

ADMINISTRATOR FOR DAGGETT COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING SUMMARY
MAY 6, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

OVERVIEW

The community engagement meeting for the Daggett Community Services District (CSD) was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. during the Daggett CSD Board meeting at the District office (33703 2nd St., Daggett, CA 92327).

In-person attendees included Hamish Kellam, Kristen Bitsberger, and Clarissa Johnson from Provost & Pritchard (P&P), the limited-scope Administrator, along with four Board members, District staff, local fire and sheriff department representatives, and 14 community residents.

Hamish introduced P&P and provided an overview of the Administrator Program, including P&P's responsibilities and role as the limited-scope Administrator. In addition, Hamish provided a comparison of how P&P's roles will differ from Daggett's through the Administrator appointment. Customers asked questions about consolidation and expressed concern about water quality and asked if there were any interim solutions before consolidation is achieved. Hamish and Kristen answered these concerns and explained that the goal of the Administrator Program is to achieve long-term system stability instead of short-term solutions.

WATER SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Hamish discussed water system water quality results from Well 07. Uranium, PFAS constituents, and Nitrate are sampled quarterly. Uranium, PFHxS, PFOA, and PFOS have exceeded either the MCL, Response Level, or Notification Level. Customers asked questions about concentrations in other wells and want more water quality data provided at these meetings. P&P will provide additional information and data at the next community meeting.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

P&P will work closely with Daggett CSD on operations and maintenance (O&M) of the Daggett water system for the duration of the Administrator Program. This includes coordinating system maintenance, supporting system improvements, and addressing leaks and repairs as they occur. P&P will focus on assisting with the repair of Well 06 and broken hydrants within the water system first.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY PIPELINE PROJECT

Hamish provided an update on the consolidation status. As a long-term solution to provide safe, reliable drinking water to the Daggett community, the Daggett system will be physically consolidated with the Golden State Water Company system. P&P and Daggett CSD will continue coordinating with Golden State Water Company to support project planning and implementation and provide further project updates at future quarterly community meetings.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

P&P and Daggett CSD have developed an Emergency Response Plan and Emergency Notification Plan. These plans outline how the water system responds to emergencies so it can continue delivering water as safely and reliably as possible, even under challenging conditions.

The Emergency Response Plan is posted on the Administrator section of the Daggett CSD website and will also be available upon request.

ADMINISTRATOR PROGRAM WORK UPDATES

ADMINISTRATOR PLANS

P&P has developed the following documents:

- a) Community Accountability and Engagement Plan
- b) Emergency Response Plan and Emergency Notification Plan
- c) Governance Plan
- d) Financial Management Plan
- e) Operations and Maintenance Plan

Hamish briefly discussed the purpose of each of these plans. These plans are working documents that will be updated as needed. They describe the role of Daggett CSD and P&P in the operations, governance, and financial management of the system.

RATE STUDY AND PROP 218 PROCESS

P&P subcontracted a consultant to assist with performing a rate study and implementing a rate change. The rate study was approved by the board in the meeting, so the Prop 218 process will move forward. Residents asked questions about the voting process and expressed concern over who gets to vote and the number of votes per connection. Hamish explained that although both the owner and resident have the opportunity to protest the rate increase, one protest per parcel is accepted.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDING

O&M funding has been awarded and executed for Daggett CSD. These O&M funds will be used to address critical system infrastructure needs and repairs, including repairing Well 06. The work eligibility date of the funding agreement has been backdated to reimburse Daggett CSD for past repairs made to the system in 2024 and 2025.

BOTTLED WATER FUNDING

Daggett has been receiving bottled water funding from the State; however the funding is currently on hold as eligibility is evaluated by the State Water Board. Daggett CSD and P&P are evaluating other interim water supply solutions.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Administrator activities include drafting a policy handbook for the water system, a Prop 218 hearing for a rate increase, and addressing compliance deficiencies for the State Water Resources Control Board and San Bernardino County Division of Environmental Health. At the same time, P&P and Daggett CSD remain focused on maintaining safe drinking water service.

Residents were encouraged to stay informed by signing up for email and text alerts, visiting the website regularly, and attending future community meetings. Residents also asked questions about emergency notification procedures and the Golden State Water Company consolidation.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:00 p.m., following time for questions and public comments.