

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District  
January 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.  
3021 Fullerton Road  
Rowland Heights, CA 91748

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

President John Bellah  
Director Robert W. Lewis  
Director Szu Pei Lu-Yang  
Director Anthony J. Lima

**ABSENT:**

Vice President Vanessa Hsu

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Byrne, Partner, Best, Best & Krieger  
Mike Ti, Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Erin LaCombe, CV Strategies  
Jared Solmosen, Nigro & Nigro, PC (participated remotely)  
Paul Kaymark, Nigro & Nigro, PC (participated remotely)

**ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF**

Tom Coleman, General Manager  
Dusty Moisio, Assistant General Manager  
Myra Malner, Director of Finance  
Allen Davidson, Director of Operations  
Gabriela Palomares, Executive Services Manager

**ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**DIRECTOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE §54953(f)**

▪ Notifications Due to Just Cause – None.



- Requests Due to Emergency Circumstances – None.

## **1. REORGANIZATION OF OFFICER POSITIONS**

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, second by Director Lewis, the Board unanimously conducted a rotation of officer positions and unanimously approved as follows:

- Anthony J. Lima, to serve as Board President for the calendar year 2026
- Vanessa Hsu, to serve continue to serve as Board Vice-President for the calendar year 2026 (Motion carried 4-0)

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as follows:

- 2.1** Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held on December 9, 2025
- 2.2** Demands on General Fund Account for December 2025
- 2.3** Investment Report for November 2025
- 2.4** Water Purchases for November 2025
- 2.5** California Reservoir Conditions

- Board members took a moment to note the January 27, 2026, Special Board Meeting and February 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting dates in their calendars.

## **3. ACTION ITEMS**

### **3.1 Review and Approve “Draft” Rowland Water District Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Prepared by Nigro & Nigro, PC**

The Board received a presentation by Mr. Jared Solmonsens, CPA, of Nigro & Nigro, PC, a Professional Accountancy Corporation, highlighting elements of the “draft” 2024-2025 RWD Audited Financial Statements. Mr. Solmonsens advised that in the firm’s opinion, the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the fiscal year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. As a result, an unmodified opinion was provided.

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, the Directors unanimously approved (4-0) the “draft” RWD Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025.

(Motion carried 4-0)

### **3.2 Review and Approve Directors’ Meeting Reimbursements for December 2025**

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lu-Yang, the Board unanimously approved the Directors’ Meeting Reimbursement Report. (Motion carried 4-0)

### **3.3 Proposed Annexation of Territory and CEQA Exemption**

Assistant General Manager Dusty Mosio spoke on staff’s recommendation in annexing portions of Hambeldon Avenue and Valley Boulevard into the District. He explained that this annexation would formalize the inclusion of approximately 1.638 acres of land into the District’s service area, which the District already serves. Mr. Moisisio further explained why the annexation project

does not qualify as a “project” subject to substantive review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

Upon motion made by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah, the Board declared the annexation of Hambeldon Avenue and Valley Boulevard (as outlined in the staff report and Exhibits A and B included the Board packet) as categorically exempt from CEQA and authorized the General Manager to take official action as reasonably necessary to carry out the proposed actions of the annexation. (Motion carried 4-0)

**3.4 Approve Change in Mileage Reimbursement Rate from 70 Cents to 72.5 Cents Effective January 1, 2026**

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, the Board unanimously approved changes in the IRS mileage rate from 70 cents to 72.5 cents effective January 1, 2026. (Motion carried 4-0)

**3.5 Receive and File Puente Basin Water Agency Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Prepared Nigro & Nigro, PC**

Following discussion, upon motion by Director Bellah, seconded by Director Lu-Yang, the Board unanimously received and filed the Puente Basin Water Agency Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Motion carried (4-0)

**3.6 Receive and File the Pomona-Walnut-Rowland Joint Water Line Commission Financial Statements for FY 2024-2025 Prepared by Nigro & Nigro, PC**

Following discussion, upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah, the Board unanimously received and filed the Pomona-Walnut-Rowland Joint Water Line Commission Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Motion carried 4-0)

**3.7 Authorize the Allocation of Funds for the Purchase of Three (3) Mixers**

Assistant General Manager Dusty Moisiso presented a request for an allocation of \$75,000 for the purchase of three (3) D&H mixers. Mr. Moisiso explained that water tank mixers are designed to improve water quality in reservoir tanks by keeping water circulating to ensure uniformity in disinfectant levels to inhibit bacterial/nitrification growth.

Following discussion, upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, the Board unanimously authorized an allocation of \$75,000 for the purchase of three (3) D&H mixers. (Motion carried 4-0)

**4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None.**

**5. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**5.1 Community Relations and Education Update**

Ms. Palomares, Executive Services Manager, reported that that Rowland Elementary School will host the Wyland Foundation Mobile Science Lab through an RWD-led initiative funded by a Metropolitan Water District (MWD) “MAAP” grant. She also highlighted MWD’s ‘Water is Life’ 2026 calendar, noting that the artwork of a Nogales High School student is featured in October’s page. Ms. Palomares shared that student submission for the current poster contest have been collected, with finalist to be notified and recognized at a future Board of Directors meeting. She concluded with an update on the Scholar Dollar Program and December’s social media outreach.

Director of Operations Allen Davidson continued the discussion on Caring for our Neighbors Committee initiatives. He reported that the next phase of quarterly in-house food drive will focus on collecting fruit snack donations. In addition to the food drives, the Committee has scheduled three (3) internal bike-building events, with the completed bicycles to be donated to a local foster care facility. Mr. Davidson added that the Committee continues to seek charitable opportunities that reflect the District's commitment to community enrichment.

## **5.2 Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)**

During December 2025, CV Strategies continued work on a video project for RWD. Ms. Erin LaCombe reported that filming of District staff included multiple interviews and on-site recordings, several of which have been completed. In addition to the video production efforts, CV Strategies is also providing legislative support related to water utility worker identification legislation, as well as press release and media support.

## **6. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, OR EVENTS (INCLUDING ITEMS THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA)**

6.1 Board members interested in attending ACWA's DC 2026 Conference February 24-26, 2026, were asked to advise staff accordingly.

6.2 Board members interested in attending Three Valleys Leadership Breakfast on February 26, 2026, we asked to advise staff accordingly.

## **7. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION**

General Manager Tom Coleman spoke on RWD's co-sponsoring and support for Senator Archuleta's legislation on water utility worker identification.

## **8. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE – None.**

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 **Joint Powers Insurance Authority** – Director Lu Yang referenced the ACWA/JPIA's President's Special Recognition Certificate included in the Board packet and summarized the criteria the District satisfied to receive this recognition.

9.2 **Three Valleys Municipal Water District** – Board President Lima and Director Bellah reported on the December 6, 2025, TVMWD Board meeting activities.

9.3 **Association of California Water Agencies** – None.

9.4 **Puente Basin Water Agency (PBWA)** – The next PBWA meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2026.

9.5 **Project Ad-Hoc Committee** – None.

9.6 **Regional Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee (GAC)** – None.

9.7 **P-W-R Joint Waterline Commission** – None.

9.8 **Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (RHCCC)** – None.

9.9 **California Special District Association (CSDA) SGV Chapter** – None.

### 9.10 Local Agency Formation Commission – None.

## 10. OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

### 10.1 Finance Report

Director of Finance, Myra Malner, presented a year-to-date Financial Dashboard containing comparative graphs of Revenue and Expense by Category and Consumption by Class through November 2025 and answered questions posed by Board members.

### 10.2 Operations Report

Director of Operations Allen Davidson provided an Operations report detailing services completed for December 2025 and calendar year 2025 totals, explaining the Field Operations services listed below. He also presented additional Water Systems departmental updates such as leaks and fire hydrant data, and water quality results (total chlorine and nitrite).

#### Field Operations – December 2025

- Water Samples - 253
- Site Inspections – 85
- Service Orders Completed - 341
- Meters Replaced - 36
- Modules Replaced - 13
- Dig Alerts - 3275
- Leaks - 7
- System Valves Replaced - 0
- Air Releases Inspections – 0
- Fire Hydrant Repairs – 2
- Recycled Water Inspections – 21

#### Field Operations – Calendar Year 2025

- Water Samples – 2,772
- Site Inspections – 872
- Service Orders Completed – 5,026
- Meters Replaced - 409
- Modules Replaced - 333
- Dig Alerts – 4,237
- Leaks - 75
- System Valves Replaced - 25
- Air Releases Inspections – 67
- Fire Hydrant Repairs – 19
- Recycled Water Inspections – 139

**10.3 Project Update** – Assistant General Manager Dusty Moisia spoke on the District’s SCADA upgrade project. He referred to PowerPoint slides as he detailed system investments made to increase system resilience and public safety.

Mr. Moisia segued to the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project, noting an expected installation of RWD waterlines by April 2026 and anticipated road opening by July 2026.

**10.4 Personnel Report** – General Manager Tom Coleman reported on the status of the Customer Service Representative and Water Efficiency Specialist recruitments.

**11. ATTORNEY'S REPORT** – General Counsel updated the Board on litigation related to the Delta Conveyance Project.

**12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** – 7:52 p.m.

**a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 One case.

**13. RECONVENE/REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION** – 7:58 p.m.

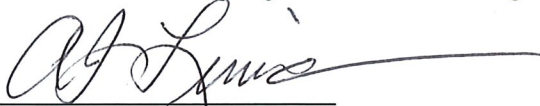
**Closed Session Announcements** – It was reported by Legal Counsel that the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of the closed session matters and no reportable action was taken on the matters.

**General Manager's and Directors' Comments** – None.

**Future Agenda Item(s)** – None.

**Late Business** – None.

Director Lu-Yang adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.



ANTHONY J. LIMA  
Presiding Director

Attest:



TOM COLEMAN  
Board Secretary

