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MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Ford, Hasan, Huber, Kimball, and Maulhardt

Absent: Directors Jones and Keeling

1. **FIRST OPEN SESSION:** 12:00 p.m.
Items to be discussed in Executive (Closed) Session will be announced.
 - 1.1 **Public Comment:** None
 - 1.2 **Executive (Closed) Session:** 12:02 p.m.
The Board will discuss matters outlined in the attached Executive (Closed) Session Agenda (Exhibit A).

Director Keeling arrived at 12:12 p.m.

2. **SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER:** 1:05 p.m.
 - 2.1 **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Ford
 - 2.2 **Public Comment:** None
 - 2.3 **Approval of Agenda**
Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Ford) to approve the consent calendar.
Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt; Noes: None; Absent: Jones
 - 2.4 **Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session**
District Legal Counsel David Boyer stated there was no reportable action.
 - 2.5 **Board Members' Activities Report**
Received and filed.

2.6 General Manager's Report

Received and filed.

2.7 Recognition of Retiring Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist

Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist was recognized for his 10 years of service upon his retirement on June 30, 2025.

2.8 Recognition of Retiring Hydrologist Supervisor Murray McEachron

Hydrologist Supervisor Murray McEachron was recognized for his 26 years of service upon his retirement on July 15, 2025.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Keeling) to approve the consent calendar.

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt; Noes: None; Absent: Jones

3.1 Approve the Minutes for the May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting and the May 29, 2025 Special Meeting

Approved the minutes.

3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Report

Receive and file the report.

3.3 Investment Monthly Report (April 2025)

Receive and file the report.

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

Receive and file the report.

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

Approved 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

Authorized 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

Chief Operations Officer Craig Morgan gave an oral presentation; received and filed.

4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report

Senior Park Ranger Bernie Reidel gave an oral presentation.

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

Water Resources Supervisors John Lindquist gave an oral presentation.

4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report

Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn and Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez gave an oral presentation.

4.5 Engineering Department Monthly Report

Engineering Manager Robert Richardson gave an oral presentation.

4.6 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report

Environmental Services Manager Marissa Caringella gave an oral presentation.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

5.1 Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment, and Setting of 2025-26 Zones and Extraction Charges

No public speakers were present.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Action: M/S/C (Huber/Ford) to 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

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Hasan, Huber, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, and Berger; Noes: None; Absent: Jones

Action: M/S/C (Keeling/Hasan) to 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

Action: M/S/C (Ford/Huber) to 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

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt; Noes: None; Absent: Jones

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

Action: M/S/C (Keeling/Huber) to 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

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt;
Noes: None; Absent: Jones

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

Action: M/S/C (Huber/Keeling) to 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

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt;
Noes: None; Absent: Jones

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

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Maulhardt) to 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

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt;
Noes: None; Absent: Jones

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Keeling requested staff to create a Frequently Asked Questions website page.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of June 11, 2025.

ATTEST: 
Gordon Kimball, Board Secretary

ATTEST: 
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.