

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
June 5, 2025

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order – 6:03 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			
Henry Castillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jeff Ferre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Michael Travis	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	
Janet Harmon	<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 Townsend.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Jenkins announced the closed session item would be pulled from the agenda and not discussed.

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1. 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.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended removing the closed session item.

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

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve Consent Calendar item #1 - #8.

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

1. May 1, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Water Quality Report
3. Adopt 2025 Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA")
4. Consider a Grant of Easement from West Valley Water District to Property Owners at 3370 Lytle Creek Road
5. Purchase Order Report - April 2025

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- 6. Treasurer's Report - March 2025
- 7. Monthly Revenue and Expenditures Report - April 2025
- 8. Monthly Cash Disbursements Report - April 2025

BUSINESS MATTERS

Vice President Jenkins, Opened the Public Hearing and invited comments and testimony from the public

- 1. Adopt the Annual AB 2561 Staffing Vacancies Report

Presentation was given by Human Resources Manager Sainz.

There were no comments or questions from the Board.

Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2025-07** titled, “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT TO ADOPT A POLICY TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL (“AB”) 2561 (GOV. CODE § 3502.3) AND HOLD AN ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING STAFF VACANCIES”

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

- 2. 2025 Public Health Goal Report

Presentation was given by Water Quality Supervisor Harmon.

The Board collectively thanked Water Quality Supervisor Harmon for the presentation.

Motion to Adopt the 2025 Public Health Goal Report

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

- 3. Community Education and Workforce Development Program Discussion and Provide Direction

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The presentation was given by Human Resources Manager Sainz, and Government and Legislative Affairs Manager Pantaleon.

Discussion on the IEWorks program status included clarification that previous participants were from mostly the high desert area, but all were from outside of our service area; further clarification that the IEWorks proposed program would still be occurring regardless of our District participation; that grant submitted for a future program would be approved or denied in August, and if approved, would not be funded until January of 2026; that the proposed interim program has increased in cost significantly, includes a commitment to hire, and participation numbers would increase from 2 every 6 months to 5 every 5 months, which would be burdensome to staff; that there is an option to pause participation until the program parameters are set; that dues of \$9,000 are due in July;

Director Garcia motioned for the continuance of the IEWorks item to a future meeting and request IEWorks to extend the deadline for membership until the Board can further deliberate. Board members concurred.

Discussion on the Community Water Education Program included clarification that the program expansion plans include meeting the state mandate “Making Conservation a California Way of Life”.

Discussion on the Community Workforce Development Program included an update on current outreach with Fontana Unified School District; future scheduled meetings with other area school districts; current participants in the 1,000 hour program being local; recruitment for next round of 1,000 workers

Motion to request IEWorks to extend the membership deadline until after June 26, 2025, and continue the board discussion on participation in the proposed program and membership to a date certain of June 26, 2025.

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

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 an External Affairs Committee update.

Director Moore gave a Safety & Technology Committee update

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Director Bennett gave an Engineering, Operations & Planning Committee update

1. Board Members

Vice President Jenkins reported on his attendance at the Bloomington MAC meeting, and his and Directors Moore, and Bennett attendance at the Rialto Memorial Day Event.

Director Garcia also reported on her meeting the historian.

Director Moore reported on the Rate Study Workshop.

3. General Manager

General Manager Thiel provided an update on recruitment; announced the future retirement of Chief Operator Joe Schaak; reported on his initiative to build a succession plan; future update on the strategic plan in July; recapped the rate study workshop and future rate study workshop planned; and overview of his top priorities in the next few months.

4. Legal Counsel

None.

5. Government & Legislative Affairs

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


6. Board Secretary

Board Secretary Dominguez provided an update on upcoming Board meetings and events. Direction was given to cancel the July 4th board meeting. And also gave an ACWA elections overview.

ADJOURN

Vice President Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on June 26, 2025 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.

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