

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL  
WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026  
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:01 a.m. on January 12, 2026, the Board of Directors meeting was held in person at the District office, located at 1402 North Vosburg Drive, Azusa, California. While the Boardroom was open for public attendance, the District strongly encouraged attendees wanting to attend the meeting to participate in the meeting virtually through the remote Zoom link provided below. Attendees in person were asked to please maintain appropriate social distancing to the extent feasible (i.e., maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and other individuals). Face coverings were encouraged but not required for attendees.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Placido called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Directors present at Roll Call: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jose Reynoso, General Manager; Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Maria “Gigi” Jarmin, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Stan Chan and Brendan Stamper, Stetson Engineers; Melissa Barbosa and Carlos Solis, City of Azusa

Via telephone/Zoom: Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist, SGVMWD; Jim Ciampa, SGVMWD General Counsel, Lagerlof LLP; Latoya Waters, City of Alhambra

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 08, 2025

Financial Statements for December 2025

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

December 11, 2025, Check No. 12826 – 12832, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$84,311.50

December 24, 2025, Check Nos. 12833 - 12837, EFTs and Wires in the amount of \$83,469.31

January 08, 2026, Check Nos. 12838 - 12846, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$265,257.72

January 12, 2026, Check Nos. 12847 – 12850, and Wires in the amount of \$6,118.00

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

December 09 -31, 2025, Check Nos. 45633 – 45656, and EFTs in the amount of \$169,365.96

January 01 - 11, 2026, Check Nos. 45657 – 45695 in the amount of \$923,246.90

Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expense, dated: December 22, 2025, Check No. 1025, in the amount of \$536,946.00

Visa Recap

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

On the motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Consent Calendar was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on January 12, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees and Outside Agency Representative for Calendar Year 2026**

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, Director Miles Prince was elected as the District's President for 2026.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, Director Mike Eng was elected as the District's Vice President for 2026.

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, Director Bruce Knoles was re-elected as the District's Secretary for 2026.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, Director Mark Paulson was elected as the District's Treasurer for 2026.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Prince, and unanimously carried 5-0, the remainder of the slate of appointments and the District's 2026 Committee Assignments listed below were approved.

### 2026 Officers and Appointed Representatives

President	Miles L. Prince
Vice-President	Mike Eng
Secretary	Bruce H. Knoles
Treasurer	Mark R. Paulson
Deputy Secretary	Jose Reynoso
Deputy Treasurer	Jose Reynoso
Water Quality Authority (4 yr. term, exp.2028)	
Director	Mark R. Paulson (must be a Director)
Alternate	Steven T. Placido (must be a Director)
Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (1 yr. term)	
Director	Steven T. Placido, DDS (must be a Director) (No Provisions for Alternate)
ACWA/JPIA	
Director	Miles L. Prince (must be a Director)
Alternate	Jose Reynoso
ACWA Region 8	
Delegate	Miles L. Prince
Alternate	Jose Reynoso
San Gabriel Valley Protective Association	Jose Reynoso
San Gabriel Valley Water Association Liaison	Bruce H. Knoles
State Water Project Contractors Authority Liaison	Jose Reynoso
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership	Mike Eng
Independent Cities Association	Mark R. Paulson / Steven T. Placido, DDS / Miles L. Prince
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Energy Environment Natural Resources	Evelyn Reyes
San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance	Mike Eng

## 2026 District Committees

Engineering & Operations Committee	Steven T. Placido, DDS & Mark R. Paulson
External Affairs Committee	Miles L. Prince & Mike Eng
Administrative/Finance Committee	Bruce H. Knoles & Mike Eng

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on January 12, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

## Consideration of Approval of Authorized Per-Diem Conferences and Meetings for Calendar Year 2026

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, the District's 2026 Per-Diem Conference and Meetings listed below were approved.

### ACWA [acwa.com](http://acwa.com)

Spring	May 5-7	Sacramento, CA
Fall	Dec 1-3	Anaheim, CA
Legislative Symposium	Feb 11	Sacramento, CA
DC Annual	Feb 24-26	Washington D. C.

### AWWA [awwa.org](http://awwa.org)

ACE 26 Annual Conference	Jun. 21-24	Washington, DC
AWWA Water Infrastructure	Aug 30-Sep 2	Indianapolis, IN

### CA-NV Section [ca-nv-awwa.org](http://ca-nv-awwa.org)

Water Conference of the West	April 6-9	San Diego, CA
Fall Conference	TBA	

### OTHERS

#### Pipelinesconference.org

UESI Pipeline Conference	Aug 1-5	Detroit, MI
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[csda.net](http://csda.net)

CSDA Annual Conference	Aug 24-27	Palm Desert, CA
AGWA-AGWT Annual Conf.	Feb 18-19	Ontario, CA
socalwater.org Quarterly Meeting Annual Meeting & Dinner	Jan 23, May1, July 24 Oct 22	Santa Anita Park, Arcadia TBA
Urban Water Institute Urbanwater.com Spring	Feb 25-27	Indian Wells, CA
Annual Conference	Aug 19-21	San Diego, CA
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership	TBA	All Directors
San Gabriel Valley Water Association	Quarterly luncheon meetings, Annual BBQ	All Directors
Alhambra Education Foundation Awards Dinner and Gala		TBA
Garvey Education Foundation Gala		TBA
2025 California Water Law Symposium San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance Awards Lunch	Jan 24 TBA	San Francisco, CA TBA
CORO Water Conference	TBA	TBA
Orange County Water Summit	TBA	TBA
WELL 2025 Annual Conference	TBA	TBA
WaterSmart Innovation Conference	Oct 21-23	Portland, Or
Three Valleys Leadership Breakfast	Qtrly	Kellogg West Conference Center
Council for Watershed Health	All Events	
Intl. LGBTQ Leaders Conference	TBA	TBA
CA Water Data Collaborative	All Events	
Climate Resolve	TBA	TBA
SCAG 2025 Regional Conf	May 7-8	JW Marriott Desert Springs, CA

CSDA: Special District Leadership Academy	May 11-4 Sep 13-16	San Diego, CA SLO, CA
CSDA: Special District Legislative Days	April 7	Sacramento, CA
Allianceforwaterefficiency.org Water Efficiency and Conservation Symposium 2025 Water Reuse Symposium	Aug 4-6 TBA	Chicago, IL TBA
Water Quality Association Convention & Exposition	Apr 28-30	Miami Beach, FL
Rogue Water Lab: Catalyst	TBA	TBA

**Authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for Portable Chemical Dosing Unit for Golden Mussel Treatment**

General Manager Jose Reynoso presented a request to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a portable chemical dosing unit to address Golden Mussel concerns in the District's Devils Canyon-Azusa pipeline. The County has made this pretreatment a condition before it will lift its prohibition on importing water from the State Water Project into the County. The proposed system would use EarthTec, a copper-based treatment that has proven effective in other water systems, including those used by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and AVEK.

The Board discussed several concerns, including the need for possible County approval of the treatment method, timing, and effectiveness metrics. Mr. Reynoso clarified that the proposal is for the equipment only at this stage, not the actual implementation, with a potential 20-week lead time for equipment. The system would be designed to deliver a chemical dose of 1-3 parts per million at Devils Canyon. San Bernardino Municipal Water District is supportive, and a cost-sharing agreement is being developed. General Manager Reynoso stated the primary goal is to protect infrastructure and prevent infestation of the Golden Mussels while meeting County requirements for the resumption of water flows.

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approves the Authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for Portable Chemical Dosing Unit for Golden Mussel Treatment.

**Resolution No. 01-2026-858 in Support of Pure Water Southern California**

General Manager Reynoso introduced this item and reviewed the contents of the resolution included in the Board meeting materials. President Prince directed attention to the final paragraph of the resolution, supporting the Pure Water Southern California project. He stated that resolution specifically noted that it does not constitute approval for use of District facilities, obligate the District to participate in the project, waive any rights, or limit Board discretion on future proposals.

Evelyn Reyes mentioned that Upper District requested this show of regional support as the Metropolitan Water District Board will be considering approval of the project's Environmental Impact Report in February.

Kelly Gardner from Watermaster also added the project has three proposed sizes (45 MGD, 75 MGD, and 150 MGD), with full implementation of the 150 MGD option estimated for 2045, approximately 12-14 years in the future.

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved Resolution No. 01-2026-858 in Support of Pure Water Southern California.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on January 12, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE**

External Affairs Report was included in the Agenda Packet.

External Affairs Manager Evelyn Reyes reported on the legislative calendar, the state budget, and water-related funding. She noted the state budget shortfall is now projected at \$2.9 billion rather than the initially reported \$18 billion. The governor allocated \$68 million for addressing subsidence issues in the Central Valley, though the State Water Contractors, Inc. had requested \$150 million annually for 15 years.

### **REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT**

Ms. Gardner reported Watermaster's Board met on January 7 and passed resolutions similar to the one approved by the Board supporting Pure Water Southern California. She thanked General Manager Reynoso and External Affairs Manager Reyes for coordinating meetings with legislators regarding the Golden Mussel issue.

### **REPORT OF WQA**

Director Paulson reported that Mayor Robert Gonzalez from Azusa was reelected as the WQA representative, and Mayor Jeff Maloney from City of Alhambra was elected as the alternate.

## **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY**

General Counsel Ciampa reported on a recent Court of Appeal decision issued on December 31 regarding the Department of Water Resources' 2020 validation action for bond issuance. The appellate court affirmed the trial court's decision that ruled against DWR, finding that the definition of facilities in the 2020 resolution was too broad and ambiguous. DWR had subsequently adopted a revised bond issuance resolution in January 2025, which included a more specific definition of the Delta Conveyance Program, and the validation action on that resolution is now pending in the trial court. A previously proposed budget trailer bill would have addressed these validation issues but did not pass. At this point, it is not known what DWR's next step will be with respect to the 2020 validation action.

## **REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTOR/GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

The General Manager's Report was included in the Agenda Packet.

The General Manager reported that the State Water Contractors are focusing on subsidence issues and reviewing DWR's statement of charges. The District may be eligible for a refund related to recreation costs that should not have been charged to the contractors.

Mr. Reynoso continues to meet with the County and responsible agencies in regard to the Golden Mussel issue. He has requested a one-on-one meeting with the Director of Public Works to discuss potential health and safety-impacts if water flows are not restored. The District is actively engaging elected officials at state and federal levels to educate them on imported water's crucial role in the region's water supply.

Mr. Reynoso also noted that reservoirs are filling quickly with recent storms, though the State Water Project allocation remains at 10%. He is developing relationships with other State Water Contractors to potentially purchase additional water if the Golden Mussel issue can be resolved.

## **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**

The Assistant General Manager's Report was included in the Agenda Packet.

The Assistant General Manager reported the District currently has about 3,300 acre-feet of carryover water stored in San Luis Reservoir, including 2,100 acre-feet from the 5,000 acre-feet purchased from Metropolitan. The North Sierra precipitation remains low. Currently, the only water delivery is 9 CFS to Covina Valley Water Company, as deliveries to the Committee of 9 canal stopped in late December due to anticipated storm turbidity.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

None.

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED**


None.

**DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

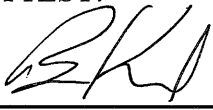
Newly elected President Miles Prince thanked the Board for their trust and looked forward to working together in the coming year.

**ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on February 09, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

  
Miles L. Prince  
President

ATTEST:

  
Bruce H Knoles  
Secretary