



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
June 9, 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
Sylvie Lee, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Erin LaCombe, CV Strategies

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
Elisabeth Mendez, Compliance & Safety Manager
Joel Douglass, Senior Water Efficiency Specialist

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.

2.6 Recertification of the Rowland Water District Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

The Board received a report regarding the recertification of the District's Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Elisabeth Mendez, Compliance & Safety Manager, explained that at its December 9, 2025, meeting, the Board recertified the District's Risk and Resiliency Assessment (RRA), as prepared by West Yost. She noted that federal law requires the District to review, update, and recertify its ERP within six months of completing the RRA recertification and to submit an electronic recertification statement to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by June 30, 2026.

Following discussion, upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah, the Board unanimously authorized staff to submit the District's ERP Recertification to the EPA. (Motion carried 4-0)

2.7 Approval of Grant of Easement to The Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California for Drainage Improvements Associated with the Orange County Feeder Facility

The Board received a report regarding Metropolitan Water District's request for a permanent easement to facilitate drainage improvements associated with the Orange County Feeder Facility.

Following discussion, the Board approved the easement to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and authorized the General Manager to execute all necessary documents, upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, and unanimously carried 4-0.

2.8 Consider Approval of FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Projects Overbudget

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, the Board unanimously approved an increase of \$90,950 to the FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Project Budget to accommodate adjustments to previously approved capital projects, as identified in the staff report included in the Board packet. (Motion carried 4-0.)

3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Elisabeth Mendez, Compliance & Safety Manager, and Erin LaCombe of CV Strategies presented the District's 2025 Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The Board received an overview of the report and its findings, noting that the District met all applicable state and federal drinking water quality standards.

Staff reported that the CCR will be made available to the public by July 1, 2026, through the District's website and in hard-copy format upon request.

4. PUBLIC RELATIONS

4.1 Community Relations and Education Update

Gabriela Palomares, Executive Services Manager, provided an update on community outreach activities, upcoming events, landscape workshops, and the District's social media and public engagement efforts.

4.2 Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)

Erin LaCombe of CV Strategies provided an update regarding ongoing communications initiatives, including preparation of District press releases and support related to the 2025 Water Quality Report.

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

- Board members were reminded of the upcoming June 25, 2026, TVMWD Leadership Breakfast event.

6. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION – Nothing to report.

7. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1** General Manager Tom Coleman reported on correspondence received from La Habra Heights County Water District (dated May 14, 2026) regarding notification levels of PFOA and PFOS.

General Manager Coleman then shared a thank-you note received from the San Gabriel Valley District of Women's Clubs, expressing appreciation of the District's program advertisement sponsorship in the 2026 District Convention program.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.1 Joint Powers Insurance Authority** – Director Lu-Yang spoke on matters associated with the California Water Insurance Fund (CWIF).
- 8.2 Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD)** – TVMWD Board meeting matters of June 3, 2026, were discussed.
- 8.3 Association of California Water Agencies** – Director Lewis noted that the next ACWA Region 8 meeting will be held on June 26, 2026.
- 8.4 Puente Basin Water Agency (PBWA)** – President Lima provided a recap of matters discussed during the June 4, 2026, PBWA meeting held at Rowland Water District.
- 8.5 Project Ad-Hoc Committee** – None.
- 8.6 P-W-R Joint Waterline Commission** – The next P-W-R Joint Waterline Commission meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2026, at Walnut Valley Water District.
- 8.7 Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (RHCCC)** – None.
- 8.8 California Special District Association (CSDA) SGV Chapter** – None.
- 8.9 Local Agency Formation Commission** – Director Lewis provided a status on LAFCO's Special District Voting Member election.

9. OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

9.1 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 April 2026 and answered questions posed by Board members.

9.2 Operations Report

Director of Operations Allen Davidson presented the monthly Operations Report and provided updates regarding field operations activities, water quality monitoring, leaks, fire hydrant maintenance, and other departmental activities.

Field Operations Activity Summary

- Water Samples – 212
- Site Inspections – 69
- Service Orders Completed – 341
- Meters Replaced – 6
- Modules Replaced – 15
- Dig Alerts – 301
- Leaks – 6
- System Valves Replaced – 0
- Air Releases Inspections – 14
- Fire Hydrant Repairs – 4
- Recycled Water Inspections – 22

9.3 Project Update – Assistant General Manager Dusty Moisio provided a project update and displayed photographs of the recently completed fencing improvements at the Joint Line Facility.

9.4 Personnel Report – General Manager Tom Coleman announced the appointment of Joel Gutierrez as the District's newest Maintenance Worker I.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Legal Counsel Joseph Byrne provided an update regarding recent regulatory and project milestones associated with the Delta Conveyance Project.

11. CLOSED SESSION – The Closed Session item listed on the agenda was not considered and no Closed Session was convened.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

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

12. RECONVENE/REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

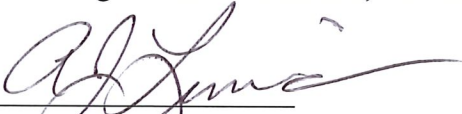
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General Manager's and Directors' Comments – None.

Future Agenda Item(s) – None.

Late Business – None.

There being no further business, Director Lima adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



ANTHONY J. LIMA
Presiding Director

Attest: 

TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary