

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, JUNE 08, 2026
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:01 a.m. on June 08, 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 8:01 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; Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist; Jim Ciampa, SGVMWD General Counsel, Lagerlof LLP; Justin Nakano, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Josh Byerrum, Platinum Strategies Inc.; Cole Johnson, Stetson Engineers, Inc.

Via telephone/Zoom: Melissa Barbosa, City of Azusa; Brian Dickinson, City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2026
- b. Financial Statements for May 2026
- c. Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:
 - May 14, 2026, Check No. 12919 – 12924, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$69,539.20
 - May 28, 2026, Check Nos. 12925 - 12931, EFTs and Wires in the amount of \$74,285.83
 - June 08, 2026, Check Nos. 12932 - 12934, and Wires in the amount of \$3,663.30
- d. Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:
 - May 12 -31, 2026, Check Nos. 45948 – 45967, and EFTs in the amount of \$98,591.58
 - June 01 - 08, 2026, Check Nos. 45968 – 46007 in the amount of \$188,377.21
- e. Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expense, dated: May 26, 2026, Check No. 1031,
in the amount of \$619,330.00
- f. Visa Recap, April 21, 2026 – May 20, 2026
- g. Ratification of Purchase Order NO. 2747 in the amount of \$15,900.00 and Purchase Order No.2748
In the amount of \$5,156.00 relating to IT services and materials.
- h. Ratification of CEQA Notice of Exemption for Devil Canyon First Afterbay Golden Mussel Treatment Project.
- i. Authorization of Additional Funding for Regional Golden Mussel Control Plan
- j. Approval of Professional Services Proposal with Tripepi Smith for Website Redesign in an amount not to exceed \$28,300.
- k. Amendment to WaterWise Consulting, Inc's Contract to Revise Scope of Work for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.
- l. Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

President Prince removed the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2026, from the Consent Calendar for revisions. The remaining Consent Calendar items were approved on the motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5-0.

Following Director Prince moved to approve the minutes as amended, correcting a reference from "AB 294" to "AB 1894" and noting the bill passed the Assembly floor 74–0, as requested by the External Affairs Manager. On the motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2026, as amended were approved.

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2026-860 – GENERAL ELECTION

General Manager Jose Reynoso reported that the District is required by California law to adopt a resolution calling for a board election in any applicable year. Three board seats are scheduled for the November election. Staff recommended adoption of the resolution to establish election procedures and authorize filing of required documentation

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK TO RENDER ELECTION SERVICES FOR A GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, RESOLUTION NO. 06-2026-860 was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on June 08, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2026-861 – SALARY SCHEDULE

General Manager Jose Reynoso reported the resolution implements the 3.4% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) previously approved at the May board meeting, effective July 1, 2026.

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REVISING SALARIES, RESOLUTION NO. 06-2026-861 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on June 08, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2026-862 ADOPTING 2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

General Manager Reynoso presented the proposed FY 2026–2027 budget. Revenues are projected at approximately \$23.6 million with expenditures at approximately \$23.5 million, resulting in a modest surplus. Key initiatives include development of a 10-year master plan, a comprehensive rate analysis, and a reserve policy review.

Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins mentioned that the Capital priorities include rehabilitation of the Riverside Meter and Valve structures in Rialto, pre-purchase of large-diameter valves due to long lead times, implementation of GIS mapping and a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS), installation of a pressure relief valve at Azusa

Flow Control Structure at the end of Schedule 1 extension, and IT infrastructure and cybersecurity enhancements.

External Affairs Manager Evelyn Reyes highlighted continued education and outreach programs, the Wyland mobile classroom, legislative advocacy, and new conservation programs including CII large landscape surveys in advance of the January 2027 compliance deadline for AB 1572.

Three amendments to the budget were noted: reduction of a consultant contract from \$250,000 to \$170,000, addition of approximately 900 intern hours at a cost of approximately \$22,000, and IT enhancements.

The Golden Mussel response was also highlighted as a top budget priority, with funding included for treatment, monitoring, regulatory compliance, and coordination with regional partners.

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING 2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, RESOLUTION NO. 06-2026-862 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on June 08, 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 that the Governor's May Budget Revision reflected a \$16.5 billion surplus, reversing a previously projected \$2.9 billion shortfall. The legislature is expected to vote on the budget by June 15. Regarding AB 1894 (the Golden Mussel review bill), the bill passed the Assembly unanimously and is now in the Senate. District staff met with Senate Natural Resources Committee staff and members and reported sufficient votes appear attainable to advance the bill. General Manager Reynoso is scheduled to testify before the committee the following day alongside Upper District's General Manager Tom Love. One group remains in opposition, though staff noted their concerns appear to reflect a misunderstanding of the bill's intent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido reported the Watermaster meeting held the prior week covered routine items, including fund transfers and extensions of existing agreements. Justin Nakano of Watermaster staff added that the Golden Mussel control plan is still pending comments from California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and that mussel sampling results from the basins were still pending.

REPORT OF WQA

No Report

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Legal Counsel Jim Ciampa reported that DWR rescinded its 2025 bond validation resolution, resulting in dismissal of the 2025 validation action. A new resolution is expected to be adopted that will address both the trial court and Court of Appeals decisions from the 2020 validation case. This development is anticipated to affect State Water Project contract amendments related to the Delta Conveyance Project.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTOR/GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

The General Manager's Report was included in the Agenda Packet. General Manager Reynoso reported that Quagga mussels have been detected in two spreading basins of the San Gabriel River, estimated to have been present for five to seven years. Regarding the permitting pathway for the Golden Mussel treatment program, following a joint meeting with the Regional Water Quality Control Board and State Water Resources Control Board, it was determined that pursuing an NPDES permit at the state board level is the most appropriate and streamlined path. Staff anticipates submitting the permit application by end of June, with a 30-day comment period to follow. If approved on that schedule, water deliveries could potentially resume as early as September 1. Two consultant proposals were received and one agency declined to submit a proposal due to timing. General Manager Reynoso also noted he will be traveling to Sacramento to testify on AB 1894 the following day and will briefly attend a State Water Contractor committee meeting later in the week.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

The Assistant General Manager's Report was included in the Agenda Packet. Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins reported that approximately 16,300 acre-feet of water is in hand and ready for delivery. Final roof inspection at the District office was expected that day. Mr. Kiggins provided a status update on the pilot Golden Mussel treatment installation at Devil Canyon Afterbay, noting it is operational in a temporary configuration. During a planned DWR outage, staff observed damage to intake screens at the head of the pipeline.

Two screens were removed, rehabilitated, and are pending reinstallation. A decision was made to delay reinstallation until all four screens can be replaced simultaneously to minimize disruption to DWR operations. Contractor TE Roberts is fabricating the two remaining replacement screens to allow for replacement screens to be held in inventory.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

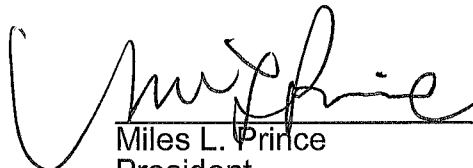
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DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED / DIRECTOR' COMMENTS

Director Eng commended External Affairs staff for participating in community events and acknowledged the District's water donation to the Monterey Park Pride event. Director Placido commended General Manager Reynoso and the full team for their work navigating the Golden Mussel response, noting the progress from discovery to a viable treatment pathway in a matter of months. Director Prince echoed Director Eng's appreciation for the new reusable water bottles, which were distributed at the Mount Wilson Trail Race, noting they were a more appropriate representation of the District's environmental stewardship compared to single-use plastic bottles.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on July 13, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.


Miles L. Prince
President

ATTEST:


Bruce H Knoles
Secretary