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## AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 12:00 p.m.  
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters  
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 Comments

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 Financial Audit Report Presentation  
Information Item**

Receive a presentation from Certified Public Accountant Ryan Domino Partner at LSL of the District's Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

**2.8 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Review Presentation  
Information Item**

Receive a presentation from the Chief Financial Officer of the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.

**2.9 CV Strategies Marketing Plan and Public Outreach Presentation  
Information Item**

Receive a presentation from CV Strategies' Chief Strategy Officer Tara Bravo regarding a proposed marketing plan and public outreach.

**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 March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Motion**

Approve the minutes.

**3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Reports  
Information Item**

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

**3.3 Investment Monthly Report (February 2025)  
Information Item**

Review the most current investment report for the month ending February 28, 2025.

**3.4 Request from Durango Harvest Inc. for a Payment Plan  
Motion**

Approve a request from Durango Harvest Inc. to enter a payment plan for groundwater extraction charges of \$5,903.42 incurred from the billing period of July 1, 2024, to 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 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  
Anthony Emmert, Assistant General Manager  
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation on monthly activities of the Park and 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)  
John Lindquist, 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, 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**  
**Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General 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 Resolution Requesting the Approval of the Proposed Changes to the Engineering Projects Administration Policy**

**Motion**

Adopt a Resolution approving the proposed changes to the Engineering Projects Administration Policy.

**5.2 Authorize the General Manager to Sign a Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$966,700 for Design Consulting Services in Connection with the Freeman Diversion Expansion Project**

**Motion**

Authorize the General Manager to sign a Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$966,700 for design consulting services in connection with the Freeman Diversion Expansion Project (CIP 8001).

**5.3 Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Short-Term Recycled Water Purchase Agreement for Operational Testing with Pleasant Valley County Water District**

**Motion**

Authorize the General Manager to finalize the terms and conditions and execute the Short-Term Recycled Water Purchase Agreement for Operational Testing between the Pleasant Valley County Water District and United Water Conservation District.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**

**6.1 Opening of Annual Groundwater Hearing to Accept Comment on Groundwater Conditions within the District**

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 10, 2025 and has been available for public review and comment. This hearing will be opened and continued to the regular May 21, 2025, and June 11, 2025 Board meetings. 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 11, 2025 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 11, 2025.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8. 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: \_\_\_\_\_



for Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

This agenda was posted Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the United Water Conservation District Headquarters, Oxnard, CA and [www.unitedwater.org](http://www.unitedwater.org).



Tracy J. Oehler, 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) Government Code Sections 54956.9(e)(1)

Pursuant to 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)

- 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.