



MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
OF THE MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ARRIAGA COMMUNITY CENTER
3582 S. WINERY AVE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM

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Please submit all written correspondence for the Board of Directors by 12:00 pm the Wednesday prior to the meeting. Please deliver or mail to the District Clerk.

1. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Board of Directors: President Charles Garabedian, Jr.; Vice President Salvador Cerrillo; Director Irma Castaneda; Director Frank Cerrillo, Jr.; Director Carlos Tovar, Jr. **All present.**

Recreation Committee: Chair Carmela Armenta, Co-Chair Maria Flores, Secretary/ Treasurer Maria Castaneda, Sergeant at Arms Ernest Aguirre. **All Present.**

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

Before Old Business, the President introduced Nick Caglia and Jennifer Joaquin from IWS for a brief presentation on organic waste. The public was educated on what items are considered organic waste, and answered concerns, such as what to do when a garbage can is broken, how to dispose of motor oils, batteries, and information of the nearest IWS drop off site for materials that do not belong in the residential containers.

4. Old Business:

a. Continued Public Hearing to receive public and stakeholder comments and suggestions for 2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project application.

Recommended Action. Open continued public hearing and receive public comment and suggestions for CDBG project for the 2026/2027 funding cycle and continue the public hearing to September 23, 2025, for project selection by the Board.

A continued discussion public hearing from the previous board meeting of September 9. The three projects up for consideration are pool revitalization, replacing the floor at the recreation center or remodeling the kitchen at the recreation center. A member of the public suggested replacing or repairing the padding at the playground next to the park. No motion made as discussions will be continued at the next board meeting on September 23, 2025.

b. Fiesta Days: Receive report from the Recreation Committee, comments and suggestions from the public and stakeholders and finalize plans for the annual Fiesta Days program.

Recommended Action. Receive report, comments and suggestions and finalize plans for Annual Fiesta Days program.

A list of food, novelty and non-profit booths was presented, along with the draft itinerary of the event. Soccer games the morning of the program may be scheduled. Waiting for confirmation from the soccer league. No motion needed. Information only.

- c. **Comunidad Nuevo Lago Mobile Home Park (formally Shady Lakes).** Comunidad Nuevo Lago Mobile Home Park (formally Shady Lakes). Consideration of issuing a notice of intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and authorizing the President to sign the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or initial study.

Recommended Action: Set a date for the public hearing and authorize given notice thereof and authorizing the President to sign the Mitigated Negative Declaration on behalf of the District.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to sign the Mitigated Negative Declaration on behalf of the District and hold the public hearing on September 23.

In the original motion, the notice of intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was approved and set the public hearing for September 23, but the District Clerk clarified that the meeting is to be scheduled in November. The first meeting of the month in November is on Tuesday the 11th, landing on a holiday. The board motioned to amend the original vote to the following: Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Seconded by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to amend the original motion, and change the public hearing date and the regular board meeting to November 13, 2025.

5. Recreation Committee Report:

a. Halloween Program:

1. Trick-or-Trunk.
2. Haunted House.
3. Dance.
4. Other.

The Halloween Program will be held on October 25. Individuals wanting to participate in the Trick-or-Trunk, but don't have a vehicle may still participate. A table can be set up to pass out candies.

b. Thanksgiving Program:

1. Food Distribution.
2. Luncheon.

Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 8, 2025.

c. Christmas Program:

1. Tree Lighting.
2. Decorating Contest.
3. Toy Distribution/Toys for Tots.
4. Parade.

The tree lighting is scheduled for December 2, and the Christmas Program will be on December 20.

6. Other. None.

- 7. President's Report:**
President Garabedian, Jr. had a meeting with CDBG Engineer to discuss the CDBG 26/27 application.
- 8. Vice President's Report:**
Vice President Cerrillo thanked the people in attendance for participating in the public hearing.
- 9. Director's Reports:**
None for this meeting.
- 10. Legal Counsel Report:** None for this meeting.

11. 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.*

Maria Castnadeda wanted to go back to the CDBG item regarding the potential kitchen remodel, wanting more feedback of what the remodel would entail. President Garabedian, Jr. clarified that the remodel could include layout changes, along with kitchen equipment upgrades for a more efficient workflow.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Certification of Posting

I, Norma Melendez, District Clerk of the Malaga County Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes for the Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Recreation Committee of September 16, 2025, was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 09/24/2025.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk