



Board of Directors  
Bruce E. Dandy, President  
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General Manager  
Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

Legal Counsel  
David D. Boyer

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2022, 8:30 A.M.**  
**UWCD's El Rio Facility**  
**3561 N. Rose Avenue, Oxnard CA 93036**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Bruce E. Dandy, president  
Sheldon G. Berger, vice president  
Lynn E. Maulhardt, secretary/treasurer  
Mohammed A. Hasan, director  
Catherine P. Keeling, director  
Daniel C. Naumann, director

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Gordon Kimball, director

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mauricio Guardado, general manager  
David Boyer, District legal counsel  
Robert Barone, control systems supervisor  
Maryam Bral, chief engineer  
John Carman, operations and maintenance program supervisor  
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager  
Sara Guzman, senior accountant  
Tony Huynh, risk and safety manager  
John Lindquist, water resources supervisor  
Craig Morgan, engineering manager  
Josh Perez, chief human resource officer  
Zachary Plummer, technology systems manager  
Adrian Quiroz, associate engineer  
Ed Reese, technology systems specialist  
Robert Richardson, senior engineer  
Kris Sofley, executive assistant/clerk of the Board  
Clayton Strahan, chief park ranger  
Kaili Taniguchi, engineer  
Brian Zahn, chief financial officer

**1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 8:30 A.M.**

President Dandy called the meeting to order at 8:30a.m.

**1.1 Public Comments**

**Information Item**

President Dandy asked if there were any public comments or questions for the Members of the Board. None were offered.

**1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

President Dandy invited everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.3 Approval of Agenda**

**Motion**

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Naumann; second, Director Hasan. Voice Vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Kimball). Motion carries 6/0/1.

**1.4 Board Members' Activities Report**

**Information Item**

President Dandy asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Board member's Monthly Activities (aka per diem) Reports. None were offered.

**1.5 General Manager's Report**

**Information Item**

President Dandy asked General Manager Mauricio Guardado if he had any updates for the Board. Mr. Guardado responded that he did not have any updates at this time.

**1.6 ACWA Board Officers Election and Region 5 Member Agency Board Chair, Vice Chair and Board Members for the 2024-2025 Term**

**Motion**

President Dandy explained to the Board that they were considering candidates for **ACWA Board Officers' Election** for President and Vice President for the 2024-2025 Term, with current Vice President Cathy Green running unopposed for ACWA President and two gentlemen running for Vice President – Mr. Ernie Avila and Dr. Michael Saunders. President Dandy also explained that there was an endorsed slate of candidates for the 2024-2025 ACWA Region 5 Chair, Vice Chair and Board Members, who will represent and serve the members of Region 5 (The District is assigned to Region 5).

Mr. Guardado stated his support for Cathy Green, outlining her support of a number of issues that the District brought to the attention of ACWA and that working with current ACWA President Pam Tobin, Ms. Green has done a stellar job in her role as vice president. Mr. Guardado also stated that Mr. Avila was very active in the ACWA State Legislative Committee and was aligned with the District on a variety of issues.

Motion to elect Cathy Green as ACWA President, Ernie Avila as ACWA Vice President and support the slate of endorsed candidates for Region 5, Director

Naumann; Second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Kimball). Motion carries 6/0/1.

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

President Dandy asked if there were any questions about any of the Consent Calendar items. None were offered. He also asked if there needed to be any discussion on any of the items on the Consent Calendar. Again, none were offered. With that, President Dandy requested a motion from the Board.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Director Hasan; Second, Director Maulhardt. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Kimball). Motion carries 6/0/1.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion**

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of July 12, 2023 and Special Board Meeting of August 24, 2023.

**B. Groundwater Basin Status Reports**

**Information Item**

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

**C. Monthly Investment Report (June 30, 2023)**

**Information Item**

Report on the District's investments and the availability or restriction of these funds. All investments are in compliance with the District's investment policy, which is reviewed and approved annually by the Board.

**D. FY 2022-23 Third Quarter Financial Report (July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023)**

**Motion**

The Board will receive and review the FY 2022-23 Third Quarter Financial Report for the period of July 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

**E. Request for Mid-Year Staffing Adjustment**

**Motion**

The Board will consider the creation of three positions to provide support to the Water Resource and Operations and Maintenance Department. As the positions have been budgeted, there is no additional cost to the District if this staffing adjustment is approved.

**F. Request to Modify Exempt Leave Provision**

**Motion**

The Board will consider modifying the current annual leave policy to allow exempt employees to accrue up to 1,328 hours per calendar year.

**G. Monthly Department Activities Reports**

**Information Item**

The Board will receive and file the monthly departmental activities reports from:

- 1.) Administrative Services, including Finance, Human Resources, Safety and Risk Management and Technical Systems
- 2.) Engineering
- 3.) Environmental Services
- 4.) Operations and Maintenance
- 5.) Park and Recreation
- 6.) Water Resources

**3. MOTION ITEMS**

**Administrative Services Department - Anthony Emmert**

**3.1 State Water Project Water Transfer from Palmdale Water District**

**Motion**

Assistant General Manager Anthony Emmert addressed the Board, explaining that he was bringing two separate but similar motions to the board, both dealing with transfers of State Water Project water.

For the agreement between UWCD and Palmdale Water District, the contract is for the transfer of 2,000 acre-feet of Table A State Water Project water from Palmdale to UWCD at a cost of \$982,600 and the motion approves that agreement and authorizes the General Manager to execute the agreement and associated documents.

Director Maulhardt said the Finance Committee reviewed the agreement and was recommending the Board's full support.

Motion to approve the agreement between UWCD and Palmdale Water District for the transfer of 2,000 acre-feet of Table A State Water Project water via Pyramid by December 31, 2023, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Hasan: Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Kimball). Motion carries 6/0/1.

**3.2 State Water Project Water Transfer from Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency**

**Motion**

Mr. Emmert again addressed the Board, clarifying that the water transfer agreement between UWCD and Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCVWA) was for the transfer of between 2,000 acre-feet up to 10,000 acre-feet of Table A State Water Project water from SVCWA to UWCD, with the cost ranging from \$840,000 to \$4.2 million depending on the amount of water transferred.

Director Maulhardt again stated that the Finance Committee reviewed the agreement and was recommending full Board approval.

Motion to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement and associated documents with Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCVWA) for the transfer of between 2,000 acre-feet to 10,000 acre-feet State Water Project Table A water from SCVWA to UWCD, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Kimball). Motion carries 6/0/1.

Mr. Guardado stated that it was just a few years ago that the District had no agreements for State Water Transfers, and now, thanks to the Board's decision and direction to create a fund for State Water purchases, the District has four such State Water Transfer agreements in place.

Director Maulhardt added that this was validation of the commitment of the Board, staff and the community to bring in new sources of water. He said that by being prepared when the opportunities present themselves, United has increased the benefits of its operation to the region.

President Dandy asked about the timing of the water release, and Mr. Guardado replaced the water would be released after November 1, 2023 and before December 31, 2023.

**Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral**

**3.3 Contract for Hardened Ramp 60% Design Hydraulic Support for NHC in the Amount of \$343,490.**

**Motion**

Engineering Manager Craig Morgan addressed the Board, stating that like the previous motion items, 3.3 and 3.4 were similar in that both were related to the Freeman Diversion Hardened Ramp fish passage alternative.

Mr. Morgan explained how NHC had been “carrying the ball since 2019” on this project based on the firm's hydraulic expertise. He also stated that the 60 percent design of the Hardened Ramp was part of the stipulated order required to be completed within 120 calendar days.

Director Maulhardt reported that the Engineering Committee had reviewed the motion, agreement and scope of work and was recommending full Board approval.

Motion authorizing the General Manager to execute a professional consulting services agreement with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, Inc. (NHC) to support the advancement of the Hardened Ramp Design to 60% and authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$343,490, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Kimball). Motion carries 6/0/1.

**3.4 Contract for Hardened Ramp 60% Design for GEI in the Amount of \$1,752,670.**

**Motion**

Mr. Morgan addressed the Board again, explaining that by engaging the two companies through two separate contracts the District was able to advance the design and ensure the structural integrity of the project.

Director Maulhardt again stated that the Engineering Committee had reviewed the motion, agreement and scope of work and was recommending full Board approval.

Motion to authorizing the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) to advance the Hardened Ramp Design to 60% and authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,752,670, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Kimball). Motion carries 6/0/1.

**4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE**


**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

President Dandy asked if there were any topics or items for future discussion. None were offered.

**6. ADJOURNMENT 8:55 a.m.**

President Dandy adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m. to the **Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023** or call of the President.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of September 13, 2023.

ATTEST:   
Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary

ATTEST:   
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board

# OFFICIAL REGION 5 Board Ballot

2024-2025 TERM



**Please return completed ballot  
by Sept. 15, 2023**

**E-mail:** [regionelections@acwa.com](mailto:regionelections@acwa.com)

**Mail:** ACWA  
980 9th Street, Suite 1000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## General Voting Instructions:

**1** You may either vote for the slate recommended by the Region 5 Nominating Committee or vote for individual region board members. Please mark the appropriate box to indicate your decision.

**2** Please complete your agency information. The authorized representative is determined by your agency in accordance with your agency's policies and procedures.

Submitted board candidate bios and headshots are available on [www.acwa.com/elections/2023-region-elections/](http://www.acwa.com/elections/2023-region-elections/).

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### Nominating Committee's Recommended Slate

I concur with the Region 5 Nominating Committee's recommended slate below.

#### CHAIR:

- **John L. Varela**, Director/2023 Board Chair, Valley Water

#### VICE CHAIR:

- **Sarah Palmer**, President, Board of Directors, Zone 7 Water Agency

#### BOARD MEMBERS:

- **Ernesto A. Avila**, Board President, Contra Costa Water District
- **Mary Bannister**, Director, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
- **John Muller**, President, Board of Directors, Coastside County Water District
- **John H. Weed**, Board Member, Alameda County Water District
- **Floyd Wicks**, Director, Montecito Water District

OR

### Individual Board Candidate Nominations

I do not concur with the Region 5 Nominating Committee's recommended slate. I will vote for individual candidates below as indicated.

#### CANDIDATES FOR CHAIR: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Sarah Palmer**, President, Board of Directors, Zone 7 Water Agency
- John L. Varela**, Director/2023 Board Chair, Valley Water
- John H. Weed**, Board Member, Alameda County Water District

#### CANDIDATES FOR VICE CHAIR: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Sarah Palmer**, President, Board of Directors, Zone 7 Water Agency
- John H. Weed**, Board Member, Alameda County Water District

#### CANDIDATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS: (MAX OF 5 CHOICES)

- Ernesto A. Avila**, Board President, Contra Costa Water District
- Mary Bannister**, Director, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
- John Muller**, President, Board of Directors, Coastside County Water District
- Sarah Palmer**, President, Board of Directors, Zone 7 Water Agency
- John H. Weed**, Board Member, Alameda County Water District
- Floyd Wicks**, Director, Montecito Water District

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AGENCY NAME

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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