testing and Air Board inspection have been completed.
- An inspection with DDW was conducted on February 12, 2026. DDW checked various components, and no issues with the new facilities were noted.
- System startup and generator testing were conducted on February 20, 2026. The well operated without issue, including the pre-lube system initiating and working for approximately 2 minutes prior to the well pump starting.
- Generator components initially worked correctly, but when the well pump was manually operated, the pump motor was not commanded to start after the pre-lube. The pressure switch was temporarily bypassed, and when the well pump started it immediately tripped the breaker on the generator. An RFI has been submitted by Dovali to resolve these issues.
- The amendment for the funding increase and extension to June 30, 2026, was approved.
- 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. All documents have been submitted for the construction funding application. The State has indicated PPUD could potentially receive a Construction Grant as early as June 2026
- The State has started drafting a financial assistance agreement and preparing other required documents.
- Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure

c) Wastewater Treatment Plant Planning/Funding

- Provost & Pritchard has initiated the USDA Predevelopment Planning Grant process, and grant application documents have been initiated. We plan to complete the application documents by the April Board Meeting and provide any required approval documents at that time.
- Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure

3) COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS

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

Location	Water Valves	Sewer Manholes	Projected Cost	Projected Date
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	Summer 2024
Terra Bella Ave. SR 99 to School St.	23	8	TBD	Fall 2025

- The new reimbursement agreement for the Court Ave project is still pending.
- The County is processing the Utility Agreement (UA) for the second Terra Bella project with Caltrans for their review and approval. Once Caltrans approval is received, the County will provide the UA for PPUD consideration.
- Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure

4) Pixley Elementary Pedestrian Improvement Plans

- The County of Tulare Resource Management Agency is advancing the Pixley Elementary Pedestrian Improvements Project located at the intersection of Court Avenue and School Street in Pixley. The proposed construction

includes installation of ADA curb ramps, sidewalk, curb and gutter, driveways, storm drainpipe, drainage inlets, and manholes.

- The Tulare County Fire Department setback standard for fire hydrants from the edge of pavement or curb and gutter is 8 ft maximum. With the proposed construction, the County is requesting to relocate the fire hydrants to meet this setback standard. Based on the preliminary plans, the current location of the fire hydrants would end up about 22 ft behind the new curb and gutter.
- The County has requested review of the claim of liability, utility conflict plan, and preliminary plans and provide verification of the location of PPUD facilities.
- Recommended Action: Authorize response to the claim of liability, utility conflict plan, and preliminary plans.

8. Tools & Maintenance

9. Other Matters

1) Potential Property to begin Abandonment Process

- Property listed below has gone 3+ months without payment and owner has advised they will pay but never does and does not want to voluntarily abandon the services on the property.
 - APN 299-132-023 – 1071 South Elm Street
- Recommended Action: Discuss and determine the District's intentions to move forward. Potentially acting on scheduling Abandonment Hearings or next steps to be taken regarding said properties and their water capacity services and sewer services.

2) Pixley Tipton Youth Baseball

- Pixley Tipton Youth Baseball is inquiring if Pixley Public Utility District is interested in being a Team, Sign, or Partner Sponsorship for the 2026 Baseball Season.
- Recommended Action: Discuss options and potentially approve a sponsorship option.

3) Monthly Board Meeting Date and Time – Resolution 2026-01

- Potentially change the day of which the monthly board meeting falls on and the time the meetings will be held.
- Recommended Action: Discussion, consideration and potential action on approval of Resolution 2026-01, A Resolution of the Pixley Public Utility District Establishing The Date and Time for Regular Meetings.

4) Connecteam – Timecard Application and Policy

- Enrollment and testing have been completed. Next steps are to implement the software to be utilized.

- A Time Tracking Policy for the Connecteam system is being presented for review and input within the PPUD Employee Handbook.
 - Recommended Action: Discuss and potentially approve the Employee Handbook as presented with the addition of the Connecteam Time Tracking Policy and select an implementation date for the use of Connecteam for PUD Employees.
- 5) AT&T Internet and Phone Lines Contract & Agreement
- AT&T is decommissioning their copper services. All customers on the copper/U-Verse services need to migrate over AIA Wireless to avoid the possibility of disconnection.
 - A contract has been provided for review and approval for APBA (AT&T Phone for Business Advanced) phone services along with a sample of the agreement we would sign for internet services.
 - A quote for the services has also been provided for reference.
 - Our location is on the decommission list for June – November 2026.
 - Recommended Action: Discuss and approve to execute the Contract and Agreement to migrate our U-Verse Services with AT&T to AIA Wireless with APBA
- 6) Gemini Water Group
- Company with a CCR Platform that knows the ins and outs of state and federal regulations; every year their team meets with each state and the EPA to ensure all reports are up to date, helping to alleviate any uncertainty and making sure you get a perfectly compliant report.
 - They offer a 100% ADA compliance guarantee, as well as translations in over 20 languages, ensuring that all your customers have access to this important information.
 - Example of their CCR Report is attached along with quotes from their website.
 - Recommended Action: Discuss and determine whether the District Staff should engage and schedule a demo with the Company regarding PPUDs annual CCR.

10. Board Member Communications

11. Adjournment

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