

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 28th, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Alcorn, at the Sunnyslope County Water District office, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, California.

ROLL CALL: Present in Person: President Michael Alcorn (MA), Vice President Jerry Buzzetta (JB), Director Edward Mauro (EM), Director Dee Brown (DB), Director Orlando Martinez (OM).

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Buzzetta led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. REPORT IN OPEN SESSION ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

No items to report

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: President Alcorn requested public comment, and upon receiving none, proceeded with the meeting.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS: The Board welcomed members of the public and opened the meeting to public comments regarding matters not itemized on the agenda.

There was one public comment received by the board: Alfred Valenzuela, Owner of Rancho Valenzuela located at 1500 Nashville. No action was taken by the Board.

Staff Present for Open Session: In Person: General Manager/Secretary Drew Lander, Executive Assistant/Stenographer Madison Koester, Water/ Wastewater Superintendent Jose Rodriguez, Assistance Finance Manager Dana Sullivan, Principal Engineer Robert Hillebrecht.

Staff Present via Zoom: Finance and Human Resource Manager Barry Kelly.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes for:

Regular Board Meeting of September 23rd, 2025.

2. Allowance of Claims – The Board reviewed the Disbursement Summary (below) for the period of September 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025, totaling \$3,365,701.60 includes \$760,183.20 for payments to vendors, \$270,159.90 for Payroll, and \$494,288.45 paid to the City of Hollister for collection of City sewer billings (net of our fees).

Date	Number	Name	Amount
9/2/2025	ACH3203	Sterling Administration Health	228.68
9/2/2025	ACH3202	Sterling Administration Health	93.19
9/3/2025	54226	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	349.34
9/3/2025	54227	Amazon Capital Services	193.41
9/3/2025	54228	Atlas Copco Compressors LLC	961.90
9/3/2025	54229	Clean Brothers	150.00

9/3/2025	54230	CWSRF Accounting Office	759,974.56
9/3/2025	54231	Hach Company	328.21
9/3/2025	54232	Interstate Battery System of San Jose Inc	457.50
9/3/2025	54233	Mission Uniform Service	495.51
9/3/2025	54234	Petty Cash	45.49
9/3/2025	54235	San Benito County Water District	551,711.78
9/3/2025	54237	USA Blue Book	660.90
9/4/2025	EFT0000258	Net Pay	82,825.68
9/4/2025	EFT0000259	Total Tax	20,374.95
9/5/2025	ACH3206	P G & E	43,975.96
9/5/2025	ACH3205	Principal	4,876.49
9/5/2025	ACH3204	Sterling Administration Health	255.73
9/8/2025	54241	ALEXANDER & DANIELLE ANGULO	5.14
9/8/2025	54246	DON AL RICH & MICHELLE BARTIDO	3.84
9/8/2025	54245	EDGAR MARTINEZ & KIMBERLY ZAMORA	3.84
9/8/2025	54240	GARRETT ROUX	3.32
9/8/2025	54248	GREG FEIST	2.80
9/8/2025	54247	JAMES PETERS	2.54
9/8/2025	54239	JENNY & RIGOBERTO GARCIA	4.10
9/8/2025	54249	MARIA & JASMINE CASTILLO JOSE VELARDE-RUIZ	4.62
9/8/2025	54244	MARIA SOUSANIAN & SAM SAAH	3.58
9/8/2025	54250	MARK ANTONIONO	21.39
9/8/2025	54252	MONICA MARSHALL	3.58
9/8/2025	54253	NOVA PROPERTY MGMT,	4.88
9/8/2025	54242	RAM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT,	10.38
9/8/2025	54251	REBECCA TORRES	4.62
9/8/2025	54243	SPECIALTY CONSTRUCTION (LEVI)	15.01
9/8/2025	54238	TYLER & AMANDA PINA	5.14
9/9/2025	54254	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	772.49
9/9/2025	54255	Amazon Capital Services	133.87
9/9/2025	54256	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	13,394.96
9/9/2025	54257	Brigantino Irrigation	62.22
9/9/2025	ACH3213	CalPERS - Retirement	11,376.42
9/9/2025	ACH3212	CalPERS - Retirement	10,417.33
9/9/2025	ACH3210	CalPERS - Retirement	8,531.90
9/9/2025	ACH3209	CalPERS - Retirement	637.17
9/9/2025	ACH3208	CalPERS - Retirement	350.00
9/9/2025	ACH3207	CalPERS - Retirement	162.18
9/9/2025	54258	City of Hollister-Finance Dept	494,288.45
9/9/2025	54259	Hach Company	607.22
9/9/2025	ACH3214	iCloud	15,320.18
9/9/2025	54260	John Smith Road Landfill	3,362.56
9/9/2025	54261	Mission Uniform Service	548.03
9/9/2025	ACH3211	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	10,217.89
9/9/2025	54262	North Bay Pensions, LLC	1,200.00
9/9/2025	54263	O'Reilly Auto Parts	40.41
9/9/2025	54264	PACE Supply Corp	2,729.70
9/9/2025	54265	Rain for Rent	854.69
9/9/2025	54266	San Benito County Water District	457.50
9/9/2025	54267	San Benito Tire Pros & Automotive	98.27

9/9/2025	54268	Sharp Engineering and Construction, Inc.	155,628.93
9/9/2025	54269	Toro Petroleum Corp.	4,892.82
9/9/2025	54271	U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	5,912.33
9/9/2025	54273	USA Blue Book	582.58
9/9/2025	54274	UWUA Local 820	842.90
9/9/2025	54275	Wallace Group	221,537.09
9/9/2025	54276	Waste Resource Recovery, Inc.	2,125.00
9/10/2025	ACH3215	Sterling Administration Health	10.00
9/12/2025	ACH3216	Colonial Life	2,413.24
9/17/2025	54278	Monterey Signs, Inc.	1,158.05
9/17/2025	54277	RENE & ESMERALDA RODRIGUEZ	500.00
9/17/2025	54279	Rivas Quality Painting	850.00
9/18/2025	54280	A Tool Shed	631.90
9/18/2025	54281	A-1 Services	504.00
9/18/2025	54282	ACC Business	1,337.24
9/18/2025	54283	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	197.68
9/18/2025	54284	Amazon Capital Services	66.32
9/18/2025	54285	Atlas Copco Compressors LLC	2,186.50
9/18/2025	54286	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	46,302.43
9/18/2025	54287	Brigantino Irrigation	18.18
9/18/2025	54288	Charles P. Crowley Company, Inc.	490.36
9/18/2025	54289	De Lay & Laredo	2,353.00
9/18/2025	54290	EBCO Pest Control	75.00
9/18/2025	54291	Griswold Industries	810.00
9/18/2025	54292	Hach Company	39,067.41
9/18/2025	54293	Hollister True Value	30.04
9/18/2025	54294	ICON Cloud Solutions, LLC	292.06
9/18/2025	54295	Iconix Waterworks (US) Inc.	3,291.90
9/18/2025	54296	MBS Business Systems	816.41
9/18/2025	EFT0000262	Net Pay	89,905.15
9/18/2025	54297	Pacific Crest Engineering	1,076.25
9/18/2025	54298	Ponton Industries	454.65
9/18/2025	54299	Quinn Company	768.67
9/18/2025	54300	Smart Solar Cleaning	2,840.40
9/18/2025	54301	State Water Resources Control Brd-WWOPCP	201.00
9/18/2025	EFT0000263	Total Tax	23,415.63
9/18/2025	54302	Trans Union LLC	150.32
9/19/2025	ACH3218	ADP	2,454.77
9/19/2025	ACH3217	Sterling Administration Health	1,613.50
9/22/2025	MISC0000530	Heritage Bank Activity Charges September 2025	237.77
9/23/2025	54305	CONNIE KUANG & TIANYANG LIN	31.75
9/23/2025	54306	DAVID & ERIN LIVINGSTON	18.89
9/25/2025	54307	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	1,446.70
9/25/2025	54308	Amazon Capital Services	216.75
9/25/2025	54309	Auto Tech Service Center, Inc.	140.00
9/25/2025	54310	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	41,493.16
9/25/2025	54311	Brigantino Irrigation	156.30
9/25/2025	54312	Calcon System, Inc.	26,178.03
9/25/2025	54313	Central Ag Supply LLC	2,782.92
9/25/2025	54314	CM Analytical, Inc.	18,611.75
9/25/2025	54315	Commercial Van Interiors	3,198.32

9/25/2025	54316	CWEA Membership- TCP	129.00
9/25/2025	54317	exceedio	5,233.77
9/25/2025	54318	Frisch Engineering Inc.	1,455.00
9/25/2025	54319	Hollister Landscape Supply	230.90
9/25/2025	54320	InfoSend	3,750.91
9/25/2025	54321	Jesse Mack Company Inc.	829.47
9/25/2025	54303	LENNAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA LLC,	36.21
9/25/2025	54322	Mission Uniform Service	1,043.54
9/25/2025	54323	Motion Industries, Inc.	363.77
9/25/2025	54304	MOUNTAIN CASCADE,	15.01
9/25/2025	54324	Municipal Maintenance Equipment	1,651.40
9/25/2025	54325	O'Reilly Auto Parts	49.48
9/25/2025	54326	P G & E	25.96
9/25/2025	54327	Rain for Rent	3,646.19
9/25/2025	54328	San Benito County Water District	528,225.57
9/25/2025	54330	San Benito Tire Pros & Automotive	980.01
9/25/2025	54331	Sharp Engineering and Construction, Inc.	39,918.58
9/25/2025	54332	State Water Resources Control Brd-WWOPCP	220.00
9/25/2025	54333	Toro Petroleum Corp.	2,322.42
9/25/2025	54334	Transene Company Inc (Shape Products)	164.32
9/25/2025	54335	USA Blue Book	54.55
9/25/2025	54336	Verizon Wireless	638.24
9/25/2025	54337	Wallace Group	18,779.75

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3. Receive Engineering Services Monthly Status Report.
4. Receive Finance Manager Monthly Status Reports: a. Narrative Report, b. Operation Summary, c. Statement of Income, d. Investment Summary, and e. Board Designated Reserves.
5. Receive Superintendent Monthly Status Reports: a. Maintenance, b. City Meter Reading, and c. Groundwater Level Measurement.
6. Receive General Manager Monthly Status Report.

President Alcorn asked Board members for Consent Agenda comment, and Vice President Buzzetta raised concerns regarding the accuracy and completeness of the September 23 draft minutes. President Alcorn agreed to pull Item 1 (Minutes) from the Consent Agenda so that Vice President Buzzetta could submit written revisions for consideration at the next meeting. Director Brown motioned to pull the minutes from consent and table them for consideration at the next regular meeting, seconded by Director Mauro, and voted on as follows: (DB) yes; (EM) yes; (OM) yes; (JB) yes; and (MA) yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Additional questions were raised by Vice President Buzzetta regarding several portions of the financial and operational reports. The Finance Manager provided clarification on monthly versus annualized data, factors affecting blend changes and treatment costs, the components included in operational efficiency calculations, and the distinctions between legally restricted reserves and Board-designated reserves.

President Alcorn then opened the floor for public comment, and upon receiving none, requested a motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items. A motion was made by Director Buzzetta to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Director

Mauro, and the roll-call vote was as follows: (DB) yes; (EM) yes; (OM) yes; (JB) yes; and (MA) yes. The motion carried 5-0.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorize The Board President To Sign A Resolution Of Recognition Honoring Kelly Roberts For 27 Years Of Employment With The Sunnyslope County Water District And Wishing Her Well In Retirement. (Not A Project Under CEQA Per Article 20, Section 15378)

General Manager Lander presented the item requesting authorization for the Board President to sign Resolution of Recognition #613 honoring Kelly Roberts for her 27 years of dedicated service to the District and wishing her well in retirement. Several Board members shared personal reflections on Ms. Roberts' contributions. Collectively, the Board expressed appreciation for Ms. Roberts' professionalism, knowledge, and meaningful impact on the District throughout her long tenure.

President Alcorn then asked for any public comment and upon receiving no public comment, requested a motion to approve the item. Director Mauro made a motion to authorize the board president to sign a resolution of recognition honoring Kelly Roberts for 27 years of employment with the Sunnyslope County Water District and wishing her well in retirement. This motion was seconded by Director Buzzetta for which President Alcorn then took a roll call vote as follows: (DB), yes; (EM), yes; (OM), yes; (JB), yes; and (MA), yes; the motion passes 5-0.

2. Board Discussion Item Regarding Concerns Relating To The Water Supply And Treatment Agreement (Not A Project Under CEQA Per Article 20, Section 15378)

This item was placed on the agenda after recent social media postings regarding the Water Supply and Treatment Agreement. To ensure transparency and provide accurate information to the community, the General Manager and District Counsel recommended that the Board address the matter in an open meeting, allowing for Board discussion and public comment.

President Alcorn introduced the item and invited public comment. There were four public comments received by the board. Mr. Everett Grabeel spoke first expressing concerns regarding water treatment costs, conflicts with SBCWD and dispute resolution. Ms. Bonnie Welly, a long-time District customer, expressed concerns about rate impacts and alleged overcharges. Mr. Dana Jacobson, General Manager of SBCWD, reaffirmed SBCWD's commitment to collaboration with SSCWD and addressed the issue of alleged conflicts of interest. A fourth speaker, Mr. Joe, questioned the cost-effectiveness of the ADRoP project and concern about overcharges.

Following public comment, the Board engaged in deliberation. District Counsel explained that the District had issued a step-one letter in June 2024, and that the Board had never taken formal action directing staff to proceed to step two. Counsel stated that the direction had been conditional—only if no progress occurred—and that substantial movement did occur, ultimately resulting in a new Water Supply and Treatment Agreement. Counsel further clarified that, under the applicable provisions of the Government Code, as well as Attorney General opinions and published conflict-of-interest guidance, a government salary earned by a spouse or family member does not constitute a conflict-of-interest and therefore does not create a disqualifying bias for an elected official.

Board discussion reflected differing views on whether revisiting the dispute process would benefit ratepayers or simply reopen issues already addressed through negotiation and agreement.

Director Buzzetta then made a motion directing the General Manager to instruct District Counsel to issue a step-two dispute resolution letter to SBCWD. The motion failed for lack of a second.

After the failed motion, Director Brown provided additional comment acknowledging the concerns raised over the past year and commended the effort invested in addressing them. She commented that her earlier concerns were addressed through the approval of the new Water Supply and Treatment Agreement noting the agreement had already been negotiated, approved, and put into effect.

With no further motions or Board direction, President Alcorn concluded the discussion and proceeded to the next agenda item.

3. Hold Second Reading Of Ordinance No. 86 To Adopt The Recalculated Capacity Charges For New And Increasing Water Services; Authorizing The Board President To Execute Said Ordinance (Not A Project Under Title 14 CEQA Per Article 20, Section 15378).

General Manager Lander presented the second reading of Ordinance No. 86, adopting recalculated water capacity charges for new and increased connections. He noted that the first reading was held at the prior regular board meeting, September 23rd, 2025, and that the only modification since then was updating the adoption date. He confirmed that no other changes were requested and that the final draft ordinance was provided to the Board.

President Alcorn then asked for any public comment and upon receiving no public comment, requested a motion to approve the item. Director Brown made a motion to approve the second reading to adopt Ordinance 86 pertaining to recalculated capacity charges for new and increasing water services, authorizing the Board President to execute said Ordinance. This motion was seconded by Director Martinez for which President Alcorn then took a roll call vote as follows: (DB), yes; (EM), yes; (OM), yes; (JB), yes; and (MA), yes; the motion passes 5-0.

H. BOARD COMMITTEE and STATUS REPORTS

1. **Governance Committee:** (No Meeting)
2. **Water/Wastewater Committee:** (No Meeting)
3. **Finance Committee:** (No Meeting)
4. **Policy and Procedure Committee:** (No Meeting)
5. **Personnel Committee:** (No Meeting)
6. **Water Resources Association of San Benito County (WRA):** (Meeting October 23rd- General Manager Lander was in attendance with Director Martinez sitting in for Vice President Buzzetta. Mr. Lander reported that the new WRA manager, outlined plans for expanded water conservation outreach, including a student art contest to be displayed on District vehicles.)

I. BOARD and STAFF REPORTS

1. **Directors:** Director Martinez reported that the new WRA Manager appeared ambitious and goal-oriented, commending her emphasis on water-conservation initiatives. Following this report, Director Mauro offered a brief personal comment underscoring the importance of respect, communication, and resolving disagreements directly. He noted his

willingness to speak with others privately to address concerns and expressed disappointment that such communication had not occurred in recent situations.

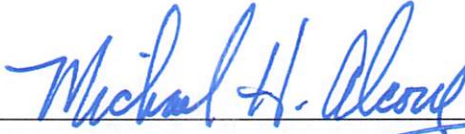
2. **District Counsel:** District Counsel Michael Laredo reported that there was no update on the pending San Benito Foods matter, which accounted for the absence of a closed session at this meeting. He also noted that Senate Bill 707 has passed and will take effect in July 2026, and indicated that it is not expected to have significant impacts on the District.

3. **General Manager:** General Manager Lander provided an update on several operational and interagency matters. He reported that the City of Hollister is undergoing staffing transitions, including the departure of the Public Works Director and the pending departure of the City Attorney, which may affect joint projects. He also noted that SSCWD's operational role at the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant will conclude at the end of the month, with all required year-end tasks and winterization completed. He commended staff for their performance and reported that the Regional Water Board offered positive feedback on the quality of operation and compliance achieved at the facility. In response to public comment earlier in the meeting, he clarified that the gentleman referring to Nash Rd. is a project outside the District's boundaries and would be served by the City of Hollister.

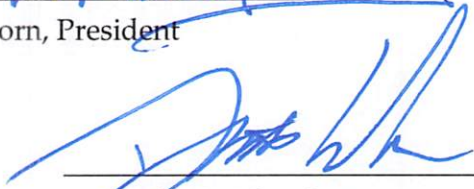
J. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Audit Presentation & General Manager Performance Review.

K. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Alcorn adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:


Michael H. Alcorn, President

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Drew A. Lander, Secretary