Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
October 8, 2026

Location:	Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room 26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California
Board Present:	Alex Cousins, Michael Rourke, Joseph Trindade, Nicholas Goulette, Andrew Johnson joined at 2:04 p.m.
Board Absent:	None
Others Present:	Sarah Sheetz, Jim Underwood, Dawn MacLaren, Julie Catanese, Dave DeLange, and Wes Scribner

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

2. **Approval of the Agenda Order**
   Director Trindade made a motion to approve the Agenda Order. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:	Alex Cousins, Michael Rourke, Nick Goulette, Joe Trindade
Noes:	None
Absent:	Andrew Johnson
Abstain:	None

3. **Public Input**
   None

4. **Consent Calendar**
   Director Goulette requested that Item 4c, be pulled for further discussion. Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar excluding Item 4c. Director Trindade seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar included:
   a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 10, 2026
   b. Validate Bills of September, 2026
   c. ~~Approve Financial Reports for August, 2026~~

   The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:	Alex Cousins, Michael Rourke, Nick Goulette, Andrew Johnson, Joe Trindade
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

5. **Action Items:**
   a. <u>Items Pulled from Consent</u>
      c. Approve Financial Reports for August, 2026
      Director Goulette commended staff on the Financial Reports and asked questions regarding Wholesale Power Charge and the frequency of reporting. Ms. Catanese explained that the information is reviewed monthly but updated quarterly unless significant changes occur. Following discussion, Director Goulette made a motion to approve the Financial Reports for August 2026. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following

voice vote:

Ayes:	Alex Cousins, Michael Rourke, Nick Goulette, Andrew Johnson, Joe Trindade
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

6. Reports:

a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update –August 2026

Mr. DeLange provided a summary of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan Reporting Metrics for September 2026. He reported that only 163 inspections remain and anticipates completing them by the end of the year, including those with access issues. He also noted that the District will remain on one-shot operations until significant rainfall occurs.

Director Goulette asked questions regarding vegetation management practices in the North Lake corridor. Mr. DeLange explained that the chipping project has resulted in approximately 8–12 inches of wood chips, which may help suppress the regrowth of underbrush. He also reported having discussions with a representative from Sierra Pacific regarding additional mastication work that would extend the treated area by approximately 100 feet. This work would take place on Sierra Pacific property.

b. General Managers Reports:

i. Land Exchange

Ms. Sheetz reported that she received correspondence from both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States Forest Service (USFS) expressing interest in moving forward with the Land Exchange. She contacted Lawrence & Associates regarding the previously completed Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and was informed that an updated assessment would be required at an additional cost of $8,000.

Ms. Sheetz explained that BLM indicated the agreement allows for either USFS or the District to cover the cost. She has forwarded the information to USFS in hopes that they will agree to pay for the assessment. Ms. Sheetz asked whether the Board would have any objections to the District covering the cost if necessary. The Board expressed no objections.

Discussion also followed regarding the title transfer process and how it may differ from a traditional property transaction.

ii. Balancing Authority of Northern California

Ms. Sheetz reported that she attended the recent BANC meeting in Sacramento, where strategic planning discussions included entering the Energy Day-Ahead Market (EDAM) in the fall of 2027. She also noted that Pacific Power and Portland General Electric have entered EDAM.

Discussion followed regarding the potential impact of large electrical loads, such as data centers, to the District's power allocation and customer rates. The Board discussed concerns regarding additional power costs if the District were to exceed its allocation and how those costs would be addressed. Ms. Sheetz indicated that she would reach out to other BANC members to

determine whether existing policies address additional power allocations or line extensions.

iii. Power Outage Summary, September 2026

Mr. DeLange reviewed the Power Outage Summary with the Board and noted that, despite a few minor irregularities, the one-shot operations are functioning as intended. He reported that outage durations were relatively short. Mr. DeLange also identified an error in the North Lake outage information, clarifying that the correct number of affected customers was 800, rather than the 1,540 listed in the report.

iv. Right-of-Way Project Update

Ms. Sheetz reported that work on the Right-of-Way Project is scheduled to begin October 13, 2026 with the removal of the first tree. She explained that work must begin by October 15, 2026 to maintain the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption, allowing the project to proceed for an additional two years. She also provided an update on coordination with WAPA regarding private property in the Blanchard Flat area that met the necessary project requirements.

v. Grants Update

Mr. Delange reviewed the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Report with the Board, and provided the following update on various grant activities:

Cal Fire-

Mr. DeLange reported that the District's application for the $949,800 Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant is still under review. A decision is anticipated by the end of October.

Fault Tamer Grant-

Mr. DeLange reported that delivery of the Fault Tamers is anticipated by the end of November.

Equipment Grant-

Ms. Sheetz provided an update on the Equipment Grant.

Post Mountain Grant-

Mr. Scribner reported that the Post Mountain SPARC Grant application was submitted by the deadline, requesting $4,987,000 in funding, just under the $5 million maximum. He noted that a decision is anticipated in the spring.

vi. Edelstein, Gilbert, Robson, and Smith Visit

Ms. Sheetz informed the Board of the upcoming visit from representatives of Edelstein, Gilbert, Robson & Smith, scheduled for Tuesday, October 20. She noted that the firm has played an instrumental role in efforts related to hydropower and 100% carbon-free energy. The visit will begin with lunch, followed by a tour of the Trinity River Lumber Mill and a District Right-of-Way project. Several Board members are also expected to attend.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee
  President Rourke discussed the parcel in Southern Trinity, noting that the current timber value may not justify the cost of harvesting and transporting the timber. Discussion followed regarding the high transportation costs and the possibility of allowing the timber to continue growing.

d. Board Member Reports
Director Cousins reported that the Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) will be meeting the following week and that he plans to attend virtually on Friday. He indicated that he would forward the meeting talking points to Ms. Sheetz. Discussion followed regarding legislative advocacy, including strict liability issues and ongoing efforts to maintain relationships with elected representatives. A potential trip to Washington, D.C., in December was also discussed.

Director Goulette discussed the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and the Resiliency Grant Program.

7. Discussion Item
None

8. Communications Received
a. Correspondence Received
The Board received correspondence from Trinity High School Boosters, Hayfork Boosters Club, and Weaverville Lions Club.

9. Meetings and/or Workshops
a. SB 827 Fiscal & Financial Workshop
McConnell Foundation Lema Ranch, Redding, CA
October 17, 2026

Ms. Sheetz asked Board members to notify Ms. MacLaren if they are interested in attending any of the upcoming training opportunities.

President Rourke expressed interest in attending

10. Public Input

The Board took a brief recess at 3:00 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 3:01p.m.

11. Closed Session
a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation
McColm v. PG&E etal.
No Reportable Action

b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
United States v. Trinity P.U.D.
No Reportable Action

c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Three Potential Case(s)
No Reportable Action

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

/d/ Michael Rouke_____
Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST: /d/ Nicholas Goulette_____
Nicholas Goulette, Clerk