

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel County Water District was called to order on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2026, at 8366 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, California at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Present at the meeting were General Manager Jim Prior, Finance and Administration Manager Carmen Corona, Assistant General Manager Casey Feilen, Superintendent Carlos Cardona Directors DeLaTorre, Mamdapurkar, Saucedo and Vera, and District Counsel Koczanowicz. Director. Taylor was absent.

**AGENDA** Upon motion by Director Saucedo, seconded by Director Vera, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Two Urban Planning Students from Cal Poly Pomona named Darren and Marie were present and briefly introduced themselves and told the Board that they were monitoring the meeting for a school assignment. Brief discussion among the visitors, Board and staff followed. Third student came in at 4:19 pm and did not speak.

**MINUTES** Upon motion by Director Vera, seconded by Director Mamdapurkar the Board voted to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2026, with an amendment by Director Vera to remove the words "City of" before the word Altadena in the Director Comment Section. Motion passed 4-0.

**DEMANDS** Director Saucedo moved to authorize an electronic funds transfer from the general account to the revolving account in the amount of \$92,652.94. The motion was seconded by Director Vera. No questions were asked by the Board. Motion passed on a 4-0 roll-call vote.

**DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT** District Counsel briefed the Board on Court of Appeals case Bishop v. County of San Diego. The Court of Appeals upheld the lower court's ruling that a fired employee who was criminally charged with a felony for a Government Code 1090 violation and pled guilty to those charges, was not entitled to reinstatement of retirement benefits. Court reasoned that the plea of guilty was equivalent of a conviction and the fact that the Court reduced the charge from felony to a misdemeanor during sentencing did not eliminate the conviction. Under state law only a reversal or a vacation of the conviction would entitle the employee to reinstatement of benefits. Court heavily relied on a prior case (*Estrada*) which also found a plea to be a conviction.

**ACTION ITEMS**

None

**MISC  
INFORMATION**

Receive and File: January 2026 Banking and Investment Report

Board received the Report. Director Vera inquired about obsolete checks shown in the report.

**GENERAL  
MANAGER  
COMMENTS**

The General Manager reported that he send a letter in support of SB 1001 to the author of the bill, Senator Archuleta. If passed the bill would provide for a State-wide ID for utility workers that would permit them to access areas of disaster with greater efficiency improving their ability to restore needed services. He also reported that the Metro permit for under freeway crossing project has been received and he expected the project to move forward efficiently. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday. Director Mamdapurkar asked about the time period for completion of drilling, which was estimated at 10-15 days. Mr. Prior also informed the Board that the Treatment Plant project is progressing ahead of schedule and that crews are now waiting for Edison to approve the utility plans. Director Mamdapurkar asked about the back up generator for the plant.

**FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS**

None

**DIRECTOR  
COMMENTS**

Director Vera informed the Board that she will be absent from the second meeting in March. She also asked about the effect of gas prices rising on the District's budget and was informed that that would not be an issue as District vehicles do not travel long distances and fuel budget is manageable. She also talked about deferred payment plans formats for those who can't afford full payments and received a satisfactory response from staff. Director Mamdapurkar informed the Board that he successfully switched his water account from the old billing software to the new one and that it was an easy thing to do. He also will be absent from the second meeting in March. Director Saucedo stated that he will be absent the first meeting in May.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Director Mamdapurkar, seconded by Director Saucedo the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.



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President



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Secretary

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