MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

October 19, 2026
Walnut Valley Water District Board Room
235 South Brea Canyon Road, Walnut, CA 91789

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Theresa Lee
Michael Lin
Jerry Tang
Henry Woo

DIRECTORS ABSENT:
Edwin Hilden

STAFF PRESENT:
Jared Macias, Interim General Manager
Bertha Perez, Director of Engineering
James Ning, Director of Finance
Lily Lopez, Director of External Affairs & Sustainability
Alanna Diaz, Director of Administrative Services
Lucie Cazares, Executive Services Administrator
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with President Tang presiding.

Guests and Others in Attendance: Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) Director Mike Ti; WVWD staff Monique Fitchett, Manny Rodriguez, Greg Galindo, Jacob Villasenor, and Dave Rudy.

Item 3: Public Comment

- There were no requests for public comment. (Item 3)

Item 4: Additions to the Agenda

- There were no requests for additions to the agenda. (Item 4)

Item 5: Reorder of the Agenda

- There were no requests for reordering of the agenda. (Item 5)

Item 6: Special Recognition & Team Milestones

- Mr. Macias recognized the following team members. (Item 6 A-E)
  - Lily Lopez for Successful Completion of Rogue Water Lab's Convergence Professional Development Program.
  - Stephanie Fu's Promotion to External Affairs & Sustainability Supervisor.
  - Steven Carcano passed the T1 Certification Exam.
  - Cesar Quezada passed the D4 Certification Exam.
  - Introduction of Jacob Villasenor, Utility Service Worker I, on the occasion of completing the probationary period for New Employees.

Item 7: Consider Approval of Consent Calendar

- The Board was asked to approve the Consent Calendar, consisting of the minutes of Regular Board meeting held September 21, 2026, Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held September 24, 2026, Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held September 30, 2026, the Check Register, the Employee Expense Reimbursement Report, the Community Outreach Report, and the District Calendars for November 2026, December 2026, & January 2027. (Item 7, A-H)

***Motion No. 26-10-2367:* Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Lee, seconded by Director Woo, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to approve the Consent Calendar, consisting of the minutes of Regular Board meeting held September 21, 2026, Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held September 24, 2026, Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held September 30, 2026, the Check Register, the Employee Expense Reimbursement Report, the Community Outreach Report, and the District Calendars for November 2026, December 2026, & January 2027. (Item 7, A-H)**

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2367 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

Item 8: Consider Approval of Director Expense Reports

- The Board was asked to receive, approve, and file the Board member expense reports indicating per diem requests for meeting attendance and individual reports of additional expenses incurred by the District on behalf of each Director for events occurring during September 2026. (Item 8)

Motion No. 26-10-2368: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Lee, seconded by Director Woo, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to receive, approve, and file the Board member expense reports indicating per diem requests for meeting attendance and individual reports of additional expenses incurred by the District on behalf of each Director for events occurring during September 2026. (Item 8)***

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2368 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

Item 9: Treasurer's Reports

- Mr. Ning presented the Financial Dashboard as of August 31, 2026, the District Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Change in Net Positions as of August 31, 2026, the District Statement of Net Positions as of August 31, 2026, and the Summary of Cash and Investments as of August 31, 2026 (Items 10- A, B, C, D)

Motion No. 26-10-2369: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Lee, second by Director Lin, and carried 4-0 with (with Director Hilden absent) to receive, approve, and file the Financial Dashboard as of August 31, 2026, the District Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Change in Net positions as of August 31, 2026, the Statement of Net positions as of August 31, 2026, and the Summary of Cash and Investments as of August 31, 2026 (Items 10- A, B, C, D)***

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2369 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

Committee Chair Reports

Item 10: Public Information/Community Relations/Legislative Action Committee – Director Tang

- There are no items to come to the Board at this time.

Item 11: Finance Committee – Director Lee

- The Board was asked to receive, approve, and file the annual Acreage Supply Charge, Reservoir Capacity Charge, Water Supply Charge, and Capacity Fees (Capital Improvement Fees) report as presented, which will then be made available to the public upon request. (Item 11-A)

Motion No. 26-10-2370: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Lee, second by Director Lin, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to receive, approve, and file the annual Acreage Supply Charge, Reservoir Capacity Charge, Water Supply Charge, and Capacity Fees (Capital Improvement Fees) report as presented, which will then be made available to the public upon request. (Item 11-A)***

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2370 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

- The Board was asked to approve the staff's recommendation for FY2025-26 Source and Application of Funds to transfer the following from the District's General Account: $244,932 to the Operating Reserve; $1,101,176 to the Capital Improvement Reserve; $2,299,524 to the Reserve for Replacement; $61,500 to the Stored Water Reserve. (Item 11-B)

Motion No. 26-10-2371: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Lee, seconded by Director Tang, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to approve the staff's recommendation for FY2025-26 Source and Application of Funds to transfer the following from the District's General Account: $244,932 to the Operating Reserve; $1,101,176 to the Capital Improvement Reserve; $2,299,524 to the Reserve for Replacement; $61,500 to the Stored Water Reserve. (Item 11-B)***

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2371 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), vote

- Mr. Ning reviewed the District's investment transaction report for the period ending September 30, 2026. The Board was then asked to receive, approve and file the investment transaction report. (Item 11-C)

Motion No. 26-10-2372: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Lee, second by Director Tang, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to receive, approve, and file the investment transactions report. (Item 11-C)***

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2372 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

- As a matter of information only, the Board received a Revenue Bond Funds Held in Trust – US Bank. (Item 11-D)

Item 12: Engineering and Special Projects – Director Woo

- The Board was asked to receive and file the Fortieth Annual Report for the Puente Basin Watermaster for Fiscal Year 2025-26. (Item 12-A)

Motion No. 26-10-2373: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Woo, seconded by Director Lee, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to receive and file the Fortieth Annual Report for the Puente Basin Watermaster for Fiscal Year 2025-26. (Item 12-A)***

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2373 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

- The Board was asked to authorize the General Manager to execute separate Professional Services Agreements with SoCal SCADA Solutions LLC and Horizon Engineering Solutions LLC for SCADA System Integration and operational Technology Support, effective October 19, 2026, through June 30, 2029 each with fiscal year not-to-exceed amount of $100,00 and an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of $300,00 per agreement. (Item 12-B)

Motion No. 26-10-2374: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Woo, seconded by Director Lin, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to authorize the General Manager to execute separate Professional Services Agreements with SoCal SCADA Solutions LLC and Horizon Engineering Solutions LLC for SCADA System Integration and operational Technology Support, effective October 19, 2026, through June 30, 2029, each with fiscal year not-to-exceed amount of $100,00 and an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of $300,00 per agreement. (Item 12-B)***

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2374 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

- The Board was asked to authorize the budget transfer of $16,172.96 from line item 40, PRV Rehabilitation Program FY2026-27 Capital Investment Program Budget to the PRV 1 Rehabilitation Project (P.N. 26-3893) increasing the project's budget appropriation from $233,00.00 to $249,172.96; and approve the total project cost of $249,172.96 for the PRV-1 Rehabilitation Project (P.N. 26-3893). (Item 12-C)

Motion No. 26-10-2375: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Woo, seconded by Director Lee, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to authorize the budget transfer of $16,172.96 from line item 40, PRV Rehabilitation Program FY2026-27 Capital Investment Program Budget to the PRV 1 Rehabilitation Project (P.N. 26-3893) increasing the project's budget appropriation from $233,00.00 to $249,172.96; and approve the total project cost of $249,172.96 for the PRV-1 Rehabilitation Project (P.N. 26-3893). (Item 12-C)***

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2375 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

- The Board was asked to authorize the budget transfer of $73,359.05 from Line Item 40, PRV Rehabilitation Program in the FY2026-27 Capital Investment Program Budget to the PRV 2 Rehabilitation Project (P.N. 26-3894) increasing the project's budget appropriation from $233,000.00 to $306,359.05; and approve the total project cost of $306,359.05 for the PRV 2 Rehabilitation Project (P.N. 26-3894). (Item 12-D)

Motion No. 26-10-2376: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Woo, seconded by Director Lee, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to authorize the budget transfer of $73,359.05 from Line Item 40, PRV Rehabilitation Program in the FY2026-27 Capital Investment Program Budget to the PRV 2 Rehabilitation Project (P.N. 26-3894) increasing the project's budget appropriation from $233,000.00 to $306,359.05; and approve the total project cost of $306,359.05 for the PRV 2 Rehabilitation Project (P.N. 26-3894) (Item 12-D)***

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2376 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

- The Board was asked to authorize the General Manager to proceed with the installation of seismic controllers and associated equipment at the Arbor Ridge facility, using the procurement and project delivery approach described in this staff report, at a total cost not to exceed $71,500. (Item 12-E)

Motion No. 26-10-2377: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Tang, seconded by Director Woo, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to authorize the General Manager to proceed with the installation of seismic controllers and associated equipment at the Arbor Ridge facility, using the procurement and project delivery approach described in this staff report, at a total cost not to exceed $71,500. (Item 12-E)***

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2377 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

- Ms. Perez reviewed the Project Status Report included in the Board Packet. No action was taken by the Board. (Item 12-F)

- Mr. Galindo reviewed the Operations Report included in the Board Packets. No action was taken by the board. (Item 12-G)

Item 13: Personnel Committee- Director Tang

- The Board reviewed the Board Policies for Ethical Conduct Regarding Board of Directors Compensation and Expenses and its respective exhibits (as listed in the packet) (Item 13-A)

Motion No. 26-10-2378: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Lee, seconded by Director Tang, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), that the Board accept the Board Policies for Ethical Conduct Regarding Board of Directors Compensation and Expenses and its respective exhibits (as listed in the packet) (Item 13-A)

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2378 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

Item 14: TVMWD/MWD

- Updates on TVMWD/MWD business matters were provided by TVMWD Director Mike Ti (Item 14)

Item 15: The P-W-R Joint Water Line Commission

- Mr. Galindo provided the P-W-R Joint Water Line Commission water use report for the month of August 2026. (Item 15)

Item 16: Puente Basin Water Agency (PBWA)

- Director Lee reported on the meeting held October 1, 2026. (Item 16)

Item 17: Spadra Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- Director Tang reported that the next Spadra Basin GSA Executive Committee meeting will be held on November 2, 2026. (Item 17).

Item 18: General Manager's Report

- Mr. Macias provided an update on South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Rule 1403, related to asbestos containment. He reported meeting with AQMD representatives and General Managers from neighboring water agencies to discuss the rule and its potential impacts on water agencies.

Item 19: Directors' Oral Reports

(NOTE: Board meeting minutes provide written reports of Board meetings, Committee meetings, and District associated activities. Directors may include reports of their participation in non-expense or per diem paid community events as a matter of information.) (Item 19)

- Director Hilden's written report set forth the following activities for September: TVMWD Board Meeting (via Zoom), Donna DiLaura's Retirement Lunch, Public Info Committee Meeting, Finance Committee Meeting, Engineering Committee Meeting, TVMWD Board Meeting, WVWD Board Workshop, Special Workshop, GM Interviews.

- Director Lin reported the following on his activities for September: Donna DiLaura's Retirement Party, Public Info Committee, Personnel Committee, TVMWD Board Meeting, Regular Board Meeting, Special Board Meeting, GM Interviews.

- Director Lee reported the following on her activities for September: Donna DiLaura's Retirement Party, WVWD Public Information Committee, WVWD Finance Committee, WDWD Board Meeting, DB Chinese American Assoc Mid-Autumn Festival, GM Interviews.

- Director Tang reported the following on his activities for September: Meeting with WVWD Interim General Manager, GM Interview Question Review, WVWD Board Meeting, AB 1234 Ethics Training, WVWD Special Board Meeting, DB Chinese Assoc Moon Festival, WVWD GM Interview.

- Director Woo reported the following on his activities for September: Board Governance Seminar in San Diego, Donna DiLaura's Retirement, Attended TVMWD Board Meeting, WVWD Special Board Meeting, DBCAA Mid-Autumn moon festival, GM Interviews.

Item 20: Attorney's Report:

Mr. Ciampa reported on AB 2568, which would allow special district directors in large agencies, such as the District, to be compensated for up to 15 days of service each month, subject to several other conditions. He also stated the State Water Resources Control Board's demurrer (motion to dismiss) in the water conservation regulation challenge in which the District is participating was denied.

Item 21: Board of Directors Business:

- The Board designated Mr. Macias as the District's authorized voting representative for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) to vote on the proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws and participate in future ACWA elections. (Item 21-A)

Motion No. 26-10-2379: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Lee, seconded by Director Woo, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to*** **designate Mr. Macias as the District's voting representative for ACWA elections. (Item 21-A)**

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2379 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

Adjournment to Closed Session - 6:08 p.m.

Item 22: Closed Session

- The Board met in closed session in accordance with Government Code section 54957:
  PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
  Title: General Manager (Item 22).

Item 23: Reconvene in Open Session/ Report of Action Taken in Closed Session – 6:58 P.M.

- Mr. Ciampa reported that the Board met in closed session in accordance with Government Code section 54957 to discuss the hiring of the next General Manager for the District. Mr. Ciampa announced the Board had reached agreement with Mr. Jared Macias to serve as the District's General Manager. (Item 23)

Item 24: Consideration of Employment Contract with General Manager, including Negotiated Compensation and other Terms of Employment.

- Mr. Ciampa provided a summary of the terms in the draft employment agreement with Jared Macias. The Board then took action to approve that employment agreement. (Item 24).

  Motion No. 26-10-2380: ***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Lee, seconded by Director Woo, and carried 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent), to approve the General Manager Employment Agreement with Jared Macias, as presented.*** **(Item 24)**

President Tang indicated Motion No. 26-10-2380 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Hilden absent) vote

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.