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AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
UWCD Headquarters, First Floor, Board Room
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030**

BOARD MATTERS

Normally, Action (Motion) Items will be considered and acted upon separately; Consent Items will be considered and acted upon collectively, although a Consent Item may be considered and acted upon separately; and Information Items will be considered separately without action. The Board of Directors in its discretion may change the order of agenda items.

ROLL CALL

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:00 P.M.

Items to be discussed in Executive (Closed) Session will be announced.

1.1 Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Board on any matter on the Executive (Closed) Session agenda or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

1.2 Executive (Closed) Session

The Board will discuss matters outlined in the attached Executive (Closed) Session Agenda (Exhibit A).

2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:30 P.M.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Board on any item on the Consent Calendar or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action will be taken by the Board on any non-agenda item. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

2.3 Approval of Agenda Motion

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session Information Item

Presented by District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer.

2.5 Board Members' Activities Report Information Item

Receive and file information regarding meeting participation provided by each of the Board Members through Monthly Activities (aka per diem) Reports.

2.6 General Manager's Report Information Item

The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequence to the District.

2.7 Special District Leadership Foundation Presentation of District Transparency Certificate of Excellence to United Water Conservation District Ceremonial Item

California Special District Association's Public Affairs Field Coordinator Richelle Noroyan will present the Board of Directors with the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

3. 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)

3.1 Approve the Minutes for the July 9, 2025, Regular Meeting and the September 2, 2025, Special Meeting Motion

Approve the minutes.

3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Report Information Item

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

3.3 Investment Monthly Reports Information Item

Review the most current investment reports for the months of June and July 2025.

3.4 Approve a Request for a Payment Plan and Waiver of Accrued Penalty and Interest Charges from William G. Scholle Ranch LLC Motion

Approve the proposed payment plan as well as a waiver of accrued penalty and interest charges for William G. Scholle Ranch LLC.

**3.5 Adopt a Resolution Approving Board Norms
Motion**

Adopt a resolution approving an appendix to the Board of Directors Policies and Procedures Manual which establishes Board Norms for all Directors serving at the District.

**3.6 Adopt a Resolution Approving the Proposed Changes to the Existing Financial Policies and the Adoption of a Proposed New Financial Policy
Motion**

Adopt a resolution approving certain changes to existing financial policies as identified and the adoption of a proposed new financial policy as specified.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

**4.1 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report
Craig Morgan, Chief Operations Officer
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation on monthly activities of the Operations and Maintenance Department, including but not limited to the District's facilities (Santa Felicia Dam and hydroplant; the Piru Groundwater Recharge facility; the Freeman Diversion; the Saticoy and El Rio Groundwater Recharge facilities; the Pleasant Valley and Pumping Trough Pipeline systems; and the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline system), encompassing operating plans, the quantity and quality of water diverted and delivered, fish ladder operations, major maintenance problems and repairs, status of Operations and Maintenance projects and safety and training issues.

**4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report
Bernard Riedel, Jr., Senior Park Ranger
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation on monthly activities of the Recreation Department, including but not limited to the Lake Piru Recreation Area, encompassing camping and boating policies at the lake; operations and activities; financing and status of facility improvement projects; maintenance activities; security issues; and emergency response activities.

**4.3 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies
Dr. Bram Sercu, Water Resources Supervisor
Information Item**

Summary report and presentations on the monthly activities of the Water Resources Department, including, but not limited to: updates to the District's groundwater flow models and modeling efforts; reservoir releases; import

of State Water Project (SWP) water; support of diversion and recharge operations; evaluation of groundwater conditions; estimates of available Forebay storage; support during development and implementation of water supply and sustainability projects; outreach and education; and engagement with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), Technical Advisory Committees, and other user groups or governmental agencies involved in local and regional water-resource issues.

4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report
Josh Perez, Chief Human Resources Officer, and Brian Zahn, Chief Financial Officer
Information Item

Summary report and presentation on the monthly activities of the Administrative Services Department including but not limited to issues associated with budget development, financial performance versus budget plan, financial accounting requirements and procedures, potential debt issuance and related financial services, status of District investments and reserves, updates on its capital improvement programs, human resources and safety, District property and facilities maintenance and administration, District records and reports, groundwater extraction statements administration, risk management and District liability insurance matters, management of District contracts, policy development, governance procedures, and supporting activities of Board and staff.

4.5 Engineering Department Monthly Report
Robert Richardson, Engineering Manager
Information Item

Summary report and presentation on the monthly activities of the Engineering Department, including but not limited to water resources, planning efforts and department programs impacting the District, such as project design and construction; dam safety; FERC license compliance; Freeman Diversion; recycled water; pipeline operations and various engineering analysis.

4.6 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report
Marissa Caringella, Environmental Services Manager
Information Item

Summary report and presentation on the monthly activities of the Environmental Services Department, including but not limited to environmental and regulatory issues of note to the District, monitoring efforts, water releases and increased State Water imports, Freeman Diversion fish ladder and sediment management operations, compliance with the District's FERC license, actions associated with the federal and state Endangered Species Acts, compliance with the California Environmental Quality and National Environmental Policy Acts, and support of local, state, and federal environmental and cultural permitting needs for District projects and operations.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5.1 Adopt a Resolution Approving the Proposed New Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager Position

Motion

Adopt a resolution approving the creation of a Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager position to support the District's outreach and public relations efforts.

5.2 Election of ACWA's President, Vice President, and Region 5 Board for the 2026-'27 Term

Motion

Authorize the General Manager to cast United Water Conservation Districts' electronic vote for the Board Officer Candidates and the Region 5 Board Member slate.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

All testimony given before the Board of Directors is recorded. Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at the District's offices at 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200, Oxnard CA 93030 during normal business hours.

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Approved: _____

Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

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Jacquelyn Lozano, Acting Clerk of the Board

**EXHIBIT A
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA**

1. LITIGATION

1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1) (two matters).

1.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) (four matters).

- A. Wishtoyo Foundation, et al v. United Water Conservation District, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Case No.2:16-cv-03869 GHK (PLAx).
- B. OPV Coalition v Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Ventura, Case No. 56-2021-00555357-CU-PT-VTA; Complaint for Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication of the Oxnard Groundwater Subbasin (No. 4-004.02) and Pleasant Valley Subbasin (No. 4-006) Pursuant to Sections 830, *Et Seq.* of the Code of Civil Procedure; Declaratory Relief; Quiet Title; and Petition for Writs of Mandate.
- C. United Water Conservation District v United States, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 22-542L; Complaint for Just Compensation under the 5th Amendment.
- D. United Water Conservation District v. California Fish and Game Commission, a California Public Agency, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County (Central District), Case No. 25STCP01671; Petition for Writ of Mandate challenging the Commission's determination to list O'mykiss as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.