

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

September 4, 2025

A special meeting of the Finance Committee of Olivenhain Municipal Water District was held on Thursday, September 4th, 2025, at the District office, 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, California via teleconference and in person.

Director Meyers called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. In attendance were Scott Maloni, Treasurer; Neal Meyers, Vice President; Kimberly Thorner, General Manager; Rainy Selamat, Finance Manager; Leo Mendez, Accounting Supervisor; Jared Graffam, Financial Analyst II; and Georgeanna Clark, Financial Analyst I.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (BOARD MEMBERS)

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Director Meyers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Director Maloni, and carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2025, REGULAR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Director Meyers moved to approve the August 7th, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Director Maloni and carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS A PROPOSED INCREASE TO OMWD BOARD PER DIEM PER MEETING RATE

Finance Manager Selamat presented an updated survey of per diem amounts from other water agencies and recommended increasing the District's per diem to \$200, a \$50 increase from the current amount. Finance Manager Selamat also proposed indexing future per diem increases to the San Diego Consumer Price Index (SDCPI) annually thereafter, without requiring additional public hearings. Finance Manager

Selamat explained what the next steps would look like if the Committee supported the per diem increase: the proposed increase would be brought to the full Board for consideration in September; an ordinance for the increase and notice of public hearing would be brought to the Board in October; and the public hearing would be held in November.

Director Meyers asked whether the District's attorney had reviewed and approved the proposed plan to increase per diems in future years without public hearings. General Manager Thorner confirmed that the District's legal counsel had reviewed and agreed with the staff recommendation.

Director Meyers stated that he is neutral on the staff recommendation but supportive in bringing it to the full Board for further discussion. Director Maloni stated that he believes the per diem should be closer to \$250-\$350 and would prefer not to bring it to the full Board unless the Finance Committee is aligned on the amount. Director Maloni added that if the per diem amount were set too low, it could only be increased up to 5% per year based on the proposed plan.

Director Meyers and Director Maloni agreed not to move the proposal forward. Director Meyers inquired if any other Board members had reached out or shown interest in the per diem issue. General Manager Thorner noted that Director Hahn had asked about the per diem discussion and was informed that it was going back to the Finance Committee for further discussion. Director Maloni requested that Director Hahn be informed about the Committee's decision and be reminded that he may still bring the issue to the Board independently if he chooses with the support of one other Board member.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda Items were discussed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Director Meyers commended Finance Manager Selamat on her 28 years of dedication to the District and wished her a happy retirement, and congratulated Accounting Supervisor Mendez on his promotion to Finance Manager and wished him luck in his new role.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.