



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00PM

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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.

Absent: President Garabedian, 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. **Old Business: none for this meeting.**

5. New Business:

- a. **Fowler High Scholarship Criteria.** The deadline to update the criteria of award is due February 26. The following criteria was used last year: "Scholarship to be awarded to students who attended Malaga Elementary School. Applications must include a description of future goals, dreams, and/or aspirations, and a description of how attending Malaga School impacted you."

Recommended action: board's pleasure.

Item tabled. Board will review current essay criteria and provide feedback at the next regular board meeting.

- b. **Groundwater Sustainability Charges.** Please find attached a summary of recommended groundwater sustainability charges for 2025. The information is based on actual water use from the commercial/industrial accounts in 2024.

Recommended Action: Consider updates to the Fee Schedule for Groundwater Sustainability charges to the identified commercial/industrial accounts.

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 4-0 vote to approve the sustainability charges.

- c. **Blower No. 5.** Consideration and necessary action to replace Blower No. 5 at the WWTF. Burt Silverling reported that Blower No. 5 at the WWTF is down again and has

recommended that the Blower be replaced. Blower No. 5 is a different model than blower nos. 1, 2, and 3 (there is currently no blower no. 4) and the maintenance and repair costs for Blower No. 5 are considerably more than the other blowers as Blower No. 5 requires specific parts and materials and specialized training to repair. For example, the cost to change the oil in Blower No. 5 is approximately \$1,000. An oil change for the other blowers is approx. \$200. Therefore, even if Blower No. 5 is repairable, it would save the District Money in the long run because of the lower costs. Additionally, if Blower 5 is replaced all of the blowers at the plant will be the same/similar, simplifying repair and maintenance. The replacement of Blower No. 5 may be installed in the Blower No. 4 position after review by the CPO and District Engineer. The replacement of Blower No. 5 is critical and time sensitive as blowers 3 and 5 serve the most critical section of the WWTF. If blower 3 were to fail, the District would be required to rent blowers and pumps which would have to be operated manually which would require significant overtime.

Recommended Action: that the Board of Directors approve the replacement of Blower No. 5 in an amount of the estimated cost plus 10% or authorize the acting general managers, in consultation with the CPO and district engineer to replace blower No. 5 with a new blower in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

After receiving a quote from the WWTP Chief Plant Operator, the board recommends to approve the replacement of blower No. 5 in an amount not exceeding \$40,000. Motion by Director Castaneda; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 4-0 vote.

6. Recreation Reports:

- a. Troop Leader, Jennifer Bian, of Troop No. 5317 will give a presentation on their program as they wish to use District's facilities to hold weekly meetings.

Recommended action: to authorize Troop No. 5317 to use district facilities for Troop meetings.

The Troop leader informed the board that the group meets every other Monday, and they currently have 12 members, but hope to grow. All parents involved in the troop are background checked before participating.

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 4-0 vote to authorize Girl Scouts Troop No. 5317 to use the district facilities for troop meetings.

7. Engineer Reports:

- a. District Engineer Report.
 - i. The 2024 System Capacity Review has been provided for information.
- b. CDBG Engineer Report:

8. General Manager's Report:

Vice President Cerrillo reported to the board that the district will continue treating the water with chlorine in accordance with regulatory guidelines until we receive notification from the State Water Board that it is no longer necessary.

Pool. There will be some drain repairs at the pool. The VP also spoke with Tim Chapa who gave advice on how to seek pool funding.

9. President's Report: absent.

10. Vice President's Report: presented during GM Report.

11. Director's Reports:

Director Castaneda reported that the recreation committee meeting originally scheduled on 2/12/25 was cancelled. The following recreation meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4.

12. Legal Counsel Report: Reportable action from previous meeting, the Board unanimously approved Confidential Resolution No. 01-28-2025, which eliminated the Districts water operator 1 position due to lack of funds and lack of work. The action is reportable pursuant to Government Code section 54951.1(a)(5). The Resolution shall be part of the minutes for this meeting.

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 January 28, 2025.
- b. Accounts Payable Report.

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

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 4-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

14. Communications:

a. Written Communications: **none for this meeting.**

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.*

None for this meeting.

15. Closed Session: Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 4-0 vote to go to closed session at the time of 6:30pm.

- a. Pending Litigation: One Case: Malaga v CSJ Construction Fresno County Superior Court Case No.: 23CECG03436 (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1).)
- b. Personnel Evaluation: All Positions (Government Code 54957(b).)

The board reconvened in open session at 7:19pm. No reportable action.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr., Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 4-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:22p.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 February 11, 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 02/26/2025.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk