



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE**  
**FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725**  
**Tuesday, July 23, 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: 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. 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 9, 2024.
- b. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 16, 2024.

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.**

**5. Old Business:** None for this meeting.

**6. New Business:**

- a. **Resolution 07-23-2024; COI Code.** Provided is the 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice. Staff has reviewed the district's current code which shows no amendment is necessary. Notice must be submitted to Fresno County no later than August 1, 2024.

Recommended Action: To approve Resolution No. 07-23-2024 authorizing the Acting General Managers to sign the Local Agency Biennial Notice and forward notice to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**Motion by Director Castaneda; Second by Vice President Cerrillo and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 07-23-2024 and to forward the COI notice to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.**

- b. **Resolution 07-23-2024A.** An agreement between the Fresno County Registrar of Voters and the Malaga CWD to provide County access to and usage of the Arriaga Community Center and parking lot for the General Election of November 5, 2024. This includes four days of usage from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 5:00pm and November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Conditions include secure storage area to store voting equipment and supplies up to 5-days prior to the first Voting Day and during the Voting Days.

Recommended action: to approve Resolution No. 07-23-2024A to authorize President Charles Garabedian, Jr. to sign and enter an agreement with the Fresno County Elections Department to use the Arriaga Community Center as a voting center.

**The Directors are pleased to have a vote center back in Malaga after many years. President Garabedian, Jr. would like to thank Vice President Cerrillo for meeting with the Vote Center Representatives from Fresno County and updating necessary details to the center to be compliant with the requirements needed to move forward with the agreement.**

**Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve the agreement with the Fresno County Registrar of Voters for the use of the community center for the 2024 General Election of November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**7. Recreation Reports:**

Director Castaneda reported that the recreation bingo will be held August 7. Soft tacos will be served. The 50's dance is scheduled for August 10 from 7:00pm to midnight. Due to lack of participation, the committee is considering cancelling the yard sale event that is scheduled for August 28. The decision will be finalized at their recreation meeting in August.

Vice President Cerrillo reported that he will seek donations for Fiesta Day and that the recreation committee will also be selling food during the event.

Public Comment: Miguel Alvarez asked if there is a financial impact when holding an event that is free of charge to the community. President Garabedian, Jr. clarified that the free events are often times subsidized by donations from the recreation committee or donations that the district solicits. Tax revenue also helps with running the programs.

**8. Engineer Reports:**

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

**9. General Manager's Report:**

President Garabedian, Jr. reported he attended a meeting with the State Water Resources Control Board on 7/22/24 as they visited several sampling locations throughout the district. The President also informed the board that the loan with Oppenheimer got approved and that there will be a bid opening for the Well 5A project on August 7 at

2:00pm at the district office. Once Well 3A and Well 5A are completed, the district will have five functioning wells.

Vice President Cerrillo reported that the youth alley clean up will come to an end on July 26 and that staff repaired a leaking valve over the weekend and water had to be shut off. Affected businesses were notified of this repair.

10. President's Report: refer to GM Report

11. Vice President's Report: refer to GM Report

12. Director's Reports:

Director Cerrillo, Jr. mentioned to the board that the park is looking nice and well kept and thanks the President and Vice President, along with Legal Counsel and staff for all the hard work.

Director Castaneda reported that other communities, just like Malaga, have their own version of the Alley Clean-Up. She is happy to see that there are communities that allow the youth to help beautify the place that they live.

13. Legal Counsel Report: Comments reserved for closed session.

14. Communications:

a. Written Communications:

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 stated he wanted to further understand what other cost saving measures are available, if any, to help the district. The only thing that came that the district could review would be the insurance plan that the district has for the employees as the district pays 100%. There could be some savings in that department as he doesn't know any other company offering this kind of insurance plan for their employees. The President responded by saying that the district employees' salaries are low, therefore being able to provide this insurance plan is an incentive for the longevity of employment, and in the long run it balances financially.

15. Closed Session:

a. Personnel (Government Code Section 54957).

16. Adjournment: 6:59pm

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm

### **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 23, 2024 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 08/14/2024.

*Norma Melendez*, District Clerk