United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 9, 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 Appointment of President Pro Tempore for the September 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Motion

The Board President and the Vice President are unable to attend this meeting. A quorum of the Board being present, and neither the District's Board of Directors Policies and Procedures nor the Water Conservation District Law (Division 21 of the Water Code) designating a presiding officer for a meeting at which both the President and the Vice President are absent, the Board will select one of its members to serve as President Pro Tempore for this meeting. Staff recommends that the Board elect Director Gordon Kimball, the Board's Secretary/Treasurer, to serve as President Pro Tempore, and adopt Resolution No. 2026-21 appointing the President Pro Tempore and authorizing the President Pro Tempore to preside over this meeting and to exercise the powers of the President, including the execution of documents when so authorized by the Board, through out this meeting. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

1.2 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.

1.3 Executive (Closed) Session

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

2. <u>SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:30 P.M.</u>

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
<u>Motion</u>

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session
<u>Information Item</u>
Presented by District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer.

2.5 Board Members' Activities Report
<u>Information Item</u>
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
<u>Information Item</u>
The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequence to the District.

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 Approval of the July 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 3, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
<u>Motion</u>
Approve the minutes.

3.2 Hydrologic Conditions Monthly Report
<u>Information Item</u>
Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

3.3 Investment Monthly Report (June and July 2026)
Information Item
Review the most current investment report for the month ending June 31 2026 and July 31, 2026.

3.4 Approval of the District's Conflict of Interest Code
Motion
Approve the District's Conflict of Interest Code and direct staff to submit the Local Agency Biennial Notice to the County of Ventura.

3.5 Adopt a Resolution Approving a Revision of United Water Conservation District's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Salary Chart
Motion
Adopt a resolution approving the District's revised Fiscal Year 2026-2027 UWCD Salary Chart to reflect changes in California Minimum Wage effective January 1, 2027, and to accommodate a title change related to an upcoming retirement.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

4.1 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 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.

4.5 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.

4.6 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.

4.7 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.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5.1 A Resolution Determining that the Rancho Temescal Property Acquisition Project and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Associated Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and Associated Escrow Documents (collectively, the "Project") is Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15301, and Approving the Project
Motion

The Board will consider adoption of resolution No. 2026-22 determining that Rancho Temescal Property Acquisition Project and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Associated Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and Associated Escrow Documents (collectively, the "Project") is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15301 and approving the Project. The resolution would authorize the Rancho Temescal Property Acquisition Project and also authorize the General Manager to execute a Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and associated escrow documents.

The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) because the proposed Project involves only the acquisition of land, which is vacant, with negligible or no expansion of existing for former use, and none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. The proposed Project is also exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed Project may have a significant effect on the environment.

If the proposed Project is approved, and directing the resolution will direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA.

5.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-19 Nominating Director Mohammed A. Hasan for Appointment as Independent Special District Alternate Member to the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) for the Term January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2030.
Motion
The Board will consider adoption of a resolution nominating Director Mohammed A. Hasan for appointment as the Independent Special District Alternate Member to the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) for the four-year term commencing January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2030, and authorizing submission of the nomination package to Ventura LAFCo.

5.3 Award of Agreement to Construct the Vineyard Avenue Crossing
Motion
Authorize the General Manager to execute a construction agreement with Sam Hill & Sons, Inc. (Sam Hill & Sons) in the amount of $6,106,190 for the construction of a conveyance beneath Vineyard Avenue to connect the Saticoy Recharge Facility to Ferro Basin (CIP 8018 Freeman Division Improvement Project – Conveyance).

5.4 Award of Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Construction Management Services for the Vineyard Avenue Crossing
Motion
Authorize the General Manager to execute the Professional Consulting Services Agreement for construction management and inspection related services with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of $539,900 to support the construction of Vineyard Avenue Crossing to connect the Saticoy Recharge Facility to Ferro Basin (CIP 8018 Freeman Diversion Improvement Project – Conveyance).

5.5 Award of Agreement with Rite-Way Roof Corporation for District Headquarters Roof Replacement
Motion
Authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Rite-Way Roof Corporation (Rite-Way) in the amount of $360,00 to construct a roof replacement at the District Headquarters.

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.

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 Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the United Water Conservation District Headquarters, Oxnard, CA and www.unitedwater.org.

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Tara Acosta, Clerk of the Board

EXHIBIT A
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA

1. LITIGATION

1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): one potential case. Existing facts and circumstances consist of receipt of a Government Claims Act claim pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(e)(3), which is available for public inspection pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5

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.

D. Wishtoyo Foundation, et al v. United Water Conservation District, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles (Central District), Case No. 22STCP04160; Verified Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Petition for Writ of Mandate under California Constitution Article X, section 2, the Public Trust Doctrine and Fish and Game Code sections 1602, 5901, 5948, 5935, 5937.

2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property/Properties:

APN 016-020-0050
APN 016-020-0080
APN 016-021-0040

A portion of APN 016-021-0020 (62.5 acres)
A total of 1354.5 acres

Agency Negotiators: United Water Conservation District; District Real Property Negotiators: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager and Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

Negotiating Parties: United Water Conservation District and Ranch Temescal

Under Negotiation: Instruction to Negotiators will concern both price and terms of payment.