



District Attendees

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

Other Attendees

Marge Wood	Visitor
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Absent

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Sarkovich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He noted that five Board Members are present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

III. PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED 2026 FOWD ANNUAL BUDGET

1. Staff presentation on proposed 2026 FOWD Annual Budget

- General Manager Gray provided presentation of 2026 FOWD Annual Budget and answered questions from the Board.
- President Sarkovich thanked staff for putting together the 2026 FOWD Annual Budget. He stated it was well done.
- The Board directed staff to post the presentation on the FOWD website.
- General Manager Gray will present alternatives to the Board for the Assistant General Manager position in the 2026 FOWD Annual Budget.

- The Board directed staff to distribute a Water Currents newsletter semi-annually as an insert with the bill.
- Director Petersen asked staff to provide the trend over the last three years for operating expenses versus revenue.
- General Manager Gray stated that he would provide the information to Director Petersen.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2025
2. Accept and File Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2025
3. File Investment Report for the month of August 2025
4. Accept and File Financial Expense Reports for the month of September 2025
5. Approval of Warrants
6. Approval of Cal-Card Statements for the month of September 2025
7. Approval of Board Expense Report for the month of September 2025

President Sarkovich moved to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Director Petersen seconded the motion.

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

V. PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Letter to the SJWD dated October 14, 2025**
 - Information only.
2. **FOWD public information release dated October 15, 2025**
 - Information only.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

1. **Update and discussion on the FOWD Northridge Well Project (verbal – no written staff report)**
 - General Manager Gray provided an overview and update. He reported that well drilling is complete and FOWD is preparing for pump testing.
2. **Update and discussion on the FOWD Transmission Main Replacement Project – Phase I (verbal – no written staff report)**
 - General Manager Gray provided an overview and update. He reported that the project is complete and water is on. There are on-going issues with the County on paving, but staff negotiated with the County for a savings of \$170,000.

3. Discussion and possible action on awarding the New York Well Equipping Project construction contract

- General Manager Gray presented a recommendation for Board to direct General Manager Gray to enter into an agreement with T&S Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of the New York Well Phase II project at \$3.1 million plus a 10% contingency.

President Sarkovich moved to authorize General Manager Gray to authorize to enter into an agreement with T&S Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of the New York Well Phase II project at \$3.1 million plus a 10% contingency.

Director Marx seconded the motion.

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

4. Update and discussion on the Water Forum 2050

- General Manager Gray provided an overview and update.

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on FOWD Water Supply for the month of September 2025

- Water Supply Superintendent Siebensohn provided a summary of the water supply report.

2. Discussion and possible action on additional funding for 2025 expenses

- Finance Manager Ha-Ly recommended the Board authorize General Manager Gray to transfer \$206,000 from the reserve fund to cover 2025 expenses.

President Sarkovich moved to authorize General Manager Gray to transfer \$206,000 from the reserve fund to cover 2025 expenses as presented.

Director Dolby seconded the motion.

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

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. October 22, 2025 / SJWD Regular Board Meeting / SJWD Office**
- 2. October 28, 2025 / RWA Executive Committee Meeting**
- 3. November 13, 2025 / RWA Board Meeting**
- 4. December 2-5, 2025 / 2025 ACWA Fall Conference / San Diego, CA**

IX. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1. Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)

- Vice President Marx reported that initial balances were decided for the Water Bank.
- Director Petersen asked if everybody agreed to the balance.
- Vice President Marx stated no, but he thinks it is going to happen because there is a consensus.
- General Manager Gray stated that there will be a meeting this Wednesday with RWA and the San Juan Family related to the Water Bank.

2. Regional Water Authority (RWA)

- None.

3. Sacramento Water Forum

- None.

4. Other

- None.

X. 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.

XI. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Maintenance Work Report

- Report provided.

2. Capital Projects Status Report

- Report provided.

3. Authorizations of Additional Funding

- Report provided.

4. Water Transfer Status Report

- None.

5. Claims Against District

- Report provided.

6. Employee Update

- General Manager Gray stated that the salary survey will be coming up.

7. Water Issues – Update on Regional Involvement

- None.

8. Other

- General Manager Gray provided an update on the effective financial controls in place at FOWD.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

President Sarkovich closed the open session meeting at 7:52 p.m.

President Sarkovich opened the closed session meeting at 8:00 p.m.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954 AND 54956

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 v. Fair Oaks Water District; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 25WM000050
3. Conference on Anticipated Litigation; Government Code Section 54956.9(d) – one case

President Sarkovich closed the closed session meeting at 9:00 p.m.

President Sarkovich reopened the meeting to the public at 9:00 p.m.

XIV. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- None.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, President Sarkovich adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The Board approved the preceding minutes on November 17, 2025



Tom R. Gray
General Manager/Board Secretary

11-24-2025

Date