



REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 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.

1. Call to Order:

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

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

4. Old Business:

- a. **WWTP Screw Pump Replacement Project- CDBG No. 24451.** The project engineering team are preparing plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) for bidding and construction of the pump replacement but has determined in preliminary discussions with the supplier of the pump (which must match the other existing influent screw pumps for proper function) that the fabrication and delivery lead time may be on the order of 8 months. Staff seeks direction on how to proceed with the project equipment procurement.

Recommended action: Staff recommends that the District authorize the direct procurement of the influent screw pump for the subject project and authorize the Board President to sign the applicable contract documents on behalf of the District.

Motion by: _____, **Second by:** _____

5. New Business:

- a. **3511, 3517, 3521 S. Maple Ave.** It has come to the attention of the District that the water service for the above referenced building was not constructed in a manner consistent with MCWD Standards. A draft letter is prepared notifying the property owner that the deficiencies need to be corrected.

Recommended Action: Authorize issuance of letter to the property owner requiring corrective actions to the water service.

Motion by: _____, **Second by:** _____

6. Recreation Reports:

- a. **Rental.** Fresno Building Healthy Communities is interested in renting the community center once a month for their monthly meetings, for the rest of the year. These community meetings aim to connect the residents of Malaga with a variety of organizations that offer services and resources which could improve their lives. These meetings will allow community members to meet with representatives from these organizations, ask questions, and learn about the available resources that can support their needs. FBHC is a non-profit organization, but a fee can be included to help cover operational costs.

Recommended action: for discussion and potential action.

7. Engineer Reports:

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

8. General Manager's Report:

9. President's Report:

10. Vice President's Report:

11. Director's Reports:

12. Legal Counsel Report:

13. 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 11, 2025.

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

Motion by: _____; **Second by:** _____

14. Communications:

- a. Written Communications:
 1. **Fowler HS Scholarship Updates.** Scholarship applications are available for pick-up beginning Monday, March 24. A timeline of important dates is provided.
 2. **Form 700** due date is April 1, 2025.

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:

- a. Pending Litigation: Three Cases: Malaga v CSJ Construction Fresno County Superior Court Case No.: 23CECG03436 (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1).); Malaga v. CVRWQCB Madera Superior Court Case MCV071280; Betty Roman v. Malaga Fresno Sup. Court 23CECG04516.
- b. Personnel Evaluation: All Positions (Government Code 54957(b).)

16. Adjournment:

Motion by: _____, **Second by:** _____

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 25, 2025 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, at 5:00P.M. On 03/21/2025.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk



MEMORANDUM

item 4.a.

To: Malaga County Water District Board of Directors
From: Joshua D. Rogers, District CDBG Engineer
Date: March 25, 2025

Subject: WWTP Screw Pump Replacement Project - CDBG Project No. 24451
Equipment Procurement

BACKGROUND

The District received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Fiscal Year 24-25 in the amount of \$300,000 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Screw Pump Replacement Project ("Project"). The Project consists of the replacement of one of the existing influent screw pumps due to age and condition of the pump.

The project engineering team will prepare plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) for bidding and construction of the pump replacement, but has determined in preliminary discussions with the supplier of the pump (which must match the other existing influent screw pumps for proper function) that the fabrication and delivery lead time may be on the order of 8 months. Staff seeks direction on how to proceed with the project equipment procurement.

DISCUSSION

Typically when equipment, such as the influent screw pump being discussed in this report, is needed as part of a public works project, the contract documents will specify the function and specifications of the equipment which is needed for the work, and the awarded contractor is responsible for furnishing and installing the approved equipment along with performing any other work required. In this situation, the PS&E would be completed by the engineering team and advertised for public bid, and the low responsive and responsible bidder would be recommended for award at a scheduled Board meeting. Upon award, the awarded contractor would procure and furnish the necessary insurances and bonds, execute the contract, attend the pre-construction meeting, and then start to compile material and equipment submittals for approval by the Project Engineer prior to ordering. Once ordered, the contractor must rely on the timelines of the equipment manufacturer/supplier to produce and deliver the equipment. As stated earlier, the last known timelines once the equipment approval process starts is on the order of 8 months. Following placement of the order, the project would typically go into suspension while waiting for the equipment delivery. Accounting for the time to complete the engineering design, gain Fresno County approval (as the funding agency), advertise, award and start construction, the total timeline from today's meeting could be approximately 15-16 months if the equipment order is run through the contractor.

Alternatively, the equipment could be procured by the District directly and furnished to the contractor for installation and incorporation into the work. In that situation, the equipment would usually be referred to in the bid documents as "Owner-Furnished Material."

Given that the pump must match very specific design criteria in order to align, and be compatible with, the other existing pumps, there is not much flexibility in the equipment which will be allowed. In such circumstances, the District's procurement policy will allow sole-source purchasing when approved by the Board. Fresno County, as the funding agency for the CDBG funding, has expressed to the District that using owner-furnished material on this project is acceptable, with Board approval, and would help expedite the use of the CDBG funding, which is desirable.

If this second alternative were acceptable, a site meeting would be scheduled with a representative of the pump manufacturer to review and confirm the site conditions and pump specifications. A contract or purchase order would be drawn up between the District and the Manufacturer/Supplier. Once invoiced, the District would pay the bill directly and could then immediately submit a reimbursement claim to Fresno County for CDBG funds. The bid documents would state that the District is furnishing the pump and associated hardware, etc. for installation by the Contractor. By starting the clock on the equipment fabrication early, the eventual contract suspension (if applicable) could be greatly reduced or eliminated, and the overall project schedule could be expedited by approximately 6-8 months. It is estimated that the pump could cost approximately \$135,000. If procured directly, the District should also save on the typical contractor mark-up applied to equipment and materials, which is often in the range of 10-15%. Given the considerations discussed above, it is Staff's recommendation to proceed with direct procurement.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the District authorize the direct procurement of the influent screw pump for the subject project and authorize the Board President to sign the applicable contract documents on behalf of the District.



EXHIBIT 'A'

March 6, 2025

Malaga County Water District
3580 S. Frank Avenue
Fresno, CA 93725

Attn: Charles A. Garabedian, Board President

RE: Civil Engineering Services Proposal
Malaga WWTP Screw Pump Replacement Project - CDBG #24451

Dear Charles,

We are pleased to submit this proposal to provide civil engineering services for the subject project for the Malaga County District ("District"). Our understanding is that the District has received \$300,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through Fresno County's CDBG program. The project intent is to replace an existing influent screw pump due to its age and condition.

As CDBG Engineer for the District, Yamabe and Horn Engineering ("Y&H") will serve as the Engineer of Record overseeing the preparation of the plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) for the project and will assist the District with bidding the project, managing construction and administering the CDBG funding. Y&H acknowledges that the project is a public work and, as such, Y&H will make a determination as to the appropriate prevailing wages, will assist the District with registering the project with the Department of Industrial Relations, will provide assistance with associated documentation and will ensure that the contract documents include all required prevailing wage regulations & statutes.

Y&H proposes to use the services of Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group ("P&P") for PS&E preparation and for providing engineering services during construction due to their past experience with the District and familiarity with the WWTP and its operation and needs. P&P will perform their services under a subconsultant contract with Y&H and Y&H will enter into an engineering services contract with the District.

The anticipated scope of services is proposed as follows:

Design Engineering Phase

1. Prepare 90% PS&E
2. Prepare 100% PS&E

Bidding Phase

1. Prepare public noticing as required and coordinate bid document circulation
2. Respond to Bidder Requests for Information (RFIs)
3. Prepare addenda as necessary to clarify or update bid documents based on RFIs
4. Review submitted bids and make recommendation of award

Construction Engineering/Management Phase

1. Conduct pre-construction meeting
2. Respond to Contractor RFIs
3. Review and approve submittals and shop drawings
4. Review progress payment requests and make recommendations for payment
5. Review contract change order proposals and make recommendations for approval as necessary.
6. Provide construction inspection services
7. Provide final inspection, prepare punchlist and make recommendation for final acceptance

Funding Administration

1. Prepare all funding-related front end specification documents for inclusion in the bid package and submit for County review and approval prior to advertisement and prior to contract award
2. Prepare reimbursement request packages for District submission to Fresno County
3. Coordinate with Fresno County on labor compliance efforts as required
4. Prepare Project Outcome Measurement Report, collect final Statement of Workforce Needs and all other funding closeout documents.

Assumptions

- Electrical design and telemetry/SCADA/integration are included in the proposal and will be coordinated between District Staff and the design engineering team.
- CEQA Environmental documentation and clearance will be provided by Fresno County under the CDBG Agreement with the District. Any mitigation measures, conditions or requirements included in the County's environmental assessments will be integrated into the project design and administration.
- Geotechnical investigations are not required.
- Permit fees are excluded from the engineering budget.
- Storm Water Pollution and Dust Control Plans are not required.
- Traffic Control Plans are not required.
- Publication costs associated with bid advertisement will be paid directly by the District.

We propose that all services provided by Y&H be billed on a Time and Material Basis, with invoicing to occur monthly in accordance with the attached fee schedule (Exhibit A-1). We propose that all services provided to Y&H by P&P will be billed to the District as actual cost. The total engineering budget for the project is estimated at \$95,000. This estimated fee will not be exceeded without prior written notification to the District, accompanied by an updated budget. Work will not be continued beyond the initial budget without additional authorization from the District. The total estimated project budget including construction and construction contingency is included in this proposal as Exhibit A-2.

We sincerely thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal and we look forward to continuing working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Rogers
Vice President
Yamabe & Horn Engineering, Inc.

EXHIBIT A-1

Y&H 2025 Fee Schedule





2025 FEE SCHEDULE

Engineering

Principal Engineer	\$275	per hr
Expert Witness	\$325	per hr
Designated City/District Engineer	\$260	per hr
Civil Engineer V	\$225	per hr
Civil Engineer IV	\$195	per hr
Civil Engineer III	\$185	per hr
Civil Engineer II	\$175	per hr
Civil Engineer I	\$165	per hr
Project Manager III	\$180	per hr
Project Manager II	\$170	per hr
Project Manager I	\$160	per hr
Assistant Engineer III	\$140	per hr
Assistant Engineer II	\$130	per hr
Assistant Engineer I	\$120	per hr

Land Surveying

Land Surveyor II	\$175	per hr
Land Surveyor I	\$160	per hr
Assistant Surveyor II	\$145	per hr
Assistant Surveyor I	\$125	per hr
2-Person Survey Crew	\$240	per hr
2-Person Survey Crew (PW) ³	\$300	per hr
1-Person Survey Crew ³	\$215	per hr

Construction Management

Construction Manager II	\$195	per hr
Construction Manager I	\$160	per hr
Project Services Administrator	\$115	per hr
Public Works Inspector III ³	\$170	per hr
Public Works Inspector II ³	\$165	per hr
Public Works Inspector I ³	\$155	per hr

Technical Services

GIS/CAD Manager	\$160	per hr
GIS Analyst	\$130	per hr
GIS Technician	\$120	per hr
CAD Drafter II	\$120	per hr
CAD Drafter I	\$105	per hr
Clerical	\$95	per hr

Direct Costs

Travel	Fed Rate per mi
Subconsultants and Printing	Cost plus 15%

¹ Fee schedule is effective January 1, 2025 and will be adjusted each year after at a rate of 2 to 5%.

² Prevailing wage rates are shown for Fresno County.

³ Rate increased by 120% for Prevailing Wage OT services.

EXHIBIT A-2

ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET	
Design Engineering	\$ 41,000
Bidding	\$ 4,000
Construction Engineering/Management	\$ 50,000
TOTAL	\$ 95,000
Construction	\$ 230,000
Contingency (10%)	\$ 30,000
CONSTRUCTION (TOTAL)	\$ 260,000
PROJECT BUDGET	\$ 355,000
AVAILABLE CDBG FUNDS	\$ 300,000
Projected SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (55,000)



MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

3580 SOUTH FRANK STREET, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725

PHONE: 559-485-7353

item 5.a.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHARLES E. GARABEDIAN JR.
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DIRECTOR

CARLOS TOVAR JR.
DIRECTOR

March 20, 2025

Robert Papazian, or Current Owner
3661 S. Maple Ave
Fresno, CA 93725

H&S Management Inc.
2509 N. Renn Ave
Fresno, CA 93727
Attn: Morgan Muniz

Subject: Notice of Corrective Action - 3511, 3517, 3521 S. Maple Ave

It has come to the attention of the Malaga County Water District (MCWD) that the water service for the above referenced building was not constructed in a manner consistent with MCWD Standards.

Several deficiencies that require correction include the following:

- a) The fire line includes a tap to a 2-inch water line that leads to a backflow preventer. This water line leading from the fire line needs to be removed.
- b) The backflow preventer is in the right-of-way, and it is upstream of the water meters. Each water service line needs to include a backflow preventer downstream of each meter. The backflow preventers shall be installed on private property.
- c) There are three water meters, however there is no information on how the water services are routed to the three suites within the building.
- d) At least one water service needs to be constructed across Maple Avenue to the location of the water meters.
- e) Plans for the proposed improvements must be submitted to MCWD for review and approval prior to construction.

You are required to provide a detailed plan for construction of improvements consistent with MCWD Standards. The property owner is hereby required to submit a corrective action plan within three (3) months from the date of this letter and construct the improvements within six (6) months from the date of this letter.

The property will be allowed temporary water service through the existing fire line until the improvements are completed to MCWD satisfaction. Should the owner fail to implement improvements within six (6) months, this temporary service may be terminated.

Please contact MCWD if you have any questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Garabedian, Jr., President
Malaga County Water District

Cc: Maija Madec, Provost & Pritchard
Michael Slater, Costanzo & Associates
Rayna Rodriguez, Fresno County

Norma Melendez

From: Leticia Gonzalez <legonzalez@fresnobhc.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2025 11:20 AM
To: Norma Melendez
Cc: Gerardo Carranza
Subject: Proposal for Use of Community Center for Community Meetings
Attachments: 501(C)(3) Proof.pdf

To whom it may concern,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Leticia Gonzalez, and I am writing on behalf of **Fresno Building Healthy Communities (FBHC)**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the residents in Fresno County through increased access to resources, education, and community engagement. Our goal is to bridge the gap between the resources available in the county and the knowledge and awareness that residents may lack about these resources.

We are planning to host a series of community meetings aimed at connecting the residents of Malaga with a variety of organizations that offer services and resources which could improve their lives. These meetings will allow community members to meet with representatives from these organizations, ask questions, and learn about the available resources that can support their needs.

We would like to request the use of the **Malaga Community Park & Recreation Center** on **March 20th, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM** as the inaugural meeting. Additionally, we are requesting to make this event a recurring meeting held **every second Friday of the month from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM**. We anticipate an average of 15-25 attendees per meeting, with potential for growth as more residents become aware of these valuable resources.

Fresno Building Healthy Communities is committed to creating a healthy, safe, and vibrant community for all residents of Fresno County. Our organization works on a range of issues, from increasing access to health resources to promoting civic engagement and supporting local families. We believe that hosting these monthly meetings will not only help residents better understand the resources available to them but will also foster a stronger sense of community and collaboration among organizations serving the Malaga area.

We sincerely hope that you will consider our request to use the **Malaga Community Park & Recreation Center** for these important community-building activities. Your support in making these meetings possible would play a significant role in helping us empower residents, raise awareness, and foster positive change in the community. Attached will be our 501(C)(3) verification form.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to work together to support the residents of Malaga. Please feel free to contact me at 559.256.8722 or legonzalez@fresnobhc.org if you need any additional information or have any questions.

Warm regards,

Leticia Gonzalez
Pronouns: She/ Her

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **AUG 07 2017**

FRESNO BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
C/O SANDRA F CELEDON-CASTRO
PO BOX 7694
FRESNO, CA 93747

Employer Identification Number:
81-3711032
DLN:
17053158339007
Contact Person:
JOY M MCCOY ID# 31495
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
February 28
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
July 19, 2016
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Letter 947



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item 13.a

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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.

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.

4. Old Business:

- a. **Solar Bridge Loan.** Project update and authorizing the board President or Vice-President to submit a request for an extension and related documents.

Recommended action: board's pleasure.

Following discussion, the Board authorized, by unanimous vote, the President or Vice-president to apply for a 6-month extension to the RCAC solar project bridge loan. Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Seconded by Director Tovar and a 5-0 vote.

- b. **SPR 8257 – Trillium 4642 S. Chestnut Ave.** An Agreement for new water, sewer, and fire service for change of use is attached. Final plans are provided. The County of Fresno is requiring MCWD signature on the final plans.

Recommended Action: Approve execution of service agreement and approval of final plans. Provide direction regarding who will sign the plans on behalf of MCWD.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve execution of the service agreement and approval of final plans. Provost and Pritchard will sign the plans on behalf of MCWD.

- c. **Groundwater Sustainability Charges.** A summary of recommended groundwater sustainability charges for 2025 was prepared. The information is based on actual water use from the commercial/industrial accounts in 2024. The Board approved the methodology for calculating sewer use charges at the February 11, 2025 meeting. The fees are dependent on the status of Rio Bravo (see SGMA Groundwater Sustainability Charges memo). The information received from Rio Bravo indicates that the facility is closed, with the exception of minor maintenance. It is recommended that the Board

approve the recommended groundwater sustainability charges for 2025 scenario that does not include an operating Rio Bravo facility.

Recommended Action: Approval of recommended groundwater sustainability charges for 2025.

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve the recommended groundwater sustainability charges for 2025. This 31% increase will cover the FID charges.

- d. **Sewer Use Charges.** At the January 28, 2025 meeting, the Board approved sewer charge procedure memos, which were subsequently sent to the users. Documents have been signed by several of the commercial/industrial users.

Recommended Action: Consent to execution of the sewer charge procedure memos.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve the execution of the sewer charge procedure memos. It is recommended that a spreadsheet be submitted to the board reflecting the current number of units per account and the proposed number.

5. New Business:

- a. **Amendment Application 3875 – Proposed Rezone of 3185 S Minnewawa Ave.** Amendment Application Review requested by Fresno County. This project includes a proposed rezone from Limited Agricultural to Heavy Industrial Zone District. A draft response is attached.

Recommended Action: Provide any edits to the comment letter. Direct staff to either send the comment letter to the County or transfer the comments to MCWD letterhead and send to the County.

Discussion was held. Director Tovar, Jr. is against the proposed zoning change as the district needs more housing than industrial buildings. Legal Counsel suggested to take the opportunity to include information about the tax-share agreement the district has with the County of Fresno. Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 4-1 vote, with Director Tovar Jr. voting no, to approve the letter and add the recreation tax share in the comments.

- b. **Comunidad Nuevo Lago (formerly Shady Lakes MHP) Sewer Consolidation.** A preliminary engineering report was prepared and submitted to Self-Help Enterprises for distribution to Malaga CWD and Comunidad Nuevo Lago. Self-Help has requested that P&P move forward with preliminary design and CEQA for the recommended sewer consolidation project. The proposed project includes a new lift station at the MHP (to be owned by the MHP), sewer force main to the MCWD boundary, and gravity sewer main to the WWTF. The project also includes improvements at the MCWD WWTF. Self-Help Enterprises is preparing a construction funding application. MCWD would be the applicant. It is requested that the following funding application documents are reviewed and signed by MCWD:

- T2a – General Plan Compliance Certification
- T2b – Certification for Compliance with Water Metering
- T6 – Certification for Water Conservation and Management

Recommended Action: Review and approve execution of funding application documents.

Motion by Director Castaneda; Second by Vice President Cerrillo and by a 5-0 vote to approve execution of funding application documents.

- c. **PC Solutions Firewall Protection.** The district's three XG135 Firewalls will reach end-of-life on March 31, 2025. Firewall protection monitors and controls network traffic, acting as a barrier to prevent unauthorized access to a computer or network, essentially protecting it from malicious threats like hackers and malware by analyzing and blocking anything that may be considered suspicious or dangerous. The cost to replace the current system is \$4,004.34. The typical lifecycle of the new series is of 6-7 years, depending on firmware updates and evolving security advancements as well as performance demands.

Recommended action: To approve quote of \$4,004.34 to update to the firewall system.

Motion by Director Castaneda; Second by Vice President Cerrillo, and by a 5-0 vote to approve quote of \$4,004.34 to update the districts firewall system.

6. Recreation Reports:

Director Castaneda reported that the recreation committee held their rec bingo on March 6. The committee noticed changing rec bingo to different date affects the public's turnout to the event, as well as the food that will be sold. There will be a recreation meeting on 3/12 where they will discuss the easter program, along with a review of the bingo event of 3/6.

7. Engineer Reports:

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

8. General Manager's Report:

- a. **Safety Training Request for Proposals.** The District has, in the past, contracted with a third party to provide workplace and equipment safety training and certification. This includes, but is not limited to: OSHA 10 cards, tractor and backhoe certification, proper use of PPE, emergency response plan implementation, confined space training, lock-out tag-out procedures, and other applicable workplace/work site training. The District would now like to request proposals to conduct such training for District employees.

Recommended Action: to authorize the acting GM to solicit proposals to provide ongoing workplace safety training and certification.

Motion by Director Castaneda; Seconded by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to authorize the acting GM to solicit proposals to provide ongoing workplace safety training and certification.

- b. **Teen Room Computer Review.** The GM is requesting approval to have the District IT provider conduct a review of the computers at the Teen Room to make sure all of the computers are working properly, the computers and WiFi network have filters appropriate

for use by school age children, and that the printer other equipment at the Teen Center are functioning properly.

Recommended Action: To authorize the acting GM to have PC Solutions review the Teen Center computers, software and related equipment and provide a proposal for any needed upgrades.

Motion by Director Castaneda; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to authorize the acting GM to have PC Solutions review the Teen Center's computers, software and related equipment and provide a proposal for any needed upgrades.

- c. **Preschool Meeting.** President Garabedian, Jr. and Vice President Cerrillo met with representatives of a preschool program that can potentially use a room at the park for preschool services. This preschool program is currently at a location at Malaga Elementary School. Fowler Unified has notified them that they will need to end the state-funded preschool program by June. Their program would provide services to children ages 2 and older between two classes (morning and afternoon).
- d. **Vice President Cerrillo also reported that they are still working on pool repairs.** District staff just learned that the pool pump is under warrantee until June, 2026. Any repairs needed will be covered under the warrantee. The VP also reported that an accident on Central and Chestnut Avenue damaged a fire hydrant. The hydrant has been repaired and is back online.

9. President's Report: under GM Report.

10. Vice President's Report: under GM Report.

11. Director's Reports:

Director Tovar, Jr. announced he will be selling food items on March 29 at the park to raise funds for the Easter Program.

12. Legal Counsel Report: None for this meeting.

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- a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2025.
- b. Accounts Payable Report.

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, also including payment to the Kings Water Alliance in the amount of \$8,866.00 who assist the district in the CV Salts reporting.

14. Communications:

- a. Written Communications:

1. The district office received notification from PG&E that the gas meter requires protection due to the proximity of the driveway. PG&E's MPP will install 4-inch-wide posts at no cost to the district. Installation may take place within a month. **Nothing to report.**

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.*

Malaga Resident, Lucia Rojas, attended the meeting to request a donation from the district to help the preschool in Malaga raise funds to hold a carnival for the children before the school year ends. Vice President Cerrillo said he will personally donate, and if any other director wishes to donate directly to the program, they are more than welcomed to. The board decided to further discuss the topic in closed session.

15. Closed Session: 7:51

- a. Pending Litigation: Two Cases: Malaga v CSJ Construction Fresno County Superior Court Case No.: 23CECG03436 (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1).); Malaga v. CVRWQCB Madera Superior Court Case MCV071280
- b. Potential Litigation: One Case (Government Code §54957(d)(2).)
- c. Personnel Evaluation: All Positions (Government Code 54957(b).)

No reportable action.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:19p.m.

Certification of Posting

I, Norma Melendez, District Clerk of the Malaga County Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of March 11, 2025 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 03/26/2025.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk

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item 14a.1.

From: Santana Leal <sleal@fowlerusd.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 11:00 AM
Cc: Esmeralda Ruiz
Subject: Scholarship Updates!

Good morning,

Once again we want to thank you for your unwavering support for our scholars. Students are continuing to work on their applications this week. Those applications will be ready for you to pick up Monday, March 24th anytime between 8:30- 4:00.

Below are some important dates for your reference.

- **April 4**
 - Scholarship selections completed by donors. Please notify Mr. Leal (sleal@fowlerusd.org, 559-834-6160) who the recipient(s) of your scholarship will be. Please advise Mr. Leal if you will be attending the Scholarship Night AND if you will be handing out the award to the student on Monday, May 5th.
- **April 11**
 - Scholarship award notification letters sent to seniors/parents
- **May 1**
 - Donor checks due
- **May 5**
 - Local Scholarship Awards Night Fowler High School Cafeteria 6:00-7:30
- **May - August**
 - Scholarship check dispersal

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Best,
Santana Leal
Assistant Principal
Fowler High School
(559) 834 - 6160

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