



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

3580 SOUTH FRANK STREET
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00PM

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a District Board Meeting, please contact the District Office at 559-485-7353 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, to ensure that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

- ❖ Please submit all written correspondence for the Board of Directors by 12:00 pm the Friday prior to the meeting. Please deliver or mail to the District Clerk.
- ❖ Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes or less per individual per item, with a fifteen (15) minute maximum per group per item and will be heard during the communication portion of the agenda.

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: Neal Costanzo, Norma Melendez, and Moises Ortiz

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 January 12, 2021 and Special Board Meeting of January 19, 2021.

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

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:** *none for this meeting.*

6. New Business:

- a. **Resolution 01-26-2021.** A resolution to designate an authorized representative related to a financial assistance program for a nitrogen reduction project at the WWTP.

Recommended action: to approve resolution 01-26-2021 to designate an authorized representative related to a financial assistance program.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to approve resolution 01-26-2021 to designate General Manager, Moises Ortiz, as the authorized representative related to a financial assistance program.

- b. **Park and Community Center.** Open calendar for reservations beginning July 2021.

For guidance and potential action.

Park and Recreation Center reservations to begin July 2021. If restrictions due to COVID-19 continue to occur, cancellations or postponements will follow. Modifications to the recreation center use will be implemented and park reservations will follow Fresno County guidelines during the restriction time.

- c. **Utility Assistance.** The Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning is offering a program to help those individuals who have been impacted by COVID-19 by helping them pay their utility bills. Emergency Utility Assistance is available to eligible households in the County of Fresno who meet the program requirements.

For information. Staff will include program flyers in the next bill.

Staff will create a list of accounts with outstanding balances.

7. Recreation Reports:

- a. **Malaga Park Pool.** Repairs to begin 3/25/2021 and will take 10-14 days to complete the project. Payment will be due at completion of project.

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. Public notice of Significant Noncompliance.
Board members suggest having a separate section in the financial statements that shows the monetary amount of the citation fees.
- b. COVID-19 Vaccine
Vaccines to be available to water and wastewater management mid-March to early April.

10. President's Report:

President Garabedian, Jr. reported that Peter Sanchez is the new General Manager of Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District.

11. Vice President's Report:

Vice President Cerrillo is excited to see everyone in person and is excited to move forward with plans for incorporation. He wants to do what is right for the people of Malaga.

12. Director's Reports:

Director Castaneda cannot wait for the pandemic to be over, so everyone goes back to normal living. Recreation meeting may be scheduled for mid-March depending on what

the restrictions are. The Director would like to see quality over quantity in events and suggests having an event every two months this year.

13. Legal Counsel Report: none for this meeting.

14. Communications:

a. Written Communications:

1. **Fresno County Environmental Impact Report.** Announcement of Notice of Preparation for the review and revision of Fresno County's General Plan Policy Document and an update of the General Plan Background Report and Zoning Ordinance. A scoping meeting will be held January 27, 2021 from 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. via Zoom.

Legal Counsel, Neal Costanzo, will write a letter for comment on behalf of the District.

2. **KBWA 2021 Meeting Schedule.** A copy of the schedule has been provided.

3. **Survey on Post-Disaster Assessment Activity PA Eligibility Expansion.** The intent of the survey is to inform local jurisdictions and emergency management agencies of expanded eligibility of post-disaster survey and assessment activities for reimbursement through FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program. The findings of this survey will allow state and federal partners to understand the types of post-disaster activities that communities conduct and steer the development of more comprehensive community outreach and technical assistance surrounding FEMA's PA policy.

4. **Form 700.** Annual filing notification e-mail for Form 700 have been sent. Please submit form online before April 1, 2021.

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: Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to go to closed session at 7:18pm.

a. Personnel (Government Code Section 54957.)

The President of the Board brought the session back to open session at 7:44pm and followed with approval of Resolution 01-26-2021A.

Motion by President Cerrillo, Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 01-26-2021A.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

Certification of Posting.

I, Norma Melendez, District Clerk of the Malaga County Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of January 26, 2021 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 02/10/2021.

Norma Melendez

Norma Melendez, District Clerk