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2/24 meeting moved to 3/10

## 10:01 A.M. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

10:01 call to order General Public was called to speak

**Present** Director Pati Nolen, Vice Chair Matt Hansen, and Director Tom Walker

**ABSENT** Director Rob Burroughs, and Director Greg Jones

Chairperson: Matt Hansen Vice-Chairperson: Pati Nolen

Directors: Robert Burroughs, Greg Jones, Tom Walker

Justin Jenson, Deputy Director of Public Works-Water Resources

## Public Comment

### 1. Presentation - Department of Water Resources Land and Water Use - Northern Region Office

Todd from the Department of Water Resource - Northern Region Office presents PowerPoint. This presentation goes over several divisions of Land and Water use. DWR uses consulting to collect land and water use data. They find out what the land is being used for and use that data to predict water demand. The water demand is different for various crops so it is important to know what the land is being used for. They also use weather stations to help determine irrigation schedules, prevent over irrigating, and prevent under irrigating. These information sets can be found on their website. These things are not regulated, they are just tools for assistance.

Deputy Director Justin Jenson comments that our GSA uses significant amounts of this data to create our plans.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Deputy Director Justin Jenson

[25-0331](#)

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Deputy Director Justin Jenson

a) Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting held 1/28/2025

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Pati Nolen

**SECONDER:** Tom Walker

**AYES:** Director Nolen, Vice Chair Hansen, and Director Walker

**ABSENT:** Director Burroughs, and Director Jones

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Deputy Director Justin Jenson [25-0330](#)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Deputy Director Justin Jenson**

a) Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the special meeting held 2/6/2025

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Tom Walker

**SECONDER:** Pati Nolen

**AYES:** Director Nolen, Vice Chair Hansen, and Director Walker

**ABSENT:** Director Burroughs, and Director Jones

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Deputy Director Justin Jenson [25-0329](#)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Deputy Director Justin Jenson**

a) Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting held 11/18/2024

**5. East Side Flooding Issues [25-0360](#)**

**East Side Flooding Issues**

Presentation

Presentation by Deputy Director Justin Jenson. Introduces Adriana as the new Engineering Tech in Flood. She will be providing assistance for flooding issues in the future.

Jenson speaks on the east side issues on flooding issues between Red bluff and Los Molinos.

Jenson goes over map of creeks affecting these flooding issues. Flow metering and monitoring is not implemented in these creeks. Mill creek does have a flow meter and we can use that data. Goes over historical data from last major flooding events as well as this season. This season peaked higher than previous years. Gages exist up in the canyon lands above the flats. Goes over rainfall totals for the same period of times in different years. This past years flood issues have a lot to do with the burning that occurred from the Park Fire. Burn scars were notified that flood risks were increased. No growth and plant life to stop or slow the movement of water, the flow of water was faster down through the valley floor. Surface water distribution area was inundated from to how fast the water was coming down the hill due to no vegetation slowing the water. Massive water volume that went through so rapidly jumped all the banks and flowed down through the area and crossed 99 and then came down and effected from antelope bridge to salt creek bridge as the water spread out.

Jenson states that the District and County want to assist the residents when we have a situation like this. However, the avenues for us are limited. All sides of creek are

privately owned so we don't have access within those areas to do projects. Requesting the area to be considered a new flood zone that covers the area would cause the landowners to pay flood insurance. Landowners would also be responsible for the fees of these projects. After the area was determined a flood zone, the county would implement and complete projects. Beyond that when we see these issues the district talks to larger property owners to assist with fixing. Growth in creek channels can help overspill banks. This issue was vastly due to water jumping the banks prior to getting in the vegetated creek sections. The district contacts agencies (state/federal) and FEMA for flood issues. FEMA would survey and re-label as 100year flood zone. This would mandate property owners to carry flood insurance. FEMA starts to hand out grant money when these issues keep occurring. Generally, if you want federal level help it is in response to things that will cost them money long term. The district is working to see where the issues are and give info to the state. Discusses how the district helps and how we can direct people. The County cleans waterways within our right of ways of any debris.

Director Walker asks if houses were raised for flooding and if that was federally funded.

Jenson responds and there is more discussion on flood events.

Director Hansen states concerns associated with flooding. Hansen said the county did move with declaring a local emergency due to flooding. Jenson states residents can apply for help through FEMA due to all the damage. However, FEMA has published they are running out of money, so he is not sure what is available.

Hansen opens up public comment on the issue.

Director Nolen states other people she reached out to for awareness and assistance. She informs they have discussed the events and states everyone is doing the best they can. This is new so not a lot of reclamation needs to be done. They are trying to get ahead of this.

Public comment

A resident has a question from Blackberry Ave - He had a wall built to keep water out of yard due to the water coming from Antelope Creek. He's wondering if anyone has reached out to the landowner to raise the bank. Jenson responds stating that it is an intensive permitting process to raise a creek bank. More discussion on flooding.

A resident commented on the job of the district.

There is more comment on the flooding issues.

Director Hansen redirects and comments on the matter and says it's important to let Deputy Director Jenson know the issues.

A Resident from Hogsback Rd expresses concern for cleaning the ditches and asks who to call for resolution. Jenson responds with those processes.

Nolen lets them know who to contact and Director Walker offers alternatives.

A resident from Hogsback Rd comments on the flood issues in her area and that it has not flooded in 70 years. She reflects on her experience from the flood and asks for guidance. Jenson suggests contacting state and federal representation. There is more discussion on cost and options.

A resident commented on their flood experience, his opinion of levee maintenance, and drainage maintenance. States that they aren't getting help from any avenues.

A resident tells their experience of the flood and past history of flooding at her residence. Speaks on costs/repairs and is looking for some kind of assistance.

A resident from Hogsback Rd requests the county to clean ditches. Speaks on flooding and damages that occurred. She wants to know why the county cannot clean the ditches. Also expresses that she does not want to be put in 100-year floodplain due to costs.

A resident who manages some property has tried for 3years to clean creeks and he gets the run around. The vegetation is blocking creek. Wants to clean the creek but, doesn't want to go to jail for clearing himself. Justin gives his info to help him get in contact with who can help.

A resident from north of Hogsback Rd speak on their experience from the flood. The ditch is plugged up preventing water flow. They spray the weeds, but it isn't enough. Talks on the ability to sue people who don't maintain their share. More discussion on

clearing the waterways.

A resident representing the Edwards family who owns property at the mouth of Antelope Creek speaks on his experience and setbacks. They have tried to get permits to clear the creek with no luck. Speaks on the gaging station they have and how he has made numerous attempts to acquire permitting. They want to clear the creek, but can't without permits or they will be fined. Trying to be part of the solution and help the situation.

A resident asks for clarification from DWR. Asks if any navigable water ways can be accessed. Hansen asks for clarification from DWR in the room. Member states that based on classes he took any citizen can travel a waterway. Deputy Director Jenson states he is not going to be giving legal advice.

A resident from the Dairyville area agrees ditches need to be cleared out. Speaks on how they used to be cleaned and thinks we should revisit that. Speaks on his opinion of the issues in that area and asks the county to take action.

A resident comments on past precautions the county used to take. They speak about the flood experience and asks why more can't be done to clean out the sloughs.

A resident gives their opinion on programs vs permissions. States the property owners he talked to would give permission for cleaning waterways and speaks more on flood damages.

A resident from Dairyville who has lived there his whole life speaks about the flooding and what he has tried to do to help the situation. Comments on what disaster the flood has caused for him and how Ag land is covered in silt. Expresses the need for clearing creek beds and the environmental reasons preventing that from happening.

Director Nolen comments on roads

A resident from Craig Ave speaks on flood experience this year as well as concerns. They also talk about drainages and things blocking the drains. Presents some photos of his concerns and what might help with draining the water.

A resident from 99 and Blackberry Ave comments on how serious the problem is and their experience from the flood. States their opinion for a needed bridge and talks

about some cleaning measures he has taken himself.

Director Hansen Close public comment

Director Walker met with Caltrans about the culvert at Blackberry Ave and was not impressed with the answer. The 6ft culvert has been replaced frequently and is not on the list for having repairs done. He wishes he had better answers to getting the needed permits to clear creeks.

Nolen says she will be the squeaky will and reach out to representatives.

Hansen comments on the Park Fire agenda and says the happenings from this flood are no surprise to him. Comments on flooding issues and says he has received the same answers in regard to permitting. The county has declared a flood emergency and thinks it's time to pull together. We need to identify which waterways are most important. Speaks on the ability of weed spraying and that the proper permits are now in place for that. Comments more on the issues and where he stands on the matter.

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**6. GSA Approved Groundwater Sustainability Plans - Review of Comments**

25-0358

**GSA Approved Groundwater Sustainability Plans - Review of Comments**

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Jenson presents the comments from DWR on approved Groundwater Sustainability Plans. These plans have been approved with contingencies. What this means is yes, but we need to do what they require to keep the plans. Jenson goes over the comments for each plan as stated by DWR.

There is discussion on Demand Management.

Jenson goes into more explanation on what DWR is requiring. Talks about more required monitoring and what will be done to obtain more data.

Hansen comments on the monitoring.

Caller ending in 2468 comments on numbers and asks why she has not been accepted for a monitoring well.

Hansen states that this is irrelevant to the item being discussed and moves to next item.

7. Resolution No. 2025-01

25-0357

Resolution No. 2025-01

Approve and sign Resolution No. 2025-01

Jenson presents Resolution 2025-01 which requested grant funding that was awarded. This would reinstitute stream gages that have been damaged or washed away. This is crucial to qualify for exemptions allowing the diversion of flood water to be used for another purpose. This would cover 5 total gages in the amount of \$615,000.00. Jenson speaks on the location of the gages and says that they would qualify if data is recorded. This would be paid for by the state for 5 years. After 5 years the district would have to commit to a 5-year maintenance agreement, but we could opt out after those 5 years.

Walker asks how locations are determined, and Jenson clarifies.

- RESULT:** APPROVE
- MOVER:** Pati Nolen
- SECONDER:** Tom Walker
- AYES:** Director Nolen, Vice Chair Hansen, and Director Walker
- ABSENT:** Director Burroughs, and Director Jones

Board Matters

Hansen proposes a study session to get some good information to develop a task force for active flood management. Since there is a local emergency in place hopefully, we can get attention from regulatory agencies.

Walker suggests writing letters as a board in agreement that this is a huge problem to create a record.

Nolen states she wrote a letter before the flood and agrees we should write more.

Jenson suggests if the outcome is a bulk permitting process to make it where landowners can do the clearing.

There is more comment on the permitting and fees.

Hansen recommends a standing agenda item for Flood Control, Well mitigation and Demand Management. Wants this to also be on the Ground Commissions agenda standing items.

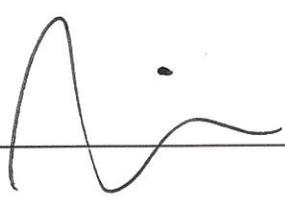
Discussion on Antelope Stream gage. Consensus is that gage does not read most flood stages due to a cap. If there is additional funding maybe we could use it to put a gage there if the landowner agrees.

**ADJOURN 12:15 P.M.**

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APPROVED   
Chairperson

Flood Control and Water Conservation  
District  
Board of Directors

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