

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
March 12, 2026**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California
Board Present: Alex Cousins, Michael Rourke, Joseph Trindade, Nick Goulette,
Andy Johnson
Board Absent: None
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Sarah Sheetz, Julie Catanese,
Delmont Senter, Wes Scribner, Tony Adams

1. President Rourke called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

a. Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Agenda Order. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Nick Goulette,
Andy Johnson
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

3. Introduction of New Staff

Ms. Sheetz Introduced Joy Thompson, who was recently hired as a Clerk for the District. The Board welcomed Joy to the team.

4. Public Comment

Tony Adams, a property owner in Weaverville, advised that the District's line clearance tree trimmers cut down brush and trees on his property but failed to remove the debris, resulting in a fire and tripping hazard. Mr. Adams also addressed the District's System Access Charge. Mr. Adams alerted the District to a circuit running near a home at 410 Oregon Street, and a streetlight that is out on pole #9466.

5. Consent Calendar

Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 12, 2026
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting, March 3, 2026
- c. Validate Bills of February 2026
- d. Approve Financial Reports for January 2026

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Nick Goulette,
Andy Johnson
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

6. Action Items

a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
None

b. Accept Single Audit Report for Year Ended June 30, 2024 as prepared by Baker Tilly, US, LLP (Baker Tilly)

Jodi Dobson, Managing Partner with Baker Tilly presented the Single Audit, which was required due to the receipt of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds in excess of \$750,000 in Fiscal Year 2024/25, which were accrued Fiscal Year 2023/24.

Ms. Dobson stated that the District received an unmodified opinion on compliance, but noted there was a finding related to the timing of the funding, as the funds were awarded in Fiscal Year 2024, but received in Fiscal Year 2025. Ensured that costs were incurred after that start of the disaster.

The new limit for the Single Audit requirement is \$1,000,000.

Director Goulette made a motion to Accept the Single Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2024, as prepared by Baker Tilly. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Nick Goulette,
Andy Johnson
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

c. Adopt Resolution 26-01, Amending Rate Schedules No. 5, Industrial/Large Power Rate, and Rate Schedule No 6, Large Power Service Promotional Rate; and rescind the Incentives for New Industrial Customer or Industrial Collective Policy.

Mr. Scribner reviewed the Report with the Board, citing the proposed changes to the Rate Schedules including a minimum monthly usage requirement and excluding discounts to the Wholesale Power Charge. Following a discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to Adopt Resolution 26-01, amending Rate Schedules No. 5 and 6, and to Rescind the Incentives for New Industrial Customer or Industrial Collective Policy. Director Trindade seconded the motion. Director Johnson inquired if the promotional rate applies to all customers. Ms. Sheetz advised that the Promotional Rate applies to the District's Commercial and Industrial Rate Schedules. Following a brief discussion regarding the usage patterns for High Impact Customers, availability of power in various locations, and the rationale for the thresholds in both Rates Director Johnson made a

competing motion to approve amendments to the Large Power Service Promotional Rate and to Rescind the Incentive for New Industrial Customers or Industrial Collective Policy, but excluding amendments to Rate Schedule No. 5 and request that Staff return with a Tiered Industrial Rate. The motion failed for lack of a second. The original motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-aye
Nick Goulette	-aye
Andy Johnson	-no
Mike Rourke	-aye
Joe Trindade	-aye

- d. Adopt Resolutions 26-02 and 26-03, Approving Submission of an application for Community Facilities Project Funding and Congressionally Directed Spending
Ms. Sheetz reviewed the report with the Board, advising that the District is submitting applications to both Congressman Huffman's and Senator Padilla's offices for equipment to facilitate the removal of fuels from it's rights of way. Following a brief discussion Director Cousins made a motion to adopt Resolutions 26-02 and 26-03, approving submission of grant applications for Community Facilities Project Funding and Congressionally Directed Spending. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-aye
Nick Goulette	-aye
Andy Johnson	-aye
Mike Rourke	-aye
Joe Trindade	-aye

7. Reports

- a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update – February 2026
Mr. Scribner reviewed the report with the Board, highlighting the progress crews made in February.

b. General Manager's Reports

i. Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported that he had shared a copy of the Legislation passed in 2015 with Public Services Staff Officer, Leslie Courtright, which mandated that the Land Exchange be completed within one year. Mr. Hauser anticipates that the Land Exchange will be complete this Spring.

ii. Right of Way Project Update

Mr. Hauser reported that Mr. Scribner recently worked with the Resource Conservation District to obtain property ownership information, which will be provided to Aspen Environmental Group. Mr. Hauser advised of a tentative schedule of the environmental document being approved by Western Area Power Administration in mid-April, a draft document out by August, and a final document by year end.

iii. Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC)

Mr. Hauser reported that the plan remains for BANC to enter into the Energy Day Ahead Market in 2027.

iv. Power Outage Summary, February 2026

Mr. Hauser highlighted that excluding maintenance work, there were very few outages in February. Crews have been making progress on the HWY 3 Pole replacements in Weaverville and have a significant outage scheduled for March 22, 2026.

v. Re-initiation of Consultation on the Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project

Mr. Hauser reported that the expectation is that there will be a proposal on the Trinity River Division from reclamation next month.

vi. Appoint Delegate for Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) Business Meeting

Director Cousins serves on the NWPPA Board and is planning to attend the Annual meeting in May. Mr. Hauser recommended that the Board appoint Director Cousins as the Delegate and Mr. Hauser as the Alternate. The Board concurred.

vii. Grants Update

Ms. Sheetz reported on the grant status for the following grants currently being tracked:

Community Facilities Grant (FY 2026) – Fault Tamers - \$360,000

Status: Bids Due March 25, 2026, will be brought back for Award at the April 9, 2026 meeting.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Wildfire Defense Grant, \$9.5 million – reviewed Report with Board.

viii. Financial Report

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the District's cash flow with the Board for Calendar Years 2024 and 2025, noting that overall revenue and expenses are consistent each month, with the exceptions of March, September and December. Ms. Sheetz requested feedback from the Board for future reports. The Board advised that it would be helpful to add the Reserves balance, an estimate for the District's Goal to maintain 6-months of O&M in the Reserve balance, and kWh usage by Revenue Class in future reports, along with any unique items Staff anticipates.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee
None

d. Board Member Reports

Director Cousins reported that he attended an NWPPA meeting recently and is now part of the NWPPA Membership Committee, whose focus is recruitment of additional members. Director Cousins also reported that the Superior Economic Development Board received funding from Wells Fargo for a Downtown Revitalization playbook.

Director Johnson reported on the February 24, 2026 Local Agency Formation Commission meeting at which there was a presentation on a fire from downriver. He also reported that he spoke with the Future Business Leaders of America Club at Trinity High School as an elected official.

Director Goulette reported that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is hosting its Board meeting in Weaverville June 3 and 4, 2026. Mr. Goulette advised that he is hopeful the organization will make an investment to the Watershed Center for fuels reduction funding at the Upper Trinity location, he invited the District to participate.

8. Communications Received

The District received a correspondence from the Roderick Senior Center thanking it for the donation of fair animals in 2025.

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. Golden State Power Cooperative Capitol Day
March 17, 2026
Sacramento, CA
- b. California Municipal Utilities Association Annual Conference
March 22-24, 2026
Monterey, CA
- c. Northwest Public Power Association Annual Meeting
May 19-21, 2026
Spokane, WA

10. Public Input

None

The Board took a brief recess at 3:44 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 3:49 p.m.

11. Closed Session

a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Two Potential Case(s)
No Reportable Action

b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Board of Directors
Employee Organization: Unrepresented, General Manager
No Reportable Action

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

/s/ Michael Rourke
Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST: /s/ Nick Goulette
Nicholas Goulette, Clerk



Single Audit Presentation

Year ended June 30, 2024

Trinity Public Utility District

March 12, 2026



Federal single audit

- Required because you received more than \$750,000 in federal funding for the year
- Tests compliance with laws, regulations and agreements related to program requirements
 - Cost allowability
 - Period of performance
 - Special tests including project accounting
- Results are included in the report and next slides

Finding 2024-001

- SEFA Reporting
- Existing controls didn't identify federal awards to be reported on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in a timely manner
- Formally a material weakness in SEFA reporting
- Recommendation to establish a system where the award date and spending for any potential federal awards is documented for annual evaluation as part of year end reporting

Finding 2024-002

- Period of performance
- Focus on documentation that costs charged in beginning of the award were incurred after the disaster date
- Identified 1 payroll expenditure where documentation could not be provided
- Recommendation to enhance documentation and review of time charged to federally funded projects to identify and remedy missing documentation in a timely manner

Finding 2024-003

- Special tests – project accounting
- All project costs should be accumulated in separate project account/code
- Identified 2 payroll expenditure that were not coded to the FEMA tracking account, but were captured in the project reporting
- Recommendation to implement additional reviews of coding for federally funded project costs and ensure that all related costs are included in the project accounts

Federal single audit – overall results

- Compiled in all material respects with compliance requirements (clean opinion)
- Significant deficiencies were reported; management provides planned corrective action
- Noncompliance noted was not material; management provides planned corrective action
- In next single audit we will follow up on these findings and management's corrective action

Additional communications

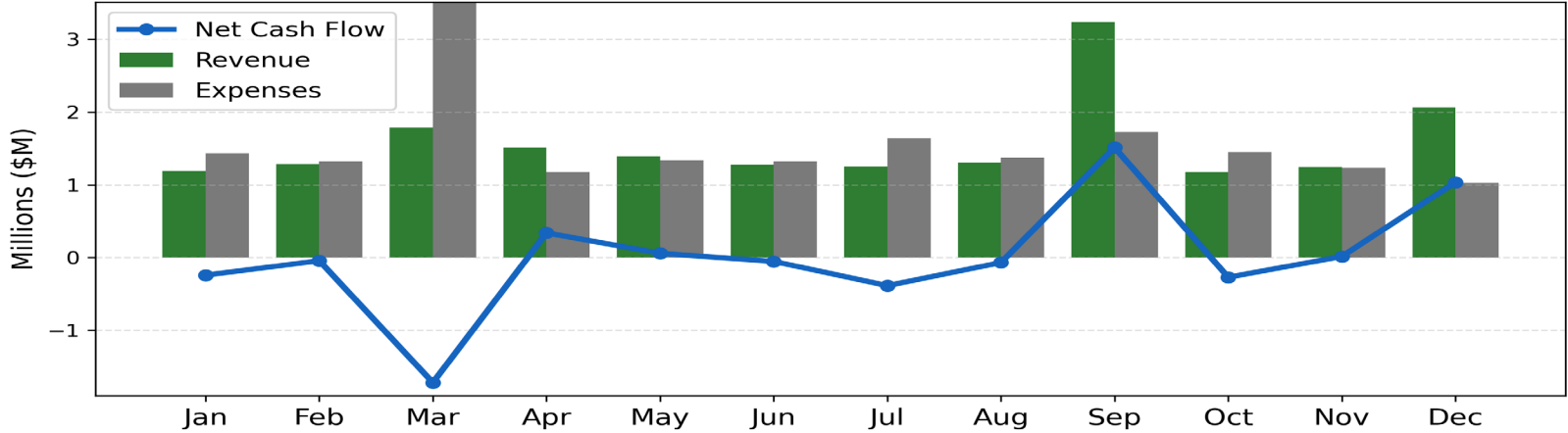
- No changes in responsibilities, objectives or approach from our Reporting and Insights communication dated December 12, 2024 or the single audit engagement letter dated June 11, 2025
- Management will provide an updated representation letter noting no changes to the prior representations and incorporating the compliance related representations

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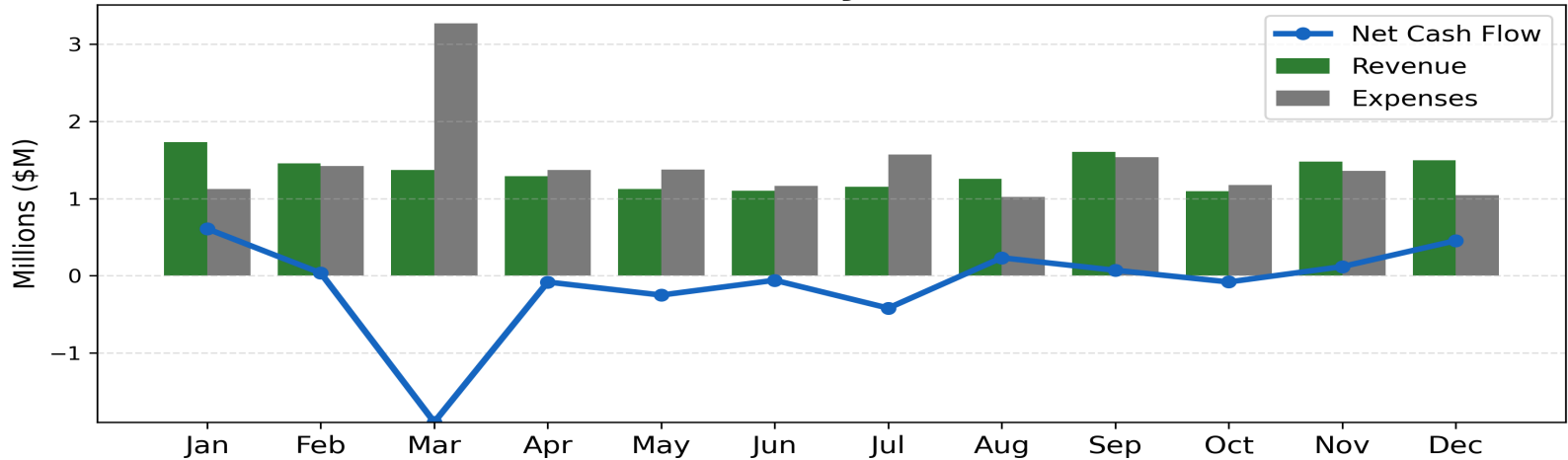
Thank you

Monthly Cash Flow Performance (2024–2025)

2024 Monthly Cash Flow



2025 Monthly Cash Flow



2026 Monthly Cash Flow

