

Director Cole's Questions and Comments re 6-26-'25 BOD Packet:

Item #3: I think Christian Schmidt is also the employee who makes safety suggestions often.

Yes, that is correct. Christian can be a creative thinker. Our job is to focus that creativity.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Item #4, page 5: Board Comp.:

-Do we need to repeal the current policy at section 21.022 of the Admin. Code? If so, it should be a recital in the policy or ordinance.

I think we should ask attorney at meeting.

-I have a few minor revisions to the accompanying documents to this item, which I will bring to our meeting. Fair enough

CONSENT:

Item #6;

p. 25: Minutes of May 29, 2025, regular Board meeting minutes:

-p. 31: Refers to Doodle poll re: BOD retreat

Still in process – I'm having some difficulty herding the team together. So still working on it. However, Bob asked that it be agenda #28. Spoke with Ken White and he thinks sometime the first two weeks of September.

-p. 32: What is current status of contact with Regional Water Quality Control Board?

No response from them

p. 38: Bridge to Everywhere: Must expenses of Committee be approved by the BOD?

Only if they exceed my signing authority

Item #9, p. 46: Register of Disbursements: Fenton & Keller invoice was \$19,432. What is CAWD's legal expenses to date/or "as of" date"?

6/20/25	\$107,001	
Wellington	\$14,000	He is still catching up on his billing
Liebert & Cassidy	\$25,960	Union negotiations
Mandell Municipal	\$ 3,338	Specialist in user rates
Fenton & Keller	\$63,664	

We spoke about the potential for our legal fees to skyrocket – well, this is it. I think in the case of Fenton & Keller we need to be careful. Everytime the board asks for something – it costs money

Item No. 11, p. 51, et seq.: Financial Statements:

pp. 54-64: Seems like income is running behind in many categories? What is the explanation? Is it because we are spending more than the budget or underestimated income? (May be a *rhetorical* question. Duh.)

As of May 31 revenues were only 1.6% off budget; that's pretty good I think. Expenses less good. But remember that we made payments to CalPERS UAL and SAM plan this year.

pp. 71-72: Thank you for breaking out the categories where we are at variance with the budget.

Item No. 15, p. 89: Lab/Environmental Compliance: Will federal funding continue from the Centers for Disease Control? If not, how do we continue to fund for public health?

If I had to guess, I'd say no. Not a priority for RFK. Not even confident lab will continue testing.

Regarding Items Nos. 15 (Lab) and 18 (Facilities Manager Maintenance & Operations):
-Will the BOD be receiving reports directly from the Lab (Mohamed) and Plant Supervisors (Matt) in the future?

Per Chris: My thought was to combine OPS and Maintenance reports into treatment plant report but happy to break back out just let me know. There are pros and cons.

Pros- Eliminates overlap between reports.

Cons- Maintenance does perform work at pump stations so we would have to ensure Daryl includes any work in PS.

There is still the OPS Process report so the previous Maintenance and Operations reports were more summaries. We do plan on adding work order metrics back in but interesting thing is PMs include operation and maintenance staff so again overlap.

RESOLUTIONS:

Item No. 20, p. 125, et. seq.: SSMP: Excellent report from Jeff Bandy.

Yes, a difficult report to be sure.

Item No. 21, p. 210: Budget;

-Again, BTW is budgeted for \$100-115. If approved, will the full BOD have to approve expenditures? (See page 38 question above re: BTW meeting minutes.)

I am assuming you mean BTE committee? And yes, if expenditures are within my signing authority individual expenditures need not go before the board. If above my authority they should.

Item No. 23, p. 210: “Defend or Managed Retreat Restricted Reserve”: This is about Sea Level Rise (SLR) isn’t it? Why don’t we call a spade what it is—a “damned shovel” and reference Sea Level Rise in the nomenclature instead of having to guess what “retreat restricted” refers to?

This is the name the Board gave it at the time it was initiated. Managed Retreat is intended to describe what we are going to do.