

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON JULY 28, 2026**

- CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel County Water District was called to order on July 28th, 2026, at 8366 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, California at the hour of 4:00 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** Present at the meeting were General Manager Jim Prior, Finance and Administration Manager Carmen Corona, Assistant General Manager Casey Feilen, Superintendent Carlos Cardona, Directors DeLaTorre, Saucedo, Taylor, Mamdapurkar, Vera and District Counsel Koczanowicz.
- AGENDA** Upon motion by Director Taylor and seconded by Director Saucedo, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** No members of the public were present; Director Taylor asked Superintendent Cardona (who was sitting in the audience) about photos of the boring holes for the Fwy10 undercrossing, which were handed out to the Board prior to the meeting. Mr. Cardona answered those questions and also the ones that followed about a discovered sewer pipe.
- MINUTES** Upon motion by Director Vera, seconded by Director Taylor, the Board voted to approve the minutes for the meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 14th, 2026. Motion passed 5-0.
- DEMANDS** Director Saucedo motioned to authorize an electronic funds transfer from the general account to the revolving account in the amount of \$190,577.44. The motion was seconded by Director Mamdapurkar. No questions were asked by the Board and motion passed unanimously.
- DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT** District Counsel advised the Board that he would be absent from the second meeting in August and that Christine Carson would fill in. He also told the Board that staff was still waiting for the signed copy of the Easement Deed. Reasons for delay were unknown.
- District Counsel also briefed the Board on an appellate decision in Vera vs. Harbor Rail Services of California Inc. Vera was hired by the Defendants Harbor Rail who were contractors for the railroad, cleaning and repairing rail cars. Vera after working there for 5 months was terminated and sued for alleged various violations of Fair Employment Act and other Labor Laws. Vera's employment contract required arbitration of such claims, not judicial action. Vera contended that since he was a railroad employee, the Federal Arbitration Act exempted him from mandatory arbitration. Harbor contended that he was not a railroad employee, but an employee of a contractor who performed certain services for the railroad. Lower Court dismissed Vera's action finding that the Arbitration Clause in his contract was valid. Vera appealed and Court of Appeals confirmed the Lower

Court's decision, stating that being a contractor for the railroad was not tantamount to being a railroad employee, hence the exemption from arbitration did not apply.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

MISC INFORMATION

Receive and File:

June 2026 Banking and Investment Report

June 2026 Revenue and Expenditure Report

Director Taylor asked questions about revenue and expenditures in the General and Administrative accounts. He also had questions about water payments and AR payments. These questions were answered by Ms. Corona. Director Taylor also asked if there were any guidelines for amount of reserves that the District should maintain. Mr. Prior stated that a specific formula exists, and the District reserves were in very good state at nearly \$20M.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Prior referred to the Public Comment discussion for the 10 Fwy undercrossing. He did state that the discovery of the sewer main will cause delays in completion of the project; he informed the Board that Well 12 will be videoed this week and completion of the rehab is moving forward well. The General Manager also informed the Board about two employees going to Tri-State Conference for valuable training and networking; he reminded the Board about the National Night Out and the District's participation in that event; he also discussed the proposed AI Use Policy, which will be coming to the Board for approval. Lastly, Mr. Prior turned it over to Ms. Corona, who went over the District's deposit reimbursement policy, which does provide for reimbursement of the deposit, if the account was in good standing and upon service being closed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

**DIRECTOR
COMMENTS**

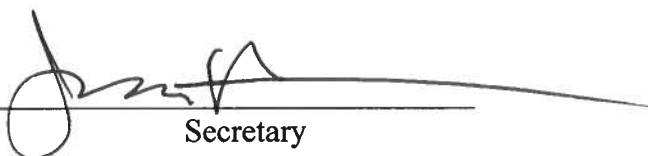
Director Vera asked about the possibility of having a consultant or an employee write grant applications for the District. Mr. Prior explained that due to the District's demographics, it would be highly unlikely that any grants would be available. District's customers do not qualify as an underserved community.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Director Mamdapurkar, seconded by Director Vera the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.



President



Secretary

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