

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

(Held at the Commission office on May 26, 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's Sarah Smale and Scott Drexel joined virtually by Zoom.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Chairperson Mastelotto 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 April 28, 2026 ❖

Upon motion by Chairperson Mastelotto to approve the minutes of the meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Pittman, the minutes of the April 28, 2026 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Salvucci met with Manager Sturdevant and reviewed the warrants earlier. Having found everything to be in order, a motion was made by Commissioner Salvucci for their approval, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Koch. Warrants 31098-31152 in the total amount of \$2,465,580.03 from April 29 to May 26, 2026, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers and deposits, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

7. Fiscal Reports ❖

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

Public Hearing closed at 5:02 PM

8. Closed Session for report on existing litigation ❖

Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2), the Board conferred with legal counsel regarding existing litigation, specifically one case involving sewerage fees claim from K&M Butte Developers, LLC related to the Olive Ranch and Table Mountain Apartments projects.

Attorney Drexel reported that there was no reportable action taken during the closed session.

Meeting was opened to a Public Hearing at 5:14 PM

9. Resolution 01-26 and SC-OR Policy No. 7400 (Establishing Septage Processing Charge Reserve in Unrestricted Account and Yearly Review as a Part of Sewer Service Charge) ❖

Manager Sturdevant explained that SC-OR reviews the septage processing charge annually as part of the sewer service charge review to ensure that rates adequately cover costs. He recommended the Board make no change maintaining the current rate of \$192.41 per 1,000 gallons.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salvucci to adopt Resolution No. 01-26 and Policy No. 7400. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodson, and passed the following vote: Mastelotto – Yes, Pittman – Yes, Clark – Yes.

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

Attorney Drexel stated he did not have anything to report.

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

Manager Sturdevant reported on the following:

Operational Maintenance:

There were no operational issues to report. Staff have been effectively managing system operations during construction activities, including several major tie-ins. One significant milestone remains with the RAS Building tie-in, which will require bypassing and diverting flows. Operators have done an excellent job coordinating tie-ins, shutdowns, and system switchovers to maintain operations throughout the process.

Project Updates:

Solar – United Sun Energy is currently onsite, and their solar installation schedule is included in the packet. Their work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year, with the expectation that PG&E will follow shortly thereafter. However, PG&E is currently behind schedule, with an estimated completion timeframe of March 2027.

Plant Upgrade/SC-OR – Manager Sturdevant reiterated that the operators have performed well in managing ongoing work related to the construction, with one major tie-in remaining.

Ruddy Creek Pump Station (RCPS) – Construction continues to make strong progress and is currently ahead of schedule. Work was temporarily paused for one week pending the delivery of materials, due to the project advancing ahead of schedule.

SC-OR Phone System – SC-OR had been paying approximately \$990 per month for traditional AT&T hardline phone service. As AT&T has moved away from maintaining hardline service, rates have increased significantly. As one of her initial cost-saving efforts, Christina evaluated several phone service providers and identified an alternative that is projected to save SC-OR approximately \$750 per month. If SC-OR elects to transition to a long-term contract, the monthly savings could increase to approximately \$825.

Commissioner Goodson inquired about the new provider, and Manager Sturdevant clarified that the service remains with AT&T but is now internet-based. He noted that a potential drawback is service interruption during internet outages; however, Starlink is available as a backup. Commissioner Koch expressed concern about potential reliability issues with AT&T internet, which SC-OR will consider as it evaluates the new system. Manager Sturdevant added that an alternative option involving installation of cable service was explored, but deemed cost-prohibitive.

Entity Reports:

T.W.S.D. – Manager Sturdevant met with Manager Boucher and District Engineer Heindell on multiple occasions to discuss the Ruddy Creek Pump Station project. District Engineer Heindell requested to observe the manhole stacking and the concrete pour at the construction site.

City of Oroville – Manager Sturdevant reported that he has been working with the City staff, and legal counsel for both parties are coordinating to determine the process for transferring the portion of the collection system located on Oro Dam and South 7th to the City.

L.O.A.P.U.D. – Manager Sturdevant met with Manager Goyer and Field Operations Supervisor Vince Victorino to discuss Mr. Victorino's appointment to the Butte County Wastewater Committee and to identify any issues SC-OR would like addressed by its JPA representative.

Manager Sturdevant discussed the ongoing Plant Upgrade Phase 1 construction and the parallel implementation of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, which monitors data and controls plant operations. Upon completion of Phase 1, approximately half of the plant will be integrated into SCADA, while the remaining half will continue operating on older systems. He noted that integrating older equipment with newer systems can present operational challenges.

Manager Sturdevant requested direction from the Board to explore the cost of expanding SCADA across the entire SC-OR system. He explained that a full SCADA implementation would improve operational efficiency, provide more predictive capabilities, and allow staff to better analyze system data. Preliminary estimates indicate the project could cost approximately \$1 million, with initial programming and equipment costs estimated around \$600,000, including programmable logic controllers (PLCs), with additional costs for electrical installation. Jacobs has indicated the total cost may come in under \$800,000.

Manager Sturdevant emphasized that he was not seeking financial approval to proceed with the project at this time, but rather direction to research costs and return with more detailed information. He noted that, while driven by regulatory requirements, the upgrade would modernize the system and support future planning.

Commissioner Goodson asked whether the upgrade was not an option. Manager Sturdevant confirmed that it is optional, but noted it would simplify operations by replacing outdated equipment. Commissioner Salvucci commented on the benefit of being able to monitor and manage system operations remotely. Commissioner Goodson inquired about potential impacts to customer rates. Manager Sturdevant noted that rate increases are already scheduled through 2028, but additional increases could be necessary if a loan is required.

Commissioner Goodson clarified that the request was for exploratory cost analysis only, which Manager Sturdevant confirmed. He added that he and Plant Supervisor Salsi have the capacity to conduct the research and will report back to the Board.

Commissioner Goodson also asked about potential grant opportunities for the SCADA upgrade. Plant Supervisor Salsi noted that current grant funding, including approximately \$10 million from the County's disaster-related funding, has supported the current Plant Upgrade project. Manager Sturdevant added that SC-OR may still be eligible for an additional \$6 million in County funding. Commissioner Goodson mentioned grant opportunities that may apply to the SCADA project and agreed to share that information with Manager Sturdevant.

12. Visitor's Comments ❖

None.

13. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

Commissioner Pittman inquired whether SC-OR has an updated aerial map of the service areas. Manager Sturdevant stated that he would look into it. Commissioner Pittman also complimented Manager Sturdevant and SC-OR staff on the facility tour provided to the Rotary Club last month.

Commissioner Pittman further stated that fraudulent billing emails are currently being circulated, noting that these messages may appear credible and staff should exercise caution. He also reported an increase in thefts of electrical wiring and advised awareness of this issue.

Manager Sturdevant reported that SC-OR's alarm company recently cancelled its service. He became aware of this late Friday after the agenda and Manager's Report had been distributed. Commissioner Goodson asked whether SC-OR is currently without an alarm system. Manager Sturdevant responded that the system is still being monitored temporarily, and that a new alarm vendor and contract will be presented to the Board for consideration next month.

14. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 05:41 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for June 23, 2026 at 05:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK