MINUTES

UNION PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2026

Directors Present:	Greg Rasmussen, President Tom Quincy, Secretary Ralph Chick, Treasurer
Directors Absent:	Eric Bottomley, Director Bruce Tallakson, Vice-President
Staff Present:	Jessica Self, General Manager Joe Darby, Operations Manager Jenna Mayo, Clerk to the Board
Others Present:	Frank Splendorio, Best, Best & Krieger LLP Matt Opsital, WGA Justin Shobe and Philip L'Amoreaux of Shobe Engineering Gary Conrado, UWPA Director Public at Large

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER/THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL

Director Rasmussen called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 2:03 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Chick
Second: Director Quincy

Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Quincy, and Chick
Nays: None
Absent: Directors Tallakson and Bottomley
Abstained: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval of Minutes:
- September 21, 2026 – Regular Meeting

b. Fund Balance Report – September 2026
c. Income Statement – September 2026
d. YTD Budget to Actuals – September 2026

Motion: Director Quincy
Second: Director Chick
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Quincy, and Chick
Nays: None
Absent: Directors Tallakson and Bottomley
Abstained: None

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation & Discussion Regarding ACWA Updates
(Jennifer Rotz, ACWA & Jessica Self, General Manager)

Jennifer Rotz, staff member with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), presented an update on ACWA's Vision for Our Water Future initiative, its evaluation of whether to take positions on water projects of statewide significance, and recent state legislative and budget developments. She also recapped the Region 3 tour and previewed a Fall Conference forum on water affordability challenges facing rural agencies.

General Manager Jessica Self highlighted District counsel's role in advancing AB 2180, which addresses water rate-setting under Proposition 218, and discussed gathering Region 3 input for ACWA's task force on projects of statewide significance.

b. Discussion/Action Regarding Leak Adjustments
(Jessica Self, General Manager)

Motion: Director Chick
Second: Director Quincy
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Quincy, and Chick

Nays: None
Absent: Directors Tallakson and Bottomley
Abstained: None

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 5B: LEAK ADJUSTMENTS FOR ACCOUNT NOS. 008382-000, AND 005055-000, AS PRESENTED.

c. Discussion Regarding Customer Request to Change District Water Ordinance
(Roger Orman, UPUD Customer)

The Board did not approve the requested ordinance amendment, and no formal action was taken. District staff and the customer agreed to coordinate a site visit to further evaluate potential water service and meter placement options.

d. Discussion/Action Regarding Revising District Policy 2275 – Electronic Communications
(Jessica Self, General Manager) RES 2026-015

Motion: Director Chick
Second: Director Rasmussen
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Quincy, and Chick
Nays: None
Absent: Directors Tallakson and Bottomley
Abstained: None

RESOULTION 2026-015. UPDATING DISTRICT EMPLOYEE POLICIES ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, AS PRESENTED BY DISTRICT STAFF.

e. Presentation and Discussion of Master Plan Update
(Justin Shobe, Shobe Engineering)

Justin Shobe and Philip L'Amoreaux of Shobe Engineering presented an update on the District's Water Master Plan. The presentation reviewed the completed hydraulic modeling and system evaluations for both the domestic and raw water systems, highlighting existing infrastructure conditions, system limitations, and potential improvements.

The evaluation found that the District's current water treatment and storage capacities are adequate, with opportunities for targeted improvements to water pressure, fire flow, and system reliability. Recommended improvements include pressure zone adjustments, pipeline replacements, and upgrades to aging infrastructure, particularly within the raw water system.

Shobe Engineering outlined the development of the District's 5-year and 20-year Capital Improvement Plans (CIP), which will prioritize projects based on system needs, costs, and available funding. Next steps include identifying specific projects, developing cost estimates, evaluating funding opportunities, and preparing the draft Water Master Plan for Board review.

6. UPDATES

Discussion and Potential Direction Regarding Utica Water & Power Authority
(Erik Holt, UWPA General Manager)

In the absence of UWPA General Manager Erik Holt and UPUD Directors Eric Bottomley and Bruce Tallakson, UWPA Director Gary Conrado provided an Update. Director Conrado stated that there was little to report and acknowledged ongoing issues between UWPA and UPUD. He expressed uncertainty about how to resolve these problems. He also noted that meetings had taken place and expressed hope that they had led to productive discussions.

Director Conrado also offered an apology to UPUD regarding the events that occurred at the previous Board meeting. He explained that he had been unaware of what was taking place and stated that the actions taken were based on direction provided by legal counsel.

Director Conrado and Director Chick also discussed the anticipated November UPWA outage. A specific outage date was not confirmed during the discussion.

7. REPORTS

a. Operations Manager

The Operations Manager's report was presented to the Board by Operations Manager, Joe Darby.

b. General Manager

The General Manager's report was presented to the Board by General Manager, Jessica Self.

c. Board Updates

Director Chick requested a copy of Shobe Engineering's presentation regarding the District's Master Plan

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 4:11 pm

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: Michael Hatfield v. Union Public Utility District, Case No. 23CV46786

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)): One Case

9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting returned to open session at 5:08 pm

a. Report on Closed Session

10. REPORTABLE ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION: There was no reportable action.

11. NEXT BOARD MEETINGS & EVENTS

- November 16, 2026 at 2:00 pm
- December 21, 2026 at 2:00 pm
- January 18, 2027 at 2:00 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Tom E. Quincy, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Jenna Mayo, Clerk to the Board