

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. The meeting was held at the District Office located at 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa Park, California.

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

ROLL CALL:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Patrick O'Hara	Villa Park Resident
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Attendee Patrick O'Hara introduced himself to the Board as a longtime Villa Park resident. He shared that he grew up in Villa Park and returned to the community about 15 years ago when he purchased a home in the city. He mentioned that he currently owns and operates a local private nursing college.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes for the two Special Board meetings on March 19, 2026 as well as the minutes from the Regular monthly Board meeting on March 24, 2026. Director Haight moved to approve all three sets of minutes noting one small correction needed on the minutes for the March 24, 2026 meeting. Director Pitts seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Directors Reese, Bryant, Mills, Haight, and Pitts all voting in favor.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Vilander reported that the District has received several calls about the March bills appearing higher than usual. He explained that the billing cycle included approximately ten additional days and that February water usage was unusually low due to a week of rain.

Mr. Vilander also reported that there was a mainline water leak occurred on Robinhood, which staff successfully repaired on the same day. He also provided an update on Eastwood, noting that the line will be video inspected prior to being abandoned.

General Manager Vilander announced that Serrano Water District will receive \$750,000 in Community Grant Funding for the Smith Reservoir Project from Congresswoman Young Kim. The funding is eligible retroactively to a pre-award date of October 1, 2023, allowing the District to be reimbursed for design and management costs incurred since that time.

Incoming General Manager Andrew Wiesner, P.E. gave the following Capital Project updates.

Well No. 6: A construction kickoff meeting is scheduled for this afternoon, including a site visit, to facilitate installation of the sound walls by the end of May. Outreach to neighboring residents will be conducted within the next week to inform them of the project and anticipated timeline. The Board also expressed a desire for a presentation at City Hall to ensure all residents are informed about the project.

Smith Reservoir: Our consultant and General Manager Vilander have been coordinating on the Community Grant funding, which has now been approved. The Board requested that the residents be informed of this through a post on the District website.

Capital Mainline: The design project kickoff is scheduled for tomorrow. The project will begin with approximately one mile of pipeline replacement, with Roseneau identified as the first street, including approximately 1,500 feet of pipeline replacement. The Board suggested coordinating with the City regarding potential street pavement improvements in conjunction with this work.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Scott Nelsen reviewed the Financial Statements for March, noting that the District is 75% through the fiscal year. He reported that financial activity is trending well overall and highlighted that water sales to the City of Orange exceeded \$1 million.

Director Haight made a motion to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$358,683.07. Director Reese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Directors Pitts, Bryant, Mills, Haight, and Reese all voting yes.

WATER REPORT

General Manager Vilander presented the Water Report for the month of March, reporting that the District has approximately 100 acre-feet of water remaining in Irvine Lake. He also stated that the District requested the Treatment Plant be temporarily shut down in order to maximize groundwater production from the District's wells.

RESOLUTION 2026-04-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DDIRECTORS OF THE SERRANO WATER DISTRICT AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07-01 UPDDATING THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT DISTRICT BUSINESS ON THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK OF LONG BEACH ACCOUNT(S)

General Manager Vilander explained that incoming General Manager Andrew Wiesner, P.E. needed to be added as an authorized signer on the Farmers & Merchants Bank accounts and granted authority to transfer funds between the District's savings and checking accounts.

President Mills made a motion to approve the resolution, with additional language added to remove current General Manager Jerry Vilander as an authorized signer effective July 1, 2026, due to his retirement. Director Haight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Directors Bryant, Pitts, Reese, Mills, and Haight all voting in favor.

RATE STUDY UPDATE

The Board discussed the upcoming Rate Study Workshop #4, scheduled for May 14 at 5:00 p.m. at the District office. The Board requested that Sanjay Gaur, water rate expert with Water Resources Economics, provide a brief recap presentation summarizing the results of the recent Water Rate Study. The Board also noted that any written objections received would be addressed during the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

General Manager Vilander reported that the District received an email from Robert Frackelton regarding a Fourth of July event in Villa Park that will include a dunk tank as part of the festivities. A request was made to use a fire hydrant to fill the tank.

The Board discussed the request and agreed to allow the use of the hydrant, provided that the water is measured using a hydrant meter and a backflow prevention device is installed to protect the District's water system from potential contamination. Director Reese, who will be attending the event, volunteered to monitor the hydrant and water usage.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

President Mills mentioned an interesting article in Sunday's Orange County Register discussing how California's drought conditions have eased significantly, raising questions about whether certain conservation restrictions and regulatory measures remain appropriate given current water supply conditions.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jeremy Jungreis reported that, in light of General Manager Vilander's upcoming retirement, three District policies will need to be updated: the Personnel Policy, Rules and Regulations, and the Procurement Policy. He also noted that he plans to meet with the Directors and General Manager attending the ACWA Conference for dinner on Monday evening.

The Board went into closed session at 9:58 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.

The Board resumed open session at 10:41 a.m. with no reportable action

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 10:42 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on May 26, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Jennifer Westrum
Administrative Assistant