



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE**  
**FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725**  
**Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:00PM**

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1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Roll Call:** President Charles Garabedian, Jr.; Vice President Salvador Cerrillo; Director Irma Castaneda; Director Frank Cerrillo, Jr.; Director Carlos Tovar, Jr.
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. **Recreation Center Use Waiver.** The County of Fresno is requesting the use of the center to host a community meeting on November 18 regarding the development of the Fresno County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). The district typically waives facility rental and use fees for government agencies and entities conducting official public community meetings.
  - b. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 13, 2026.

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

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_; Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Old Business:**

- a. **90 Day Safety Training Proposal.** Blue Ocean propose three-months of practical safety training to strengthen employee reporting, chemical handling, and equipment maintenance. These priorities provide a foundation for the district's broader safety program. Start date and class dates will be coordinated with district management.

Recommended action: To approve the proposal not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_; Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. New Business:**

- a. **Discussion and Comment on Draft Municipal Service Review (MSR) Prepared by Fresno LAFCo.** The Board will review the draft Municipal Service Review (MSR) prepared by Fresno LAFCo for the Malaga County Water District. The MSR evaluates the district's current and planned services, infrastructure, finances, government accountability, opportunities for shared services, and Sphere of Influence. Board members will have an opportunity to provide comments, identify any corrections or additions, and provide direction to staff regarding submission of comments to Fresno LAFCo.

**Recommended action:** Receive the staff report, discuss the draft Municipal Service Review, provide comments and recommended revisions, and authorize staff to submit the Board's comments to Fresno LAFCo on behalf of the District.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_; Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Recreation Reports:**

- a. **Halloween Program report.**
- b. **Thanksgiving Programs.** Authorization is requested for the purchase of ten (10) frozen turkeys and two (2) gift cards in the amount of \$50.00. The turkeys are to be raffled during the upcoming board meeting of November 10 and the gift cards are to be raffled during the Thanksgiving Luncheon of November 21.

Recommended action: To approve the purchase of ten (10) turkeys and two (2) gift cards for the Thanksgiving raffles.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_; Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **Christmas Tree Lighting.** Authorization is requested for the purchase of \$300.00 worth of raffle prizes during the Christmas Tree Lighting program on December 1.

Recommended action: approve purchase of raffle prizes not to exceed \$300.00.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_; Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

- d. **Recreation Volunteers Christmas Dinner.** The Recreation Volunteer Appreciation Christmas Dinner will be held on December 5 at McCoy's. Staff will coordinate with the vendor to obtain detailed cost estimates and inquire about deposit requirements necessary to secure the reservation.

Approval is needed to purchase five (5) \$25.00 gift cards to be raffled during the Recreation Christmas Dinner.

Recommended action: to approve purchase of five (5) gift cards not to exceed \$125.00.

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Second by:** \_\_\_\_\_

- e. **Christmas Parade.** Authorization is requested to approve an expenditure of \$425.00 to fund cash prizes/gift cards for the upcoming "Christmas Parade" contest. Placing will be as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>: \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$100, 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$75, 4<sup>th</sup>: \$50.

**Recommended action:** to approve expenditure of \$425.00 for the Christmas Parade contest.

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Second by:** \_\_\_\_\_

- f. **Christmas House Decorating Contest.** Authorization is requested to approve an expenditure of \$725.00 to fund cash prizes/gift cards for the upcoming "Christmas House Decorating" contest. Placing will be as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>: \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$200 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$100 4<sup>th</sup>: five winners at \$25. Winners for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> are to receive vouchers to redeem at the District Office for a check. 4<sup>th</sup> place winner will receive a gift card.

Recommended action: approving expenditure of \$725.00 for the Christmas House Decorating Contest.

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Second by:** \_\_\_\_\_

- g. **Community Clean Up.** Scheduled for Saturday, November 14.

## **8. Engineer Reports:**

- a. District Engineer Report.
- b. CDBG Engineer Report:

## **9. General Manager's Report:**

## **10. President's Report:**

## **11. Vice President's Report:**

## **12. Director's Reports:**

## **13. Legal Counsel Report:**

#### 14. Communications:

a. Written Communications:

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.*

#### 15. Closed Session:

a. Personnel; all positions (Govt Code §54957(b)).

#### 16. Adjournment:

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_, Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Certification of Posting

I, Norma Melendez, District Clerk of the Malaga County Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of October 27, 2026, was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, at 12:30 P.M. On 10/23/2026.

**Norma Melendez**, District Clerk

[ ] Fee waiver has been approved.

item 4.a.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Malaga County Water District  
Recreation Department  
Robert J. Arriaga Community Center  
**Room Rental Contract**  
**Government/ Community Meetings**  
3582 S. Winery Ave, Fresno, CA. 93725  
Center (559) 268-0404, District Office 485-7353, FAX 485-7319

DATE: 10/21/2026

NAME OF APPLICANT (nombre): Hernan Trevino

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT(direccion) 2220 Tulare St., Fresno, CA Zip Code 93721

HOME PHONE (telefono): \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE(trabajo): (559) 600-4572

RENTAL PURPOSE(actividad) Community Meeting DATE OF RENTAL(fecha) November 18, 2026

HOURS THAT FACILITY WILL BE RENTED (horas de renta) : FROM: 6:00 PM AM/PM TO: 8:00 PM AM/PM  
*Side Room rental shall not go past 8:00 p.m.*

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING (cantidad de gente): 20-30

AREA REQUESTED:

*Check one*

A [ ] MAIN ROOM (Can accommodate up to 282 people total)

B ☒ SIDE ROOM (Can accommodate up to 75 people)

C [ ] MEETING ROOM (Can accomodate up to 20 people)

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:** Malaga County Water District Ordinance § 4.01.060 specifically **PROHIBITS** the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Malaga Community Park. No guns or other weapons are allowed in the Center, except by police officers or licensed security. Upon receipt of this notice, failure to comply with the District Ordinance will result in notification of the Fresno County Sheriff's Department for further action.

CLIENT AGREES AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE DISTRICT IS NOT AN INSURER AND THAT INSURANCE CONCERNING PERSONAL INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH), AND REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE IN, ABOUT OR ON THE PREMISES SHALL BE OBTAINED BY THE CLIENT. THAT THE AMOUNTS CHARGED BY THE DISTRICT ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT OR GUARANTEE THAT NO LOSS, DAMAGE, CLAIM OR LIABILITY WILL OCCUR OR THAT INCREASED LOSS, DAMAGE, CLAIMS OR LIABILITY WILL NOT OCCUR CLIENT DOES HEREBY FOR HIM/HER/ITSELF AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING UNDER HIM/HER/ITSELF RELEASE AND DISCHARGE THE DISTRICT FROM AND AGAINST ALL SAID LOSSES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS OR LIABILITY.

AT NO TIME WILL MORE THAN 282 PEOPLE WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE ROOM. IF MORE THAN 282 PEOPLE ARE IN THE ROOM AT ONE TIME, M.C.W.D. WILL LIMIT ENTRY. RENTAL OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER OR ANY PARTICULAR FACILITY IN THE PARK PRECLUDES THE RENTERS FROM USING OTHER FACILITIES PRIOR TO OCCUPYING THE FACILITY, APPLICANT WILL PROVIDE MCWD WITH:

1. Agreed upon Rental and Deposits Fee as listed above in accordance with Regulations.
2. Due to Insurance requirements, NO District Employee will be allowed to donate time to supervise Activities.
3. District Manager/Staff will inspect facilities after clean-up and deposits will be returned with the next scheduled Bills Payable approval (30-45 days).
4. Smoking is not permitted inside Malaga County Water District buildings.
5. Must shut down one half (1/2) hour early. Set-up & Clean-up to be done within the facility hours listed above.
6. **No alcohol allowed for side room rentals or meeting room rentals**

COST:

RENTAL FEE (NON-REFUNDABLE)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

CLEANING DEPOSIT (REFUNDABLE)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA CHARGES (IF ANY)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAID: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BALANCE DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE Hernan Trevino

# What is Fresno County's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan?

item 4.a.

*Planning for more resilient communities, a healthier environment, and a stronger future.*



## 1. Why it matters

Changing conditions occurring in our climate are contributing to more extreme weather, which create hazardous conditions associated with extreme heat days, lengthening periods of drought, and precipitation extremes. The Climate and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) addresses extreme heat, air quality, drought, wildlife, flooding, energy costs, public health, agriculture, transportation, infrastructure, and natural and working lands.

It identifies practical actions to protect against the impacts of our changing climate on infrastructure and services, support agriculture and local business, improve resource efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and maintain quality of life.



## 2. How the plan is being developed

The plan will be developed in three phases:

1

**Foundational Climate Analysis and Visioning**

2

**Measure Development**

3

**Measure Refinement and CAAP Development**

Community engagement occurs throughout.



## 3. What a CAAP Does

### Understand

Establish current GHG emissions and climate risks



### Plan

Set targets and identify mitigation and adaptation strategies



### Monitor

Monitor indicators, evaluate measure performance, and adjust as conditions change



## 4. Your input matters

Residents, businesses, farmers, community organizations, and public agencies will help shape priorities, draft measures, feasibility expectations, and implementation recommendations.



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**Meeting chat link:**

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**One tap mobile:** +16699006833 US (San Jose) or +16694449171 US

**Meeting ID:** 869 5905 3375

**Passcode:** 101326

**1. Call to Order: 6:06pm**

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

**All present.**

**Also present: Norma Melendez and Michael Slater**

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

**4. Old Business: None for this meeting.**

**5. New Business:**

- a. **Humana Renewal.** Review and consideration of renewal terms for vision, dental, and life insurance plans effective December 1, 2026. While dental rates are subject to an initial 13% increase, the Employee Benefits Account Manager has negotiated options to either reduce the increase to 10% (a 3% reduction) or secure a two-year rate guarantee. Additionally, the representative is available to present alternative plan options for consideration.

Recommended action: for discussion and potential action.

**Item tabled until mid-November.**

- b. **Security Cameras at Malaga Park.** A quote was submitted by Apex General, Inc. for the installation and configuration of a cellular security camera system. The total price for this project is \$3,282.00. This system will require a separate cellular data plan, SIM fees and cloud subscriptions along with a new 120V electrical component (excluded from the

quote). Installation includes a 1-year labor warranty for installation workmanship. Equipment is covered under manufacturer warranties).

Recommended action: Consider approving the agreement.

**Item tabled as the District is awaiting more quotes.**

**6. Recreation Reports:**

- a. **Halloween Program.** Raffle donations.

**Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Cerrillo and by a 5-0 vote to add District Donation Item to discuss monetary amount of donation for the Trunk-o-Treat Program.**

**The Board opened a discussion about funding needed to provide raffle prizes for the Halloween program, it was decided that \$225.00 in donation would be needed to be able to provide the award to 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$100.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 75.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$50.00.**

**Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Seconded by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 5-0 vote to approve District donation to the Halloween Program in the amount of \$250.00.**

**7. Engineer Reports:**

- a. District Engineer Report. **Items included under the consent agenda item.**

- b. CDBG Engineer Report:

- i. The County has approved a second time extension for the Malaga Wastewater Treatment Plant Screw Pump Replacement project (CDBG No. 24451 / Agreement No. A-24-535). Construction was delayed due to extended lead times for additional parts (grouting belts, sheaves, and screed bars) not included in the original purchase order. Construction is substantially complete; the extra time is required for final inspections and District acceptance.

**No additional comments from the board.**

**8. General Manager's Report: None for this meeting.**

**9. President's Report: None for this meeting.**

**10. Vice President's Report: Vice President Cerrillo reported that direction was given to Water and Wastewater Department staff to keep District vehicles clean and to continue with regular vehicle maintenance.**

**11. Director's Reports: Director Tovar, Jr. reported having seen people at the park afterhours. He called the Fresno County Sheriff's to report trespassing, but by the time the Sheriff's arrived, the individuals were already gone.**

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

**13. Communications:**

a. Written Communications:

1. **United Health Care Plan Change.** We received notice from UnitedHealthcare (UHC) that the District's current plan will be discontinued next year. UHC will recommend comparable options with similar benefits; however, if no selection is made, the District will automatically roll over into the UHC-recommended plan. Detailed plan information is not yet available and will be shared as soon as it is provided.

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**No one present at the meeting.**

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- a. Accounts Payable Report. Approve accounts payable list and authorize payment.
- b. Resolution 10-13-2026 a resolution of the Board of Directors amending bank account signors.
- c. Site Plan Review 8142-R – 4492 S. Chestnut Avenue District engineers draft comments.
- d. Will Serve Letters: Approve draft will serve letters prepared by the District Engineer.
  1. Will-Serve Extension – 3570 S Calvin Ave.
  2. Will-Serve Request – 3531 S. Frank Ave.

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

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

**15. Closed Session: None for this meeting.**

**16. Adjournment:**

**Motion by Vice President Cerrillo, Second by Director Castaneda and by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm.**

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**Norma Melendez**, District Clerk  
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# Malaga Water District

## 90 Day Safety Training Proposal

Prepared by Blue Ocean Safety Training | October 23, 2026

We propose three months of practical safety training to strengthen employee reporting, chemical handling, and equipment maintenance. These priorities provide a foundation for the district's broader safety program. Start date and class dates will be coordinated with district management.

### **Month 1 Days 1 to 30 IIPP and Workplace Violence Prevention**

Participants: All employees and supervisors | Estimated training: 3 hours

Review district safety responsibilities, hazard and injury reporting, corrective actions, and stop-work procedures. Cover the district's workplace violence prevention plan, threat recognition, reporting, de-escalation, emergency actions, and interactive questions and answers. Practice a hazard report and a threatening-customer scenario.

### **Month 2 Days 31 to 60 Chemical Safety and PPE**

Participants: Employees exposed to chemicals | Estimated training: 3 to 3.5 hours

Review Hazard Communication, the district's chemical inventory, labels, safety data sheets, incompatible chemicals, handling and storage, and PPE selection and limitations. Practice locating an SDS and inspecting and using PPE. Review eyewash and shower locations, exposure response, evacuation, and when to summon trained responders.

### **Month 3 Days 61 to 90 Lockout Tagout**

Participants: Authorized maintenance employees | Estimated training: 4 to 5 hours

Identify electrical, mechanical, pressure, gravity, and stored-energy hazards. Practice equipment-specific shutdown, isolation, locking, stored-energy control, verification, and restoration using selected district equipment. Include contractor coordination and group procedures. Provide affected and other employees with 30 to 60 minutes of role-specific awareness training.

### **Deliverables and District Support**

Blue Ocean Safety Training will provide course outlines, attendance records, knowledge checks, practical evaluations where applicable, and a Day 90 summary of training gaps and corrective actions. Include one 20 to 30 minute reinforcing toolbox meeting each month. The district will provide current plans, training records, chemical SDSs, equipment procedures, employee availability, and safe access for exercises.

**Scheduling condition:** Required training must precede hazardous assignments. Confirm current confined-space, excavation, roadside, respirator, and heat-related duties before scheduling; advance applicable training when needed. This proposal does not replace site-specific written programs or task authorization.

Compliance basis: 8 CCR §§3203, 5194, 3380 and 3314; Labor Code §6401.9. Training durations are estimates, not regulatory minimums. Fee and final scope: to be agreed in writing.

District representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed start date: \_\_\_\_\_

## MALAGA WATER DISTRICT

### 9-Month Cal/OSHA Safety Training Plan

**Training Period:** October 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

**Purpose:** Establish a practical Cal/OSHA training program for administrative, field, maintenance, water-treatment and wastewater employees.

| Month                | Training Topic                                                                             | Employees                       | Approx. Time | Regulation / Basis              | Documentation                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>October 2026</b>  | <b>IIPP Orientation &amp; Workplace Violence Prevention</b>                                | All employees & supervisors     | 2–2.5 hrs    | 8 CCR §3203; Labor Code §6401.9 | Roster, course outline, quiz |
|                      | Hazard reporting, employee responsibilities, accident reporting and stop-work expectations | All employees                   | Included     | §3203                           | Training record              |
| <b>November 2026</b> | <b>Hazard Communication / SDS</b>                                                          | Employees exposed to chemicals  | 1.5 hrs      | 8 CCR §5194                     | Roster & quiz                |
|                      | Chlorine/hypochlorite and treatment-chemical safety                                        | Treatment/maintenance employees | 1 hr         | §5194 / SDS requirements        | Roster                       |
|                      | PPE selection, inspection, use and limitations                                             | Field/treatment/maintenance     | 1 hr         | 8 CCR §3380                     | PPE training certification   |

| Month                | Training Topic                                     | Employees                                | Approx. Time | Regulation / Basis                    | Documentation                |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>December 2026</b> | <b>Lockout/Tagout — Hazardous Energy</b>           | Authorized maintenance employees         | 2–3 hrs      | 8 CCR §3314                           | Written/practical evaluation |
|                      | LOTO awareness                                     | Affected/other employees                 | 30–60 min    | §3314                                 | Roster                       |
|                      | Hands-on pump, motor, generator and equipment LOTO | Authorized employees                     | 1–2 hrs      | §3314                                 | Competency checklist         |
| <b>January 2027</b>  | <b>Permit-Required Confined Space Entry</b>        | Entrants, attendants & entry supervisors | 3–4 hrs      | 8 CCR §5157                           | Training certification       |
|                      | Atmospheric testing / gas-monitor operation        | Entry personnel                          | 1 hr         | §5157                                 | Practical evaluation         |
|                      | Confined-space rescue procedures                   | Rescue personnel / entry team            | 2–4 hrs      | §5157                                 | Rescue drill record          |
| <b>February 2027</b> | <b>Emergency Action &amp; Fire Prevention</b>      | All employees                            | 1–1.5 hrs    | 8 CCR §§3220–3221                     | Roster                       |
|                      | First Aid / CPR / AED certification                | Designated employees                     | 3–5 hrs      | 8 CCR §3400 and applicable operations | Certification                |
|                      | Bloodborne Pathogens                               | Employees with occupational exposure     | 1 hr         | 8 CCR §5193                           | Training record              |

| Month             | Training Topic                                                                     | Employees / designated responders | Approx. Time | Regulation / Basis                               | Documentation                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>March 2027</b> | Emergency evacuation drill                                                         | All employees                     | 30–60 min    | District emergency procedures                    | Drill report                   |
|                   | <b>Respiratory Protection</b> — if respirators are required                        | Required respirator users         | 1–1.5 hrs    | 8 CCR §5144                                      | Training record                |
|                   | Medical clearance & respirator fit testing                                         | Required respirator users         | Individual   | §5144                                            | Medical/fit-test documentation |
|                   | <b>Hearing Conservation</b> — if ≥85 dBA TWA exposure                              | Exposed employees                 | 1 hr         | §§5097 & 5099                                    | Training record                |
|                   | Audiometric testing, if required                                                   | Hearing-conservation employees    | Individual   | §5097                                            | Audiogram record               |
| <b>April 2027</b> | <b>Excavation &amp; Trenching Safety</b> — if district employees perform this work | Field/maintenance employees       | 2 hrs        | 8 CCR §1541                                      | Roster & competency record     |
|                   | Traffic-control / work-zone safety                                                 | Field crews                       | 1 hr         | Applicable Cal/OSHA traffic-control requirements | Roster                         |
|                   | Fall and ladder safety                                                             | Field/maintenance employees       | 1 hr         | Applicable Title 8 standards                     | Roster                         |

| Month            | Training Topic                                                             | Employees                            | Approx. Time | Regulation / Basis  | Documentation          |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| <b>May 2027</b>  | <b>Heat Illness Prevention — Pre-Summer Refresher</b>                      | All outdoor employees & supervisors  | 1–1.5 hrs    | 8 CCR §3395         | Roster                 |
|                  | Indoor heat procedures                                                     | Employees in applicable indoor areas | Included     | §3396               | Roster                 |
|                  | Wildfire smoke / AQI procedures                                            | Outdoor employees                    | 30 min       | §5141.1             | Roster                 |
|                  | Heat emergency-response exercise                                           | Supervisors /field employees         | 30 min       | §3395               | Drill documentation    |
| <b>June 2027</b> | <b>Supervisor Safety &amp; Accident Investigation</b>                      | Supervisors /managers                | 1.5–2 hrs    | 8 CCR §3203         | Training record        |
|                  | Job Hazard Analysis / pre-job planning                                     | Supervisors & field employees        | 1 hr         | IIPP implementation | Completed JHA exercise |
|                  | Workplace Violence tabletop exercise                                       | All employees                        | 30–60 min    | Labor Code §6401.9  | Exercise record        |
|                  | Confined-space rescue drill, if district maintains an in-house rescue team | Rescue team                          | 1–2 hrs      | §5157               | Rescue drill record    |
|                  | Nine-month                                                                 | Managemen                            | 1 hr         | IIPP                | Corrective-            |

| Month | Training Topic        | Employees            | Approx. Time | Regulation / Basis     | Documentation |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
|       | safety-program review | t/safety coordinator |              | program administration | action report |

## MONTHLY SAFETY MEETING

In addition to the formal training above, conduct a **20–30 minute monthly safety meeting/toolbox talk** covering a current operational hazard, recent near miss, seasonal hazard, or corrective action.

Suggested subjects include slips/trips/falls, hand and power tools, vehicle backing, lifting/ergonomics, chemical splash response, electrical awareness, housekeeping, ladder inspection and incident lessons learned.

## EMPLOYEE TRAINING GROUPS

**All Employees:** IIPP, WVPP, emergency procedures and applicable general safety training.

**Field/Maintenance Employees:** Heat, wildfire smoke, HazCom, PPE, excavation, traffic control, LOTO awareness and applicable job-specific hazards.

**Authorized Maintenance Employees:** Full LOTO training and hands-on competency.

**Confined-Space Personnel:** Entrant, attendant and entry-supervisor training based on assigned responsibilities.

**Rescue Team:** Confined-space rescue, rescue equipment, First Aid/CPR and simulated rescue practice.

**Respirator Users:** Medical evaluation, respirator training and fit testing.

**Noise-Exposed Employees:** Hearing-conservation training and audiometric testing where exposure meets the action level.

## TRAINING RECORD REQUIREMENTS

For every course, maintain:

- Employee name
- Training date
- Training subject
- Instructor/training provider
- Duration
- Regulation or program covered
- Employee signature/attendance record

- Written quiz when appropriate
- Practical competency evaluation when applicable
- Copies of certifications
- Corrective or retraining actions

## 9-MONTH TRAINING TARGET

**October:** IIPP + Workplace Violence

**November:** HazCom + Chemicals + PPE

**December:** Lockout/Tagout

**January:** Confined Space + Rescue

**February:** Emergency Response + First Aid/CPR + BBP

**March:** Respiratory Protection + Hearing Conservation

**April:** Excavation + Traffic Control + Fall/Ladder Safety

**May:** Heat Illness + Wildfire Smoke

**June:** Accident Investigation + JHA + Drills + Program Review

**Training Start:** October 1, 2026

**Nine-Month Completion:** June 30, 2027

**Safety Consultant:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# **MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

## **MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW**

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## AGENCY PROFILE: MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Water Service, Wastewater Service, Recreation Services, Residential Solid Waste Collection/ Recycling, and commercial roll-off container service.

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### Management Information

**District Formation:** 1958  
**Principal Act:** California Water Code §30000 et. seq  
**Governing Body:** Board of Directors

**Board Members:** Frank Cerrillo, Jr. Appointed 2022-Expires 2026  
Carlos Tovar, Jr. Appointed 2022-Expires 2026  
Salvador A Cerrillo Appointed 2022 - Expires 2026  
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**Board Meetings:** Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M.  
**Meeting Location:** District's Broad room located at 3580 South Frank Street, Fresno CA  
**Staffing:** 7 full-time employees and 4 part-time employees. Reserve employees, contracted employees, volunteers or interns are based on season and programs.

### Service Information

**Properties Served:** Water Service, Wastewater Service, Recreation Services, Residential Solid Waste Collection/Recycling, and commercial roll-off container service.  
**Service Area and SOI:** Area serviced is roughly 2.22 sq. miles  
**Infrastructure:** Approximately 240 residence and 249 commercial and industrial businesses

### Fiscal Information

**Budget:** \$4,138,721  
**Sources of Funding:** Irrigation water sales, water distribution fees, and land assessments  
**Rate Structure:** Water and sewer users charges are collected bi-monthly and standby charges are collected annually along with property taxes

### Administrative Policies

**Master Plan:** Yes  
**SOI established:** 1958

**Policies/Procedures:** Yes  
**SOI Last Updated:** 2007

**By-laws:** Yes  
**Others:** No

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**Figure 1-Malaga County Water District Map**

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## Municipal Service Review

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### ***Fresno LAFCo MSR Policy***

A Municipal Service Review (MSR) is required in order to prepare or update a local agency's sphere of influence. It is LAFCO's observation that many special districts within Fresno County typically do not request or experience modifications to their service area or request an update or revisions to the Commission's adopted SOI for the subject agency.

While the Commission is not required by law to make any changes to a SOI, it may, at its discretion, opt to reaffirm, expand, delete a SOI, or approve, deny, or approve with conditions any changes of organization or reorganization impacting the governmental agency as a result of the information gathered during the MSR update process.<sup>1</sup>

In accordance with GC sec. 56066, Fresno County is the principal county. Fresno LAFCo is responsible for updating the SOI for the District consistent with GC sec. 56425(g). In order to update the agency's SOI, Fresno LAFCo has prepared this service review consistent with GC sec. 56430. LAFCOs are required to consider and prepare written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following 7 factors:

- 1) Growth and population projections for the affected area.
- 2) The location and characteristics of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within or contiguous to the sphere of influence.
- 3) Present and planned capacity of public facilities, adequacy of public services, and infrastructure needs or deficiencies including needs or deficiencies related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, and structural fire protection in any disadvantaged, unincorporated communities within or contiguous to the sphere of influence.
- 4) Financial ability of agencies to provide services.
- 5) Status of, and opportunities for, shared facilities.
- 6) Accountability for community service needs, including governmental structure and operational efficiencies.
- 7) Any other matter related to effective or efficient service delivery, as required by commission policy.

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<sup>1</sup> Fresno Local Agency Commission- Policy 107- Municipal Service Review Policy

## **Principal Act**

Malaga County Water District (“District” or “Malaga”) services provided are within the District’s powers as authorized in their enabling legislation, codified in California Water Code §30000 et. Seq. The County Water District Law provides broad authority for water districts to manage water, wastewater, and related community services. It establishes the district as a public agency with corporate powers, governed by an elected board of directors.

## **District Service Area**

The District serves Area serviced is roughly 2.22 sq. miles. Malaga is located to the south of the City of Fresno. The District’s northern boundary is roughly along East North Avenue, with the western boundary roughly along the railroad running from north to south between the Maple and Cedar Avenue alignments with the eastern boundary along South Minnewawa Avenue, and the southern boundary along East American Avenue.

Malaga has an area adjacent to and overlapping with the southern edge of the City of Fresno’s boundary. Malaga has several out-of-service area agreements in place for water service to properties within its SOI, including a 'standing' agreement with the City of Fresno related to an area of land located north of North Ave.

## **Authorized District Service Area**

The District primarily determines the adequacy of its services based on its ability to provide those services with sufficient reserve capacity and by feedback from its customers, regulators, and the public. In the case of water service, the District can supply all of its customers with quality water with sufficient capacity available for peak demand and fire flow. The District also maintains several out-of-service-area agreements, allowing it to provide water service to certain areas within its SOI, including a standing agreement with the City for land north of North Avenue. These non-standard service connections have only a de minimis operational impact but highlight the fragmented nature of local service boundaries.

## **District Growth and Population Projection**

The Malaga County Water District is located south of the City of Fresno. The district’s service area is approximately 2.22 square miles. CensusReporter data for Malaga estimates the current population of the district at 780 residents. Although there is no proposed SOI expansion, Malaga anticipates substantial opportunities for growth and SOI expansion over the next 5 to 10 years. The District foresees expansion potential on its eastern boundary from Minnewawa Avenue to Clovis Avenue, and on its southern boundary from American Avenue to Jefferson Avenue, including the possibility

of serving the future High-Speed Rail maintenance facility planned just south of the current SOI. The District is also actively participating in a proposed consolidation of the Comunidad Nuevo Lago Mobile Home Park, which could increase wastewater demand and expand service connections.

In planning for future population and service growth, the District reports substantial available wastewater capacity, currently operating at less than half of its treatment plant's permitted load. However, future expansion may require upgrades, such as increasing pipeline capacity under Highway 99 or constructing a separate treatment facility east of the highway. Meanwhile, Malaga's water supply is considered adequate for full build-out of its current SOI, supplemented by groundwater recharge partnerships with regional agencies. Any development beyond sustainable yield will require water-rights dedication for recharge as a condition of annexation.

The District also anticipates changes in land-use patterns that may positively affect operations. A shift from industrial and commercial uses toward higher-density residential development would likely reduce potable water demand, lower industrial wastewater volumes, and reduce required fire-flow reserves while increasing demand for recreational services. Overall, Malaga does not foresee negative impacts from growth under current planning scenarios and believes its infrastructure planning positions it well to support long-term population increases.

## **Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities**

The purpose of Senate Bill 244 (Wolk, 2011) is to address the complex legal, financial, and political barriers that contribute to regional inequity and infrastructure deficits within disadvantaged unincorporated communities ("DUC"). Cities, counties, special districts, and LAFCo all required by SB 244 to identify and include DUCs in their respective long-range planning. A DUC is defined as an inhabited unincorporated territory with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median household income as defined by California Water Code section 79505.<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to LAFCO Policy 111-03, when approving any new or updated SOI for a city or special district, the city or special district shall be required to identify DUCs within or contiguous to their boundaries in their applications for Commission action.<sup>3</sup> In 2020, Fresno LAFCo mapped DUCs in Fresno County, and there were 36 DUCs identified. During this process Fresno LAFCo used the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey ("ACS") five-year reports which provide Census Tract, Block Group, and/or

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<sup>2</sup> California Government Code section 56046 – definition of "inhabited territory"

<sup>3</sup> Fresno LAFCo Policy 111-03, Page 6

Census Designated Place (“CDP”) information to obtain population estimates, economic composition, and demographic data.

Within the Malaga, the District has determined that no areas within its existing boundaries or Sphere of Influence meet the criteria of a Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community. The District reports that all residential areas within its jurisdiction are presently served with municipal water, wastewater treatment, and solid waste services, and therefore no pockets of unserved or underserved residential development have been identified. The District also states that its SOI contains no residential clusters lacking these essential services. According to District staff, the entirety of the SOI is adequately served, and there are no disadvantaged residential pockets requiring additional service evaluation at this time.

## **District Infrastructure**

Malaga has approximately 240 residences and 249 commercial and industrial businesses. The District has installed new fire hydrants, completed a nitrogen reduction project at its wastewater treatment plant, is currently installing a new screw pump at the wastewater treatment plant, has installed air conditioning at its recreation center and is planning a wastewater treatment plant pond expansion project all from CDBG funds/District matching funds. Currently the District's facilities and other infrastructure are adequate at meeting current District needs.

The Infrastructure Master Plan shows that Malaga operates a full suite of utilities: potable water supply, water storage, water distribution, sewer collection, wastewater treatment and disposal, and recreation facilities. The water system relies entirely on groundwater wells, several of which are inactive or aging, prompting construction of new wells (3A and 5A) and multiple planned storage tanks. The system includes older pipeline crossings under State Route 99 and Golden State Boulevard, many of which need looping or replacement to improve reliability. The sewer system consists of industrial and residential lines that remain separate until they converge at the treatment plant. Multiple lift stations support service in flat areas. The wastewater treatment plant, built originally in the 1950s–1960s, is reaching the end of its useful life, with deteriorating concrete, undersized clarifiers, outdated aeration systems, and inadequate disposal pond capacity. The District has a number of for future improvements and upgrades. These upgrades have been necessary to improve, expand, continue, or maintain compliance with state and federal code.

## **Public Facilities, Opportunities for Shared Facilities**

The District contracts Account IT, payroll services, pension trustee, independent auditor, engineers, general counsel, water and wastewater automated controls, and landscape maintenance. The District provided water, wastewaters treatment,

recreation, residential solid waste collection and recycling services, and roll-off commercial solid waste collection and recycling. The District is engaging in activities and infrastructure projects to improve or maintain existing service levels. This includes groundwater recharge in a storm basin owned by the metropolitan flood control district through a recharge agreement with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD).

In addition to working with FMFCD the district coordinates extensively with neighboring agencies such as the City of Fresno and Fresno Irrigation District. The District's boundary is coterminous to the City of Fresno's boundary. As noted in the City of Fresno 2016 MSR, Malaga's service boundary and the City of Fresno overlap in areas south of Central Avenue between Maple Avenue and South Chestnut Avenue. The city limits also currently extend over Malaga's boundaries south of Central Avenue, near Maple Avenue.<sup>4</sup> Located within Malaga's boundary is County Service Area (CSA 33). CSA 33 provides lighting, landscape, and recreational services. According to the District, CSA 33 is not collecting any revenue for recreational services and only provides limited landscape and lighting services within the District.

## **Government Accountability**

California Water Code §30000 et. Seq. The District was created in 1958 to provide broad authority for water districts to manage water, wastewater, and related community services. The District's mission statement enacted in April 1993, and revised in June 2009, reads as follows:<sup>5</sup>

*"Malaga County Water District shall be to manage the natural resources with which the district is entrusted, to provide a reliable, high-quality water supply, healthful and sanitary wastewater services, safe and accessible recreation and park facilities for the citizens of Malaga and protect and preserve the environment for future generations. In carrying-out its mission, the Malaga County Water District will ensure fair and equitable rates and charges, provide responsive and helpful customer services, ensure a fair and open process involving the public, exercise responsible financial management, promote ethical behavior in the conduct of district business, provide a healthy work environment, promote equality and diversity in personnel matters and contracting and shall promote environmental responsibility."*

There are five (5) elected members of the District governing board. The District holds scheduled meeting held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

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<sup>4</sup> City of Fresno 2016 Municipal Service Review; Page 178

<sup>5</sup> Malaga CWD Policy and Procedures

Meetings are held at the District's Board room located at 3580 South Frank Street, Fresno, California. In order to comply with Brown Act requirements of noticing, the District ensures that notices of upcoming meetings are posted, uploaded to the website, and mailed to individuals upon request.

## **District Finances and Budget**

The Malaga County Water District is operating with a balanced and carefully structured financial plan for the FY 2026–2027 cycle. According to the budget, total district-wide revenues equal total expenses at \$4,138,721, resulting in a net operating outcome of zero profit or loss.<sup>6</sup> This break-even budget indicates short-term financial stability, as the district is meeting all of its operational, personnel, utility, and debt obligations without running a deficit. However, because the district is not generating a surplus, it has limited ability to build reserves for future emergencies, major repairs, or unexpected shifts in operating costs.

District revenue is largely driven by its utility operations, particularly commercial water and sewer customers. In the water division, commercial metered service revenues (\$578,197) significantly exceed residential service income, and substantial charges such as fire line services (\$427,952) also contribute to the division's financial structure<sup>7</sup>. The sewer division is an even larger revenue generator, with commercial sewer service fees totaling \$1,691,185, far outpacing residential contributions. Additional income streams include surcharges, engineering and legal cost recovery, and connection fees, reflecting a financial system heavily supported by business and industrial activity in the district.

Other divisions rely on different revenue models. Recreation, for example, depends primarily on a county tax share of \$403,780, supplemented by smaller sources such as rentals, events, and donations. Solid waste operations draw from both residential and commercial service fees, with franchise revenue representing a significant portion (\$76,000)<sup>8</sup>. Across all divisions, expenses are dominated by labor costs, utilities, especially PG&E, and ongoing maintenance needs. The district also carries several debt obligations, including payments to Umpqua Bank, Zions Bank, and solar project financing.

Overall, the district's finances are stable but tightly balanced. The reliance on commercial revenue streams provides strength, yet it also creates vulnerability if local industry shifts or declines. Without a surplus to bolster reserves, long-term resilience will depend on steady fee revenue, stable tax allocation, and careful management of rising expenses such as utilities and infrastructure maintenance. The current budget

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<sup>6</sup> Malaga CWD 2026-2027 Final Budget

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

supports ongoing operations effectively, but strategic planning will be important to ensure continued stability in future years. The Malaga County Water District's fee structure is organized across several service areas, each designed to recover the cost of providing water, sewer, solid waste, and related administrative services. Sewer service fees are based on Equivalent Sewer Units (ESUs), with both residential and industrial/commercial users paying a base rate of \$101.17 per ESU. Additional pretreatment surcharges apply, ranging from \$0.22 per ESU for residential customers to \$3.31 per ESU for industrial users, along with an additional \$6.03 per ESU industrial capacity expansion surcharge. The total residential sewer rate equals \$101.39 per ESU, while industrial/commercial customers pay a total of \$110.50 per ESU<sup>9</sup>. The district also charges connection fees, permit fees, and loading surcharges for excessive BOD, TSS, or electrical conductivity levels.

Water service fees are structured around meter size and consumption tiers. Each meter size has a monthly Tier 1 base allocation, with charges increasing alongside meter capacity. For example, a standard ¾ inch meter includes 700 cubic feet of water for \$9.55 per month, while a 2-inch meter includes 3,700 cubic feet at \$50.94<sup>10</sup>. Additional usage beyond the Tier 1 allocation is billed at \$2.32 per HCF. The district also administers fees for fireline services, new water connections, meter installation, temporary water service, and reconnection. Solid waste charges are set at \$31.35 per month for residential customers, while commercial solid waste fees are structured according to franchise agreements and vary depending on service type.

Beyond core utility fees, the district maintains a comprehensive schedule for parks and recreational facility rentals, including multi-purpose rooms, kitchens, gazebos, picnic areas, and pool use. Administrative, legal, and engineering fees are charged for development requests, construction reviews, and annexation activities, generally based on actual staff, legal, and engineering costs plus administrative percentages. These combined schedules ensure the district can sustainably deliver services, maintain infrastructure, and recover costs associated with community facilities and regulatory requirements.

## **Any Other Matters**

There have been other projects that the district has identified to have some sort of impact. The first would be the High Speed Rail (HSR). HSR would create a potential new maintenance facility that would be located just south of the SOI. Since this facility is located just south of the SOI the closest WWTF would be the District's WWTF. Malaga would anticipate the future expansion of the southern SOI boundaries which would include the area of for this facility.

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<sup>9</sup> Malaga CWD 2026-2027 Final Budget

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

Reorganization would allow for the fulfillment of the communities need. The district has a growing need to upgrade and expand its park and recreation, facilities and services, and community services. As mentioned previously, there is a CSA that is supporting the District, but is not receiving funding as well as no recreational services being provided. The District believes that the possibility of incorporating would allow for residents to expand on a wide range of services that are currently not being provided such as code enforcement.

The community of Malaga has a strong sense of community pride. Annual event such as Fiesta Days, the Malaga Car Show, and the annual Christmas and Easter programs are well attended and considered “go to event” events. The future possibility of incorporation and other reorganization poses an essential step to providing services to the Malaga which is not being provide or severely underprovided.

# MSR DETERMINATIONS

This portion of the report addresses the factors specified in the governing statute for Municipal Service Reviews and provides analysis in conformance with Government Code §56425 and Fresno LAFCo policy. Pursuant to Government Code §56430, the Commission prepares the following written determinations.

## 1. Growth and Population Projections for the Affected Area.

- The Malaga County Water District is located south of the City of Fresno. The district's service area is approximately 2.22 square miles
- The District serves an area adjacent to and overlapping with the southern edge of the City of Fresno's boundary.
- The District's northern boundary is roughly along East North Avenue, with the western boundary roughly along the railroad running from north to south between the Maple and Cedar Avenue alignments with the eastern boundary along South Minnewawa Avenue, and the southern boundary along East American Avenue.
- The District foresees expansion potential on its eastern boundary from Minnewawa Avenue to Clovis Avenue, and on its southern boundary from American Avenue to Jefferson Avenue, including the possibility of serving the future High-Speed Rail maintenance facility planned just south of the current SOL.

## 2. The Location and Characteristics of any Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities Within or Contiguous to the Sphere of Influence.

- The District does not have a disadvantaged unincorporated community within its boundary.

## 3. Present and Planned Capacity of Public Facilities and Infrastructure Needs or Deficiencies.

- The District's has approximately 240 residence and 249 commercial and industrial businesses.
- The Districts current infrastructure is adequate to meet the current District needs.

## 4. Financial Ability of Agency to Provide Services.

- The Malaga County Water District is operating with a balanced and carefully structured financial plan for the FY 2026–2027 cycle. According to the budget, total district-wide revenues equal total expenses at \$4,138,721.
- District revenue is largely driven by its utility operations, particularly commercial water and sewer customers.

## 5. Status of, and Opportunities for, Shared Facilities.

- The District provides water, wastewater treatment, recreation, residential solid waste collection and recycling services, and roll-off commercial solid waste collection and recycling. The District also provides a number of services that assist and enhance the community such as providing services to seniors, food distribution and community and ally clean up.
- The District contracts Account IT, payroll services, pension trustee, independent auditor, engineers, general counsel, water and wastewater automated controls, and landscape maintenance.
- Located within Malaga's boundary is County Service Area (CSA 33). CSA 33 provides lighting, landscape, and recreational services. According to the District, CSA 33 is not collecting any revenue for recreational services and only provides limited landscape and lighting services within the District.

## 6. Accountability for Community Service Needs, Including Government Structure and Operational Efficiencies.

- California Water District Law, California Water Code § 30000 et seq., governs the formation, internal organization, powers and financial operations of county water district in the state.
- Malaga's governing board consists of five (5) members . The Board's meetings are generally held at 6:00 P.M. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- The District has 7 full-time employees and 4 part-time employees. Reserve employees, contracted employees, volunteers or interns are based on season and programs.
- Overall, the district's finances are stable but tightly balanced. The reliance on commercial revenue streams provides strength, yet it also creates vulnerability if local industry shifts or declines.

## 7. Any Other Matter Related to Effective or Efficient Service Delivery.

- The district has a growing need to upgrade and expand its park and recreation, facilities and services, and community services. The District believes that the possibility of incorporating would allow for residents to expand on a wide range of services that are currently not being provided such as code enforcement.

- The future possibility of incorporation and other reorganization possess an essential step to providing services to the Malaga which is not being provided or severely underprovided.
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## SPHERE OF INFLUENCE REVIEW

In order to carry out the Commission's purposes and responsibilities for planning and shaping the logical and orderly development and coordination of local governmental agencies subject to its jurisdiction, the Commission shall develop and determine the sphere of influence of each city and each special district within the County and enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within the sphere. A sphere of Influence is defined as "a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency, as determined by the commission."

In determining the sphere of influence of each local agency, the commission shall consider and prepare a written statement of its determinations with respect to each of the following:

1. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open space lands;
2. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area;
3. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide;
4. The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency;
5. For an update of a sphere of influence of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, that occurs pursuant to subdivision (g) on or after July 1, 2012, the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.

In determining a sphere of influence, the Commission may assess the feasibility of governmental reorganization of particular agencies and recommend reorganization of those agencies when reorganization is found to be feasible and if reorganization will further the goals of orderly development and efficient and affordable service delivery. The Commission shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure wide public dissemination of the recommendations.

When adopting, amending, or updating a sphere of influence for a special district, the Commission shall establish the nature, location, and extent of any functions or classes of services provided by existing districts. The Commission may require existing districts to file written statements with the commission specifying the functions or classes of services provided by those districts. When Fresno LAFCO updates a sphere of influence it must adopt specific determinations with respect to the following factors:

## 1. Present and planned land uses, including agricultural and open-space lands.

- The County of Fresno is the land use authority for territory within the District's boundaries.
- The Fresno County General Plan Land Use Elements designates territories as mostly Industrial with residential, commercial and agricultural use within the District's boundaries.
- The current land use is industrial. The future land uses are expected to remain primarily residential which would benefit the District.
- No significant changes to population within the District are anticipated.

## 2. Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.

- Current District facilities and services appear to be adequate.
- Within the District boundary is an existing County Service Area (CSA 33) that provides lighting, landscaping, and recreation services.
- Highspeed rail would create a potential new maintenance facility that would be located just south of SOI. Since this facility is located just south of the SOI the closest WWTF would be the District's WWTF.

## 3. Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.

- Present capacity of District facilities and services appear adequate. District provides services consistent with its principal act and as authorized by the Fresno LAFCo.

## 4. Existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.

- There are no relevant social or economic communities of interest relevant to the District's service provisions. The District has not identified any areas within its sphere of influence that can be identified as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, which are not currently being served by the District.

5. The present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.

- The District is designated by LAFCo policy as a non-municipal local agency, meaning that the District is authorized to provide non-municipal services. With no disadvantaged unincorporated community located within the area there is no present and probable need for those public facilities and services.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

In consideration of information gathered and evaluated during the 2016 Municipal Service Review, it is recommended the Commission:

1. Receive this report and any public testimony regarding the proposed Municipal Service Review and proposed Sphere of Influence Update.
2. Find that the Municipal Service Review is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to section 15306 (Information Collection).
3. Approve the recommended Municipal Service Review determinations, together with any changes deemed appropriate.
4. Affirm the existing Malaga County Water District SOI.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This Municipal Service Review was prepared by Fresno LAFCO staff. The Waterworks District 41 provided information included in this evaluation of the agency's service provisions.

This document and supportive information are available in the Fresno LAFCo office located at:

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The Municipal Service Review is available on Fresno LAFCo's website,  
<http://www.fresnolaftco.org/MSR.asp>