

Hopland Public Utility District

Regular Meeting

AGENDA

Brutocao Tasting Room ♦ 13500 S. Hwy 101 ♦ Hopland, CA 95449

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August 17, 2026 - 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Hopland Public Utility District (HPUD) members welcome input from the audience. In order for everyone to be heard, please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per person and not more than ten (10) minutes per subject. The Brown Act regulations do not allow action to be taken on audience comments on non-agenda items. If you wish to submit written comments, please provide information to the HPUD clerk, located at 300 Seminary Ave., Ukiah, CA, 95482.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.a. Approval of the Minutes for the June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.a. Hopland Public Utility District Financial Reports for June 2026.

Attachments:

1. HPUD June 2026 Financial Reports

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a. Consideration and Possible Action on Letter Received from the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians Request for Relief from Sewer Connection Charges at 13491 S. Hwy 101 Hopland, CA.

Recommended Action:

Attachments:

1. Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.a. Caltrans Project - HWY 101 ADA Improvements.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS

7.a. Report and Discussion Regarding Capacity Planning.

Attachments:

1. Water Data
2. Water Loss
3. Indian Contract Water
4. Contract Water

7.b. Report on Inland Water and Power Commission (IWPC) & Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA).

7.c. Report on Ukiah Valley Water Authority (UVWA).

7.d. Update on Draft Waste Discharge Requirements.

8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

9. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

9.a. Discussion, Consideration, and Scheduling of the Next Regular Meeting Date with Meeting to be Held at the Brutocao Tasting Room, 13500 S. Hwy 101, Hopland, CA 95449.

Recommended Action: Direct Staff to schedule the next regular meeting for September 21, 2026, or another day of the Director's choosing.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Kristine Lawler
Dated: 8/12/26

HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BRUTOCAO CELLARS

13500 S Highway 101, Hopland, CA 95449

Virtual Meeting Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86422686740>.

June 15, 2026

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Hopland Public Utility District (HPUD) held a Regular Meeting on June 18, 2026, the meeting was legally noticed on May 14, 2026. The meeting was held in person and at the following virtual link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86422686740>. Chair J. Norry called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. CHAIR J. NORRY PRESIDING.

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Roll Call

Roll was taken with the following **Directors Present:** Gary Rosetti, Carol Gunter-Hall, Shaun Falleri, and Chair Joan Norry. **Directors Absent:** None. **Staff Present:** Jared Walker, Deputy Director of Water Resources; Liz Patton, Finance and Kim Saylor, Deputy Clerk.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the Minutes for April 20, 2026, HPUD Regular Meeting.
- b. Approval of the Minutes for May 18, 2026, HPUD Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Norry/ Falleri to approve the minutes for the April 20, 2026 and May 18, 2026, Regular Meeting, as submitted. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: **AYES:** Rosetti, Falleri and Chair Norry. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT :** None. **ABSTAIN:** Gunter-Hall.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager , Liz Patton, Finance

Balance Sheet 4-30-26 Hopland Sewer

Balance Sheet 4-30-26 Hopland Water

AP Check Register May 2026

YTD Budget Report 4-30-26 Hopland Sewer

YTD Budget Report 4-30-26 Hopland Water

Motion/Second: Gunter-Hall/ Rosetti to approve the Financial Reports as submitted. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: **AYES:** Rosetti, Gunter-Hall, Falleri and Chair Norry. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT :** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager

- a. Consideration of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Motion/Second: Gunter-Hall / Rosetti, to approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rosetti, Gunter-Hall, Falleri and Chair Norry. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager

Caltrans Project – Hwy 101 ADA Improvements

No updates from Caltrans – PG& E is still currently working on a project in Hopland with a goal of finishing phase 1 in November in lieu of returning for a 3rd year in a row.

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL REPORT**

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager.

General Management Report.

Capacity Planning – report provided. Water discrepancy figured out, the figures are currently Coming out properly.

Report on Inland Water and Power Commission (IWPC) & Eel-Russian Project Authority (ERPA). Budget discussions with all member agencies. Significant rises in budget gearing up for projects that are coming up. RV continuing to be a member or withdrawal and have UVWA become the member on behalf.

PRA's from Lake Elsinore continue to come into multiple agencies regarding the PVP.

Report on Ukiah Valley Water Authority (UVWA) - Next meeting is July 3, 2026, has been cancelled. August 6, 2026, next meeting. Budget discussions for member agencies, 4-hour meeting was very informational. SAFER grant update still looks positive, planning application grant has been submitted.

Update on Draft Waste Discharge Requirements - Drilling starts tomorrow, annual and tri annual testing are coming due. Samples most likely quarterly to start.

8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

No reports were received.

9. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager.

Member Consensus to schedule the next Regular meeting of July 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. unless there is no other business to come before the board.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Kim Saylor, Deputy Clerk

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Hopland Public Utility District Check Register for June 2026

Vendor's Name	Invoice number	Description	Account description	Total amount
ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES INC	6056588-HOPUD	MISC. LABORATORY WORK AS NEEDED	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$110.00
ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES INC	6057152-HOPUD	MISC. LABORATORY WORK AS NEEDED	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$236.00
ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES INC	6056391-HOPUD	MISC. LABORATORY WORK AS NEEDED	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$1,871.00
ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES INC	6056388-HOPUD	MISC. LABORATORY WORK AS NEEDED	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$1,976.00
AT&T	4702 MAY 26.1	HOPLAND ALARM LINES	UTILITIES	\$15.80
AT&T	25353742	ALRAM LINES: HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY	UTILITIES	\$16.21
CITY OF UKIAH	11173	ADMIN & BILLING: HOPLAND WATER DISTRICT	PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	\$1,538.34
CITY OF UKIAH	11292	OPERATIONS: HOPLAND SEWER DISTRICT	PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	\$5,170.03
FRIEDMANS HOME IMPROVEMENT	INV21873991	ALUMINUM HEAVY DUTY, CONCRET SCREW ANCHOR WASHER H	SUPPLIES	\$82.34
HD SUPPLY INC	INV01048257	12 GPD 250 PSI PUMP	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$952.59
JAMES WATSON	455280-001	REFUND UTILITES: CLOSED ACCOUNT	UTILITY RECEIVABLES CLEARING	\$100.00
JAMES WATSON	455280-002	REFUND UTILITIES: CLOSED ACCOUNT	UTILITY RECEIVABLES CLEARING	\$100.00
Total for June - Hopland Water				12,168.31

Vendor's Name	Invoice number	Description	Account description	Total amount
ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES INC	6058605-HOPUD	MISC. LABORATORY WORK AS NEEDED	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$236.00
ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES INC	6056703-HOPUD	MISC. LABORATORY WORK AS NEEDED	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$516.00
AT&T	4702 MAY 26.1	HOPLAND ALARM LINES	UTILITIES	\$15.80
AT&T	25353742	ALRAM LINES: HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY	UTILITIES	\$16.21
CITY OF UKIAH	11173	ADMIN & BILLING: HOPLAND WATER DISTRICT	PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	\$1,538.34
CITY OF UKIAH	11292	OPERATIONS: HOPLAND SEWER DISTRICT	PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	\$5,170.03
DEFATTE EQUIPMENT INC	40787	4WD RIDE-ON TRENCHER W/ 6-WAY BLADE	EQUIPMENT RENTAL - PRIVATE	\$39.10
DEFATTE EQUIPMENT INC	40787.1	4WD RIDE ON TRENCHER, TANDEM AXLE RAMP, DIESEL	EQUIPMENT RENTAL - PRIVATE	\$1,228.95
PACE SUPPLY CORPORATION	211434775	2 MIP X COMP PVC PJ LF BRS	SUPPLIES	\$200.80
SUNCOAST RESEARCH LABS INC	51529	FLOATING LIFT STATION DEGREASER	SUPPLIES	\$947.50
Total for June - Hopland Sewer				9,908.73

Grand total **22,077.04**

BALANCE SHEET FOR 2026 13

FUND: 950 HOPLAND SEWER OPERATIONS			NET CHANGE FOR PERIOD	ACCOUNT BALANCE	
ASSETS					
	95000000	10101	POOLED CASH	.00	132,924.29
	95000000	10420	UTILITY RECEIVABLES	.00	13,437.34
TOTAL ASSETS			.00	146,361.63	
LIABILITIES					
	95000000	20100	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	.00	-34,903.67
	95000000	20321	ACCRUED EXPENSES	.00	-4,169.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES			.00	-39,073.07	
FUND BALANCE					
	95000000	30004	APPROPRIATIONS	.00	-244,586.00
	95000000	30005	REVENUE CONTROL	.00	-307,017.73
	95000000	30006	EXPENDITURE CONTROL	.00	198,137.71
	95000000	30007	FUND BALANCE	.00	1,591.46
	95000000	30009	ESTIMATED REVENUE	.00	348,650.00
	95000000	30010	BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE UNRESER	.00	-104,064.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE			.00	-107,288.56	
TOTAL LIABILITIES + FUND BALANCE			.00	-146,361.63	

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BALANCE SHEET FOR 2026 13

FUND: 947 HOPLAND WATER OPERATIONS			NET CHANGE FOR PERIOD	ACCOUNT BALANCE
ASSETS				
94700000	10101	POOLED CASH	.00	-26,300.05
94700000	10220	LAIF	.00	263,386.59
94700000	10250	SAVINGS BANK OF MENDOCINO COUN	.00	426,800.73
94700000	10255	SAVINGS BANK USDA LOAN	.00	148,780.10
94700000	10420	UTILITY RECEIVABLES	.00	6,669.30
TOTAL ASSETS			.00	819,336.67
LIABILITIES				
94700000	20100	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	.00	-1,058.20
94700000	20321	ACCRUED EXPENSES	.00	-2,928.11
94700000	20400	ACCRUED INTEREST PAYABLE	.00	-9,842.86
94700000	21010	DEFERRED REVENUE	.00	-30,750.00
94700000	21110	CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	.00	-19,772.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES			.00	-64,351.37
FUND BALANCE				
94700000	30004	APPROPRIATIONS	.00	-305,166.00
94700000	30005	REVENUE CONTROL	.00	-235,314.26
94700000	30006	EXPENDITURE CONTROL	.00	251,038.29
94700000	30007	FUND BALANCE	.00	-770,709.33
94700000	30009	ESTIMATED REVENUE	.00	294,521.00
94700000	30010	BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE UNRESER	.00	10,645.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE			.00	-754,985.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES + FUND BALANCE			.00	-819,336.67

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT
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FOR 2026 12							
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
950 HOPLAND SEWER OPERATIONS							
44 CHARGES FOR SERVICE							
44634 HOPLAND SEWER CHARGES	-344,650	0	-344,650	-302,392.97	.00	-42,257.03	87.7%
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICE	-344,650	0	-344,650	-302,392.97	.00	-42,257.03	87.7%
49 INTEREST EARNINGS							
46110 INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	-4,000	0	-4,000	-4,624.76	.00	624.76	115.6%
TOTAL INTEREST EARNINGS	-4,000	0	-4,000	-4,624.76	.00	624.76	115.6%
52 OTHER OPERATING							
52100 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	7,250	0	7,250	18,746.51	.00	-11,496.51	258.6%
52115 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	77,481	0	77,481	80,500.78	.00	-3,019.78	103.9%
52521 LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM	3,750	0	3,750	.00	.00	3,750.00	.0%
52524 PROPERTY INSURANCE PREMIUM	0	0	0	1,042.21	.00	-1,042.21	100.0%
52528 LIABILITY INSURANCE	0	0	0	1,825.77	.00	-1,825.77	100.0%
54100 SUPPLIES	11,500	0	11,500	2,563.66	.00	8,936.34	22.3%
55100 TELEPHONE	6,500	0	6,500	.00	.00	6,500.00	.0%
55200 PG&E	35,000	0	35,000	50,787.53	.00	-15,787.53	145.1%
55210 UTILITIES	0	0	0	629.52	.00	-629.52	100.0%
56120 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	16,000	0	16,000	915.55	.00	15,084.45	5.7%
56210 FUEL & FLUIDS	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
56300 BUILDING MAINT. & REPAIR	0	0	0	549.52	.00	-549.52	100.0%
56410 EQUIPMENT RENTAL - PRIVATE	0	0	0	1,268.05	.00	-1,268.05	100.0%
57300 MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	36,905	0	36,905	532.21	.00	36,372.79	1.4%
58202 CHEMICALS	0	0	0	5,848.91	.00	-5,848.91	100.0%
59101 FEES	0	0	0	709.00	.00	-709.00	100.0%
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING	194,586	0	194,586	165,919.22	.00	28,666.78	85.3%
80 CAPITAL OUTLAY							
80230 INFRASTRUCTURE	50,000	0	50,000	32,218.49	.00	17,781.51	64.4%
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	50,000	0	50,000	32,218.49	.00	17,781.51	64.4%

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
TOTAL HOPLAND SEWER OPERATIONS	-104,064	0	-104,064	-108,880.02	.00	4,816.02	104.6%
TOTAL REVENUES	-348,650	0	-348,650	-307,017.73	.00	-41,632.27	
TOTAL EXPENSES	244,586	0	244,586	198,137.71	.00	46,448.29	
GRAND TOTAL	-104,064	0	-104,064	-108,880.02	.00	4,816.02	104.6%

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
947 HOPLAND WATER OPERATIONS							
44 CHARGES FOR SERVICE							
44256 DISCONNECT CHARGES	0	0	0	-375.00	.00	375.00	100.0%
44257 DELINQUENT NOTICE CHARGES	0	0	0	-1,029.89	.00	1,029.89	100.0%
44259 BAD CHECK CHARGE	0	0	0	-25.00	.00	25.00	100.0%
44742 DOMESTIC WATER USAGE	-170,830	0	-170,830	-112,515.36	.00	-58,314.64	65.9%
44766 SERVICE CHARGES	0	0	0	-491.00	.00	491.00	100.0%
44774 FIRE SERVICE - WATER	-1,300	0	-1,300	-840.00	.00	-460.00	64.6%
44777 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE	-125	0	-125	.00	.00	-125.00	.0%
44778 RESIDENTIAL WATER BASE CHARGE	-118,266	0	-118,266	-44,571.10	.00	-73,694.90	37.7%
44780 COMMERCIAL WATER BASE CHARGE	0	0	0	-48,411.64	.00	48,411.64	100.0%
44781 COMMERCIAL WATER USAGE CHARGE	0	0	0	-21,793.07	.00	21,793.07	100.0%
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICE	-290,521	0	-290,521	-230,052.06	.00	-60,468.94	79.2%
48 OTHER							
48110 MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	0	0	0	-927.50	.00	927.50	100.0%
TOTAL OTHER	0	0	0	-927.50	.00	927.50	100.0%
49 INTEREST EARNINGS							
46110 INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	-4,000	0	-4,000	-4,334.70	.00	334.70	108.4%
TOTAL INTEREST EARNINGS	-4,000	0	-4,000	-4,334.70	.00	334.70	108.4%
51 PERSONNEL							
51211 PERS UNFUNDED LIABILITY	0	0	0	12,859.00	.00	-12,859.00	100.0%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	0	0	0	12,859.00	.00	-12,859.00	100.0%
52 OTHER OPERATING							

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52100 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	8,910	12,000	20,910	39,167.19	.00	-18,257.19	187.3%
52115 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	77,481	0	77,481	80,500.10	.00	-3,019.10	103.9%
52521 LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM	3,750	0	3,750	.00	.00	3,750.00	.0%
52524 PROPERTY INSURANCE PREMIUM	0	0	0	1,042.21	.00	-1,042.21	100.0%
52528 LIABILITY INSURANCE	0	0	0	1,825.77	.00	-1,825.77	100.0%
54100 SUPPLIES	5,000	0	5,000	628.36	.00	4,371.64	12.6%
54101 POSTAGE	0	0	0	36.60	.00	-36.60	100.0%
55100 TELEPHONE	7,000	0	7,000	.00	.00	7,000.00	.0%
55200 PG&E	32,000	0	32,000	26,785.31	.00	5,214.69	83.7%
55210 UTILITIES	0	0	0	423.22	.00	-423.22	100.0%
55221 WATER PURCHASED	20,000	0	20,000	14,652.00	.00	5,348.00	73.3%
56120 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	20,000	0	20,000	12,930.21	.00	7,069.79	64.7%
57300 MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	11,355	0	11,355	532.22	.00	10,822.78	4.7%
58202 CHEMICALS	17,500	0	17,500	3,547.43	.00	13,952.57	20.3%
59101 FEES	0	0	0	5,826.51	.00	-5,826.51	100.0%
59108 BANK FEES	0	0	0	1,486.37	.00	-1,486.37	100.0%
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING	202,996	12,000	214,996	189,383.50	.00	25,612.50	88.1%
70 DEBT SERVICE							
70103 LOAN INTEREST	40,125	0	40,125	36,501.80	.00	3,623.20	91.0%
70201 LOAN PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	50,045	0	50,045	12,000.00	.00	38,045.00	24.0%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	90,170	0	90,170	48,501.80	.00	41,668.20	53.8%
80 CAPITAL OUTLAY							
80230 INFRASTRUCTURE	0	0	0	293.99	.00	-293.99	100.0%
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0	293.99	.00	-293.99	100.0%
TOTAL HOPLAND WATER OPERATIONS	-1,355	12,000	10,645	15,724.03	.00	-5,079.03	147.7%
TOTAL REVENUES	-294,521	0	-294,521	-235,314.26	.00	-59,206.74	
TOTAL EXPENSES	293,166	12,000	305,166	251,038.29	.00	54,127.71	
GRAND TOTAL	-1,355	12,000	10,645	15,724.03	.00	-5,079.03	147.7%

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Include budget entries: Y
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Sort by JE # or PO #: J
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Include additional JE comments: N
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Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

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August 3, 2026

Board of Directors

Hopland Public Utility District

c/o Willow County Water District, District Administrator

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Ukiah, California 95482

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Re: Account No. 455114-001 - 13491 S. Highway 101, Hopland, California - Request for Relief from Sewer Connection-Equivalent Charges on Vacant Trust Parcel

Dear Members of the Board:

I write on behalf of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians (the "Tribe") regarding the above-referenced account, on which the Tribe is currently billed \$774.20 per month: a \$39.20 base charge for a 1-inch water meter, and \$735.00 per month for seven (7) sewer connection equivalents - a charge District staff have described to us as a "reserved connection" fee, meaning it holds the Tribe's place in line for a future sewer connection.

The parcel is a vacant corner lot at the intersection of Highway 101 and Highway 175. All structures on it were demolished more than a decade ago. Since that time, the parcel has had no buildings, no fixtures, and no wastewater discharge of any kind. District billing records will confirm continuous zero usage. Notwithstanding this, the Tribe has continued to pay full monthly charges for seven connection equivalents - currently more than \$8,800 per year - for a service the parcel does not and cannot use.

In January 2024, the United States accepted this parcel into trust for the benefit of the Tribe. The land is now owned by the United States of America in trust, and its status is governed by federal law.

The Legal Framework

The Tribe sets out the governing law so that the Board understands why the relief requested here is not a matter of discretion or accommodation. It is what the law requires.

First, the charge cannot be sustained as a standby charge or assessment. Under Article XIII D, section 6(b)(4) of the California Constitution, standby charges, however characterized, are classified as assessments. An assessment is a levy upon the land itself. Land held by the United States in trust for a federally recognized tribe is exempt from state and local taxation and assessment under 25 U.S.C. § 5108 and controlling federal preemption

principles. Since January 2024, no assessment - including any charge properly classified as a standby charge - may lawfully be imposed on this parcel.

Second, the charge cannot be sustained as a fee for service. Article XIII D, section 6(b)(4) prohibits any fee for a property-related service "unless that service is actually used by, or immediately available to, the owner," and expressly prohibits fees "based on potential or future use of a service." This parcel uses no sewer service, and none is immediately available to it: the lateral was severed and capped under permit at demolition, and restoring service would require an application, permitting, excavation, physical reconnection, and inspection. Indeed, the District's own description of the charge - a "reserved connection" fee that holds the Tribe's place in line for a future connection - is, in so many words, a charge based on potential or future use. The case law upholding minimum charges on inactive accounts - e.g., *Paland v. Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board of Directors* (2009) 179 Cal.App.4th 1358, arising from the neighboring Willits area - addresses developed parcels with live, functioning connections whose owners simply declined to use them. It does not reach a bare parcel with no connection capable of delivering service. A monthly charge on this parcel is precisely a charge for potential future use, which the Constitution forbids.

Third, the Tribe's capacity is bought and paid for. Government Code section 66013 limits water and sewer connection fees and capacity charges to the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service or facilities for which they are imposed. The Tribe's seven connection equivalents were purchased long ago and have been carried - at full monthly rates - through more than a decade of vacancy. The actual cost to the District of holding unused capacity for this parcel is a small fraction of \$735.00 per month, and the actual cost of reinstating service upon redevelopment is the cost of physically reconnecting a capped lateral - not \$75,000 or more in "new connection" fees for capacity the Tribe never relinquished and has never stopped paying for. Section 66013 does not permit either charge.

Fourth, going forward, service to this parcel is a matter of agreement. Because the parcel is now trust land, any future utility service to it will necessarily be provided pursuant to a consensual service agreement between the District and the Tribe, as is standard practice between utilities and tribal governments throughout California. The Tribe intends to redevelop this parcel and fully expects to be a paying customer of the District at that time, at then-current rates, for service actually rendered.

Fifth, the charges predating the trust acquisition stand on no firmer ground. From the date the structures were demolished and the lateral capped, this parcel neither used sewer service nor had sewer service immediately available to it. The same Article XIII D analysis set out above applies with equal force to the years of charges billed before the parcel entered trust status in January 2024.

Requested Relief

The Tribe requests that the District (1) immediately discontinue the monthly \$735.00 sewer connection-equivalent charge on this account going forward, and (2) confirm in writing that the Tribe's seven historically purchased connection equivalents remain vested capacity that will be honored, without payment of new connection fees, when the parcel is redeveloped.

The Tribe proposes that the parties memorialize this arrangement, and the terms of future service, in a government-to-government utility service agreement. The \$39.20 monthly water meter base charge is not disputed, and the Tribe intends to keep that account active.

The Tribe recognizes the legal grounds set out above apply with equal force to the charges billed on this account since January 2024, when the parcel entered federal trust status. In a spirit of good faith and in the interest of reaching a prompt, cooperative resolution, however, the Tribe is prepared to forgo any claim to recover those past payments. The Tribe offers this as an accommodation to the District, not as a concession that the underlying charges were lawfully imposed, and asks that the District meet the Tribe in the same spirit by agreeing to the relief requested above.

Effective immediately, and pending resolution of this matter, the Tribe will cease payment of the disputed \$735.00 monthly sewer connection-equivalent charge on this account. The Tribe will continue to pay the undisputed \$39.20 monthly water meter base charge. This suspension is made in good faith, on the basis of the legal grounds set out above, and is not a unilateral abandonment of the Tribe's connection rights; the Tribe expects any amount found to be properly owed, if any, to be resolved as part of the Board's response, and the Tribe reserves all rights with respect to charges billed on this account.

The Tribe asks that this matter be placed on the agenda for the Board's next regular meeting, through the District Administrator, and that the District respond in writing by September 3, 2026. I am available at the Board's convenience to discuss, and the Tribe would welcome a working meeting with District, Willow County Water District, and City of Ukiah / Ukiah Valley Water Authority staff to work out the details.

Respectfully,

Julian Maldonado
Tribal Chairman
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

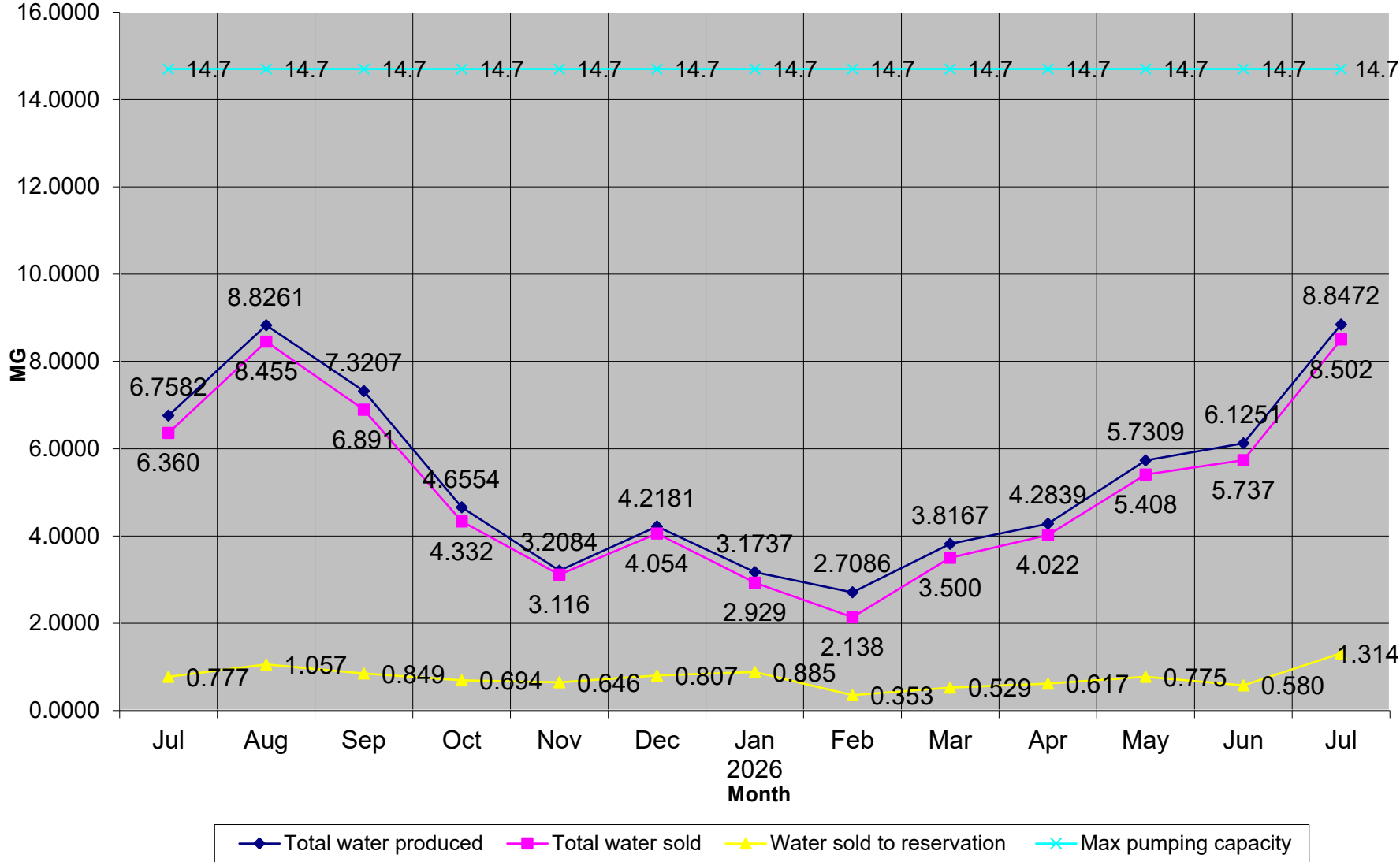
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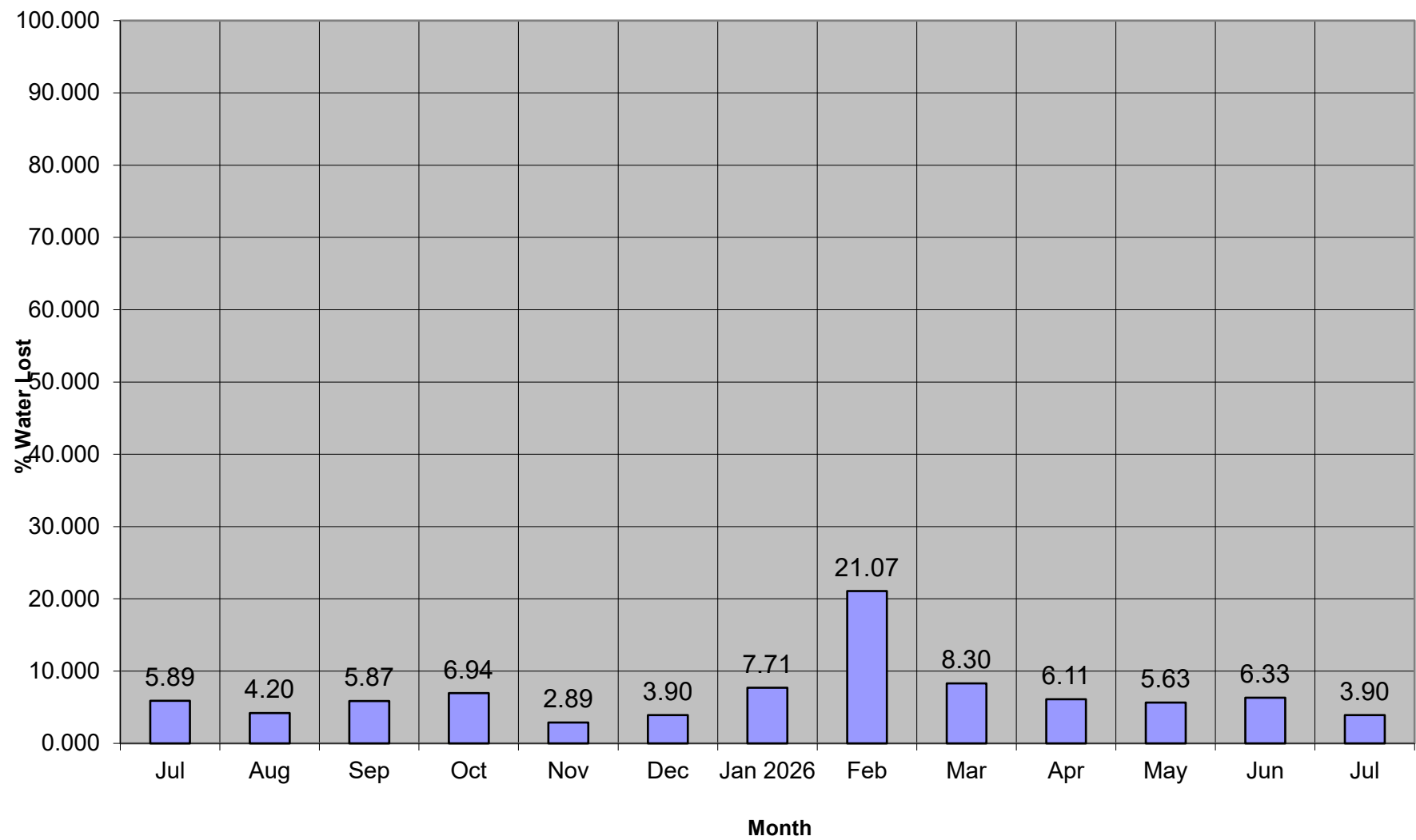
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**Hopland PUD
Monthly Water Data 2024/2025**

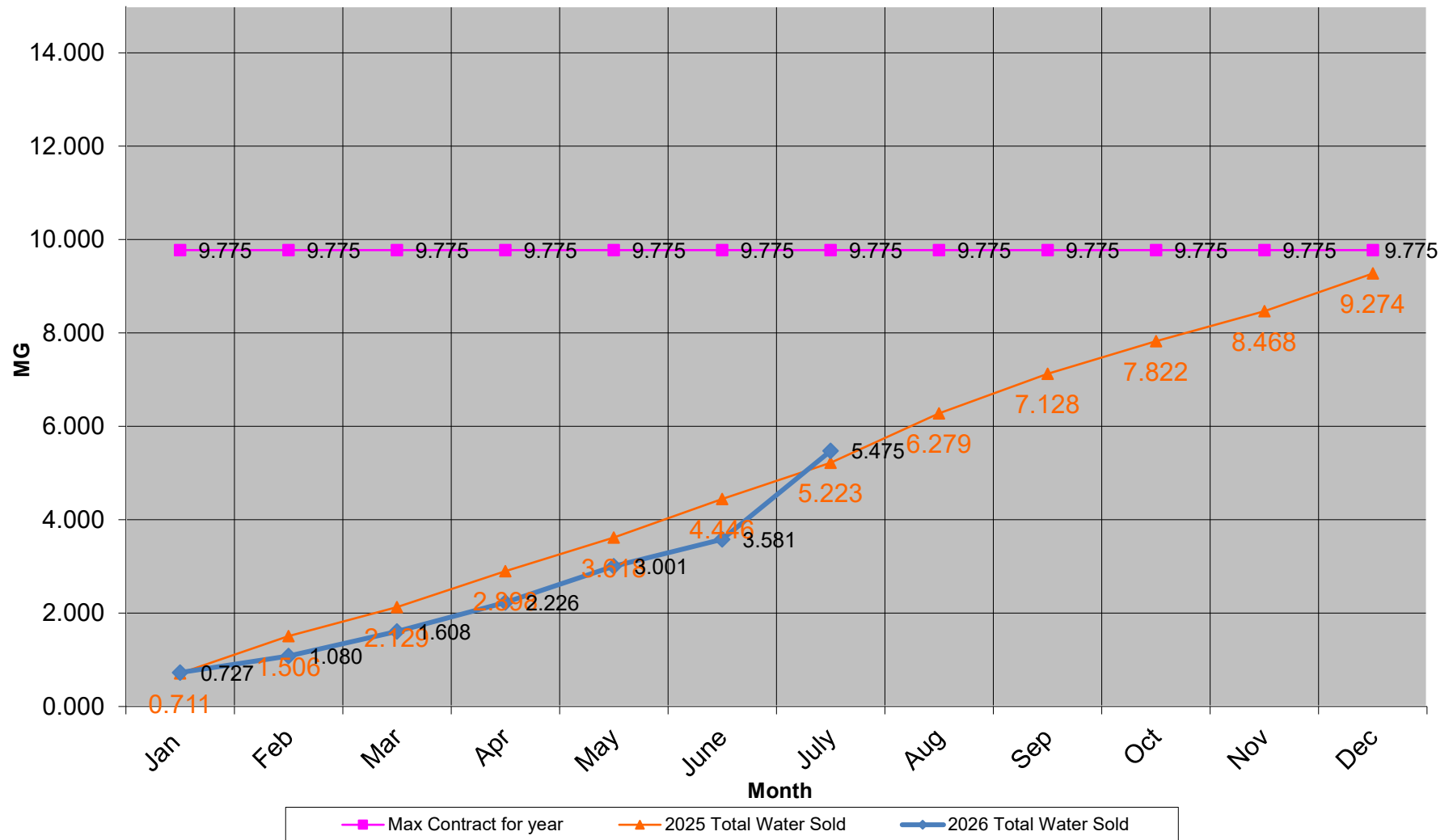


**Hopland PUD
2025/2026 Monthly % Water Lost**



Hopland Band of Pomo Indians Contract Water 2026

MAX ACRE FT. = 30



Hopland PUD RRFC Contract Water 2026
 Total Produced Does Not Include Water sold to Reservation
 MAX ACRE FT. = 222

