



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:00PM

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1. Call to Order: 6:00p.m.

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

Absent at roll call: Director Tovar, Jr.

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.

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 November 12, 2024.
- b. Non-Profit Center Rental Fee Waiver
- c. Center Rental Refunds

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

Director Tovar, Jr. arrived during the consent agenda discussion. The board stated that the fees for item 4.b. can be waived as long as it's information that will benefit the community. Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

5. Old Business:

- a. **Audit.** The 2022-2023 audit has been completed which includes updates the board suggested to be further reviewed.

Recommended action: Approval of the 2022-2023 audit and give staff direction to distribute the audit to the entities that require submission of the audit.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to approve the 2022-2023 audit as presented.

- b. **Resolution 11-20-2024.** A Resolution of The Board of Directors of The Malaga County Water District Ratifying and Restating The Districts Medical Expense Insurance Policy, Policy No. 2110.10.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution 11-20-2024, as presented or amended by the Board.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 11-20-2024 as presented.

- c. **Health Benefits.** The current United Health Care plan the district is enrolled in has been discontinued and replaced with an alternative plan (Platinum Plan) that is comparable to the current. The Benefits Committee will make a recommendation to stay with the recommended plan or to select a different plan best suitable for the employee's needs.

Recommended action: to approve recommendation from the Benefits Committee and to designate Dianne Terrell as the District's broker for medical insurance.

The benefits committee recommended to the board to continue benefits with the recommended plan by United Health Care. Motion by Director Tovar, Jr.; Second by Vice President Cerrillo, and by a 5-0 vote to approve enrollment in the recommended plan by UHC and to designate Dianne Terrell as the District's broker for medical insurance.

6. New Business:

Addition of new business item, 6.a. in regards to tree and bush removal at the park that needs its full attention before the next regular board meeting. Motion by Director Castaneda, Seconded by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to add agenda item 6.a. to authorize the GM to search for a tree removal company.

During the discussion about tree removal for the solar project, Calvin Olsen gave a presentation on the timeline of the project. He also emphasized the importance of remitting payments on time in order to avoid any disruptions to the project timeline. Potential supply chain challenges may be the only factor that may cause project delays due to delays in the delivery of materials.

After discussion was held, there was a motion by Director Tovar, Jr., Seconded by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to remove the trees and bushes at the park and to authorize the GM Cerrillo to select an inexpensive tree removal company.

7. Recreation Reports:

Vice President Cerrillo reported the December dates of events happening at the recreation center and park. Amongst these events are the Christmas Tree Lighting, Primos Car Club Toy Drive and the Christmas Program.

Director Tovar, Jr. suggested that all gifts be wrapped. As there will be a high amount of donated toys, he suggests having a wrapping party where the recreation committee and any other volunteers can help wrap the gifts ahead of the Christmas Program.

8. Engineer Reports:

- a. District Engineer Report. None for this meeting.

- b. CDBG Engineer Report: **President Garabedian, Jr. reported that Josh Rogers from Yamabe & Horn will attend the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting where they will discuss the District's WWTP Pond Rehabilitation Project will be reviewed. The meeting was scheduled for 11/20.**

9. General Manager's Report:

- a. Meeting with IWS. **President Garabedian, Jr. discussed the reason for the meeting. The district is responsible for implementing an organic waste recycling program as the district is listed as the responsible jurisdiction for the area.**

10. President's Report:

President Garabedian, Jr. stated it was suggested to him to explore pricing options for adding a logo on the tank at Well #3. This addition could enhance the tanks' appearance and promote community identity.

11. Vice President's Report:

Vice President Cerrillo reported Well #8 is in the final stages of repair.

12. Director's Reports:

Director Cerrillo, Jr. reported he applied for the free lawn mower through the SJVAPCD initiative to dispose gas lawn mowers and trade them in for electric lawn mowers. He recently learned he has been approved.

13. Legal Counsel Report: None for this meeting.

14. Communications:

- a. Written Communications:

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.*

1. **The attendee, Miguel Alvarez, stated he learned during the meeting that one of the main reasons a project will be delayed is due to supply chain challenges and suggests that the district take into consideration of planning ahead to avoid any delays in any future projects.**

15. Closed Session:

- a. Employee Evaluations. All Employees All Positions Government Code Section 54957(b)
- b. Pending Litigation Malaga County Water District v. SWRCB MCV 071280 Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

16. Adjournment:

Motion by: _____, Second by: _____

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Norma Melendez, District Clerk