



AGENDA ITEM III.1a

Regular Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

February 23, 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
Shawn Huckaby	Operations Manager
Chi Ha-Ly	Finance Manager
Paul Siebensohn	Water Supply Superintendent
Nick Kepler	Operations Superintendent
Rebecca Simon	Human Resource Administrator

Other Attendees

Margge Wood	Visitor
Derek Minnema	Rollingwood Homeowners Association President

Absent

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Minnema, Rollingwood Homeowners Association President stated he is looking for an opportunity for FOWD to provide small landscaping irrigation at the entryway of the Rollingwood neighborhood. He is requesting FOWD to explore alternative connection options for small irrigation needs.
- General Manager Gray stated that this is moving to a request for a variance with FOWD. Staff will do research, talk with Mr. Minnema, and bring information to the Board at the next meeting.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2026
 - b. Special Board Meeting of February 10, 2026
2. Accept and File Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2026
3. File Investment Report for the month of January 2026
4. Accept and File Financial Expense Report for the month of January 2026
5. Approval of Warrants
6. Approval of Cal-Card Statements for the month of January 2026
7. Approval of Board Expense Report for the month of January 2026
 - Director Petersen asked about ACWA JPIA invoice.
 - General Manager Gray stated that it is a monthly premium for all health benefits.

Director Babcock moved to approve the consent calendar.

Director Sarkovich 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)**
 - General Manager Gray stated that development of site plan is being completed and tentative architectural plans for building and border wall have been done. Those documents have been provided to San Juan Unified School District for a courtesy review and the design continues.
 - President Marx asked about the timeline for completion.
 - General Manager Gray stated there is a date and will report back to the Board.
2. **Update and possible action on the New York Well Phase II Project – Equipping & Site Work**
 - General Manager Gray reviewed staff report and requested additional funding for Construction Management Services and SCADA Design in the amount of \$367,000.
 - General Manager Gray responded to questions from Board.

Director Sarkovich moved to authorize the General Manager to revise the KASL Consulting Engineers contract to include an additional amount of \$367,000 for construction support and additional design services.

Director Marx seconded the motion.

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

3. Update and discussion on the Riverfront Main Replacement Project (verbal – no written staff report)

- General Manager Gray provided an update that the preliminary design is 70% complete using internal resources and that the next step is a site meeting with impacted property owners. He stated that FOWD is committed to completing the project by the end of the year.
- Director Babcock inquired why FOWD is not putting service line on each parcel.
- General Manager Gray responded that the neighbors expect the service to be put into the street as it is now. However, FOWD will not do that if some of the risks cannot be mitigated.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

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

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

2. Discussion and possible action on a professional services agreement with Verdantas for preparation of the FOWD 2025 Urban Water Management Plan

- General Manager Gray provided staff recommendation to authorize General Manager to negotiate and sign a professional services agreement with Verdantas to complete the FOWD 2025 Urban Water Management Plan. The firm received the highest overall technical score of those received and had the lowest cost proposal.
- General Manager Gray responded to questions from the Board.
- General Manager Gray stated that staff will provide the cost and scoring of all future competitive bid for qualifications to the Board.
- Director Marx asked staff to provide the documentation for this competitive bid to him and Vice President Dolby.

Director Sarkovich moved to authorize General Manager Gray to negotiate with Verdantas to complete the 2025 FOWD Urban Water Management Plan up to \$64,000.

Director Petersen seconded the motion.

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

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. March 17, 2026 / RWA Board Meeting

2. **March 18, 2026 / SJWD Board Meeting**
3. **March 23, 2026 / RWA Executive Committee Meeting**

VIII. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1. **Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)**
 - Director Marx reported that at the meeting they discussed that groundwater levels in the region are going up except for Orange Vale Water Company service area.
2. **Regional Water Authority (RWA)**
 - General Manager Gray stated that RWA did not meet. RWA presented at the SJWD Board Meeting and he was asked to attend.
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)**
 - Director Babcock asked if there is a consideration to speed up the process for the Corporate Yard project by having a contract for FOWD to disassemble the building and sell the old timber/lumber.
 - General Manager Gray stated that it is a great idea and FOWD has discussed salvage value of the lumber.
 - Director Babcock stated that FOWD could start demolition as phase I of the project during bidding of the full construction.
 - General Manager Gray stated that staff would highly recommend not doing that – providing explanation.
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.
- Director Petersen commented that he likes the format of the capital projects status report.
- General Manager Gray thanked Director Petersen for his suggestions.

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

- None.

President Marx closed the open session meeting at 7:18 p.m.

President Marx opened the closed session meeting at 7:28 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 8:43 p.m.
President Marx reopened the meeting to the public at 8:43 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 8:44 p.m.

The Board approved the preceding minutes on March 16, 2026



Tom R. Gray
General Manager/Board Secretary



Date