



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725  
Tuesday, February 25, 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: 6:01pm

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: Neal Costanzo and Norma Melendez.**
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 February 11, 2025.

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

**Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 4-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented. President Garabedian, Jr. abstained his vote as he was not present at the previous board meeting.**

### 5. Old Business:

- a. **Fowler High Scholarship Criteria. A continued conversation from the previous board meeting.** 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 is a Malaga resident, meets a minimum 2.0 GPA, and plans on attending college or university. Applicants will submit a typed essay titled "Social Tolerance" that consists of two to four double spaced, typewritten pages in traditional 12-point font."

Recommended action: to continue with the current criteria or to update.

**The boards unanimously decided the new criteria will include details about how living in Malaga has shaped their life, a favorite memory from a program held at the community center and how do their educational goals reflect their hopes for the future. Correct verbiage will be sent to the district clerk for a submission to Fowler High School.**

## 6. New Business:

- a. **Resolution 2-25-2025.** A resolution amending the Park and Recreation Facilities: Fees, Rentals and Deposits to include a surcharge of \$200 to rent round tables and padded chairs for the use during center rentals. This surcharge will help maintain and cover expenses related to utilities, cleaning, and wear-and-tear.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution No. 2-25-2025 as presented or amended.

**Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution No. 2-25-2025 as presented.**

- b. **SPR 8417 Estes Terminals of California.** The County requested comments on this proposed project for tenant improvements, dock expansion, new office and fuel island installation at 4575 S. Chestnut Avenue.

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.

**No motion as no changes needs to be made. Letter can be submitted as is.**

## 7. Recreation Reports:

**Director Castaneda reported that Rec Bingo has been changed to March 6 as March 5 is Ash Wednesday. Recreation staff is currently in the process of cleaning up the Teen Room. There is hopes an event can be held in this room for teens. At the upcoming recreation meeting in March they will discuss preparations for the Easter Program in April.**

## 8. Engineer Reports:

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

## 9. General Manager's Report:

- a. **CALOSHA complaint.** The District received a notice from CALOSHA dated February 11, 2025, alleging a number of safety conditions or violations at the Community Center and the WWTF. Because workplace and facility safety are the District's top priority, staff has begun an investigation as required by CALOSHA and is using the notice as an opportunity to review the District's safety Policies and Procedures to ensure that all or the District's work area's are safe for the employees and anyone using or working on District property and facilities. After an initial inspection and review, it is apparent that the alleged violations/conditions do not exist, however, staff will continue the investigation and where appropriate, update or supplement existing Policy and Procedures, conduct further investigation, consult with the District engineer or other workplace safety consultant or other actions to ensure the District's workplace and public facilities remain safe for employees and the public.
- b. **President Garabedian, Jr. reported on a meeting with CSDA's Public Affairs Field Coordinator. The meeting was productive, with valuable insights shared on how to**

enhance the district's effectiveness. Discussion on staff and board member educational development, presenting programs CSDA provides.

- c. Vice President Cerrillo reported that the summer season is fast approaching and the job posting for lifeguards will need to be reviewed. He also suggested that personnel files be reviewed to ensure all adequate documentation is on file. The Vice President also contacted SitelogIQ to receive an update on the solar project. As of today, no response has been received.

**10. President's Report: during GM Report.**

**11. Vice President's Report: during GM Report.**

**12. Director's Reports:**

Director Cerrillo, Jr. reminded the board that it's time to submit the 700 form to Fresno County.

**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.*

**15. Closed Session:**

- 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. Personnel Evaluation: All Positions (Government Code 54957(b).)  
**The board reconvened in open session at 7:35. 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 7:35pm**

#### **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 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 03/12/2025.

*Norma Melendez*, District Clerk