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AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, May 13, 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 Presentation of CSDA District of Distinction Award Ceremonial Item

Richelle Noroyan, representing the California Special Districts Association, will present a CSDA District of Distinction award to the District in recognition of its achievement.

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 April 8, 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 (March 2026) Information Item

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

3.4 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Third Quarter Financial Report (January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026) Information Item

Review the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Third Quarter Financial Reports for the period ending March 31, 2026.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

4.1 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)
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.

4.5 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.

**4.6 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.

**4.7 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.

5. MOTION ITEMS

**5.1 Determination of General Manager's Performance-Based Merit Pay
Motion**

Determine the General Manager's performance merit pay of up to ten percent (10%) of his fiscal year 2025-2026 salary.

**5.2 Authorization and Direction to District Staff to Prepare a Written Report as part of Future Authorization for a General Obligation Bond Election for United Water Conservation District
Motion**

Authorize and direct District staff to prepare a written report concerning the proposed GO bond election, to publish such as required by statute and present such report to the Board at the Board meeting of June 10, 2026.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

**6.1 Continuation of Annual Groundwater Hearing to Accept Comment on Groundwater Conditions within the District
Zachary Hanson, Water Resources Engineer**

In accordance with the District's principal act in the California Water Code, the Board annually conducts a public hearing to consider the conditions of

groundwater resources within the District. An “Annual investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions” was submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board on March 3, 2026, and was revised via Addendum No. 1 to the Annual Groundwater Report, which is included in the Board packet, and has been available for public review and comment. This hearing was opened during the regular April 8, 2026, Board meeting and continued to this May 13, 2026, Board meeting, and will again be continued to the June 10, 2026, Board meeting. At this meeting, staff will give a report about current groundwater conditions, and members of the public will be permitted to give testimony. At its June 10, 2026, meeting, the Board may choose to close the hearing and consider the establishment of zones and the levying of groundwater extraction charges in those zones.

Public comment will be accepted at this time and at each of the public hearing dates.

No Board decisions will be made until the final hearing on June 10, 2026.

6.2 Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the District’s 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Zachary Hanson, Water Resources Engineer

The Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment and discussion regarding the proposed 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

At the June 10th Board meeting, the Board will consider adoption of a Resolution approving the District’s 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

7. BUDGET WORKSHOP

7.1 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Workshop

The Board will consider information presented by staff concerning the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 District budget. Pertinent information with respect to the budget will be discussed. The Board may provide guidance and direction on various budget issues and recommendations. The Board will not consider adoption of the budget until the June 10, 2026 regular Board meeting.

The overview will consist of:

- Introduction and review related to the development of the proposed budget, reserve needs, corresponding rates to be charged, the budget process, and related issues.
- Review of Capital Improvement Plan and recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- Additional information in connection with and in support of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget and the

District's groundwater extraction charges.

- Questions from the Board members.
- Public comments and/or questions.
- Provide direction to staff.
- Next steps for completing the District's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

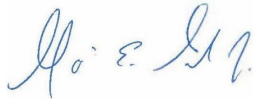
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. 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.

The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, the District's services, programs or activities because of any disability. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, or if you require agenda materials in an alternative format, please contact the District Office at (805) 525- 4431. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make appropriate arrangements.

Approved: _____



Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

This agenda was posted Friday, May 8, 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. 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.