

CPUD Chester Public Utility District

Chester Public Utility District
Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 28, 2025 05:30 PM
251 Chester Airport Rd, Chester, CA 96020
<https://chesterpud.org>

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Kimberly Green.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Kimberly Green

B. Roll Call

Present: Stephen Graffweg, Kimberly Green, Stephen Voboril, Royce Raker

Staff Present: Vacancy = 1 Staff = 5 Guests = 2

2. **Agenda Approval** Stephen Voboril motioned to approve. Stephen Graffweg seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following vote:

4 **In Favor** **Opposed**
 Abstained 1 **Absent** **Recused**

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A. December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

No issues reported.

Stephen Voboril motioned to approve. Stephen Graffweg seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following vote:

4 **In Favor** **Opposed**
 Abstained 1 **Absent** **Recused**

4. **Approve Financials**

GM Cox reported:

Fire Fund cash deficit is decreasing.

4 IMT members went to the fires in Los Angeles, those receivables are not included in the AR totals yet.

1.5 million is still owed to us for the 2024 Fire season.

Director Voboril stated his concerns regarding the Water Fund Equipment and Repairs general

ledger lines. GM Cox explained that there is room in other general ledger lines to cover, such as supplies.

The investment account, CLASS, is yielding approximately 4.5%.

Royce Raker motioned to approve. Stephen Graffweg seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following vote:

4 **In Favor** **Opposed**
 Abstained 1 **Absent** **Recused**

5. General Manager Report: Adam Cox

LAFCo Protest Hearing today, no protests were submitted regarding the annexation. Still waiting on the Board of Equalization process to finalize.

Peninsula Fire Protection District can direct bill Chester residents this year.

The Cell Tower project is in the permitting process. Once they break ground, we will receive \$1850.00 per month with a 2% increase annually.

All other items to report on are covered in other agenda items today.

6. Utility Operations Manager: Allan Homme

GM Cox explained that the handout given showed the evidence that will be shared with the state that we have met our purchases in lieu of fines in violations agreement. More fines are expected regarding discharge violations caused by the I&I issues mostly. Competing and incompatible demands by the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources have left CPUD and our engineering firm in a quandry without funding to fix the issues that are causing the discharges.

A vehicle replacement program needs to be implemented as the utility trucks are all experiencing issues. A lease option wouldn't be a good idea as we are hard on our vehicles. Director Voboril suggested having engines rebuilt to save money.

7. Cross Connection Program

GM Cox presented a draft ordinance to update District code. Director Voboril made some comments and suggestions. The ordinance will officially go into effect and become part of the District Code after it has been presented twice at a public meeting and adopted by the Board.

8. Local Union Representatives

A. Local 5317 / Chester Professional Firefighter's Association (CFD Safety)

no one present

B. Local 39 / Stationary Engineers (CPUD Misc.)

none at this time

9. Fire Department's CalPERS UAL Refunding Overview

GM Cox: It likely doesn't make sense to finance to a loan. From a cashflow perspective,

allowing CalPERS to put the fire/safety plans into "inactive" status along with a 15-year amortization is best for the District at this time. The District still may, however, take out a loan to pay off the liability and terminate the plans in the future.

10. 24-25 Mid-year Budget review

GM Cox: This review was meant to be a mid-year review, but turned into a preview of what the 25-26 budget may look like without a Fire Fund and having the current shared expenses allocated between Water Fund and Sewer Fund. Fire Fund deficit should decrease by roughly 100k annually.

11. Board Vacancy Acknowledgement

GM Cox: Arthur Tharpe has resigned. We have 60 days to fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election.

The board consensus is to post for the vacancy to appoint.

The appointee will serve until the November 2025 election.

Stephen Voboril motioned to approve. Stephen Graffweg seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following vote:

4 **In Favor** **Opposed**
 Abstained **Absent** **Recused**

12. Public Comment: Non Agenda Items

none

13. Closed Session

A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employee Appointment

General Manager

Close Session: 6:23pm to 7:03pm. Board Chair Green reported staff provided information.

No action.

14. Correspondence

Clerk to the Board Johnson reminded the board to turn in their 700 Forms before the next board meeting.

15. Comments

Staff: UOM Homme stated he left off of his report that the water tanks need to be painted inside and out.

16. Adjournment

Director Voboril made a motion to adjourn at 7:07pm. Director Graffweg seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.