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AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Meeting to be conducted in a hybrid model –
Zoom link added on January 8, 2026

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 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.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85863745941?pwd=tTY9rota17FwkU2Ke0lskrSbsKgapa.1>
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ROLL CALL

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

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 1:00 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 Election of Officers
Motion**

The Board will accept nominations and elect officers for 2026.

**2.6 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.

**2.7 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.

**2.8 Staff Service Awards
Ceremonial Item**

Presentation of service awards to staff.

JD Smallwood, Operations Supervisor – 5 Years
Destiny Zamarron, Human Resources Supervisor – 5 Years
Kathleen Kuepper, Hydrogeologist – 10 years
Robert Richardson, Engineering Manager – 10 Years
Bram Sercu, Water Resources Supervisor – 10 Years
Greg DeJarnette, Dam Operator – 15 Years
Raymond Avila, Water Systems Operator – 20 Years
Adrian Aguayo, Facilities Maintenance Worker II – 20 Years
Mauricio Guardado, General Manager – 10 Years

**2.9 Financial Report Presentation
Information Item**

Receive a presentation from the Certified Public Accountant Ryan Domino Partner at LSL of the District's Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

- 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 December 10, 2025, Regular Meeting and Minutes for January 5, 2026, Special Meeting
Motion

Approve the minutes.

3.2 Hydrologic Conditions Monthly Report
Information Item

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

3.3 Investment Monthly Report (November 2025)
Information Item

Review the most current investment report for the month ending November 30, 2025.

3.4 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 First Quarter Financial Report (July 1 to September 30, 2025)
Information Item

Review the first quarter financial report for the period of July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

3.5 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-02 Approving the 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule
Motion

Adopt Resolution No. 2026-02 setting the 2026 Board of Directors meeting schedule.

3.6 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 Designating the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager as the District's Authorized Agents for the Purposes of Obtaining Federal Assistance for the 2025/2026 Floating Restroom Grant Program
Motion

Adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 designating the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager as the District's Authorized Agents for purposes of obtaining federal assistance provided by Federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and sub-granted through the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways for Fiscal Years 2025/2026 Floating Restroom Grant Program.

3.7 Penalty and Interest Waiver Request from Southland Sod Farms
Motion

Approve a request from Southland Sod Farms to waive penalty and interest charges totaling \$61,350.11 incurred from the billing period of July 1, 2024,

through December 31, 2024.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

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

Summary report and presentation provide an overview of activities across the District's facilities, including Santa Felicia Dam and hydroplant, Piru, Saticoy, and El Rio Groundwater Recharge facilities, Freeman Diversion, Pleasant Valley and Pumping Trough Pipeline systems, and the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline system. It covers operational plans, water diversion and delivery metrics, water quality, fish ladder operations, major maintenance and repairs, project updates, and safety and training matters.

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 (GSAs)** **Dr. Bram Sercu, Water Resources Supervisor** **Information Item**

Summary report and presentation summarize key activities of the Water Resources Department, including groundwater modeling updates, reservoir releases, State Water Project imports, support for diversion and recharge operations, groundwater condition assessments, contributions to water supply and sustainability projects, and outreach efforts. It also highlights engagement with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, advisory committees, and other regional stakeholders.

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 outline key activities of the Administrative Services Department, including budget development, financial performance, accounting procedures, potential debt issuance, and investment updates. It also covers capital improvement programs, human resources and safety, property and facility management, records administration, groundwater extraction statements, risk management,

contract oversight, policy and governance matters, and support for Board and staff operations.

**4.5 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report
Tara Mulally, Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation highlight key activities led by the Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager, including implementation of strategic communications plans, media and social media management, development of outreach materials, coordination of community events, stakeholder engagement, legislative and intergovernmental affairs, public education initiatives, brand and messaging oversight, and support for Board and staff outreach efforts.

**4.6 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.

**4.7 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report
Marissa Caringella, Environmental Services Manager
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation cover the Environmental Services Department's key activities, including regulatory and environmental issues, monitoring programs, water releases and increased State Water imports, Freeman Diversion operations, FERC license compliance, Endangered Species Act actions, CEQA and NEPA compliance, and support for environmental and cultural permitting for District projects.

5. MOTION ITEM

**5.1 Indemnification Agreement by and between United Water
Conservation District and Costco Wholesale Corporation
Motion**

Authorize the General Manager to execute the Indemnification Agreement by and between United Water Conservation District and Costco Wholesale Corporation related to the Pleasant Valley Pipeline facility near Springville Drive in the City of Camarillo.

5.2 Permanent Access Easement from Costco Wholesale Corporation for the Pleasant Valley Pipeline

Motion

Authorize the General Manager to sign and record the Permanent Access Easement granted by Costco Wholesale Corporation related to the Pleasant Valley Pipeline facility near Springville Drive in the City of Camarillo.

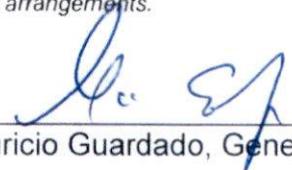
6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

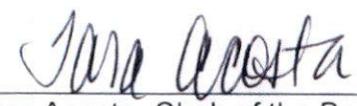
All testimony given before the Board of Directors is recorded. Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for 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

This agenda was posted Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at the United Water Conservation District Headquarters, Oxnard, CA and www.unitedwater.org.


Tara Acosta, 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.