



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, July 28, 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. 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 14, 2026.
- b. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 21, 2026.
- c. **Approval of payment for rental of tables and chairs.** Rental was required following a facility equipment failure that temporarily restricted access to District-owned inventory.
- d. **Fiscal Sustainability Plan. Comunidad Nuevo Lago Sewer Consolidation.** A construction funding application has been prepared for approximately \$16 million to consolidate the sewer system from Comunidad Nuevo Lago MHP with MCWD, and to construct improvements at the MCWD wastewater treatment facility.

The Certification for Fiscal Sustainability Plan (FSP) provides a date by which the District certifies that it will develop and implement a fiscal sustainability plan. The approved implementation date is July 31, 2026.

P&P has prepared a draft Fiscal Sustainability Plan through the Sewer Consolidation Project for District review and consideration for adoption.

Recommended Action: Provide comments on the Draft Fiscal Sustainability Plan. If no comments, consider adopting the Fiscal Sustainability Plan and authorizing staff to submit the finalized document to the State.

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

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:

- a. **Resolution 07-28-2026.** A resolution requesting that delinquent charges be placed on the county tax roll and authorizing staff to provide the list to the county tax collector/assessor.

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution 07-28-2026.

Motion by Director Tovar, Jr.; Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 07-28-2026 as presented.

6. New Business:

- a. **IT Service Agreement.** The Districts IT agreement is expiring on September 30, 2026. Staff seek guidance from the Board on whether to renew the current agreement or to solicit bids for the services.

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the District solicit bids for IT services and set a public hearing on the matter at the September 22, 2026, meeting to select a IT Provider.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to solicit bids for IT services and to set a public hearing meeting for September 22, 2026, to select a provider.

7. Recreation Reports:

- a. Back to School Swim Program to be held Friday, August 7, 2026. **Donations have been made to the district, from supplies to food items to be used during the program.**
- b. Recreation Meeting of July 22, 2026. **In this meeting, Fiesta Day will be discussed.**

8. Engineer Reports:

- a. District Engineer Report.
 - i. **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. P&P conducted facility inspections with 10 of the significant dischargers and have been working to update forms and permit documentation.

Information is compared in relation to number of employees and water usage with the currently permitted sewer units, and will be identifying those that are suggested to be updated and/or need to be inspected.

The next step is to prepare the first set of permits recommended for approval, for the District to review and issue to the respective permittees. Once additional information is obtained, additional permits can be issued.

Recommended Action: To have P&P proceed with preparing permits.

Motion by Director Cerrillo; Second by Vice President Cerrillo and by a 5-0 vote to have P&P proceed with preparing permits.

- ii. **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.

For information only.

The board requests a price sheet be included with the agreement. Item is to be placed in the upcoming Regular Board Meeting agenda for potential approval.

- b. CDBG Engineer Report:

The CDBG Engineer is progressing with the WWTP screw pump project. Board members were advised that a forthcoming Change Order removing a specific project task should result in a cost reduction for the District.

9. General Manager's Report:

- a. SAL Program ended 7/23/2026.
- b. Soccer/Flag football at the park. **Vice President is researching what it takes to bring indoor soccer to the community center.**
- c. Staff Meeting of 7/27/2026. **Staff was introduced to the new General Manager.**

10. President's Report:

None for this meeting.

11. Vice President's Report:

VP Cerrillo reminded the Directors that the funeral reception for a former Director will be held at the community center on July 29.

12. Director's Reports:

Director Cerrillo, Jr. gave thanks to VP Cerrillo and Counsel for all the work they have done for the district. He also welcomed Sonia Hall to the team.

13. Legal Counsel Report:

- a. Fisher Investments Update. **Counsel will be presenting reports to staff and reported that Fisher Investments will be meeting with staff to review each individual plan.**

14. Communications:

- a. Written Communications:

1. The District's uniform company, UniFirst, provided a notice of a price increase beginning August 4. The notice does not state the amount of the increase; however, a customer service representative confirmed that the District will not be affected due to a price lock agreement. **No reportable action taken.**

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.*

15. Closed Session: 6:50pm.

- a. Potential Litigation: One Case (Government Code 54956.9(d)(2).).

District Counsel reported that at the July 21, 2026, meeting, the Board approved offering Sonia Hall the position of General Manager. The motion to make the offer was made by Director Castenada, Second by Director Tovar; Unanimous vote.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm.

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 July 28, 2026 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 08/12/2026.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk