DIABLO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DIABLO COUNTRY CLUB CURTOLA ROOM
September 14, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cox called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

ROLL CALL: President Cox called the roll as follows:

Directors present: Cox, Lorenz, Luecht, Raefield
Directors absent: Bonny

OFFICIALS/STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Lieutenant Veronique Balea (Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department)
Zach Scalzo (General Counsel, Best, Best, & Krieger LLP)

President Cox welcomed Directors, guests, and the public and explained the rules for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jeff Eorio requested a correction to his public comments captured in the August 10th minutes and requested a graph showing the financial impact of the proposed tax on property owners.

BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATION AND ACTIONS:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

President Cox introduced and welcomed new DCSD Director, Jessica Raefield.

President Cox presented for consideration an increase in the General Manager's compensation. On motion by Director Lorenz and second by Director Raefield, the Board approved an increase in the General Manager's hourly rate to $117 per hour, effective October 1, 2026. Motion passed 4-0.

ROADS:

Bridge Replacement Ballot Measure

President Cox provided an update on the Bridge Replacement Project. At the June 8 DCSD Regular Meeting, the Board authorized a Subcommittee of President Cox, Director Lorenz, and General Manager Torru to procure a financial advisor and engineer, and to engage legal counsel to advise the District on the Bridge Replacement funding options and process. At the August 10 DCSD Regular Board Meeting, the Board selected Urban Futures as its financial advisor. At the August 10 meeting, Wing-See Fox from Urban Futures presented the Board with a Bridge Replacement funding strategy and timeline, which the Board approved. The timeline included a May 4, 2027, Special Election General Obligation Bond to fund the replacement of the three bridges. After the meeting, District Staff met with County election officials and were informed that the Special Election would cost the District $41k. If the District includes the Ballot Measure on the March 7, 2028, General Election ballot, the cost is reduced to roughly $3k. District Staff and Urban Futures discussed the financial impact of a Special Election and recommended that the District delay the Ballot Measure until the March 7, 2028, General Election.

On motion by President Cox and second by Director Luecht, the Board withdrew the May 4, 2027, Special Election Ballot Measure and proposed to include the Measure on the March 7, 2028, General Election Ballot, and authorized President Cox and District General Manager Torru to send a resident communication informing the community of the Bridge Replacement project. Motion passed 4-0.

Creek Bank Stabilization Project

President Cox provided an update on the Creek Bank Stabilization project. On December 31, 2022, Diablo experienced a severe winter storm that caused the creek bank at 2121 Alameda Diablo to collapse, threatening Alameda Diablo and the gas line below. An emergency temporary repair was authorized. The repair included two tons of riprap to stabilize the creek bank. This repair was funded by FEMA. FEMA subsequently provided the District with additional funds of $457k to perform a permanent repair of the site. Regulatory permits from the California Water Resources Board, Army Corps of Engineers, and Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) were required as part of the funding. The District secured the final permit in August and began the repair this past week. The project is expected to take 3 weeks at a cost of roughly $580k. We will have final costs at the October Board meeting

Public comment: Jeff Eorio thanked General Counsel Scalzo for his research on the Gift of Public Funds and expressed hope that this project does set a precedent.

EBMUD Pipeline Replacement Project

President Cox provided an update on the EBMUD Pipeline Replacement Project. EBMUD's waterlines, which provide all of us with drinking water, are nearing the end of their useful life. Most of the lines were installed in the 1960s. The pipelines are located below the road surface, so the replacement of these lines is a time-consuming and disruptive process. EBMUD owns and maintains the pipelines and will manage the project. The first phase of the project took place this past spring and summer on Caballo Ranchero Dr and Ct. The second phase of the project, which includes replacing pipelines under Calle Arroyo, Club House Rd, Avenida Nueva, La Cadena, Calle Los Callados, Ranchitos del Sol, and lower El Nido, will begin in October 2026 and is expected to take 14 months to complete. EBMUD will hold a Zoom Town Hall on Tuesday, September 29, at 6 pm to discuss the project and answer resident questions.

Public comment: Steve Lichlighter asked if we knew if/when EBMUD would be replacing the water main on Upper Alameda Diablo.

Roads-Ruggeri-Jensen-Azar (RJA) Culvert Replacement Cost Proposal

The District's insurance carrier, GSRMA, has asked the District to identify and provide a replacement cost for the culverts that lie beneath the road that it wishes to insure. RJA has provided a proposal of $8,500 to assess 11 culverts and calculate the replacement cost of each culvert.

On motion by President Cox and second by Director Luecht, the Board authorized President Cox and General Manager Torru to negotiate a professional services agreement with Ruggeri-Jensen-Azar to assess 11 culverts that lie beneath the District-Maintained Roads and calculate the replacement cost of each culvert, at a cost not to exceed $8,500. Motion passed 4-0.

Ruggeri-Jensen-Azar: High-Level Bridge Replacement Cost Proposal Review

As part of the Bridge Replacement Ballot Measure, the District must estimate the cost to replace the three bridges. The District solicited proposals from two engineering firms, Wood Rogers and Ruggeri-Jensen-Azar (RJA), to provide a bridge replacement cost analysis. RJA's proposal was lower at $13,200.

Public comment: Jeff Eorio commented on new bridge design considerations, like a wider front main bridge.

On motion by President Cox and second by Director Raefield, the Board authorized President Cox and General Manager Torru to negotiate a professional services agreement with Ruggeri-Jensen-Azar to perform a high-level construction cost analysis to replace the District's three bridges, at a cost not to exceed $13,200. Motion passed 4-0.

SECURITY:

President Cox provided a security update. There were no incidents to report.

GENERAL MANAGER:

President Cox updated the Board on District Staff's focus this past month.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

On motion by President Cox and second by Director Lorenz, the August 25 Special Meeting Minutes were approved. Motion passed 4-0.

The August 10 Regular Meeting Minutes were continued to the next meeting to give District Staff time to address Jeff Eorio's public comments.

REPORTS:

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY: No report

DIABLO COUNTRY CLUB: No report

DIRECTOR COMMENTS: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

President Cox announced that the Flock ALPR contract renewal will be included in a future agenda.

CALL OF NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT:

President Cox called the next meeting for October 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm at Diablo Country Club. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Diablo Community Services District by

Kathy Torru, General Manager