

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 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
Jerry Haight	Board Member
Brad Reese	Board Member (<i>via zoom platform</i>)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Patrick O'Hara	Villa Park Resident
Jason Dafforn, P.E.	(<i>via zoom platform</i>)
Michael Miller	(<i>via zoom platform</i>)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Dafforn P.E. addressed the Board and announced his candidacy for Seat C of the Southern Network of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors. He stated that he is a licensed Civil Engineer with more than 30 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry and currently serves as General Manager of Valley Sanitary District.

Mr. Dafforn explained that, through his involvement with CSDA, he has represented special districts on legislative matters, including advocacy efforts related to wastewater issues. He provided an overview of his qualifications and experience and respectfully requested the support of the Serrano Water District Board of Directors in the upcoming CSDA election.

PROCLAMATION FOR JERRY VILANDER FOR 13 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Board of Directors presented General Manager Jerry Vilander with a Proclamation recognizing his 13 years of dedicated service and leadership at Serrano Water District. Each Board member expressed sincere appreciation for Mr. Vilander's commitment to the District, highlighting his outstanding leadership, professionalism, and open communication throughout his tenure.

Director Haight remarked that, of all the General Managers he has had the privilege of working with during his tenure on the Board of Directors, he can say with confidence that Mr. Vilander is the best General Manager Serrano Water District has had.

Attorney Jeremy Jungreis shared that he has always felt like a valued member of the District team and a trusted confidant. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Vilander's transparency in keeping the Board well informed and stated that he is grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside him.

Administrative Assistant Jennifer Westrum also expressed her appreciation, noting that it has been a privilege to work with Mr. Vilander over the past two years. She thanked him for serving as an exceptional mentor during her transition from the private sector to public service and wished him the very best in his retirement.

General Manager Jerry Vilander expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Board of Directors for the confidence and trust they placed in him throughout his tenure as General Manager. He thanked the Board for empowering him to lead Serrano Water District with the support and autonomy necessary to achieve the District's goals and advance its mission. Mr. Vilander also conveyed his sincere appreciation for the Board's unwavering guidance, encouragement, and steadfast support. He concluded by stating that it has been a true privilege and honor to serve Serrano Water District and its community, and that he will deeply miss working alongside the Board of Directors and the District's dedicated staff.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Regular Board meeting on May 26, 2026. Director Pitts moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Haight seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on May 27, 2026. Director Pitts moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Bryant seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with Directors Reese, Bryant, Mills, Haight, and Pitts all voting in favor.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Andrew Wiesner, P.E., reviewed meetings and activities for the month of May, noting that he attended the Metropolitan Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Water Policy Forum along with several Board members. He reported that it was a well-attended and informative dinner meeting that provided valuable discussion on regional water issues and industry matters.

Mr. Wiesner also reported that the District is currently utilizing water from the Howiler Treatment Plant, and we will continue to do so intermittently as operational needs require. In addition, Well No. 5 is currently operating at a maximum capacity of approximately 2,300 gallons per minute (gpm).

Mr. Wiesner further informed the Board of new State-issued Cross-Connection Control Program requirements. He explained that the updated regulations require the District to notify certain commercial customers that backflow prevention devices must be installed to comply with new mandate and help protect the public water supply from potential contamination.

General Manager Andrew Wiesner, P.E. provided the following Capital Project updates:

Well No. 6: The well drilling contractor started installation of the sound walls. Due to rocky subsurface conditions, the sound wall post hole drilling was delayed three weeks while additional equipment was mobilized. The contractor restarted drilling the post holes for the sound walls the week of June 15th.

Smith Reservoir: The project team delivered the draft Preliminary Design Report (PDR) the week of June 15th. The draft PDR is currently being reviewed by staff.

Capital Mainline: The project design phase kicked off at the end of April and the project team is currently working on the topographic survey and field investigations. Staff met with the City of Villa Park the week of May 18th and June 1st to coordinate efforts.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Consultant Scott Nelsen presented the Financial Statements for the month of May and provided an overview of the District's financial performance. He noted that the District is approximately 92% through the fiscal year and reported that the financial position remains strong overall.

Mr. Nelsen explained that total operating revenues are currently at 115% of the budgeted amount, primarily due to unanticipated wholesale water sales to the City of Orange, which have generated significant additional revenue beyond original projections. He further noted that while these additional water sales have positively impacted revenues, they have also resulted in higher groundwater replenishment expenses than originally budgeted due to the increased water production required to meet the additional demand.

Overall, Mr. Nelsen stated that the District continues to perform well financially, with revenues exceeding expectations and operating results remaining consistent with the increased level of water production experienced during the fiscal year.

Director Haight moved to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$304,590.16. Director Pitts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, with Directors Bryant, Reese, Mills, Haight, and Pitts all voting in favor.

WATER REPORT

General Manager Wiesner presented the Water Report for the month of May, reporting that the District has fully utilized its native water from Irvine Lake. He noted that operations are going well and the District continues to run the Wells and receive water from the Walter E. Howiler Treatment Plant as needed.

Mr. Wiesner also reported that staff continues to work closely with Irvine Ranch Water District to advance the intertie water connection project at Taft Avenue and Cannon Street. He noted that the project is anticipated to be completed in approximately one year.

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

Financial Consultant Scott Nelsen stated that last month staff brought a draft of the budget for the Board to review on a preliminary basis. There were only some minor changes made to the final budget, including electricity for pumping and water treatment operations.

Following discussion, Director Pitts moved to approve the Annual Budget for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. Director Reese seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Directors Bryant, Mills, Haight, Pitts, and Reese all voting in favor.

CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT-SEAT C

After a brief discussion, Director Bryant made a motion to authorize President Mills to vote on behalf of the Board of Directors in the upcoming California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Southern Network, Seat C election. Director Haight seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by a 5-0 vote in favor.

SMITH RESERVOIR FINANCING BOND AND DISCLOSURE COUNSEL

General Manager Wiesner explained that Serrano Water District utilizes Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates as its municipal financing consultant. He noted that, to avoid any potential conflict of interest, Fieldman recommended retaining Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP to serve as independent bond counsel for the Smith Reservoir Financing, as a member of Fieldman's financing team also serves as bond counsel. Mr. Wiesner reported that the proposed agreement provides bond counsel services in an amount not to exceed \$70,000, with all legal fees to be paid from the bond proceeds.

Director Haight moved to approve the independent bond counsel, Director Pitts seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Directors Bryant, Mills, Reese, Haight, and Pitts all voting in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06-01 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT, REVIEWING AND AMENDING THE DISCONTINUATION OF RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT POLICY

General Manager Wiesner reported that staff is in the process of updating the District's existing policies. He explained that the Discontinuation of Residential Water Service for Nonpayment Policy was removed from the District's Rules and Regulations because state law now requires the policy to be translated into five specified languages. By adopting it as a standalone policy, the District avoids the need to translate the entire Rules and Regulations document.

President Mills moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-06-01 which amends the Discontinuation of Residential Water Service for Nonpayment Policy. Director Pitts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote, with Directors Bryant, Reese, Mills, Haight, and Pitts all voting in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06-02 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT REVIEWING, APPROVING, AND RATIFYING DISTRICT SALARY SCHEDULES OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS (2021-2026)

General Manager Wiesner explained that Serrano Water District is required to submit salary schedules to CalPERS that meet specific reporting requirements. He noted that CalPERS recently advised the District that the word "Annual" needed to be included in the heading of the salary schedules for the previous five years. As a result, staff revised the salary schedules to reflect this clarification and prepared a resolution documenting the revisions.

Director Haight moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-06-02. Director Pitts made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Directors Bryant, Reese, Mills, Haight, and Pitts all voting in favor.

Director Haight requested that General Manager Wiesner conduct a compensation and classification study over the next year to assess whether Serrano Water District employee positions are appropriately classified and compensated at competitive levels relative to comparable water agencies. The study would provide the Board with objective market data to assist in evaluating the District's compensation structure.

CONTRACT FOR GRANT/LOAN FUNDING RESEARCH, APPLICATION and ASSISTANCE SERVICES, AS NEEDED: JOEY SOTO, SOTO RESOURCES

General Manager Wiesner explained that the proposed agreement is a renewal of the District's contract for grant support services with Soto Resources. He noted that Soto Resources has provided valuable assistance in securing the District's \$750,000 federal grant award obtained through Congresswoman Young Kim. He further explained that the firm works closely with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure the District remains in compliance with all applicable grant requirements and regulatory obligations.

Director Haight moved to approve the Soto Resources contract on an as needed basis, Director Pitts seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed with Directors Bryant, Mills, Reese, Haight and Pitts all voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Haight commented on the recent changes made to the District's water bills and inquired about the timeline for updating the District's website to reflect the newly adopted water rates.

Staff responded that the website will be updated to reflect the recently approved water rates over the next week or so.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jeremy Jungreis reported on recent legislative changes under Senate Bill (SB) 707 regarding translation requirements for public meetings. He explained that the new requirements, which become effective July 1, 2026, apply to cities but do not apply to special districts such as Serrano Water District.

Attorney Jungreis also informed the Board that he will be unavailable for the July 28, 2026, Regular Board meeting due to a trip celebrating his and his wife's 30th wedding anniversary. He advised that Attorney Carolyn Ginno will attend the meeting and serve as legal counsel in his absence.

Attorney Jungreis shared that he recently visited the Nixon Library on Father's Day and recommended the Library's 250th Anniversary exhibit, noting that he looks forward to returning to spend additional time there.

Director Haight also noted that the Reagan Library is also really neat and well worth visiting.

The Board thanked Attorney Jungreis for hosting the recent baseball outing to Angel Stadium. Director Haight expressed his appreciation and apologized for being unable to attend.

The Board announced that it would be entering into a closed session at 10:20 a.m.

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 resumed open session at 10:40 a.m. with no reportable action

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 10:41 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on July 28, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Jennifer Westrum
Administrative Assistant