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Special Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 06/30/2026

Special meeting of Lassen County Waterworks District No. 1 was held on Tuesday June 30th, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dan White at 5:02 PM.

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

- a. **Dan White:** Present.
- b. **Jim Chapman:** Present.
- c. **Bob Meeink:** Present.

Staff:

- a. **Kody Smith:** Present.

2. Public Observer:

- a. Michelle Opalenik (Water Regulator)
- b. Clifford Jacobsen
- c. Wyatt Harbert
- d. Cindy Harbert

3. Public Comment:

- a. Three representatives from Red Barn (including the owner) addressed the Board concerning the District's cross-connection control enforcement at their facility. They raised concerns about how the District had handled the situation, questioned the qualifications of District staff and the Board, expressed feeling targeted, inquired about compliance actions at other customer properties, and disputed the high-hazard classification of the site.
- b. District staff noted the property's deed restriction prohibiting any uses other than commercial and office space as well as any future well or septic system. Staff explained that customer-specific compliance details for other properties are confidential and cannot be released. The District emphasized that Red Barn had been given multiple opportunities to develop a compliance plan, including installation and testing of the required backflow prevention device.
- c. No action was taken during public comment.

4. New Business:

- a. Discussion Regarding Cross Connection Control Enforcement. (Action)
 - i. The Board discussed enforcement of the District's Cross-Connection Control Program for high-hazard facilities. Water Regulator Michelle Opalenik was present and participated in the discussion, providing information and answering questions from the Board and members of the public.
 - ii. The Board directed staff to provide all currently identified high-hazard customers until **August 1, 2026**, to achieve compliance by installing the required backflow prevention device and submitting a passing test report.

- iii. A motion was made by Member Chapman to approve the **August 1, 2026** deadline and was seconded by Member Meeink
- iv. The General Manager stated that letters notifying customers of this deadline would be sent the following day.

5. Closed Session: nothing to report.

Bob Meeink motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jim Chapman second. Meeting Adjourned at 5:23 PM.