REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00PM

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

5. **New Business:**

   a. **Resolution No. 09-08-2026.** A Resolution to amend and update the Conflict of Interest Code for the District. A new rule requires all Directors submit their statements of economic interest to the FPPC electronically and updating the designated positions and disclosure categories.

   Recommended action: To approve Resolution 09-08-2026 that amends and updates the District's Conflict of Interest Code.

   Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution No. 09-08-2026 amending the District's Conflict of Interest Code.

   b. **Site Plan Review 8512 – 3222 E. Gould Avenue.** Site Plan Review requested by Fresno County. Comments are due by September 21, 2026. The proposed project includes a detached Accessory Dwelling Unit on the subject property, which is at the corner of Ward and Gould Avenues. There are three existing single-family residences on the parcel, each

of which has existing water and sewer service. The proposed new residential dwelling unit would require a separate water and sewer service. A draft response is attached.

Recommended Action: Provide any edits to the response letter. Direct staff to send the letter to the County.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar and by a 5-0 vote to authorize staff to submit the letter to County as presented.

c. **Cross Connection Control Survey.** A cross-connection survey was conducted by Water Connection Inc. There are several backflow devices that are deficient or have leaks, etc. It is the owner's responsibility to have the devices tested annually. A draft letter to customers is attached. The letter should be sent to all commercial/industrial customers.

Also, the current Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH), effective as of July 1, 2024, requires a minimum of double check valve backflow preventers for fire protection systems. A memorandum from the State Water Resources Control Board providing guidance on how public water systems can comply with backflow protection requirements for fire protection systems is enclosed.

It is recommended that MCWD standards and ordinance be updated to include double check detector valve assemblies conforming to the requirements of the CCCPH, on fire service lines.

Recommended Action: Provide suggested edits to the letter to customers. Direct staff to send the letter to commercial/industrial customers.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to approve the letter to commercial/industrial customers as presented.

d. **Update District Standards.** It is recommended that the Malaga County Water District Standard Plans and Specifications be updated. The last complete update appears to be from 1989, with some minor updates since then. The Standards should be updated to address current standards and regulations. A Task Order is provided for consideration.

Recommended Action: Consider approving Task Order for Provost & Pritchard to update the District Standards.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar and by a 5-0 vote to approve Task Order 2026-03 as presented.

6. Recreation Reports:

Vice President Cerrillo reported the recreation committee will be holding their monthly meeting on September 9. Discussion will include finalization of the entertainment contracts, and other details for Fiesta Day. He also reported that staff have been repairing sprinklers around the field area. Priority is keeping the grass green for Fiesta Day. Other maintenance that must be done prior to Fiesta Day is tree trimming. Quotes has been requested for this project. Finally, he announced that the account for uniform services will be cancelled. Park and recreation staff will be provided with district purchased shirts to use.

Director Castaneda announced that they will be bringing recreational flag football to the park twice a week in the month of September along with crafts for kids. These two activities will be ran by the previous lifeguard employees who will also become members of the recreation committee.

President Garabedian, Jr. excused himself from the meeting at 6:16pm.

7. **Engineer Reports:**

    a. District Engineer Report. *Action items provided under New Business.*

    b. CDBG Engineer Report: None for this meeting.

8. **General Manager's Report:**
   General Manager, Sonia Hall, announced to the board that CalRecycle granted a waiver on August 10 reducing overall compliance requirements. She also reported that she is preparing the CEC package to submit for reimbursement. Finally, she announced to the board that the District will be receiving $1,500 and a $200 silent auction item donation for Fiesta Day.

9. **President's Report: None for this meeting.**

10. **Vice President's Report: Reported under Recreation Report.**

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

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

13. **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.*
    None attended.

14. **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 25, 2026
    b. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 27, 2026
    c. Accounts Payable Report.

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

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 4-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

15. **Closed Session: None for this meeting.**

16. **Adjournment:**

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr., Second by Vice President Cerrillo and by a 4-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm.

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 September 8, 2026 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 09/23/2026.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk