

KEELER COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT

Special BOARD MEETING

MINUTES (DRAFT)

Thursday, August 27, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Join Online Via Zoom:

Meeting ID

847 1469 4317

Passcode

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In-Person Location:

Firehouse and Community Building

165 Old State Hwy

Keeler, CA 93530

Board members present were Bailey McRoberts, Christy Lambert and Karen Riggs

Members of the public were: Hailey Still and Hans Hoek

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03
2. Christy Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2026. Bailey McRoberts seconded. Approved 3-0
3. Karen Riggs explained that Streamline, the web hosting service used by KCSD for the website, <https://keelercsd.specialdistrict.org/> has been sold to CivicPlus. When the website was first created by Carol Puryear on the Streamline platform, the fee was \$50 per month. Streamline later raised the cost to \$115 monthly and included legal protection if sued for violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). CivicPlus, as new owner, has raised the price to \$3,000 annually and requires upfront payment. Karen relayed a suggestion from Hamish Kellum that Provost and Pritchard have their design team create a website. KCSD would be responsible for the cost of hosting at \$360 a month and \$490 for a Userway Pro (ADA compliance plugin) or approximately \$70 a month. Hans Hoek suggested that in the future KCSD might want to manage their own ADA compliance, if it is not too difficult. Christy Lambert made a motion to accept Hamish's proposal. Bailey McRoberts seconded. All in favor 3-0.

4. A letter of interest from Keeler resident Hayley Still to serve on the Keeler Community Service District Board of Directors was read aloud. The Inyo County Board of Supervisors has the responsibility of appointing members to a district board at this time due to the proximity of upcoming elections.

5. Bailey McRoberts noted that water systems in the U.S. were cyber attacked recently by Iranian hackers, including 30 counties in one state. Only two of them were able to go back online without the computer, he said, because they had the steps to do it manually. He added that he recently heard that China was hacking into infrastructure, too. "So I was just wondering what kind of security you had set up to keep . . . that from happening here?"

Christy Lambert said she met with John Bowden recently at the well site as part of her ongoing water training. "In terms of shutting off our water (remotely), that's not possible." There are no computer connections to the internet.

She added that the new water meters are data driven for informational purposes only and cannot affect water delivery.

She noted that John was dealing with a chlorine pump that had burst, causing damage in the pump house. She described chlorine all over the wall and things on a shelf destroyed.

Hailey Still asked if there was a camera at the site, considering it is not a significant investment.

Christy Lambert noted that cybersecurity water classes are available. Currently, she is concentrating obtaining her Distribution and Treatment certifications. She may take the cybersecurity class in the future, but not anytime soon. She added that security was certainly something to be aware of.

All agreed to stay informed.

6. Board of Director Reports

Bailey McRoberts reported on work done by McMor on the leak on Malone.

Christy Lambert continues to study and prepare for her water certifications.

Karen Riggs noted that Golden State Water has overcharged customers for 3 months in a row. They are aware of the problem and trying to fix it.

Karen relayed information from Hamish Kellum that the preliminary engineering report for an arsenic treatment plant for Keeler is nearing completion. He said they are aiming for a completely new distribution system paid for with grants. Keeler would be responsible for long-term maintenance and operations. Hamish reiterated that the biggest cost would be a water operator and noted that considering the

existing usage, and if we go it alone, i.e. without any joint powers agreements, Keeler water rates could triple. The preliminary engineering report will be ready soon and will be discussed at the Community Engagement Oct. 20 meeting.

Karen said that Hamish had talked to a water operator from the LADWP noting that they use a T4 water operator and draw water directly from Owens Lake.

7. Public Comment

Hans Hoek said he had talked to Dan Dickman who has been thinking about the amount of water unaccounted for in the system. Hans said Dan seems to think that the furthest line that is close to the lake might be leaking, because the groundwater comes up and it goes down again. When it gets drier, that pipe may have fractured, and you would never know.

Haley Still said she would be very interested in learning more and trying to figure out the water loss.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.