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YOSEMITE WEST DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES March 12, 2026

Attendee Name	Title	Present
Tom Lambert	Chair	Y
John Mock	Secretary	Y
Debra Kroon	Member	Y
Jeff Webb	Member	Y
Art Cormier	Member	Y
Ted Williams	Member	Y
Malcom Neal	Member	Y
Charles Lammers	Guest	Y
Lisa Edelheit	Guest	Y
Shannon Hansen	PW Director	Y
Melinda Rice	PW – Deputy Director	Y
Joe Williams	PW – Deputy Director	Y
Nora Cole	PW - Fiscal Officer	Y
John Luthey	PW – Utilities Manager	Y

- A. **Call to Order and Roll Call – 10:02 AM** (*recording time marker 0:00:38*)
- B. **Introductions** (*recording time marker 0:01:30*)
- C. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda items** (*recording time marker 0:03:50*)
1. John – SB330 proposal was submitted to Mariposa County Planning. Regarding property adjacent to Yosemite West. Planning requested additional information, and John shared information to bring the matter to everyone's attention in case it comes to the YWDAC committee in the future.
Director Hansen – Issue is currently with Outside Counsel and cannot discuss the issue.
 2. Are there any building permits issued within YW?
Director Hansen would need to check with the Building Dept.
 3. Director Hansen – let the committee know that the COB office has hired someone to take care of the committees County-Wide. There will be some administrative changes to how committees are handled, and the employee will attend all county committee meetings moving forward.



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D. Approval of Minutes (*recording time marker 0:13:30*)

1. March 20, 2025, Minutes
(M) Art (S) Malcolm
Approved

E. Updates & Reports (*recording time marker 0:15:45*)

1. Fiscal Update by Nora Cole, PW Fiscal Officer
 - a. Do not anticipate YW needing a loan
 - b. YW - YTD Actuals Revenue \$467,274 Expenses \$468,347
 - c. On track to receive anticipated revenue for Water, Wastewater & Roads Maintenance Fees
 - d. This year there was only one emergency repair - Water line \$33k (approx.)
 - e. Monitoring Electricity Cost(s)– 4-5 bills have been consolidated into 1 bill. Monthly electricity expense is 11k-15k (approx.)
 - f. Brushing was completed on the access roads with the assistance of the Mt. Bullion Conservation Camp, which contributed to the low cost of the project at \$1800
 - g. John Mock - Had a question about the availability in the combined acct.
 - h. Ted Williams – Questions on where to see yr to yr balance?
 - Melinda – unfortunately, the reports don't show year-to-year
 - i. Ted Williams – Can you clarify the purpose of the transfers out?
 - Melinda can find out and then email the answer. Think it may be the Ferguson Tree Fell Project.
2. Bartle Wells Rate Study Update (*recording time marker 0:33:00*)
 - a. Director Hansen – Bartle Wells was given the numbers after the final audit was completed in Dec. 2025
 - b. Outside Counsel is currently reviewing



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- c. Rate Study goes to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Meeting on April 21, 2026. So that the Board can give direction on how to move forward.
- d. Ted Williams – Will the committee have the opportunity to give input?
 - Director Hansen - Following the direction of the Board, Public Works will schedule to meet with YWDAC to present an update.
3. IRWM Grant (*recording time marker 0:56:00*)
 - a. Melinda – Grant is complete \$437K. Installed an additional 820 linear ft of leach line and repaired existing breaks.
 - b. APRA relief funding purchased the property & leach line design for the leach line repair
4. Operations Update (*recording time marker 0:56:54*)
 - a. John Luthey – Leach lines are working great, which is separate from the plant, which is still bottlenecked in the amount of wastewater it's able to treat.
 - b. Flow Report – John Luthey - Some issues at the end of 2025 with breaks which impacted the total flow number, and some had to be estimated.
 - c. Maintenance Issues – John Luthey
 - Installing some new aeration, hoping to have them all replaced by summer.
 - New pump is performing beautifully.
 - Working on bell fittings on the side of the hill
 - New Pump and Motor stored and ready to go as backup
 - Well House/Building is in sad state and needs to be replaced.
 - Required to take Lead & Copper test every 3 yrs. Date was missed, and signs were posted. Water is good; don't have high copper or lead. The test was completed; the violation was only because the test date was missed.



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- Fire Hydrants – will be dug out when they flush the hydrants this summer and repainted.
- Cover Replacement – down from buck brush. No longer industry Standard; can't find one. So it has to be saw-cut and completely recast.
- Melinda – 3 new hires for Extra Help snowplow
- SCEDA Upgrade – hopefully by next month and tied into the Starlink.
- Sewer blockage yesterday less than 100 gal.
- d. Tom – What is the status of the 2nd well? (*recording time marker 1:25:30*)
 - John Luthey – Sam was in talks with Conservancy, unsure where that stands.
 - Director Hansen PW is always looking for grants.
 - Ted – Second well must meet the same capacity as #9, which means the only way really is a new well, not connecting smaller wells.
 - John Luthey – The State frowns upon Gallery wells. And Mr. La Blanc's well was cost-prohibited. Possible well on the property PW just purchased.
 - Director Hansen – best option is to find a grant

F. Action Items (*recording time marker 1:14:35*)

1. Approve YWDAC 2026 meeting schedule

(M) John M (S) Jeff

Approved

2. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary

Debra Kroon, Vice-Chair

(M) Jeff (S) Malcolm

Approved

John Mock, Secretary

(M) Ted (S) Art

Approved



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Tom Lambert, Chair
(M) Art (S) Debra
Approved

- a. Bylaws – were tabled at last year's meeting. Table the discussion until new COB employee comes in.
3. 2026 YWDAC Annual Report
 - a. Ted & Tom will work on it.
4. Committee input/recommendations on Bartle Wells rate study
 - a. YWDAC recommendation to review before the Prop 218 clock starts

G. Discussion Items (*recording time marker 1:33:44*)

1. Add Bylaws for next meeting

H. Next Meeting

June 11, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

I. Adjournment 11:38 AM (*recording time marker 1:35:52*)

Respectfully submitted,



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