REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, August 25, 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: Sonia Hall, 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. **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 August 11, 2026.

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

   Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo and by a 5-0 vote to approve the agenda as presented.

   Before moving to Old Business, Legal Counsel informed the Board to consider adding an additional agenda item to New Business. This item pertains to an RCAC bridge loan that is expiring and needs an extension amendment for the Solar Project.

   Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Seconded by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to add item 6.f. to the agenda.

5. **Old Business: None for this meeting.**

6. **New Business:**

   a. **Link 99 Development Inquiry.** Yengoyan Development Inc. (YDI) has inquired about water and sewer service availability for Link 99, a 250-acre industrial development located in Fresno County along the Highway 99 corridor, generally bounded by S. Golden State Blvd, S. Peach Ave, S. Minnewawa Ave, and E. American Ave. The project is anticipated to support approximately 4 - 5 million square feet of industrial development, subject to final land planning, tenant mix, and entitlement approvals.

A review/response memorandum is provided for the Board's consideration. The response discusses additional water and wastewater infrastructure that would be needed to support this development. If acceptable, it is suggested that this memorandum is forwarded to the developer, along with the District's existing boundary map, water system map, sewer system map, current Fee Schedule, Pretreatment Ordinance, and portions of the adopted Master Plan.

Recommended Action: Provide suggested edits to memorandum and authorize staff to send it to the developer.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to authorize staff to provide the memorandum to the Link 99 developer. The General Manager has scheduled an informal meeting with Brian Yengoyan to discuss the project plans.

b. **Resolution 08-25-2026. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Public Benefit Grants Program - New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase.** The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Public Benefit Grants Program provides funding to eligible public agencies, including water districts, for the purchase of new electric, plug-in hybrid, or other eligible alternative-fuel vehicles. The Program may award up to $20,000 per vehicle, with a maximum award of $100,000 per applicant per calendar year.

Recommended action: Adopt Resolution No. 08-25-2026 authorizing the District to submit the grant application; designating the General Manager to implement and administer the project; authorizing execution of the grant agreement and related documents following review by District Counsel; and committing the District to comply with applicable Program requirements.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Tovar and by a 5-0 vote to adopt Resolution No. 08-25-2026 authorizing the District to submit the grant application; designating the General Manager to implement and administer the project; authorizing execution of the grant agreement and related documents following review by District Counsel; and committing the District to comply with applicable Program requirements.

c. **Resolution 08-25-2026A—Policy No. 3040.** A resolution adopting the purchasing and expense authorization policy and the electronic timekeeping and payroll time reporting policy. This policy establishes ADP as the District's official system of record for employee work time, leave, and payroll-related time reporting. The policy is intended to strengthen payroll accuracy, ensure reliable approval records, eliminate duplicative paper processing, and support compliance with applicable wage-and-hour requirements, labor agreements, and District procedures. Policy No. 3040 replaces prior Policies 3040, 3042, and 3080 and any inconsistent purchasing or expense-authorization practice.

Recommended action: To approve Resolution No. 08-25-2026A as presented or amended.

The board agreed that this is an adequate addition establishes updated operational guidelines that transition the District from paper-based procedures to a secure, contemporary system, ensuring greater oversight and timely processing.

A member of the public confirmed that this method is being used in other organizations, including her own place of work. Implementing this method will eliminate discrepancies in the hours worked.

Motion by Director Tovar, Second by Vice President Cerrillo to approve Resolution No. 08-25-2026A as presented, approving the Electronic Timekeeping Policy No. 3040.

d. **Second Amendment, ARPA-SLFRF Agreement No. 22-172.** The District was granted an expenditure deadline extension from June 30, 2026 to September 30, 2026. This extension will allow the District to submit additional reimbursement requests to the County of Fresno for the Well 5A project. A Second Amendment was provided to accept the conditions of the extension.

Recommended action: To approve Second Amendment to the ARPA-SLFRF Agreement.

Item tabled for discussion during closed session. A reportable action to be mentioned after the board comes out of closed session.

e. **Payoff of RCAC Loan No. 1083-MWD-03 – Malaga CWD Solar Project**. As of July 15, 2026, RCAC reported a principal balance of $722,617.75 and accrued interest of $4,968.00, for a preliminary total of $727,585.75. RCAC's notice states that this amount is not a final payoff demand. Staff has requested a formal Payoff Demand Letter identifying the amount required to satisfy the loan in full.

Recommended action: Authorize payment of RCAC Loan No. 1083-MWD-03 in the amount stated in the final RCAC Payoff Demand Letter, not to exceed $735,000, from the appropriate District fund; and authorize the General Manager to execute and submit all documents necessary to complete and document the loan payoff.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Tovar and by a 5-0 vote to authorize payment of RCAC Loan and to authorize the GM to execute and submit all documents necessary to complete and document the loan payoff.

f. **Resolution No. 08-25-2026B.** A resolution authorizing an extension of a bridge loan from the Rural Community Assistance Corporation. The District is asked to submit an application to extend the RCAC loan to March 31, 2026, for the Solar Project.

Recommended Action: To approve resolution No. 08-25-2026B, authorizing the Vice President and General Manager to sign the request for an extension on behalf of the District and to sign all other documents related to the RCAC Loan on behalf of the District.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution No. 08-25-2026B.

7. **Recreation Reports:**
Director Castaneda reported that recreation bingo will be held on September 2nd and enchiladas will be served. The Director also reported that the recreation department will be selling hamburgers during Fiesta Day on September 26.

Vice President Cerrillo reported he is finalizing contract with entertainment and directed park staff to order spider outlets and the ice trailer to be used during Fiesta Day. Tree trimming will need to be done before the event. While discussing Fiesta Day preparations, the GM informed the board that she will be working with recreation staff to solicit for donations for soft drinks and water. Finally, he mentioned to the board that the park was hit once again by copper wire thieves. The fence was cut, a 500-pound block was moved, but tools were left behind.

8. **Engineer Reports:**

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

   b. CDBG Engineer Report: **None for this meeting.**

9. **General Manager's Report:**
General Manager, Sonia Hall, informed the board she received a financial report from Gordon Saitos & Co office. She has noticed some entries may not be entered properly. She will work with Gordon's office to correct any inconsistencies to be able to provide a financial report to the board. She also reported she has been helping staff understand how to track expenses, and to understand the budget. The General Manager highlighted the need for new board policies and proposed forming a Board Policy Committee to work alongside the directors for drafting and review.

10. **President's Report:**
President Garabedian, Jr. reported the passing of Fowler City Counsel Member, Leonard Hammer.

11. **Vice President's Report:**
VP Cerrillo's report was made under item 7.

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

13. **Legal Counsel Report:**
None for this meeting.

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.*

Jessica Cerrillo, a resident of Malaga, addressed the board with concerns over the school bus stop for high school students. She stated that there are drivers driving at a high speed, which could endanger the students walking to the bus stop. She also expressed concerns over the large number of stray dogs that roam around the community.

The board suggested these concerns be included in next months newsletter.

15. **Closed Session: Board consensus to move to closed session at 6:55pm.**

    a. Potential Litigation: One Case (Government Code 54956.9(d)(2).).

16. **Adjournment:**

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Tovar and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm.

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 August 25, 2026 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 09/09/2026.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk