



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:00PM

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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: 6:00pm

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

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 August 13, 2024.
- b. Voter Education Room Rental.

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

The board selected item 4.b. for further clarification on the potential rental, wanting to learn the purpose of the rental and what dates they were interested in. Staff replied that the purpose of the rental is to provide the community with voter education as the upcoming election is coming close. Clarification was provided, stating that the room the group is interested in is the side room and the date for the rental has not been provided yet as they wanted to solidify a place before selecting dates. The group is aware that they will have to check with the district office for date availability to ensure the date they want will be available. As this is a non-profit organization, fees will be waived. Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

6. **New Business:** None for this meeting.

7. Recreation Reports:

Director Castaneda reported there was a yard sale at the park on Friday the 23rd. There was a good turn out and the Recreation Committee sold out on the food items they were selling.

Vice President Cerrillo reported that Latin Connection has been hired to provide entertainment during Fiesta Day. He is currently inquiring about hiring another entertainment group for the event, hoping they offer a good price. Trophies for the car show have been ordered. He also reported to the board that the recreation committee decided to have the Halloween program and dance on October 26. The dance will be held outside.

8. Engineer Reports:

a. District Engineer Report. **Legal Counsel, Michael Slater, reported that Fresno County needed some clarification for the Well 5A project. He hopes this is the last step before the district begins receiving reimbursements for the project.**

b. CDBG Engineer Report:

i. Update on CDBG 25-26 Application. **Legal Counsel, Michael Slater, reported that he received feedback from the CDBG Engineer who stated that with the initial calculations, the district's out-of-pocket contributions could be up to \$800,000 for the pond scraping project.**

Public comment: A member of the public expressed his concern over the districts out-of-pocket contribution for the CDBG project. President Garabedian, Jr. mentioned that number is just a calculation, and the hope is that it does not have to come to that.

9. General Manager's Report:

President Garabedian, Jr. reported he had an ad-hoc committee meeting with select district staff. This ad-hoc committee is a way to get staff involved in making revisions and updates to policies and information pertaining to employees. The next meeting has been scheduled for October 7. The President also reported that a staff meeting has been scheduled for August 28 at the District Office. In this meeting, staff will be notified that their pension has been funded.

Vice President Cerrillo reported to the board that the pool season will end on September 2. Once the pool is officially closed, it will be time to make repairs, upgrades and anything the district must do to keep the pool compliant with the County code. The Vice President also updated the board that the water shop continues to be without power due to the well project. He hopes power gets restored sooner than later so staff can clean up the water shop.

10. President's Report: Reported under GM report.

11. Vice President's Report: Reported under GM report.

12. Director's Reports:

Director Castaneda noticed dead trees at the park. She suggests removing those trees before Fiesta Day. President Garabedian suggested contacting Tree Fresno as they could potentially donate trees to replace the dead trees.

13. Legal Counsel Report:

14. Communications:

a. Written Communications:

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.*

1. Pete Maldonado. Use of recreation center for wrestling practice.
Did not attend meeting.
2. **Miguel Alvarez asked when the accounts payable report be available as it was not available in the meeting of August 13. The President and Legal Counsel mentioned the report is not ready yet the Districts accounting company is currently updating and re-structuring how the report is being presented to the board.**

15. Closed Session: 6:38pm

- a. Potential Litigation. (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1).).
No reportable action

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm.

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 August 27, 2024, was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 09/11/2024.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk