



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
September 8, 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 Szu Pei Lu-Yang

ABSENT: Director John Bellah

General Manager Coleman noted that although the agenda indicated Director Bellah would participate remotely, unforeseen circumstances prevented him from participating in the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Samuel Johnson, Associate, Best, Best & Krieger
Mike Ti, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Jody Roberto, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Matthew Litchfield, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Erin LaCombe, CV Strategies
Joel Douglass, Rowland Water District

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

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. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1.1** Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held on August 11, 2026
- 1.2** Demands on General Fund Account for August 2026
- 1.3** Investment Report for July 2026
- 1.4** Water Purchases for July 2026
- 1.5** California Reservoir Conditions
- 1.6** Consider Rescheduling September's Special Board Meeting to September 29, 2026

The Board acknowledged the upcoming September 29, 2026, Special Board meeting and October 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.1 Review and Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for August 2026

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

2.2 Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 9-2026, Recognizing Kirk Howie for his Distinguished Service to the Water Community and Three Valleys Municipal Water District and Congratulating Him on His Retirement

Upon motion by Director Hsu, seconded by Director Lu-Yang, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 9-2026 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Vanessa Hsu, Robert Lewis, Anthony J. Lima, and Szu Pei Lu-Yang
Noes: None
Absent: John Bellah
Abstain: None

(Motion carried 4-0)

2.3 Consider Adoption of Negotiated Tax Exchange Resolution Annexation of L108-2025 (RWD Resolution No. 9.1-2026)

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, the Board adopted Resolution No. 9.1-2026 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Vanessa Hsu, Robert Lewis, Anthony J. Lima, and Szu Pei Lu-Yang
Noes: None
Absent: John Bellah
Abstain: None

(Motion carried 4-0)

2.4 Adopt a Proclamation Declaring Water Professionals Appreciate Week

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Hsu adopted a proclamation declaring October 5-11, 2026, as Water Professionals Appreciation Week. (Motion carried 4-0)

2.5 Consider Approval of FY 2025/2026 Carry Forward of Unexpended Capital Project Funding

Board members were asked to authorize the carryforward of \$4,135,517 in committed but unexpended capital project funding from FY 2025/2026 to FY 2026/2027. Director of Finance Myra Malner explained that carrying the funds forward into the FY 2026/2027 budget would provide continued funding for ongoing capital improvement projects.

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Hsu, the Board unanimously approved the carryforward of \$4,135,517 in unexpended capital project funding from FY 2025/2026 to the FY 2026/2027 budget. (Motion carried 4-0)

2.6 Consider Approval of Fire Service Protection Upgrade Program Reimbursement Agreement

Board members were asked to approve the Fire Service Protection Upgrade Program Reimbursement Agreement template and authorize the General Manager, or designee, to execute individual agreements and administer the Program. Staff explained that approval of the Reimbursement Agreement template represents the final step necessary to launch the Program for eligible customers.

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Hsu, the Board unanimously approved the Fire Service Protection Upgrade Program Reimbursement Agreement template and authorized the General Manager, or designee, to execute individual agreements and administer the Program. (Motion carried 4-0)

2.7 Request for Additional Funds for the Purchase of a Ford F-550 Utility Truck in the Amount of \$45,000

The Board was asked to approve an additional \$45,000 for the purchase and outfitting of a new Ford F-550 utility truck. Staff reported that \$103,000 was included in the FY 2026/2027 budget for the purchase of the vehicle; however, an additional \$45,000 is needed to outfit the truck with the equipment necessary for District operations.

Following discussion, upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Hsu, the Board unanimously approved an additional \$45,000 for the purchase and outfitting of the Ford F-550 utility truck. (Motion carried 4-0)

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 3.1** Erin LaCombe of CV Strategies presented the District's updated history video, produced in collaboration with District staff.

4. PUBLIC RELATIONS

- 4.1 Community Relations and Education Update** – Compliance & Safety Manager Elisabeth Mendez reported on the Community Connections activities included in the Board packet. She highlighted recent community outreach efforts, including District staff's volunteer service at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, shared a video of their participation, and provided an update on the District's recent landscape class. She concluded her report with a collage of recent social media posts and invited the Board and members of the public to attend the District's second annual Discover Rowland Fest, scheduled for November 7, 2026.

4.2 Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)

Erin LaCombe of CV Strategies reported that, in addition to the District's updated history video, CV Strategies continues to collaborate with District staff on video productions featuring customer and community leaders sharing their perspectives on the District's customer service and community volunteerism. She also noted that media coverage regarding Director Lewis's reappointment to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) received significant attention.

- 5. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, OR EVENTS (INCLUDING ITEMS THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA)** – Nothing to report.

6. **LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION** – General Manager Tom Coleman provided an update on the following legislative matters of interest to the District:

- **AB 2180 (Ward)** – An ACWA-sponsored bill that would clarify Proposition 218 requirements applicable to water agencies when setting water rates.
- **SB 1125 (Menjivar)** – An ACWA-supported bill that would establish a statewide low-income water rate assistance program to address water affordability.
- **Golden Mussels** – Coleman reported on ongoing legislative and regulatory efforts addressing the spread of invasive golden mussels and their potential impacts on water systems and infrastructure.

7. **REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE** –

7.1 Rowland Unified School District – Letters of Appreciation dated August 3, 2026

General Manager Coleman referenced letters included in the Board packet from Rowland Unified School District, sent on behalf of Blandford Middle School, expressing appreciation to the District for funding received through the Splash Cash Grant Program.

8. **COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

8.1 **Joint Powers Insurance Authority** – Nothing to report.

8.2 **Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD)** – President Lima reported on TVMWD September 2, 2026, business meeting matters.

8.3 **Association of California Water Agencies** – Director Lewis noted that ACWA Region 8 will hold a meeting on October 9, 2026.

8.4 **Puente Basin Water Agency (PBWA)** – Nothing to report.

8.5 **Project Ad-Hoc Committee** – Nothing to report.

8.6 **P-W-R Joint Water Line Commission** – Nothing to report.

8.7 **Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (RHCCC)** – Nothing to report.

8.8 **California Special District Association (CSDA) SGV Chapter** – TVMWD Director Jody Roberto announced the September 30, 2026, CSDA SGV Chapter reception.

8.9 **Local Agency Formation Commission** – Nothing to report.

9. **OTHER REPORTS 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 July 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 – 228
- Site Inspections – 79
- Service Orders Completed – 385
- Meters Replaced – 7
- Modules Replaced – 39

- Dig Alerts – 341
- Leaks – 5
- System Valves Replaced – 7
- Air Release Inspections – 16
- Fire Hydrant Repairs – 14
- Recycled Water Inspections – 16

9.3 Project Update – Nothing to report.

9.4 Personnel Report – General Manager Coleman provided an update on the District internship program.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – 7:42 p.m.

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Name of case: San Juan Water District et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25WM000238. Rowland Water District is a party in the case.

b. SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2))

Claimant: Hollie Vega

Date Claim Received: August 19, 2026

Agency Claimed Against: Rowland Water District

12. RECONVENE/REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – 8:02 p.m.

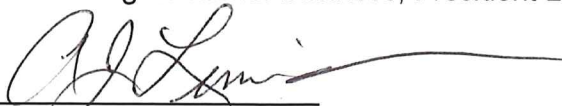
Legal Counsel reported that the Board did not take a reportable action on Item 11(a). With respect to Item 11(b), Legal Counsel reported that the Board unanimously, by 4-0 vote, rejected the claim submitted by Hollie Vega, received August 19, 2026, and directed Legal Counsel to issue a formal notice of rejection.

General Manager's and Directors' Comments – Nothing to report.

Future Agenda Item(s) – None.

Late Business – None.

There being no further business, President Lima adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.


 ANTHONY J. LIMA
 Presiding Director

Attest: 
 TOM COLEMAN
 General Manager

