



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:30PM

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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:**

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

Absent at roll call: Director Tovar, Jr. Arrival of the director during the meeting at 5:48pm. Also present: 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. **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 March 12, 2023.

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

Item tabled to the next board meeting. President Garabedian, Jr. took the time to mention to the board members that the next board meeting of Tuesday, April 9 will be moved to Thursday April 11. It was unanimously agreed upon by the board members present of the meeting date change.

5. **Old Business:**

a. **Fiber Run.** A continued discussion from the previous board meeting. As part of the pre-work for activating the Maintenance Building, a fiber certification was conducted on the existing fiber run to ensure optimal connectivity and avoid any potential issues. The current fiber run consists of 6 strands, and the results of the certification were provided. The question posed is whether to proceed with utilizing only the two working strands (3 & 4) or to replace the entire fiber run. If the two good connections fail, there will be no internet access in the Maintenance Building. Because having only two stands available restricts bandwidth, internet speeds could be very slow if multiple devices are connected. This fiber connection currently runs from the Community Center to the Maintenance Building.

Recommended action: Discuss and decide whether to replace the entire fiber run or utilize the existing two working strands (3 & 4) or to replace the entire run.

Board consensus was to not move forward with this project at this time as it is not a high priority task.

6. New Business:

- a. **Trailblazers Banquet.** Jose Leon Barraza of SEFCEDA invites the Board of Directors to the 10th Annual Trailblazers for Prosperity Awards. Awards will be held at the Fresno Fairgrounds on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 11:30am. The cost of an eight-person table is \$640.00.

Recommended action: to approve purchase of a table for the 10TH Annual Trailblazers banquet.

Board consensus is to not approve the purchase of table, but they are thankful they were invited to this event.

- b. **Consideration and Necessary Action on Resolution 03-26-2024A**, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Malaga County Water District approving the opening of a new bank account at Wells Fargo Bank to be used exclusively for the Well 3A Project.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution 03-26-2024A, authorizing a new bank account to be used for the Well 3A project.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 4-0 vote to approve Resolution 03-26-2024A as presented.

- c. **Consideration and Necessary Action on Resolution 03-26-2024B**, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Malaga County Water District approving President Charles Garabedian, Jr. as the Legally Responsible Officer of the District.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution 03-26-2024B, designating the President as the Legally Responsible Official.

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 4-0 vote to approve Resolution 03-26-2024B to designate President Charles Garabedian, Jr. as the Legally Responsible Official of the District.

- d. **Consideration and Necessary Action on Resolution 03-26-2024D**, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Malaga County Water District approving Amendment No. 1 to Subrecipient Agreement No. 22-339 and Amendment No. 1 to Subrecipient Agreement No. 22-172 between the Malaga County Water District and the County of Fresno related to ARPA funding for the Well 5A Project.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution 03-26-2024D, approving an Amendment No. 1 to Subrecipient Agreement No. 22-339 and Amendment No. 1 to Subrecipient Agreement No. 22-172 between the Malaga County Water District and the County of Fresno related to ARPA funding for the Well 5A Project.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 03-26-2024, approving amendments to Agreement No. 22-339 and Agreement No. 22-172.

- e. **Public Hearing of the 2024 Water Supply Report. AB 2532** requires a Public Hearing be held for the bi-annual Water Supply Report. The 2024 Water Supply Report was accepted on February 13, 2024, and a Notice of Public Hearing was published for this hearing.

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution 03-26-2024C, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Malaga County Water District Adopting the 2024 Water Supply Report.

**Public Hearing start time: 6:00pm.
No comments made by the public.
Public Hearing Closed at 6:01pm.**

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve the 2024 Water Supply Report to fulfill requirements set by AB 2532.

- f. **Consideration and Necessary Action on Resolution 03/26/2024**, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Malaga County Water District approving the opening of a new bank account at Wells Fargo Bank to be used exclusively for RCAC funds.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution 03-26-2024, authorizing a new bank account to be used for RCAC funding.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution No. 03-26-2024 as presented.

7. Incorporation Reports: None for this meeting.

8. Recreation Reports:

- a. PG&E conducted an inspection of the trees in the park and determined that one tree will require pruning. The tree is marked with orange paint. The pruning will be done by PG&E or its contractor within the next six months. For discussion.
Discussion was held. Nothing to report.
- b. Update on timeline for hiring lifeguards, opening, and operation the pool for the summer season. For discussion and potential direction.
Lifeguard Positions advertised. Vice President Cerrillo suggested the district also post the pool cashier position.
- c. Failure of evaporative cooler and water damage at pool building. For discussion and potential direction regarding repairs.
Discussion was held. Vice President Cerrillo will review repair costs of evaporative cooler and damage of the pool building. The board's consensus is to have the evaporative cooler removed and replaced with a fan that will not cause damage to the building.

Other reports: Director Castaneda informed the board that the next Rec Bingo is scheduled for Wednesday April 3rd. Spaghetti dinner plates will be sold.

Vice President Cerrillo reported that Fresno County submitted a checklist of repairs and maintenance that must be done to bring the Red Caboose up to code. Once repairs are made, County will re-inspect.

9. Engineer Reports:

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

10. General Manager's Report:

Vice President Cerrillo reported that the district received final approval for payment for the Parking Lot Project. The district has also been approved for an RCAS loan. He will also speak to the scholarship committee to begin review of scholarship applications for scholarship selections.

11. President's Report: None for this meeting.

12. Vice President's Report: Report under GM Report.

13. Director's Reports: None for this meeting.

14. Legal Counsel Report: Reserved for closed session.

15. Communications:

a. Written Communications:

- 1. Form 700. Emails have been sent. The form must be submitted by April 2, 2024.
- 2. Fowler HS Scholarship. A timeline has been provided by Mr. Vellutini of the scholarship process. Scholarship applications have been submitted and picked up by the District. The Districts Scholarship committee will review applications and select who will be awarded the scholarship.

- 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 QI minutes or less per individual/group per item per meeting, with fifteen minutes maximum.

16. Closed Session: 6:43pm

- a. Personnel (Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1).) Employee evaluation; All positions.

17. Adjournment:

The board came out of closed session at the time of 7:31pm with nothing to report. Motion to adjourn by Director Tovar, Jr.; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 4-0 vote to adjourn at 7:32pm.

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 March 26, 2024 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, at or before 5:00P.M. On 04/12/2024.

[Norma Melendez](#), District Clerk