



Municipal Water District

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 24, 2025

MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Chair:

Co-Chair(s):

Board Directors:

Bargaining Unit Members Association (BUMA):

Customer Services Department:

District Employees Association (DEA):

DCM Water Treatment Plant:

Engineering Department:

Finance Department:

Operations Department:

Park Operations

Water Reclamation Facility:

ATTENDEES

Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager

Jennifer Joslin, Human Resources Manager

Tim Schuette, Safety/Risk Compliance Administrator

Christy Guerin, Board Secretary

Matthew Hahn, Board President

none

Brandon Barnick, Field Services Supervisor

Teresa Chase, Administrative Analyst

Evan DeWindt, Water Treatment Facilities Supervisor

Steve Weddle, Engineering Services Supervisor

Leo Mendez, Finance Manager

none

none

John Onkka, Water Reclamation Facilities Supervisor

Safety SUB-Committee:

Lori Ayres, Department Assistant

Nick Boess, Field Service Technician I

Adam Calm, Systems Operator III

Ernesto Fuentes, Equipment Technician

George Lomeli, Water Treatment Operator III

Additional Employee Attendees:

Joey Randall, Assistant General Manager

Marvin Cohen, Facilities Coordinator

Recorder:

Shawn Patterson, Records and Contracts Coordinator

Chair Thorner called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. Directors present were Guerin and Hahn.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Co-Chair Schuette moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Co-Chair Joslin and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Thorner, Guerin, Hahn, Joslin, Schuette

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one present for public comment.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2025 REGULAR SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair Joslin moved to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2025 Regular Safety Committee meeting, seconded by Co-Chair Schuette and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Thorner, Guerin, Hahn, Joslin, Schuette
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR:

C-a. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025 TRAINING CALENDAR

Director Guerin moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Co-Chair Joslin and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Thorner, Guerin, Hahn, Joslin, Schuette
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

7. CONSIDER AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE "SAFETY HAS NO QUITTING TIME" (SHNQT) PROGRAM

Co-Chair Schuette reviewed the key statistics contained in the Safety Committee packet including OMWD's consecutive days without a preventable lost time injury, OMWD's safety program numbers and vehicle damage report for 2025.

8. CONSIDER REVIEW OF EMPLOYEE INJURIES, VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AND SAFETY REPORTS (IF NECESSARY)

Co-Chair Schuette informed the Committee that there was one employee injury to discuss. The injury occurred on August 19, 2025 when an employee was trimming tree branches and tossing them over a fence to dispose of them. While stepping forward to toss a branch over the fence, the employee twisted/sprained their ankle.

After discussion by the Committee, Co-Chair Schuette moved that the injury was non-preventable, seconded by Director Guerin and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Thorner, Guerin, Hahn, Joslin, Schuette
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

9. CONSIDER A REPORT ON AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER SAFETY/RISK COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

Co-Chair Schuette provided an informational report on the August and September Safety/Risk compliance activities. One major highlight was accepting the McMurchie Excellence in Safety Award at the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) conference.

10. CONSIDER SAFETY ACTION ITEMS ASSIGNED/COMPLETED

Co-Chair Schuette reviewed the Safety action items provided in the packet.

11. CONSIDER INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL PERIMETER SECURITY AND FENCING OPTIONS AT REMOTE SITES

Co-chair Schuette provided an informational update on potential additional perimeter security and fencing options at remote sites, including an electric fence option. OMWD's insurance carrier, ACWA JPIA, was unaware of agencies utilizing the electric fence technology and will discuss potential restrictions/exclusions at a future Executive Committee meeting.

12. CONSIDER RESCHEDULING THE NOVEMBER SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The November Safety Committee meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, November 20 at 2:30 p.m.

13. CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

12. ADJOURNED

Chair Thorner adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m. The next Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Matthew Hahn
Board President
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

Christy Guerin
Board Secretary
Olivenhain Municipal Water District