

071526 Board Meeting Recording

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Good afternoon.

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It's my pleasure to welcome everyone to the July 15th or Padre Dam Board of Directors meeting.

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My name is Bill Palmering, I'm the Board President and this meeting is hereby call to order.

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I would like to introduce my fellow Board members that are present.

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From my right, Director Quaylan, on my left, Director Hales, Director Till and Director Fordice are expected to join us momentarily.

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All board members are present in the boardroom except for Director Jill and Director Fordice.

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We are providing video conference as a convenience to the public so that they may attend remotely.

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Instructions to the public to participate in person or electronically and the procedures for both live and written comments were included on today's agenda and posted on the District's website after the introduction of each item.

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I will inquire if there are any public comments first and then call for more questions or comments and if appropriate, call for a motion.

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At this time.

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I ask everyone please rise and join.

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Director Hails in the Pledge of Allegiance seat after me.

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I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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Sorry.

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That was my my mistake.

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I knew where you were going.

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I was about to stay.

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At least one of us knew where I was going.

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At least one of us knew where I was going.

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It's four O 3 and Director Fordice has joined us.

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This this is the opportunity for public comment for items not on today's agenda.

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Persons wishing to address the Board regarding any item not on today's posted agenda may do so at this time in accordance with applicable State of California law.

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Board members may not deliberate or take any action on an item that is not listed on this agenda.

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If appropriate, the Board may provide a brief response, such as referring the item to the general Manager or placing it on a future amendment.

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Amy, do we have any comments from the public?

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We have members of the public in the platform.

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A moment to raise their hand, raise their hand in the platform if they wish to speak at this time.

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And I I did not receive any speaker slips for OK in person like no comments.

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This item is now closed.

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Items to be withdrawn or reordered on the agenda.

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Hello Board members, Mr.

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agenda manage no changes.

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Board will proceed with the agenda as posted.

3:02

Approval of minutes I will make a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1st, 2026 regular board meeting.

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Do I have a second, second, second by Director Fordice?

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You may please call the roll.

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Director Clayland, Yes.

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Director Fordice, yes.

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Director Hills, yes.

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And President Palmering, yes, I will.

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We will now move on to the consent agenda consisting of four items.

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Item number 2, cash disbursements from May 28th, 2026 to June 24th, 2026.

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Item 3, Directors, compensation and expense claims.

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Item 4, property tax liens to recover delinquencies and Item 5, purchase and sale agreement for surplus property AP512-200-29-00 between Padre Dam Municipal Water District and adjacent property owner.

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Amy, do we have any comments from the public?

3:54

I'll give them a moment to raise their hand in the platform.

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No comments.

4:11

Thank you.

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The public comment period for this item is now closed.

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Do I have a motion to approve consent?

4:18

Agenda 2 through 5 moved to moved by Director Hales.

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Second.

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Second by Director Quaylin.

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Amy, please call the roll.

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Director Quaylin, Yes.

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Director Fordeis, Yes.

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Director Hills, Yes.

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President Palmer, Yes.

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Moving on to the action agenda.

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First item, item number six, Lake 5 Renovation capital improvement project procurement.

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Good afternoon, board members.

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My name is Corey Kaden, Director of Park and Recreation with Santee Lakes.

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And I'll be presenting on item number six, the Lake 5 renovation capital improvement project procurement.

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So North Lake 5 is one of our most highly utilized reservation spaces.

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So the illustrated map or the reservation map on the left, we'll show you.

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There's a total of 7 reservable spaces in that area.

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These are for picnics.

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There's actually a total of nine if we include the volleyball net and the horseshoe pits, but nine reservable spaces in this area.

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You will notice that in this map, it does not include the Lake 5 Amphitheatre currently.

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And as far as I know, the Lake 5 Amphitheatre has never been a reservable space.

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So it's an area that we don't receive any potential revenue from by renting that space out to anybody that might use it.

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The picture or photograph on the right is an aerial overview of Lake 5.

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We want to say this is circa 1968, maybe 1970 at the latest.

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In that image you will notice the Lake 5 Amphitheatre down kind of in the middle right section of the park.

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This is also a nice fire truck that I believe is pulling water from Lake 6 and then dispersing that into Lake 6, which is pretty cool.

6:03

Different time in the park for sure, but decades at this Amphitheatre has been in place at Lake 5.

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So staff have identified a couple components within the Lake 5 area within our existing five year budget for replacement or for renovation.

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These areas include the removal and replacement of the existing amphitheater, structure removal and replacement of the existing Lake 5 pedestrian bridge and the addition of ADA compliant pathways and parking to these areas.

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So anytime we're touching any of the areas in the park, we want to make sure, if possible, that we can add some ADA cases, 88 parking, 88 pathways, so more people can enjoy these amenities that we're adding to Santee Lakes.

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We are looking at 2 alternative options pending budgeting and total cost of the project that would really complete out the Lake 5 renovation that would include a little bit of shoreline restoration and expansion of the West side of Lake 5 and the addition of a concrete pathway down that section.

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So if you're familiar with the park, Lake 5 is the only section of the Deus Park that does not have a complete walkway all the way all the way around the perimeter.

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So this addition, pending our, our budget and and funding would be the addition of that, that concrete pathway and the removal and replacement of the existing like 5 playground.

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That would be a complete package and something that we just need to see if there's enough money to support that.

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So looking at the timeline, so when we're bringing this item specifically for procurement outside of the contract itself, one of the things we're considering is the timeline for the project.

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So Santee Lakes, we, we operate in a very seasonal environment, right?

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We're in peak season right now.

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The park's full Monday through Sunday.

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People are out there enjoying the park.

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They have reserved spaces, the weekends are packed.

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So really there's a narrow window when looking at any of these renovation projects, if they fit into that, that, that, that specific space that we try to target.

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And that's going to be November to April.

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Those are our our non peak seasons where we typically have more opportunity to disrupt areas and have the least impact on our guests and have the least impact on revenue generation for the park.

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So looking specifically at the Western wood structure, Tide Arts bridge, this has a design submittal and production timeline of 21 weeks.

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If we were to say go now, that's about the first week of December, December 9th of this year.

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So puts us right in the beginning window of that proposed timeline for the build.

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The Polygon shelter amphitheater structure is a little bit smaller of a timeline that designs the middle and production is 18 weeks.

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So that would put us just before Thanksgiving of this year.

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Again, trying to get these items before that window when we want to go into construction.

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I will note that purchasing these items outside of the contractor does provide some cost savings to the district too.

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We're able to save off of contractor markup and specifically on the Polygon Amphitheater structure, we're able to leverage cooperative purchasing agreement to get a favorable price for that item by purchasing a direct.

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So the renovation and complete design is currently in progress with finalizing that in the next week or so.

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And then the tentative construction schedule as I mentioned would be November 2020, sixth April 2027, kind of right in that sweet spot to have the least impact on the guest.

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So this is a planned view of the proposed improvements.

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So you'll see the, the bridge in the, the middle left connecting North Lake 5 and the Lake 5 island or Area U that is the the new proposed bridge location.

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This is our most visible bridge in all of Santee Lakes.

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It's used for our pitchers.

10:02

The Lakeview Island is also used for our weddings.

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It's one of the areas that we highlight in our wedding package is Area U and you'll see to the North and South of that bridge new pathways, one that would connect us to the, the West side or the, the South side of the playground to the West of the the park and then back onto the island.

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These paths are all proposed to be done in DG.

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So this section north of the bridge and then on the island is, is our our kind of our oldest Oak Grove in the entire park.

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So we have some live, live close to oaks in this section that are very mature beautiful trees.

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The addition of concrete in this area would potentially compromise that root structure and damage these trees.

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So we're proposing DG pass on either side of this.

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They still will be 88 compliant pass, but we're able to build up that pathway, maintain our accessibility and not impact our trees.

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So we feel like that's the most favorable approach for this area.

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And then looking to the middle kind of right, you'll see that circle there that that circles indicating some shoreline restoration that would be included in the overall project.

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So you can see several areas that are outlined for shoreline restoration through the seasons of of operation of operation of the lake management system.

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We see about a plus or minus of 12 inches in that lake.

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So with that plus or minus, we deteriorate that shoreline over decades and it needs a little bit of restoration.

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To the right of that circle you'll see the new proposed amphitheater and the ADA compliant pathway, which would wrap to the east all the way up to the restrooms and existing snacks there.

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So the image on the left is the Polygon shelter amphitheater structure.

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The left, right or the width of the proposed amphitheater is exactly the same as our existing amphitheater.

12:02

So we we were kind of tied to what we could fit within that natural amphitheater bowl that's been in in place for for 60 years or longer.

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The the depth of the amphitheater almost double S.

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So now this will be a space that we can utilize for weddings, for reservable spaces for performing arts or, you know, theater performances.

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Any of these things can now be utilized in this area.

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Movies in the park, concerts in the park.

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Lake 5 has been one of our prime areas for activating events in the park too, prior to the past 10 years, where we would do Santa at the lakes, do the Extravaganza Easter sunrise service.

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All of these areas will be held at Lake 5 and we've pulled off of that area in the recent decade because of of just the overall look and feel of the space.

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The image to the right is that tide arch bridge.

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So you know, we feel this is important to invest in the structure that's going to be and remain that focal point of our wedding package of the park.

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People love to take pictures on these bridges that it has about a 70 foot span.

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We need to maintain that span so we can maintain the clearance needed for our character boats which drive under this bridge.

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So you can see there about 7 foot 6 clearance to to the top of water line.

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Our tallest boat right now is 6 foot 6.

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So that gives us about a foot of of space to get your clients under the bridge.

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So here's looking at the actual existing amphitheater.

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So pretty narrow in the depth of the amphitheater, doesn't provide a lot of shade.

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You can see the canvas top that has several holes and rips in it.

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It it's gone to the point where that we no longer feel it's, it's worth investing in.

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You can see the the structures post and beams on the left image that have rusted almost all the way through.

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You could stick a pencil through some of these areas.

14:02

So it's exceeded its useful life.

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It's served its purpose for many years and and it's time to replace it.

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On the bottom left image, you'll see that dirt pathway.

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That's our current access to the amphitheater area, far exceeding ADA tolerance.

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So not an area that we want to, you know, send somebody down if they have any mobility issues.

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And then here's looking at the bridge itself.

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We believe this was built in the early 60s as well.

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This is actually gone through two renditions.

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So looking at the image on the right, you can see the original arch.

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So that's how the bridge was originally built.

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You would, you know, kind of have that High Peak in the middle walk up and down, clearly not anywhere close to accessible.

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So at some point there was a retrofit to this bridge maintaining the arch field, installing that new platform across the top.

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It's still not what is considered compliant in ADA terms, but again, has exceeded its useful life.

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You'll see in that image on the right, the rusting of the I beams that are the the main support structure for the bridge.

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Those have, you know, cancer rust spots all the way through them.

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So not even salvageable in in any fashion, nor do I think that we could get somebody to put an engineer stamp on this at this point.

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And then the image on the left, this was part of the original abutment structure.

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So you'll see, see that concrete wall, there's actually three different styles of abutments.

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There's a concrete wall, there's ACMU wall and then there's stackable block and I believe was was utilized to maintain that new grade when they when they retrofitted that bridge.

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So these are the reasons that these items need to be replaced.

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If we don't replace them at some point they will be no longer mentionable for the park.

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So with that, my recommendation is to approve the purchase of the Polygon Shelter amphitheater structure from Polygon Shelter as a direct purchase for the Lake 5 Innovation project at a quoted price of \$161,408.99.

16:14

And approved the purchase of the Western Wood Structures Tide Arch Bridge from Western Wood Structures as a direct capital purchase for the Lake 5 renovation project at a quoted price of \$185,650 for a combined total of capital capital capital expenditure of 347,000 and \$58.99.

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Thank you very much, Corey.

16:40

Amy, do we have any comments in the public can get members in the members of the public a moment to raise their hand in the platform if they have any questions on this item?

16:49

Comments, comments, public comment period for this item is now closed.

17:04

Board members, any questions?

17:07

Victor for Nice.

17:09

I have just a question on the bridge for a couple questions on the bridge itself.

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Is that pre made or is it field built it?

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But they call it a prefab, but it's built for us.

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So they they have prefab.

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It's going to come out to the site already built.

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No, it'll come out.

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It'll come in pieces.

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OK, OK, then that that answers my second question.

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So never mind.

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OK, any other questions are coming.

17:36

I feel like I want to know what the second question was.

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He'll, he'll catch up with you in another week.

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Being no other questions or comments.

17:44

I will make a motion to approve staff recommendation stating for the public that this money is not coming from our ratepayers as far as the water or sewer.

17:55

It's coming from the people that use the park, the campers.

17:58

That's where that money is coming from.

17:59

So I make a motion to approve staff recommendation.

18:02

Do I have a second, second, second by Director Hales?

18:05

Amy, please call the roll.

18:07

Director Claylin, yes.

18:08

Director Hales, yes.

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President Palmer, yes, thank you, Corey, thank you.

18:14

Moving on to item number seven, consider support for Association of California Water Agencies Aqua Vision for our Water Future presenter Melissa Mcchesney.

18:25

Melissa, good afternoon.

18:28

A quick overview of what vision for our water future is so that we can see if the board will consider support for Aqua's current initiative.

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So as you all are aware, this is an election year for California's governor.

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And so we will have a new governor coming in in the next year.

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And so Aqua has put together this initiative to help to elevate water as a top priority for the next governor, the next legislative leadership and state officials.

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They want to make sure that this is something that's considered as a key priority.

19:05

And I think that all of us in this room would likely agree that we want water to remain a top priority in California on the right hand side.

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That's, this is a Aqua's fact sheet on this topic that they're starting to share across the board to officials and others throughout the state.

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So they really, this initiative really wants to ensure that water remains that top priority for future state leadership.

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And as a part of the initiative, they do have work groups open to all of their members or all of their public agency members.

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And those work groups are working to develop detailed recommendations.

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The three work groups that they've developed are protected for protect affordability, develop critical infrastructure and modernize work water management.

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Those tie right into the the key 4 actions of the initiative.

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And the first one is lead on water.

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So that's the overall overarching ensuring that water remains a priority within the state.

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And then the three others match those working groups that you heard me just mention, protecting affordability, delivering critical infrastructure, and modernizing water management.

20:23

And with that, the recommendation today is to adopt A resolution supporting Aqua's vision for our water future.

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And I'm happy to answer any questions.

20:33

Thank you, Melissa.

20:34

Amy, do we have any questions or comments from the public?

20:36

I'll give them a moment to raise their hand within the platform.

20:50

No comments.

20:52

Thank you, Amy.

20:53

The public comment period for this item is now closed.

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Directors, any questions or comments?

21:00

None.

21:00

Being none.

21:01

Going to have a motion.

21:03

Motion to approve.

21:04

Motion to approve.

21:05

Do you have a second?

21:06

Second motion by Director Quaylin?

21:09

Second by Director Fordice Amy, please call the roll.

21:12

Director Quaylin, yes.

21:13

Director Fordice, yes.

21:14

Director Hills, yes.

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And President Palmer, yes.

21:16

Thank you.

21:18

We will move on to item number 8, California Special Districts Association, CSDA Board of Directors 2026 election for the term 2027 to 2029 seat C Amy, you have some information for us?

21:34

You almost said it all in the title.

21:40

So CSDA is conducting their 2026 election and they have 4 candidates running for seat C for the three-year term.

21:48

The four candidates are listed here for you, with the first one noted as the incumbent.

21:54

Each of their candidate information sheets and statements were included in the agenda package.

22:00

And for the record, staff do not know any of them, so it's up to you guys too.

22:06

You would like to vote for you would only vote for one candidate.

22:10

OK, Amy, do we have any comments in the public?

22:13

I'll give them a moment to raise their hand in the platform.

22:29

No comments, but comment period.

22:31

This item is now closed.

22:33

Board members, anyone have a question or recommendation?

22:36

A comment?

22:40

None, to be honest.

22:43

What I usually do in a case like this is go with the incumbent unless there's been an issue or a problem and I'm not aware of any.

22:52

So I would make a motion to go with the incumbent.

22:55

Nikki Winslow, second, I can go with that.

23:01

Second by Director Quaylin, Amy, which please call the roll.

23:04

Director Quaylin, Yes.

23:06

Director Fordais, Yes.

23:07

Director Hills, Yes.

23:08

President Palmer, Yes.

23:09

Thank you.

23:12

Moving on to item number 9, appointment of board ad hoc committee to review and propose changes to the district standard practices and policies, Section 14, district administration policy.

23:27

I guess I get to speak to that a little bit.

23:29

Yeah, I'm, I'm asking my fellow board members to approve an ad hoc committee to fully and completely review and update Section 14 of our district administrative policy.

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The committee needs to consider all aspects of Section 14, from participating in outside meetings to clarifying the duties and responsibilities for each director.

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Every section must be made clear and unambiguous.

23:57

In my opinion, that is the only way to provide guidance and compliance without service concerns and the only way to be fair to all concern from our ratepayers to our directors and our staff.

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Once the committee has finalized A revised document, it will be presented with the suggested changes to the full board for their review and hopefully approval.

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My recommendations to serve on the ad hoc committee are at opposite ends of the scale.

24:27

Director that has been here the least amount of time, Director Hales and I usually don't do this, but the director that's been here as long as me.

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And I think from that we'll get two different points of view is looking back at what we need to, to take care of.

24:42

So I know the intent and you know what it's currently saying.

24:46

So I think we can work that out.

24:48

It won't be something that's done in a week or two, but it it's a project that we need to look at.

24:52

So that is my recommendation.

24:55

I'm looking for comments or approval.

25:01

I have no idea.

25:02

I heard a noise.

25:03

I will prove I will allow it.

25:11

Boy, we got to work on Section 14.

25:13

God knows.

25:15

So I take it that's a motion to approve?

25:17

I'm looking for a second.

25:18

I second it.

25:18

Second by Director Fordex.

25:22

Amy, do you have any comment?

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I guess I should have asked first.

25:24

Do you have any comments?

25:25

I'll give them a moment to raise their hand in the platform.

25:37

No comments.

25:38

Having done that, slightly out of order, Amy, we have a motion and a second if you would please call the roll.

25:43

Director Quaylin, Yes.

25:44

Director Fordais, Yes.

25:45

Director Hills, Yes.

25:47

And President Palmeri, since it's Director Quaylin approved, I'll say yes.

25:53

OK, moving on to item number 10, Board reports, County Water Authority, CWA Board of Directors meeting.

26:01

Director Quaylin, I guess you've submitted a report from the main CWA meeting.

26:07

I did submit May.

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I didn't go to June, but I will be there next week.

26:10

OK Anything to add to the report?

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No.

26:13

OK Metro Commission, Metro Wastewater JPA, that meeting was cancelled.

26:17

Cancelled.

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OK And other pre authorized meetings, conferences or events attended by directors for AB1234 such as Council of Water Utilities, CSDA, San Diego chapter, etcetera.

26:29

Directors, anyone have any meetings to report Mr.

26:34

Council's report?

26:36

I have no report today.

26:38

Thank you.

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General Manager's report?

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No report either.

26:41

Director's comments.

26:42

Director.

26:43

Well, you've been speaking.

26:44

Director Formats I have no comment.

26:48

Director formats, no comments.

26:49

Director has.

26:51

Just for fun, many of you know that I had been going to school to get credentials for registered vet tech, basically an animal nurse, and I had finished school this morning.

27:04

I took the national boards and I passed.

27:07

Congratulations.

27:08

Congratulations.

27:13

I need to talk to you after the meeting about my dog.

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I can do that now.

27:17

You can do it now.

27:18

Either way.

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There you go.

27:20

No comments.

27:21

OK, thank you very much.

27:22

I have no comments either.

27:24

We have an informational report attached to the Agenda Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting minutes of June 24th, 2020.

27:31

Sixth, with no further business to come in front of the Board, we are adjourned.