



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00PM

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1. Call to Order: 6:03pm

- 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, Neal Costanzo and Norma Melendez

- 3. Certification:** Certification was made that the Board Meeting Agenda was posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

4. Old Business:

- a. **On-going Consultant Service Agreement.** Provost & Pritchard presently provides a variety of consulting services to the District, including engineering, administration, construction review, and consultation. The Consultant Service Agreement (CSA) for On-going Engineering Services between Malaga County Water District and Provost & Pritchard was last renewed in 2016. Provost & Pritchard wishes to continue On-going Engineering Services for the District. A proposal and CSA to continue on-going engineering services, is attached, including the price list request at the previous board meeting.

Recommended Action: Review and approve CSA for On-going Engineering Services.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve the CSA for on-going engineering services with Provost and Pritchard.

5. New Business:

- a. **Resolution 08-11-2026.** A Resolution approving a General Manager employment agreement.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution 08-11-2026 as presented or amended.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by an unanimous vote to approve Resolution 08-11-2026, approving the employment agreement with Sonia Hall.

- b. **Resolution 08-11-2026A.** A resolution approving an out-of-service area agreement for the Comunidad Nuevo Lago Mobile Home Park project.

Recommended Action: to approve Resolution 08-11-2026A as presented or amended.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a unanimous vote to approve Resolution 08-11-2026A to approve out-of-service area agreement with CNLMHP.

- c. **Resolution No. 08-11-2026B. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT APPROVING AN UPDATED MASTER FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2026.** The District's solid waste provider has submitted formal notification of a 3.6% CPI price increase. In accordance with the service agreement, solid waste rates for District customers will adjust upwards by 3.6%, effective August 1, 2026.

Recommended Action. Approve Resolution No. 08-11-2026B.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote approve Resolution No. 08-11-2026B as presented.

- d. **Resolution No. 08-11-2026C.** A resolution authorizing investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

Recommended Action: To approve Resolution No. 08-11-2026C as presented or amended.

Legal Counsel Costazo commented investing the monies in LAIF will generate interest earnings, thereby growing capital reserves to establish and maintain a dedicated emergency reserve fund.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Castaneda, and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution No. 08-11-2026C as presented. This resolution includes

- e. **Resolution No. 08-11-2026D.** Approving authorized signors for the County of Fresno Auditor-Controller/ Treasurer- Tax Collector.

Recommended action: To approve Resolution No. 08-11-2026D.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Irma Castaneda and by a unanimous vote to approve Resolution No. 08-11-2026D.

- f. **Resolution No. 08-11-2026E.** A resolution designating trustees and administrator for the District's Money Purchase Pension Plan and 457(b) Plan.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution No. 08-11-2026E as presented or amended.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 08-11-2026E.

- g. **Resolution No. 8-11-2026F.** A resolution designating authorized representatives and ratifying prior administrative actions for the Well 5A Project.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution No. 8-11-2026F as presented or amended.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Castaneda, and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution No. 8-11-2026F.

6. Recreation Reports:

Director Castaneda reported that the recreation committee meeting that was originally scheduled for August 12 has been postponed to August 19. In this meeting they will be discussing the Fiesta Day Program.

Vice President Cerrillo reported that the District received two donations of \$500 for the Back to School Event. He thanked Caglia Environmental and Francisco de los Santos for their generous gift. Other reports include the conclusion of the Youth Alley Clean Up and the Sheriff Activity League.

President Garabedian, Jr. asked the board if they would consider having the recreation facility as a cooling/warming center. General Manager, Sonia Hall, informed the board that the District needs to register the center with the County of Fresno in order to be added to the cooling/warming center list they distribute throughout the county.

7. Engineer Reports:

a. District Engineer Report.

- i. **Well 7 TCP Results.** Well 7 has been tested for 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP) three times over the past three years. All three samples had detections of TCP over the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.005 µg/L. Results were as follows:

- Oct 2022: 0.0061 µg/L
- Oct 2025: 0.0052 µg/L
- June 2026: 0.0087 µg/L

Well 7 should be sampled for TCP on a quarterly basis due to the detections. Compliance is based on a 4-quarter running average. If TCP detections continue to be found above the MCL, a compliance order is anticipated.

In California, many cities and water districts have sued major chemical companies like Shell and Dow to recover heavy costs for treating groundwater contaminated with TCP. Robins Borghei LLP has successfully represented public water suppliers affected by TCP, throughout California and the Central Valley. It is recommended that P&P initiate discussions with the District and Robins Borghei regarding potential litigation.

Recommended Action: Board's Pleasure.

During the discussion on water sampling procedures, Director Tovar, Jr. suggested that the Water Operator consider implementing a second set of eyes during sample collection to help prevent potential sample contamination.

- ii. **Environmental Compliance Inspection Support.** P&P has reviewed current pretreatment program documents and files from the District and started scanning information into the file. We have set up a database of information with direct inputs into the permit document and conditions. The District has agreed to review and update some of the information in the database to ensure that it is current. We have conducted facility inspections with 10 of the significant dischargers. We have been working to update forms and permit documentation.

The first batch of 103 permits are prepared for the District's review and approval. There are unresolved questions on the remaining permits that we will work with the District to help answer.

Until the District hires an ECI, P&P proposes to continue to update the database and make determinations related to the remaining permits, conduct inspections for the new permit applicants, and prepare the remaining permits so they can be provided to the District for review and approval. We propose to continue this effort on a time and materials basis.

Recommended Action: For information.

Discussion was held. Nothing to report.

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

8. General Manager's Report:

General Manager, Sonia Hall, presented an operational report to the Board, outlining the following key updates:

- **Short and Long-Term Goals:** Provided an overview of immediate priorities and strategic long-term objectives for the District.
- **District Policies:** Reported on current administrative policies being drafted for future Board consideration and potential implementation.
- **Financial Reporting:** Stated she is collaborating with the external accounting firm to establish reporting procedures for presenting Year-to-Date (YTD) financial statements.
- **Grant Funding:** Informed the Board that she is actively working on a Community Resilience Grant application aimed at funding upgrades for the park's recreation center.

9. President's Report:

President Garabedian, Jr. announced that the County of Fresno provided the district with a waiver, exempting the district from local monitoring and enforcement responsibilities regarding organic waste and food waste disposal regulations.

10. Vice President's Report:

Vice President Cerrillo reported that he met with Erica Lopez to explore bringing Zumba classes to the recreation center. The initial meeting included discussion regarding scheduling, availability and hourly facility/instructor rates. At the conclusion of their

meeting, for a limited time, the initial classes will be offered to the community free of charge. Once the instructor sees potential, a more formal agreement will be drafted.

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.*

Chairs are empty.

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 July 28, 2026.
- b. Center Rental of August 9, 2026 deposit waiver.
- c. Accounts Payable Report.

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

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, and by a unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

15. Closed Session: 7:10pm

- a. Ortiz v. Malaga County Water District, et. al. 1 :25-CV-01803-JTL-BAM;

Board came out of closed session at the time of 7:44pm with no reportable action.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

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 11, 2026 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 08/26/2026.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk