

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

(Held at the Commission office on August 25, 2026 at 05:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ♦

Chairman Koch 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 from the City of Oroville, and Koch and Wristen from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present included Manager Glen Sturdevant and Plant Supervisor Mikah Salsi, and Attorney Scott Drexel. Commissioner Goodson from the City of Oroville was absent.

3. Salute to the Flag ♦

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 Meeting held on July 28, 2026 ♦

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

6. Authorization of Warrants ♦

Commissioner Mastelotto met with Manager Sturdevant and reviewed the warrants earlier. Having found everything to be in order, a motion was made by Commissioner Mastelotto for their approval, and the motion was seconded by Chairman Koch. Warrants 31307-31374 in the total amount of \$2,772,242.92 from July 29 to August 25, 2026, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers and deposits, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

7. Fiscal Reports ♦

Manager Sturdevant reported that, due to the upcoming FY 2025-26 audit, the July financial statements were not included in the Board packets. However, the bank reconciliation statements were provided for the Board's review. There were no questions or additional comments from the Board.

8. SC-OR Policy 2200 - Holidays ♦

Manager Sturdevant explained SC-OR Policy 2200 – Holidays, including the original intent of the policy. He noted that when a holiday falls on an operator's scheduled workday, the operator is required to observe the holiday on their next scheduled workday. He further explained that a proposed amendment has been added to address staff working a 4/10 schedule. The amendment would allow operations personnel to receive a Personal Holiday in lieu of observing the holiday on the next scheduled workday.

Manager Sturdevant stated that approval of the amendment would provide management with greater flexibility to review schedules and ensure adequate operator coverage during holidays. Commissioner Mastelotto asked whether the Personal Holiday would be tracked in accordance with the fiscal year. Manager Sturdevant responded that operators would be required to use the Personal Holiday within three calendar months, as allowing Personal Holidays to accumulate could create future scheduling challenges.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mastelotto to approve the amendment to SC-OR Policy 2200 – Holidays, establishing a Personal Holiday benefit for operations personnel when a holiday falls on staff's scheduled day-off and the time-off must be used within three calendar months. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pittman and were unanimously approved.

9. Attorney's Report (All items may be subject to Board action) ♦

Attorney Drexel provided several brief updates. He reported that he circulated proposed amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) the previous week. The proposed amendments are intended to accomplish several objectives: (1) limit member agency liability by clarifying that SC-OR is responsible for its own debts and obligations, consistent with many modern JPAs; (2) add an indemnification provision requiring SC-OR to indemnify its member agencies for liabilities arising from SC-OR operations; and (3) address administrative housekeeping matters, including revisions to the sunset clause, which is currently scheduled to terminate after twenty years. The proposed amendment would provide that the Agreement remain in effect until rescinded or terminated by the unanimous agreement of the member entities.

Commissioner Mastelotto asked for clarification regarding the first proposed item. Attorney Drexel explained that the amendment would limit liability exposure for member agencies by preventing creditors from pursuing member organizations for SC-OR's debts, which could also facilitate financing efforts.

Attorney Drexel also reported that he is working on updates to SC-OR Policy 6000 – Board Meetings. He noted that the policy has not been updated since 2023 and does not address remote participation requirements, as the regulations governing remote attendance have changed since the COVID-19 pandemic and the passage of SB 707. He stated that he will present policy options to the Board for review at the next meeting.

10. Manager's Report (All items may be subject to Board action) ♦

Manager Sturdevant reported on the following:

Operational Maintenance:

There were no operational or issues to report.

Project Updates:

Solar – United Sun Energy is on site installing solar panels and trenching for the transmission lines that will connect the system back to the treatment plant.

Plant Upgrade/SC-OR – The septage receiving facility has successfully completed its startup phase. Construction activities have now shifted to the influent channel area, where crews are installing new slide gates and constructing the new grit removal facility. Installation of the slide gates is expected to be completed this week. Completion of the grit removal facility is now anticipated by October 14, which is close to the start of the rainy season. Scheduling challenges with the manufacturer's representative have contributed to the delay, and the construction team is currently working through related supply and coordination issues.

RCPS Construction – The project continues to progress well and remains on schedule for completion. The PG&E power drop has been installed, and the pumps have been delivered. The project is currently awaiting delivery of the electrical panels before moving into the next phase of construction.

SC-OR:

Manager Sturdevant reported that he, Commissioners Mastelotto, Pittman, and Salvucci, along with former Administrative Assistant Lauri Pittman, were deposed in Red Bluff, California, during the week of August 3-7, 2026, relating to the K&M litigation. He stated that the depositions went well.

Attorney Drexel previously discussed the proposed amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which address the redlined provisions in Sections 3, 11, 12, and 13. He reported that copies of the proposed amendments were provided to each Commissioner at the Board meeting, as well as to the attorneys representing the member agencies, to facilitate review and address any questions the member entities may have.

Entity Reports:

T.W.S.D. – Manager Sturdevant reported the passing of Brad Taggart, former Director of Thermalito Water and Sewer District (T.W.S.D.) and former SC-OR Commissioner. He noted that Mr. Taggart dedicated approximately 21 years of service to T.W.S.D. and also served SC-OR with distinction. Manager Sturdevant recognized Mr. Taggart's significant contributions to both organizations and the community. He further reported that SC-OR will be represented at the upcoming funeral services.

Manager Sturdevant also reported that SC-OR recently held a JPA meeting with District Engineer Heindel to review the CPM study and inform the member agencies of the work completed by SC-OR. The discussion included the bridge pipeline study and the evaluation of the pipeline crossing.

City of Oroville – Manager Sturdevant reported that he met with City Administrator Brian Ring and Public Works Director Tim Kaber to discuss the County Complex Expansion Project. He stated that the capacity study was completed and determined a total of 30 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs). The EDU count will be provided to the County, and applicable capacity fees associated with the 30 EDUs will be assessed. Sewer Manager Jamie McGuire and Public Works Director Tim Kaber also participated in the recent JPA meeting.

L.O.A.P.U.D. – Manager Sturdevant reported that he met with Manager Goyer during the JPA meeting and provided a tour of SC-OR's wastewater treatment plant to update him on the status of ongoing construction projects and recent facility improvements.

11. Visitor's Comments ♦

None.

12. Commissioner and Staff Comments ♦

Chairman Koch inquired about the status of the air release valves (ARVs). Manager Sturdevant reported that the Feather River vault lid had failed for the second time and will need to be replaced. The City of Oroville responded to the site and secured the area with traffic cones. He explained that the vault lid is located within a traffic travel path and was not designed to withstand vehicular traffic. As a permanent solution, the existing vault will be replaced with a manhole structure. Manager Sturdevant noted that he does not want a SC-OR facility issue to become a recurring maintenance concern for the City.

Regarding the ARV inspection, Manager Sturdevant stated that the work remains on the maintenance schedule and will be completed prior to the onset of winter conditions. He reported that SC-OR purchased an additional ARV, bringing the total inventory to five units within the system. One ARV located on the bridge was previously replaced due to failure. Staff will continue working through the system, including locations extending to the Wildlife Refuge, to inspect and replace the remaining units as needed.

Commissioner Pittman commented on the excellent service and representation that Attorney Sarah Smale provided during the deposition process.

Commissioner Wristen stated that he was pleased to be back serving on the SC-OR Board.

13. Adjournment ♦

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 05:16 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for September 22, 2026 at 05:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glen", is written over the typed name.

GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK

APPROVED