



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK STREET
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:00PM**

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MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ARRIAGA COMMUNITY CENTER 3582 S. WINERY AVE. TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING.

- ❖ 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.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting was moved to a conference call meeting. Board members were called-on individually. All board members 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. Old Business:

- a. **Rec. AC Unit Repair.** The district received three quotes. The first quote is from Lee's Air for \$17,777.11 with a warranty of one-year parts and labor on all components replaced by Lee's and a limited manufacturer compressor warranty of 5 years for parts only. The second quote is from Donald P. Dick Air Conditioning for \$21,035.00 and a one year of work and materials guaranteed against defect from the date of installation. The last quote was received from New England Sheet Metal for \$17,766.00.

Recommended action: Due to the urgency of the matter, the General Manger selected Lee's Air. For review and discussion.

Discussion was held. Nothing to report.

- b. **Form 700.** Board members to file before April 1, 2022. An e-mail notice from the County of Fresno will be sent to each board member with instructions.

For information. **Nothing to report.**

- c. **Grant.** The California Water and Wastewater Arrearages Payment Program granted the district \$51,732.37 to credit any residential account with an outstanding balance. A letter will be sent to the residential water customer in the next billing cycle.

For information and discussion.

Notices of grant payment will be mailed with the next billing cycle to those accounts with outstanding balances. A notice stating that discontinuation of water services will resume for all outstanding will also be mailed out in the next billing cycle.

The following supplement to the agenda of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on January 13, 2022 is submitted for consideration due to time limit of the matter:

Recommended action: To include the additional item (4.d.) to the agenda.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to add additional item 4.d. to the agenda. Ayes- Cerrillo, Tovar, Jr., Castaneda, Cerrillo, Jr., Garabedian, Jr.

- d. **Sitelogiq.** A discussion about solar services for the district.

Recommended action: For discussion and potential action.

Discussion was held. President Garabedian, Jr. suggested to meet with Sitelogiq representatives to discuss solar options for the district. Meeting scheduled for Friday, January 14.

5. New Business: None for this meeting.

6. Incorporation Reports: None for this meeting.

7. Recreation Reports:

Vice President Cerrillo: The Christmas program of December 18 went very well.

Director Castaneda: Recreation bingo was held on January 5. Pozole was sold and there was a good turnout.

8. Engineer Reports:

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

- b. CDBG Engineer Report:

- i. **Bid opening for CDBG Project No. 19451.** Six bids were submitted. The CDBG engineer will review all bids.

Bids came in higher than engineer estimated. The General Manager has a meeting with Yamabe and Horn to discuss suggestions to relief funding gap.

9. General Manager's Report:

- a. WWTF: DAF Unit

- b. ARPA funding: Potential Projects
- c. Prop 68 Update
- d. Red Caboose update
- e. Change in Job classifications
- f. Lift station (Brunos) update
- g. Review long term vendor contracts

10. President's Report: Enjoyed his time over the holidays. Nothing to report but wishes a Happy New Year to everyone.

11. Vice President's Report: Believes this will be a challenging year but knows this year Malaga will become a city. Happy New Year to everyone.

12. Director's Reports:

Director Cerrillo, Jr. wishes everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to working alongside the district staff. Let's make Malaga the best town in the state!

13. Legal Counsel Report: Closed session cannot be conducted over the phone due to security reasons. He will be sending the board members a letter he received from the state water board.

14. Communications:

a. Written Communications:

1. **COVID Emergency Water Shut Offs Moratorium.** The shut-off moratorium has now been lifted. Water districts may move forward with sending discontinuation of water services notice unless a previous arrangement was made with the customer.
2. **Proposed Text of Emergency Regulations** from the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water.

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. 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 December 14, 2021.
- b. Financial Statements and Account Payable Report.

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

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve consent agenda as presented. Ayes- Castaneda, Cerrillo, Jr., Garabedian, Jr.

16. Closed Session: closed session discussions have been postponed until the next board meeting.

- a. Public Employment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. All Positions.
- b. Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board v. Malaga County Water District.

17. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm. Ayes- Tovar, Jr., Castaneda, Garabedian, Jr.

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 January 13, 2022, was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 01/26/2022.

Norma Melendez

Norma Melendez, District Clerk

January 13, 2022

Malaga County Water District

**Re: Addition to the Agenda of the Board of Directors Special Meeting
of January 13, 2022**