



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 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.

All present.

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. Old Business:

- a. **WWTP Screw Pump Replacement Project- CDBG No. 24451.** The project engineering team are preparing plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) for bidding and construction of the pump replacement but has determined in preliminary discussions with the supplier of the pump (which must match the other existing influent screw pumps for proper function) that the fabrication and delivery lead time may be on the order of 8 months. Staff seeks direction on how to proceed with the project equipment procurement.

Recommended action: Staff recommends that the District authorize the direct procurement of the influent screw pump for the subject project and authorize the Board President to sign the applicable contract documents on behalf of the District.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to authorize the direct procurement of the influent screw pump and to approve proposal with Yamabe and Horn Engineering.

5. New Business:

- a. **3511, 3517, 3521 S. Maple Ave.** It has come to the attention of the District that the water service for the above referenced building was not constructed in a manner consistent with MCWD Standards. A draft letter is prepared notifying the property owner that the deficiencies need to be corrected.

Recommended Action: Authorize issuance of letter to the property owner requiring corrective actions to the water service.

Motion by Director Castaneda, Second by Vice President Cerrillo and by a 5-0 vote to approve amended comment letter to include inquiry for permits, and that they pay the estimated plan review, inspection and engineering costs.

6. Recreation Reports:

- a. **Rental.** Fresno Building Healthy Communities is interested in renting the community center once a month for their monthly meetings, for the rest of the year. These community meetings aim to connect the residents of Malaga with a variety of organizations that offer services and resources which could improve their lives. These meetings will allow community members to meet with representatives from these organizations, ask questions, and learn about the available resources that can support their needs. FBHC is a non-profit organization, but a fee can be included to help cover operational costs.

Recommended action: for discussion and potential action.

Discussion was held for the potential use of the space at the recreation center. Fresno BHC expressed they could hold their meetings on a Thursday instead of Fridays to avoid conflict with weekend center rentals. The fee that would apply to the rental would be the current fee on the master fee schedule. An agreement may be needed to outline blackout dates and agreement terms.

Other recreation reports included discussion of the March 13 rec. committee meeting. No agenda or minutes were available for this meeting due to a broken printer at the center. In this meeting they discussed details for the Easter program. Contributions from the recreation committee and others have been received to help with the Easter programs food and activities. They also discussed ideas of programs they can provide during spring break for the children and potentially having a Teen Bazaar during that week.

7. Engineer Reports:

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

8. General Manager's Report:

Vice President Cerrillo reported that there were other break-ins at one of the well sites. This time, no items were stolen, but a police report was still created. Park staff continue to help with pool repairs and added that the outside bathrooms will be available for use during scheduled rental periods only due to ongoing maintenance and sanitation concerns during non-rental hours.

President Garabedian, Jr. mentioned that the solar project completion is being extended until 2026, which is not the promised date in the agreement. The district has made efforts to facilitate an efficient construction timeline, but it is unknown what is prolonging the project. The board requests that an in-person meeting be scheduled to get clarity of the timeline as the delays could potentially effect connection to PG&E.

9. President's Report: Presented during GM Report.

10. Vice President's Report: Presented during GM Report.

11. Director's Reports:

Director Tovar, Jr. reminded the board he will be hosting a Easter Program fundraiser on Saturday, March 29.

12. Legal Counsel Report:

13. 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 11, 2025.

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

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

14. Communications:

- a. Written Communications:

1. **Fowler HS Scholarship Updates.** Scholarship applications are available for pick-up beginning Monday, March 24. A timeline of important dates is provided.
2. **Form 700** due date is April 1, 2025.

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: 6:49pm

- a. Pending Litigation: Three Cases: Malaga v CSJ Construction Fresno County Superior Court Case No.: 23CECG03436 (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1).); Malaga v. CVRWQCB Madera Superior Court Case MCV071280; Betty Roman v. Malaga Fresno Sup. Court 23CECG04516.
- b. Personnel Evaluation: All Positions (Government Code 54957(b).)

The board began closed session at the time of 6:49pm and ended at 7:07pm. No reportable action.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Seconded by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm.

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 25, 2025 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, On 04/04/2025.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk