

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL  
WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026  
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:00 a.m. on May 11, 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. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84583058813?pwd=O4GLts6u4DbbTWVbcxYk47rLszjbs5.1>

**Meeting ID: 845 8305 8813**

**Passcode: 997406**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Prince called the meeting to order at 8:00 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; Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist; Jim Ciampa, SGVMWD General Counsel, Lagerlof LLP; Justin Nakano, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

Via telephone/Zoom: Carlos Solis, City of Azusa; George Noriega, City of Monterey Park; Brian Dickinson and Steven McGee, City of Sierra Madre

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

None.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 13, 2026  
Minutes of the Administrative and Finance Committee of May 05, 2026  
Financial Statements for April 2026  
Treasurer's Investment Report Dated March 31, 2026  
Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:  
April 16, 2026, Check No. 12903 – 12908, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$69,394.24  
April 30, 2026, Check Nos. 12909 - 12915, EFTs and Wires in the amount of \$71,676.36  
May 11, 2026, Check Nos. 12916 - 12918, and Wires in the amount of \$5,208.80  
Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:  
April 14 -30, 2026, Check Nos. 45895 – 45912, and EFTs in the amount of \$120,088.77  
May 01 - 11, 2026, Check Nos. 45913 – 45947 in the amount of \$224,477.80  
Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expense, dated: April 27, 2026, Check No. 1030, in the amount of \$619,330.00  
Visa Recap, March 21, 2026 – April 20, 2026  
Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)**

General Manager Jose Reynoso presented the annual COLA item. The March-to-March CPI for the Los Angeles–Anaheim–Long Beach index came in at 3.4%. He requested the Board approve the 3.4% COLA and to direct staff to return in June with a formal COLA policy, a comprehensive compensation philosophy, and a multi-year implementation strategy if equity adjustments are warranted.

On the motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, The 3.4 % Cost-of-Living Adjustment and direction to staff to return in June with formal COLA policy and comprehensive compensation philosophy was approved.

### **Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget – Review and Direction**

General Manager Jose Reynoso presented the proposed FY 2026–2027 budget for review and discussion, highlighting the use of zero-based budgeting and approximately \$2.5 million in planned capital expenditures, with the budget remaining balanced. A formal presentation by department heads is scheduled for the June meeting, at which point the Board will be asked to adopt the budget. No action was required at this meeting.

### **Authorization to Proceed with Devil Canyon First Afterbay Golden Mussel Treatment Infrastructure and Operational Cost-Sharing Framework**

Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins reported that installation of the Golden Mussel Treatment System at Devil Canyon First Afterbay will commence on May 12. The system will dose the pipeline at 6 parts per million of EarthTec QZ during warmer months, with a reduced dose of 3 parts per million

during colder months. The District's share of costs for the pilot phase is approximately \$47,000, with an estimated annual cost of \$176,000 in fixed charges plus variable product costs. The Board discussed dosing effectiveness, monitoring protocols, DWR's role in operational decision-making, and L.A. County's conditions for imported water delivery, which have been substantially satisfied. Staff recommended approval of the authorization to allow the General Manager to negotiate and execute the necessary agreements.

On the motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Authorization to Proceed with Devil Canyon First Afterbay Golden Mussel Treatment Infrastructure and Operational Cost-Sharing Framework was approved.

**Authorization to Proceed with Corrpro-Proposed Task 5 and Task 6 to Perform Additional Field Testing and Design Interference Mitigation for the Devil Canyon-Azusa Pipeline in Schedule V and Schedule VI**

Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins summarized the ongoing corrosion protection work by Corrpro. Tasks 5 and 6 address stray current interference at two locations where Metropolitan Water District infrastructure crosses or runs adjacent to the District's pipelines. The cost for the work is to be charged against the current fiscal year's budget.

On the motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, The Authorization to Proceed with Corrpro-Proposed Task 5 and Task 6 to Perform Additional Field Testing and Design Interference Mitigation for the Devil Canyon-Azusa Pipeline in Schedule V and Schedule VI, was approved.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE**

External Affairs Report was included in the Agenda Packet. External Affairs Manager Evelyn Reyes reported that AB 1894 (the Golden Mussel Bill), co-sponsored by the District, passed the Assembly floor 66-0 and now advances to the Senate. AB 2215 (time extension of DWR water right permits) and SB 872 (subsidence funding) continue to move through the Legislature. SB 978, addressing data center energy impacts, was noted as a potential cost driver for the State Water Project. Ms. Reyes mentioned that an RFP has been issued for the District's website redesign, with a contract expected to come before the Board next month.

**REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT**

No Report

**REPORT OF WQA**

Director Paulson mentioned the audit of WQA's financial statements for Fiscal Year ending 2025 was presented with a clean opinion.

## **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY**

No Report

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

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

The General Manager Jose Reynoso reported that the District received its first allocation of Yuba Accord Water, with an initial allocation of 162 acre-feet. Due to the Golden Mussel situation, the General Manager opted to take only the base allocation rather than any additional transferred water, with the option to revisit later in the year if additional Yuba water is available. The General Manager also reported on being appointed as an alternate to the State Water Contractors/DWR Energy Risk Oversight Committee that oversees energy procurement for the State Water Project. The Committee recently discussed a solar energy project and elected to defer additional energy procurement pending further market developments in clean energy pricing.

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

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

Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins reported approximately 12,000 acre-feet remaining to deliver. He noted that the District's fiber optic SCADA backbone is live and awaiting SIM cards for final cutover. In addition, he mentioned that roof replacement at the District office is commencing, with an estimated 5-7 working days to complete.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Director Prince noted that Admin and Finance Committee meeting had occurred, with minutes included in the consent calendar.

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED**

Director Knoles reported attending the Azusa City Council meeting, a site visit to Azusa Light & Water's filtration plant, and the Azusa State of the City event. Director Eng reported attending the Earth Day and State of the City events in the City of Alhambra, as well as Monterey Park's Earth Day event.

## **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

None

## **CLOSED SESSION at 8:49 a.m.**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a)):

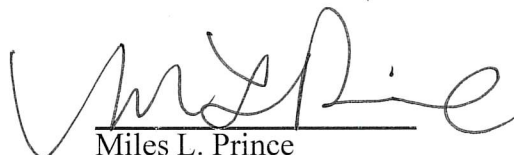
California Sportsfishing Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000181; Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000183; San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000185; and Central Delta Water Agency and South Delta Water Agency v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000186 (2024 Incidental Take Permit Litigation)

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation: (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)): One potential suit
3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code section 54956.8):
  - a. Negotiator: General Manager
  - b. Property: State Water Project Water
  - c. Parties: California Department of Water Resources and State Water Project Contractors
  - d. Under Negotiation: Price & Term
4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Threat to Public Agency Facilities under Govt. Code Section 54957

General Counsel Ciampa reported a closed session was held to review the four items referenced above. The Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of those matters, and no reportable action was taken.

**CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED at 9:25 a.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on June 08, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

  
Miles L. Prince  
President

ATTEST:



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Bruce H Knoles  
Secretary