



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, May 28, 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:

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

All present. Director Castaneda present via phone call.

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. **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 May 16, 2024.

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

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

5. Old Business:

a. **NKGSA Interested Parties Contribution.** The North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency kindly requests the district's contribution of \$4,028.40 to continue to support the success of the NKGSA. At a previous meeting, the board approved a contribution of \$250.00. This contribution amount is for non-governmental agencies that wish to donate to the NKGSA, not for existing interested parties. A check has been mailed to the NKGSA, therefore the remaining contribution needed to be paid is \$3,778.40.

Recommended action: To approve contribution of the remaining balance of \$3,778.40.

Executive Officer for the NKGSA, Kassy Chauhan, took this opportunity to speak to the board and give updates on the NKGSA and to clarify the interested party contribution. Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve remaining NKGSA Interested Party Contribution of \$3,778.40.

- b. **Well 5A and the Tank at the Well 5A site- County of Fresno Agreements A-24-185 and A-24-186.** The County of Fresno has requested information relative to the forecasted completion of the two projects. Copies of the letters from the County are included. A recommended cover letter and attachment for each of the two contracts are included for review by the Board.

Recommended Action: Review and Approve execution and submittal of the letters to the County of Fresno.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve execution and submittal of the letters to County of Fresno for Well 5A and the tank at the Well 5A site County of Fresno Agreements A-24-185 and A-24-186.

6. New Business:

- a. **Site Plan Review 8376; Development on 3270 S. Golden State Blvd.** The County requested comments on this proposed solar farm at 3270 Golden State Boulevard. The comment letter addressed to MCWD is attached.

Recommended Action: Provide any edits to the comment letter. Direct staff to either send the comment letter to the County or transfer the comments to MCWD letterhead and send to the County.

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

7. **Sherrif Report:** CSO, Elaine Montoya, will provide information about the upcoming Sherrif's Activity League in which the Arriaga Community Center will host. Information only.
CSO, Elaine Montoya, informed the board that the Sherrif's Activity League is scheduled for July 8-25th. Applications will be provided to the Arriaga Community Center, MCWD Office and Malaga Elementary. A crime report for the month of April was also presented.

Vice President Cerrillo mentioned to Elaine that the district is planning a community meeting and would like a representative from the Sherrif Department to be present. Elaine will reach out to the department and see who will be available.

8. Recreation Reports:

Director Castaneda informed the board that the Malaga Campout will take place on June 21 and that recreation bingo has been cancelled in the month of June due to graduations.

Vice President Cerrillo mentioned the pool will be open for the Memorial Day weekend.

9. Engineer Reports:

- a. District Engineer Report.
 - i. **Well 3A and Tank 1.** The project is funded with a Grant from DWR. Construction activities are proceeding. It is expected that completion of the project will be mid-year 2025. Construction of the water storage tank has been initiated. A bridge loan from RCAC is in place for interim financing of the construction activities. For information purposes.

b. CDBG Engineer Report: None for this meeting.

10. General Manager's Report:

President Garabedian reported to the board that the district is soliciting two positions; Grade 2 Wastewater operator and a Water Operator with a D2 certificate. He also mentioned he reached out to Jorgensen in regards the hydrostatic testing quote. The Jorgensen manager reviewed the quote and felt the quote was too high. He will follow up with the district with an updated quote. On Friday, May 31 he will meet with Verns Pool Supply to go over the condition of the pool as it is essential that the pool runs efficiently. Finally, he reported that staff evaluations will be begin on Wednesday, May 29.

Vice President Cerrillo reported he has reached out to Rosie Barajas to discuss bringing a polling place to the community center. A meeting will be scheduled. He also got a call from a staff member concerned about well 7 and 8 running non-stop. Staff will look into the issue to understand why it's running non-stop and to make any repairs if necessary.

11. President's Report: Under GM Report.

12. Vice President's Report: Under GM Report.

13. Director's Reports: None for this meeting.

14. Legal Counsel Report: None for this meeting.

15. 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.*

16. Closed Session: None for this meeting.

17. Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

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 May 28, 2024 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 06/12/2024.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk