

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2025
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:00 a.m. on December 08, 2025, the Board of Directors meeting was held in person at the District office, located at 1402 North Vosburg Drive, Azusa, California. While the Boardroom was open for public attendance, the District strongly encouraged attendees wanting to attend the meeting to participate in the meeting virtually through the remote Zoom link provided below. Attendees in person were asked to please maintain appropriate social distancing to the extent feasible (i.e., maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and other individuals). Face coverings were encouraged but not required for attendees.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Placido called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present at Roll Call: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince (present by Zoom from 50920 Calle Paloma, La Quinta, California 92253).

ALSO PRESENT:

Jose Reynoso, General Manager; Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Maria “Gigi” Jarmin, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP

Via telephone/Zoom: Darin Kasamoto, General Manager Emeritus and Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist, SGVMWD; Carlos Solis and Melissa Barbosa, City of Azusa; Latoya Waters, City of Alhambra; Steven McGee and Brian Dickinson, City of Sierra Madre; Dan Matusiewicz, Tru Comp.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 03, 2025

Minutes of the Engineering and Operations Committee of November 03, 2025

Financial Statements for November 2025

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

November 07, 2025, Check No. 12807, and Wires in the amount of \$449.62

November 13, 2025, Check Nos. 12808 - 12813, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$83,257.76

November 25, 2025, Check Nos. 12814 - 12822, EFTs and Wires in the amount of \$87,883.28

December 08, 2025, Check Nos. 12823 - 12825, and Wires in the amount of \$2,368.30

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

November 04 -30, 2025, Check Nos. 45566 - 45590, and EFTs in the amount of \$258,825.06

December 01 - 08, 2025, Check Nos. 45591 - 45632 in the amount of \$321,004.05

Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expense, dated: November 17, 2025, Check No. 1024, in the amount of \$536,946.00

Visa Recap

Contract Renewal CSDA Membership: Jan -Dec 2026 in the amount of \$10,012.00

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

On the motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Consent Calendar was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on December 08, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PRESENTATION

Pension & OPEB Update

Dan Matusiewicz from Tru Comp provided an in-depth presentation on the District's pension liability and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) status. He explained the difference between pension and OPEB liabilities.

The presentation highlighted that investment income is the most significant factor affecting both pension and OPEB funding, with market volatility presenting the greatest risk. Mr. Matusiewicz noted that CalPERS' target investment return is 6.8%, down from as high as 8.75% in previous decades.

For the District's pension plan, he advised that the District is funded at 90% funded status. For the OPEB plan, the District has taken an aggressive funding approach, contributing \$500,000 annually

(above the minimum required \$280,000), which should result in full funding within approximately 5 years.

Director Prince inquired about the consequence of overfunding OPEB. Mr. Matusiewicz explained that while the assets remain with the agency, there is currently no legislative mechanism to retrieve excess funds from CalPERS. For the OPEB trust, the District has more flexibility to adjust contributions once fully funded. He recommended the creation of a pension volatility reserve fund to help offset potential market downturns in the future, noting that market returns can be highly volatile.

ACTION ITEMS

Annual Consulting Proposal from California Advocates

External Affairs Manager Evelyn Reyes presented the annual contract renewal for California Advocates, a government advocacy group in Sacramento that has worked with the District since 2012. Their monthly fee remains \$8,000, and they have helped with several recent key initiatives, including the passage of AB 149 regarding Golden Mussel mitigation, working with the Governor's office on advancing water projects, and educating new legislators on District priorities.

Director Eng requested a detailed strategy session with California Advocates in early 2026. Director Placido noted that while he supported the contract renewal, he would like to see a more proactive approach to future legislative strategies, especially regarding the Delta Conveyance Project.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved the renewal of the annual consulting proposal from California Advocates.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on December 08, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

External Affairs Report is included in the Agenda Packet.

External Affairs Manager Evelyn Reyes reported the California legislature will reconvene on January 5, 2026, with the Governor's budget due by January 10. She also mentioned the District's renewal of its California Special Districts Association (CSDA) membership, noting the value of this relationship including workshops, webinars, and networking opportunities. The CSDA San Gabriel Valley chapter recently held an inaugural event that was well-attended and informative.

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

No Report.

REPORT OF WQA

No Report.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Legal Counsel Jim Ciampa reported on SB 827, which adds new ethics training requirements (i.e., AB 1234 ethics training) for agency department heads and administrative officers effective January 1, 2026. Additionally, the bill will require fiscal and financial management training (2-hour course) for the same individuals, as well as board members, to be completed by January 1, 2028. He also noted that Form 700 filing procedures have changed, with those forms to now be submitted electronically to the Fair Political Practices Commission. Online training is available for those new filing procedures.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTOR/GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

The General Manager's Report was included in the agenda packet.

General Manager Jose Reynoso reported that state reservoir levels are within historical average for this time of year. He also informed the Board that the Department of Water Resources released an initial 10% SWP allocation, which is the minimum expected if conditions do not change.

Regarding the Golden Mussel issue, responsible agencies continue to meet weekly. The responsible agencies have drafted and submitted both a Golden Mussel prevention plan and a white paper on treatment options to LA County for review. The responsible agencies are exploring all reasonable preventive measures.

On December 5, 2025, Mr. Reynoso attended the Status Conference on the Main San Gabriel Basin Judgment at the Los Angeles County Superior Court. At that Status Conference, the judge was updated on the status of the Main San Gabriel Basin and was informed how the Golden Mussel is impacting the "Physical Solution" under the Judgment. The judge expressed concerns and set a second hearing for February 5, 2026 at which LA County will be required to attend.

Mr. Reynoso also reported on a proposed data center development in Monterey Park that would consume approximately 13 acre-feet of water per year (about 30,000 gallons daily). While the District does not take positions on land use issues in member cities, this proposed project raised discussion among the directors about water conservation concerns and potential future policies regarding water-intensive developments.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

The Assistant General Manager's Report is included in the Agenda Packet.

Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins reported the District is currently making modest water deliveries of about 11 CFS, with 5 CFS going to the canal adjacent to Azusa Light and Water's treatment facility and the remainder going to Covina Valley Water Company. Mr. Kiggins noted that at this rate, it would take all of 2026 just to deliver the carryover water, emphasizing the need for prompt resolution of the Golden Mussel issue.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

Director Paulson reported attending the ACWA Conference, which he found extremely informative. He specifically mentioned attending a session discussing the Colorado River water allocation issues between Northern and Southern states, and noted that the City of Tucson recently rejected two proposed data centers due to water concerns.

Director Plácido also commented positively on the ACWA Conference, describing it as better than expected.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Prince wished everyone happy holidays and a happy New Year.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on January 12, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.


Steve Placido, DDS
President

ATTEST:


Bruce H Knoles
Secretary