

# **Cabazon Water District** 14618 Broadway Street • P.O. Box 297 Cabazon, California 92230

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

#### **MINUTES**

**Meeting Location:** 14618 Broadway St. Cabazon, CA 92230

## Teleconference:

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#### **Meeting Date:**

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 - 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN **ROLL CALL** 

**Director Guillermo Perez - Present Director Melissa Carlin - Present Director Alan Davis - Present Board Vice Chair Taffy Brock - Present Board Chair Terry Tincher - Present** Michael Pollack, General Manager - Present **Evelyn Aguilar, Board Secretary - Present** 

Note: This meeting was recorded by the District

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters in this category are considered to be consistent with the Board/District goals, District Policies and Regulations adopted and/or approved by the Board of Directors, and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is required, items may be removed from the consent calendar and will be considered separately.

## 1. Approval of:

- a. Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes and Warrants of June 17, 2025
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of June 17, 2025

Motion to approve following consent calendar items (a.) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes and Warrants of June 17, 2025 and (b.) Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of June 17, 2025 made by Director Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Carlin.

**Director Perez - Aye Director Carlin - Aye Director Davis - Aye Board Vice Chair Brock - Aye Board Chair Tincher - Aye** 

- 2. Warrants None
- 3. Awards of Contracts None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion/Action: Approval of Service Agreement with Platinum Strategies Inc. for Accounting Services (Current Accounting Firm is Eide Bailly)

GM Pollack shared that the Eide Bailly contract renewal was set for 07/01, and the annual cost was increasing to \$55,200. Josh Byerrum of Platinum Strategies Inc. provided a quote of \$35,000 per year, with no additional fees for travel time or mileage. Mr. Byerrum has worked for the District previously while working for another accounting firm.

Motion to approve the Service Agreement with Platinum Strategies Inc. for Accounting Services made by Director Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Carlin.

**Director Perez - Aye Director Carlin - Aye Director Davis - Aye Board Vice Chair Brock - Aye Board Chair Tincher - Aye** 

2. Discussion/Action:

Approval of Resolution 2025-03: Fixing Water Standby Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

> The standby fees have not increased since 1997.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-03: Fixing Water Standby Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 made by Director Perez and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Vice Chair Brock.

**Director Perez - Aye Director Carlin - Aye Director Davis - No Board Vice Chair Brock - Ave Board Chair Tincher - Aye** 

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Discussion/Updates: Discussion/Updates with SGPWA Director(s) regarding various matters
- > SGPWA Director Sarah Wargo was present and shared the following updates:
  - o At the last SGPWA meeting, the Board voted on the tax rates. This is the 6th year in a row with no increases.
  - o The heli-hydrants were used briefly to help put out the Wolf Fire. The installation of a 7th heli-hydrant has been approved, and will be placed in the Banning Bench.
  - o Golden mussels have been seen in some systems coming from the delta. There haven't been any spotted close to this area, but a close eye is being kept on the matter.
- 2. Discussion/Action: **Community Involvement**
- ➤ There will be a Youth Summer Event at the community center on 07/18/2025.

## **UPDATES**

**CWD Operations Report** 1. Update: (by GM Pollack)

- > Heli-hydrants: Gavin Nguyen of channel 3 news interviewed GM Pollack, Larry Smith of SGPWA, and Glenn Chavez about the success of the heli-hydrants. Additional rock will be placed around the devices to lessen the amount of dust from blowing while helicopters hover above the tanks.
- > The FY 24/25 audit is expected to be presented at the 10/21/2025 Board Meeting.
- > Someone broke into the back parking lot and stole a toolbox from one of the trucks. An additional camera was installed by Bay Alarm to expand the visibility of the voicedown speaker. Bay Alarm waived the \$2,700 installation fee, since the alarm did not go off when the intruder stole the tools.
- > A grant application for generators has been submitted.
- > Well efficiency tests have been performed for Well 5 and Well 2.
- > The concrete has been poured for the Well #2 site building. The construction of the building is scheduled for 07/22/2025. The Notice of Exemption was accepted by the County, so a building permit will not need to be filed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any person may address the Board of Directors at this time on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Cabazon Water District that is not listed on the agenda; however, any matter that requires action will be referred to staff for investigation and reported at a subsequent Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors is prohibited by law from discussing or taking immediate action on items during this public comment period. To comment on specific agenda items, please advise the Board secretary prior to the meeting. Each public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes. Individuals may not give their time away to another spokesperson. After two (2) minutes, the speaker will be notified that he/she has one (1) minute remaining. AB 1234 ORAL REPORTS (Gov. Code Sec. 53232.3(d))

## **CLOSED SESSION at 6:28 PM**

1. Discussion/Action Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code section 54957): (General Manager)

#### **OPEN SESSION at 6:46 PM**

> No reportable actions were taken during closed session.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

## 1. Future Agenda Items

The Board Chair or the majority of the Board may direct staff to investigate and report back to an individual(s) and the Board on matters suggested or direct the General Manager/Board Secretary to place the matter on a future Board meeting.

- Suggested agenda items from the Public.
- Suggested agenda items from Management.
- > At the August meeting, there will be a workshop regarding the Rate Study.
  - Suggested agenda items from Board Members.
- Another closed session for the GM Evaluation will take place at the August meeting.

## 2. Management Comments

Staff members may speak on items of information not requiring comment or discussion to the Board and public. Topics which may be included on a future meeting agenda may be presented but cannot be discussed. (3 minutes)

#### 3. Board Member Comments

Board members may speak on items of information not requiring comment or discussion to the Board and public. (3 minutes)

> The Board asked the GM if there has been an update on the Elm St. property. GM Pollack said the buyer is trying to negotiate the fees, and there hasn't been much action on the matter.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1. Future Board Items/Next Board Meeting Date(s)
  - a. 07/21/2025 (Monday) at 6:00 PM: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Meeting
  - b.07/23/2025 (Wednesday) at 5:00 PM: San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Committee Meeting
  - c. 08/04/2025 (Monday) at 1:30 PM: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Meeting
  - d.08/14/2025 (Thursday) at 6:00 PM: West Desert MAC Meeting at the Community Center
  - e. 08/18/2025 (Monday) at 6:00 PM: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Meeting
  - f. 08/19/2025 (Tuesday) at 5:00 PM: Finance & Audit Committee Meeting
  - g.08/19/2025 (Tuesday) at 6:00 PM: Regular Board Meeting
  - h. TBD: Personnel Committee Meeting

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM made by Board Vice Chair Brock and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Carlin.

**Director Perez - Aye Director Carlin - Aye Director Davis - Aye Board Vice Chair Brock - Aye Board Chair Tincher - Aye** 

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM on Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Terry Tirfcher, Board Chair

**Board of Directors Cabazon Water District**  Evelyn Aguilar, Secretary **Board of Directors** 

**Cabazon Water District** 

#### ADA Compliance Issues

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