



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
May 19, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
3021 Fullerton Road
Rowland Heights, CA 91748

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

President Anthony J. Lima
Vice President Vanessa Hsu
Director Robert W. Lewis
Director John Bellah

ABSENT:

Director Szu Pei Lu-Yang

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph Byrne, Partner, Best, Best & Krieger
Mike Ti, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Sylvie Lee, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Erin LaCombe, CV Strategies
Geri Renswick, Member of the Public

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
Keith Fouts, RWD Project 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. ACWA/JPIA Professional Development Program

Keith Fouts, Project Manager, was recognized for completing the requirements necessary to earn an Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) plaque through the Operations Certification Program.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: STATUS OF VACANCIES, RECRUITMENTS AND RETENTION EFFORTS

- 2.1** President Lima opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. to receive and respond to public comment regarding Rowland Water District’s status of employment vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts in accordance with AB 2561 (McKinnor).
- 2.2** Assistant General Manager Dusty Moisiso presented data on District job vacancies, recruitment practices, employee retention efforts, and workforce planning for FY 2025-2026, and responded to questions from Board members.
- 2.3** President Lima invited members of the public to comment on the report, however no public comment was received.
- 2.4** President Lima closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Hsu, the Board unanimously received and filed the FY 2025-26 report on RWD job vacancies, recruitment practices, employee retention efforts, and workforce planning. (Motion passed 4-0)

3. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2025 REGIONAL URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (RUWMP)

- 3.1** President Lima opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. to receive and respond to public comment on the 2025 Regional Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).
- 3.2** Elisabeth Mendez, Compliance & Safety Manager, reported on the findings of the Drought Risk Assessment, a stress test required by the Department of Water Resources as part of the Urban Water Management Plan to evaluate supply reliability under specific hydrologic conditions. Ms. Mendez noted that the analysis in the assessment and the UWMP confirm the region’s ability to meet projected water demands under both single-year and multi-year drought scenarios. Following her overview of the UWMP, she responded to questions posed by Board members and advised that the adoption of the Plan would occur by resolution.
- 3.3** President Lima invited members of the public to comment on the report, however no public comment was received.
- 3.4** President Lima closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Bellah, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 5-2026, a Resolution Adopting the 2025 Regional Urban Water Management Plan by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Bellah, Hsu, Lewis, and Lima
Noes: None
Absent: Director Lu-Yang
Abstention: None

4. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2025 WATER SHORTAGE

CONTINGENCY PLAN (WSCP)

- 4.1 President Lima opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. to receive and respond to public comment on the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP).
- 4.2 Elisabeth Mendez explained that adoption of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) is required in conjunction with the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) pursuant to the California Urban Water Management Planning Act. She noted that the WSCP establishes six stages of water shortage conditions based on supply reliability and outlines corresponding response actions, including conservation measures, communication protocols, and enforcement procedures intended to address varying levels of water supply shortages. Ms. Mendez further advised that, similar to the RUWMP, the WSCP must be formally adopted by resolution following a public hearing process.
- 4.3 President Lima invited members of the public to comment on the report, however no public comment was received.
- 4.4 President Lima closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Upon motion by Director Hsu, seconded by Director Lewis, the Board adopted Resolution No. 5.1-2026, a Resolution Adopting the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Bellah, Hsu, Lewis, and Lima
Noes: None
Absent: Director Lu-Yang
Abstention: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 5.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held on April 14, 2026
- 5.2 Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting held on April 28, 2026
- 5.3 Demands on General Fund Account for April 2026
- 5.4 Investment Report for March 2026
- 5.5 Water Purchases for March 2026
- 5.6 California Reservoir Conditions

The Board acknowledged the upcoming May 26 Special Board and June 9, 2026, Regular Board meetings.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Review and Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for April 2026

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

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None.

8. PUBLIC RELATIONS

8.1 Community Relations and Education Update

Gabriela Palomares, Executive Services Manager, provided an update on recent community outreach and school engagement efforts conducted by District staff to strengthen relationships

with local organizations and recognize student achievements. She also shared photographs highlighting continued student involvement and progress in the community garden at Santana High School. Concluding her report, she presented a recap of the District's social media activity for the month of April.

8.2 Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)

Communications Consultant Erin LaCombe of CV Strategies provided an oral report on recent communications activities, including ongoing work related to the District's Consumer Confidence Report/Water Quality Report, industry publications, and video production initiatives. Ms. LaCombe emphasized the collaborative efforts between CV Strategies and District staff in developing the Water Quality Report and associated video content, noting that the report is anticipated to be made available for public review on July 1, 2026. She additionally highlighted ongoing multilingual communication planning efforts and upcoming media outreach initiatives.

9. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, OR EVENTS (INCLUDING ITEMS THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA) – None.

10. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

10.1 General Manager Tom Coleman noted that SB 1001 (Archuleta): Water utility workers: identification card program, was placed on the Appropriations "suspense file" on May 14, 2026.

11. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 General Manager Tom Coleman acknowledged receipt of letters from the Rowland Unified School District, dated April 14, 2026, expressing appreciation to the District for its contributions through the Splash Cash Grant Program in support of school activities focused on water conservation and environmental education.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Director Hsu and General Manager Coleman provided updates on JPIA Property Committee matters of interest to the District.

12.2 Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) – TVMWD Board meeting matters of April 15, 2026, were discussed.

12.3 Association of California Water Agencies – Director Lewis noted that the next ACWA Region 8 meeting will be held on June 26, 2026.

12.4 Puente Basin Water Agency (PBWA) – The next PBWA meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2026, at Rowland Water District.

12.5 Project Ad-Hoc Committee – None.

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

12.7 Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (RHCCC) – None.

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

12.9 Local Agency Formation Commission – None.

13. OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

13.1 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 March 2026 and answered questions posed by Board members.

13.2 Operations Report

Director of Operations Allen Davidson provided an Operations report detailing services completed during March 2026 and review 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 Activity Summary

- Water Samples – 219
- Site Inspections – 60
- Service Orders Completed – 354
- Meters Replaced – 6
- Modules Replaced – 54
- Dig Alerts – 459
- Leaks – 5
- System Valves Replaced – 0
- Air Releases Inspections – 12
- Fire Hydrant Repairs – 3
- Recycled Water Inspections – 11

13.3 Project Update – Project Manager Keith Fouts provided a synopsis of the scope of work entailed in the rehabilitation of Reservoir 7 and provided an update on the progress of the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project.

13.4 Personnel Report – General Manager Tom Coleman announced the appointment of Gabriela Valdez as the District’s newest Customer Service Representative and reported on the current status of recruitment efforts for the Maintenance Worker I position.

14. ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None.

15. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – 8:02 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.

16. RECONVENE/REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – 8:09 p.m.

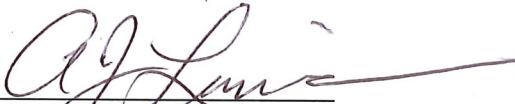
Closed Session Announcements – It was reported by Legal Counsel that the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of the closed session matters and no reportable action was taken on the matters.

General Manager’s and Directors’ Comments – None.


Future Agenda Item(s) – None.

Late Business – None.

There being no further business, Director Lima adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.



ANTHONY J. LIMA
Presiding Director

Attest: 

TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary