



STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

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July 30, 2026

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michele Perrault, Chief Deputy Director, for the Department of Finance
Jason Kenney, Chief Deputy Director, for the Department of General Services
Cory Binns, Chief Deputy Director, for the Department of Transportation
Bryan Cash, Assistant Secretary, for the Natural Resources Agency

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Michele Perrault, Chairperson of the State Public Works Board (Board), called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Raghda Nassar, Deputy Director of the Board, called the roll. A quorum was established.

BOND ITEMS

None.

MINUTES

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2026, Board meeting.

Sydney Tanimoto Corley, Executive Director, stated that staff had prepared and reviewed the minutes from the May 20, 2026, Board meeting and recommended approval of the meeting minutes.

Ms. Perrault asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board, or from the public. There were none.

A motion was made by Mr. Kenney and seconded by Mr. Binns to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously through a 3-0 roll-call vote (Ms. Perrault, Mr. Kenney, and Mr. Binns all voting aye).

CONSENT CALENDAR A:

The next order of business was to consider Consent Calendar A, which included two items for a department within the Natural Resources Agency. Assistant Secretary Bryan Cash joined as a voting member.

Consent Item 1:

Ms. Tanimoto Corley stated that the requested action would authorize an augmentation of \$3.9 million (11.2 percent of project appropriation and 13.4 percent cumulative) Public Buildings Construction Fund, for the Bieber Forest Fire Station/Helitack Base: Relocate Facility project in Lassen County for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

After construction bids were received, the lowest responsive bid exceeded the state's estimate by approximately 60 percent due to design deficiencies, builders risk insurance costs, and the project's remote location. The augmentation is needed to revise the working drawings for the project before rebidding. The \$3.9 million augmentation included:

- \$2.3 million for a new architectural/engineering firm to complete the design phase
- \$415,000 for environmental services
- \$1.2 million for costs associated with regulatory reviews.

Consent Item 2:

Ms. Tanimoto Corley indicated requested action would recognize a scope change for the Chico Air Attack Base – Infrastructure Improvements project in Butte County for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The revised scope removed the air operations building, three-bay aircraft repair/shop building, the reloading pit and associated infrastructure. These elements encountered significant utility and historic preservation constraints that would substantially delay the project. The barracks/mess hall—the Department's highest operational priority supporting year-round C-130 aircraft operations—remains in the project. In addition, the scope change will result in construction savings of approximately \$4.2 million.

It was noted that both items required 20-day legislative notification letters to the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and fiscal committees in each house. The letter for Consent Item 1 was sent on July 8, 2026, and the letter for Consent Item 2 was sent on July 6, 2026. The notification period expired for both letters without adverse comment.

Ms. Perrault asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board, or from the public. There were none.

A motion was made by Mr. Cash and seconded by Mr. Kenney to approve Consent Calendar A. The motion passed unanimously through a 4-0 roll-call vote (Ms. Perrault, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Binns, and Mr. Cash all voting aye).

Ms. Perrault thanked and excused Mr. Cash.

CONSENT CALENDAR B:

The next order of business before the Board was to consider two Consent Items on Consent Calendar B.

CONSENT ITEM 1:

Ms. Tanimoto Corley stated that the requested action would authorize an augmentation of \$1.1 million (9.2 percent of project appropriation and 9.2 percent cumulative) General Fund, for the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center, Improvement Projects in Marin County for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The augmentation is needed to address increased construction costs of \$1.5 million related to:

- Demolition of the Upper Yard (\$469,000)
- Structural Repair and Improvements (\$855,000)
- Contract Contingency (\$93,000)
- Consultant Program Management (\$58,000)

These costs are partially offset by savings in design and project management - as a result, the net amount needed is \$1.1 million.

Consent Item 2:

Ms. Tanimoto Corley stated that the requested action would recognize a scope change and approve preliminary plans for the Citrus Community College District: Career Technical Education in Los Angeles County for the California Community Colleges.

The requested action would change the building from a four-story structure to a three-story structure and increase the building's overall footprint by 9,079 gross square feet. The proposed scope change aligns with the original purpose of the project by delivering a new career technical educational building to address existing infrastructure and building code deficiencies, consolidate programs across the campus into a dedicated facility, and replace inadequate instructional spaces for effective instruction.

We note this item required a 20-day legislative notification to the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and fiscal committees in each house. The letter was sent on July 6, 2026, and the notification period expired without adverse comment.

Ms. Perrault asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board, or from the public. There were none.

A motion was made by Mr. Kenney and seconded by Mr. Binns to approve Consent Calendar B. The motion passed unanimously through a 3-0 roll-call vote (Ms. Perrault, Mr. Kenney, and Mr. Binns all voting aye).

ACTION ITEMS:

The next order of business was to consider one Action Item.

Ms. Tanimoto Corley states that if approved, the requested action would adopt three Resolutions of Necessity authorizing the use of eminent domain by the High-Speed Rail Authority, to acquire the following properties or interests in properties for the High-Speed Train System:

1. Jensen & Pilegard Property (Fresno County)
2. Sill Properties Property (Kern County)

3. Tapia Property (Madera County)

The Authority notified the Board's staff that between February 2026 and April 2026 the respective property owners were provided with a first written offer to purchase the subject properties, as required by Government Code section 7267.2. The Authority has informed the Board's staff that negotiations to acquire the properties are continuing; however, to keep the project on schedule, the adoption of a Resolution of Necessity to authorize the use of eminent domain was required.

On June 24, 2026, Notices of Intent to adopt the Resolutions of Necessity were mailed by Board staff to the owners. These notices were sent in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure section 1245.235.

Ben Chandler, counsel to the Board on Eminent Domain items, presented the Resolutions of Necessity for Properties #1 through #3.

Mr. Chandler stated that the Resolutions of Necessity that were before the Board had been reviewed to ensure there was prima facie evidence that the factors set forth in Code of Civil Procedure Section 1245.230 were present. Specifically, the Resolutions provide:

1. The public interest and necessity require the Project.
2. That the proposed Project is planned and located in a manner that would provide the greatest public good with the least private injury.
3. The acquisition property described in Exhibit A of the Resolutions was necessary for the project; and
4. The offer of just compensation required by Government Code section 7267.2 had been made to all owners of record as required by the statute.

Mr. Chandler continued that it was counsel's opinion that for the Resolutions of Necessity, prima facie evidence for these factors is present such that the Board may adopt the Resolutions of Necessity. If the Board agreed and determined these factors were present, the Board may move to adopt the Resolutions of Necessity. In conclusion, Mr. Chandler noted that the Board's adoption of the Resolution of Necessity did not preclude continued negotiations as part of an effort to secure a mutually agreeable acquisition of each subject property.

Ms. Perrault asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board, or from the public. There were none.

A motion was made by Mr. Binns and seconded by Mr. Kenney to approve the Resolutions of Necessity for Properties #1 through #3. The motion passed unanimously through a 3-0 roll-call vote (Ms. Perrault, Mr. Kenney, and Mr. Binns all voting aye).

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTABLES:

None.

NEXT MEETING:

Ms. Perrault stated that the next Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026. The time and location of the meeting would be posted on the Board's website.

Ms. Perrault asked if there were any other questions or comments from the Board or from the public. There were none. The meeting concluded at 11:11 a.m.