

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

**CASPAR SOUTH WATER DISTRICT
45420 Gayle Circle, Mendocino, CA 95460
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.**

All agenda materials are available online at: <https://cswd.specialdistrict.org/2026-07-15-board-meeting>

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m.

II. Roll Call

McCormack, Bruce and Keen were present

III. Public Comment

Resident Diane Clouse would like to see the leech field mowed more frequently.

Resident Alan Stein claimed that three property owners didn't receive notice for today's public hearing. Board members clarified that contact information is provided by property owners, and can vary from local addresses, PO boxes and addresses outside of Mendocino County. The mailing list used by the District's accountant for billing is the same list that was used for the public hearing notices.

IV. Approval of Minutes: April 16, 2026, Board Meeting

Moved by Bruce, seconded by McCormack, unanimously approved.

V. **Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Increase in Annual Sewer Service Charges Pursuant to Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218); Receive Public Testimony and Written Protests, Determine Whether a Majority Protest Exists, and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 26-02 Approving Revised Sewer Service Charges.**

Keen presented the staff report. Additional input provided by Board members Bruce and McCormack.

A number of residents attended the meeting and spoke. Most expressed concern that a \$300 increase in rates in the first year was too abrupt, and advocated for a more gradual rollout of rate increases. There was support for the proposed engineering study, and recognition that a slower rollout of the rate increases would require use of more reserve funds.

Ten letters of opposition were counted, representing less than a majority of property owners. No majority protest to the proposed rate increase was therefore established.

Several of the residents in attendance clarified that their opposition was due to the pace of the rate increase, not the overall need for additional revenue, particularly given uncertainty about the condition of the system and future needs.

The Board members discussed the residents' feedback and possible alternatives to the proposal set forth in the staff report.

McCormack moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 26-02, with the following modifications: that the District raise rates by \$100 per developed lot and \$66 per undeveloped lot in Fiscal Year 2026/27, and raise rates by \$100 per developed lot and \$66 per undeveloped lot in Fiscal Year 2027/28. Bruce seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bruce then moved to authorize implementation of the rate increase. McCormack seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.