

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met in a Special Board meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025. The meeting was held at the District Office located at 18021 Lincoln Street Villa Park, California.

CALL TO ORDER: President Reese called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Reese	President
Frank Bryant	Vice-President
Jerry Haight	Board Member
Greg Mills	Board Member
Robbie Pitts	Board Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry Vilander	General Manager
Jennifer Westrum	Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Jungreis	Legal Counsel
Scott Nelsen, CGFM	Starting Line Advisory (<i>via zoom platform</i>)

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MINUTES

Consideration of Serrano Water District Board Meeting minutes for July 22, 2025. Director Mills moved that the minutes for the meeting be approved as submitted. Director Pitts seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Bryant, and Haight, Mills and Pitts all voting yes.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Vilander provided an overview of Board Committee activities and management matters for the month of July. Highlights included updates on various meetings and current issues affecting the District.

He stated that on September 17th and October 15th the City of Villa Park is hosting emergency preparedness seminars, and Serrano Water District will be participating in both events in co-ordination with Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC).

FINANCIAL REPORT

Scott Nelson presented the financial report for July, which was the first month in the new fiscal year. He commented that the format has been updated to align with the newly adopted budget. He also added Schedule C which will outline specific capital projects. In the past, they were booked to Capital Improvement Projects or CIP, but now there are individual line items in the Schedule C report. Director Haight asked Mr. Nelson why all the disbursements for July aren't listed on the financial statements. Scott answered that a lot of the July payments were actually June expenses. Since June is the end of the fiscal year those expenses have to be accrued back to the correct month for auditing purposes.

A motion to approve the monthly disbursements totaling \$ 410,511.27 was made by Director Haight, seconded by Director Pitts, and unanimously approved by Directors Reese, Bryant, Mills, Haight, and Pitts.

WATER REPORT

General Manager Vilander presented the water report for the month of July. He reported that Serrano Water District has approximately 1,200-1,400 acre-feet of water remaining in Irvine Lake. The report was received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jungreis informed the Board about a piece of legislation called SB 601, also referred to as the Right to Clean Water Act. This is an effort by the State of California to reduce EPA suing activity. Currently, public agencies can be sued over their discharge water. This bill will strengthen the enforcement authority of the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Boards.

It is good that the matter with the City of Orange has now been settled. In the end, we recovered the majority of the funds owed. The remaining \$65,000 loss stemmed from an issue that was not identified internally by the individuals responsible for financial oversight. For a detailed account of the circumstances, please refer to the report filed by the Orange Police Department, which outlines the specific issues involved. The District has taken this incident seriously and has since implemented internal measures to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

The Board of Directors announced they would be entering a closed session at 9:55 a.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)): *Vittorio Roggero v. Serrano Water District*, Case No. 30-2025-01469424-CU-WT-CJC.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1))—*OCWD v. 3M Company et al.*

The Board resumed their open session at 10:08 a.m. with no reportable items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on September 23, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

Jennifer Westrum
Administrative Assistant