



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:00PM

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1. Call to Order: 6:00PM

2. Roll Call: President Charles Garabedian, Jr.; Vice President Salvador Cerrillo; Director Irma Castaneda; Director Frank Cerrillo, Jr.; Director Carlos Tovar, Jr.

All present.

Also present: Norma Melendez and Michael Slater.

3. Certification: Certification was made that the Board Meeting Agenda was posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made before the consent agenda to add item 4.b. Accounts payable for Well 5 PG&E Project Extension Agreement.

4. Consent Agenda. The items listed below in the Consent Agenda are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to any action by the Board of Directors, any Board member may remove an item from the consent agenda for further discussion. Items removed from the Consent Agenda may be heard immediately following approval of the Consent Agenda or set aside for discussion and action after Regular Business.

a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2026.

b. **Accounts Payable: Well #5 PG&E Project Extension Agreement.**

Recommended action: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented or amended.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

5. Old Business:

a. **Groundwater Recharge Agreement: Basin "CF".** Consideration and potential approval of a three-party agreement between MCWD, FID, and FMFCD to utilize Basin "CF" for the 2025 recharge season. Key terms include a \$4.00/AF maintenance fee and operational oversight by FMFCD. This agreement ensures the capture of MCWD's water entitlement for local groundwater benefit.

Recommended action: To approve the agreement as presented with FMFCD and FID and authorize Vice President, Salvador Cerrillo, to execute the document.

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve agreement with FMFCD and FID and authorize the Vice President to execute agreement.

6. New Business:

- a. **Resolution 03-24-2026-- Public Hearing of the 2026 Water Supply Report.** AB 2532 requires a Public Hearing to be held for the bi-annual Water Supply Report. The 2024 Water Supply Report was accepted on February 19, 2026, and a Notice of Public Hearing was published for this hearing. The report is available online at <https://www.malagacwd.org/2026-water-supply-report>.

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution 03-24-2026, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Malaga County Water District Adopting the 2026 Water Supply Report.

Public Hearing began: 6:05pm
Public Hearing Closed: 6:05pm
There was no public comment.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve the 2026 Water Supply Report and Resolution 03-24-2026 as presented.

- b. **Resolution 03-24-2026A.** An agreement between the Fresno County Registrar of Voters and the Malaga CWD to provide County access to and usage of the Arriaga Community Center and parking lot for the General Election of November 5, 2024. This includes four days of usage from November 2nd to November 4th from 9:00am to 5:00pm and November 5th from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Conditions include secure storage area to store voting equipment and supplies up to 5-days prior to the first Voting Day and during the Voting Days.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution No. 03-24-2026A to authorize President Charles Garabedian, Jr. to sign and enter an agreement with the Fresno County Elections Department to use the Arriaga Community Center as a voting center.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 03-24-2026A as presented.

- c. **District Sampling Stations.** District staff received three quotes for the installation of sampling stations throughout the district which are as follows:

1. GSE Construction, \$338,530.00
2. W.M. Lyles, Co., \$90,720.00
3. Charles Testerman, \$57,569.00

At this time, the District does not have sufficient funds available in the current budget to proceed with the full installation. There are alternative funding sources provided by the California Rural Water Association. On May 21 and 29 the agency will hold a Funding Fair to provide an opportunity to obtain information about currently available infrastructure grant, loan and bond financing programs and options.

Recommended action: That the Board review the submitted quotes and provide direction to staff to pursue specific grant opportunities or financing options to fund the project.

Item was tabled. The board director staff to research funding options for this project.

7. Recreation Reports:

- a. Easter Program Updates. **Recreation committee have set up a date and time to come together to put together the Easter baskets and eggs for the program.**

8. Engineer Reports:

- a. District Engineer Report. None for this meeting.
- b. CDBG Engineer Report: None for this meeting.

9. General Manager's Report:

- a. Signed SitelogIQ documents for reimbursement.
- b. Scholarship Applications. **Scholarship applications were picked up from Fowler High School. To maintain the integrity of the contest and prevent potential conflicts of interest due to familial relationships between participants and Board members, the Principal of Malaga Elementary School, Dr. Gutierrez, will act as the independent judge for selecting the three winners. He will notify district staff and Fowler High School staff of his selections.**

10. President's Report:

President Garabedian, Jr. reported to the board that he has reserved the venue for the staff Christmas dinner, which will be December 19. He also reported that it was discovered that a well that was thought to have been destroyed was not properly destroyed. It will cost approximately over \$17,000 to properly close abandoned well.

11. Vice President's Report:

VP Cerrillo reported that the district received 4 lifeguard applications. They will be enrolled in lifeguard certification classes. He also reported that Heavy Road and Rail broke a fire hydrant. The company has agreed to pay for the repairs.

12. Director's Reports: None for this meeting.

13. Legal Counsel Report: Michael Slater mentioned to the board to look out for a potential IWS surcharge due to fuel increase.

14. Communications:

- a. Written Communications: **A letter from the State Water Resources Control Board informing the district of a citation invoice for Maximum Contaminant Level Violation for January 2026 will be mailed.**

b. Public Comment: *The Public may address the Malaga County Water District Board on item(s) of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board, not appearing on the agenda. The Board will listen to comments presented; however, in compliance with the Brown Act, the Board cannot take action on items that are not on the agenda. The public should address the Board on agenda items at the time they are addressed by the Board.*

All speakers are requested to wait until recognized by the Board President. All Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes or less per individual/group per item per meeting, with a fifteen (15) minutes maximum.

15. Closed Session: 6:37pm

- a. Personnel Evaluation; all positions (Government Code Section 54957(b).)
- b. Potential Litigation: One Case (Government Code §54957(d)(2).)

16. Adjournment:

The board came back to open session at 6:51pm. Nothing to report. Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr., Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm.

Certification of Posting

I, Norma Melendez, District Clerk of the Malaga County Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of March 24, 2026 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 04/15/2026.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk