MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026
8:00 A.M.

At 8:00 a.m. on October 12, 2026, the Board of Directors meeting was held in person at the District office, located at 1402 North Vosburg Drive, Azusa, California. The Boardroom was open for public attendance, and the District attendees wanted to attend the meeting to participate in the meeting virtually through the remote Zoom link provided below.

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Meeting ID: 845 8305 8813
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Directors present at Roll Call: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Maria "Gigi" Jarmin, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist; Jim Ciampa, SGVMWD General Counsel, Lagerlof LLP; Gio Herrera and Latoya Waters, City of Alhambra; Paul Hernandez, WELL; Sabrina Bow and Robert Gonzalez, City of Azusa

Via telephone/Zoom: George Noriega, City of Monterey Park; Kelly Gardner, Watermaster; Michael Miller, Unidentified guest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2026
b. Financial Statements for September 2026
   Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:
c. September 17, 2026, Check No. 12999 – 13006, EFTs and Wires in the amount of $122,963.05
d. October 01, 2026, Check Nos. 13007-13015, EFT and Wires in the amount of $67,036.23
   October 12, 2026, Check Nos. 13016 - 13018, and Wires in the amount of $4,306.00
e. Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:
f. September 15 -30, 2026, Check Nos. 46214 – 46235, and EFTs in the amount of $113,909.26
g. October 01 - 12, 2026, Check Nos. 46236 – 46279, and EFTs in the amount of $251,598.05
h. Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expense, dated: September 28, 2026, Check No. 1035, in the amount of $671,950.00
i. Visa Recap, August 21, 2026 – September 20, 2026
j. Resolution No. 10-2026-871 Amending District Code Bereavement Leave and Vacation Policy (This resolution was tabled at the September Board Meeting and is therefore out of numerical sequence with the resolutions adopted at the September 14, 2026, Board Meeting)
k. Ratification of attendance at District-sponsored event: Active SGV Awards, September 17, 2026
l. Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

Director Prince noted that item j. Resolution No. 10-2026-871 (Bereavement Leave and Vacation Policy), had been revised with Legal Counsel from the version introduced at the September 14 Board meeting to reflect changes in the law.

On the motion by Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, to approve the Consent Calendar, including Resolution No. 10-2026-871, Amending District Code Bereavement Leave and Vacation Policy, was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATION

WELL- Water Education for Latino Leaders, presented by Paul Hernandez

Executive Director Paul Hernandez and City of Azusa Councilmember Dr. Sabrina Bow, a 2023 fellowship alumna, described WELL's Untapped Fellowship. The program educates elected officials on water policy, infrastructure and finance through site visits and expert interaction. WELL has trained over 2,000 officials and has about 120 fellows. It also runs a

leadership program for mid-level water professionals. Mr. Hernandez noted the District was one of WELL's first supporters in 2013.

Director Eng asked whether WELL had involved District directors, staff or legal counsel as panelists or trainers, or included the District in its tours. Mr. Hernandez responded that the District's General Manager had spoken at WELL's SoCal Water Summit in June 2026 and that the District would be added as a tour option. Director Eng urged that the District be included before the end of year and encouraged outreach to special districts through External Affairs Manager Evelyn Reyes.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 10-2026-873 Appointing Watermaster Representative

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISCTRICT APPOINTING WATERMASTER REPRESENTATIVE, Steven T. Placido, DDS, Resolution No. 10-2026-873, was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Cost Sharing Agreement with Three Valleys Municipal Water District for Golden Mussel Mitigation

The Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins reported the agreement ensures District ratepayers do not subsidize Golden Mussel treatment costs for water wheeled on behalf of Three Valleys. The cost share has a fixed component based on a three-year rolling average, a variable component based on actual deliveries, and a true-up provision. The agreement has no set term and will remain in place until the need for treatment ends.

Mr. Kiggins clarified that the action adopts only a reimbursement mechanism and creates no new budget impact, because the treatment costs were already approved. The FY 2026-27 treatment estimate was about $215,000, and the reimbursement amount will vary with deliveries. Staff will report back to the Board at the end of the year. Director Placido called the agreement a significant milestone in regional cooperation.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, The Cost Sharing Agreement with Three Valleys Municipal Water District for Golden Mussel Mitigation was approved

Annual Member Cities Grants

External Affairs Manager Evelyn Reyes reported that all four member cities applied for the $50,000 annual grants. Alhambra's request is for its Gateway Plaza Waterwise Community Beautification project. Azusa's is for its turf assessment and rebate program, which excludes artificial turf. Sierra Madre's is for water meters and registers with pressure and temperature sensors. Monterey Park's is for acoustic leak detection equipment and software. Grants are reimbursement-based, and the grant agreements require cities to report progress.

Director Eng stated he would abstain, requesting postponement so all cities could attend and so that written reporting requirements could be confirmed.

Discussion of the item continued and on motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Placido, the motion carried by a vote of 4-1, with Director Eng abstaining.

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

Approval of Letter of Support for Bureau of Reclamation Golden Mussel Proposal

External Affairs Manager Evelyn Reyes reported that Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District was resubmitting a regional application to the Bureau of Reclamation for Golden Mussel funding after an unsuccessful 2026 attempt. Regional partners include Three Valleys MWD, LA County Department of Public Works, Watermaster, and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The funding would help recoup costs of the Golden Mussel Control Plan. Letters of support improve the application's scoring.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Letter of Support for Bureau of Reclamation Golden Mussel Proposal to be submitted by Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District was approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

External Affairs Report was included in the Agenda Packet.
External Affairs Manager Evelyn Reyes reported on recently signed legislation. AB 2032 streamlines Golden Mussel permitting and requires quarterly infestation map updates, effective immediately. SB 952 addresses State Water Project energy accounting. SB 1153 addresses wildfire preparedness for public water systems and includes language that acknowledges public water systems are not designed to combat wildfires. AB 2180 is a Prop 218 bill that does not apply to the District. She noted the governor's veto of the District supported Golden Mussel bill (AB 1894), which staff will revisit next session. General Counsel Ciampa added that

SB 872, on subsidence and levee funding, was also vetoed after its funding was removed, as Prop 4 provided funding through the budget process.

Ms. Reyes also reported on tours of District facilities for staff of Senators Susan Rubio and Sasha Perez and for Monterey Park staff. She mentioned that she will testify on Thursday at the Delta Stewardship Council hearing on appeals of DWR's Delta Conveyance Project Delta consistency certification. In response to Director Eng, she said ACWA has formed a task force to educate the incoming governor, and the District will keep engaging local officials.

REPORTS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido reported that the Watermaster Board updated its three-year purchase agreement through 2029, received the finance committee's audit report and investment policy, and approved two well treatment facilities.

REPORT OF WQA

No Report

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

No report.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTOR/GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

The General Manager's Report was included in the Agenda Packet.
The General Manager was available by phone for follow-up questions after the meeting.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

The Assistant General Manager's Report was included in the Agenda Packet.
Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins reported that deliveries resumed mid-month, with 1,212 acre-feet placed into the ground and direct deliveries to Azusa Canyon Filtration Plant are planned for about 60 days. He thanked Watermaster and the Committee of 9 for reducing canal diversions to preserve spreading ground capacity. He noted a two-week DWR outage beginning the following Monday. He also reported that the generator replacement project began at Riverside, where work was delayed by a request for information (RFI) after the conduits were excavated.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

No Report

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED / DIRECTOR' COMMENTS

Director Eng reported on attending a City of Azusa event, where he raised workforce development for water professionals during a panel. He also presented District certificates to the Asian American architects and engineers' group. Director Prince reported on the District's sponsorship of the Sierra Madre Community Foundation Wine Walk, which sold about 400 tickets and raised about $25,000.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on November 09, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Miles L. Prince
President

ATTEST:

Bruce H Knoles
Secretary