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# Board of Supervisors Agenda

## SITTING AS THE TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE TULARE PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT

January 27, 2026

1:00 PM Board Convenes

Board of Supervisors Chambers  
2800 W. Burrel Avenue  
Visalia, CA 93291

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the Agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the Agenda, the public is invited to make comments when the item comes up for Board consideration. So that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, with a total of fifteen (15) minutes allotted for the Public Comment Period. Comments should be relevant to matters within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction and not repetitive of previous speakers. If you wish to agree with a previous speaker, you may state so on the record. If you have a written statement, please hand it to the Board Clerk and it will be included in the minutes of this meeting and circulated to the Board. At all times, please use the microphone and state your name for the record.

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**BOARD AGENDA:** Documents related to the items on this Agenda are available for public inspection in the Clerk of the Board Office, located at 2800 W. Burrel Ave., Visalia, during normal business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Friday and the Cemetery District Office, located at 900 E. Kern Avenue, Tulare, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Such documents are also available online, subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting, at the following website: <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/board/board-meetings/board-of-supervisors-meetings/>

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1. Public Comments.

### CONSENT CALENDAR (Numbers 2 through 4)

#### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

These items are routine and usually approved by one motion. Before action by the Board, the Chair will ask the Board Members and the public if they wish to remove any item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. Items removed from the Consent Calendar may be heard immediately before or after the approval of the Consent Calendar, or may be set aside until later in the meeting.

2. Approve minutes from the December 16, 2025, Regular meeting.
3. Authorize the Tulare Public Cemetery District to apply for a CAL-Card credit card. Designate the District Manager as the Program Administrator for the CAL-Card Program. Delegate authority to the District Manager, or designee, to sign and submit any documentation related to the CAL-Card credit card application process

4. Authorize the District Manager to secure services with Hilvers Farm Management for gopher abatement treatment in the amount of \$28,650, effective January 27, 2026. Waive the Tulare Public Cemetery District's Purchasing Policy informal bidding requirements for these services.

**ITEMS NOT TIMED**

**Items not specifically timed may be taken in any order**

5. Approve and accept a report on the December 2025 interment counts.
6. Approve and accept the September, October, November, and December 2025 financial reports.
7. Approve updates to the following policies: a) Return to Work Program; b) Workplace Violence Prevention Plan; c) Injury Prevention Plan; and d) Emergency Action Plan.
8. Receive a report from the District Manager.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**CLOSED SESSION**

As provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., the Board of Supervisors may meet in closed session with its attorneys, county staff, and consultants. These sessions are not open to the public and may not be attended by members of the public. The matters the Board will meet on in closed session are identified below, or are those matters appropriately identified in open session as requiring immediate attention and arising after the posting of the Agenda. Any public reports of action taken in closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code section 54957.1.

It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session concerning:

**Sitting as the Tulare Public Cemetery District**

**ITEM A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT**

(Government Code Section 54957)

**FOR THE POSITION OF: DISTRICT MANAGER**

The Board will meet at the Board of Supervisors Office located at 2800 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA, 93291, on January 27, 2026, and may meet in a continuous closed session each subsequent business day on this topic through March 10, 2026, at the Board of Supervisors located at 2800 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA, 93291, to deliberate on the possible appointment.

ITEM B CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Jason T. Britt, Pete Vander Poel and Lupe Garza

Unrepresented Employees: District Manager