



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2:00 PM Tuesday, April 7, 2026

ZOOM INFORMATION

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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board regarding any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on off-agenda items except as authorized by law. Each speaker is limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

2) CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting - February 17, 2026 (2 min) - Page 3
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3) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 Update on the Inland Empire Headwaters Resiliency Partnership (20 min) - Page 20
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4) REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- 4.1 Directors' Report of Activities and Travel Requests in accordance with Resolution 1100
- 4.2 General Counsel Report
- 4.3 Ad-Hoc and Standing Committee Reports
- 4.4 SAWPA Meeting Report
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5) FUTURE BUSINESS

6) ANNOUNCEMENTS

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7) CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS: Wen Huang, Leo Ferrando, Negotiating parties: Southern California Edison Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

8) ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES
OF
THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

February 17, 2026

Directors Present: Gil J. Botello, T. Milford Harrison, Paul R. Kielhold, Susan Longville, and Jose Velasquez

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Wen Huang, PE, MS – Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer
Cindy Saks, CPA – Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager
Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board
Michael Plinski, PE – Chief of Water Resources
Greg Woodside, MS, P.G., C.Hg. – Chief of Planning and Watershed Resilience

Owen Cross – Environmental Compliance Analyst I
Leo Ferrando, PE – Assistant Chief Engineer
Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst
Ryan Kuruppu – Intern
Kelly Malloy, MPA – Strategic Communications Manager
Kai Palenscar, Ph.D. – Environmental Compliance and Permitting Program Manager
Sayer Pinto, MBA – Principal Water Resources Analyst
Andreea Tanase, MPA – Administrative Analyst I
Francisco Wences – Assistant Engineer

Brad Neufeld, Varner & Brandt

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Ben Kelly, Western Heights Mutual Water Company
James Morales, East Valley Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Mark Falcone, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
John Longville, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Kelvin Moore, West Valley Water District
Larry Smith, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Allison Edmisten, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Micah Knox, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Matthew Adler, CV Strategies
Chuck Vahovick

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Harrison at 2:00 p.m. President Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was noted present by roll call.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar.

2.1) Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting – Policy / Administration Workshop – January 15, 2026

The Board of Directors approved the items on the Consent Calendar by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Longville	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

3.1) Consider Approval of Amendment 7 to the Yuba Water Purchase Agreement.

Chief of Water Resources Michael Plinski provided background on the 2007 agreement between 21 of the 29 State Water Contractors, one non-State Water Contractor (SWC) agency, and the Department of Water Resources (DWR), with parties in the Yuba River watershed to purchase additional, non-State Water Project (SWP) water supplies. In 2008, the SBV Board approved the agreement, which has no requirement to purchase the Yuba River water and serves as a tool to purchase water if needed during dry years.

Since 2008, six amendments have been approved, and SBV has procured and delivered 14,000 acre-feet (af) of water in seven years, Mr. Plinski continued.

Amendment 7 would extend the agreement term through 2050, with amendments anticipated every five years, primarily to adjust pricing, Mr. Plinski explained. The amendment updates pricing for the next five years, clarifies language, modifies how water sources are labeled, and provides the Yuba County Water Agency with greater flexibility in determining the volume of water made available. It has been reviewed by SBV's special legal counsel.

Mr. Plinski reviewed the pricing (commodity cost), which does not include the cost of delivery via the SWP, or the cost of delivering the water within the service area. He advised that Yuba water is also subject to carriage losses through the Delta. Average year-over-year, the price has increased about 3.5%. He reminded that during drought years, the price of water was up to \$1,000 to \$2,000 per af, while Yuba water remained at 25% of the cost of the open market water. He noted that the Yuba River parties have continued to offer SBV preferential pricing and priority.

In response to President Harrison, Mr. Plinski confirmed the agreement is administered by DWR.

The Board of Directors authorized the CEO/General Manager to execute Amendment 7 to the Agreement for the Supply and Conveyance of Water by the Department of Water Resources of the State of California to the Participating State Water Contractors under the Dry Year Water Purchase Program (i.e., Yuba Water Purchase Agreement) by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Botello	SECONDED: Velasquez	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

3.2) Consider Agreements for Salt and Nutrient Management Planning Phase 3A.

Chief of Planning and Watershed Resilience Greg Woodside presented an overview of proposed agreements to implement Phase 3A of the Salt and Nutrient Management Planning (SNMP) effort. He explained that two parallel efforts are being unified: the District-facilitated SNMP Work Group, which conducts detailed salinity and nutrient analyses for the San Bernardino Basin, and the Bunker Hill-B Recycled Water Coalition, comprised of four agencies collaborating under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address salinity management in the Bunker Hill-B Management Zone.

Mr. Woodside reviewed Phases 1 and 2 work completed, including groundwater quality characterization, evaluation of nitrogen losses during recharge, and forward-looking groundwater modeling that projected total dissolved solids (TDS) and nitrate concentrations. That modeling indicated that approximately 20 percent of the TDS assimilative capacity allocated by the Regional Board to certain recycled water projects could be consumed between 2039 and 2045 under then-current assumptions, underscoring the need to reassess projections based on updated data and revised recharge assumptions.

Mr. Woodside emphasized Phase 3A will update the groundwater quality model baseline from 2016 through 2023, incorporating seven additional years of hydrologic and water quality data. He explained that while the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District previously funded an extension of the groundwater flow model to 2023, the TDS and nitrate components were only simulated through 2016; Phase 3A will integrate those additional seven years of TDS and nitrate inputs to improve calibration and strengthen future projections. Phase 3A will then develop updated model scenarios for anticipated recharge facilities and potential recycled water projects in both Bunker Hill A and B and prepare a technical report evaluating whether to pursue a subregional SNMP or advance a regional desalter, including identification of a trigger for initiating desalter design.

Consultant WSC, selected through a 2021 request for proposals, completed Phases 1 and 2 and is proposed to continue with Phase 3A groundwater modeling and technical analysis for a total fee of \$352,859, Mr. Woodside stated. Rincon Consultants, which previously provided program management and Regional Board coordination services for the Bunker Hill-B Feasibility Study, is proposed to continue in that role for Phase 3A at a cost not to exceed \$90,088. Mr. Woodside pointed to Rincon's familiarity with the regulatory framework and established working relationships. The District's combined share for both consultants would total \$66,629.

Mr. Woodside outlined the cost-sharing structure. For the WSC groundwater modeling work, 50 percent of the total cost will be funded equally by the four Bunker Hill-B Coalition members, with the remaining 50 percent shared among additional SNMP Work Group participants. Under that structure, the District's share of the WSC contract would be \$44,107. For the Rincon services, each of the four coalition members will absorb 25 percent, resulting in an SBV share of \$22,522. Mr. Woodside noted that this allocation differs from earlier phases, in which the District funded a larger portion, and reflects broader regional participation in Phase 3A. Amendment No. 2 to the MOU would extend the agreement through December 31, 2027, formalize the cost-sharing provisions, and provide that coalition partners will use modeling results to determine whether to revise salinity mitigation strategies, including the timing of a potential desalter.

CEO/General Manager Heather Dyer added that staff determined it was timely to merge the previously parallel technical and coalition efforts to ensure a coordinated and holistic basin management approach. She emphasized that aligning the analyses and partnerships will provide a clearer, unified framework for future policy decisions.

Director Longville expressed support for consolidating the efforts and asked whether completion of the analysis by the end of 2027 would provide the decision point regarding assimilative capacity and the potential need for a desalter or alternative discharge strategies. Mr. Woodside responded that, in addition to Phase 3A modeling, assimilative capacity is recalculated on a five-year cycle by the SAWPA Basin Monitoring Program Task Force, with updated ambient water quality data expected the following year, which will further inform that determination.

Director Botello commented on the technical complexity of the matter and commended staff for serving as regional convener and bringing the efforts together. He expressed appreciation for the District's leadership.

Director Kielhold thanked staff for advancing the work, noting that the updated analyses will provide an important foundation for future decisions. President Harrison acknowledged the complexity of the topic and expressed appreciation for staff's presentation and for bringing the matter forward for Board consideration.

The Board of Directors approved the following items and authorized the CEO/General Manager to execute the agreements necessary to implement the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan Phase 3A:

- 1) Amendment No. 1 to agreement with WSC Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$352,859 for groundwater modeling and related technical work for Phase 3A of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan;
- 2) Amendment No. 1 to agreement with Rincon Consultants Inc for a cost not to exceed \$90,088 for program management and coordination with the Regional Board in Phase 3A of Salt and Nutrient Management Plan;
- 3) Amendment No. 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Mitigation of Salt Loading in the Bunker Hill-B Management Zone, subject to minor non-substantive revisions by the District's General Counsel; and,
- 4) Cost Share agreements for consultant expenses associated with Phase 3A Salt and Nutrient Management Plan

by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Kielhold	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 4. Reports. (Discussion and Possible Action)

4.1) Directors' Report of Activities and Travel Requests in accordance with Resolution 1100.

Director Longville reported that she attended:

- Feb. 4 – City of San Bernardino City Council meeting

Director Botello reported that he attended:

- Feb. 4 – City of San Bernardino City Council meeting
- Feb. 12 – Santa Ana River Trail ribbon cutting ceremony

President Harrison reported that he attended:

- Feb. 6 – HCP Government Relations Committee meeting
- Feb. 12 – Lunch with a Colton City Council member

Director Velasquez reported that he attended:

- Feb. 12 – Santa Ana River Trail ribbon cutting ceremony

Director Kielhold reported that he attended:

- Feb. 10 – San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust meeting
- Feb. 11 – East Valley Water District Board meeting

Director Longville requested to attend the 5th annual California Climate Policy Summit hosted by The Climate Center in Sacramento on April 13, 2026.

The Board of Directors approved the travel request by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Longville	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

4.2) General Counsel Report. No report.

4.3) Ad-Hoc and Standing Committee Reports.

- Legislative Committee: At the request of Director Botello, Strategic Communications Manager Kelly Malloy reported on the meeting of Feb. 11. Discussed were:
 - Next steps for federal lobbyists: adjusting the focus to allow specialized purposes and provide flexibility
 - 2026 California legislative session: There are a couple of water-related issues, but it is early in the session, so the items will be monitored. There is focus on subsidence funding, and on Golden mussels
 - Federal action on subsidence: There has been a request for funding and a request of the Governor to utilize an executive order to change how the Delta is operated for its health and well-being based on changes in knowledge and science, while continuing to maximize the use of the SWP.

- Data centers and water consumption: A growing topic of concern; internal research being done to bring the topic to the Board
- SB 72 update: A committee is being developed to discuss a plan for long-term water supply efforts
- Federal budget: Most agencies with which SBV works have received their allocation and appropriations as approved by the House and Senate.
- Specific office visits will not be held this year, but staff level discussions will continue, serving as a resource in Sacramento on water issues and concerns. Director Botello added that SBV staff have good working relationships with the local elected officials, so the Committee would rather have staff continue to focus on the important business of the District. President Harrison will take the lead on the visits to Washington, D.C.; if other directors are interested in this travel contact Director Botello
- The next meeting will be held in March or April

Director Longville added that it will be important to monitor the data center water consumption issue as the District implements the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan. President Harrison noted that there is movement toward use of nuclear power for the data centers, which could be the answer for their power demands. Director Botello pointed to the importance of the Board's awareness and voice in any area data center construction.

4.4) SAWPA Meeting Report. Director Botello presented the February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting of the SAWPA Commission report:

- The Commission ratified and approved compensation for Commissioners who attended SAWPA's 50th Anniversary Celebration event on January 22, 2026.
- The Commission directed the General Manager to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for SAWPA's Building Security Improvement Project.
- The Commission received an informational report from Orange County Sanitation District General Manager, Rob Thompson.
- From Strategy to Operations: Asset Management in Supercritical Water Oxidation & Biosolids Deep Well Injection.

4.5) Treasurer's Report. Director Longville presented the report:

The Board approved the following cash disbursements for the month of January 2026:

State Water Contract Fund	\$ 10,391,334.00
General Fund	\$ 2,641,176.96

by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Longville	SECONDED: Kielhold	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

4.6) CEO / General Manager’s Report. CEO / General Manager Heather Dyer highlighted events and engagement activities:

- Participated in a discussion at the California Irrigation Institute Water Policy Conference on Jan. 26
- Gave a presentation on the Sunrise Ranch Master Plan to the Redlands Rotary Club on Feb. 5
- Cut the ribbon for the Santa Ana River Trail
- Dedication of the Santa Ana River Enhanced Recharge Phase 1B with plaque installed
- Santa Ana River Low Turnout upgrade – Complete, and power installed
- Greenspot Pump Station Transfer – Facility is now owned by SBV and upgrades are being performed.
- Santa Ana River Watermaster – Annual data has been compiled, and a report will be submitted to the Court
- Western San Bernardino Watermaster – Report will be submitted in August

Ms. Dyer offered an overview on Watermaster functions. “Watermaster season” runs from January through August 1 and requires extensive staff coordination to compile, analyze, and submit detailed reports to the court in collaboration with partner agencies. She described the Santa Ana River Watermaster process, including the annual “scalping” meeting in which four agencies jointly review hydrographs to distinguish stormwater from base flow, a critical determination because upper watershed agencies must deliver 42,000 acre-feet of base flow annually to Prado Dam to comply with the 1969 judgment. Ms. Dyer noted that the District has successfully met this court-ordered obligation every year and that the April 30 submission reflects significant technical effort by staff. She also outlined the separate Western San Bernardino Watermaster report due August 1, which documents groundwater extraction and recharge across the basin to demonstrate compliance with court-defined safe yield, emphasizing that these coordinated court filings are among the District’s most important regional water management responsibilities.

Director Botello reminded about the importance of commemoration of activities and noted the plaque at the Enhanced Recharge site is a tribute to the investment of the ratepayers.

4.7) Water Delivery Report. Principal Water Resources Analyst Sayer Pinto reported the following for the month of January 2026:

January 2026	acre-feet (af)
Imported State Project Water (SPW) delivered to the District	720
Baseline Feeder Wells	223
Santa Ana River diversions (water is currently with the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's water right)	0
Direct deliveries December 2025 (the operating plan is 20,430)	720
Recharge deliveries December 2025	2,100

Ms. Pinto reported:

- Deliveries are starting slowly due to the low SWP allocation, but allocation increased from 10% to 30%, and is expected to increase again due to the recent precipitation
- As of Feb. 11, the precipitation index has measured 34 inches; to reach the average, the index will need to register an additional 19.2 inches
- At the local San Bernardino station, 26.5 inches has been registered and may already be at historic average following the recent storms
- The Lake Oroville and San Luis reservoirs still show capacity but will decline as agencies take their water orders
- Water Resources staff will host a meeting with the retail agencies in March or April to discuss the operating plan for orders and allocations.

President Harrison noted that eight feet of snow had fallen in the Sierras over the past 24 hours.

Agenda Item 5. Future Business. Director Longville requested an update on the Headwaters Resiliency Partnership and the monitoring plan be provided in the June-August timeframe. Ms. Dyer indicated this is slated for an upcoming agenda.

The Board of Directors supported Director Longville's request by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Longville	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 6. Announcements.

6.1) List of Announcements. Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board Jose Macedo reviewed the List of Announcements.

Agenda Item 7. Closed Session. District Counsel Brad Neufeld announced the Closed Session. President Harrison opened the Closed Session at 3:13 p.m.

- 7.1 Conference with Labor Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Negotiator: District Designated Representative: Brad Neufeld of Varner & Brandt
Unrepresented Employee: CEO\General Manager
- 7.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: CEO/General Manager

President Harrison returned the meeting to Open Session at 3:49 p.m. Counsel Brad Neufeld announced that no reportable action was taken.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment. President Harrison adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

APPROVAL CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing minutes of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	

Secretary	
Date _____	

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant

**MINUTES
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SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

March 3, 2026

Directors Present: Gil J. Botello, T. Milford Harrison, Paul R. Kielhold, Susan Longville, and Jose Velasquez

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
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Dan Borell, GISP – Geospatial Services Program Manager
Stephanie Chesin – Senior Strategic Communications Specialist
Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst
Ryan Kuruppu – Intern
Matthew Olivo – Senior Accountant
Kai Palenscar, Ph.D. – HCP Compliance Program Manager
Sayer Pinto, MBA – Principal Water Resources Analyst
Karen Resendez, MAOL — Human Resources & Risk Manager
Andreea Tanase, MPA – Administrative Analyst I
Francisco Wences – Assistant Engineer

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Mark Falcone, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
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Sarah Wargo, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Matthew Beeston, Carpenter's Union
Erin LaCombe, CV Strategies
Chuck Vahovick

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Harrison at 2:00 p.m. President Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was noted present by roll call.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment. Matthew Beeston, representing the Carpenter’s Union, commented on the Sites Reservoir award of a \$1 million contract for preconstruction services to Barnard Construction.

Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar.

- 2.1) **Approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting – January 20, 2026**
- 2.2) **Approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting - February 3, 2026**
- 2.3) **Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting – Resources / Engineering – February 10, 2026**

The Board of Directors approved the items on the Consent Calendar by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Botello	SECONDED: Velasquez	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 3. Discussion and Possible Action Items. None.

Agenda Item 4. Reports. (Discussion and Possible Action)

4.1) State Water Project Update. Chief of Water Resources Michael Plinski reported the State Water Project (SWP) Table A allocation remains at 30%. The storms in the past month did not build the snowpack as anticipated, and additional precipitation will need to come in March for the allocation to increase, he noted.

There is potential for the San Luis Reservoir to begin to spill at the end of March or beginning of April, resulting in loss of carryover water, Mr. Plinski continued. Staff is preparing for the potential to take Article 21, which does not count against the Table A allocation. At the 30% allocation, SBV will be able to fulfill only about 70% of the direct deliveries received from retailers. If Article 21 water becomes available, direct deliveries will continue and recharge orders will be fulfilled with that additional water.

If needed, an agreement for an additional 3,000 acre-feet (af) may be considered from Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency (CLAWA), Mr. Plinski advised.

Director Botello recalled with last year's 50% allocation, SBV was able to satisfy all direct deliveries, and pointed out that historically, the retailers request more than their actual water delivery. Mr. Plinski concurred, stating the retailers usually take 80 to 85 percent of what they ordered, therefore there may be just a small portion that cannot be satisfied. Some agencies do go over their water order, he added, and part of that 85 percent includes recharge, which does not necessarily need to happen if the water is not available.

Director Botello noted that even with no rain in southern California, SBV is dependent on the northern California snowpack.

Mr. Plinski further detailed the San Luis Reservoir status. Although 300,000 af is available in further capacity, that could change quickly, resulting in spilling from the reservoir.

SBV and San Gabriel Valley Water District continue to work with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to add chemical treatment to Devil Canyon to reduce or eliminate the golden mussels in the Devil Canyon-Azusa pipeline, Mr. Plinski reported. SBV provided comments on a design report to DWR, and the project is moving toward procuring equipment with the expectation that the treatment will be in place by summer. SBV has joined a golden mussel working group with DWR and other State Water Contractors to learn what is working so all can optimize mussel treatment, he added.

Mr. Plinski shared the current legislative priorities of the State Water Contractors including a policy for cost allocation for electrical transmission and distribution, funding of \$300 million per year for 20 years for Delta levee and conveyance repairs, extension of time to protect SWP water rights, diversion of flood flows for groundwater recharge to consider existing water rights (downstream impacts), and validation that DWR can bond for improvements like the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP).

Director Velasquez asked about the cost to SBV if the Delta repairs funding legislation is not passed, and Mr. Plinski advised it would be more than \$100 million. Director Botello pointed to SBV's healthy reserves and CEO/General Manager Heather Dyer acknowledged the expenses to the District: subsidence (\$6 billion), relicensing of the SWP facilities (\$1.8 billion), and maintenance of the existing SWP facilities. She noted that the modeling for the future indicates there will likely be higher temperatures meaning less snowpack and more rain events than historic conditions. DWR's Capital Improvement Program is substantial, which is why SBV has been focused on saving for the necessary SWP investments. She noted that the SWP debt is close to being paid off

in the next 10 years. Investment must continue to be made in that infrastructure forever and SBV must be prepared to make those improvements as needed over the coming decades, she advised.

In response to Director Kielhold, Mr. Plinski indicated that the variable SWP electrical transmission costs are billed monthly.

The Sites Reservoir Authority has submitted a Proposition 1 grant application requesting another \$200 to \$300 million, Mr. Plinski advised. If successful, that will help reduce the overall cost of the project. The Authority also entered negotiations for purchase of the 5th parcel of land. If successful, the Authority will own about 2,500 acres of the 16,000 needed for the project (16%).

Mr. Plinski advised the Authority would solicit a request for qualifications for the conveyance Construction Managers at Risk (CMAR). This will include pipelines, hydroelectric facilities (such as high voltage power lines), and booster stations and is estimated to be about \$2 billion. Selection, negotiation, and award of the contract is expected in late 2026 or early 2027. Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer Wen Huang will serve on the panel, Mr. Plinski noted.

Following the obtaining of the water rights, it is anticipated that Sites Reservoir will move on to investor commitment later this year. To proceed, a number of agreements are necessary including the facility use agreements to fill and release water from the reservoir, the benefits and obligations agreements for the participating agencies, and the DWR, Bureau of Reclamation and Sites operations agreement to transfer the water within the Sacramento River. Director Botello added that it will include the cost of conveyance and asked about the negotiations. Mr. Plinski indicated that the Sites Project Authority team are the lead negotiators. They present draft agreements for review in closed session and receive guidance for the Sites Board. Draft final agreements will be released 10 days prior to their consideration by the Reservoir Board.

The DCP is moving forward, Mr. Plinski continued. At a recent Delta Stewardship Council meeting, DWR's determination of consistency with the Delta Plan was considered. SBV and other agencies provided comment at the hearing, where there was support for the project and those not in support. A determination will be made in the next month or two, he said.

There is an ongoing water rights hearing regarding the Change of Point of Diversion for the DCP which will likely continue into 2027, Mr. Plinski reported.

Mr. Plinski reported he will participate in a working group which will meet over the next six months to negotiate a Joint Exercise Power Agreement between the Delta Conveyance Authority (representing the agencies' interests) and DWR regarding the final authority on change orders, design, and the final working relationship over the next 20 years of construction.

Mr. Plinski responded to Director Longville, explaining DCP facilities and functions. Director Botello expressed strong support for the Sites project and asked Ms. Dyer about continued support of the project given the cost escalation, pointing out the Board's fiduciary responsibility to its ratepayers. He cautioned against reaching a point of commitment where the project is "too big to fail," and Ms. Dyer assured that she is cognizant. The discussion will be held when the benefits and obligations agreement is complete and a price per acre foot determined and weighed against alternative supplies in dry years. Each board will have to decide whether it is a good value.

Ms. Dyer cautioned that SBV's ability to capture stormwater had accustomed the agency to water priced in the hundreds of dollars per acre-foot, but these water sources, especially in dry-year yield, will be in the thousands of dollars per acre-foot. She advocated that Sites, a 1.5 million acre-foot storage project, represents one of the best chances to capture wet year water to use in dry years; there will likely never be another reservoir like this built in California. Although challenging, Sites offers key dry year supply and there will not likely be a better investment available within this staff's careers.

Ms. Dyer noted that she has been appointed to the Advisory Commission for the implementation of SB 72, California Water for All, which will try to figure out the projects that are possible and may make the difference between abundance and scarcity. She reiterated that future modeling shows more years like 2026, and Sites is the perfect project to take advantage of the wet rain events. She assured the Board that attention is on Sites, the Board may still change its direction, and pointed out that costs had been estimated in prior years' dollars and although it seems that costs are exploding, much of the increase is in the time value of money.

Mr. Plinski added the Sites project also provides new water rights and storage capacity, and a comparison of per acre-foot cost may not be a true comparison. Even after the benefits and obligations, there will be another check in point related to the design and final cost estimate prior to investor commitment, he explained. Director Botello noted that at that point, agencies may cancel their investments; President Harrison pointed out there is a waiting list if agencies back out.

4.2) Directors' Report of Activities and Travel Requests in accordance with Resolution 1100.

Director Kielhold reported that he attended:

- Mar. 2 – San Geronio Pass Water Agency Board meeting

Director Velasquez reported that he attended:

- Feb. 18 – Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority (USAR WIFA) meeting
- Feb. 19-20 – Santa Ana River Science and Conservation Symposium
- Feb. 19 – City of Fontana State of the City event
- Feb. 23 – Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts dinner
- Feb. 24 – Metropolitan Water District Finance Workshop

President Harrison reported that he attended:

- Feb. 23 – Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts dinner

Director Botello reported that he attended:

- Feb. 19-20 – Santa Ana River Science and Conservation Symposium
- Feb. 18 – USAR WIFA meeting

Director Longville reported that she attended:

- Feb. 18 – City of San Bernardino Council meeting
- Feb. 19-20 – Santa Ana River Science and Conservation Symposium
- Feb. 23 – Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts dinner
- Feb. 25 – Little Hoover Commission webinar on data center electrical use
- Feb. 26 – UC Berkeley Center for Water, Energy and the Environment on data center water use
- Feb. 28 – Senator Eloise Reyes State of the District address

4.3) General Counsel Report. No report.

4.4) Ad-Hoc and Standing Committee Reports. No reports.

4.5) SAWPA Meeting Report. Director Botello presented the report.

March 3, 2026, SAWPA Commission Meeting and Strategic Planning Kickoff Workshop

- The Commission approved Resolution 2026-2 that certifies the completion of Phase 3 of the Water-Energy Community Action Network (WECAN) project through the City of Riverside's Eastside Climate Collaborative grant program.
- The Commission participated in the Strategic Planning Kickoff Workshop facilitated by Catalyst Group, during which it provided informed perspectives and substantive insights regarding SAWPA's strategic plan objectives, planning process, and timeline.

Agenda Item 5. Future Business. None requested.

Agenda Item 6. Announcements.

6.1) List of Announcements. Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board Jose Macedo reviewed the List of Announcements.

Agenda Item 7. Closed Session. District Counsel Brad Neufeld announced the Closed Session. President Harrison opened the Closed Session at 2:48 p.m.

- 7.1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9
(one potential case)

President Harrison returned the meeting to Open Session at 3:41 p.m. District Counsel Brad Neufeld stated that no reportable action was taken.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment. President Harrison adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

<p>APPROVAL CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing minutes of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Date _____</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant

DATE: April 7, 2026
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Greg Woodside, Chief of Planning and Watershed Resilience
SUBJECT: Update on the Inland Empire Headwaters Resiliency Partnership

Staff Recommendation

This is an informational update. No board action is recommended.

Background

San Bernardino Valley has been a leading partner in the Inland Empire Headwaters Resiliency Partnership (HRP) since its formation. The HRP is a regional collaborative dedicated to sustaining and enhancing the resilience of watersheds, natural resources, ecosystems, and communities across the Inland Empire mountains and foothills. The partnership brings together diverse organizations, including public agencies, non-profits, and community-based organizations, to align resources, strategies, and values for greater collective impact.

Completion and Approval of the HRP Charter

The Charter serves as the foundational governing document for the HRP. It establishes the partnership's mission, values, and vision, defines membership structure and eligibility, outlines a consensus-based governance and decision-making framework, and provides an operational structure including working groups, annual work plans, and an evaluation approach. The Charter reflects the partnership's commitment to transparency, shared stewardship, and coordinated action across jurisdictions. The Board approved the Charter in September 2025.

The following organizations signed the HRP Charter, affirming their commitment to the partnership's mission and collaborative structure:

1. CAL Fire
2. CSUSB Institute for Watershed Resiliency
3. Inland Empire Community Foundation
4. Inland Empire Fire Safe Alliance
5. Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
6. Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council
7. Southern California Mountains Foundation
8. Tree People
9. San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

As a federal agency, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) San Bernardino National Forest participates extensively through staff involvement. It is anticipated that their participation will be facilitated through a separate Memorandum of Understanding between the Forest Service and the primary HRP members.

HRP Meetings and Working Groups

The HRP holds monthly Full Partnership Meetings to review progress on key initiatives, receive updates from working groups, address emerging challenges or opportunities, and strengthen collaboration.

A significant amount of the HRP's work is conducted through working groups. The Charter identifies the following working groups:

- Communications & Outreach
- Funding & Resource Development
- Reforestation & Habitat Restoration
- Permitting & Environmental Documentation

District staff are participating in the Funding & Resource Development and Permitting & Environmental Documentation Working Groups.

Monitoring and Watershed Resiliency Workshop

On October 1, 2025, the District hosted a Monitoring and Headwaters Resilience Planning Workshop with multiple partners. This effort was supported by funding from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Key leaders of this effort include Mary Ann Dickinson/Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Ben Chou and Danielle Bram/Cal State University Northridge, Dr. Jennifer Alford/Cal State San Bernardino, Dr. Hillary Jenkins/University of Redlands, and District staff.

Participants in the workshop collaborated to review existing data collection, identify data gaps, establish monitoring priorities, and explore coordination challenges across the region. Staff will provide further information at the Board meeting on this effort.

San Bernardino Valley's Strategic Plan Application

The HRP Charter aligns with the San Bernardino Valley Strategic Plan by creating a framework for us to work collaboratively with our partners towards a reliable, sustainable, and climate-resilient local water supply, which primarily originates in the San Bernardino National Forest. Implementing the HRP Charter also supports the District's Climate Adaptation Resilience Plan.

Fiscal Impact

None.



DATE: April 7, 2026
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Plinski, Chief of Water Resources
SUBJECT: State Water Project Update

Staff Recommendation

Receive a verbal update on the State Water Project, Sites Reservoir Project, and Delta Conveyance Project.

DATE: April 7, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: List of Announcements

- A. April 8, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – SBVW Conservation District Board Meeting
- B. April 14, 2026, 2 p.m. – Board of Directors’ Special Meeting – Resources/
Engineering Workshop by Teleconference or In-Person
- C. April 20, 2026, 6 p.m. – ASBCSD dinner (Panda Inn 3223 N. Centre Lake Dr.,
Ontario)
- D. April 21, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – SAWPA Commission Meeting by Teleconference or In-
Person
- E. April 21, 2026, 2 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting by Teleconference or In-Person
- F. April 22, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – SBVW Conservation District Board Meeting
- G. April 22-24, 2026 – Spring State Water Project Tour
- H. May 5, 2026, 2 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting by Teleconference or In-Person
- I. May 7, 2026, 2 p.m. – Board of Directors’ Special Meeting – Policy/ Administration
Workshop by Teleconference or In-Person