

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
March 20, 2025

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Estevan Bennett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kelvin Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Daniel Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gregory Young	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
General Counsel			
Jeff Ferre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staff			
John Thiel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Linda Jadeski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Haydee Sainz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Joanne Chan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elvia Dominguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rocky Welborn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gustavo Gutierrez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Albert Clinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Isabelle Medina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Approval of Any Board Member Requests for Remote Participation - None.
Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Moore.
Opening Prayer –Pastor Marlon Jackson.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Participation on closed session matters.

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Vice President Jenkins inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak on closed session items. No requests were received to speak, therefore Vice President Jenkins closed the public comment period

The Board entered into closed session at 6:04 p.m.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 Receipt of claim
Claimant: Dale Eakens
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of case: Naseem Farooqi v. West Valley Water District et al.

The Board adjourned the closed session at 6:29 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 6:31 p.m. with all Board members present except President Young who was absent.

Report out of Closed Session

General Counsel Ferre reported that the Board discussed the closed session items and for the anticipated litigation, the Board, on a motion by Director Garcia and Second by Director Moore voted 4-0 with President Young absent, to reject claim and instructed that the appropriate notice to be sent. For item 2, no reportable action was taken.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kelvin Moore, Director
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia, Director
AYES:	Angela Garcia, Estevan Bennett, Daniel Jenkins, Kelvin Moore
ABSENT:	Gregory Young

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vice President Jenkins inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. Valley Water District Director Velasquez spoke. No other requests were received to speak, therefore Vice President Jenkins closed the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS

Roemer Expansion Project Update

Director of Engineering Welborn gave the presentation.

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Questions included electrical generation and what benefit the district received from it; construction progress; back up generators; UV use vs chlorinization in treatment; potential for solar usage; upgraded control system which are remotely accessible; security; administration building space needs; and comments on some challenges of the project.

The Board collectively thanked Director Welborn for the presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items #1 and #3 - #7, and to pull item #2 for discussion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kelvin Moore, Vice President
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia, Director
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Angela Garcia, Daniel Jenkins, Kelvin Moore,
ABSENT:	Gregory Young, President

1. March 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- ~~2. Approval of the Third Amendment to the Employment Agreement – General Manager~~
3. Monthly Cash Disbursements Report - February 2025
4. Purchase Order Report - February 2025
5. Fund Transfer Report - February 2025
6. Monthly Cash Disbursements Report - February 2025
7. New Position Development Services Supervisor

ITEM PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of the third amendment to the employment agreements – General Manager (Pulled from Consent)

Attorney Ferre reported for the record the key elements and amendments to the employment contract.

Director Garcia inquired as to the contract duration, which Attorney Ferre confirmed was one year, with an evaluation and renewal done on a yearly basis.

Motion to approve the third amendment to the employment agreement for General Manager; award merit; and approve salary schedule reflecting adjustment effective March 20, 2025.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Angela Garcia, Vice President
SECONDER:	Kelvin Moore, Director
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Angela Garcia, Daniel Jenkins, Kelvin Moore,
ABSENT:	Gregory Young, President

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Contracts with Merlin Johnson Const and Webb and Assoc. for Zone 7 - 18" Transmission Main (W21007) General Counsel Ferre conducted the required AB 123 training and presented a PowerPoint.

The report was presented by Director of Engineering Wellborn.

Questions included clarification that the request is to award two separate contracts; what the contracts are for; how deep the pipeline is; and construction schedule.

The Board collectively thanked Director Welborn for the presentation.

Motion to 1) Approve a Construction Contract with Merlin Johnson Construction for the amount of \$1,329,475.00 for the Zone 7 - 18" Transmission Main from Citrus Ave to Lytle Creek Rd Project (W21007); 2) Approve a Professional Services Agreement and a Task Order with Albert A Webb and Associates for the amount of \$84,500 for Engineering Services during construction for the project, and; 3) Authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Angela Garcia, Director
SECONDER:	Estevan Bennett, Director
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Angela Garcia, Daniel Jenkins, Kelvin Moore,
ABSENT:	Gregory Young, President

REPORTS - LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES MAXIMUM (Presentations or handouts must be provided to Board Members in advance of the Board Meeting).

1. Board Committee Reports

Director Garcia gave a Finance Committee meeting update.

Director Moore gave Human Resources Committee meeting update.

Vice President Jenkins reported on the Policy Committee meeting.

2. Board Members

Director Bennett reported on his attendance at the WELL annual conference.

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3. General Manager

General Manager Thiel provided an update on recruitment and reported on his attendance at the Rialto City Manager Meet and Greet; and Human Resources/Risk Manager Sainz reported on the ACWA/JPIA nominations and stated a report would be brought to the Board for consideration at the next scheduled Board meeting.

4. Legal Counsel

Counsel Ferre reported on SB790 – contracts are public records that must be disclosed upon request, except for certain exceptions.

5. Government & Legislative Affairs

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon and Public Outreach and Government Affairs Representative I Medina gave a legislative, community partnership, and a community outreach update.

6. Board Secretary

Board Secretary Dominguez provided an overview of the Records Management program, and upcoming Board meetings and events.

Director Moore reported on attending Joe Baca Jr's State of County event; his nomination to the County Adhoc Advisory Committee; and meeting with new Rialto Unified School District Superintendent Judy White.

ADJOURN

Vice President Jenkins commented on the passing of Director Garcia's father and expressed his condolences.

Vice President Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on April 3, 2025 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.

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