

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met in a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 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 8:34 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

Greg Mills	Board Member
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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 Board Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2025. The Board reviewed the minutes of the Serrano Water District meeting held on September 23, 2025.

Director Pitts made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Director Haight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried, with Directors Reese, Bryant, Pitts, and Haight all voting in favor.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Vilander provided an overview of Board Committee activities and management matters for the month of September. Some highlights included updates on current issues affecting the District.

General Manger Vilander requested to have an urgency item added to the agenda and Legal Counsel Jungreis indicated the legal requirements were met to add the item. Director Bryant moved to add the purchase of a Sand Separator to the agenda. Director Pitts seconded the

motion. Directors Reese, Haight, Pitts and Bryant all voted yes to approve adding the item to the agenda.

SAND SEPARATOR (Urgency item added to the agenda)

General Manager Vilander noted that Well 5 is having some ongoing sand and silt issues. The staff have been changing out the bag filters every one to two weeks. A sample of the sand was sent out to a laboratory for analysis, and results indicated that the proposed new sand separator will catch approximately 85% of the sand and the cost is approximately \$ 70,000 for the new equipment.

Director Bryant moved to approve the purchase of the sand separator at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. Director Pitts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Directors Bryant, Pitts, Reese and Haight all voting yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Scott Nelson presented the financial report for September. The target figures for September are 25% of the annual budget. Scott reported that revenue is trending above target at 42.8%, since we had increased water consumption during the recent summer months.

Source water operating expenses are currently above target due to higher water demand, which requires an increased use of groundwater to meet customer needs.

Director Haight once again complimented Scott on his detailed financial reporting and excellent formatting.

Director Haight moved to approve the monthly disbursements totaling \$569,674.62. Director Pitts seconded the motion. Directors Reese, Bryant, Pitts, and Haight unanimously approved the motion.

WATER REPORT

General Manager Vilander presented the water report for the month of September. He reported that Serrano Water District has approximately 900-1,000 acre-feet of water remaining in Irvine Lake. The report was received and filed by the Board.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SERRANO WATER DISTRICT AND WATER RESOURCES ECONOMICS FOR AS NEEDED FINANCIAL AND RATE EVALUATION SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$47,925.

General Manager Vilander reviewed the proposal submitted by Water Resources Economics (WRE) to assist Serrano Water District in conducting a Cost of Service and Water Rate Study. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the District's current rate structure and ensure that future water rates are fair, equitable, and compliant with all applicable laws and regulations — including Proposition 218, which governs the establishment and adjustment of water rates in California.

After review, Director Haight moved to approve the agreement as presented. Director Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed with Directors Reese, Pitts, Bryant, and Haight all voting in favor.

Director Haight requested that the proposed project schedule from Water Resources Economics be included in next month's Board packet for the Directors to review.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Pitts shared that he attended the second meeting for Emergency Preparedness at Villa Park City Hall on Wednesday, October 15th. He noted that the speaker Vicky Osborn was phenomenal, and she commanded the entire room with her presentation.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jungreis reported that SB707 was recently enacted legislation that included significant amendments to the Brown Act. He noted that the new provisions impose additional requirements on cities regarding the conduct of remote meetings. However, special districts will not be substantially affected by these revisions.

Attorney Jungreis also announced that the Orange County Water Association (OCWA) is hosting a holiday dinner meeting on the evening of December 5th. He asked the Board of Directors if they would be interested in attending the event.

The Board of Directors recessed the meeting at 9:39 a.m. The regular monthly meeting of the Serrano Water District was resumed at 9:48 a.m.

The Board of Directors announced they would be entering into a closed session at 9:49 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 open session at 10:29 a.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on November 18, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

Jennifer Westrum
Administrative Assistant