



THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1021 E. Miramar Ave., Claremont, CA 91711
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 | 8:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Ti called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with a quorum of the Board present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mike Ti, President
Carlos Goytia, Vice President
Jeff Hanlon, Secretary/Treasurer
David De Jesus, Director
Bob Kuhn, Director
Jorge Marquez, Director
Jody Roberto, Director

STAFF PRESENT

Matthew Litchfield, General Manager
Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel
Brittany Aguilar, Finance Manager
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Board Secretary
Freeman Ensign, Operations Supervisor
Erika Gomez, Chief Finance Officer
Karen Harberson, Compliance Analyst
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer
Sylvie Lee, Chief Water Resources Officer
Joshua Olivares-Hernandez, Finance Analyst
Kevin Panzer, Principal Engineer
Brian Pen, Water Resources Analyst
Alvin Ramos, I.T. Analyst

Virtual Attendees: Ed Chavez, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Bruce Knoles, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District; Dave Michalko, Covina Valley Water Company; Thomas Monk, Walnut Valley Water District; Henry Woo, Walnut Valley Water District; Michael; 8183971926

In person attendees: John Bellah, Rowland Water District; Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District; Chris Diggs, City of Pomona; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Jared Macias, Walnut Valley Water District; Myra Malner, Rowland Water District; Dinny Rasmussen, League of Women's Voters

3. FLAG SALUTE

President Ti led the flag salute.

4. DIRECTOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO SB 707 – Notification Due to Just Cause

Director De Jesus attended the Board meeting remotely in accordance with the childcare or caregiving need of a spouse provision.

5. AGENDA REORDER/ADDITIONS

No reorder or additions to the agenda were requested.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ti opened public comment; there was none.

7. REPORTS

A. MWD BUDGET UPDATE

Chief Finance Officer Gomez reported that Three Valleys' second budget workshop was postponed due to limited new information from MWD and the presentation instead focused on MWD's budget development, key changes, and next steps. The budget continues to be based on MWD's cost-of-service framework, with scenarios narrowed primarily around differences in Pure Water funding. There is also movement toward increasing the ad valorem tax rate from 0.007% to approximately 0.0085%.

Financial projections have improved, shifting from earlier anticipated rate increases of 9.5% in both years to potential overall rate decreases, though the exact breakdown between fixed and volumetric charges remains unknown. Critical details still pending include final volumetric rates and member agency cost allocations. As a result, Three Valleys cannot yet finalize its wholesale rates or allocate fixed charges. Three Valleys will continue monitoring MWD's process and incorporate final figures following their expected budget adoption on April 14.

B. FY 2026-27 REVISED BUDGET REVIEW SCHEDULE

Chief Finance Officer Gomez reviewed Three Valleys' updated budget development schedule. Key milestones include MWD's anticipated budget adoption on April 14, followed

by a Three Valleys budget workshop on April 15. Staff will present the proposed budget to Member Agency Managers on May 13, with final Board adoption scheduled for May 20. The May 6 Board meeting is cancelled due to director attendance at the ACWA conference.

C. REVIEW OF FY 2026–27 WATER STANDBY CHARGE

Finance Manager Aguilar reviewed the proposed FY 2026–27 water standby charge, which is estimated at \$29.41 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), representing the maximum allowable assessment. She explained that the standby charge is used to offset MWD's Readiness-to-Serve charge and helps stabilize District revenues.

On April 15, staff will present the resolution to initiate the water standby charge proceedings, a public meeting will be held on June 3, and a public hearing and adoption are scheduled for June 17.

D. DISCUSS INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT LAFCO REPRESENTATIVE BALLOT

There are three candidates running for the Independent Special District LAFCO representative: Gary Burns, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; Vera Robles DeWitt, Water Replenishment District of Southern California; and incumbent Robert Lewis, Rowland Water District. The Board expressed support for Mr. Lewis and directed staff to return this item on April 15 for formal action. Director Marquez was unchallenged and will serve as the alternate representative for the term beginning May 4.

E. DISCUSS LAFCO BOUNDARY RECONCILIATION TASK ORDER AMENDMENT

Water Resources Analyst Pen provided an update on the District's boundary reconciliation efforts in coordination with LAFCO. He explained that discrepancies in jurisdictional boundaries have required additional technical analysis and mapping work. Michael Baker International (MBI) was contracted in January 2024 for \$71,000 to provide professional land surveying services and prepare the necessary materials. Due to an expanded scope of work, the total project cost has increased to approximately \$165,000, and a contract amendment with MBI in the amount of \$94,120 is proposed. The reconciliation process is expected to continue through FY 2028, with the goal of ensuring accurate service area representation and alignment with member agencies. This item will be returned to the April 15 Board of Directors meeting for consideration and approval.

F. OPERATIONS UPDATE

Chief Operations Officer Lang reported on the successful completion of the system shutdown involving the Miramar Treatment Plant and Rialto Feeder in March. During the outage, staff completed over 40 maintenance and capital improvement tasks, including valve replacements, equipment upgrades, and system reliability enhancements. The work was completed safely and efficiently, with strong coordination between District staff and MWD personnel. The improvements are expected to enhance operational flexibility and long-term system performance.

G. CONSERVATION PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Chief Administrative Officer Howie reported on conservation program activity, stating that more than 75% of MWD-provided funding has been reimbursed to member agencies to date. Turf replacement and other rebate programs continue to see strong participation. Agencies are working to complete projects prior to funding deadlines, and staff will continue assisting with program implementation to maximize available funding utilization. The next Member Agency Conservation Coordinators (MACC) meeting will be held in June 2026.

H. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH UPDATE

The next Leadership Breakfast will be held on June 25 at Kellogg West with the guest speaker to be announced soon. Staff provided an overview of recent outreach activities, participation in community grant programs, and ongoing student engagement initiatives such as art contests and educational tours were provided. Staff continues to work with MWD for inspection trips in the next fiscal year. Trips are shared with other MWD member agencies to maximize budget and space. Registration will open once dates are confirmed and details finalized.

I. WATER RESOURCES UPDATE

Chief Water Resources Officer Lee reported that statewide snowpack conditions remain significantly below average, currently estimated at approximately 6% of normal. Despite dry conditions, the State Water Project allocation remains at 30%. MWD's current supply portfolio remains sufficient to meet regional demand, due in part to storage reserves and diversified supply sources. Staff will continue monitoring hydrologic conditions and provide updates as needed.

8. DIRECTORS' / GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORTS

A. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

Director De Jesus had nothing new to report.

B. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Director Kuhn reported that the court has issued a final decision regarding contested attorney fees involving the City of Ontario.

C. SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY

Director Kuhn had nothing new to report.

D. MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER

Director Hanlon reported that there will be a court hearing on April 8 that General Manager Litchfield will attend.

E. SIX BASINS WATERMASTER

Director Hanlon stated there was nothing new to report.

F. ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Vice President Goytia and Director Marquez attended the WELL 2026 Annual Conference on March 27-28. Former Attorney General Javier Becerra and Tribal Chairman Ron Goode spoke on water stewardship and replenishment efforts.

G. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Litchfield reported that staff will work on the 2026-27 General Manager's workplan for approval in June and coordinate the summer board tours. MWD General Manager Deshmukh is hosting a member agency General Manager inspection trip to Gene Camp from April 30 to May 1. General Manager Litchfield congratulated the Operations team for all their work during the plant shutdown.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into closed session at 9:24 a.m. to discuss the following items:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Name of Case: Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al., San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. RCV RS 51010

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54956.8]

Property: DD64045-01-01, North of Rte. 210 Fwy., East of Padua Ave., Claremont, California
District Negotiator: Matthew Litchfield, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: State of California Department of Transportation
Under Negotiation: Purchase and Sale Agreement

C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54956.8]

Property: 1021 E. Miramar Avenue, Well No. 3, Claremont, California
District Negotiator: Matthew Litchfield, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Golden State Water Company
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Acquisition

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
(1 potential case)

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:22 a.m. Legal Counsel Kennedy stated that no reportable action was taken on any of the listed items.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

11. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

President Ti adjourned the Board of Directors meeting at 11:22 a.m. to the next regular Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026.



Mike Ti
President, Board of Directors



Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre
Executive Board Secretary