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AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 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.

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 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 Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project Schedule Updates
Information Item**

Receive an informational update from the Engineering Department regarding its activities in support of the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project.

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 February 11, 2026, Regular 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 (January 2026)
Information Item**

Review the most current investment report for the month ending January 31, 2026.

**3.4 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Second Quarter Financial Report (October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025)
Information Item**

Review the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Reports for the period ending December 31, 2025 that is attached.

**3.5 Adopt a Resolution Determining that the Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project is Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Project
Motion**

Adopt a resolution determining that the Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project (Project) is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving the Project and directing staff to file the Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA.

**3.6 Request from Farmers Irrigation Company for a Payment Plan
Motion**

Approve a request from Farmers Irrigation Company to enter a payment plan for groundwater production charges of \$556,416.06 incurred from the billing period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

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 ITEMS

**5.1 2026 Richard V. Laubacher Water Conservation Award
Motion**

Consider possible recipients for the Laubacher Award and conduct a vote to determine the 2026 recipient. Staff will present nominees for the award at the Board Meeting.

5.2 Adopt a Resolution Supporting Scott Quady of Calleguas Municipal Water District to the California Water Insurance Fund Board – An ACWA JPIA Captive Insurance Company

Motion

Adopt a Resolution supporting the nomination of Scott Quady of Calleguas Municipal Water District to the California Water Insurance Fund Board – An ACWA JPIA Captive Insurance Company.

5.3 Approve Resolution 2026-04 Adopting the Proposed Financial Policy for the Placement of Direct Assessments on the Ventura County Secured Property Tax Roll

Motion

Approve Resolution 2026-04 adopting the proposed financial policy entitled, "Placement of Direct Assessments on the Ventura County Secured Property Tax Roll." This policy formalizes the District's process for placing delinquent direct assessments on the Ventura County secured property tax roll, clarifies Board and management authority, and establishes a consistent governance framework for the placement, billing, collection, and financial reporting of direct assessments.

5.4 Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. for the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project

Motion

Authorize the General Manager to sign a Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) for 60% design consulting services in connection with the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project (CIP 8001).

5.5 Ratify Purchase Order Agreement between UWCD and Aquatic Harvesting Inc.

Motion

Approve ratifying the General Manager entering into a purchase order agreement between UWCD and Aquatic Harvesting for lake debris removal services in connection with the 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project.

5.6 Ratify Purchase Order Agreement between UWCD and Quality Ag, Inc.

Motion

Approve ratifying the General Manager entering into a purchase order agreement between UWCD and Quality Ag, Inc. for lake debris removal services in connection with the 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

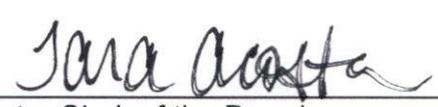
All testimony given before the Board of Directors is recorded. Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for 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, March 5, 2026, at 3:00 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.