

**MINUTES**  
**October 21, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the North of River Sanitary District No. 1 was held at the District Office, 204 Universe Avenue, Bakersfield, California on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

President McKibbin called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present: Directors McKibbin, Ruetters, Murphy, Hooker, and Hudson

Absent: None

Others Present: District Manager Ostly and District Administrator Lee

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Manager Ostly led a discussion concerning the WRRF Expansion Project Ad Hoc Committee meetings conducted on October 14, 2025. District consultants NHA Advisors and Woodard & Curran presented on the EPA Wifia Letter of Interest and associated proforma. No action was taken by the Board.

Director Ruetters moved to authorize Manager Ostly to sign the US EPA WIFIA letter of interest for loan financing of the WRRF Project with the understanding that this document does not commit the District proceed with an application. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion carried.

Director Murphy moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on September 16, 2025. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion carried.

After review of the financial reports, manager's report, and payment of the general fund warrants. Director Hooker moved to approve payment of the general fund warrants in the amount of \$1,572,342.63. Motion seconded by Director Murphy. Motion carried.

Manager Ostly presented the quarterly summary of District investment activity. No action was taken by the Board.

Director Ruetters moved to provide District Employees the following insurance offering for the 2026 calendar year:

- For medical insurance provide each employee Anthem Blue Cross GOLD PPO 5/1500/30%.
- Dental Plan and Vision Plan as offered by Cypress.
- District payment of both employee and dependent premiums. Dependents other than a spouse/significant other that are 23 years or older, and enrolled in a District Plan, will pay \$50 per month through payroll deduction.
- Life Insurance for non-contract employees in the amount of \$50k per employee, \$10k for spouse, and \$5k per dependent.

Motion seconded by Director Hudson. Motion carried.

Director Ruetters moved to approve of the annual employee appreciation meal not to exceed \$4,000. Motion seconded by Director Hudson. Motion Carried.

Director Hudson moved to approve purchase a compact excavator from Quinn Company for \$63,165.74. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion carried.

Director Murphy moved to approve of Amendment 1 to Sewer Contract 2025-01 for Sewer Construction within Tract 6812 Phase 1. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion carried.

Director Ruetters moved to approve Sewer Contract 2025-09 for Sewer Construction within 6812 Phase 2. Motion seconded by Director Murphy. Motion carried.

Director Murphy moved to approve Sewer Contract 2025-10 for Sewer Construction within Tract 7450 Phase 1. Motion seconded by Director Hudson. Motion carried.

Director Hudson moved to approve Sewer Contract 2025-11 for Sewer Construction within Tract 7450 Phase 2. Motion seconded by Director Murphy. Motion carried.

Director Hooker moved to approve Sewer Contract 2025-12 for Sewer Construction within Tract 7450 Phase 3. Motion seconded by Director Murphy. Motion carried.

Director Ruetters moved to award the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Package 26 CIPP Rehabilitation Project to Vortex Service LLC DBA Sancon Technologies for a total amount of \$232,023. Motion seconded by Director Murphy. All Board members voted aye.

Director Ruetters moved to reject all bids submitted for the S. Oildale Dr. Force Main #1 Rehabilitation Project. Motion seconded by Director Hudson. Motion Carried.

Manager Ostly led a discussion concerning the concerning unauthorized sewer connection charges per District Ordinance 1.09. No action was taken by the Board.

Director Ruetters moved to approve Resolution No. 25-04 initiating annexation proceedings for 4.46 acres of land located north of Krebs Road and west of Mohawk Street (assessor parcel number 365-040-32) to be known as Annexation #118. Motion seconded by Director Murphy. Motion carried.

Director Murphy moved to approve a Notice of Exemption for Annexation #118. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion carried.

There being no further business, matters of legal counsel, public comment, or Director comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

  
President

  
Secretary