

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:00 a.m. on July 13, 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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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: Michael Cervantes, ACWA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 08, 2026
- b. Financial Statements for June 2026
- c. Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:
 - June 11, 2026, Check No. 12935 – 12940, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$72,045.80
 - June 25, 2026, Check Nos. 12941 - 12949, EFTs and Wires in the amount of \$75,204.53
 - July 09, 2026, Check Nos. 12950 - 12957, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$71,466.37
 - July 13, 2026, Check Nos. 12958 – 12960, and Wires in the amount of \$4,318.80
- d. Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:
 - June 09 -30, 2026, Check Nos. 46008 – 46035, and EFTs in the amount of \$244,404.02
 - July 01 - 13, 2026, Check Nos. 46036 – 46076, and EFTs in the amount of \$1,065,070.58
- e. Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expense, dated: June 22, 2026, Check No. 1032, in the amount of \$619,330.00
- f. Visa Recap, May 21, 2026 – June 20, 2026
- g. Approval of Professional Services Proposal with Transtech in an amount of \$29,100
- h. Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

On the motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Consent Calendar was approved

ACTION ITEMS

Continuation of Golden Mussel Pilot Chemical Treatment – July 2026

General Manager Jose Reynoso reported that the initial pilot program was deemed successful and that the District, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), sought authorization to continue chemical treatment for an additional 90 days while a permanent long-term solution is developed. DWR indicated the pilot is likely to remain active for one year. Costs are to be incorporated into the annual statement of charges with a year-end true-up. President Prince inquired whether ACWA-JPIA insurance coverage might apply to costs associated with the Golden Mussel; District Counsel Jim Ciampa noted that pollution and invasive species exclusions would likely apply but agreed the matter was worth a brief review.

The motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, to authorize continuation of the Golden Mussel Pilot Chemical Treatment for a 90-day period 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, co-sponsored by the District, has cleared all legislative committees and is on the Senate floor pending a vote.

The Governor's office requested a brief hold for review, with no major concerns were identified. The deadline for passage by the Legislature is August 31, 2026. Additionally, DWR selected the District to participate in a "Meet the Contractor" video, scheduled to be filmed on July 22, 2026, featuring General Manager Jose Reynoso, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster Executive Officer Kelly Gardner, and Alhambra Chamber of Commerce CEO John Bwarie. Ms. Reyes also highlighted the District's annual Asian media event, which drew approximately 10 media outlets and generated significant coverage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido reported that the Watermaster board approved the shared cost agreement for the Golden Mussel Control Plan.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson noted the WQA had a light agenda, with the primary action being approval of cost-of-living raises for staff.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Legal Counsel Jim Ciampa reported that AB 2215, which would have legislatively granted a water rights permit time extension to DWR for the State Water Project, was pulled by the author, Assembly Member Calderon, after the Senate committee consultant proposed amendments requiring the State Water Board to act on the time extension application within 18 months—terms that rendered the bill no more beneficial than the existing administrative process.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTOR/GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

The General Manager's Report was included in the Agenda Packet. General Manager Reynoso reported the District submitted its application to the State Water Resources Control Board for an NPDES permit for permanent aquatic invasive species treatment, with the 30-day review period expected to conclude around August 7–8, 2026, and a permit anticipated shortly thereafter. This represents the final regulatory hurdle required by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works prior to allowing imported water deliveries to resume. Additionally, the State Water Contractors Board of Directors recently unanimously authorized DWR to proceed with engineering and design to 40% completion for a behind-the-meter solar project aimed at reducing transmission access charges for the State Water Project.

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 water movement remains limited, with the Three Valleys and North Azusa connections enabling continued pilot chemical treatment. Meter pedestals for the Generator replacement project are expected to arrive in mid-July, with construction anticipated to begin within two weeks of delivery. Mr. Kiggins also reported that intake screens at Devils Canyon were pulled for inspection, revealing Golden Mussel colonization; a full replacement set of screens was fabricated. Upcoming copper sulfate treatment at Silverwood Lake was noted as a potential, though uncertain, supplemental benefit against mussel colonization.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

No Report

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED / DIRECTOR' COMMENTS

Director Paulson noted that the nonfunctional turf ordinance, effective in January 2027, was largely unknown among public entities in the District's service area and recommended that staff distribute information to city managers and public works departments. Director Placido reported attending the ICA conference, where representatives from the California Department of Food and Agriculture indicated that grant funding may be available to assist with invasive species control efforts. Director Prince mentioned that he presented to the Sierra Madre Rotary Club. He thanked staff for coordinating that presentation and encouraged directors to seek similar outreach opportunities in their member cities.

CLOSED SESSION at 8:31 a.m.

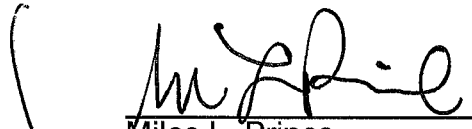
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)): White v. San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District – Workers Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ 22597994

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED at 8:35 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: General Counsel Ciampa reported the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of that item of litigation and no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on August 10, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.


Miles L. Prince
President

ATTEST:


Bruce H Knoles
Secretary