

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL  
WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702  
MONDAY, MARCH 09, 2026  
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:03 a.m. on March 09, 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 Prince called the meeting to order at 8:03 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; Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist; Jim Ciampa, SGVMWD General Counsel, Lagerlof LLP; Justin Nakano, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

Via telephone/Zoom: Christopher Brown, C.J. Brown and Company CPAs; Carlos Solis, Azusa Light & Water; Brian Dickinson, City of Sierra Madre; Nicole Cone, HdL Coren & Cone; Charles Luas and Michael, Unidentified Guests

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 09, 2026

Financial Statements for February 2026

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

February 19, 2026, Check No. 12867 – 12873, EFTs and Wires in the amount of \$72,706.91

March 05, 2026, Check Nos. 12874 - 12881, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$69,893.71

March 09, 2026, Check Nos. 12882 - 12884, and Wires in the amount of \$5,244.00

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

February 10 -28, 2026, Check Nos. 45756 – 45782, and EFTs in the amount of \$828,900.94

March 01 - 09, 2026, Check Nos. 45783 – 45812 in the amount of \$428,068.18

Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expense, dated: February 23, 2026, Check No. 1027, in the amount of \$619,330.00

Visa Recap, January 21, 2025 – February 20, 2026

Revised List of Per-Diem Conferences for 2026

Future Meeting Attendance Approval:

American Ground Water Trust (AGWT) New Mexico Groundwater Conference-

July 14 & 15, and New Mexico Water Well Workshop, July 16, Albuquerque, NM

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

## PRESENTATION

### **City of Sierra Madre Public Works Director: Sierra Madre/Arcadia Joint Well Project Update**

Brian Dickinson, Sierra Madre's Public Works Director, provided an update on the Joint Well Project with Arcadia. He reported that construction of pipelines and storm drains is substantially complete. Division of Drinking Water visited the site in January and approved the finalized location. Drilling is scheduled to begin July 2026, with completion expected in October 2026. The PFAS treatment system design is progressing with Aqueous Vets, expected to be completed in October 2026. He mentioned the full permitting through the State could take 3-6 months after equipment installation.

## ACTION ITEMS

### **Exercise of Two Optional One-Year Extensions - Professional Auditing Services with C.J. Brown & Company, CPAs**

General Manager Jose Reynoso recommended exercising the two-year extension option with C.J. Brown & Company CPAs, citing their exceptional work and the difficulty encountered in the previous bidding process. Mr. Reynoso noted that GFOA recognizes 5-year contracts as acceptable practice and after 5 years, agencies can stay with the same firm by switching auditors within the firm to provide fresh perspective. Director Paulson suggested starting to look for a new firm during the middle of the 2-year extension period.

Chris Brown from CJ Brown & Company CPAs was available via Zoom and clarified their fixed fee proposal of \$18,500 annually covers all services including the audit, out of pocket expenses, agreed upon procedures for travel expenses and preparation of the annual financial transaction report to be filed with the State Controller.

On the motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Two Optional One-Year Extensions for Professional Auditing Services with C.J. Brown & Company CPA's was approved.

### **Approval of Sole Source Professional Services Agreement with HdL Coren & Cone for Property Tax Management, Audit, and Forecasting Services**

General Manager Jose Reynoso recommended entering into a 3-year contract with HdL Coren & Cone at \$26,104 annually with CPI increases. He explained that HdL Coren & Cone would conduct annual audits of the District's boundaries to ensure proper tax collection and provide data to support decision-making regarding ad valorem taxes for the District's four member agencies. He mentioned the importance of ensuring accurate tax receipts, given the upcoming costs from the Delta Conveyance Project, Golden Mussel issues, subsidence and the District's 10-year master plan.

Nicole Cone from HdL Coren & Cone, participating remotely, explained that their services include annual boundary audits and detailed reports analyzing value changes, new projects, and top property owners in taxes paid within the District. The contract includes a provision for 25% of net new tax revenue that is captured, capped at \$60,000.

On the motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Professional Services Agreement with HdL Coren & Cone for Property Tax Management, Audit, and Forecasting Services 2026 Legislative Priorities and Policy was approved.

### **Contractor Selection for Generator Replacement Project**

Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins explained the District is replacing standby power at six facilities - five with end-of-life equipment and one (Riverside meter facility) that never had backup power. The project went through various iterations, with the Board initially requesting evaluation of non-polluting options, but diesel generators were deemed the best option given reliability requirements.

Three responses were received, but the lowest bidder (DAP Electric) submitted an incomplete bid package lacking required bonds, insurance, and other documentation, which rendered that bid non-responsive. Mr. Kiggins recommended awarding the contract to TE Roberts, the lowest qualified bidder at \$547,645, with a 10% contingency for potential incidental cost increases.

On the motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board awarded the subject contract to TE Roberts.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

## **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE**

External Affairs Report was included in the Agenda Packet.

External Affairs Specialist Albert Lu reported the AAPI press conference is being planned for mid-July with expanded translation services.

## **REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT**

Director Placido stated that the Watermaster meeting was relatively light, had no action items, only Committee and Administrative reports.

General Manager Reynoso added that Watermaster is working on the annual budget with RDAs expected to convey approximately the same amount as previous years, around \$175 per acre-foot.

## **REPORT OF WQA**

No Report.

## **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY**

General Counsel Ciampa provided updates on various state bills affecting water districts, including data center legislation, anti-hate speech training requirements, Golden Mussel bills, and competitive bidding threshold increases for municipal water districts. He highlighted SB 872, which would allocate \$300 million annually, \$150 million per year for 20 years for State Water project subsidence and \$150 million per year for 20 years for Delta levee repairs.

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

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

Jose Reynoso provided updates on Golden Mussel control efforts, noting meetings with California Department of Fish and Wildlife and continued work on regional and pipeline control plans. The District is hopeful for approval to begin copper treatment of the pipeline by April 1st. He also emphasized the importance of advocacy for SB 872 given its significant financial implications for State Water Project contractors.

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

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

Steve Kiggins reported that deliveries have been limited to Covina Valley Water Company's treatment facility since Christmas. The EarthTec installation at Devil Canyon is now scheduled for May 2026. Cyclic storage balance stands at approximately 11,000 acre-feet, with about 700 acre-feet of District-owned water after accounting for Dudley Ridge Water District's storage obligations.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

None.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED**


Director Eng reported attending Monterey Park Data Center hearings, clarifying he expressed no Board opinions when asked about the District's position.

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**


Directors wished Evelyn Reyes a speedy recovery and expressed appreciation for staff's reports.

**ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on April 13, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

  
Miles L. Prince  
President

ATTEST:

  
Bruce H Knoles  
Secretary