



**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
3580 SOUTH FRANK STREET  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725  
Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:00PM**

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- ❖ 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: Maria Lopez, Norma Melendez, Moises Ortiz (via telephone) and Michael Slater.**

- 3. Certification:** Certification was made that the Board Meeting Agenda was posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

- 4. Closed Session item 6.b. moved to 4.a. to accommodate the District Engineer. Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo, jr. an by a 5-0 vote to move the closed session item 6.b. to 4.a.**

- a. **Closed Session.** Potential Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9) one case. **Went into closed session at the time of 6:05pm. The board came out of closed session at 6:47pm with nothing to report.**

- b. Budget Workshop.

**Discussion was held. As the year comes to an end, the numbers will be more accurate.**

**The District Clerk asked for clarification regarding the Christmas Parade prize amounts and the House Decorating contest as the amounts did not match what the recreation department had provided. Motion to Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to authorize an increase for the Holiday House Decorating Contest to \$1600 and the Holiday Parade to \$650.**

**Staff member Gabino Gomez asked the board of directors to consider the water department when adjusting the budget as there are machinery that needs to be replaced and new sampling stations that the district is in need of. President Garabedian, Jr. suggested that Gabino compile a list prioritizing water department needs and also to provide an inventory list. Gabino also**

**expressed his concern with staff not receiving a raise since before 2020. Vice President Cerrillo responded to Gabino by saying that he does not even think the district has a dollar to give staff for raises.**

**The board went into closed session at 7:39pm.**

**5. Closed Session:**

a. Personnel (Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1).) Employee evaluation; General Manager

**No reportable action.**

c. Adjournment:

**Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm.**

**Certification of Posting**

I, Norma Melendez, District Clerk of the Malaga County Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes for the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of November 21, 2023, was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 12/13/2023.

*NormaMelendez*

Norma Melendez, District Clerk