

## **Item 5.1**

### **REGULAR BOARD MINUTES SOUTH PLACER MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

**MEETING DATE & TIME:** March 5, 2026 at 4:30 PM

**MEETING LOCATION:** SPMUD Boardroom

#### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the South Placer Municipal Utility District Board of Directors was called to order with President Dickinson presiding at 4:30 p.m.

#### **II. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

**Present:** Director Jerry Mitchell, Director Will Dickinson, Director Michael Faria, and Director Jack Arney

**Absent:** Director Christy Jewell

**Vacant:** None

**Staff:** Adam Brown, Legal Counsel  
Eric Nielsen, General Manager  
Chad Stites, Superintendent  
Carie Huff, District Engineer  
Emilie Costan, Administrative Services Manager

#### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Arney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

ASM Costan confirmed that no eComments were received. Hearing no other comments, the public comments session was closed.

#### **V. CONSENT ITEMS**

1. MINUTES from the February 5, 2026, Regular Meeting.
2. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE in the amount of \$1,682,498.14 through February 24, 2026.
3. BILL OF SALE Acceptance of the Bill of Sale for the Penryn Townhomes Sewer Improvements with an estimated value of \$991,17.
4. RESOLUTION 26-08 UPDATING BOARD POLICIES 5015 BOARD MEMBER REMOTE ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS & 5030 BOARD MEETING CONDUCT
5. RESOLUTION 26-09 CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION

Vice President Mitchell clarified an expenditure on the check report to Telstar for the SCADA Improvement Project. President Dickinson pulled item 5.1 Minutes for February 5, 2026, and requested an edit to the SPWA Board Meeting Report item for clarification. No public comments were received.

Director Faria made a motion to approve the consent items with the inclusion of the edit to the Minutes; a second was made by Director Arney; a roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 4-0.

## **VI. BOARD BUSINESS**

### **1. RESOLUTION 26-10 ADOPTION OF THE FLEET TRANSITION MASTER PLAN**

DS Stites provided an overview of the updated version of the Fleet Transition Master Plan, which was provided to the Board at the meeting and contained small edits that were primarily clerical in nature. He shared that the updates did include a suggested vehicle replacement for a vehicle that is no longer being produced and an update to the total fleet count and projected energy use. DS Stites introduced Gurbir Antaal with DKS Associates. Mr. Antaal presented the Fleet Transition Master Plan. He shared information on the purpose of the project, the regulations, the analysis performed, and the recommendations.

Director Arney and President Dickinson asked about the overall financial impact of moving towards Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) and about the future impacts with regard to maintenance, replacement, and technology advancements. Mr. Antaal went over the financial impacts. He shared that the majority of the cost is at the initial onset to update facilities for electric conversion, with the average life of a charger being 8-10 years. He also spoke about market changes and shared that there is limited data on long-term costs and benefits.

Director Faria asked about the replacement of vehicles in compliance with the 2035 CARB (California Air Resources Board) mandates. Mr. Antaal spoke about the availability of vehicles that satisfy the mandate, and DS Stites spoke on the replacement schedule and exemption of specialty vehicles without an electric alternative.

Vice President Mitchell spoke about ensuring the safety of the future infrastructure and equipment, given the recent vandalism the District experienced.

Director Arney asked for information on the ability to upgrade charging stations. Mr. Antaal confirmed that stations can generally be upgraded. President Dickinson spoke about technology changes and the importance of adequate preparation to be able to budget for and replace equipment as needed. No public comments were received.

Director Faria commented that he has received negative feedback on governmental transitions to electric fleets, both financial and operational. The Board discussed proceeding with caution, given the potential changes to regulations and technology. GM Nielsen shared that the goal of the Fleet Transition Master Plan is to give a high-level guide on how to proceed to avoid duplication of efforts and costs. Staff plans to continue to review the Fleet Master Plan as the market and regulations change, and to update the Plan if needed.

Director Arney made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-10 adopting the Fleet Transition Master Plan; a second was made by Vice President Mitchell; a roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 3-1, with Director Faria opposing.

## **2. RESOLUTION 26-11 ADOPTING BOARD POLICY 3163 TRANSFER OF EDU POLICY**

DE Huff presented the new proposed policy allowing for the transfer of Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) credits in certain circumstances.

Vice President Mitchell asked about public interest in utilizing the new transfer and asked if the policy is common among other agencies. DE Huff confirmed there is community interest, but shared that she cannot currently speak to what other agencies allow. President Dickinson confirmed that one of the limitations in the policy is that the transfer must be for the same property owner and commented that the policy applies to government agencies. GM Nielsen discussed the flexibility intended to be provided by the policy and the acknowledgments that are required by the property owner. No public comments were received.

The Board expressed support for this policy, finding it just and responsive to comments received by constituents.

Director Faria made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-11, adopting Board Policy 3163 Transfer of EDU Policy; a second was made by Director Arney; a roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 4-0.

## **VII. REPORTS**

### **DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL (A. BROWN):**

GC Brown shared that he would provide a presentation on the recent updates made to the Brown Act at a future meeting.

### **GENERAL MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

GM Nielsen shared that DS Stites received the Quarter Century Award from the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) for 25 years of work in the industry.

Vice President Mitchell asked for an update from the Fee and Finance Committee meeting on Capacity Charges. GM Nielsen shared that conversations are ongoing and discussed the schedule for future updates to the Board. Vice President Mitchell asked about the Headquarters Space Planning project. ASM Costan provided information on the scope of the project, and DS Stites shared that the project is currently in the design phase. Vice President Mitchell congratulated staff on 9.5 years without a Lost Time Accident/Injury.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

No informational items were presented.

## **VIII. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION**

No public comments were received.

## **X. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board met in Closed Session at 5:24 p.m. and adjourned closed session at 6:29 p.m.

## **XI. CLOSED SESSION READOUT**

The Board met in closed session and heard an update on the status of labor negotiations from the designated District representatives. No action was taken.

## **XII. BOARD BUSINESS – CONTINUED**

### **1. RESOLUTION 26-12 ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOCAL 39 FOR THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNIT AND RESOLUTION 26-13 APPROVING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREE HEALTH**

The Board shared that there was no need for a staff presentation on this item. The Board did not have any questions or deliberation. No public comments were received.

Director Arney made a motion to approve Resolution 26-12, adopting a Memorandum of Understanding with Local 39 for the General Employees Unit, and Resolution 26-13, increasing the Retiree Health budget by \$250,000 from \$535,500 to \$785,500.; a second was made by Vice President Mitchell; a roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 4-0.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The President adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on April 2, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.



Emilie Costan, Board Secretary