

## TUOLUMNE CITY SANITARY DISTRICT

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### REGULAR MEETING STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item: 5 (b)

The General Manager is actively collaborating with staff and consultants on several critical initiatives. These include

- **CA Department of Finance Prop 1 Grant Audit of TCSD Grants**

The California Department of Finance, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, conducted an audit to verify that grant expenditures complied with all requirements and that deliverables were fully met. According to the State auditors we have submitted all documentation needed to complete the audit. We are now awaiting timeline to receive the Draft Audit Report.

- **Casino Sewer Flow Meter Calibrations**

Staff is partnering with the Tribe to ensure accurate readings from the three flow meters installed at the casino, following observations of unexpectedly low flow volumes. The GM met with Darryl Tinkle earlier in the month to tour the facilities and discuss the correct action to take. Both agreed to allow staff to work cooperatively together to solve the issue. Ben K. is currently working with the Tribe maintenance supervisor and the control systems tech consultant for the Tribe to get resolution to the abnormal flow patterns

- **CA Senate Bill 827-Mandatory Training for Local Agency Officials**

Staff was made aware of the newly adopted Senate Bill 827, approved on October 11, 2025, and effective January 1, 2026, which amends the Government Code by expanding existing ethics training requirements and introducing new mandatory fiscal and financial training for local agency officials. The bill aims to enhance transparency, prevent corruption, and equip officials with skills in financial stewardship, particularly in areas like budgeting, debt management, and procurement. It applies statewide to cities, counties, school districts, and special districts, with no exemptions for small agencies.

**Key Provisions**

**Ethics Training (Expanded from Existing Law):** Requires 2 hours of training every two years on topics like personal financial gain, government transparency, and fair processes. For officials starting service on or after January 1, 2026, initial training must be completed within 6 months (shortened from the prior 1-year window). Current officials (in service before 2026) must comply by their next renewal cycle.

**New Fiscal and Financial Training:** Introduces a 2-hour training requirement every two years for all local agency officials, covering principles of financial administration, fiscal planning, revenues, investments, pensions, debt management, procurement, and ethics in safeguarding public resources. Training can be in-person, online, or self-study (with testing). Agencies must provide annual information on available training options.

**Timelines for Compliance:**

Officials in service as of January 1, 2026: Initial fiscal training by January 1, 2028 (unless term ends before January 9, 2028).

New officials (starting on or after January 1, 2026): Initial ethics and fiscal training within 6 months.

Ongoing: Every two years thereafter.

**Recordkeeping and Public Access:** Local agencies must maintain records of training completion (dates and providers) for at least 5 years, making them public records. Starting July 1, 2026, agencies with websites must post instructions for accessing these records.

**Exemptions:** Limited to officials already compliant with certain county-specific financial training laws (e.g., Sections 26945 or 27000.7 of the Government Code), which are unlikely to apply to most special districts.

**Application to Tuolumne City Sanitary District**

SB 827's training requirements (both ethics and fiscal/financial) apply to all local agency officials, including board members of special districts like the Tuolumne City Sanitary District, regardless of whether they receive a stipend or any other form of compensation. The bill does not include any exemptions based on payment status—volunteer board members are covered just like those who receive stipends.