

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
July 16, 2026

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Kelvin Moore	☒	☐	
Angela Garcia	☒	☐	
Estevan Bennett	☒	☐	
Daniel Jenkins	☒	☐	
Gregory Young	☒	☐	
General Counsel			
Henry Castillo	☒	☐	
Staff			
John Thiel	☒	☐	
Linda Jadeski	☒	☐	
Jose Velasquez	☒	☐	
Joanne Chan	☐	☒	
Rocky Welborn	☐	☒	
Haydee Sainz	☒	☐	
Brandon Yoshida	☒	☐	
Socorro Pantaleon	☒	☐	
Albert Clinger	☒	☐	

Approval of Any Board Member Requests for Remote Participation – None.
Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Young.
Opening Prayer – The Invocation was offered by Pastor Townsend.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: Consuelo Navarrette v. West Valley Water District et al. Case Number: CIVSB2618090

The Board of Directors recessed the Regular Board of Directors Meeting and convened in Closed Session at 6:39 p.m.

The Board of Directors concluded Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Board of Directors Meeting at 7:05 p.m. with all Board Members present.

President Moore asked General Counsel if there was any reportable action from Closed Session. General Counsel Castillo stated that there was no reportable action.

ADOPT AGENDA

President Moore stated a request was received to move the Presentations portion of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting before the Closed Session portion due to time constraints.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5-0]
MOVER:	Gregory Young
SECONDER:	Daniel Jenkins
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Moore inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. No requests were received to speak, therefore, President Moore closed the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS

1. SBVMWD - Check Presentation for the DMI 2.0 Program to Fund the Water Use Efficiency Master Plan

Item moved to before Closed Session due to time constraints.

The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District presented the West Valley Water District with a check in support of the DMI 2.0 Program, which will fund the development of the Water Use Efficiency Master Plan. Vice President Gil Botello, Board Member Jose Velasquez, and General Manager Heather Dyer delivered remarks expressing appreciation for West Valley Water District's ongoing partnership and dedication to water use efficiency. In response, President Moore thanked the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for its continued collaboration and emphasized the importance of working together to advance future projects that benefit the community.

2. 2026 Work Plan Goals – Mid-Year Update

Item moved to before Closed Session due to time constraints.

General Manager John Thiel presented a mid-year overview of the work plan goals, highlighting alignment with the Vision, Mission, Strategic Goals, and Core Values of West Valley Water District. Mr. Thiel reported that District staff have made progress on 138 of the 198 work plan goals, which are categorized as having excellent progress, nearing completion, or fully completed, and projected an overall completion rate of approximately 90% by the end of the year. Vice President Garcia expressed interest in having staff provide brief updates on completed work plan goals, including summaries of accomplishments and any challenges encountered, to better highlight staff's efforts and the strategies used to overcome those challenges.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the June 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
2. Partial Retention Release with PCL Construction Inc. for the Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility Upgrade and Expansion Project

Motion to adopt Consent Calendar.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5-0]
MOVER:	Gregory Young
SECONDER:	Daniel Jenkins
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc, for New Groundwater Production Well 36A

Project Manager Natalie Avila provided a brief overview of the staff report and the Professional Services Agreement between Michael Baker International, Inc and the West Valley Water District.

Motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$579,162.00 for the design services for W26017 – New Groundwater Well 36A Project and to authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5-0]
MOVER:	Gregory Young
SECONDER:	Daniel Jenkins
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2. Reorganization of Operations Department - Operations Superintendent

Human Resources & Risk Manager Haydee Sainz provided a brief overview of the staff report and the Reorganization of Operations Department and Operations Superintendent position.

Motion to approve the change in title from Chief Water Systems Operator – Treatment to Operations Superintendent; and, approve the updated job description; and, approve the recommended compensation adjustments for both positions; and, authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5-0]
MOVER:	Gregory Young
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REPORTS - LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES MAXIMUM

1. Board Committee Reports

Director Young reported on updates from the Policy Review & Oversight Committee.
Director Jenkins reported on updates from the Finance Committee.

2. Board Members

Director Young expressed his gratitude for San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's dedicated partnership with the West Valley Water District.

Director Bennett shared his Man of the Year Award, awarded by Senator Eloise Reyes.

Vice President Garcia reported on the West Valley Water District 2026 Summer Internship Program and expressed gratitude for the staff members assisting in the program.

Director Jenkins reported on his volunteer service with the "Water Keepers" to clear trash and debris from the Lytle Creek area.

President Moore reported on the WVWD 2026 Summer Internship Program and the groundbreaking ceremony for the Cedar House Expansion Project.

3. General Manager

General Manager Thiel provided updates on recruitment, staffing, recap of the 2026 Summer Internship Program, new headquarters progress and updates, work plan goals, and committee reports.

4. Legal Counsel

None.

5. Public Outreach Government Affairs

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon provided an update on upcoming conferences, legislation, events, and shared the Treatment Process Video.

6. Board Secretary

Board Secretary Yoshida provided an update on upcoming meetings and events. Mr. Yoshida also expressed his gratitude to the Board of Directors for selecting him as the new Board Secretary for the West Valley Water District.

ADJOURN

President Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:



Brandon Yoshida, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on August 6, 2026, by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.