

Minutes

The Pixley Public Utility district held a Board Meeting on the 11th day of May 2026 at the Pixley Public Utility District

- It was determined that a quorum was present with the following Board Members present David Terrel, Ramon Cisneros, Jose Moreno, and Matthew Martinez. Present as well were Amanda Rodari; Office Manager, Jacklyne Zavala; Office Assistant, Robert Masters; Operations Supervisor, Chad Lew; District Counsel, Maija Madec; District Engineer, and John Stuetzel; 4 Creeks.

1. The meeting was called to order at: 5:30pm

2. Minutes

- The minutes of April 13, 2026, Board Meeting were submitted for review. On the motion of Jose Moreno and seconded by Ramon Cisneros and a unanimous vote the minutes were approved as submitted. Motion Carried.

3. Monthly Bills:

- On motion of Jose Moreno and seconded Matthew Martinez and a unanimous vote the following bills were ordered paid. See Exhibit "A". Motion Carried.

4. Public Comments

- N/A

5. Kirk Masters – Pixley Irrigation/Lower Tule Irrigation

• Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

- Kirk Masters was not in attendance to present. Operations Supervisor Robert Master reported on his behalf that the growers did not get their fee waiver, but that does not affect us. Office Manager Amanda Rodari reported that our Extraction Reports were submitted by the May 1st deadline. A Fee Waiver was also submitted, and we are waiting for a response. If we do not receive a fee waiver our fees will roughly be \$10,577.00, which we have the funds in reserve per our Budget. She also advised that a Public Hearing regarding Extraction Fees were being held at the Tipton Irrigation Office tomorrow at 9:30am for any Board Member who may want to attend.

6. Provost & Pritchard

1) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND REPORT ON ACTIVE ITEMS

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

- Correa – Tract 7445 (4/23, 7/25) 18
- Medical Draw Station (9/26) 0 (existing service)
- **533 W. Compton (Bank Owned) (5/26)** 0
- 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) 533 West Compton Ave – Will Serve Request

- **Water and Sewer service is requested for a residential unit on the property located at 533 West Compton Ave. There is an existing house on the property. This property was abandoned by the Board in November 2025. The Bank owns the property and has requested service be restored for sale of the property.**
- **A Conditional Will Serve Letter is provided for consideration. Connection fees are requested to restore service**
- **Recommended Action: Approve the Conditional Will Serve Letter to 533 West Compton Avenue and determine Connection Fees to be paid to reconnect per District Ordinances.**
- District Engineer Maija Madec reported that this property is bank owned and they are in the process of selling the property and would like the Water and Sewer services back on to the property. No lines were removed/or would need to be reinstalled at this time after services were deemed abandoned in November 2025. However, reconnection fees would need to be paid to restore connection if the Conditional Will Serve is approved by the Board. Office Manager Amanda Rodari went over the current Sewer and Water Ordinance for Capacity Restoration Rights Fee Structure, which if the Board accepts the Conditional Will Serve for processing, the District may charge a restoration fee equal to the difference between the current connection fee and the previous fee paid prior to abandonment. On a motion of Ramon Cisneros and seconded by Jose Moreno, the Conditional Will Serve for 533 West Compton Avenue was approved subject to payment of Reconnection fees of the current rate minus \$1,200.00 be paid to the District to restore services from PPUD. Motion Carried.

c) Pixley Medical Clinic Expansion

- **Pixley Medical Clinic is proposing an expansion. The Medical Clinic developers have submitted preliminary plans for undergrounding the SCE utilities. This allows for the abandonment of the “alley” between the existing Medical Clinic and the PPUD water tower property. A letter has been requested to state the PPUD will no longer need the “alley” between the two properties for utility purposes.**
- **A draft letter is provided for consideration.**
- **Recommended Action: Provide and edits and authorize staff to submit the letter to the County.**

- District Engineer Maija Madec reported that last month the Pixley Medical Clinic presented the undergrounding of the SCE facilities serving the Water Tower site. They then requested a letter saying that with the undergrounding of the utilities there is no water or sewer within that little alley between the Medical Clinic and the Tower site that the District has no need for an easement there and it can be abandoned for the Medical Clinic use. A letter was provided for Board approval that is addressed to the County advising that there are no existing water or sewer facilities in the subject alley, and it is proposed to be abandoned. Pixley PUD has no utility interest in the existing alley and is okay with this being abandoned. On motion of Jose Moreno and seconded by Matthew Martinez and a unanimous vote the presented letter was approved to execute and provide to the County. Motion Carried.

2) INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

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

- **Construction has been completed.**
- **DDW issued a new Permit on April 30, 2026. Well 4A may now be placed in service.**
- **Several conditions and monitoring requirements are required to be completed. P&P will work with PPUD staff to complete the necessary items.**
- **It is recommended that the project be accepted and a Notice of Completion be filed.**
- **Recommended Action: Accept and File Notice of Completion for the Well 4A construction project**
- District Engineer Maija Madec reported that this project is essentially completed. Permits from the State and Air Board have been received to operate. What's next is Bac-T samples are to be taken to which Operations Supervisor Robert Masters advised one has been taken and he is going to take another one tomorrow. Once we get two passing samples, we can put the Well online. Maija then advised Dovali Construction will need to come back out and complete vibration testing on the pump once it's in operation. Rob then also confirmed that TCP and other contaminant testing is scheduled for Thursday. He then went on to say it could potentially be as early as next week that the Well can be placed online. He will run it as a primary for a little bit to see what it does and figure out the schematic and figure which wells it may fight with. District Counsel Chad Lew then questioned how the Notice of Completion can be processed if we do not know that its complete. When the Notice of Completion is processed, we are saying the project is complete and paid. Board Member David Terrel then put it out there as a potential to approve the execution of the Notice of Completion contingent upon final inspection and testing. Chad then mentioned we need to take into consideration the impact if the results don't pass or something goes wrong. Maija responded there is still the retention withheld which essentially gives 35 days for them to pay their subcontractors and once the Notice of Completion is signed the warranty starts from that date. But if something goes wrong then that retention can be withheld until

everything is straightened out. She believes the funding timeline is to be completed by June and to have the Notice of Completion done by the June 30th deadline. After discussion amongst the Board, it was decided to table the Notice of Completion until the next Board Meeting or to schedule a special board meeting if needed once the remaining punch list items are complete.

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

- **The SWRCB issued a Construction Funding Agreement on April 20, 2026, with a request to review and sign the Agreement within 30 calendar days.**
- **Several comments have been provided on the Agreement.**
- **It is recommended that PPUD pursue potential acquisition of the property on Compton.**
- **In addition, DDW issued a Compliance Order for TCP (Order no. 04_12_26J_19) on April 30, 2026. The Compliance Order includes Wells 3A, 4A, 5 and 6.**
- **A Notification of Receipt must be completed and returned by May 15, 2026.**
- **The Compliance Order requires preparation of a Corrective Action Plan by June 30, 2026.**
- **Public Notification of the water quality violation is required by June 30, 2026. A copy of the notice must be submitted along with a compliance certification form by July 10, 2026.**
- **Quarterly reporting is required beginning July 10, 2026, showing actions taken the previous quarter to comply with the Corrective Action Plan.**
- **Recommended Action: Approve Agreement contingent on response to comments.**
- District Engineer Maija Madec reported the State has provided a funding agreement for review and execution by the Board. They had several comments on the agreement that was provided. The one they were able to address was regarding the concerns of the scope of work. They provided a revised scope of work that will be included in the revised agreement that they will send back to us. Any approval can be contingent on that change. They cannot extend the timeline or increase the budget based on what our projected schedule and budget is for the project due to limitations by EPA now. We were told that those will be extended later and they will amend the agreement to increase the budget and extend the schedule. Chad has pointed out several locations within the agreement where it mentions potential loss of funding if the State or Feds lose funding then essentially the agreement protects the state from having to pay if that happens and puts Pixley on the hook, but they are not able to negotiate those terms or make changes. District Counsel Chad Lew explained it puts the District in a position because we are going to the State requesting help to construct this TCP facility and if they have money because the project is going to cost roughly 15 million dollars. The State is advising they have money. We have a compliance order we must meet because we have TCP contamination. But if you review the agreement, it stated they will give us the money

for the project, but there is a provision of the grant that if the cost of the project exceeds what we are granting you, you are obligated to build it at your cost. The other provision states that in the event they lose the funding from the Feds, and they don't have the money they are not obligated to fund it, but the District still needs to pay it. The likelihood of this happening isn't great. But if it happened it would bankrupt the District because we do not have 15 million dollars to complete this. Maija added that once we go out to bid and we receive the bids there is an opportunity for budget increase approval based on those bids. If they can't increase the funding at that time, then we don't have to go to construction. After discussion amongst the Board and District Staff and what the risks are and that something needs to be done in order to have the TCP treated, on motion of Jose Moreno and seconded by Matthew Martinez it was approved to execute the agreement contingent on the revision of the scope of work having been updated as well as a second review completed by District Engineer and Legal Counsel. Motion Carried.

c) Wastewater Treatment Plant Planning/Funding

- **The USDA Predevelopment Planning Grant has been submitted. USDA has initiated their review and found that an Equal Opportunity Agreement needs to be completed electronically in RDAApply.**
- **The Equal Opportunity Agreement is enclosed for consideration.**
- **Recommended Action: Approve certification of the Equal Opportunity Agreement.**
- District Engineer Maija Madec reported that the application was submitted. USDA have started the review but noticed we needed to submit an Equal Opportunity Agreement. She said it seems this agreement is more related to once the project goes under construction. Essentially the contractor agrees to provide equal opportunities and not discriminate. District Counsel Chad Lew questioned if this is State or Federal Funding. Maija responded this is Federal Funding. On motion of Ramon Cisneros and seconded by Jose Moreno and a unanimous vote it was approved to execute the Equal Opportunity Agreement so that the USDA can move forward with our application. Motion Carried.

d) New Well and Water Storage Tank – Funding Application

- **The Board asked about potential funding for a new well. P&P reached out to Tulare County. They had considered ARPA funding for this previously but did not have sufficient funding. The County does not have funding to support a project, but they do support an application from PPUD for other funding options.**
- **The County suggested including connection of domestic well homes in an application, to boost the chances of receiving funds.**
- **In addition, DDW is requiring PPUD to submit a plan and schedule for construction of additional storage tank(s) to meet the MDD storage capacity requirement, by June 30, 2026.**

- **A new storage tank and well could be included in a single planning grant application.**
- **A task order to prepare a planning grant application is provided for consideration.**
- **Recommended Action: Approve Task Order authorizing P&P to prepare a planning grant application.**
- District Engineer Maija Madec reported that at last month’s meeting it was brought up that we had done a feasibility study that was submitted to Tulare County regarding a potential new Well funding application project. She reached out to the County regarding this and was advised that this was geared toward ARPA Funding which they didn’t have enough funding for. They encouraged the District to apply for other funding options. She then went on to advise that the compliance order we recently received regarding Well 4a that a new water tank would be required to meet maximum day-to-day requirements. She provided a potential proposal to put together a planning grant through the State to look at a new Well and Tank application. The proposal is that they can do this application for \$4,500 over the next couple of months. District Counsel Chad Lew asked if Self Help could do a Technical Assistance Grant. And suggested we reach out to them to see if they have the funding to pay Provost & Pritchard to complete the Planning Grant. After discussion amongst the Board, they directed Office Manager Amanda Rodari to reach out to Self Help regarding a Technical Assistance Grant and table to the approval of the Task Order until next meeting.

3) COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS

- **County Staff approached the PPUD 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**
- District Engineer Maija Madec reported that there are no updates to provide on this item. Office Manager Amanda Rodari advised she has not heard anything from the County either recently regarding the second Terra Bella project or the new

reimbursement agreement for the Court Avenue Project. The Board directed Amanda to follow up with the County to see if they have an estimated time frame of when the Court Avenue Project agreement is going to be sent over for review and execution.

7. Tools & Maintenance

- **Operations Supervisor to report on the below items:**
 - i. **Well 4A**
 - ii. **Aerotors Chains**
 - iii. **Aerotors Wiring and Conduit**
- Operations Supervisor Robert Masters reported that working on the Chains has been placed on hold last week due to flushing of Well 4a so that it can be brought online before summer. And hope to get back on track working on them the end of this week or beginning of next week. There were some electrical issues at the Plant, fuses blew and he had Craig with Turnupseed come out and inspect the 4th aerotor just to make sure nothing mechanically happened to the motor. It was determined that it was short circuited and he tested the motor and the motor is good it is the wiring somewhere underground the conduit is busted. They don't know where it is hung up. Craig's recommendation is to trench a new conduit line. This will be a project they will work on over the next couple of weeks. He then also advised that sometime around July 21st he will be taking two weeks off for vacation.

8. Other Matters

1) Internet and Phone Line Options for PPUD

- **AT&T is decommissioning their copper services. All customers on the copper/Verse services need to migrate over AIA Wireless to avoid the possibility of disconnection and ABPA phone lines.**
- **Options to migrate to the new services along with contract and agreement were provided by a third part vendor of AT&T (Trendco Communications)**
- **At the last Board Meeting it was discussed and decided to move forward with Spectrum for internet and phones services for the District. After reaching back out to Spectrum, they advised that internet and phone lines are not available at certain district locations.**
- **AT&T corporate was contacted by District Staff to discuss options. They advised if possible, it would be in the District best interest to migrate to AIA Wireless Internet, which will be a more reliable and faster internet than what we currently have and to transfer from landlines to wireless cell services. To which Corporate can provide more feasible monthly rate than the third part vendor working for AT&T.**
- **Recommended Action: Discuss and determine which Internet and Phone Line service to move forward that would best serve the District. Potentially approve to execute a contract and agreement with AT&T**
- Office Manager Amanda Rodari reported after last meeting she reached out to Spectrum to begin services that were approved by the Board. She learned at that time that the representative that reached out to us offering services was incorrect

about being able to provide services to our Wastewater Plant. She then decided to reach out to the AT&T Corporate out of curiosity since the company that reached out to us regarding our current services with them was via an AT&T third party vendor known as Trendco Communications. The AT&T representative that she communicated with advised Trendco Communications is in fact one of their vendors, however if we updated our services directly with Corporate and not through Trendco Communications that the monthly rate would be cheaper than what they quoted. And that if we could get away from landlines and go to wireless mobility phones at each office that would decrease the monthly rate as well. Operations Supervisor Robert Masters then added that he spoke with Craig at Turnupseed regarding the alarm systems that are linked to our current landline to see if switching to wireless phones would/could be feasible. Craig advised it was, that he recently completed a software upgrade similar to this for Tipton. After discussion amongst the Board, they directed Amanda to move forward by upgrading our services with AT&T through AT&T Corporate and bring their rates and contract back for review and approval of execution at a later meeting.

2) TULARE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

- **Up for re-election: Seat #2 Ronnie Prince (Board President) Seat #3 Ramon Cisneros**
- **Discuss, consider and possible action on adopting Resolution No. 2026-02**
- **A Resolution Ordering Board or Directors Election; Consolidation of Elections; Specifications of the Election Order; and Specific Services Rendered to the District**
- **Recommended Action: Approve Resolution No. 2026-02**
- Office Manager Amanda Rodari reported that Ronnie and Rays positions will be up for elections this year. Resolution 2026-02 is presented for review and approval. This resolution gives the County approval to run our election for the District. She also added that if Ronnie and Ray will be applying for their positions again they will need to do so between July 13th – August 7th and she will remind them of this closer to this time frame. On a motion of Jose Moreno and seconded by Matthew Martinez and a unanimous vote Resolution 2026-02 was approved to execute. Motion Carried.

10. Board Member Communications

11. Adjournment

- There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24p.m. on the motion of Jose Moreno and seconded by Matthew Martinez and a unanimous vote. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted
Amanda Rodari
Secretary/Clerk

Pixley Public Utility District

BIILS PAID APRIL 2026
MAY 2026 Board Meeting
Exhibit A

Vendors	Credits	Paid	Paid from RESERVE/SAV
AMERICAN CRANE RENTAL	-	-	\$6,218.00
AT&T U-VERSE WWTF	-	\$196.64	-
AT&T MOBILITY	-	\$400.66	-
AT&T U-VERSE – WATER TANK	-	\$112.35	-
AT&T U-VERSE - DISTRICT	-	\$208.94	-
BSK	-	\$910.00	-
CARRAWAY COMPUTER SYSTEMS	-	\$365.19	-
CLINES	-	\$30.00	-
FGL	-	\$500.00	-
FLO-LINE TECHNOLOGY	-	\$9,804.10	-
MCCORMICK, KABOT & LEW	-	\$2,618.05	-
MORRIS LEVIN & SONS	-	\$158.00	-
PIXLEY AUTO PARTS	-	\$1,950.27	-
PROVOST & PRITCHARD	-	\$6,120.36	-
RCAC	-	\$1,675.68	-
SIERRA DAIRY	-	\$872.85	-
SJVAPCD	-	\$938.00	-
SO CAL GAS	-	\$73.85	-
SOUTHERN CA EDISON - PLANT	-	\$4,928.63	-
SOUTHERN CA EDISON	-	\$2,023.28	-
SOUTHERN CA EDISON – WELL 3A	-	\$2,683.96	-

SOUTHERN CA EDISON – WELL 6	-	\$6,510.84	-
STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE	-	\$616.33	-
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	-	\$201.00	-
STEVE DOVALI CONSTRUCTION	-	\$0.01	-
STREAMLINE	-	\$436.10	-
TIB – CARD SERVICE CENTER	-	\$2,267.34	-
TULE TRASH	-	\$265.16	-
TURNUPSEED ELECTRIC SERVICES	-	\$3,040.21	-
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD	-	\$666.38	-
US POSTMASTER	-	\$411.84	-
VSI	-	\$1,841.58	-
WM LYLES CO			\$7,319.20
-	-	-	-
CREDITS:	-	-	-
PAID BILLS:	-	\$52,827.60	-
TOTAL OF BILLS PAID FROM RESERVE	-	-	\$13,537.20
TOTAL OF ALL BILLS PAID	-	-	\$66,364.80
TOTAL TO TRANSFER TO SAVINGS FOR FUTURE BUDGETED PAYMENTS	-	-	\$59,947.69