



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
February 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
3021 Fullerton Road
Rowland Heights, CA 91748

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

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

ABSENT:

Vice President Vanessa Hsu

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph Byrne, Partner, Best, Best & Krieger
Mike Ti, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Jody Roberto, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Sylvie Lee, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Erin LaCombe, CV Strategies
Robert Leamy, Water Systems Supervisor

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF

Tom Coleman, General Manager
Dusty Moasio, Assistant General Manager
Myra Malner, Director of Finance
Allen Davidson, Director of Operations
Gabriela Palomares, Executive Services Manager
Elisabeth Mendez, Compliance & Safety 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. JPIA Leadership Essentials for the Water Industry Program

Mr. Robert Leamy, Water Systems Supervisor, received special recognition from the Board on his recent and successful completion of the JPIA Leadership Essentials for the Water Industry Program.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – Consider Adoption of Miscellaneous User Fees and Penalties and Finding of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act

2.1 President Anthony Lima opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. to receive and respond to public comment and, if no majority protest was received, to consider adoption of RWD Resolution No. 2-2026, a Resolution of the Rowland Water District Adopting Miscellaneous Rates, Fees, and Penalties and Taking Other Actions Relating Thereto.

2.2 General Manager Tom Coleman and Director of Finance Myra Malner explained that staff conducted an evaluation of the current cost of providing services and determined adjustments to user fees and penalties are appropriate and needed. Staff also recommended approval of an annual adjustment to these fees based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area. They further noted that notice of the public hearing was published in the Tribune on January 30 and February 5, 2026, fulfilling the required publication requirements.

2.3 Board President Lima invited members of the public to provide comment, however there were no requests for public comment.

2.4 President Lima closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, the Board unanimously adopted RWD Resolution No. 2-2026, a Resolution of the Board of Directors Adopting Miscellaneous Rates, Fees, and Penalties and Taking Other Actions Relating Thereto, and determined that this action is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Bellah, Lewis, Lima, Lu-Yang

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Vanessa Hsu

ABSTAIN: None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved (4-0) as follows:

3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held on January 13, 2026

3.2 Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting held on January 27, 2026

3.3 Demands on General Fund Account for January 2026

3.4 Investment Report for December 2025

3.5 Water Purchases for December 2025

3.6 California Reservoir Conditions

- Board members took a moment to note the February 24, 2026, Special Board Meeting and March 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting dates in their calendars.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Review and Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for January 2026

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

4.2 Review and Approve "Final" Rowland Water District Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Prepared by Nigro & Nigro, PC

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah, the Directors unanimously approved (4-0) the "Final" RWD Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025. (Motion carried 4-0)

4.3 Local Agency Formation Commission Nomination of Candidates for Independent Special Voting Member and Special District Alternate Member

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah, the Board unanimously nominated Director Lewis for consideration by LAFCO for the Independent Special District Voting Member position. (Motion carried 4-0)

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California State Water Project Allocation Statement (January 26, 2026)

General Manager Coleman referenced the press release included in the Board packet as he advised that MWD's General Manager Shivaji Desmukh issued a statement noting that the California Department of Water Resources increased the State Water Project allocation to 30%.

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS

6.1 Community Relations and Education Update

Ms. Palomares, Executive Services Manager, reported on the District's community relations and outreach engagement, advising that a donation of markers was made to the Family Resource Center and to Northam Elementary School. Next, she spoke on the District's donation of merchandise to support the Women of AT&T's career day scheduled for February 11, 2026. She also mentioned that the District will participate in the Kiwanis Club of the Heights Literacy Fair on March 21. Following these updates, Ms. Palomares shared pictures of Santana High School's edible and hydroponic gardens to showcase creative projects brought forth by teachers to bring water and environmental education into their curriculum.

Director of Operations Allen Davidson continued the discussion on Caring for our Neighbors Committee initiatives reporting on upcoming bike-building events.

6.2 Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)

Ms. Erin LaCombe presented preliminary footage of the updated RWD history video currently being produced by CV Strategies for the District. She also provided an update on legislative support related to water utility worker identification legislation, as well as recent press release and media support efforts.

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

7.1 Board members interested in attending California Special District Association's Special District Legislative Days Conference on April 7-8, 2026 (Sacramento, CA), were asked to advise staff accordingly.

7.2 Discussion was held regarding the Urban Water Institute's 2026 Spring Conference scheduled for February 25-27, 2026 (Indian Wells, CA).

Upon Motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lu-Yang, the Board authorized payment of per diem compensation and expenses for Board of Directors attendance at the Urban Water Institute's 2026 Spring Conference. (Motion carried 4-0)

7.3 Board members interested in attending the CSDA's San Gabriel Valley Chapter Mixer on March 11, 2026 (Pomona, CA) were asked to advise staff accordingly.

7.4 Board members interested in attending the ACWA 2026 Spring Conference on May 4-7, 2026 (Sacramento, CA), were asked to advise staff accordingly.

8. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

General Manager Tom Coleman spoke on RWD's support and co-sponsorship for SB 1001, introduced by Senator Archuleta, proposing to create a statewide utility worker identification program operated by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

9. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE – None.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Following Director Lu Yang's report on JPIA business matters, General Manager Tom Coleman reported that the District was awarded a JPIA Risk Control Grant covering up to \$10,000 of the cost associated with the installation of an automatic transfer switch at the Granby Reservoir site as a safety risk-mitigation measure.

10.2 Three Valleys Municipal Water District – Board President Lima and Director Bellah reported on TVMWD Board meeting matters from the February 4, 2026, business meeting.

10.3 Association of California Water Agencies – None.

10.4 Puente Basin Water Agency (PBWA) – President Lima and Director Lewis reported on PBWA meeting matters from the February 5, 2026, business meeting.

10.5 Project Ad-Hoc Committee – None.

10.6 P-W-R Joint Waterline Commission – None.

10.7 Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (RHCCC) – Director Bellah reported RHCCC February 9, 2026, business .

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

10.9 Local Agency Formation Commission – None.

11. OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

11.1 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 December 2025 and answered questions posed by Board members.

11.2 Operations Report

Director of Operations Allen Davidson provided an Operations report detailing services completed during January 2026, 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 –

- Water Samples – 221
- Site Inspections – 82
- Service Orders Completed – 396
- Meters Replaced – 0
- Modules Replaced – 0
- Dig Alerts – 439
- Leaks – 13
- System Valves Replaced – 1
- Air Releases Inspections – 18
- Fire Hydrant Repairs – 3
- Recycled Water Inspections – 21

11.3 Project Update – Assistant General Manager Dusty Moisio provided an overview of Drinking Water Treatment and Distribution System Operator certifications and the State regulations that establish the required certification levels to operate Rowland Water District’s water system. He presented a list of District personnel and their certifications, highlighting that many staff members exceed the minimum qualifications required to operate RWD’s water system.

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

12. ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None.

13. CLOSED SESSION – None.

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

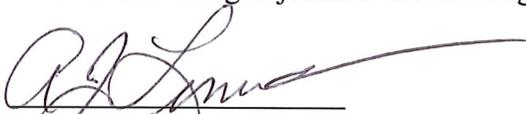
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 One case.

General Manager’s and Directors’ Comments – None.

Future Agenda Item(s) – None.

Late Business – None.

Director Lu-Yang adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



ANTHONY J. LIMA
Presiding Director

Attest: 

TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary