

SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY
MINUTES OF THE SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY
Tuesday, September 16, 2025

An open meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Antonio Water Company (SAWCo) was called to order at 5:07 p.m. on the above date at the City of Upland Council Chambers, 460 N. Euclid Ave., Upland, California. Directors present were Rudy Zuniga, Will Elliott, Becky Miller, Kati Parker, Bob Cable, and Bob Bowcock. Also in attendance were SAWCo's General Manager Brian Lee and Senior Administrative Specialist Tiffany Dickinson. President Zuniga presided.

Director Elliott led all in attendance in the flag salute.

Mr. Lee noted Director Velto and General Legal Counsel Mr. Hoffman were both not physically present at the meeting at the start of the meeting due to unusual freeway traffic shutdowns but were both trying to get there and log on remotely. In the case Director Velto cannot make it, it is on record he is excused.

Director Parker moved and Director Elliott seconded to approve the absence of Director Velto. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Recognitions and Presentations: None.

2. Additions-Deletions to the Agenda: None.

3. Shareholder-Public Testimony: None.

4. Consent Calendar Items:
 - A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2025
 - B. Planning, Resources and Operations Committee (PROC) Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2025.
 - C. Administration and Finance Committee (AFC) Meeting Minutes
No meeting minutes to approve.
 - D. AdHoc Committee for Office Feasibility Study
No meeting minutes to approve.
 - E. Financial Statement
Income Statement and Balance Sheet for July 31, 2025.
 - F. Investment Activity Report
Monthly Report of Investments Activity.
 - G. Water Production and Consumption
Monthly water production and consumption figures.
 - H. Prominent Issues Update
Status summaries on certain on-going active issues.
 - I. Projects and Operations Update
Status summaries on projects and operations matters.
 - J. Groundwater Level Patterns [Quarterly in January, April, July, and October]
Tracking patterns of groundwater elevations relative to ground surface.
 - K. Conservation Program Update [Quarterly in January, April, July, and October]
Update on SAWCo's existing water conservation programs.
 - L. Correspondence of Interest

Director Parker pulled item 4A Approval of Board Meeting Minutes. She requested to make a few amendments to item 5A PVPA report.

Director Parker moved and Director Elliott seconded to approve the board meeting minutes of August 19, 2025 after amendments are made.

Director Parker moved and Director Cable seconded to approve consent calendar items B, E, F, G, H, and I as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Board Committee – Delegate Report:

- A. **Pomona Valley Protective Association (PVPA) Representative's Report** – Director Parker stated the meeting was cancelled, there is no update to report.
- B. **Six Basins Representative Report** – Mr. Lee stated there was a meeting held this month with no noticeable action to report.
- C. **Chino Basin Representative Report** – Mr. Lee stated there is no significant update to report besides what is already in the packet.
- D. **Cucamonga Basin Representative Report** – Mr. Lee stated there is no significant update to report besides what is already in the packet.
- E. **Administration and Finance Committee (AFC) Chairman's Report** –No meeting to report.
- F. **Planning, Resources, and Operations Committee (PROC) Chairman's Report** – Director Elliott reported on the meeting held August 26, 2025, stating the Well 19 pipeline replacement project was discussed and will be further discussed with further details with the full board.
- G. **Office Feasibility Study Ad Hoc Committee** – No meeting to report.

Director Velto arrived and joined the meeting at 5:15 PM.

- 6. Well 19 Pipeline Replacement Project: Mr. Lee stated presented in the packet before the Board was the design services contract for the Well 19 pipeline replacement project that would essentially be to design a wellhead, which would include a building, pump and motor and the pipeline to deliver that water to the potable water system. 3 out of the 5 firms staff reached out to submitted proposals and staff have reviewed those proposals and consider Civiltech to be the most qualified firm. The proposals were presented to the PROC at the August 26 meeting and requested the PROC not to make a recommendation but to bring it to the board with staff's recommendation for Civiltech. Staff are asking the Board to authorize staff to sign a professional services contract with Civiltech in the amount of \$849,070 to design the pipeline and wellhead for the well 19 pipeline replacement project.

With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously to authorize staff to sign a professional services contract with Civiltech in the amount of \$849,070 to design the pipeline and wellhead for the Well 19 pipeline replacement project.

- 7. Forebay Outfall Pipeline Replacement Project: Mr. Lee explained this project is a pipeline that goes from the Forebay down through a neighborhood and connects Reservoir 4 and the concrete work within the reservoir to handle the pressure that will be exhibited at the end of the pipeline from the water that should be around 300 psi. This is going to replace the hydraulic break/ hydroelectric generator station that had been abandoned number years ago, simplify the delivery by getting the pipeline out of backyards and into street, and will eliminate the hydroelectric plant, and the pressure hydro break that causes noise to the residents. Staff received 5 bids, with Merlin Johnson being the lowest bid received at \$1,943,965. Staff are recommending the Board authorize staff to execute a construction contract with Merlin Johnson for a not to exceed price of \$1,943,965.

There was discussion and concern about the difference in bid amounts and staff explained it has to do with the material each firm chose to propose. Staff gave the firms options in material from steel, PVC, or ductile iron, and Merlin Johnson went with steel pipeline, which is staff's preferred option, which has the best shelf life in that environment.

Director Velto moved and Director Miller seconded to authorize staff to execute a construction contract with Merlin Johnson for a not to exceed price of \$1,943,965. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Termination of Santa Ana Watershed Authority's Cloud Seeding Pilot Program: Staff wanted on record to document the cloud seeding pilot program has terminated. Staff will

be sending a letter solidifying the project is complete, all equipment has been moved off site, and there is no more potential liability associated for SAWCo.

It was questioned how many agencies have given money to this pilot program and if there will be a refund since the program is being terminated and not being seen all the way through. Staff's understanding was the money that was provided to SAWPA was for the CEQA work up front that had to occur before they can even begin to mobilize. It was requested to ask, if politically things change, will they maybe start the pilot program again, and if so, will they ask for money again.

The Board recommended staff to request from Santa Ana Watershed Authority the financial accounting of the pilot program at the closing.

9. Recognition of Sandra Rose: Mr. Lee recognized President Sandra Rose of Monte Vista Water District on being named Board Member of the Year by the California Special Districts Association. He mentioned staff had sent a letter to her congratulating her for this special recognition.

10. Closed Session:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(1)] Name of Case: Aqueous Film-Form Foams Product Liability Litigation, Master Docket No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG
- B. EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION [Government Code § 54957(b)(1)]: General Manager Annual Review, Goals and Objectives

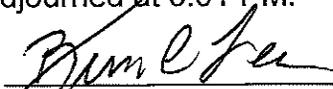
11. Open Session:

- A. Report out from Closed Session: The Board went into closed session at 5:30 PM. Upon return from the closed session at 6:00 PM, Mr. Hoffman stated the Board met in closed session on the two items listed on the agenda, and there is no reportable action.
- B. General Manager Setting of Annual Compensation: Mr. Hoffman stated item 11B will be tabled to a future meeting.

12. Director's Comments and Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM.


Assistant Secretary
Brian Lee

