SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
January 13, 2026

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order – 6:02 p.m.
Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Estevan Bennett	☑	☐	
Angela Garcia	☑	☐	
Daniel Jenkins	☑	☐	
Kelvin Moore	☑	☐	
Gregory Young	☑	☐	
General Counsel			
Jeff Ferre	☐	☑	
Staff			
John Thiel	☑	☐	
Linda Jadeski	☑	☐	
Jose Velasquez	☐	☑	
Haydee Sainz	☐	☑	
Joanne Chan	☑	☐	
Kara Johnson	☑	☐	
Socorro Pantaleon	☑	☐	
Rocky Welborn	☑	☐	
Albert Clinger	☑	☐	
Elva Vizcaino	☑	☐	
Mary Jo Hartley	☑	☐	
Elizabeth	☑	☐	
Jamie Jones	☑	☐	
David Turch & Associates	☑	☐	

Approval of Any Board Member Requests for Remote Participation – None.
Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Director Jenkins.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [5-0]**
MOVER:	Greg Young
SECONDER:	Daniel Jenkins
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Angela Garcia, Daniel Jenkins, Kelvin Moore, Greg Young

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. 2026 Federal Priorities
2. 2026 Federal Advocacy Strategy

Rich Wall, BBK, reviewed the Prop 218 requirements. Chief Financial Officer Velasquez indicated that no valid legal objections had been received.

President Moore called for public comment. Acting Board Secretary Johnson, none for the record. President Moore closed public comment.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [5-0]**
MOVER:	Greg Young
SECONDER:	Daniel Jenkins
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Daniel Jenkins, Greg Young, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore

General Manager Thiel introduced the item and reviewed the process for conducting the public hearing.

Chief Financial Officer Velasquez and John Wright, Raftelis, presented the Cost of Service and Water Rate Study. Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs presented an overview of the Prop 218 outreach that was conducted.

President Moore inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak and provided an opportunity for submittals of written protests. There were no written protests submitted, and no requests to speak; therefore President Moore closed the public hearing.

Payroll Specialist Vizcaino indicated for the record that prior to the close of the public hearing, 4 written protests letters had been received and a majority protests did not exist for the adoption of the proposed rates for the water service charges. Therefore, President Moore indicated the Board may proceed with adopting the Resolution to adopt the increase to the water service charges.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-12 adopting increases to the water service rates and charges, finding the adoption of such rates exempt from CEQA requirements, and taking other actions related thereto.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [4-1]**
MOVER:	Greg Young
SECONDER:	Daniel Jenkins
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Greg Young, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore
NAYS:	Daniel Jenkins

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 91 amending Article 21 “Schedule of Rates” and taking other actions relating thereto.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [4-1]**
MOVER:	Greg Young
SECONDER:	Daniel Jenkins
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Greg Young, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore
NAYS:	Daniel Jenkins

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to adopt Consent Calendar item #1.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [4-0-1]**
MOVER:	Greg Young
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Greg Young, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Daniel Jenkins

1. Change Order No. 1 with General Pump Company for the Baseline Feeder North Well Rehabilitation Project

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Proposed New Position - Geographic Information System Technician

Human Resources and Risk Manager Sainz provided the report.

Motion to adopt approve the creation of a full-time Geographic Information System (GIS) Technician position, adopt the proposed salary range for the new position as outlined in the updated salary schedule, and approve a budget adjustment of $75,000 to fund the new GIS position.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [4-0-1]**
MOVER:	Greg Young
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Greg Young, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Daniel Jenkins

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

Vice President Garcia reported on the External Affairs Committee meeting.

2. Board Members

Director Young thanked staff for their hard work on the Prop 218 process.

Director Bennett reported on his attendance at the WELL Program Evaluation meeting.

President Moore reported on his attendance at the WELL Program Evaluation meeting, and congratulated Public Outreach and Government Affairs for their great work over the last two years.

3. General Manager

General Manager Thiel provided updates on recruitment, Heli-Hydrants meeting with the County, Board Policies and Procedures update, and congratulated Public Outreach and Government Affairs for winning the ACWA Region 9 and Statewide Outreach award.

Director of Engineering Welborn introduced new employee Natalie Avila, Project Manager. Ms. Avila introduced herself to the Board of Directors.

4. Legal Counsel

None.

5. Public Outreach Government Affairs

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon thanked the Board and her team for their support which allowed them to receive the ACWA awards, and provided an upcoming events update.

6. Board Secretary

Payroll Specialist Vizcaino provided an update on upcoming meetings and events.

ADJOURN

President Moore adjourned the meeting 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kara Johnson, Acting Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on February 5, 2026, by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.