



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725

Tuesday, July 09, 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.

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:** None for this meeting.

5. New Business:

- a. **Resolution 07-09-2024.** The district has unpaid charges for water and other services that remain delinquent and unpaid for sixty or more days as of July 1, 2024. The resolution authorizes placement of delinquent charges on the County Tax Rolls.

Recommended action: to approve resolution as presented or amended.

Public comment: Miguel Alvarez wanted clarification on how often the district places delinquent charges on the County Tax Rolls. Legal Counsel informed him the County places the tax roll once a year.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 07-09-2024 authorizing placement of delinquent charges on to the Fresno County Tax Rolls.

6. Recreation Reports:

Director Castaneda reported that the recreation committee will have their monthly meeting on 7/10/2024 to discuss Fiesta Day and the Halloween Program.

7. Engineer Reports:

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

8. General Manager's Report:

Director Cerrillo informed the board that the Youth Alley Clean-Up began the last week on June. Round #1 of kids finished cleaning the Chestnut Avenue overpass. All safety measures were taken for the kids' safety. Round #2 began working on June 8, starting with Front Street alley. Director Cerrillo visited the businesses on Front Street to inform them of the Youth Alley Clean-Up and to offer our services for a charge.

After the Vice Presidents GM report, comment was open to the public. Miguel Alvarez asked if Fresno County is supposed to be responsible for cleaning of the overpass and if there is a possibility the District could ask Fresno County for potential reimbursement for the services the District rendered. He also expressed his concern over the safety of the youth helping in the alley clean-up. Vice President Cerrillo mentioned he is in constant contact with the Fresno County Supervisor assigned to the area and is willing to ask what the County can provide to the district.

President Garabedian, Jr. reported having meetings with the bank to discuss consolidation and with IWS. He also mentioned to the board that the District now has an account with SCP for pool supplies. He hopes that by purchasing the proper chemicals from a pool supplier it will help with the longevity of the pool and the pumps and decrease the amount spent on chemicals.

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

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

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.*

Miguel Alvarez wanted to know more information in regards to the upcoming Prop 218 public hearing. President Garabedian, Jr. said the proposed rates are due to inflation and rates not being raised since 2017. He further clarified that the rate increases are in a span of five years and if future increases are not necessary, rates will not increase. Legal Counsel also added that rate increases are necessary not only to catch up from inflation, but to also help build reserve funds to help with future repairs in sewer and water.

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 June 25, 2024.
- b. Accounts Payable and Financial Reports.

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.

15. Closed Session: 6:37pm

- a. Potential Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9).
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 7:26pm.

Certification of Posting

I, Norma Melendez, District Clerk of the Malaga County Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of July 9, 2024, was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, at 5:00P.M. On 07/03/2024.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk