

Hopland Public Utility District

Regular Meeting

AGENDA

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

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September 21, 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 August 17, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Attachments:

1. 2026-08-17 HPUD Draft Minutes

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Attachments:

1. July 2026 Financial Reports

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.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.

Attachments:

1. Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS

7.a. Report and Discussion Regarding Capacity Planning.

Attachments:

1. Contract water
2. Indian Contract Water
3. Water Loss
4. Water Production

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. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

8.a. Receive Reports and Announcements from Board Members.

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: Board Consensus to direct Staff to schedule the next regular meeting for October 19, 2026, or another day of the Director's choosing.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Please be advised that the Hopland Public Utility District (HPUD) needs to be notified 24 hours in advance of a meeting if any specific accommodations or interpreter services are needed in order for you to attend. HPUD complies with ADA requirements and will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities upon request. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the HPUD Board Members after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the front counter at the Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Any handouts or presentation materials from the public must be submitted to the clerk 48 hours in advance of the meeting; for handouts, please include 10 copies.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the City of Ukiah City Hall, located at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California; and at 13500 S. Hwy. 101, Hopland, CA 95449; not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting set forth on this agenda.

Kristine Lawler, CMC
Dated: 9/16/26

**HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
Board of Directors**

Regular Meeting

**BRUTOCAO TASTING ROOM
13500 S. Hwy 101, Hopland, CA 95449**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85756160798>

**August 17, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Hopland Public Utility District (HPUD) Board of Directors met at a Regular Meeting on August 17, 2026, having been legally noticed on August 12, 2026. The meeting was held in person at the Brutocao Tasting Room, located at 13500 S. Hwy 101, Hopland, CA 95449, and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85756160798>

Chair Norry called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Directors Present:** Gary Rosetti, Carol Gunter-Hall (*arriving at 6:22 p.m.*), Shaun Falleri, and Joan Norry (**Note:** *there is a current vacancy on the Board*). **Staff Present:** Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager and Kristine Lawler, Clerk.

CHAIR NORRY PRESIDING.

2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion/Second: Norry/Falleri to approve the minutes for the June 15, 2026, as submitted. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rosetti, Falleri, and Norry. NOES: None. ABSENT: Gunter-Hall. ABSTAIN: None.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Norry/Rosetti to transfer money from the regular [Savings Bank] account to the LAIF [Local Agency Investment Fund] account for the [higher yielding rate] interest [account]. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rosetti, Falleri, and Norry. NOES: None. ABSENT: Gunter-Hall. ABSTAIN: None.

Reports were received.

5. NEW BUSINESS

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 10.

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager.

Public Comment: Kip Folkerts.

Motion/Second: Norry/Gunter-Hall to table the item until after legal counsel has reviewed the item. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rosetti, Gunter-Hall, Falleri, and Norry. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Chair Directive to direct staff to reach out to the tribe to let them know that the letter was received and is being reviewed by legal counsel.

Update was received.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Caltrans Project - HWY 101 ADA Improvements.

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager.

Public Comment: Kip Folkerts.

Update received.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS

a. Report and Discussion Regarding Capacity Planning.

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager.

No public comment was received.

Report was received.

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

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager.

No public comment was received.

Report was received.

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

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager.

No public comment was received.

Report was received.

d. Update on Draft Waste Discharge Requirements.

Presenter: Jared Walker, HPUD General Manager.

No public comment was received.

Update was received.

8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Presenters: Chair Norry and Kristine Lawler, City Clerk.

No reports were received.

Public Comment:

Director Consensus to direct staff to discontinue the pre-packet deliveries, and conduct phone call reminders on the day of the meetings.

9. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

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.**

Presenter: Chair Norry.

Director Consensus to direct staff to schedule the next meeting date for September 21, 2026.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Kristine Lawler, CMC, Clerk

BALANCE SHEET FOR 2027 1**AGENDA ITEM 4a – ATTACHMENT 1**

FUND: 947 HOPLAND WATER OPERATIONS			NET CHANGE FOR PERIOD	ACCOUNT BALANCE
ASSETS				
94700000	10101	POOLED CASH	12,630.63	-13,860.85
94700000	10220	LAIF	2,571.11	265,957.70
94700000	10250	SAVINGS BANK OF MENDOCINO COUN	-21,376.58	405,424.15
94700000	10255	SAVINGS BANK USDA LOAN	.00	148,780.10
94700000	10420	UTILITY RECEIVABLES	-69.09	6,600.21
94700000	10422	UTILITY RECEIVABLES UNBILLED	.00	22,493.56
94700000	10481	ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	-1,285.55	.00
TOTAL ASSETS			-7,529.48	835,394.87
LIABILITIES				
94700000	20100	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,058.20	.00
94700000	20321	ACCRUED EXPENSES	2,928.11	.00
94700000	20400	ACCRUED INTEREST PAYABLE	.00	-9,842.86
94700000	21010	DEFERRED REVENUE	.00	-30,750.00
94700000	21110	CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	-12.80	-19,785.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES			3,973.51	-60,377.86
FUND BALANCE				
94700000	30005	REVENUE CONTROL	-22,511.49	-22,511.49
94700000	30006	EXPENDITURE CONTROL	26,067.46	26,067.46
94700000	30007	FUND BALANCE	.00	-778,572.98
TOTAL FUND BALANCE			3,555.97	-775,017.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES + FUND BALANCE			7,529.48	-835,394.87

BALANCE SHEET FOR 2027 1

FUND: 950 HOPLAND SEWER OPERATIONS			NET CHANGE FOR PERIOD	ACCOUNT BALANCE
ASSETS				
95000000	10101	POOLED CASH	-20,388.54	112,299.75
95000000	10420	UTILITY RECEIVABLES	-127.42	13,309.92
95000000	10422	UTILITY RECEIVABLES UNBILLED	.00	29,774.13
95000000	10481	ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	-1,285.56	.00
TOTAL ASSETS			-21,801.52	155,383.80
LIABILITIES				
95000000	20100	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	34,903.67	1,614.50
95000000	20321	ACCRUED EXPENSES	5,343.40	.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES			40,247.07	1,614.50
FUND BALANCE				
95000000	30005	REVENUE CONTROL	-29,774.13	-29,774.13
95000000	30006	EXPENDITURE CONTROL	11,328.58	11,328.58
95000000	30007	FUND BALANCE	.00	-138,552.75
TOTAL FUND BALANCE			-18,445.55	-156,998.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES + FUND BALANCE			21,801.52	-155,383.80

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT
[HTTPS://MUNISAT](https://munisat)

FOR 2027 01							
	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	-385,000	0	-385,000	-29,774.13	.00	-355,225.87	7.7%
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICE	-385,000	0	-385,000	-29,774.13	.00	-355,225.87	7.7%
49 INTEREST EARNINGS							
46110 INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	-3,766	0	-3,766	.00	.00	-3,765.55	.0%
TOTAL INTEREST EARNINGS	-3,766	0	-3,766	.00	.00	-3,765.55	.0%
52 OTHER OPERATING							
52100 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	14,626	0	14,626	96.00	.00	14,529.60	.7%
52115 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	92,790	0	92,790	7,732.54	.00	85,057.46	8.3%
52524 PROPERTY INSURANCE PREMIUM	1,100	0	1,100	919.91	.00	180.09	83.6%
52528 LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,800	0	2,800	2,076.97	.00	723.03	74.2%
54100 SUPPLIES	5,000	0	5,000	.00	.00	5,000.00	.0%
55200 PG&E	50,000	0	50,000	.00	.00	50,000.00	.0%
56120 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	4,000	0	4,000	.00	.00	4,000.00	.0%
56300 BUILDING MAINT. & REPAIR	2,000	0	2,000	.00	.00	2,000.00	.0%
57300 MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	38,300	0	38,300	.00	.00	38,300.00	.0%
58202 CHEMICALS	9,000	0	9,000	.00	.00	9,000.00	.0%
59101 FEES	1,000	0	1,000	503.16	.00	496.84	50.3%
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING	220,616	0	220,616	11,328.58	.00	209,287.02	5.1%
80 CAPITAL OUTLAY							
80230 INFRASTRUCTURE	100,000	0	100,000	.00	.00	100,000.00	.0%
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	100,000	0	100,000	.00	.00	100,000.00	.0%

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
TOTAL HOPLAND SEWER OPERATIONS	-68,150	0	-68,150	-18,445.55	.00	-49,704.40	27.1%
TOTAL REVENUES	-388,766	0	-388,766	-29,774.13	.00	-358,991.42	
TOTAL EXPENSES	320,616	0	320,616	11,328.58	.00	309,287.02	
GRAND TOTAL	-68,150	0	-68,150	-18,445.55	.00	-49,704.40	27.1%
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Print Revenues-Version headings: N
Print revenue as credit: Y
Print revenue budgets as zero: N
Include Fund Balance: N
Print journal detail: N
From Yr/Per: 2021/ 1
To Yr/Per: 2021/ 1
Include budget entries: Y
Incl encumb/liq entries: Y
Sort by JE # or PO #: J
Detail format option: 1
Include additional JE comments: N
Multiyear view: D
Amounts/totals exceed 999 million dollars: N

Year/Period: 2027/ 1
Print MTD Version: N
Roll projects to object: N
Carry forward code: 1

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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							
44742 DOMESTIC WATER USAGE	-152,600	0	-152,600	-8,576.97	.00	-144,023.03	5.6%
44766 SERVICE CHARGES	0	0	0	-76.00	.00	76.00	100.0%
44768 BACKFLOW PREVENTION	0	0	0	-270.00	.00	270.00	100.0%
44774 FIRE SERVICE - WATER	-968	0	-968	-72.00	.00	-896.00	7.4%
44778 RESIDENTIAL WATER BASE CHARGE	-106,000	0	-106,000	-6,343.00	.00	-99,657.00	6.0%
44780 COMMERCIAL WATER BASE CHARGE	-29,500	0	-29,500	-3,915.80	.00	-25,584.20	13.3%
44781 COMMERCIAL WATER USAGE CHARGE	-34,000	0	-34,000	-3,239.79	.00	-30,760.21	9.5%
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICE	-323,068	0	-323,068	-22,493.56	.00	-300,574.44	7.0%
49 INTEREST EARNINGS							
46110 INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	-3,512	0	-3,512	-17.93	.00	-3,494.38	.5%
TOTAL INTEREST EARNINGS	-3,512	0	-3,512	-17.93	.00	-3,494.38	.5%
51 PERSONNEL							
51211 PERS UNFUNDED LIABILITY	13,000	0	13,000	14,297.00	.00	-1,297.00	110.0%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	13,000	0	13,000	14,297.00	.00	-1,297.00	110.0%
52 OTHER OPERATING							
52100 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	33,626	0	33,626	96.00	.00	33,529.60	.3%
52115 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	92,790	0	92,790	7,732.54	.00	85,057.46	8.3%
52524 PROPERTY INSURANCE PREMIUM	1,100	0	1,100	919.91	.00	180.09	83.6%
52528 LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,800	0	2,800	2,076.97	.00	723.03	74.2%
54100 SUPPLIES	2,000	0	2,000	.00	.00	2,000.00	.0%
55200 PG&E	36,000	0	36,000	.00	.00	36,000.00	.0%
55221 WATER PURCHASED	20,000	0	20,000	.00	.00	20,000.00	.0%

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56120 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
57300 MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	4,000	0	4,000	.00	.00	4,000.00	.0%
58202 CHEMICALS	6,000	0	6,000	441.88	.00	5,558.12	7.4%
59101 FEES	8,000	0	8,000	503.16	.00	7,496.84	6.3%
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING	207,316	0	207,316	11,770.46	.00	195,545.14	5.7%
70 DEBT SERVICE							
70103 LOAN INTEREST	36,000	0	36,000	.00	.00	36,000.00	.0%
70201 LOAN PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	50,000	0	50,000	.00	.00	50,000.00	.0%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	86,000	0	86,000	.00	.00	86,000.00	.0%
TOTAL HOPLAND WATER OPERATIONS	-20,265	0	-20,265	3,555.97	.00	-23,820.68	-17.5%
TOTAL REVENUES	-326,580	0	-326,580	-22,511.49	.00	-304,068.82	
TOTAL EXPENSES	306,316	0	306,316	26,067.46	.00	280,248.14	
GRAND TOTAL	-20,265	0	-20,265	3,555.97	.00	-23,820.68	-17.5%

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Includes accounts exceeding 0% of budget.
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Include requisition amount: N
Print Revenues-Version headings: N
Print revenue as credit: Y
Print revenue budgets as zero: N
Include Fund Balance: N
Print journal detail: N
From Yr/Per: 2021/ 1
To Yr/Per: 2021/ 1
Include budget entries: Y
Incl encumb/liq entries: Y
Sort by JE # or PO #: J
Detail format option: 1
Include additional JE comments: N
Multiyear view: D
Amounts/totals exceed 999 million dollars: N

Year/Period: 2027/ 1
Print MTD Version: N
Roll projects to object: N
Carry forward code: 1

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Object	
Project	
Rollup code	
Account type	
Account status	

Hopland Public Utility District Check Register for July 2026

Vendor's Name	Invoice number	Description	Account description	Total amount
ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES INC	6066621-HOPUD	MISC. LABORATORY WORK AS NEEDED	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$110.00
AT&T	4702 JUN 26	HOPLAND ALARM LINES	UTILITIES	\$15.88
AT&T	25504554	ALARM LINES HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$16.10
CAROL JUNE GUNTER	26-Jul	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
CAROL JUNE GUNTER	26-Jun	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
CAROL JUNE GUNTER	26-May	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
CITY OF UKIAH	11339	ADMIN & BILLING: HOPLAND WATER DISTRICT	PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	\$1,773.20
CITY OF UKIAH	11452	OPERATIONS EXPENSES: HOPLAND WATER DISTRICT	PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	\$5,959.34
GARY J ROSETTI	26-Jun	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
GARY J ROSETTI	26-May	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
JOAN NORRY	26-Jun	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
JOAN NORRY	26-May	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
LAFCO-LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF	2722	ANNUAL SHARE OF COST LAFCO FEES FY 27	FEES	\$503.16
LAFCO-LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF	2622	CORTESE KNOX HERTZBERG ACT FY 25/26	MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$532.22
SHAUN M FALLERI	26-Jul	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
SHAUN M FALLERI	26-Jun	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
SHAUN M FALLERI	26-May	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	79941	PROPERTY/LIABILITY PACKAGE PROGRAM FY 26/27	LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$2,076.97
SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	79941	PROPERTY/LIABILITY PACKAGE PROGRAM FY 26/27	PROPERTY INSURANCE PREMIUM	\$919.91
Total for July - Hopland Water				12,386.78

Vendor's Name	Invoice number	Description	Account description	Total amount
ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES INC	6065000-HOPUD	MISC. LABORATORY WORK AS NEEDED	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$236.00
AT&T	4702 JUN 26	HOPLAND ALARM LINES	UTILITIES	\$15.88
AT&T	25504554	ALARM LINES HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$16.09
CAROL JUNE GUNTER	26-Jul	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
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CITY OF UKIAH	11339	ADMIN & BILLING: HOPLAND WATER DISTRICT	PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	\$1,773.20
CITY OF UKIAH	11452	OPERATIONS EXPENSES: HOPLAND WATER DISTRICT	PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	\$5,959.34
EBA ENGINEERING	57373	HOPLAND WWTF MONITORING WELLS 24-3648	INFRASTRUCTURE	\$1,614.50
EBA ENGINEERING	57430	HOPLAND WWTF MONITORING WELLS	INFRASTRUCTURE	\$29,543.99
GARY J ROSETTI	26-Jun	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
GARY J ROSETTI	26-May	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
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LAFCO-LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF	2722	ANNUAL SHARE OF COST LAFCO FEES FY 27	FEES	\$503.16
LAFCO-LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF	2622	CORTESE KNOX HERTZBERG ACT FY 25/26	MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$532.21
MCCAMPBELL ANALYTICAL INC	2605H83	ANALYTICAL WATER TESTING SERVICES	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$2,561.00
SHAUN M FALLERI	26-Jul	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
SHAUN M FALLERI	26-Jun	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
SHAUN M FALLERI	26-May	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	79941	PROPERTY/LIABILITY PACKAGE PROGRAM FY 26/27	LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$2,076.97
SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	79941	PROPERTY/LIABILITY PACKAGE PROGRAM FY 26/27	PROPERTY INSURANCE PREMIUM	\$919.91
Total for July - Hopland Sewer				46,232.25

Grand total 58,619.03

Hopland Public Utility District Check Register for August 2026

Vendor's Name	Invoice number	Description	Account description	Total amount
ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES INC	6078242-HOPUD	MISC. LABORATORY WORK AS NEEDED	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$190.00
AT&T	2368410164702 JUL 26	HOPLAND ARLARM LINES	UTILITIES	\$15.88
CITY OF UKIAH	11600	ADMIN & BILLING FEES: HOPLAND WATER DIST	PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	\$1,773.20
CITY OF UKIAH	11634	OPERATION FEES: HOPLAND WATER	PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS	\$5,959.34
GARY J ROSETTI	26-Jul	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
JOAN NORRY	26-Jul	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
PACE SUPPLY CORPORATION	211617573	REPAIR SNAP CLAMP, DUAL ARMOR FCRC	SUPPLIES	\$127.53
Total for August - Hopland Water				8,161.95

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EBA ENGINEERING	57514.1	OVERPAYEMNT CORRECTION TO FY 27	INFRASTRUCTURE	(\$1,614.50)
EBA ENGINEERING	57514	HOPLAND WWTF MONITORING WELLS	INFRASTRUCTURE	\$4,230.00
GARY J ROSETTI	26-Jul	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
JOAN NORRY	26-Jul	HOPLAND WATER BOARD STIPEND	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$48.00
Total for August - Hopland Sewer				10,459.92

Grand total **18,621.87**



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August 3, 2026

Board of Directors
Hopland Public Utility District
c/o Willow County Water District, District Administrator
151 Laws Avenue
Ukiah, California 95482

Delivered via U.S. Mail and Email (admin@willowcwg.org); additional copies sent as noted below

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

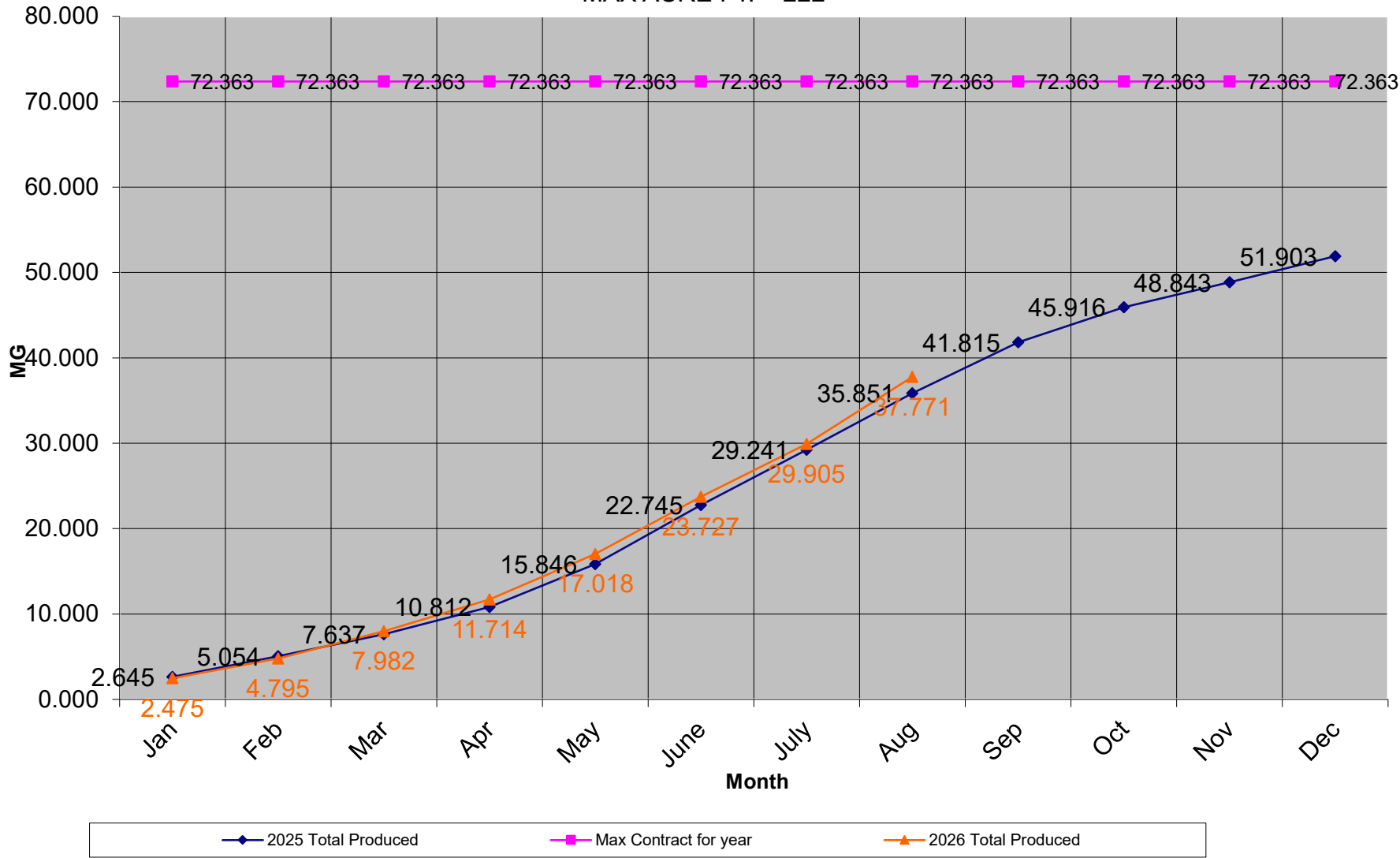
Copies of this letter are being sent separately, by U.S. Mail and email, to:

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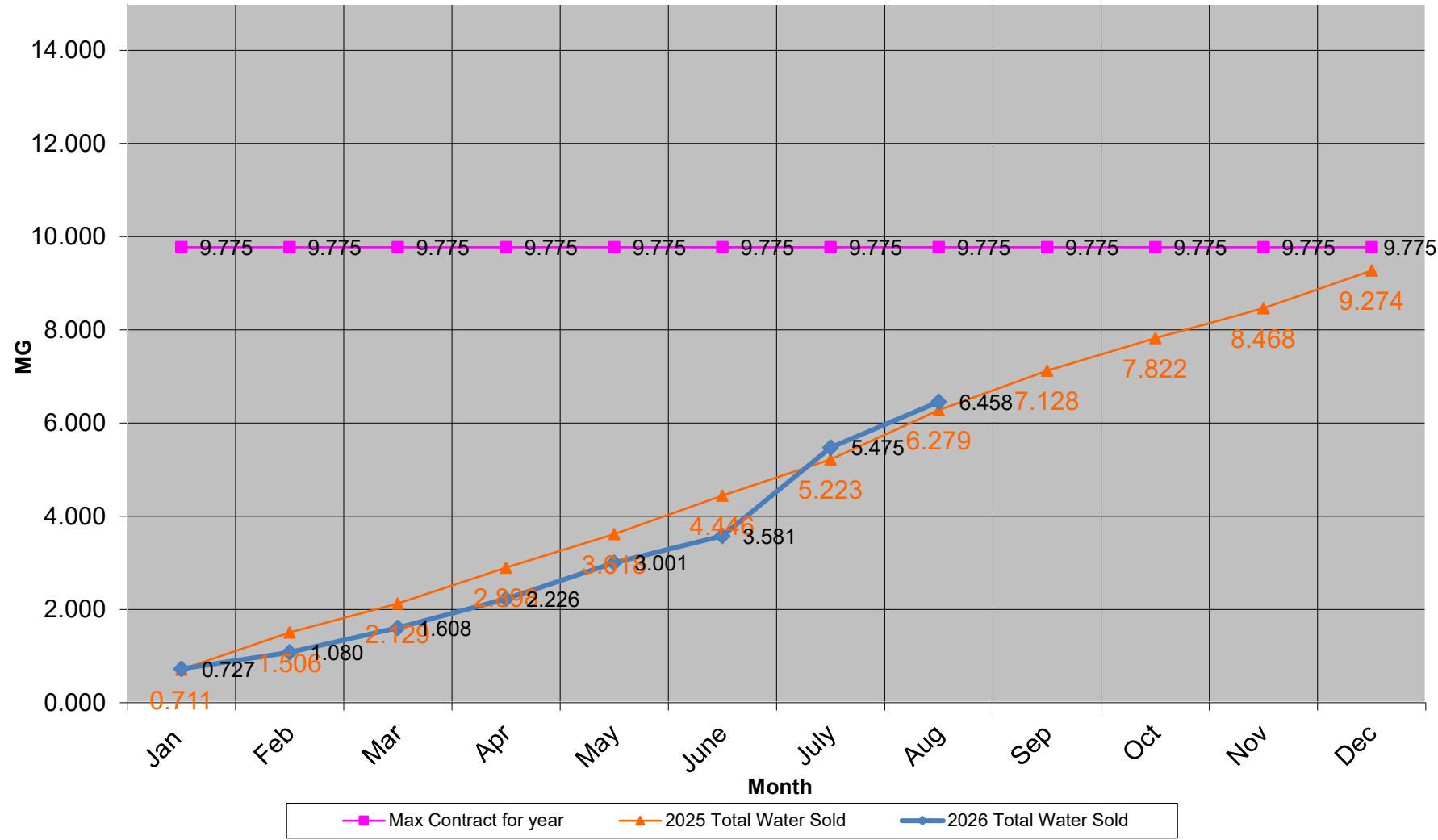
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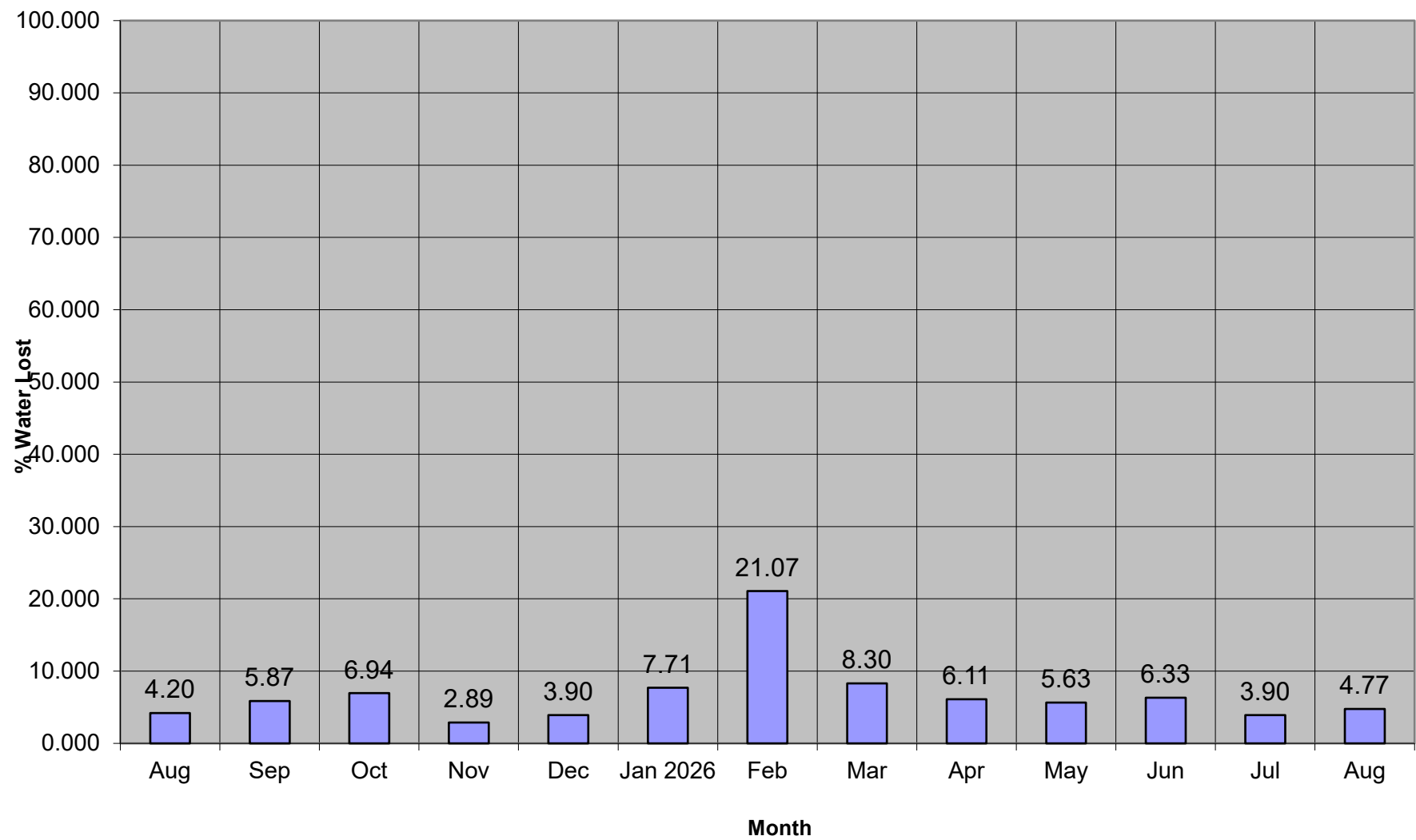
Hopland PUD RRFC Contract Water 2026
Total Produced Does Not Include Water sold to Reservation
MAX ACRE FT. = 222



Hopland Band of Pomo Indians Contract Water 2026
MAX ACRE FT. = 30



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



Hopland PUD
Monthly Water Data 2025/2026

