

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION

(Held at the Commission office on March 24, 2026 at 05:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ❖

Chairperson Mastelotto called the meeting to order at 05:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Mastelotto and Salvucci from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Pittman and Goodson from the City of Oroville, and Koch and Clark from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present included Manager Glen Sturdevant and Plant Supervisor Mikah Salsi, and Attorney Scott Drexel.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Vice-Chairman Koch led the commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

4. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖

None.

5. Board Meeting Minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings held on February 24, 2026 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Goodson to approve the minutes of the meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Pittman, the minutes of the February 24, 2026 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Employee Safety Meeting Minutes ❖

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Koch to approve the minutes of the meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Salvucci, the minutes of the March 17, 2026 Employee Safety meeting were unanimously approved.

7. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Pittman met with Manager Sturdevant and reviewed the warrants earlier. Having found everything to be in order, a motion was made by Commissioner Clark for their approval, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Salvucci. Warrants 30961-31020 in the total amount of \$1,468,574.52 from February 25 to March 24, 2026, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers and deposits, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

8. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that the fiscal reports for February 2026 were included in the Board packets for review. There were no questions from the Board.

9. Ethics Training ❖

Manager Sturdevant reminded the Board that Commissioners are required to complete their periodic ethics training. Commissioners typically complete this training through their own entity; however, if they are unable to do so, SC-OR can assist with scheduling. Commissioners may contact the office for support.

Commissioner Salvucci asked whether SC-OR needs a copy of the completed certificate. Manager Sturdevant replied that he will look into it and follow up with the Commissioners. Vice-Chairman Koch requested that the Commissioners be notified of the date they last completed Ethics Training so they are aware of when their next training is due. Manager Sturdevant stated that Christina will follow up by texting or emailing the Commissioners with this information.

10. Attorney's Report (All items may be subject to Board action) ❖

Attorney Drexel had nothing new to report and no progress on lawsuit.

11. Manager's Report (All items may be subject to Board action) ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported on the following:

No operational issues to report this month.

A first draft of the 2026/2027 Budget was provided to the Commissioners for their review. Commissioners are asked to submit any edits, adjustments, or concerns so they can be addressed prior to next month's Board meeting.

Operational Maintenance: Commissioner Koch asked Manager Sturdevant to provide an update on the transition to sodium bisulfate due to the chemical supply shortage experienced by SC-OR's vendor. Manager Sturdevant explained that a few years ago, the Board authorized construction of the sodium bisulfite station because SC-OR had difficulty obtaining gas tonners of sodium dioxide used for de-chlorination. A similar supply issue is occurring now, as the current vendor informed SC-OR that the EPA has temporarily shut down the production process for a couple of weeks, preventing delivery. SC-OR's operators spent the past several days switching the system from gas to liquid de-chlorination. Manager Sturdevant will continue internal discussions with Plant Supervisor Salsi and Lead Operator Maxwell to determine whether SC-OR should remain with liquid chemicals or return to gas once supply resumes. Although gas is less expensive than liquid and carries different safety considerations, a final recommendation will be brought back to the Board for further comment. Any associated rise in costs have been included in the budget.

Project Updates:

Solar - The solar project is expected to start on April 6, 2026. The contractor experienced engineering issues that delayed their ability to mobilize earlier. Equipment delivery is scheduled for next week.

Plant Upgrade - Manager Sturdevant stated that construction has made significant progress and the site is beginning to take shape as a wastewater facility. Gates have been installed on the distribution box, and the center column and drive have been installed in the clarifier. Operators will need to begin bypassing certain parts of the plant and adjusting operations to allow for the tie-in of various pipes during this phase, which will require some creative problem-solving.

Ruddy Creek Pump Station (RCPS) – Construction has made some good progress. Manager Sturdevant presented some photo updates to the Board. He spoke with Brian Ring, City of Oroville Administrator, today to provide an update and he may report at the next council meeting. Photos will also be sent to City of Oroville Public Works Director, Tim Kabert, to provide a quick progress report. Commissioner Goodson asked if SC-OR was under budget – Manager Sturdevant indicated it is under on the City's budget; however, a change order on the engineering side came in and so that brings SC-OR's budget cost a little higher. Commissioner Pittman asked whether the project will require a confined space entry. Manager Sturdevant responded that, initially, the answer is no because the entry is designed for human occupancy; however, he noted that all other characteristics of the space meet the criteria for a confined space. Commissioner Goodson asked to potentially take a tour of the construction site. Manager Sturdevant responded that Commissioners should make arrangements with him, and SC-OR will provide a hard hat and safety vest for site visits. He added that there is an area where construction activities can be viewed without needing to walk onto the active site.

SC-OR – Manager Sturdevant reported that SC-OR is continuing to work with the County on Phase 1 funding. He noted that SC-OR is currently encountering challenges because the County is requesting substantially more documentation than what is required under the existing contract—more than the contractor has previously been asked to provide, and significantly more than what SC-OR's consultant has historically needed to administer similar grants. The consultant is bringing this issue back to HCD for further discussion. The contractor has indicated that, if these additional documentation requirements remain in place, a change order will be necessary. Attorney Drexel has also reviewed and provided input regarding the potential for legal implications. SC-OR is still awaiting the County's determination regarding the additional \$6.3 million in Phase 1 funding.

Entity Reports:

T.W.S.D. – Manager Sturdevant reported on the construction progress of the Ruddy Creek Pump Station (RCPS).

City of Oroville – Manager Sturdevant reported on the construction progress of the Ruddy Creek Pump Station (RCPS).

L.O.A.P.U.D. – No activity to report.

12. Visitor's Comments ❖

None.

13. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

Commissioner Pittman reported that grading has begun for the Ruddy Creek Subdivision construction. He also noted that subcontractor bids for the Brie Solar project have been submitted.

14. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 05:14 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for April 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK