

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
May 15, 2025

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order – 6: 02 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Kelvin Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Daniel Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gregory Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rocky Welborn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jose Velasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Albert Clinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paola Lara	<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 Vice President Jenkins.
Opening Prayer –Pastor Marlon Jackson.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Participation on closed session matters.

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

The Board entered into closed session at 6:05 p.m.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (4) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation; City of Camden, et al. v. Tyco Fire Products LP; City of Camden, et al. v. BASF Corporation; City of Camden, et al., v. 3M Company; City of Camden, et al. v. E.I. DuPont De Nemours and Company
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 6:37 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 6:40 p.m. with all Board members present.

Report out of Closed Session

General Counsel Ferre reported that the Board discussed the closed session items and there was no reportable action was taken.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4-0-1]
MOVER:	Dan Jenkins
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia
AYES:	Gregory Young, Angela Garcia, Daniel Jenkins, Kelvin Moore
ABSENT:	Estevan Bennett

General Manager Thiel introduced Jose Velasquez, the District's new Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Velasquez introduced himself to the Board of Directors, thanked them for the opportunity, and stated he looks forward to working for the District once again.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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PRESENTATIONS

None.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve Consent Calendar item #1.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4-0-1]
MOVER:	Dan Jenkins
SECONDER:	Kelvin Moore
AYES:	Gregory Young, Angela Garcia, Daniel Jenkins, Kelvin Moore
ABSENT:	Estevan Bennett

1. Agreement with Spectrum for Fiber Internet Service at the Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Rate Study Update and Rate Adjustment Scenario Review

General Manager John Thiel presented a rate study update and discussed items that will be taken into consideration in preparation for the upcoming rate study workshop.

Assistant General Manager Jadeski discussed the 10 year CIP plan which she has been updating; Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon provided an update on the customer survey recently completed; Chief Financial Officer Velasquez reported that he is finalizing the next fiscal year budget which will be used for the rate study; and Director of Engineering Wellborn provided an update on the facilities master plan which is also being taken into consideration for the rate study.

General Manager led a discussion with the Board of Directors on considerations for the rate study including the number of new positions over the next 5 years, the options for the headquarters and operations buildings, and grant funding.

President Young spoke in support of lowering the projections for new grant funding, to perhaps \$100,000, \$200,000, or leaving it at 0. General Manager Thiel suggested being conservative and leaving it at 0 to allow the Board flexibility if new grant funds are obtained, Director Garcia agreed.

General Manager Thiel proposed considering 2 new positions over the next 5 years. Director Garcia indicated two seemed low, and Director Moore spoke of the importance of making sure we are well staffed. General Manager Thiel suggested for the rate study workshop a scenario with two and four new positions be considered, the Board concurred.

Director of Engineering provided information on the options for the Headquarters facilities, such as remodeling the facility or building new facilities. President Young requested all the options be included in the information brought forth in the rate study workshop. General Counsel Ferre clarified that the Board will not be taking action on the Headquarters facilities or the staffing positions during the rate study workshop, but will just be evaluating how those factors affect the rates.

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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 Moore reported on the Human Resources Committee meeting.

Director Garcia reported on the Finance Committee meeting.

Vice President Jenkins reported on the Safety and Technology Committee meeting.

2. Board Members

Vice President Jenkins reported on his attendance at ACWA Spring Conference.

President Young wished his Grandfather a happy 98th Birthday and announced he would not be present at the June 5th Board meeting.

3. General Manager

General Manager Thiel provided an update on recruitment and gave an overview of the top priority items he will be focusing on.

4. Legal Counsel

None.

5. Government & Legislative Affairs

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon announced she is currently working on preparing for CSDA Legislative Days and is also working on organizing the June Sacramento advocacy trip.


6. Board Secretary

Executive Assistant Lara provided an update on upcoming Board meetings and events.

ADJOURN

President Young adjourned the meeting at 7:34 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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