



**Johnsville Public Utility District  
Board of Director  
Planning Meeting Minutes  
Date: Sunday August 29, 2025 Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Plumas Eureka State Park  
3120 Graeagle-Johnsville Road  
Blairsden, California, 96103**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and all directors and secretary/manager present.
2. A motion to approve agenda for 8/29/24 planning meeting and minutes for 8/24/25 minutes was made by the chair, David Piepho, and seconded by Director LaTourrette. The motion passed unanimously with the following vote:  
Roll call vote:

David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Michael Hallenberger	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
3. Public comment included a discussion about the types of locks needed at tanks and gate. Key, combination, and Daisy locks were discussed. Also, members who have key/combo was determined.
4. Reports from the directors follows.
  - 4.1. Chair Piepho reported on tree cutting status at tank location. State Park tree faller reported there are many more trees that could come down in addition to the ones marked with tape. Faller will go out to contract for the job and the State Park is responsible for cost. Director LaTourrette reported on conversation with JPUD Auditor, John Blomberg. We do not need extensive audit and he (auditor) suggested we don't pay off loan(s) immediately. Director LaTourrette gave a detailed summary of the financial aspects of the tank project.
    - Johnsville Public Utility District (JPUD) currently owes \$110,000.00 to Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) for Line-of-Credit charges.
    - JPUD currently owes United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) \$483,000. Payments are made yearly to USDA of \$16,147.00. USDA has covered payments for first RCAC line of credit to activate loan that included change orders, several Bastian bills, and required bird study.
    - Department of Water Resources(DWR) Invoice #13 is in progress. Retention withheld

by DWR 10% will be paid to Stewart Engineering and JPUD.

- 4.2 Manager requests retirement from board. Timeline would be determined by tank project completion and availability of replacement. Options were discussed and will be part of future meeting discussions.

5. Discussion and brainstorming.

- 5.1 Tank completion items include PSI parts and maintenance agreement for chlorination system and some hands-on work at tanks. Chlorinator parts and maintenance will be on the next JPUD meeting agenda.

- 5.2 Mapping of the JPUD water system was discussed. Mapping would include location and size of waterlines, location of Christy boxes for all homeowners, shut off locations for town waterlines, and other information pertaining to waterlines in town. Also, line from Bennet Dam to plant was discussed. The board discussed asking our engineer for an estimate of mapping.

- 5.3 Director Hallenberger compared our water district policies to other similar districts. He discussed several items that the JPUD needs to create or update. These items will be developed and approved at future JPUD meetings.

- Consumer Confidence Report will be developed and posted on district website if possible.
- Emergency Response Plan needs to be reviewed and updated.
- Drought Plan will be updated and published on website.
- Policies for service line ownership and repair responsibilities and guidelines for homeowner work near waterline notification. will also be developed at future JPUD meetings.
- Director Hallenberger will review and expand, if necessary, the JPUD Mission Statement for clarity.

- 5.4 Director discussed rates and need for review. Addition on-going costs to the district due to new tanks and chlorination system were discussed.

- 5.4.1 The Reserve and Maintenance Resolutions will be review and plans to fund the reserves will be on-going discussions and planning.

- 5.5. Open discussion covered several topics.

- Speeding in town and more CHP presence.
- Upper and lower catch basin cleaning frequency. Sieve is continuous clogged with plant debris and overflow causes erosion to base of catch basin and dirt road.
- Expanding surface area of sieve discussed.
- Redwood from original tanks sale discussed. Possibilities will be brought to next meeting. Consignment or auction are possibilities.

6. Action Item

6.1. A motion to approve Change Order #4 submitted by Stewart Engineering for the amount of \$11,315.19 and recommended by JPUD engineer, Dan Bastian. The motion was made by Director LaTourrette and seconded by Director Hallenberger. The motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

Roll call vote:

David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Michael Hallenberger	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay

7. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15p.m.