

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Pompeyo Tabarez.
2. **ROLL CALL:** All those present included: President Pompeyo Tabarez, Vice-President Delfino Matus, Director Tony Sandoval, Director Helen Diaz-Molina, Director Sara Curry, General Counsel Steve Walker, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Finance Manager Luis Carrazco, Clerk of the Board Jacob Bermudez
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Tabarez Led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Director Curry Motioned to Approve the Agenda. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried. AYES: Director Curry, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Matus, President Tabarez / NOES: 0
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public Comment was Received by Alec Hendry regarding the Heberwood Estates Development and shared his concerns regarding the capacity fees policy. Steve Scaroni also provided a public comment in favor of the Heberwood Estate Project and also shared his concerns regarding the capacity fees policy. Diahna Garcia-Ruiz read the Oath of Office to the Public.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Vice-President Matus Motioned to Approve the Consent Agenda. Director Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. Motion Carried. AYES: Director Curry, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Matus, President Tabarez. / NOES: 0
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on June 18, 2026
 - B. Approval of Current Demands for June 2026
 - C. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-11 Authorizing the Submittal of an Individual Grant Application for All CalRecycle Grant Programs
 - D. Information Only: Submittal of Grant Applications for the Imperial Irrigation District FLOW Grant – Grants Manager
 - A. Information Only: Submittal of Grant Application for the Imperial County Community Benefit Funds – Grants Manager
 - B. Extend the Professional Financial Auditing Services Request for Proposal Deadline – General Manager
7. **REPORTS:**
 - A. President and Director's Comments
 - B. Operations Report for June 2026 – Presented with no Additions

C. General Manager's Report – Presented with no Additions

D. Grants Update – Presented with no Additions

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

A. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-12 Adopting a Five-Year Program for Capital Improvement for FY 2026/2027 – Finance Manager: Director Sandoval Motioned to Adopt Resolution Number 2026-12 Adopting a Five-Year Program for Capital Improvement for FY 2026/2027. Vice-President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried. AYES: Director Curry, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Matus, President Tabarez. / NOES: 0

~~B. Provide Direction Regarding a Water Rate Option as Proposed by the Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Study – LT Municipal Consultants~~ Authorize and Adopt a Water Rate Option as a Proposed by the Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Study – LT Municipal Consultants: Direction was Given to General Manager to Move Forward with Option A.

~~C. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-13 Accepting the Report for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Study – LT Municipal Consultants~~ Adopt Resolution Number 2026-13 the Report for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Study – LT Municipal Consultants: Director Sandoval Motioned to Adopt Resolution Number 2026-13 the Report for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Study. Vice-President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried. AYES: Director Curry, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Matus, President Tabarez. / NOES: 0

~~D. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-14 Set the Day, Time, and Location of the Proposition 218 Hearing for Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Adjustments – LT Municipal Consultants~~ Adopt Resolution Number 2026-14 Adopting the Proposition 218 Hearing for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Study – LT Municipal Consultants: Director Sandoval Adopt Resolution Number 2026-14 Adopting the Proposition 218 Hearing for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Study. Vice-President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried. AYES: Director Curry, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Matus, President Tabarez. / NOES: 0

E. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-15 Adopting the Heber Public Utility District Environmentally Preferable Purchase and Practices Policy – Grants Manager: Director Sandoval Motioned Adopt Resolution Number 2026-15 Adopting the Heber Public Utility District Environmentally Preferable Purchase and Practices Policy. Vice-President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried. AYES: Director Curry, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Matus, President Tabarez. / NOES: 0

F. Information Only: Fourth Quarter Budget Review – Finance Manager: Presented with no Additions

G. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-16 Adopting the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget – Finance Manager: Director Sandoval Motioned to Adopt Resolution Number 2026-16 Adopting the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget. Vice-President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried. AYES: Director Curry, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Matus, President Tabarez. / NOES: 0

H. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-17 Adopting Reserve Guidelines for Budget FY 2026/2027 – Finance Manager: Director Sandoval Motioned to Adopt Resolution Number 2026-17 Adopting Reserve Guidelines for Budget FY 2026/2027. Vice-President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.

AYES: Director Curry, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Matus, President Tabarez. / NOES: 0

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Splash Back to School – August 14 from 5 to 8pm at Children’s Park
- HPUD Office will be Closed September 7, 2026 for Labor Day

10. CLOSED SESSION: President Tabarez Motioned to Enter Closed Session at 9:08pm. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried. AYES: Director Curry, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Matus, President Tabarez. / NOES: 0

To ensure privacy during Closed Session, we will observe the following procedures:

- The Board President will enter Closed Session. Members of the public will exit the boardroom.

A. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d) – No Reportable Action was Taken.

The Board of Directors Exited Closed Session at 9:38pm

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at 9:39pm