

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-28

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT SUPPORTING EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND  
WELLNESS PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District wishes to recognize its employees as its most valuable asset; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to promote safety awareness among employees and continue to recognize the significance of safe behavior; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that implementing health promotion programs can reduce lifestyle related diseases among employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that promoting healthy lifestyles can reduce illness and absences among employees and subsequently have a beneficial effect on the cost of sick leave and health insurance claims experience and premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to encourage "employee ownership" of the Safety and Wellness Program and to create an atmosphere of success through teamwork; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that providing safety and wellness incentives will encourage loss prevention efforts and result in savings on workers' compensation insurance and reduction in health insurance claims.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY FIND, RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board shall continue to support the District's Safety and Wellness Program as managed by the Safety Committee (*Exhibit "A"*).

Section 2. The District is committed to continuing to fund the SHNQT (***Safety Has No Quitting Time***) employee recognition program for calendar year 2026 (*Exhibit "B"*).

Section 3. The District remains committed to the ***"Caught Being Safe"*** (CBS) program, which will provide additional recognition of employees at the District's monthly Employee Forums (*Exhibit "B"*).

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a regular Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District held on December 17, 2025.

ATTEST:

  
Kimberly A. Thorner, Assistant Secretary  
General Manager  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

  
Christy Guerin, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

## 2026 SAFETY AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

### Goal:

Emphasize the positive role safety has in the workplace by creating interactive safety and wellness programs for employees. Maintain a workplace wellness program to encourage employees to choose personal health goals and healthy lifestyles with their family members and doctors.

### Elements:

- 1) Continue employee healthy lifestyle programs such as the *Health and Wellness Fair* and the *Healthy Heart Walk*.
- 2) Maintain the onsite Wellness Center (District's Gym) for use by employees and their families.
- 3) Promote employees' participation in the District's onsite gym.
  - If requested, obtain personal trainer(s) (yoga or fitness) to instruct classes on employees' time at employees' expense and allow employees to use their sick time for payment.
  - Provide authorized reimbursements not to exceed \$24.00/month for offsite employees who work-out at a non-District gym at least four (4) times a month and submit proof of attendance. (An offsite employee is an employee whose primary assignment is working at the Water Reclamation Facility, the Water Treatment Plant, or the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve.)
- 4) Maintain the SHNQT (*Safety Has No Quitting Time*) employee recognition program and to keep the goal of zero lost time injuries each year.
  - Work with employee committees HR/Employee Association Team (HEART), Bargaining Unit Members Association (BUMA), District Employees Association (DEA), Safety Sub-committee, etc. to keep the program effective and avoid entitlement;
  - Retain Employee Volunteer Safety Sub-committee to get accurate employee feedback about safety promotions;
  - Work with the Employee Volunteer Safety Sub-committee to determine methods to maintain a safe and rewarding work environment.
- 5) Continue the "*Caught Being Safe*" program to recognize District employees at Employee Forums and acknowledge their safety practices.
- 6) Continue awareness campaigns and make sure that CPR and First Aid trainings are offered at least once per year.
- 7) Continue to promote *Injury Prevention Program* (IPP) with monthly Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) and OMWD in-house tailgate trainings.

## SAFETY HAS NO QUITTING TIME (SHNQT)

### Employee Longevity Safety Recognition Program

The Board of Directors has approved a Safety Resolution supporting a recognition program for all employees. The program's objective is to encourage safe behaviors and training resulting in zero on the job, lost time, injuries and illnesses. An employee volunteer Sub-Committee works with the Safety/Risk Compliance Administrator to support the recognition program and assist with identifying various methods to achieve our safety goals.

The Safety Committee shall use the following guidelines when evaluating accidents for the purpose of the Employee Longevity Safety Recognition Program:

1. **Definitions:** See the District's Safety Manual for definitions of Preventable, Reasonable, Responsible Party, and Lost Time.
2. **Eligibility:** Only OMWD employees are eligible for recognition regarding preventable lost time injuries. OMWD employee and non-payroll positions (temps/interns) are eligible for recognition regarding vehicle incident and/or vehicle related property damage as seen below. Eligible personnel must have worked 1 day during the eligible period and must maintain their employment status on the day of recognition distribution.
3. **Specifics:** OSHA work-related injury and illness recordkeeping requirements are separate and distinct from the District's safety recognition program. It will take a majority vote of the Safety Committee (including agreement of Committee Board Member(s) present) to approve the determination that a specific recordable OSHA Form 300 injury/illness is non-preventable. Only OMWD employees will impact recognition status regarding preventable lost time injuries. OMWD employees, Board Members, and non-payroll positions (temps/interns) will impact the recognition status regarding vehicle incident and/or vehicle related property damage as seen below.
4. **Structure:** The annual Employee Longevity Safety Recognition Program is structured to recognize employees and the safety record on a continuous basis, with an opportunity to reach our safety goals in order to be eligible for the safety recognition. Every six months, the number of lost time hours will be determined and if the goal as identified below is achieved, employees will receive the safety recognition. If portions of the end-of-year goals are not achieved, there may be a pro-rated recognition. Should a preventable lost time injury occur, the next eligibility timeframe will begin the day after the incident.

The **Employee Longevity Safety Recognition** will be given to all eligible personnel after the end of the calendar year if:

1. The OMWD Injury Incidence Rate (IIR) is below the previous three-year average "National incident rate for Water Supply and Irrigation Systems (22131)" **The National Injury/Illness Rate can be found at [www.BLS.gov](http://www.BLS.gov) (Bureau of Labor Statistics) AND**
2. Any preventable vehicle & property incident damage (District or public) is less than \$150,000. (Inclusive of materials, labor, tax, and parts costs when calculated.) Staff time is not included. Estimated damages also count towards this total even if it is decided not to completely repair the vehicle or property. Preventable vehicle & property damage involving Board Members, Non-Payroll Positions, and OMWD Employees will count towards the "Employee Longevity Safety Recognition Program."
  - o This \$150,000 was ~~determined by the number of miles and total number of vehicles driven by the District each year and was again approved by the Safety Committee on 11/9/20/254.~~ The value of the Longevity Safety Recognition is based on the approved annual budget by the Board of Directors. A safety recognition luncheon will be held yearly to present the safety recognition.

### Safety Recognition Goals CY 20265

Recognition Period	Goal	Recognition
January 1 to June 30	Less than 40 hours of lost time due to preventable injury/accident	\$50
January 1 to December 31	1) Keep less than 40 hours of lost time due to preventable injury/accident <b>AND;</b>	\$50
	2) Keep IIR (Injury Incident Rate) below 3-year national average	\$50
	3) Keep preventable vehicle incident and/or vehicle related property damage below \$150,000	\$50
	4) <u>Continue</u> <del>Achieve</del> 1,000 days of no preventable lost time injuries from 9/13/22	\$100

**Preventable damage to any vehicle and/or property (District or public) in excess of \$150,000 will result in the loss of \$50 towards the January 1 to December 31 safety recognition. However, the other \$50 Longevity Safety Recognition portion will still be in effect. In addition, employees will be eligible for \$100 if the record of no preventable lost time injuries is continued. Thus, the maximum end-of-year recognition is \$200.**

#### Caught Being Safe Program (CBS Program)

The Caught Being Safe program was developed to provide an opportunity to recognize those employees who consistently demonstrate a high regard for safety on the job. Employees are nominated by peers, Supervisors, Managers, or the Safety Administrator to receive a \$5025 maximum/minimum value recognition at a monthly Employee Forum. All employees ~~with a satisfactory or above performance rating and not currently on disciplinary action~~ are eligible for a CBS award. A CBS award shall be approved by the General Manager. CBS nominations judged to be exceptional "above and beyond" will also be recognized with an additional \$100 to be presented at the year- end dinner.