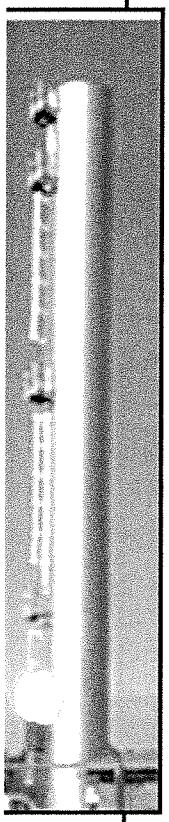
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CORNING WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Wednesday July 22, 2026
TIME:10:00 am
PLACE: The Carlinos Room at Rolling Hills Casino, Corning CA. 96021



1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Hebrew called the herein-described special July 22, 2026 meeting of the Corning Water District's Board of Directors and public hearing to order at 10:00 AM. The meeting was held in the Carlinos Room at Rolling Hills Casino, located at 2655 Everett Freeman Way, Corning, CA. 96021.

2. **ROLL CALL:** President Hebrew confirmed a quorum present. The attending Directors present were Kevin Hebrew, Brad Henman, Mathieu Esteve, and Hal Crain. General Manager Barb Lindauer, Office Manager Moises Alvarado, and Andrew McClure of Minasian Law Firm were present. Danny Kerns and Travis V. from Provost and Pritchard(P&P) were in attendance. Several members of the public were in attendance. Director Scott Meinberg was absent.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – Members of the public may address the Board at this time on any item of interest to the public whether or not such an item is on the agenda. No action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. The Board reserves the right to limit public comments on any item to 5 minutes for each speaker. There was no public comment on topics other than the public hearing.

4. Public Hearing- Proposed Increase to Operation and Maintenance Assessment Pursuant to Proposition 218

Director Hebrew, with the assistance of Danny Kerns(P&P), presented a PowerPoint explaining Corning Water District's history, and reason for proposed assessment increase. Members of the public questioned district life expectancy, how the board will use funds if assessments were raised, and current reserve levels. Others questioned why non ag users were paying same amount as ag users if they don't use as much water, and why assessments weren't raised in the past. One landowner asked about county grant money being given to CWD, or if there was any county-district cooperation. Another landowner asked if the assessment increase included a budget on infrastructure replacement. Some landowners expressed gratitude to CWD staff for efforts to keep district operating. CWD personnel along with P&P engineers gave estimated life expectancy of 60 years. It was also stated that contract water was sold back to the USBR to raise funds in the past. District staff told landowners that county funding was available but directly to landowners not CWD, and that projects were presented to the county but none met the proper criteria for grant funding. CWD staff stated that proposed assessment increase was for normal operations whether water was allocated or not. Current reserves were stated and significant amounts already being used for facility upgrades, and how quickly reserves will be drained if assessment increase did not pass.

Public Hearing and comment were closed at 10:53am.

A recess was taken while MK Elections counted the ballots.

Andy McClure presented the results from MK Elections at 11:33am, and re-explained the Prop 218 process, and how votes are weighted and tallied. 577 ballots were mailed with 118 ballots being returned. 116 ballots were counted because two ballots were not signed. The CWD special benefit assessment increase passed with 90.25% of votes for, and 9.75% against.

5. General Business

A. Consider Adoption of Resolution # 158-7/22/2026- "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corning Water District certifying the results of a Proposition 218 assessment ballot proceeding."

A motion was made by Director Crain, seconded by Director Henman to adopt resolution # 158-7/22/2026. The motion was carried by a 4:0 vote.

B. Consider Adoption of Resolution # 159-7/22/2026- "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corning Water District imposing and levying an assessment for fiscal year 2026/2027 and authorize collection on the county tax roll."

A motion was made by Director Esteve, seconded by Henman to adopt resolution # 159-7/22/2026. The motion was carried by a 4:0 vote.

C. Consider Adoption of Resolution # 160-7/22/2026- "Resolution approving list of parcels with unpaid and delinquent water charges."

A motion was made Director Henman, seconded by Director Crain to adopt resolution # 160-7/22/2026. The motion was carried by a 4:0 vote.

8. Adjourn 11:43am

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Lindauer, General Manager