

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met in a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. The meeting was held at the District Office located at 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa Park, California.

CALL TO ORDER: President Mills called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Mills	President
Robbie Pitts	Vice-President
Frank Bryant	Board Member
Brad Reese	Board Member
Jerry Haight	Board Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E.	General Manager
Jennifer Westrum	Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Jungreis	Legal Counsel
Scott Nelsen, CGFM	Starting Line Advisory (<i>via zoom</i>)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Patrick O'Hara	Villa Park Resident
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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Regular Board meeting on July 28, 2026. Director Pitts moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Haight seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Andrew Wiesner reviewed meetings and activities for the month of July. Highlights included an update on the District's water supply operations. Mr. Wiesner reported that Well No. 5 had been temporarily taken offline during the drilling phase of the new Well No. 6 as a precaution to protect the safety and integrity of the drilling operations. He stated that Well No. 5 was returned to service approximately one week ago and is currently operating normally.

General Manager Wiesner then provided the following capital project construction updates:

Well No. 6: From July 24 to August 8, the contractor reamed the borehole, installed the casing, installed the filter pack and cement seal. During the week of August 10, the contractor began mechanically developing the well. The development activities are expected to continue for approximately two weeks. Following completion of the development process, the contractor will demobilize the drilling rig and set up the necessary pumping equipment to conduct test pumping of the well.

Smith Reservoir: Staff completed their review of the draft Preliminary Design Report (PDR). The engineering consultant is incorporating staff comments, finalizing the PDR, and developing a schedule for the final design phase. The consultant is targeting completion of the 60% design submittal by the end of September.

Capital Mainline: The design consultant submitted the preliminary pipeline routing for review during the week of July 20. Staff reviewed the proposed routing and provided comments to the consultant. The consultant is now proceeding with the development of the 90% design submittal.

IRWD Intertie: The IRWD design team has completed the 90% design of the intertie structure and submitted the plans to Serrano Water District for review the week of August 10th. Staff is currently reviewing the 90% design submittal.

Mr. Wiesner also informed the Board of scheduling considerations affecting two upcoming Regular Board meetings. Following discussion, the Board reached a consensus to reschedule the September 22, 2026, Regular Board meeting as a Special Board meeting to be held on September 15, 2026. The Board also agreed to reschedule the December 22, 2026, Regular Board meeting as a Special Board meeting to be held on December 15, 2026, due to the Christmas holiday.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Consultant Scott Nelsen explained that the District is in the process of completing the year-end closing process for the 2025–2026 fiscal year which concluded on June 20, 2026. He further explained that since the Board meeting was held one week earlier than normally scheduled, the complete month-end financial statements were not yet available for inclusion in the Board packet.

A motion to approve the monthly disbursements totaling \$1,647,762.17 was made by Director Haight, seconded by Director Bryant, and unanimously approved with Directors Mills, Pitts, Reese, Haight, and Bryant all voting in favor.

WATER REPORT

General Manager Wiesner presented the Water Report for the month of July. He reported that the District received treated water from the Walter E. Howiler Treatment Plant throughout the month while Well No. 5 remained offline during the drilling phase of Well No. 6.

Mr. Wiesner further reported that Well No. 5 resumed operation last week. He explained that, although the well is currently operating, the District will continue to supplement its water supply with treated water from the Walter E. Howler Treatment Plant on an as-needed basis to meet operational demands until construction of Well No. 6 is complete.

DISCONTINUATION OF RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE FOR NON-PAYMENT POLICY

General Manager Wiesner reviewed the staff report and explained that the District's current Discontinuation of Residential Water Service for Non-Payment Policy may need to be revised to include provisions for customers experiencing extenuating circumstances.

Following discussion, Director Reese moved to approve the revised Discontinuation of Residential Water Service for Non-Payment Policy, to include the revised Extensions, Amortization, and Alternative Payment Schedules. Director Haight seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, with Directors Mills, Bryant, Pitts, Reese, and Haight all voting in favor.

ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT-SERRANO WATER DISTRICT RESPONSES TO FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

General Manager Wiesner informed the Board that Serrano Water District is required to formally respond to the report's findings and recommendations within 90 days of its public release. He indicated that the District's response is due no later than September 7, 2026.

Following discussion, Director Pitts moved to approve Serrano Water District's responses to the findings and recommendations contained in the Orange County Grand Jury Report and authorize the General Manager to submit the responses to the Grand Jury on behalf of the District. President Mills seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Directors Bryant, Haight, Reese, Pitts and Mills all voting in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SERRANO WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF ROBERT PITTS III FOR 1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY (ISDOC)

General Manager Wiesner announced that Director Robert A. Pitts III is seeking the position of 1st Vice President of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC). He presented Resolution No. 2026-08-01 for the Board's consideration, formally expressing Serrano Water District's support for Director Pitts' candidacy for the position.

President Mills moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-08-01 in support of Robert A. Pitts III for 1st Vice President of ISDOC. Director Reese seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, with Directors Haight, Bryant, Reese, Mills and Pitts all voting in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

General Manager Wiesner reviewed correspondence regarding the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) election timeline. He provided the Board with an overview of the upcoming election process and key dates associated with the election of ISDOC officers, including the nomination and voting schedule. The correspondence was received and filed by the Board.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Pitts reported that he recently traveled to Northern California to tour a Southern California Edison (SCE) hydroelectric facility in Big Creek that was originally constructed in the early 1900s. He commented on the impressive engineering and design of the facility and described the system used to generate hydroelectric power.

Director Pitts explained that water is conveyed through a series of five lakes at varying elevations, passing through hydroelectric generators as it moves from the upper lake to the lower lakes. After reaching the lowest lake, the water is pumped back to the upper elevation during nighttime hours when electricity demand and costs are lower, allowing the cycle to be repeated. He added that the facility generates a significant source of hydroelectric power for the State of California. He encouraged everyone to take a tour of the Edison Hydroelectric Facility when they have a chance.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jeremy Jungreis provided an update on Senate Bill 1153 (SB 1153), legislation that would clarify the limited role of public water systems during wildfires while strengthening wildfire preparedness in high-risk areas. He explained that the bill is sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and would provide important liability protections for public water agencies by helping protect them from being held responsible for wildfire damages solely because their drinking water systems were unable to maintain sufficient water supply or pressure during an extreme wildfire event. The legislation would also require appropriate wildfire emergency planning where applicable.

Mr. Jungreis reported that SB 1153 was recently amended in the Assembly, and the legislation is anticipated to pass.

At 9:33 a.m., the Board announced that it would be entering into a closed session.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1): *Vittorio Roggero v. Serrano Water District*,
Case No. 30-2025-01469424-CU-WT-CJC.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:40 a.m. with no reportable items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 9:41 a.m. The next Board meeting will be a Special Board Meeting to be held on September 15, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Jennifer Westrum
Administrative Assistant