

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
October 1, 2026

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order – 6:01 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			
Jeff Ferre	☒	☐	
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.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CLOSED SESSION

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.

CLOSED SESSION

- H1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957
Title: General Manager
- H2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957
Title: General Counsel
- H3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
One potential case

The Board of Directors recessed the Regular Board of Directors Meeting and convened in Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

The Board of Directors adjourned Closed Session at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Board of Directors Meeting at 7:18 p.m. with all Board Members present.

President Moore asked General Counsel if there was any reportable action from Closed Session. General Counsel Ferre stated that there was no reportable action for Items H1 and H3. General Manager Thiel stated that Item H2 had no reportable action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- J1. Minutes for the September 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- J2. Professional Services Agreement with SDI Presence, LLC for an IT Master Plan

Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar.

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

BUSINESS MATTERS

- K1. Consideration of Closed Session Placement on Board of Directors Meeting Agendas

Board Secretary Brandon Yoshida summarized the staff report, stating that the District received a request from a member of the Board of Directors to place the Closed Session section at the end of Regular Board of Directors Meeting agendas, rather than at the beginning. In accordance with the

Board Policies and Procedures Manual, the request was brought forward as a Business Item to provide direction to staff regarding the preferred placement of Closed Session.

Vice President Garcia stated that the proposed change could provide additional time for the Board to conduct its regular business and allow for Closed Session discussions to occur without concern regarding time constraints.

Director Young provided historical context regarding the District's current placement of Closed Session at the beginning of Regular Board of Directors Meeting agendas. Director Young stated that the District previously had multiple legal counsel attend Closed Session and that placing Closed Session at the beginning of the meeting allowed the District to address those matters without incurring additional legal fees associated with counsel waiting until the conclusion of the regular session. Additionally, Director Young stated that designating Closed Session at the beginning of the meeting agenda could help Directors who may be traveling or attending a conference by allowing them to participate in Closed Session discussion that may require all five Board Members.

Motion to place Closed Session at the end of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting agendas.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3-2]
MOVER:	Angela Garcia
SECONDER:	Kelvin Moore
AYES:	Kelvin Moore, Angela Garcia, Estevan Bennett
NOES:	Gregory Young, Daniel Jenkins

REPORTS - LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES MAXIMUM

1. Board Committee Reports

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

Director Bennett reported on updates from the Engineering, Operations & Planning Committee.

2. Board Members

Vice President Garcia congratulated the Public Outreach and Government Affairs Team on their 2026 CAPIO STAR Award, where they took 1st place in the "Social Media – Long Form" Category for the "No Mission is Impossible" video.

3. General Manager

General Manager Thiel reported on ongoing recruitment efforts and the letter of support for the Inland Empire Water Workforce Career Pathways Initiative Innovative Water Infrastructure Workforce Development Grant Program.

4. Assistant General Manager

No reports.

5. Chief Financial Officer

Finance Manager Gustavo Gutierrez provided an update on ongoing Finance Department activities.

6. Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Ferre provided an update on upcoming legislation, AB 2619 and AB 2649, and briefly summarized the legislation for the Board of Directors.

7. Board Secretary

Board Secretary Yoshida provided an update on upcoming meetings and events, provided a brief 2026 General Election Update from the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Office, and highlighted two emails sent to the Board of Directors: one regarding website updates to Director biographies and expense reimbursements.

ADJOURN

President Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Brandon Yoshida, Board Secretary