

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
May 19th, 2026

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 Orlando Martinez (OM), Director Dee Brown (DB), Director Jerry Buzzetta (JB), Director Alexis Perez-Kenny (APK).

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS:

No closed session items scheduled for discussion.

C. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS:

No items scheduled for discussion.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Martinez led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No items were on the agenda for discussion.

F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: President Alcorn asked the Board if there were any requests to postpone or modify the agenda. No requests were made, and the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

G. 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. No public comments were received.

Staff Present for Open Session: In Person: General Manager/Secretary Drew Lander, Executive Assistant/Stenographer Madison Koester, Finance and Human Resources Manager Barry Kelly, and Principal Engineer Robert Hillebrecht.

Via Teleconference: Assistance Finance Manager Dana Sullivan and Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jose Rodriguez.

H. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes for:

Regular Board Meeting of April 28th, 2026.

Special Board Meeting of April 28th, 2026- District Tour.

2. Allowance of Claims – The Board reviewed the Disbursement Summary (below) for the period of April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026, totaling \$2,531,038.35 includes \$1,236,085.46 for payments to vendors, \$435,713.47 for Payroll, and \$498,218.78 paid to the City of Hollister for collection of City sewer billings (net of our fees).

Date	Number	Name	Amount
4/2/2026	54951	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	457.36
4/2/2026	54952	Alvin Do	250.00
4/2/2026	54953	Amazon Capital Services	1,237.38
4/2/2026	54954	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	19,514.36
4/2/2026	54955	Brigantino Irrigation	51.94
4/2/2026	ACH3360	CalPERS - Retirement	637.17
4/2/2026	ACH3361	CalPERS - Retirement	7,624.64
4/2/2026	ACH3362	CalPERS - Retirement	10,417.33
4/2/2026	ACH3363	CalPERS - Retirement	12,227.96
4/2/2026	54991	DAVID RAMIREZ DBA FIRST VALLEY	106.96
4/2/2026	54956	exceedio	6,887.81
4/2/2026	54957	Grainger, Inc.	341.00
4/2/2026	54958	Itron, Inc.	13,247.69
4/2/2026	54990	LYSETTE & SERGIO LOPEZ	121.72
4/2/2026	54959	Manuel Chavez	85.22
4/2/2026	54960	Mission Uniform Service	1,139.88
4/2/2026	EFT0000307	Net Pay	85,437.81
4/2/2026	54961	O'Reilly Auto Parts	43.68
4/2/2026	54962	Postal Graphics	592.40
4/2/2026	54963	San Benito County Water District	150.00
4/2/2026	54964	San Benito County Water District	360,135.39
4/2/2026	54966	Toro Petroleum Corp.	2,228.03
4/2/2026	EFT0000308	Total Tax	19,886.03
4/2/2026	54967	USA Blue Book	2,105.85
4/2/2026	54968	Wallace Group	18,524.14
4/3/2026	ACH3364	CalPERS - Retirement	23.08
4/6/2026	ACH3366	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	10,015.73
4/6/2026	ACH3365	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	1,112.00
4/7/2026	54970	DiBuduo & DeFendis Insurance Brokers, LLC	169,755.00
4/7/2026	ACH3368	iCloud	14,287.65
4/7/2026	54969	John Rocco	9,471.88
4/7/2026	ACH3367	Principal	5,220.05
4/8/2026	ACH3369	P G & E	28,599.47
4/10/2026	54971	Amazon Capital Services	268.83
4/10/2026	55031	CARLOS & PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ	162.41
4/10/2026	54972	Central Ag Supply LLC	654.63
4/10/2026	54973	City of Hollister-Finance Dept	498,218.78
4/10/2026	54974	EBCO Pest Control	82.00
4/10/2026	54975	Hach Company	1,073.86
4/10/2026	54976	Harper & Associates Engineering, Inc.	4,900.00
4/10/2026	54977	Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc.	2,770.45
4/10/2026	55030	MANUEL ESTRADA	59.70
4/10/2026	54978	Mission Uniform Service	1,631.83
4/10/2026	54979	Petty Cash	135.00
4/10/2026	54980	Recology San Benito County	375.19
4/10/2026	55029	RHODA & MARTIN BRESS	80.10
4/10/2026	54981	San Benito County-Clerk	110.00
4/10/2026	54982	State Water Resources Control Board-NPDES	3,945.00
4/10/2026	54983	Swedberg Electric	5,150.00
4/10/2026	54984	Toro Petroleum Corp.	3,402.92
4/10/2026	54985	TPO	630.00

4/10/2026	54986	U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	372.56
4/10/2026	54987	USA Blue Book	347.36
4/10/2026	54988	Veolia Water Technologies, Inc.	74,074.39
4/10/2026	54989	Wallace Group	79,500.70
4/13/2026	ACH3370	Sterling Administration Health	45.00
4/13/2026	ACH3371	Sterling Administration Health	148.00
4/14/2026	ACH3372	Colonial Life	2,613.38
4/15/2026	MISC0000567	Sterling Correction	-1,681.20
4/15/2026	MISC0000566	Sterling Refund Transaction Error	840.60
4/16/2026	ACH3374	CA Dept. of Tax & Fee Administration	2,334.00
4/16/2026	ACH3373	Sterling Administration Health	840.60
4/17/2026	ACH3376	ADP	2,454.77
4/17/2026	EFT0000309	Net Pay	84,288.95
4/17/2026	ACH3375	Sterling Administration Health	88.91
4/17/2026	EFT0000310	Total Tax	19,449.63
4/20/2026	54992	A-1 Services	504.00
4/20/2026	54993	ACC Business	1,337.24
4/20/2026	54994	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	451.48
4/20/2026	54995	Amazon Capital Services	1,299.75
4/20/2026	54996	Atlas Copco Compressors LLC	1,260.00
4/20/2026	54997	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	22,568.48
4/20/2026	54998	Brigantino Irrigation	277.79
4/20/2026	54999	Calcon System, Inc.	4,545.44
4/20/2026	55000	Calgon Carbon Corporation	71,697.79
4/20/2026	55001	Central Coast Systems, Inc.	473.00
4/20/2026	55002	Enterprise Electrical Services	165.00
4/20/2026	55003	Eva Green Power	101,971.60
4/20/2026	55004	Extreme Air, Inc.	5,860.00
4/20/2026	55005	First Trust Alarm Company	892.02
4/20/2026	55006	Hach Company	1,206.00
4/20/2026	55007	Harrington Industrial Plastics LLC	2,403.81
4/20/2026	55008	Hollister Auto Parts, Inc.	242.64
4/20/2026	55009	ICON Cloud Solutions, LLC	292.97
4/20/2026	55010	Iconix Waterworks (US) Inc.	4,108.05
4/20/2026	55011	InfoSend	3,812.64
4/20/2026	55012	Interstate Battery System of San Jose Inc	385.34
4/20/2026	55013	Itron, Inc.	9,346.75
4/20/2026	55014	John Smith Road Landfill	493.61
4/20/2026	55015	Mc Kinnon Lumber Co., Inc.	118.86
4/20/2026	55016	Meter, Valve & Control	144,718.41
4/20/2026	55017	Mission Uniform Service	541.83
4/20/2026	55018	Pacific Engineering Group	950.00
4/20/2026	55019	San Benito Engineering & Surveying Inc.	2,300.00
4/20/2026	55020	San Benito Tire Pros & Automotive	880.34
4/20/2026	55021	SSB Construction	4,926.00
4/20/2026	55022	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCF	130.00
4/20/2026	55023	Toro Petroleum Corp.	2,936.87
4/20/2026	55024	Trans Union LLC	174.58
4/20/2026	55025	Transene Company Inc (Shape Products)	171.35
4/20/2026	55026	USA Blue Book	1,547.50
4/20/2026	55027	Vector Process Solutions, Inc.	394.67
4/20/2026	55028	Waste Resource Recovery, Inc.	4,925.00
4/22/2026	ACH3379	CalPERS - Health Insurance	43,533.08

4/22/2026	ACH3378	CalPERS - Retirement	12,287.29
4/22/2026	ACH3377	CalPERS - Retirement	7,503.81
4/22/2026	55032	CINDY DINH	191.46
4/22/2026	55033	STEPHANIE MURILLO & JUAN HERNANDEZ	12.90
4/23/2026	ACH3380	CalPERS - Retirement	23.08
4/23/2026	ACH3382	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	10,015.73
4/23/2026	ACH3381	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	1,112.00
4/27/2026	55034	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	127.30
4/27/2026	55035	Amazon Capital Services	67.66
4/27/2026	55036	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	148,484.77
4/27/2026	55037	Brigantino Irrigation	120.50
4/27/2026	55038	CM Analytical, Inc.	34,164.50
4/27/2026	55040	De Lay & Laredo	2,300.00
4/27/2026	55041	exceedio	5,801.81
4/27/2026	55042	Hach Company	53.25
4/27/2026	55043	Mark Nicholson, Inc.	27,235.50
4/27/2026	55044	Mission Uniform Service	632.71
4/27/2026	55045	Monterey Bay Air Resources District	5,272.00
4/27/2026	55046	Ruggeri-Jensen-Azar	10,490.85
4/27/2026	55047	San Benito Tire Pros & Automotive	945.14
4/27/2026	55048	Simplot Grower Solutions	1,175.72
4/27/2026	55049	SSB Construction	39,738.00
4/27/2026	55050	Star Concrete	683.09
4/27/2026	55051	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCF	60.00
4/27/2026	55052	USA Blue Book	1,987.70
4/27/2026	55054	UWUA Local 820	830.88
4/27/2026	55053	UWUA Local 820	830.88
4/27/2026	55055	Veolia Water Technologies, Inc.	6,787.28
4/27/2026	55056	Verizon Wireless	610.29
4/27/2026	55057	Wallace Group	66,839.55
4/27/2026	55058	Wright Bros. Indust. Supply	13.55
4/29/2026	ACH3383	Sterling Administration Health	9.98
4/30/2026	EFT0000311	Net Pay	82,790.71
4/30/2026	ACH3384	P G & E	7,822.71
4/30/2026	EFT0000312	Total Tax	18,866.90
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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 for public comment and upon receiving none, requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon a motion made by Director Brown to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Perez-Kenny, for which President Alcorn then took a roll call vote as follows: (DB), yes; (APK), yes; (JB), yes; (OM), yes; and (MA) yes; the motion carried 5-0.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider Approval and Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Revised Agreement for Legal Services with De Lay & Laredo, Attorneys at Law, and Reappoint Michael D. Laredo the District's General Counsel (Not a project, CEQA Article 20 California Code of Regulations 15378).**

General Manager Drew Lander presented the proposed agreement for Legal Services with De Lay & Laredo and the reappointment of Michael D. Laredo as District General Counsel.

Following discussion, Director Buzzetta made a motion to amended Section 8 of the agreement to allow termination without cause by an affirmative vote of three Board members rather than four. This motion was seconded by Director Perez-Kenny for which President Alcorn then took a roll call vote as follows; (DB), yes; (APK), yes; (JB), yes; (OM) yes; and (MA), yes; the motion carried 5-0.

Director Brown then made a motion to accept the contract with the modification and Director Perez Kenny seconded. Following proper motions, President Alcorn took a roll call vote as follows; (DB), yes; (APK), yes; (JB), no; (OM) yes; and (MA), yes; the motion carried 4-1.

2. **Public Hearing To Discuss Annual Status Of Vacancies, Recruitment, And Retention Pursuant To Government Code Section 3502.3 (Not A Project, CEQA Article 20 California Code of Regulations 15378).**

General Manager Drew Lander opened the public hearing regarding the District's Annual Employment Vacancy Report required by Assembly Bill 2561.

Executive Assistant Madison Koester presented the District's 2025 vacancy, recruitment, and retention report.

The Board discussed the report and asked questions regarding staffing levels and employee absences. No public comments were received. The Board received the Annual Employment Vacancy Report and closed the public hearing.

3. **Provide Direction To The General Manager And Assign The Personnel Committee To Review Board Member Compensation.**

General Manager Drew Lander presented the item regarding Board member compensation and noted that compensation was last reviewed in 2024. Mr. Lander stated that staff had committed to periodically bringing the item back for Board consideration to ensure compensation remains appropriate and to determine whether any further review was warranted.

President Alcorn opened the item to public comment; one comment was received asking about the current policy. General Manager Lander provided an overview of the Board Compensation policy and reimbursement practices.

Following public comment, President Alcorn directed General Manager Lander to coordinate with the Personnel Committee to review current Board compensation and return to the Board with any recommendations for consideration. No further action was taken on this item.

4. **Open a Public Hearing to Review The Raftelis Financial Consultants Report Updated September 2, 2025 And Consider The Proposed Wastewater Flat Rate Sewer Model; And Authorize The Mailing Of A Proposition 218 Notice To All Ridgemark Sewer Customers Pursuant To SSCWD Resolution No. 527 For Tabulation Of Protests In Connection With Fee And Charge Hearings; And Set A Public Hearing To Consider The Rate Change On July 28, 2026.**

General Manager Drew Lander presented the proposed wastewater flat rate sewer model and requested authorization to mail Proposition 218 notices to Ridgemark

sewer customers and schedule a public hearing on the proposed rate structure for July 28, 2026.

President Alcorn opened the public hearing and invited public comment. Six Ridgemark customers addressed the Board regarding the proposed wastewater rate structure. Ms. Debbie Thul expressed concerns regarding the cost of sewer service for single-person households, and the overall affordability of rates for residents on fixed incomes. Mr. Lou Colburn echoed concerns regarding the financial impact of wastewater rates and requested consideration of discounts or assistance for senior residents. Ms. Yolanda Gale stated concern the proposed flat-rate structure was unfair to residents with low water usage and opposed paying the same rate as larger households. Ms. Anna KLC expressed concerns regarding recent wastewater bill increases, affordability, and the Proposition 218 process for protesting proposed rate changes. Ms. Tiffany Williams questioned the disparity between water usage and wastewater charges, expressed concerns regarding the long-term cost of wastewater service in Ridgemark and ask the Board to continue evaluating opportunities to reduce sewer costs, including potential regional solutions. Ms. Lisa Delphino commented that a stronger relationship should exist between water usage and wastewater charges, expressed concerns regarding the impact of wastewater rates on seniors living on fixed incomes, and asked for consideration of additional assistance for senior residents.

Following public comment, President Alcorn requested a motion to approve the 218 process and set a public hearing regarding this matter for July 28th, 2026. Director Perez-Kenny made a motion accept this item as written. This motion was seconded by Director Brown for which President Alcorn then took a roll call vote as follows: (DB), yes; (APK), yes; (JB), yes; (OM) yes; and (MA), yes; the motion carried 5-0.

J. BOARD COMMITTEE and STATUS REPORTS

- 1. **Governance Committee:** (No Meeting)
- 2. **Water/Wastewater Committee:** (No Meeting)
- 3. **Finance Committee:** (Meeting held April 30th- Budget Preparation)
- 4. **Policy and Procedure Committee:** (No Meeting)
- 5. **Personnel Committee:** (Meeting held May 8th- Legal Services Contract Review)
- 6. **Water Resources Association of San Benito County (WRA):** (No Meeting)

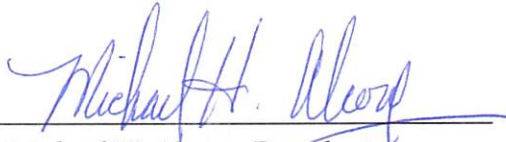
K. BOARD and STAFF REPORTS

- 1. **Directors:** No Report.
- 2. **District Counsel:** District Counsel Michael Laredo reported that their office will be hosting Ethics training and Harassment Prevention training. These trainings will address the necessary requirements stipulated by state statutes.
- 3. **General Manager:** General Manager Drew Lander reported that District Engineer Alvin Do completed his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering and is preparing to take the civil engineering licensing examination. Mr. Lander highlighted Alvin's contributions to District construction projects, inspections, and recordkeeping, and also provided an update on the Tres Pinos waterline project.

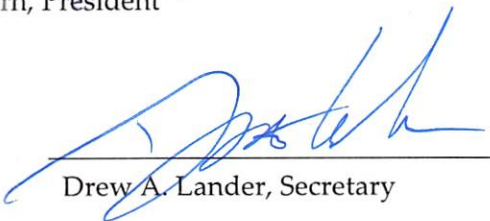
L. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** FY 26/27 Budget Presentation & Approval and July 28th Public Hearing on Ridgemark's Sewer Flat Rate.

M. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Alcorn adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:


Michael H. Alcorn, President

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Drew A. Lander, Secretary