AGENDA ITEM III.1a
Regular Board Meeting
Approved Minutes
June 15, 2026

District Attendees

Randy Marx	Board President
Chris Petersen	Board Member
George Babcock	Board Member
Tom R. Gray	General Manager
Chi Ha-Ly	Finance Manager
Shawn Huckaby	Operations Manager
Paul Siebensohn	Water Supply Superintendent
Blake Chetcuti	Engineer
Rebecca Simon	Human Resource Administrator
Nick Kepler	Operations Superintendent

Other Attendees

Absent

Mark Dolby	Board Vice President
Misha Sarkovich	Board Member

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Marx called the FOWD Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., noting that Vice President Dolby and Director Sarkovich were absent. A quorum was present with three Board Members in attendance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were considered and acted upon as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes
   a. Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2026
2. Accept and File Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2026
3. File Investment Report for the month of April 2026
4. Accept and File Financial Expense Report for the month of May 2026

5. Approval of Warrants
6. Approval of Cal-Card Statements for the month of May 2026
7. Approval of Board Expense Report for the month of May 2026

Director Babcock moved to approve the consent calendar.

Director Marx seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Babcock – aye, Marx – aye, and Petersen – aye.

Absent: Directors Dolby and Sarkovich

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. None.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

1. Update and discussion on Rollingwood Homeowners Association items related to FOWD (verbal – no written staff report)

- Staff reported that the air release valve at the entrance to the Rollingwood neighborhood was successfully lowered on May 22, 2026. The HOA President reported that the improvement was immediately noticeable and described it as the best possible outcome.
- Director Petersen expressed appreciation for staff and noted that the project significantly impacted the appearance of the installation while avoiding the cost and disruption associated with relocation.

2. Update and discussion on obtaining two future water well sites from the FORPD (verbal – no written staff report)

- General Manager Gray reported that no progress was made since the previous Board Meeting due to competing priorities.

3. Update and discussion on the FOWD Fall 2026 Customer Newsletter (verbal – no written staff report)

- Board discussed preparation of the Fall 2026 customer newsletter with potential topics of District wells, lowest rates in the region, and legal matters affecting water agencies.
- General Manager Gray stated that staff will develop content internally to manage costs.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on FOWD Water Supply for the month of May 2026

- Water Supply Superintendent Siebensohn presented the May 2026 water supply report.

2. **Close public hearing on the FOWD 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan**
   - General Manager Gray reported that the public hearing was opened on May 18, 2026 and remained open through June 15, 2026 to allow for public review.
   - No public comments were received on either the draft Urban Water Management Plan or the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.
   - President Marx formally closed the public hearing.

3. **Discussion and possible action on FOWD Resolution No. 26-03: "A Resolution Adopting the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan"**
   - General Manager Gray presented FOWD Resolution No. 26-03: "A Resolution Adopting the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan."

   President Marx moved to approve the FOWD Resolution No. 26-03: "A Resolution Adopting the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan."

   Director Petersen seconded the motion.

   Motion carried with the following votes: Babcock – aye, Marx – aye, Petersen – aye.

   Absent: Directors Dolby and Sarkovich

4. **Discussion and possible action on FOWD Resolution no. 26-04: "A Resolution Adopting the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan"**
   - General Manager Gray presented FOWD Resolution No. 26-04: "A Resolution Adopting the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan."

   President Marx moved to approve the FOWD Resolution No. 26-04: "A Resolution Adopting the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan."

   Director Babcock seconded the motion.

   Motion carried with the following votes: Babcock – aye, Marx – aye, Petersen – aye.

   Absent: Directors Dolby and Sarkovich

5. **Discussion and possible action on awarding the New York Avenue Main Replacement Phase II Project construction contract**
   - Engineer Chetcuti presented the bid results and recommended awarding the contract to ARB Incorporated.
   - President Marx inquired if staff used different criteria to rank besides lowest cost and whether ARB Incorporated met the basic requirements.
   - General Manager Gray stated that criteria listed in the bid was used and ARB Incorporated was determined to meet all of the requirements within the request for proposal.

Director Babcock moved to approve the selection of ARB Incorporated for the New York Well Avenue Main Replacement Phase II Project construction contract at a cost of $942,622 plus 10% contingency of $94,262.

President Marx seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Babcock – aye, Marx – aye, Petersen – aye.

Absent: Directors Dolby and Sarkovich

6. **Discussion and possible action on awarding the New York Well Phase II Project geotechnical services contract**
   - General Manager Gray recommended selection of ENGEO to provide geotechnical inspection services at a cost of $66,500.
   - Board discussion focused on the complexity of the retaining walls, constrained site conditions, and the need for expanded geotechnical oversight during construction.
   - General Manager Gray stated that ENGEO is already familiar with the site and proposed the most comprehensive level of support.

Director Babcock moved to approve the selection of ENGEO for the New York Well Phase II Project geotechnical services contract at $66,500.

President Marx seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Babcock – aye, Marx – aye, Petersen – aye.

Absent: Directors Dolby and Sarkovich

7. **Discussion and possible action on Amendment No. 1 to the ARTESIAN Project Agreement**
   - General Manager Gray presented Amendment No. 1 to the ARTESIAN Project Agreement with a recommendation to direct General Manager Gray to sign the agreement memorializing that the Board achieved adding the Madison Avenue Main Project Replacement to this grant as a priority one project.
   - Board discussion focused on regional groundwater substitution efforts, grant funding requirements, and incorporations of the Madison Avenue Main Replacement Project into the grant-funded work.
   - Director Petersen asked General Manager Gray to provide an update at the July 2026 Board Meeting on the ARTESIAN Project Agreement.

President Marx moved to approve Amendment No.1 to the ARTESIAN Project Agreement.

Director Petersen seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Babcock – aye, Marx – aye, Petersen – aye.

Absent: Directors Dolby and Sarkovich

8. **Discussion and possible action on additional funding for 2026 expenses**
   - The Board authorized the General Manager to transfer $79,600 from the contingency fund to cover hydrant upgrades, meter downsize work, and additional geotechnical services.
   - Director Petersen inquired whether staff will be spending the budget for New York Well Phase II Project.
   - General Manager Gray stated yes and if not it will roll over to the general fund.

   President Marx moved to approve transferring $79,600 from contingency fund to cover 2026 expenses.

   Director Babcock seconded the motion.

   Motion carried with the following votes: Babcock – aye, Marx – aye, Petersen – aye.

   Absent: Directors Dolby and Sarkovich

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **June 17, 2026 / SJWD Board Meeting / Granite Bay**

2. **June 23, 2026 / RWA Executive Committee Meeting / Sacramento**
   - Director Petersen asked General Manager Gray to provide an update at next Board Meeting.

3. **June 30, 2026 / SJWD Special Board Meeting / Granite Bay**

4. **July 9, 2026 / RWA Board Meeting / Sacramento**

5. **August 13, 2026 / SGA Board Meeting / Sacramento**

VIII. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1. **Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)**
   - Director Petersen stated that he would be attending SGA Board Meeting.

2. **Regional Water Authority (RWA)**
   - None.

3. **Sacramento Water Forum**
   - None.

4. **Other**
   - None.

IX. DIRECTORS' REPORTS & COMMENTS

1. Budget Committee – (Sarkovich, Marx)
- None.

2. Technical Advisory Committee – (Marx, Petersen)
- None.

3. Capital Improvement Committee – (Sarkovich, Petersen)
- None.

4. Personnel Committee – (Babcock, Dolby)
- None.

5. Public Relations Committee – (Babcock, Dolby)
- None.

6. FOWD and SJWD 2x2 Ad-Hoc Committee – (Petersen, Marx)
- None.

X. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Maintenance Work Report
- Report provided.

2. Capital Projects Status Report
- General Manager Gray reported that the column title for the Capital Projects Status Report was changed based on feedback from the Board at the May 2026 Board Meeting.
- Director Petersen inquired about the percentage expended and completion percentage for projects on the report.
- General Manager Gray clarified the difference between project dollars committed and project percentage complete. Discussion focused on how large construction contracts may be obligated before substantial field work occurred.

3. Authorizations of Additional Funding
- Report provided.

4. Water Transfer Status Report
- None.

5. Claims Against the District
- Report provided.

6. **Employee Update**
   - Human Resource Administrator Simon reported a draft report of the Salary and Total Compensation Study has been received from the consultant and anticipates the final report will be ready to present at the July 2026 Board Meeting.
   - Additional discussion included total compensation, employee benefits, and workforce retention.

7. **Water Issues – Update on Regional Involvement**
   - None.

8. **Other**
   - None.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

President Marx closed the open session meeting at 7:29 p.m.

President Marx opened the closed session meeting at 7:35 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954, 54956 AND 54957

1. Conference with legal counsel on existing litigation; Government Code Sections 54954.5 and 54956.9; Citrus Heights Water District & Fair Oaks Water District v. San Juan Water District; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 23WM000064

2. Conference with legal counsel on existing litigation; Government Code Sections 54954.5 and 54956.9; Corcos & FOVEC v. Fair Oaks Water District; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 26VVM000022

3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Involving the General Manager; Government Code Sections 54954.5(e) and 54957

President Marx closed the closed session meeting at 8:06 p.m.

President Marx reopened the meeting to the public at 8:06 p.m.

XIII. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- None.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, President Marx adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

The Board approved the preceding minutes on July 20, 2026

Tom R. Gray

General Manager/Board Secretary

7-21-2026

Date