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## AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 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 Recognition of Retiring Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist**  
**Ceremonial Item**

Recognition of Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist who is retiring on June 30, 2025 after 10 years of service.

**2.8 Recognition of Retiring Hydrologist Supervisor Murray McEachron**  
**Ceremonial Item**

Recognition of Hydrologist Supervisor Murray McEachron who is retiring on July 15, 2025 after 26 years of service.

**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 the May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting and the May 29, 2025 Special Meeting**  
**Motion**

Approve the minutes.

**3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Report**  
**Information Item**

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

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

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

**3.4 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Third Quarter Financial Report (July 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)**  
**Information Item**

Review the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Third Quarter Financial Reports for the period of July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

**3.5 Approve a Payment Plan and Penalty and Interest Waiver Request from Mrs. Nancy Trinidad**

**Motion Item**

Approve a request from Mrs. Nancy Trinidad to enter a payment plan for groundwater extraction charges of \$38,197.68 incurred from the billing period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, for well number 04N18W29E01S and for a waiver for the associated penalty and interest charges of \$9,034.52 upon successful completion of the payment plan.

**3.6 Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District Regarding the Use of the Castaic Lake Flexibility Storage Program**

**Motion Item**

Authorize the General Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District (collectively referred to as the "Ventura Entities") regarding the use of the Castaic Flexible Storage Program.

**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  
Bernie Riedel, 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)**  
**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**  
**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.

**4.6 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. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**

**5.1 Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment, and Setting of 2025-26 Zones and Extraction Charges  
John Lindquist, Water Resources Supervisor**

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 was opened at regular April 9, 2025 Board meeting, continued to the regular May 21, 2025 Board meeting, at which time it was again continued to the regular June 11, 2025 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. No Board decisions have been made to date. The Board may choose to conclude the hearing today and consider acting to establish zones with the District and to levy groundwater extraction charges with such zones for the 2025-26 water year.

**Motion:** Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District Making Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning the Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07**

**Motion:** Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District Making Additional Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District, Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Charge Zones and Levying, Assessing and Fixing Groundwater Extraction Charges Against All Persons Operating Groundwater Producing Facilities Within Such Zones for the 2025-2026 Water Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08**

## 6. MOTION ITEMS

**6.1 Adopt a Resolution for the Proposed District Budget Plan, Overhead Allocation method, Staffing Levels, and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and Appropriation Carryovers from Fiscal Year 2024-25**  
**Motion**

Approve a Resolution adopting the proposed District Budget Plan, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels, and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, and Appropriation Carryovers from FY 2024-25.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09**

**6.2 Adopt a Resolution to Request the County Auditor-Controller to Compute and Affix a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Sufficient to Satisfy State Water Project Charges**  
**Motion**

Adopt a Resolution requesting the County Auditor-Controller to compute and affix a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to provide approximately \$4,269,000 in property tax revenue sufficient to satisfy a portion of the voter approved debt for State Water Project costs. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10**

**6.3 Adopt a Resolution Approving the General Manager's Two-Year Contract Extension to Include Future Eligibility for Performance Merit Pay for the Two Upcoming Fiscal Periods Beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026**  
**Motion**

Adopt a Resolution which will approve a two-year extension to the General Manager's current labor agreement based on his most recent performance evaluation. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11**

**6.4 Adopt a Resolution Nominating and Supporting Steve Huber as a Candidate for the Position of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 5 Board Member**  
**Motion**

Adopt a Resolution nominating and supporting Steve Huber as a candidate for the position of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 5 board member. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12**

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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**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 MG  
Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

This agenda was posted Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.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.
- 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.