



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

3580 SOUTH FRANK STREET
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00PM

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a District Board Meeting, please contact the District Office at 559-485-7353 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, to ensure that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

- ❖ 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.

All 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. **District Truck Purchase.** Continued from the previous meeting. Two quotes from Fahrney Ford Sales has been submitted for the purchase of a District truck. The first quote is for a 2021 Ford F-150 V6 pick-up truck at \$25,366.68. The second quote is for a 2021 Ford F-150 V8 pick-up truck for \$27,326.43.

Recommended action: to approve best quote and give Interim General Manager authorization to proceed with the purchase.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve quote for \$27,326.43 for the purchase of a Ford F-150 V8 pick-up truck from Fahrney Ford.

- b. **Fall Community Clean-up.** Event has been scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2020. Community members will be able to dispose of their items 7 days before the clean-up.

For information.

- c. **Electric Cart.** Zeronox submitted a quote for the purchase of an electric utility vehicle using funds from the SJVAPCD grant. This quote is for a 2020 Tuatara Electric Utility Vehicle priced at \$19,996.97.

Recommended action: to approve quote from Zeronox for the purchase of an electric vehicle priced at \$19,996.97.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve quote from Zeronox for the purchase of an electric vehicle priced at \$19,996.97.

5. New Business:

- a. **Healthcare Plan Renewal.** No major changes to the District's healthcare plan. Co-payments in pharmaceuticals have decreased from \$15.00 to \$10.00 and the overall healthcare plan will increase 4.1% by 2021.

Recommended action: To accept and approve renewal of health care plan under United Health Care.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to accept and approve renewal of the healthcare plan under United Health Care.

- b. **Credit Card Fees.** A discussion to potentially add a Credit/debit surcharge of 2.30% per transaction.

Recommended action: for discussion and potential action.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and a 5-0 vote to begin including a 2.3% convenience fee to all credit/debit card transactions effective December 1, 2020.

6. Engineer Reports:

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

7. General Manager's Report:

- a. Update regarding property on 4772 S. Chestnut Ave. **GM received plans from the property owner.**
- b. ACWA membership dues. **No reportable action.**

Director Cerrillo, Jr. asked the interim GM for an update of the gates at the WWTF. His response was that a technician had been called out to resolve the issue.

8. President's Report:

President Garabedian reported that he was campaigning over the weekend for the upcoming elections.

9. Vice President's Report:

Vice President Cerrillo reported on his attendance of the recreation meeting/Prop 68 meeting of 10/7. Plans for the trunk-o-treat event are underway. Future holiday plans are still on hold.

10. Director's Reports:

Director Cerrillo, Jr. asked for an update on the new bathrooms. The interim GM replied saying the epoxy floors are ready to be laid. He also has received the bathroom plans from Claude Saiz.

11. Legal Counsel Report: reserved for closed session.

12. Communications:

a. Written Communications:

1. **County of Fresno Public Hearing Notice.** A public hearing on County Initiated General Plan Amendment No. 559 as part of its SB 244 Analysis of Disadvantaged Unincorporated (Legacy) Communities. Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 9:00a.m.

Legal Counsel suggests that one of the board members attend this public hearing.

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.*

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 September 22, 2020 and Special Board Meeting of May 7, 2020, May 19, 2020, September 25, 2020 and October 5, 2020.
- b. Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Reports.

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

President Garabedian raised concern regarding the IWS charges.

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

14. Closed Session: 7:26pm

- a. Malaga v CVRWQCB case number F78327(Govt Code 54956.9.) **Nothing to report.**
- b. Malaga v CVRWQCB case number F75868(Govt Code 54956.9.) **Nothing to report.**

15. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

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 October 13, 2020 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 10/28/2020.

Norma Melendez

Norma Melendez, District Clerk