REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:00PM

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1. **Call to Order: 6:05 pm**

2. **Roll Call:** President Charles Garabedian, Jr.; Vice President Salvador Cerrillo; Director Irma Castaneda; Director Frank Cerrillo, Jr.; Director Carlos Tovar, Jr.
All present. President Garabedian, Jr. Was present via Zoom.

3. **Certification:** Certification was made that the Board Meeting Agenda was posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

4. **Consent Agenda.** The items listed below in the Consent Agenda are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to any action by the Board of Directors, any Board member may remove an item from the consent agenda for further discussion. Items removed from the Consent Agenda may be heard immediately following approval of the Consent Agenda or set aside for discussion and action after Regular Business.

   a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2026 and the Special Board Meeting of May 14, 2026.
   b. Director Review and Apporval (DRA) 4822—3121 E. Malaga Ave, La Plaza Concrete.

   Recommended action: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented or amended.

   Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

5. **Old Business:**
   a. **Resolution 05-26-2026-- Comunidad Nuevo Lago Sewer Consolidation.** A construction funding application has been prepared for approximately $16 million to consolidate the sewer system from Comunidad Nuevo Lago MHP with MCWD, and to construct improvements at the MCWD wastewater treatment facility. A LAFCo Out-of-District Service Agreement was approved by Comunidad Nuevo Lago.

      A Certification for Fiscal Sustainability Plan (FSP) was approved by MCWD in June 2025. The Certification indicated that the FSP would be developed and implemented by 12/31/2025. The State has requested that the Certification be updated with a new date for implementation.

      The Certification for FSP provides a date by which the District certifies that it will develop and implement a fiscal sustainability plan. An updated certification with an implementation date of July 31, 2026, is provided for approval.

      P&P has prepared a draft Fiscal Sustainability Plan through the Sewer Consolidation Project for District review. A final FSP will be provided for the Board to consider for adoption.

      Recommended Action: Review and approve execution of T2c – Certification for Fiscal Sustainability Plan and provide comments on the Draft Fiscal Sustainability Plan along with Resolution 05-26-2026.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 05-26-2026 and execution of T2c—Certification for Fiscal Sustainability Plan as presented.

6. **New Business:**

   a. **Consideration of approving expenditure for software upgrade/training.** The District billing software has become outdated and requires manual input of data for billing and general ledger entries. The resulting efficiency wastes both staff and consultant time and resources to manually input data that should be input as csv or another file format. Staff is requesting that the Vice-President be authorized to spend up to $5,000 for billing software updates and/or staff training to increase efficiency.

      <u>Recommended action:</u> to authorize the Vice-President be authorized to spend up to $5,000 for billing software updates and/or staff training to increase efficiency.

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to authorize the Vice-President to spend up to $5,000.00 for billing software updates and/or staff training.

   b. **Resolution 05-26-2026A.** Consideration of approving Task Order 2026-01 for Environmental Compliance Inspection Support. The District seeks support from Provost and Pritchard, Inc. related to the Pretreatment Program until the District hires an ECI.

      <u>Recommended action:</u> to approve Resolution 05-26-2026A, approving Task Order 2026-01 for ECI services.

Motion by Vice President Cerrillo; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 05-26-2026A and Task Order 2026-1 for ECI services.

7. **Recreation Reports:**
    a. Mother's and Father's Day Program Review.
    b. Memorial Day Weekend Pool Opening.

8. **Engineer Reports:**

    a. District Engineer Report. **None for this meeting.**

    b. CDBG Engineer Report: **None for this meeting.**

9. **General Manager's Report:**
    a. Update of Draft Budget. **Budget sub-committee met on May 21 to review the draft budget report. The plan is that the draft report will be included in the first meeting in June.**

    b. **Sewer Plant Meter Installation Proposal. WWTF staff provided a quote from Charles D. Testerman for the installation of a meter for $7,400.00. Staff recommends moving forward with his proposal, but the board recommends receiving 1-2 additional quotes to ensure the lowest price is approved.**

    c. **Water Department Report. The Lead Water Operator provided the directors with general updates. These updates included the continued progress surveying cross-connecton controls within the district, installation of a new pump at Well 7, and the repair of a hydrant near Bruno's Recycling. Bruno's Recycling is responsible for the damage and have agreed to cover labor costs.**

    d. **Fence at the WWTP. The WWTP's CPO provided four quotes for the removal and replacement of the fence closest to the High Speed Rail. The lowest bid came from A1 Fencing for $11,950.00. The quote does not indicate it includes prevailing wage. Unanimously, the Directors conditionally approved the quote with A1 Fencing, subject to the inclusion of prevailing wage rates.**

10. **President's Report:**
    President Garabedian, Jr. announced to the board that he has been diagnosed with cancer, and is hopeful he will beat this disease. Additionally, he reported he signed the RCAC letter.

11. **Vice President's Report: Provided under GM Report.**

12. **Director's Reports:**
    Director Cerrillo, Jr. thanked the recreation committee and District staff for their exceptional work in organizing and executing the Mother's and Father's Day program.

13. **Legal Counsel Report: None for this meeting.**

14. Communications:

a. Written Communications: **None for this meeting.**

b. Public Comment: *The Public may address the Malaga County Water District Board on item(s) of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board, not appearing on the agenda. The Board will listen to comments presented; however, in compliance with the Brown Act, the Board cannot take action on items that are not on the agenda. The public should address the Board on agenda items at the time they are addressed by the Board. All speakers are requested to wait until recognized by the Board President. All Comments will be limited to three **(3)** minutes or less per individual/group per item per meeting, with a fifteen **(15)** minutes maximum.*

None for this meeting.

15. Closed Session: 6:55pm

a. Potential Litigation: One Case (Government Code 54956.9(d)(2).)

16. Adjournment:

Board came out to open session at 7:30pm. Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr., Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Certification of Posting

I, Norma Melendez, District Clerk of the Malaga County Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of May 26, 2026 was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 06/10/2026.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk