



POLICY TITLE: Attendance at Meetings
POLICY NUMBER: 4100

4100.1 Members of the Board of Directors are expected to and shall attend all regular and special meetings of the Board unless there is good cause for absence.

To be counted as present for any meeting, Board Members must be present for the duration of the meeting.

Good cause for absence, including late arrivals or early departures, includes temporary illness or other unavoidable circumstances of which the President of the Board is notified prior to the meeting. Good cause also includes Board authorized meeting absences such as attendance at a conference directly related to the functions and interests of the District or at the meeting of another public agency in order to participate in an official capacity.

A Board Member who will be absent for good cause may notify the President by electronic transmission (email), telephone communication, or letter. The President shall notify the District Manager and the Board of all absences that are excused for good cause. The minutes shall indicate whether an absence was excused.

A vacancy shall occur if a Board Member is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings without good cause, except as otherwise provided for by law or as authorized by the Board.

POLICY TITLE: Committees of the Board of Directors
POLICY NUMBER: 4105

4105.1 Temporary Advisory Committees:

The Board President shall appoint any such temporary advisory committees as may be deemed necessary or advisable by the President or the Board. The purpose of a temporary advisory committee and the time allowed to accomplish that purpose shall be outlined at the time of appointment. A temporary advisory committee shall be considered dissolved when its purpose has been accomplished or when the timeframe for its existence has expired, whichever occurs first.

4105.1.1 A temporary advisory committee shall be comprised solely of members of the Board, and shall consist of less than a majority of Board Members.

4105.1.2 A temporary advisory committee may make recommendations to the Board. The Board may not delegate any decision-making power to a temporary advisory committee.

4105.1.3 A temporary advisory committee shall meet on an as needed basis and shall not have a meeting schedule fixed by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of the Board.

4105.2 Standing Committees:

The following shall be standing committees of the Board: Planning, Standards and Ordinances Committee; Personnel and Policies Committee; Finance Committee; Public Relations Committee; and Swimming Pool and Parks Committee. The Board President shall appoint and publicly announce the members of the standing committees for the ensuing year no later than the Board's regular meeting in January. Standing committees may be assigned to review District functions, activities, and operations pertaining to their designated concerns, as specified below. Said assignment may be made by the Board President, a majority vote of the Board, or on their own initiative. Any recommendations from standing committees shall be submitted to the Board via a written or oral report. All meetings of standing committees are subject to the requirements of all applicable open meeting laws, including but not limited to the Brown Act.

4105.2.1 The Planning, Standards & Ordinances Committee shall be concerned with proposed ordinances, resolutions, and the formulation of plans for arranging, realizing, and/or achieving District goals.

4105.2.2 The Personnel & Policies Committee shall be concerned with proposed District policies, functions, activities, operations, compensation, and welfare of District staff.

4105.2.3 The Finance Committee shall be concerned with the financial management of the District, including the preparation of an annual budget and major expenditures.

4105.2.4 The Public Relations Committee shall be concerned with assuring that information regarding the affairs of the District is adequately and appropriately communicated to its constituents and the public at large.

4105.2.5 The Swimming Pool and Parks Committee shall be concerned with responsible governance of swimming pool and parks.



POLICY TITLE: Duties of the Board President
POLICY NUMBER: 4110

4110.1 Presiding Officer:

The President of the Board of Directors shall serve as the presiding officer at all Board meetings.

In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President of the Board of Directors shall serve as the presiding officer over all meetings of the Board. If the President and Vice President of the Board are both absent or disabled, the remaining members present shall select one of themselves to act as temporary presiding officer of the meeting.

The presiding officer shall have the same rights as the other members of the Board in voting, introducing motions, resolutions and ordinances, and any discussion of questions that follow said actions. The presiding officer may move, second, debate, and vote from the chair.

4110.2 Duties Regarding Meetings:

The President shall preside over and conduct all meetings of the Board of Directors, shall carry out the resolution and orders of the Board of Directors, and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) Call the meeting to order at the appointed time;
- b) Announce the business to come before the Board in its proper order;
- c) Enforce the Board's policies in relation to the order of business and the conduct of meetings;
- d) Recognize persons who desire to speak, and protect the speaker who has the floor from disturbance or interference;
- e) Explain what the effect of a motion would be if it is not clear to every member;
- f) Restrict discussion to the question when a motion is before the Board;
- g) Rule on parliamentary procedure;
- h) Put motions to a vote, and state clearly the results of the vote; and
- i) Preserve order and decorum.

4110.3 Responsibilities:

Responsibilities of the President include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Sign all instruments, act, and carry out stated requirements and the will of the Board;
- b) Sign the minutes of the Board meeting following their approval;
- c) Appoint and disband all committees, subject to Board ratification;
- d) Call such meetings of the Board as he/she may deem necessary, giving notice as prescribed by law;
- e) Coordinate the preparation of meeting agendas with the District Manager;
- f) Confer with the District Manager or designee on crucial matters which may occur between Board of Directors meetings;
- g) Be responsible for the orderly conduct of all Board meetings;



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- h) Be the spokesperson for the Board; and
 - i) Perform other duties as authorized by the Board.

In the absence or disability of the President, the alternate presiding officer may temporarily carry out these responsibilities until such time as the President is able to resume his or her responsibilities.

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POLICY TITLE: Ethics Training
POLICY NUMBER: 4115

4115.1 All Directors, designated staff, and members of all commissions, committees and other bodies that are subject to the Brown Act shall receive two hours of training in general ethics principles and ethics laws relevant to public service within one year of election or appointment to the board of directors and at least once every two years thereafter, pursuant to Government Code Sections 53234 et seq. as may be amended from time to time.

4115.1.1 All ethics training shall be provided by providers whose curricula have been approved by the California Attorney General and the Fair Political Practices Commission.

4115.1.2 Ethics training may consist of either a training course or a set of self-study materials with tests, and may be taken at home, in person, or online.

4115.1.3 Attendees shall obtain proof of participation after completing the ethics training. Applicable costs for attending the training shall be reimbursed by the District.

4115.1.3.1 District staff shall maintain records indicating both the dates that attendees completed the ethics training and the name of the provider that provided the training. These records shall be maintained for at least five years after the date of training and may be public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

4115.1.4 District staff shall provide the prospective attendees with information on available training that meets the requirements of this policy at least once every year.

4115.1.5 A single training course may be used to satisfy the obligation to receive training for multiple agencies or positions.



POLICY TITLE: Members of the Board of Directors

POLICY NUMBER: 4120

4120.1 Meeting Preparation:

Directors shall thoroughly prepare themselves to discuss agenda items at meetings of the Board of Directors. Directors may request information from staff before meetings.

4120.1.1 Requests by individual Directors for substantive information and/or research from District staff will be channeled through the District Manager.

4120.1.2 The District Manager shall be responsible for providing the requested information and shall make all information equally available to all Directors.

4120.1.3 If writings are distributed to a majority of the Board in connection with an agenda item, those writings shall be made available to the public in the manner required by law.

4120.2 Meeting Decorum:

4120.2.1 Directors shall at all times conduct themselves with courtesy to each other, to staff, and to members of the audience present at Board meetings.

4120.2.2 Directors shall defer to the presiding officer for conduct of meetings of the Board, but shall be free to question and discuss items on the agenda. All comments should be brief and confined to the matter being discussed by the Board.

4120.2.3 Directors may request for inclusion into the meeting minutes brief comments pertinent to an agenda item only at the meeting that item is discussed (including, if desired, a position on abstention or dissenting vote).

4120.3 Abstentions and Failure to Vote:

Directors should not abstain from the Board's decision-making responsibilities unless a personal or financial conflict of interest exists. Directors abstaining due to a disqualifying conflict of interest will not be counted as part of a quorum and will be considered absent for the purposes of determining the outcome of a vote on the matter. Directors who fail to vote in the absence of a declared conflict of interest will be counted as part of a quorum and in effect consent that a majority of the quorum will determine the outcome of a vote on the matter.



POLICY TITLE: Training, Education and Conferences
POLICY NUMBER: 4125

4125.1 Members of the Board of Directors are encouraged to attend educational conferences, seminars, trainings, and professional meetings when the purpose of any such activity is to improve District operation. There is no limit as to the number of Directors attending a particular activity when it is apparent that attendance is beneficial to the District, as long as a majority of the members of a body do not discuss issues related to their local agency's business. Directors shall not attend conference or training event when it is apparent that there is no significant benefit to the District. Directors shall not attend or engage in any tour or journey for pleasure at public expense (e.g. "junkets" or other such events that are not beneficial to the District).

4125.2 It is the policy of the District to encourage Board development and excellence of performance by reimbursing actual expenses incurred for tuition, travel, lodging and meals as a result of training, educational courses, participation with professional organizations, and attendance at local, state and national conferences associated with the interests of the District. Cash advances or use of District credit cards for these purposes is not permitted.

4125.2.1 The Burney Water District shall reimburse Directors for conference tuition and registration expenses, and for per diem expenses. Per diem expenses, when appropriate, shall include meals, lodging, and travel. All expenses for which reimbursement is requested by Directors, or which are billed to the District by Directors, shall be submitted to District Staff, together with validated receipts. All reimbursements shall be made in accordance with applicable State and federal law, including but not limited to Internal Revenue Service Guidelines.

4125.2.2 Attendance by Directors at seminars, workshops, courses, professional organization meetings, and conferences shall be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the District incurring any reimbursable costs.

4125.2.3 Expenses to the District for Board of Directors' training, education, and conferences should be kept to a minimum by utilizing recommendations for transportation and housing accommodations recommended by the District Manager, and by:

4125.2.3.1 Utilizing hotel(s) recommended by the event sponsor in order to obtain discounted rates.

4125.2.3.2 Directors traveling together whenever feasible and economically beneficial.

4125.2.3.3 Requesting reservations sufficiently in advance, when possible, to obtain discounted air fares and hotel rates.



4125.3 A Director shall not be reimbursed for expenses incurred at any educational conference, seminar, training, or professional meeting event if such event occurs after the District has announced that Director's pending resignation, or if such event occurs after an election in which it has been determined that the Director will not retain his or her seat on the Board.

4125.4 Upon returning from educational conferences, seminars, trainings, and professional meetings where expenses are reimbursed by the District, Directors will either prepare a written or verbal report for presentation at the next regular meeting of the Board. Said report shall detail what was learned at the session(s) that will be of benefit to the District. Materials from the session(s) may be delivered to the District office to be included in the District library for the future use of other Directors and staff.