

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

February 18, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the district office, 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, California.

President Hahn called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Assistant Secretary called the roll. Directors present were Guerin, Hahn, Lanfried, Maloni, and Meyers.

President Hahn declared a quorum present and ordered the meeting to proceed. In attendance were Kimberly Thorner, General Manager; Alfred Smith, General Counsel; Don MacFarlane, Consulting Engineer; Joey Randall, Assistant General Manager; Jennifer Joslin, Human Resources Manager; John Carnegie, Customer Services Manager; Lindsey Stephenson, Engineering Manager; Jesse Bartlett-May, Operations Manager; Leo Mendez, Finance Manager; Brian Sodeman, Customer Service and Public Affairs Supervisor; Steve Weddle, Engineering Services Supervisor; Jared Graffam, Accounting Supervisor; Teresa Chase, Administrative Analyst; Joe Jansen, Administrative Analyst; Melody Colombo, Administrative Analyst; David Valenzuela, Systems Administrator; and Stephanie Kaufmann, Executive Secretary.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Maloni moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by President Hahn, and approved unanimously.

6. PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public speakers.

7. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Service Awards, Promotions, and Honorable Mentions

- * George Lomeli – Water Treatment Plant Operator Level III – 5 Years
- * California Water Environment Association’s San Diego Section Collection System of the Year Award – 4S Ranch and Rancho Cielo collection system
- * California Water Environment Association’s San Diego Section 2026 Community Engagement and Outreach Program of the Year Award – 2025 Water Career Day

Water Treatment Plant Operator III Lomeli was thanked for his service and was congratulated by the board.

Collection System Operator Emerick and Human Resources Manager Joslin presented the awards from California Water Environment Association’s San Diego Section.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2026, REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Director Guerin moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, Regular Board of Directors meeting, seconded by Director Meyers, and approved unanimously.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

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| C-a | CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF LISTED WARRANTS FROM THE DISTRICT’S REVOLVING AND REGULAR ACCOUNTS; LISTED TRANSFERS OF FUNDS; REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF; AND MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS |
| C-b | CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE DISTRICT’S CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS, CONSOLIDATED ACTUAL VS BUDGET SUMMARY, AND CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS REPORTS |
| C-c | CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2026 AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH, MAY 3-9, 2026 AS NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK, AND MAY 17-23, 2026 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK |
| C-d | CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE 16450 ARTESIAN TRAIL WATER SERVICE AND FIRE HYDRANTS INSTALLATION (MCCULLOUGH DESIGN DEVELOPMENT) INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED |

President Hahn moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Maloni, and approved unanimously.

10. CONSIDER ANNUAL UPDATE ON ELFIN FOREST RECREATIONAL RESERVE (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Park Supervisor Anderson presented the informational report.

11. PROVIDE AN UPDATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER’S EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF THE AZAHAR/CADENCIA/ROMERIA STREETS AND ALDEA PLACE LEAK REPAIR PROJECT

Operations Manager Bartlett-May presented the update.

12. CONSIDER RESCINDING LETTER OF INTENT TO EXIT THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY'S GENERAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY, EXCESS CRIME, DAM LIABILITY, AND CYBERSECURITY INSURANCE PROGRAMS

Customer Services Manager Carnegie presented the report.

Director Meyers requested that the General Manager discuss the concern over ACWA JPIA's staggered coverage periods with the Member Agency Managers and/or Finance Officers. The board concurred.

Director Maloni moved to rescind OMWD's letter of intent to exit from the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority's general liability, property, excess crime, dam liability, and cybersecurity joint coverage insurance programs, seconded by Director Meyers, and approved unanimously.

13. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGARDING ITS INTENTION TO ISSUE TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS FOR WASTEWATER PROJECTS AND APPROVAL OF FINANCING TEAM

Finance Manager Mendez presented the report.

Director Lanfried moved to adopt Resolution 2026-03, seconded by Director Guerin, and approved unanimously.

14. CONSIDER EDUCATIONAL ITEM ON LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

Finance Manager Mendez and consultants Kyle Tanaka and Robert Montoya from PFM Asset Management presented the informational report.

Items 17-20 were heard next on the agenda.

17. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. President's Report

President Hahn congratulated staff on the California Water Environment Association awards.

B. General Manager's Report

General Manager Thorner reported that Director Maloni is travelling to the ACWA DC conference next week to lobby on behalf of OMWD.

C. Consulting Engineer’s Report

Consulting Engineer MacFarlane’s report was provided at the meeting.

D. General Counsel’s Report

General Counsel Smith provided a written report that was included in the board packet.

E. San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) Report

SDCWA representative Meyers provided a brief update.

F. Legislative Report

The Legislative Report was included in the board packet.

G. Twelve Month Calendar/Other Meetings/Reports by Board Members Per AB 1234

Conference Call with the General Manager RE: SDCWA Issues (Jan 28)

Director Meyers had a call with the General Manager.

Conference Call with the General Manager RE: ACWA DC Conference Preparation (Jan 28)

Director Maloni had a call with the General Manager.

Council of Water Utilities Meeting (Jan 28)

Director Meyers attended the meeting.

Safety Committee Meeting (Jan 28)

Director Hahn attended the meeting.

New IT Device Meeting (Jan 29)

Director Maloni attended the meeting.

California Water Environment Association Awards Banquet (Jan 31)

Directors Hahn and Meyers attended the event.

SDCWA Voting Structure and Governance Meeting (Feb 2)

Directors Meyers and Maloni attended the meeting.

Ad Hoc Insurance Committee Meeting (Feb 5)

Directors Guerin and Maloni attended the meeting.

Conference Call RE: Finance Committee Meeting (Feb 6)

Director Maloni had a call with the General Manager.

Finance Committee Meeting (Feb 9)

Directors Meyers and Maloni attended the meeting.

Special District Leadership Academy Module 1 (Feb 11-12)

Director Lanfried completed the training.

Board Meeting Pre-Briefing (Feb 17)

Director Hahn had a call with the General Manager.

Water Exchange Meeting (Feb 17)

Director Meyers attended the meeting.

ACWA DC Conference Briefing (Feb 17)

Director Maloni attended the meeting.

Conference Call RE: Board Meeting Pre-Briefing (Feb 17)

Director Guerin had a call with the General Manager.

Conference Call RE: Board Meeting Pre-Briefing (Feb 18)

Director Lanfried had a call with the General Manager.

18. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was provided in the board packet.

19. **AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / SEMINARS**

There were no meetings requiring authorization to attend.

20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items added.

21. CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were not any public comments.

NOTE: The meeting was in Recess
from 5:18 p.m. to 5:33 p.m.

Items 15 and 16 were heard next on the agenda.

15. HOLD PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PER DIEM RATE (FEBRUARY 18, 2026 – 5:30 P.M.)

President Hahn announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing to consider a proposed increase to the Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors per diem rate.

General Manager Thorner stated that the notice of public hearing was published in the San Diego Union Tribune on Friday, February 6, 2026 and Friday, February 13, 2026. She added that the purpose of this public hearing was to receive and consider public comments regarding a proposed increase to the Board of Directors per diem rate. The proposed ordinance would increase the amount of compensation for a director from \$150.00 to \$250.00 for each day's act of official service, up to ten meetings per month, while providing for future annual increases pursuant to an appropriate consumer price index.

There were not any members of the public in attendance who wished to speak, and there were no comments received from the public.

President Hahn announced that the public hearing was closed and reconvened the meeting of the Board of Directors.

16. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND ETHICS CODE (Article 2 – Organization of Board of Directors)

General Manager Thorner presented the report.

Director Lanfried requested additional language in the Ordinance stating that “attendance” includes both in person or virtual attendance, where permitted by law. The board concurred.

Director Lanfried moved to adopt Ordinance 537 with the additional language. Motion died for lack of a second.

Director Maloni moved to adopt Ordinance 537 with the updated language to Section 2.16 “beginning in April 2027, and annually thereafter, the daily compensation shall adjust by five percent (5%) unless a majority of the board declines to accept the increase;” Section 2.17 “for purposes of this article; “attendance” includes both in person or virtual attendance, where permitted by law;” and to revisit the item in February 2027, seconded by Director Guerin, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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| AYES: | Directors Guerin, Hahn, and Maloni |
| NOES: | Directors Lanfried and Meyers |
| ABSTAIN: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |

NOTE: The meeting was in Recess
from 5:55 p.m. to 6:06 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was in Closed Session
from 6:06 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

22. CLOSED SESSION

A) CONSIDER LITIGATION – STANLEY D. JONES ET AL. VS. OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9]

23. OPEN SESSION

General Counsel Smith stated that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

24. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Matthew R. Hahn, President
Board of Directors
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

Christy Guerin, Secretary
Board of Directors
Olivenhain Municipal Water District