



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00PM

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1. Call to Order: 6:00pm

- 2. Roll Call:** President Charles Garabedian, Jr.; Vice President Salvador Cerrillo; Director Irma Castaneda; Director Frank Cerrillo, Jr.; Director Carlos Tovar, Jr.
Not Present: President Garabedian, Jr.
Also present: Michael Slater

The board unanimously added item 5.c., a presentation by CSO, Elaine Montoya, to discuss crime activity in the community of Malaga and the surrounding area and the S.A.L. Program.

- 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. **Resolution No. 05-12-2026.** A resolution to approve an agreement between Comunidad Nuevo Lago, Inc. and Malaga County Water District for sewer services outside the District's service area.

Recommended action: to approve the agreement with Comunidad Nuevo Lago.

Item tabled to the next regular board meeting of May 26.

- b. **Pond Disposal Rehabilitation Project Proposal—CDBG #25451.** An agreement between Malaga County WD and Yamabe & Horn Engineering for the preparation of plans, specifications and estimate for the project to improve percolation capabilities of one or more of the disposal ponds at the Districts wastewater treatment facility.

Recommended action: to approve planning of pond project.

Motion by Director Cerrillo, Jr.; Second by Director Tovar, Jr. and by a 4-0 vote to approve proposal for the Pond Disposal Rehabilitation Project.

- c. **Crime Report & S.A.L. Program.** CSO, Elaine Montoya, reported several thefts in the surrounding businesses. Things taken ranged from heavy equipment to wire

theft. She also announced that the Sheriff's Activity League Program will be coming back this summer to the recreation center. Program will take place in July for two weeks. Details will be confirmed and provided to the district once available.

6. Recreation Reports:

- a. **Mother's/Father's Day Program.**

Vice President Cerrillo reported that everything is good to go for the program. Final perishable items still need to be purchased closer to the event date.

Other reports included:

Lifeguards: At this time there may be two lifeguards available for Memorial Day Weekend with the hope that there will be two more lifeguards available in June. The other two will be taking their final test on May 23.

7. Engineer Reports:

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

- b. **CDBG Engineer Report:**

i. Preconstruction meeting for the Screw Pump Project of May 8, 2026.

8. General Manager's Report:

- a. **Community Clean-Up scheduled for May 16.**

- b. **Community Center will be closed May 26 to June 5 for the Primary Elections.**

- c. **Water/Sewer Reports. Reports from the wastewater CPO and Lead Water Operator regarding operations. The CPO reported that the screw pump was delivered on May 8. He is also researching quotes to provide to the board for fencing at the WWTF along Central Avenue near the High-Speed Rail. This project will be prevailing wage.**

Acting GM's met with District Engineers to discuss funding for Well 5A. The engineers submitted the necessary documents and the County of Fresno has begun processing the information. The project is projected to be completed by late-July.

Finally, Legal Counsel suggested a budget subcommittee be created to begin reviewing the budget. Director Tovar, Jr. volunteered to be part of the subcommittee. Legal Counsel will reach out to District staff to check for availability to set up a meeting.

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

10. Vice President's Report:

- a. **Security & repairs at the park. Heavy Blocks have been placed at the park to prevent future wire theft after repairs were made. The VP hopes to add more lighting around the park for better visibility at night and to potentially prevent further thefts of any kind.**

- b. **Summer Youth Alley Clean-Up announced.**

11. Director's Reports: None for this meeting.

12. Legal Counsel Report: Reserved for closed session.

13. Communications:

a. Written Communications:

1. **RMAR Overlays on Chestnut Ave. Letter received after the posting of the agenda, but necessary to present to the board. A response letter stating they will be unable to assist with the District additional adjustments to the project as the project is exclusively funded by the Fresno County Local Funds and they are limited to making additional changes to the plans.**

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.*

14. 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 April 28, 2026
- b. Accounts Payable Report.

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

Motion by Director Tovar, Jr.; Second by Director Cerrillo, Jr. and by a 4-0 vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

15. Closed Session: 6:15pm

- a. Pending Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1).) two cases:
 1. Ortiz v. Malaga County Water District, et. al. 1 :25-CV-01803-JTL-BAM;
 2. Malaga v. CSJ Construction, Fresno County Superior Court Case 23CECG03476.

Board came out to open session at 6:57pm.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Director Cerillo, Jr., Second by Director Tovar, jr. and by a 4-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm.

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 12, 2026, was posted for public view on the front window of the MCWD office at 3580 S. Frank Street, Fresno Ca 93725, on 05/27/2026.

Norma Melendez, District Clerk