



AGENDA ITEM III.1a

Regular Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

April 20, 2026

District Attendees

Randy Marx	Board President
Mark Dolby	Board Vice President
Misha Sarkovich	Board Member
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

Other Attendees

Margge Wood	Visitor
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Absent

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Marx called the FOWD Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., noting that all five Board Members were present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- General Manager Gray reported that on April 17, 2026, the FOWD filed required paperwork requesting that the current lawsuit filed by Mr. Leon Corcos and FOVEC be dismissed.
- General Manager Gray reported that at the last Board Meeting, the Board approved the FOWD Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Copies were provided to each Board Director and the report is posted on the FOWD website.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2026
2. Accept and File Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2026
3. File Investment Report for the month of February 2026
4. Accept and File Financial Expense Report for the month of March 2026
5. Approval of Warrants
6. Approval of Cal-Card Statements for the month of March 2026
7. Approval of Board Expense Report for the month of March 2026

Director Sarkovich moved to approve the consent calendar as amended.

Director Babcock seconded the motion.

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

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. None.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

1. Update and discussion on the FOWD Northridge Well Project (verbal – no written staff report)

- Staff reported that the consultant has completed approximately 65% of the design of the well equipping and site improvements. Staff are in the process of completing design review and returning comments to the consultant. Phase two of the project is on track to bid for construction before the end of 2026.

2. Update and possible action on the New York Well Phase II Project – Equipping & Site Work (verbal – no written staff report)

- Staff reported the Board approved contractor has obtained the required encroachment permits from the County of Sacramento and has started grading and demolition work. Construction is anticipated to be complete in the first half of 2027.

3. Discussion and possible action on providing water service to the Rollingwood Homeowners Association common areas

- Director Petersen asked if FOWD could lower the height of the air release valve below the sign level.
- Staff and Board discussed why it was on that side of the street and financial impacts of trying to relocate or lower the air release valve.
- Staff will report back at the next Board meeting regarding whether the device can be lowered.

- Operations Manager Huckaby was directed to contact the President of the Rollingwood Homeowners Association to discuss options for lowering and painting the air release valve.
- Director Petersen asked for the item to be added to the Board Agenda for next meeting for staff to report back.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

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

- Staff presented the March 2026 water supply report, noting above-average temperatures, moderate precipitation, and increasing seasonal demand.
- System operations were reported as normal.

2. Discussion and possible action on selecting a consultant for the required 2026 Fair Oaks Water District's Salary and Total Compensation Study

- General Manager Gray provided a recommendation for the Board to approve and direct the General Manager to execute an agreement with Bryce Consulting Inc. to complete a salary survey and compensation study in accordance with the proposal and not exceed \$12,000.
- Director Marx asked if it would make sense to combine salary studies with other districts.
- General Manager Gray stated that staff has previously suggested combining salary studies with SJWD, but the idea did not gain traction.

Director Sarkovich moved to authorize General Manager Gray to execute the agreement with Bryce Consulting Inc. to complete the FOWD Salary and Total Compensation Study not to exceed \$12,200.

Director Petersen seconded the motion.

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

3. Discussion and possible action on the FOWD Consumer Confidence Report distribution to customers

- General Manager Gray summarized staff's recommendation that the Board approve electronic distribution of the FOWD Consumer Confidence Report to customers and make hard copies available through FOWD Customer Service.

Director Sarkovich moved to authorize General Manager to distribute the FOWD Consumer Confidence Report electronically.

Director Dolby seconded the motion.

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

4. Update on the 2025 UWMP – related discussion and possible action on revisions to FOWD Policy No. 6060: “Water Conservation”

- General Manager Gray reported that the 2025 UWMP is about 50% complete from the Board approved consultant.
- General Manager Gray presented a request for Board approval of revisions to FOWD Policy No. 6060, “Water Conservation.”
- Director Sarkovich asked whether staff could add a website link to local weather data showing the evapotranspiration (ET) rate.
- General Manager Gray stated that staff will research available options and report back to the Board on what can be provided to customers.

Director Sarkovich moved to approve the revised FOWD Policy No. 6060: “Water Conservation”, as presented.

Director Dolby seconded the motion.

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

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. April 28, 2026 / RWA Executive Committee Meeting / Sacramento**
- 2. May 5-7, 2026 / ACWA 2026 Spring Conference / Sacramento**
- 3. May 11, 2026 / WF 2050 Signing Celebration / Sacramento**
 - General Manager Gray highlighted the event and will send invite to Board Members.
- 4. May 12, 2026 / SJWD Finance Committee Meeting / Granite Bay**
- 5. May 14, 2026 / RWA Board Meeting / Sacramento**
- 6. May 20, 2026 / SJWD Board Meeting / Granite Bay**

VIII. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- 1. Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)**
 - Director Marx reported that he attended the meeting the previous week, where the annual budget was approved with a 1% increase. He also noted that FOWD’s fee will decrease slightly because it is based on FOWD groundwater use.
- 2. Regional Water Authority (RWA)**
 - None.
- 3. Sacramento Water Forum**
 - Done.

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

- Report provided.

3. Authorizations of Additional Funding

- Report provided.

4. Water Transfer Status Report

- None.

5. Claims Against the District

- Report provided.

6. Employee Update

- None

7. Water Issues – Update on Regional Involvement

- None.

8. Other

- None.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Visitor Marge Wood stated that she supports electronic distribution of the Consumer Confidence Report.

President Marx closed the open session meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

XII. 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 & FOVEC v. Fair Oaks Water District; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 26VVM000022

President Marx closed the closed session meeting at 8:15 p.m.

President Marx reopened the meeting to the public at 8:15 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 8:15 p.m.

The Board approved the preceding minutes on May 18, 2026



Tom R. Gray
General Manager/Board Secretary

5-19-2026

Date