

***Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control &  
Water Conservation Improvement District***

**STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item 7: Board Business for 2026**

**Monday, December 8, 2025**

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It is recommended the Board take each item below separately and in order.

**Election of Board Officers**

District Policies state the President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Board shall be elected annually at the last regular meeting of each calendar year with terms commencing January 1 of the year immediately following the election. There are no term limits for Officers.

**Recommendation:**

- Move to approve individual Trustees to the officer positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

**Appointment of JPA Representatives**

The District belongs to the following Joint Power Agencies:

- Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission (MCIWPC)  
Currently: John Reardan (Regular), Dave Koball (Alternate)
  
- Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVGSA)  
Currently: John Bailey (Regular), Chris Watt (Board Alternate and TAC)

**Recommendation:**

- Move to appoint Trustees to Regular, Alternate, and Committee seats on the above JPAs.

**Assignments of Advisory Positions**

The District Board assigns Trustees to serve in advisory roles to the GM for the following areas (See policies on District website for description of duties):

- Operations (Currently: John Reardan)
- Finance and Audit (Currently: John Bailey)
- Personnel and Organization (Currently: Tyler Rodrigue)
- Public Information and Government Activities (Currently: Chris Watt)
- Policy (Currently: Dave Koball)

**Recommendation:**

- Move to assign Trustees to advisory positions.

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**Assignments of Liaison Positions**

The District Board may consider assigning Trustees to serve in liaison roles for the following:

- Calpella County Water District (Currently: none)
- City of Ukiah (Currently: none)
- Hopland Public Utility District (Currently: none)
- Millview County Water District (Currently: none)
- Redwood Valley County Water District (Currently: John Reardan)
- Upper Russian River Water Agency (Currently: none)
- Willow County Water District (Currently: Chris Watt)
- Ukiah Valley Water Authority (Currently: none)
- New suggestion: Mendocino County Farm Bureau (Dave Koball volunteering)
- Other suggestions

**Recommendation:**

- Move to assign Trustees to liaison positions.

**Board Meeting Schedule**

The Board of Trustees meets once a month on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. However, the September meeting is proposed for an alternative date due to Labor Day, as shown on the **attached** Proposed 2026 District meeting & Closure Calendar.

**Recommendation:**

- Move to approve the proposed 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule.

**Attachment**

- 2026 District Meeting & Closure Calendar

**Mandatory Trainings**

The Trustees are individually responsible to obtain specific training related to the position. The **attached** memo from District's Legal Counsel reviews recent changes to the law. Questions can be directed to the GM for Legal Counsel response.

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Prepared and submitted to the Board of Trustees by: *Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager*

# 2026 District Calendar - DRAFT

January 2026						
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2026 Holidays	
January 1	New Year's Day
January 19	Martin Luther King Day
February 16	Presidents Day
March 31	César Chávez Day
May 25	Memorial Day
June 19	Juneteenth
July 4	Independence Day
September 07	Labor Day
September 25	Native American Day
October 12	Indigenous People's Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
December 24-25	Christmas break
December 31	New Years Eve

2026 Regular Board Meetings
Monday, January 5, 2026
Monday, February 2, 2026
Monday, March 2, 2026
Monday, April 6, 2026
Monday, May 4, 2026
Monday, June 1, 2026
Monday, July 6, 2026
Monday, August 3, 2026
Monday, September 14, 2026 *
Monday, October 5, 2026
Monday, November 2, 2026
Monday, December 7, 2026

\* denotes 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month

**Date:** November 12, 2025  
**To:** SPECIAL DISTRICTS  
**From:** Lilliana K. Selke  
**Subject:** SB 827 – Local Agency Officials: Training

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SB 827 was signed into law on October 11, 2025, and expands which local agency officials are required to complete ethics training and imposes a new fiscal and financial training. The requirements of SB 827 go into effect on various dates throughout 2026.

**Key Points:**

➤ New “Fiscal and Financial Training” Required

Every “local agency official” (defined below) who is in a local agency’s service as of January 1, 2026, and commenced that service prior to January 1, 2026, shall receive fiscal and financial training before January 1, 2028, unless that official’s term of office ends before January 9, 2028. Thereafter, the local agency official shall receive the training at least once every two years.

The new statute authorizes a local agency, or an association of local agencies, to contract or collaborate with a provider of a training course to offer one or more training courses, or sets of self-study materials with tests, to its local agency officials. Such courses and materials shall be developed in consultation with widely recognized experts in local government finance, including local government associations.

➤ Expands Definition of “Local Agency Official” Subject to Training Requirements

**Ethics**

For purposes of ethics training, ‘local agency official’ means any of the following:

- A member of a local agency legislative body or an elected officer of a local agency who receives any type of compensation, salary, or stipend or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties (no change).
- **A department head or other similar administrative officer of a local agency.**
- An employee designated by a local agency governing body to receive the specified training (no change).

Accordingly, SB 827 expands the definition of local agency officials required to engage in mandatory ethics training to include department heads and other similar administrative officers. The legislation does not provide further specifics on who constitutes a department head or administrative officer, so districts are encouraged to use their best judgement.

**Fiscal and Financial Training**

For purposes of fiscal and financial training, ‘local agency official’ means any of the following:

- Any member of a local agency legislative body or any elected officer of a local agency.
- **Any official who is appointed by the governing body who, as part of their official duties, makes decisions or recommendations regarding financial administration, budgeting, or the use of public resources.**

- A **local agency executive**, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, **or other similar administrative officer** of a local agency.<sup>1</sup>
- An employee designated by a local agency governing body to receive the specified training.

Thus, SB 827 not only imposes a new training category, fiscal and financial training, but imposes it on an expanded list of local agency officials. As stated, the legislation does not provide any further details on officials subject to the training, so districts are encouraged to use their best judgement.

➤ Shortened Time to Receive First Training

Each local agency official who commences service with a local agency on or after January 1, 2026, shall receive ethics training no later than **six months** from the first day of service with the local agency (previously a one-year deadline) and once every two years thereafter (no change).

Each local agency official who commences service with a local agency on or after January 1, 2026, shall receive fiscal and financial training no later than **six months** from the first day of service with the local agency and once every two years thereafter.

At least once annually a local agency shall provide information to its local agency officials on training available to meet the fiscal and financial training and ethics training requirements.

➤ New Website Requirements for Requesting Training Records

Beginning July 1, 2026, a local agency that maintains an internet website shall post on that website clear instructions and contact information for the purpose of requesting local agency official training records. Such records shall be maintained for at least five years after local officials receive the training (no change).

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<sup>1</sup> Gov. Code Section 3511.1(d) –

“Local agency executive” means any person employed by a local agency who is not subject to the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 3500)), Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 45100) of Part 25 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Education Code, or Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 88000) of Part 51 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, and who meets any of the following requirements:

- (1) The person is the chief executive officer, a deputy chief executive officer, or an assistant chief executive officer of the local agency.
- (2) The person is the head of a department of a local agency.
- (3) The person’s position within the local agency is held by an employment contract between the local agency and that person.