

**ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 14, 2026**

A. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

President Clement called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Directors Present: President Bert Clement, Janet S. Grant, Evan Salke, Kurt Gooding, and. Christine York

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager Joseph Mueller, Laurie Axell, and James Orndorff

Guests included District CPA Michael Dobrowski, NTFPD Battalion Chief Jeremiah Meadows, and Michael Miller, Chris Nelson, and Bill Cashmareck.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments on items not on today's agenda.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C1) MAY AND JUNE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

It was moved by Grant and seconded by Gooding to approve the May 8, 2026 minutes as presented and June 12, 2026 minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

D1) FINANCIAL REPORT

District CPA Mike Dobrowski presented the financial reports as of July 1, 2026. The fiscal year end numbers have not yet been finalized. Billings were sent out at the end of July rather than in August, which will change how revenues are compared to the previous year. Dobrowski noted the income from California Class.

It was moved by Grant and seconded by Gooding to approve the financial reports through June 30, 2026 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gooding and seconded by Grant to approve payment of checks #34352 and 34451 – 34511, payroll, electronic fund transfers, and bill pays. Motion carried unanimously.

D2) FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Meadows reported NTFPD responded to 326 call last month, six of which were in Alpine. He described the mutual aid being provided to fires in the region and staffing.

There was a question about defensible space inspections. Mueller said they started in Alpine about three weeks ago. Most properties are in fairly good shape, although some do require additional clean up.

D3) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mueller presented the June and July 2026 General Manager and Office Activities report. He continues to work with the development teams for both projects. The Annual Open House Barbecue was well attended.

Mueller is reviewing bids forms for the tank project and expects to advertise the end of August and bring a contract to the Board in October.

Mueller described the capital projects underway. The old truck was sold and a new operations truck purchased. Mueller is working with the fire district on the Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs).

Mueller reported TTSD has been sold to another family-owned business, Recology, which emphasizes sustainability and resource recovery. ASCWD is in the first one-year extension of the three-year contract, but Mueller does anticipate some changes upon renewal. That said, Recology has indicated they will work within the existing contract until it expires.

Mueller will speak for the District at the September 5 Valley-Wide Meeting and invited Board members to join him.

The annual invoices have gone out. Because of the new process allowing online payments, revenues are coming in more quickly than in the past. Adjustments were made to thirteen accounts because of changes to the meter-reading software.

Axel is participating in online training for Planet Bid, which helps with the bid process. The Consumer Confidence Report was posted online and notices sent to customers as required.

D4) OPERATION & MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Orndorff presented the June and July 2026 Water/Wastewater Reports, including water production and usage. There were some issues with the computer system in June resulting in false alarms, but that has been corrected. Orndorff described maintenance issues that were addressed. During a recent power outage, the valves had to be opened and closed manually.

Included in the packet were photos of the tank inspections. Inspections were also done to confirm the location and condition of water boxes and meters. Orndorff described the assistance provided with the Klosters Court project.

There was a brief conversation clarifying repairs and issues addressed.

D5) TTSA REPORT

Clement reported on the June 17, 2026 and July 15, 2026 Board meetings. The Clean Water Revitalization Project continues to move forward.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

E1) BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (PRESIDENT CLEMENT)

Clement reviewed the June 11 and August 13 Committee meetings. There have been no unbudgeted expenses. There has been a large influx of cash given receipt of the loan funds. Salke said investment strategies are being considered. The Treasurer's Report was included in the meeting packet.

E2) PARK, RECREATION & GREENBELT COMMITTEE (DIRECTOR YORK)

York reported on the June 22 meeting. Gooding has heard from the Forest Service that work on the Bear Creek Trail should begin at the end of August.

Mueller described the projects in the park, including repairs to the tennis courts, installation of an ADA compliant water bottle fill station, and painting of the storage shed and bathrooms. Given the hot, dry summer, some of the grass has been dying, but that is an ongoing issue. Mueller noted heavy use of the park, but really no more than in previous years. A lot of water toys are being stored behind the bathroom. Mueller suggested a conversation about how to control that take place at the next PR&G.

1 **E3) LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DIRECTOR GOODING)**

2 This Committee did not meet.

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4 **E4) ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (DIRECTOR SALKE)**

5 This Committee did not meet.

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7 **F. BUSINESS ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION**

8 **F1) Chris Nelson and Bill Cashmareck will provide an update on the status of the**
9 **Alpenglow development.**

10 Chris Nelson provided a history of the project and approvals, which were sold to Bill Cashmareck in
11 2024. At that time it became clear the previous will-serve provisions needed to be updated. He worked
12 with Mueller and Carollo to develop Alternative 1, which is consistent with the Master Plan.. As land
13 owner, Nelson will continue to lead the discussions. It is hoped construction can begin next summer.

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15 Cashmareck described the three phases of the project. The final will-serve letters from ASCWD and
16 Southwest Gas are still needed. He described the fuels mitigation and fire apparatus the project will
17 provide.

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19 Mueller explained that to accomplish the proposed timeframe will mean shifting ASCWD priorities
20 and determining how the District will fund its share of estimated costs for the large infrastructure
21 investment, given the fuels reduction and Juniper Mountain tank priorities.

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23 Today's presentation included roughly estimated costs. Clement suggested more tangible numbers are
24 needed. Salke agreed, asking for a more detailed proposal that ASCWD customers can review.

25 Cashmareck agreed and said when he receives more detail from Carollo and gets bids, he will provide
26 the District with more information on what is actually needed.

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28 **F2) CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #13-2026**

29 **It was moved by Gooding and seconded by Salke to approve Resolution #13-2026, the Conflict of**
30 **Interest Code amendment.**

31 **ROLL CALL VOTE**

32 **AYES: Grant, Gooding, York, Salke, and Clement**

33 **NAYES: None**

34 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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36 **F3) AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES**

37 **It was moved by York and seconded by Gooding to authorize the General Manager to execute an**
38 **Agreement for General Counsel Legal Services with Best, Best & Krieger LLP. Motion carried**
39 **unanimously.**

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41 **F4) DISTRICT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

42 **It was moved by York and seconded by Gooding to adopt the 2026/2027 District Goals and**
43 **Objectives Statement and Matrix as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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45 **F5) FY2026/2027 ASCWD EMPLOYEE SALARY SCHEDULE, RESOLUTION #14-**
46 **2026**

47 **It was moved by Grant and seconded by Gooding to approve Resolution #14-2026, the Alpine**
48 **Springs County Water District FY2026/2027 Employee Salary Schedule.**

49 **ROLL CALL VOTE**

50 **AYES: Grant, Gooding, York, Salke, and Clement**

51 **NAYES: None**

1 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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3 **G. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD**

4 No correspondence was presented.

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6 **H. CLOSED SESSION**

7 Closed Session was not convened.

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9 **I. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

10 Clement asked the Board to consider changing dates and times of meetings in order to allow adequate
11 time for the monthly financial reports to be compiled. It was agreed to schedule the October Board
12 meeting for **October 15, 2026 at 8:30 AM**. Changing the time and day of the monthly Board and
13 Finance Committee meetings will continue to be considered.

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15 Gooding suggested that ultimately, coordinating with both developers could save the District funds.
16 The timing may not be ideal, but in the long run it could be worth it. A brief conversation followed
17 regarding meeting the needs of the District and reconsidering timing of priorities.

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19 York reported about 20 people attended the flower walk.

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21 Mueller is working with Placer County Elections to determine next steps for the Board election, given
22 fewer people pulled papers to run for office than there are seats available.

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24 **J. ADJOURNMENT**

25 There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.
26 The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is September 11, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

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28 Respectfully Submitted,

29 Judy Friedman

30 Recording Secretary

31 THE PAPER TRAIL SECRETARIAL & BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

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