



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 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: 6:02pm

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. Communications:

a. **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. **Ashley Paulson.** Judicial Candidate.

Ashley Paulson introduced herself to the board of directors and announced she is a candidate for seat 6 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

b. **Written Communications:**

1. **The District received an email from Pepsi Co. showing interest in holding an event at the Recreation Center. The board gave direction to Vice President Cerrillo to engage in conversation with Carol Davies, a Pepsi Co representative, to gain more details of what the event will entail.**

5. Old Business: None for this meeting.

6. New Business:

a. **Resolution No. 03-10-2026.** Malaga WWTP Screw Pump Replacement - CDBG Project No. 24451. On January 28, 2026 the district held the bid opening for the project. Three bids were received, opened and tallied as follows: American Incorporated bid: \$167,500.00, TNT Industries bid: \$179,300.00, and GSE Construction Company Inc bid: \$449,800.00. The bid proposals were reviewed and American Incorporated was determined to be the apparent low responsive and responsible bidder. The estimated

District share of the Project costs is approximately \$125,000. These funds are anticipated to come from District reserves, capital funds or short-term line of credit.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution No. 03-10-2026 conditionally awarding the contract for the WWTP Screw Pump Replacement Project to American Incorporated in the amount of \$167,500.00, authorizing the Board President authority for change orders and County permit fee payments up to an amount of \$22,500, and authorizing the Board President to sign the Agreement on behalf of the District.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution No. 03-10-2026, awarding the contract for the WWTP Screw Pump Replacement Project to American Incorporated.

- b. **Solar Project.** Final invoices have been submitted by SitelogIQ to the district. Total for Invoice #4 is of \$744,953.83 and invoice #5 is \$168,981.21. Invoice #5 reflects a change order credit of \$19,918.71 for charges the district incurred during the solar project.

Recommended action: to approve payment of invoice #4 and invoice #5 to SitelogIQ.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve payment of invoice #4 and invoice #5 to SitelogIQ.

7. Recreation Reports:

- a. **Pool.** Vice President Cerrillo reported that District Staff is preparing the pool area to open for the summer later this year.
- b. **Director Castaneda** reported that the regular recreation committee meeting has been moved to March 12.
- c. **Director Tovar, Jr.** announced he raised \$450 to be used for purchase of Easter baskets for the Easter program of March 28.

8. Engineer Reports:

- a. District Engineer Report.
 - i. **WWTF Fence.** P&P and MCWD met with TPZP on March 5, 2026 to discuss the backfill at the HSR overcrossing that needs to be completed prior to the fence installation. TPZP will coordinate with MCWD once they get the work scheduled.
Nothing to report.
- b. CDBG Engineer Report:

9. General Manager's Report:

- a. Well Security. **Security project at Well 8 is complete.**

10. President's Report:

11. Vice President's Report:

Vice President Cerrillo gave a brief report on what is happening at the water and wastewater departments.

WATER: The operator has completed the quarterly PFAS sampling for all wells. Chemical feed pump at well 7 has been replaced. Intrusion alarm at well 8 is completed.

Staff is still waiting for the delivery of materials required for the Well 3 intrusion alarm. All clocks at all well locations have successfully been reset.

WASTEWATER: Blower #3 has been installed and is in rotation with #4. A couple trees have been removed in the common area around the fence. Finally, staff at the wastewater plant continue to work on getting the denitrification system to work consistently.

12. Director's Reports: None for this meeting.

13. Legal Counsel Report: Legal Counsel reminded the board of directors that posting flyers supporting candidates is not allowed at any of the district locations.

14. 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 Special Board Meeting of February 19, 2026.
- b. Site Plan Review 8473 – 3333 S. Peach Ave Vitro Plate Glass
- c. SPR 8180 Chestnut Industrial Resubmittal
- d. Chestnut Avenue Overlay Project

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.

15. Closed Session: None for this meeting.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm.

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 10, 2026 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 03/25/2026.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk