

MINUTES
SPECIAL EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
February 9, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Kelvin Moore	☒	☐	☐	
Angela Garcia	☒	☐	☐	
John Thiel	☒	☐	☐	
Linda Jadeski	☒	☐	☐	
Socorro Pantaleon	☒	☐	☐	
Mary Jo Hartley	☒	☐	☐	
Jamie Jones	☒	☐	☐	
Kristin Olson	☒	☐	☐	
Lily McKay	☒	☐	☐	

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Federal Update (Verbal)

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon reported on funding through Representative Aguilar for FY26 appropriations, check presentation scheduled that Jamie will circulate a thank-you letter for review, coordination with Representative Aguilar's office to arrange meeting at Roemer for week of June 15, and draft agenda for Washington DC advocacy meeting to be provided.

2. State Legislative Update (Verbal)

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Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon reported on upcoming meeting with Juan Carrillo and Sasha Renee Perez Harabedian to discuss ACWA state legislative priorities, that ACWA is seeking an author for Proposition 218, and President Moore will contact Eliose Gomez Reyes regarding WWWD sponsored legislation.

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon also spoke on "Polluters Pay" legislation addressing Golden Mussels, that Wildfire liability is emerging as a new legislative issue, and a support letter is being circulated for SB 72, which would authorize DWR to allocate \$1 million annually for five years. It was decided that WWWD would join the coalition letter.

Tracking Outcomes Review Projects – AB 658 (Papan) has been signed into law and relates to groundwater management reforms.

3. Updates to the External Affairs Committee

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon reported on final preparation for WWWD STEM Day, updates to "Careers in Water" trifold, and proposed video projects for Roemer groundbreaking, Careers in Water spotlight, and Roemer Treatment Process overview.

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon stated that the District has been in discussions with Bloomington High School, Rialto Unified School District, and Fontana Unified School District to expand education and workforce development opportunities.

Chair Garcia requested an update on current conservation efforts targeting residential and commercial customers.

Presentation of updated welcome packet and branding guidelines was referred to the next Board meeting.

4. Minutes for the November 24, 2025, Regular Meeting

The Committee approved the minutes.

5. Quarterly Sponsorship Update

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon gave an updated WWWD sponsorship.

Staff were directed to present the item at the next Board meeting for approval.

RESULT: REFERRED TO BOARD

Next: 02/19/2026 6:00 PM

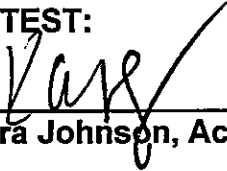
6. Social Media Report – Dec. – Jan. 2026

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon reported on the intentional use of the hashtag #GIS significantly boosted the visibility of our recruitment related content on LinkedIn. Because of this use, the District saw a 1,100% increase in impressions compared to the previous period. Due to the dramatic increase, indicates that the content is being surfaced to a broader audience.

IV. ADJOURN

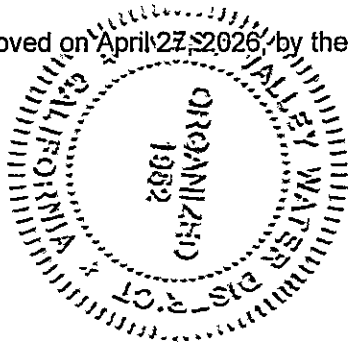
Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kara Johnson, Acting Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on April 27, 2026, by the External Affairs Committee of the West Valley Water District.



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