VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

AGENDA Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, June 16, 2025 — 2:00 P.M.

The VCMWD Board of Directors welcomes the public to attend its meetings both in-person at its Board Room and virtually via livestream. *Please note that in the event of technical issues that disrupt the meeting livestream or receipt of public comments by phone or email, the meeting will continue, unless otherwise required by law, such as when a Director is attending the meeting virtually pursuant to certain provisions of the Brown Act.*

Instructions for members of the public who wish to address the Board of Directors:

Members of the public can address the Board of Directors during "Public Comments" or on specific agenda items, may do so as instructed below. All comments will be subject to a limit of three (3) minutes.

- <u>Making Public Comment for In-Person Attendance</u>: Members of the public who wish to observe or to address the Board may join the Board Members at the noticed, physical location. A Request to Speak slip must be submitted to the Board Secretary prior to start of the meeting *(if possible).*
- <u>Phone Comments During the Meeting</u>: Before the meeting, or before public comment period for the item closes during the meeting, submit a telephone number by email to the Board Secretary at <u>publiccomments@vcmwd.org</u>, together with the agenda item number, and the Board Secretary will call when the board is ready to hear public comments; *or*
- <u>Emailed Comments</u>: Before the meeting, or before public comment period for that item closes at the meeting, email your comments to the Board Secretary at <u>publiccomments@vcmwd.org</u> and they will be read aloud during the public comment period; or
- <u>Written Comments</u>: Written comments can be also be physically dropped off or mailed in advance of the meeting at the District's Administrative located at 29300 Valley Center Rd., Valley Center, CA 92082, for receipt no later than 1:00 pm on meeting day.

These public comment procedures supersede any District public comment policies and procedures to the contrary. If modifications or accommodations from individuals with disabilities are required, such persons should provide a request at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by email to the Board Secretary at <u>boardsecretary@vcmwd.org</u>.

- <u>Meeting Broadcast</u>: Members of the public may watch the meeting electronically by visiting the District's website at <u>vcmwd.org/Board/Board-Documents</u> and then clicking the link listed below "live stream" on the page.
- <u>Meeting Documents</u>: Board Meeting Packets (*except for closed session materials*) will be made available to the public once distributed to the Board. Please visit the District's website at <u>vcmwd.org/Board/Board-Documents</u> for Agenda and related Board Meeting Documents.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At its option, the Board may approve the agenda, delete an item, reorder items and add an item to the agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments and inquiries from the audience will be received on any matter not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Board. Comments and inquiries pertaining to an item on the agenda will be received during the deliberation of the agenda item (Government Code Section 54954.3).

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Consent calendar items will be voted on together by a single motion unless separate action is requested by a Board member, staff or member of the audience.

- 1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held Monday, June 2, 2025;
- 2. Audit Demands and Wire Disbursements;
- 3. Treasurer's Report for Month Ending April 30, 2025; and
- 4. <u>Request Approval of Resolution No. 2025-16 Supporting the Nomination of Carol Lee</u> <u>Gonzales-Brady, Rancho California Water District, for the Office of ACWA Vice President</u>.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S)

It is not necessary to notify the Board Secretary if a member of the public wishes to speak on items listed on the agenda as public hearings. Public hearings will begin at the time stated in the notice, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. Opportunities for the public to address the Board will be given after the President opens the hearing.

5. Public Hearing to Review Status of Vacant Positions as Required by AB 2561:

A public hearing will be held to review the status of vacant positions, as required by AB 2561.

- a. Open Public Hearing
- b. Report by Director of Finance and Administration
- c. Audience comments/questions
- d. Close Public Hearing
- e. Questions/Discussion
- f. If desired, motion to receive and file the report on the status of vacant positions

ACTION ITEM(S)

6. <u>Implementation Schedule for the Proposed SDCWA Fixed Transportation Charge for the FY</u> <u>2025-26 Budget</u>:

Board direction regarding the implementation schedule for the proposed SDCWA Fixed Transportation Charge for the FY 2025-26 will be considered.

- a. Report by Director of Finance and Administration
- b. Discussion
- c. Audience comments/questions
- d. If desired, provide direction on implementation of proposed charge

7. <u>Request Approval of Mutual Services Agreement Exhibit A – State and Federal Representation</u>:

Approval of Exhibit "A" to the Mutual Services Agreement Between FPUD, RMWD, YMWD and VCMWD – Proposal for State and Federal Representation, will be requested.

- a. Report by General Manager
- b. Discussion
- c. Audience comments/questions
- d. If desired, approve Exhibit "A" to the "Mutual Services Agreement Between FPUD, RMWD, YMWD, and VCMWD

INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM(S)

8. Energy Program Overview:

An overview of the District's Energy Program will be provided.

- a. Report by Director of Operations
- b. Discussion
- c. Audience comments/questions
- d. Information item only, no action required

9. General Information:

General Information items will be reviewed.

- a. Report by General Manager
- b. Discussion
- c. Audience comments/questions
- d. Information item only, no action required

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' AB1234 REPORTING*

* Directors must provide brief reports on meetings/events attended in the performance of their official duties for which compensation or reimbursement is provided. Authority: Government Code Section 53232.3.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or to discuss with legal counsel matters within the attorney-client privilege. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session (per Government Code § 54956.9).

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This agenda was posted at least 72 hours before the meeting in a location freely accessible to the public. No action may be taken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as provided by Government Code Section 54954.2. Any written materials provided to a majority of the Board of Directors within 72 hours prior to the meeting regarding any item on this agenda will be available for public inspection on the District's website. The agenda is available for public review on the District's website, http://www.vcmwd.org.

For questions or request for information related to this agenda contact Kirsten Peraino, *Board Secretary*, at (760) 735-4517 or <u>publiccomments@vcmwd.org</u>. Upon request, this agenda will be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities, as required by Section 202 of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting should direct such request to the Board Secretary at least 48 hours before the meeting, if possible.

— End of Agenda —

VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT MINUTES Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, June 2, 2025 — 2:00 P.M.

The Valley Center Municipal Water District Board of Directors' meeting was called to order by President Ferro at 2:00 PM. In the Board Room at 29300 Valley Center Rd.; Valley Center, CA 92082, and livestreamed on the District's website at <u>www.vcmwd.org</u>.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Directors Ferro, Holtz, Smith, Ness, and Stehly.

Staff Members Present: General Manager Arant, District Engineer Grabbe, Director of Finance and Administration Pugh, Director of IT Pilve, Director of Operations and Facilities Lovelady, Special Projects & Regulatory Compliance Manager Nichols, Manager of Accounting/Deputy Director of Finance & Administration Velasquez; Executive Assistant/Board Secretary Peraino, and General Counsel Nick Norvell present in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

President Ferro established for the record the process by which public comments are received by the Board; this process was also described in the Agenda for the meeting. It was announced that no public comments had been received for this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Consent calendar items will be voted on together by a single motion unless separate action is requested by a Board member, staff or member of the audience.

- 1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held Monday, May 19, 2025; and
- 2. Audit Demands for Check Nos. 171639 171699 from May 10 23, 2025;
- 3. <u>Approval of Resolution No. 2025-13 to Set the District's FY 2025-26 Appropriation Limit</u> <u>for Proceeds from Taxes per Article XIIIB of the State Constitution;</u> and
- 4. <u>Approval of Resolution No. 2025-14 to Adopt the FY 2025-26 Annual Water Supply and</u> <u>Demand Assessment</u>.

<u>Action</u>: Upon motion by Stehly, seconded by Ness; and unanimously carried, the previously listed consent calendar items were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S)

5. <u>Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Proposed Water Availability Charges for Fiscal</u> Year (FY) 2025-26 and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-05 to Amend the District's <u>Administrative Code</u>:

A public hearing to receive written and oral input on the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-05, regarding proposed revisions to Water Availability Charges for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, was

opened by President Ferro at 2:04 PM. Annually, the District holds a public hearing to receive public testimony on the water availability charge of \$10 per acre with a \$10 per parcel minimum, reported Director of Finance and Administration Pugh. This charge has been in place at the same rate since FY 1995-96. The availability charge will generate a dedicated source of revenue of approximately \$564,000 for FY 2025-26 which has been used for the District's debt service and ongoing capital requirements.

Notice of the public hearing was published in the local paper as required by law. Letters were also mailed to all new property owners within the District. The District received no written protests or phone calls, noting no new deferral applications were received. No public comments were received after the opportunity for public comment was provided. The public hearing was closed at 2:09 PM.

<u>Action</u>: Upon motion by Holtz, seconded by Ness; and unanimously carried, the following Ordinance was approved:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGES FOR FY 2025-26 ON ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

- AYES: Directors Ferro, Holtz, Smith, Ness, and Stehly
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

ACTION ITEM(S)

6. <u>Review of Proposed Revisions to the Meter Capacity Charges and Request to Set</u> <u>Public Hearing Date to Consider Approval of New Charges</u>:

Proposed increases in Water Meter Capacity Charges (including Specific Benefit Area Capacity Charges) were presented by *Special Projects & Regulatory Compliance Manager* Alisa Nichols. In addition to the San Diego County Water Authority ("SDCWA") Meter Capacity and Annexation Charges (which are set independently from the District), the District's Water Meter Capacity Charges are collected for new water meters purchased from the District and a per acre District Annexation Charge is collected from properties requesting annexation to the District. Modifications to the approach since last year include:

- Added Value of Capital Improvements completed during the year, which exclude contributed capital.
- Updated Asset Values to reflect the current Replacement Cost New Less Depreciation value.
- Updated the percentage of the Asset Values related to Usage Based Revenue versus Land Based Revenue.
- Updated the Equivalent ³/₄-inch Meter count to exclude Inactive Meters.

The last adjustment to Meter Capacity and Annexation Charges was approved in April 2024. Staff's recommendations are based on the water system and non-facility asset values as of June 30, 2024. Key considerations in determining the value of the water system assets include capital

improvement reserves, the value of District land, adjustments made to the useful life of the facility assets that do not include the value of contributed capital, adjustments for the amount of the asset value attributable to property tax and Availability Charge revenue and the exclusion of value associated with wastewater facilities, reminded Ms. Nichols. Staff proposed an 8.7% increase to the Water Meter Capacity Charge, increasing from \$5,705 to \$6,203, for a ³/₄-inch water meter.

An Incremental Component to the Water Meter Capacity Charge is added for projects if within a Specific Benefit Area and apply to projects that fit the following criteria: 1) Projects constructed by the District that benefit future connections in a specific area, or 2) Contributed Capital Projects (Developer Projects with Reimbursement Agreements) that benefit future connections in a specific area. In situations where an Incremental Component Charge applies, a Specific Benefit Area ("SBA") is established and a Specific Benefit Area Capacity Charge ("SBACC") is separately approved; conceptually during the project planning/approval process, based on estimated project costs (with final approval after the project is completed, when all costs are known). The SBACC is added to the Meter Capacity Charge for new meters on properties only within the SBA. The proposed Incremental Charges for the current SBACC are summarized in the following table:

SPECIFIC BENEFIT AREA (SBA) DESCRIPTION	Original Project Value	Total Project Value (6/30/2023) (RCNLD) ¹	Total Project Value (6/30/2024) (RCNLD) ¹	SBA Build Out (Equivalent ¾-inch meter)	SPECIAL BENEFIT AREA CAPACITY CHARGE (per Equivalent %-inch meter)	Percent Change from Previous Year
High Mountain Waterline	\$181,940	\$227,207	\$228,586	168	\$1,361	0.61%
Wilkes Road Waterline	\$712,620	\$794,708	\$799,026	362	\$2,207	0.54%
Via Piedra Waterline Extension - Total	\$571,203	\$571,203	\$571,203	37	N/A	0.00%
Via Piedra Waterline Extension - Subarea A	\$3,656	\$3,656	\$3,656	10	\$366	0.00%
Via Piedra Waterline Extension - Subarea B	\$73,611	\$73,611	\$73,611	6	\$12,268	0.00%
Via Piedra Waterline Extension - Subarea C	\$493,936	\$493,936	\$493,936	21	\$23,521	0.00%

¹ Original Cost with No Depreciation is used for the Via Piedra SBACC pursuant to the Reimbursement Agreement.

Annexation Charges are collected from properties requesting annexation to the District. Property owners outside of the District have not paid Availability Charges or tax revenues to the District, and as such, would need to buy-in to the value attributed to those revenue sources to be on an equal basis as customers within the District. Using a similar "Buy-In" methodology as the Water Meter Capacity Charge, the Annexation Charge is determined as described in the District's Administrative Code §220.6. The same amount deducted from the water facility asset value for taxes and Availability Charges used in determining the Water Meter Capacity Charge is the primary component of the corporate asset value used to determine the Annexation Charge from \$1,443 to \$1,406 per acre was recommended.

Board input and comments received from this meeting will be incorporated into the final recommendation, to be presented at the July 7, 2025 Board meeting. If approved at that time, the Meter Capacity and Annexation Charges would become effective immediately.

<u>Action</u>: Upon motion by Stehly, seconded by Smith; and unanimously carried, motion to set public hearing date for July 7, 2025 was approved.

7. <u>Preview of the FY 2025-26 Annual Assessments for the Woods Valley Ranch Sewer</u> <u>Service Area and Request to Set Public Hearing Date to Put the Service Charge and</u> <u>Grinder Pump Maintenance Charge Assessments on the Property Tax Roll</u>:

The date for a public hearing to receive input and consider collecting the FY 2024-25 Woods Valley Ranch (WVR) annual Sewer Service Charge (Service Areas 1 and 2) and the annual WVR Grinder Pump Maintenance Charge (Service Area 2) on the tax roll, was requested by District Engineer Grabbe. Notification of the public hearing on Monday, July 7, 2025, will be published in the local newspaper. The resolutions approving the assessments and levies for the FY 2025-26 tax roll will be presented to the Board for approval at the July 7, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and are due to the County by August 10, 2025, stated Mr. Grabbe.

District's Sewer Service Charges

The sewer service charges and grinder pump maintenance charges for the Woods Valley Ranch Sewer Service Areas have been collected annually on the County of San Diego property tax roll (tax roll). The service charges, which provide for the operation, annual maintenance, and ultimate replacement of the District-owned and operated collection, treatment, and seasonal storage facilities, are levied on those properties connected to the wastewater collection system as of the end of the fiscal year. These charges consist of the following:

- WVR Service Area 1:
 - Annual Sewer Service Charge 5% increase, from \$1,183.20 per year per EDU to \$1,242 per year per EDU.
- WVR Service Area 2:
 - Annual Sewer Service Charge 5% increase, from \$1,183.20 per year per EDU to \$1,242 per year per EDU.
 - Annual Grinder Pump Maintenance Charge -
 - Simplex Unit: 5.1% increase from prior year: \$642.24 per year per EDU.
 - Duplex Units: 5.1% increase from prior year (see below):

EDUS	ANNUAL FEE
1	\$790.32
2	\$963.84
3	\$1,128.24
4	\$1,285.68
5	\$1,435.08
6	\$1,576.56
7	\$1,709.88
8	\$1,833.60
9	\$1,950.72
10	\$2,059.80
11	\$2,160.84
12	\$2,253.72
13	\$2,337.12
14	\$2,413.92
15	\$2,482.68
16	\$2,543.04
17	\$2,595.72
18	\$2,640.12
19	\$2,675.16
20	\$2,703.36

Mr. Grabbe previewed the FY 2025-26 annual assessments for the Woods Valley Ranch Sewer Standby Fee, the annual assessments for Assessment District No. 2012-1 (AD 2012-1 / Woods Valley Ranch Wastewater Expansion Project), and the annual special tax levy for Community Facilities Distinct No. 2020-1 (CFD 2020-1). The District's Sewer Service and Grinder Pump Maintenance Charge responsibility is \$4,854 on based on the 3 EDUS considered connected at the Corporate Facility Site with a duplex grinder pump.

Sewer Standby Fee Annual Assessment

Staff recommended the current Annual Sewer Standby Fee (\$550.32 per EDU) be continued for FY 2025-26 and collected on the County property tax roll. It is levied on those parcels in the service area that have a capacity reservation but are not connected to the wastewater collection system as of June 30, 2025. The Standby Fee provides funding for the following costs for the Woods Valley Ranch Water Reclamation Facility and Collection System, a) certain fixed maintenance cost items, b) operation support, and c) replacement reserve contribution; all of which are necessary to maintain a parcel's capacity commitment until the parcel is developed and connected to the wastewater collection system.

The Woods Valley Ranch Water Reclamation Facility Service Area is comprised of two separate areas, the Woods Valley Service Area ("Service Area 1") and the Woods Valley Ranch Water Reclamation Facility Service Area 2 ("Service Area 2"). The District's Sewer Service Charge responsibility is \$24,215, based on the capacity commitment of 35 EDUs for the VCMWD Lilac Road Site and 9 EDUs of the 12 EDUs allocated to the Corporate Facility Site (3 EDUs are considered connected at the Corporate Facility Site).

Assessment District No. 2012-1 Annual Assessment

The annual assessments of AD 2012-1 are used to fund the debt service repayment of the three California State Water Resources Control Board SRF Loans and two 1915 Act Limited Obligation Improvement Bonds (Bonds) used to finance the Expansion Project and a portion of the Orchard Run Lift Station construction. Proposed annual assessments totaling approximately \$1.85M are estimated for FY 2025-26 (including the CFD 2020-1 share funded from its annual special tax levy). Costs for the Expansion project were allocated to seven Benefit Areas (A–G) based on the benefit received as defined in the Engineer's report for the assessment district. The Valley Center Municipal Water District has a total capacity reservation of 47 EDUs; 35 EDUs reserved for the future Lilac Road corporate facility site and 12 EDUs for the Valley Center Road Corporate Facility Site. The annual assessment for VCMWD's capacity reservation totals approximately \$76,000.

Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 Special Tax Levy

The amount of the annual CFD 2020-1 Special Tax Levy is set and determined by the Rate and Method of Apportionment (RMA) document prepared by Koppel & Gruber Public Finance, approved with the formation of the CFD, and allows for a maximum annual increase of 2%. The Special Tax Levy is based on whether the property is undeveloped (without a building permit) or developed (with a building permit) as of May 15, 2025. The Special Tax for the developed property is further dependent on the characteristics (square footage) of the home permitted for the parcel and its development Zone, as defined in the RMA. The Special Tax Levy for FY 2025-26 is estimated at approximately \$909,840. Of this amount, \$566,900 is allocated to the CFD 2020-1's share of AD 2012-1 debt and administration fees, and \$236,140 for the Series 2024 Bond. The remaining balance, \$106,800, will be placed in a separate reserve to fund the future CFD 2020-1 Series 2 Bond for design and construction on the Woods Valley Ranch WRF Phase 3 Facilities or possibly Incremental Annual Capacity Transfers from the Indian Creek Development, if approved by the Board.

Staff recommended the Board of Directors authorize staff to set a public hearing date for July 7, 2025 and proceed with the proper notifications to consider collecting the annual sewer service charges, fees, assessments, and special taxes on the FY 2025-26 Tax Roll.

<u>Action</u>: Upon motion by Smith, seconded by Stehly; and unanimously carried, motion to set public hearing date for July 7, 2025 was approved.

8. <u>Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-15, Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional</u> <u>Services Agreement with Enterprise Automation for the HMI Migration Project:</u>

District Engineer Grabbe presented background on the Professional Services Agreement ("PSA") with Enterprise Automation ("EA") for system integration services associated with the Water System SCADA/HMI Migration Project. The District entered into the PSA with EA on May 20, 2024, for migration of the water system SCADA/HMI software platform from Wonderware's – InTouch product to Inductive Automation's Ignition product for eight District facility sites.

The current PSA *Not-to-Exceed* contract *a*mount is \$449,93. The proposed Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$128,431 would bring the total agreement amount to \$578,362. No additional funding is required for this amendment. The San Diego County Water Authority will fund their respective portion (approximately \$13,000), and the remaining amount will be accommodated by reallocating existing funds within the approved project budget.

Staff recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2025-15 approving Amendment No. 1 for \$128,431 to the professional services agreement with Enterprise Automation, resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$578,362.

<u>Action</u>: Upon motion by Smith, seconded by Ness; and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ENTERPRISE AUTOMATION FOR THE WATER SYSTEM HMI MIGRATION PROJECT - PHASE 1 INTEGRATION [ACCOUNT NO. 01-06-78-51730]

Was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors Ferro, Holtz, Smith, Ness, and Stehly NOES: None ABSENT: None

INFORMATION ITEM / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM(S)

9. San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) Board Meeting Summary:

General Manager Arant provided highlights from the SDCWA's Board of Directors' Meeting of May 22, 2025 summary.

Action: Informational item only, no action required.

10. General Information:

General Manager Arant provided highlights of the District's March Monthly Status Report.

Action: Informational item only, no action required.

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL'S ITEM(S)

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' AB1234 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

None

ADJOURNMENT

<u>Action</u>: Upon motion by Smith, seconded by Ness; motion passed unanimously, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 3:39 PM.

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Kirsten N. Peraino, Secretary

Enrico P. Ferro, President

VALLEY CENTER M.W.D. DISBURSEMENTS FOR PERIOD MAY 24, 2025 THROUGH MAY 30, 2025

MAY

CHECK #	# PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ACH	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Materials - IT	2,926.68
ACH	Best Best & Krieger LLP	Legal Services - April 2025	36,866.77
ACH	Grainger, Inc	Materials - Field	469.39
ACH	Konica Minolta Premier Finance	Copier Rental 05/15/25-06/14/25	2,319.39
ACH	Paul Stehly	Educational Reimbursement-American Water Coll	299.99
ACH	Self Insured Services Company LLC	Reimbursement Request For Dental Funding Date	805.20
ACH	United Parcel Service, Inc.	Shipping	60.13
171700	Advanced Detection Systems	Monitoring Electronic Security System	276.00
171701	Aqua-Metric Sales Company	Materials - Field	6,010.10
171702	Babcock Laboratories, Inc	Testing	1,429.68
171703	Bavco	Materials - Field	7,201.21
171704	California Bank & Trust	Credit Cards - Meals, Travel, Meetings	2,366.59
171705	California Bank & Trust	Credit Cards - Meals, Travel, Meetings	10.00
171706	California Bank & Trust	Credit Cards - Meals, Travel, Meetings	1,660.08
171707	CalMat Co	Materials - Field	1,529.06
171708	City of Escondido	Escondido Woods Sewer Charges - May 2025	1,776.19
171709	Complete Office of California, Inc	Office Supplies	124.83
171710	CS-amsco	Materials - Field	59.75
171711	Gene De Santis	Refund Check 020761-000, 22081905 FH@Kiav	2,015.52
171712	Emission Compliant Controls Corpora	I Services	725.00
171713	Lorena Espinoza	Janitorial Service - May 2025	1,875.00
171714	FedEx	Shipping Services	38.14
171715	Ferguson Waterworks #1083	Materials - Field	556.00
171716	Jauregui & Culver, Inc	Services	3,555.44
171717	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc	Medical Premiums/Purchaser ID 104350 - June 20	74,394.52
171718	Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	Materials - Field	495.65
171719	Motion and Flow Control Products, In	c Materials - Field	161.06
171720	Oldcastle Precast Inc.	Materials - Field	537.47
171721	Pacific Pipeline Supply	Materials - Field	941.50
171722	Pinpoint Pest Control Co Inc	Bee/Wasp Hive Removal	250.00
171723	Powerland Equipment Inc.	Materials - Field	56.89
171724	Rancho California Water District	CropSwap 15% Cost Share	9,608.10
171725	San Diego Gas & Electric	Gas Services - May 2025	41,145.47
171726	Supreme Oil Company	Gasoline and Oil	3,768.50
171727	Waterline Technologies Inc	Materials - Field	762.23
171728	Westair Gases & Equipment Inc.	Materials - Field	630.90
171729	Zones, Inc.	Backup Renewal 03/06/25-03/05/26	4,820.72
	TOTAL	=	212,529.15

Approved By:

General Manager

Director of Finance & Administration

VALLEY CENTER M.W.D. DISBURSEMENTS FOR PERIOD MAY 31, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 06, 2025

JUNE

CHECK	# PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ACH	Alpha Analytical Laboratories, Inc.	Testing	1,972.50
ACH	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Materials - Field	489.07
ACH	FRS Environmental	Services	365.40
ACH	Grainger, Inc	Materials - Field	291.30
ACH	Hasa, Inc.	Chemicals	1,218.38
ACH	HD Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd	d. Materials - Field. Customer# 19969	647.52
ACH	Andrew Huerta	Educational Reimbursement - Palomar College 01	456.98
ACH	International City Mgmt Association F	RePlan# 801966. MissionSquare Remittance 05/16/2	3,889.72
ACH	Monument Row	Gordon Hill Upper - Water Line Easement Project	1,395.00
ACH	Quartic Solutions LLC	GIS Support	2,400.00
ACH	Rockwell Construction Services, LLC	Water Systems HMI Migration	8,837.50
ACH	Self Insured Services Company LLC	Reimbursement Request For Dental Funding Date	3,575.32
ACH	Underground Service Alert/SC	Services - May 2025	482.31
ACH	United Parcel Service, Inc.	Shipping	34.90
ACH	Valley Center Municipal Water Distric	t Employee Contributions 05/16/25-05/30/25 - Barg	397.50
ACH	VCMWD Employees Association	Employee Contributions 05/16/25-05/30/25 - Socia	540.00
171730	ACC CA Inc.	Materials - Field	321.70
171731	Babcock Laboratories, Inc	Testing	565.51
171732	Chris Banner	Weed Abatement	900.00
171733	California Bank & Trust	Credit Cards - Meals, Travel, Meetings	460.01
171734	California Bank & Trust	Credit Cards - Meals, Travel, Meetings	872.16
171735	Catalyst Diving Inc.	Cleaning and Inspection of Four Reservoirs	27,200.00
171736	Complete Office of California, Inc	Office Supplies	243.75
171737	County of San Diego	Repeater Site Rent Acct# 7019 - Palomar Mounta	920.00
171738	Brandon Dendy	Educational Reimbursement-American Water Coll	299.99
171739	Dow Jones & Company, Inc.	Wholesale Rack Report 06/01/25-08/31/25	588.00
171740	EDCO Waste & Recycling Service	Trash Services - May 2025	935.59
171741	Ferguson Waterworks #1083	Materials - Field	27,660.77
171742		¿Vision Plan Premium - June 2025. Group ID: 103	965.25
171743		¿Vision Plan Premium - June 2025. Group ID: 103	206.55
171744	Global Equipment Company, Inc	Office Supplies	1,481.56
171745	Erik Gonzalez	Educational Reimbursement - WECA Get Wired!	319.00
171746	Hadronex, Inc	Smart Cover Renewal 07/01/25-06/30/26	2,322.00
171747	HealthEquity Inc.	Employee Contributions 05/16/25-05/30/25	277.00
171748		TO#4 - North Broadway Pipeline Relocation Proje	280.00
171749	Integrity Municipal Systems LLC	Materials - Field	1,726.59
171750	Low Voltage Fire, Inc.	Services	474.00
171751	Martin Marietta Materials, Inc	Materials - Field	345.84
171752	Esther T. May	Medicare Part B Reimbursement - 1st Qtr 2025	555.00
171753	Michael Baker International, Inc.	North County ESP Const. Sup.	2,642.50
171754	Motion Industries	Materials - Field	1,086.70
171755	Mutual of Omaha	Life Insurance - June 2025	2,774.01
171756	National Safety Compliance, Inc	DQF Online Monthly Fee - May 2025	62.05
171757	Jeson Nikrasch	Educational Reimbursement - Palomar College 01	304.00

VALLEY CENTER M.W.D. DISBURSEMENTS FOR PERIOD MAY 31, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 06, 2025

JUNE

CHECK #	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
171758	Occupational Health Centers of Calif	o Medical Services	461.00
171759	Pacific Pipeline Supply	Materials - Field	1,981.81
171760	Palomar Termite & Pest Control	Pest Control - May 2025	80.00
171761	Parcel Quest	Service Period 07/19/25-07/18/26	5,997.00
171762	Partners in Control Inc.	SCADA/HMI Services	24,706.75
171763	Pavement Coatings Co	Refund Check 020380-000, 030673004 FH@Moc	2,163.54
171764	Reliance Standard Life Insurance	Life Insurance Premiums - June 2025	9,232.53
171765	Richard Brady & Associates, Inc.	Moosa Priority & Meadows Lift Station	100,794.50
171766	State Water Resources Control Boar	d Cool Valley - Contract D1602016	110,210.73
171767	Robert Truesdale	Medical Insurance Reimbursement - 1st Qtr 2025	2,355.90
171768	United Laboratories	Materials - Field	270.41
171769	United Way of San Diego County	Employee Contributions 05/16/25-05/30/25	20.00
171770	Yardley Orgill Co. Inc.	Materials - Field	· 814.81
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Approved By:

General Manager

Director of Finance & Administration

VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ELECTRONIC DISBURSEMENTS FOR PERIOD MAY 1, 2025 THROUGH MAY 31, 2025

SEQ. #	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT

BANK TRANSFERS:

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ACH.			
595	05/08/25 Direct Deposit	DIRECT DEP PAYROLL 04/18/25-05/02/25	209,568.86
	05/09/25 IRS	P/R TAX 04/18/25-05/02/25	43,242.96
	05/09/25 EDD	P/R TAX 04/18/25-05/02/25	13,354.21
	05/09/25 PEBSCO/NATIONWIDE	DEFERRED COMPENSATION 04/18/25-05/02/25	12,970.68
	05/09/25 EXPERTPAY	GARNISHMENT 04/18/25-05/02/25	780.00
	05/09/25 CALPERS	CALPERS CONTRIBUTIONS 04/18/25-05/02/25	63,249.34
	05/09/25 CALPERS	ANNUAL UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY - MAY	217.659.17
596	05/22/25 Direct Deposit	DIRECT DEP PAYROLL 05/02/25-05/16/25	214,596.52
550	05/23/25 IRS	P/R TAX 05/02/25-05/16/25	44.610.84
	05/23/25 EDD	P/R TAX 05/02/25-05/16/25	13.870.25
	05/23/25 PEBSCO/NATIONWIDE	DEFERRED COMPENSATION 05/02/25-05/16/25	12.978.66
	05/23/25 EXPERTPAY	GARNISHMENT 05/02/25-05/16/25	780.00
		CALPERS CONTRIBUTIONS 05/02/25-05/16/25	63.876.12
	05/23/25 CALPERS	CALFERS CONTRIBUTIONS 03/02/23-03/10/23	05,070.12

ONE TIME WIRES:

RECURRING WIRES:

637	05/13/25	SDCWA
638	05/30/25	CAMP

WATER DELIVERY - MARCH 2025 TEMPORARY INVESTMENT TOTAL 1,375,044.90 1,800,000.00 4,086,582.51

APPROVED BY:

GENERAL MANAGER DIBECTOR OF FINA CE

ACTIVE DEPOSITS

Checking Accounts Deposits with Fiscal Agents

TOTAL ACTIVE DEPOSITS

INVESTMENTS Market Average Value Yield Percent \$21,277,144.16 4.31% Money Market Funds 52.319% \$21,255,961.62 CAMP Term \$5,200,690.35 5.16% 12.773% \$5,189,430.00 4.27% U.S. Treasury Notes 200,080.08 0.490% 199,066.73 Federal Agencies Securities 11,508,086.13 4.32% 28.305% 11,499,827.35 Certificates of Deposit, insured 2,509,428.58 4.45% 2,483,642.56 6.113% TOTAL INVESTMENTS \$40,695,429.30 4.43% 100.000% \$40,627,928.26 TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$41,108,726.59

TOTAL ALL FUNDS (PRIOR MONTH - MARCH 2025)

Maturity Analysis of Investments

	Percent	Cost Basis
Money Market Funds	52.319%	\$21,255,961.62
Maturity within one year	18.481%	7,508,276.28
Maturity later than one year	29.200%	11,863,690.36
Total Investments	100.000%	\$40,627,928.26
Weighted Average Days to Maturity Maximum permitted single investment maturity is 5 years.	<u>99</u>	

Yield Comparatives

Security	Term	Yield	Security	Term	Yield
LAIF	1 day	4.281%	12 mo. rolling T Bond	l year	4.404%
T Bills	3 months	4.320%	T Bonds	1 year	3.950%
T Bills	6 months	4.200%	T Bonds	2 years	3.780%

Sufficient funds are available to meet the next six month's expenditure requirements. All investments are in compliance with the District's adopted statement of investment policy. Market values for the Governmental / Federal Securities and Certificates of Deposit were provided by Zions Capital Advisors.

06/10/25 Reviewed by James V. Pugh, Treasurer 06/10/25 Received by Gary T. Arant, General Manager Date

Cost Basis \$480,798.33

\$480,798.33

\$38,497,073.21

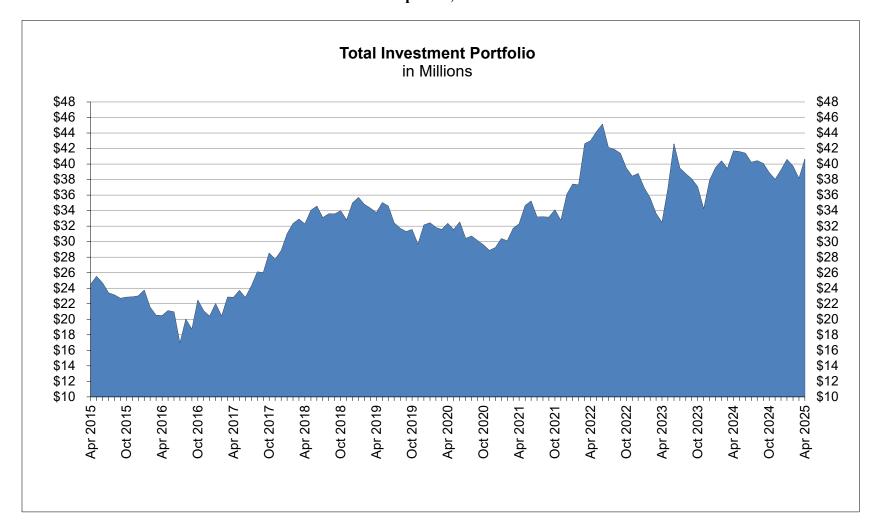
ACTIVE DEPOSITS

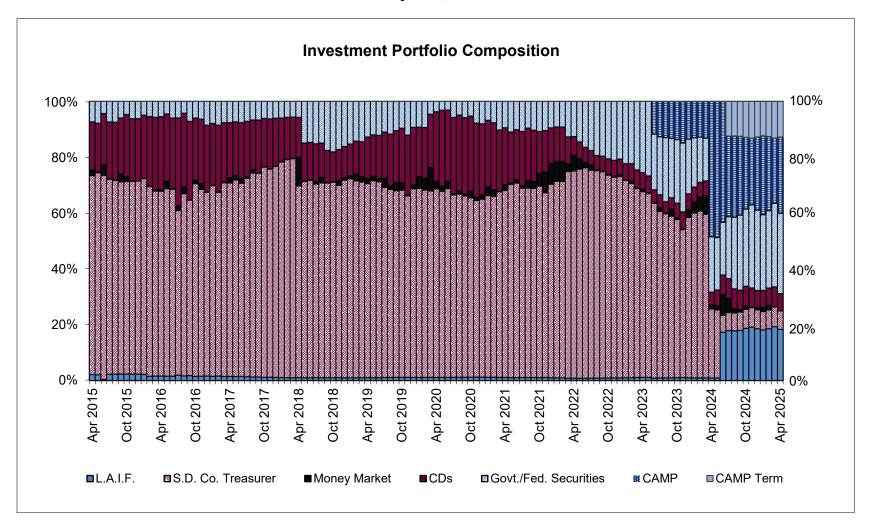
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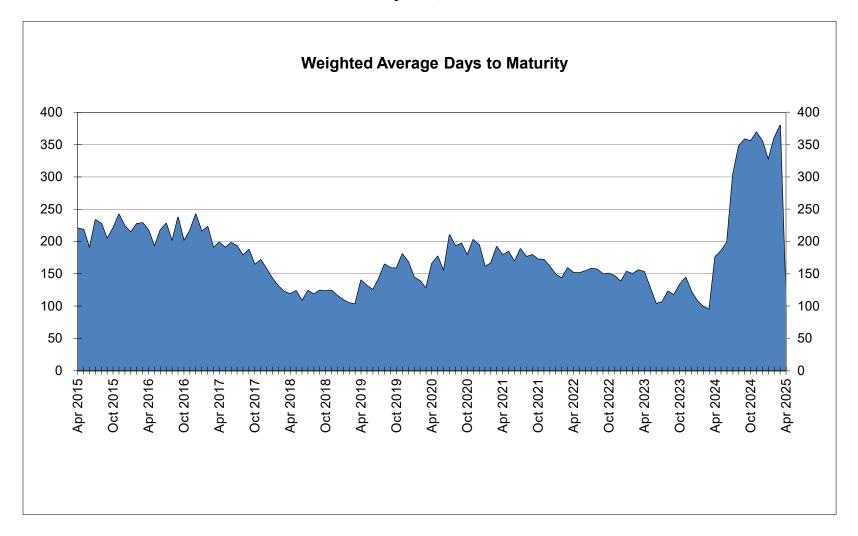
\$3,500.00 \$19,063.73 \$1,400.00

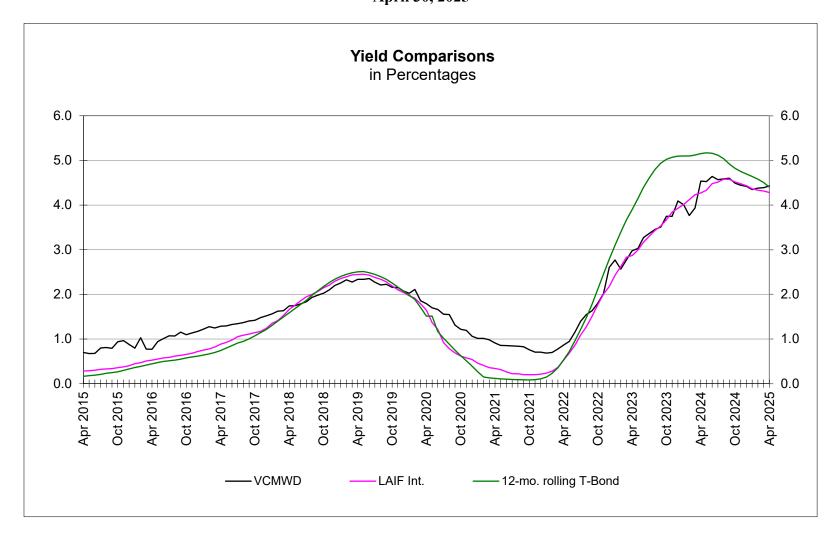
<u>\$480,798.33</u>

INVESTMENTS	Face Value <u>or Rating</u>	Purchase <u>Date</u>	Maturity <u>Date</u>	Market <u>Value</u>	Current <u>Yield</u>	
Money Market Funds:						
Local Agency Investment Fund				\$7,437,902.68	4.28%	\$7,437,902.68
County of San Diego Investment Fund				\$2,691,434.87	3.81%	2,699,690.51
Zions Institutional Liquidity Management				\$32,184.76	4.23%	32,184.76
CAMP				\$11,115,621.85	4.45%	11,086,183.67
				<u>\$21,277,144.16</u>	4.31%	<u>\$21,255,961.62</u>
CAMP Term:				<u>\u017277,111110</u>	1.0170	<u>\$21,200,901.02</u>
CAMP Term	5,000,000	07/17/24	04/11/25	5,200,690.35	5.16%	5,189,430.00
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				<u>\$5,200,690.35</u>	<u>5.16%</u>	\$5,189,430.00
U.S. Treasury Notes:						
U S Treasury Notes 4.250%	200,000	10/19/23	10/15/25	200,080.08	4.27%	199,066.73
				\$200,080.08	4.27%	\$199,066.73
Federal Agencies Securities - CB&T, a subsidiary of	Zion Bank				<u> </u>	<u> ,</u>
Federal Home Loan Banks 0.80%	250,000	07/21/21	07/21/25	248,019.86	0.80%	\$250,000.00
Federal Home Ln Bnk 5.250%	1,000,000	04/12/24	04/10/29	1,007,661.58	5.25%	1,000,000.00
Federal Home Loan Banks 0.80%	350,000	03/16/21	03/16/26	340,186.00	0.80%	350,000.00
Federal Home Loan Banks 1.00%	125,000	06/30/21	06/30/26	120,875.45	1.00%	125,000.00
Federal Home Loan Banks 4.40%	200,000	01/14/25	07/14/26	199,799.15	4.40%	200,000.00
Federal Farm Credit Bks 4.470%	600,000	08/26/24	08/26/26	600,654.39	4.47%	600,000.00
Federal Home Loan Banks 4.682%	350,000	08/30/24	08/26/26	349,996.21	4.68%	350,000.00
Federal Farm Credit Bks Bds 4.500%	400,000	09/03/24	09/03/26	400,040.56	4.56%	400,000.00
Federal Home Loan Banks 1.05%	250,000	10/15/21	10/15/26	240,199.58	1.05%	250,000.00
Federal Home Ln Bk Bds 4.500%	300,000	11/13/24	11/13/26	300,144.92	4.50%	300,000.00
Federal Home Loan Banks 3.000%	250,000	04/04/24	02/25/27	246,409.82	3.11%	240,946.33
Federal Home Loan Banks 4.400%	600,000	03/05/25	03/05/27	599,594.43	4.40%	600,000.00
Federal Farm Cr Bks 4.620%	500,000	09/24/24	03/17/27	499,517.21	4.62%	500,000.00
Federal Home Ln Mtg Corp 4.280%	310,000	03/25/25	03/25/27	310,733.32	4.28%	310,000.00
Federal Natl Mtg Assn 4.500%	550,000	02/03/25	01/28/28	550,834.94	4.50%	549,725.00
Federal Farm Cr Bks 4.375%	700,000	02/28/25	02/25/28	701,390.33	4.38%	700,000.00
Federal Home Loan Banks 4.620%	500,000	12/26/24	12/26/28	500,942.31	4.62%	500,000.00
Federal Farm Credit Bank 4.970%	500,000	04/12/24	03/27/29	503,021.62	4.99%	498,250.00
Federal Home Loan Banks 5.00%	1,000,000	07/09/24	07/09/29	1,003,880.48	5.00%	1,000,000.00
Federal Home Loan Banks 4.700%	1,000,000	07/30/24	07/30/29	1,007,157.26	4.70%	1,000,000.00
Federal Home Ln Mtg Corp 4.125%	1,000,000	08/13/24	08/13/29	990,940.22	4.16%	990,906.02
Federal Home Loan Banks 4.930%	500,000	02/25/25	02/25/30	501,307.46	4.93%	500,000.00
Federal Home Ln Mtg Corp 5.000%	285,000	04/28/25	04/11/30	284,779.03	5.00%	285,000.00
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	D. 1			<u>\$11,508,086.13</u>	4.32%	<u>\$11,499,827.35</u>
Certificates of Deposit - CB&T, a subsidiary of Zion		05/09/20	05/07/25	244 952 24	1 200/	244 020 57
HSBC Bank 1.30%	245,000	05/08/20	05/07/25	244,852.24	1.30%	244,939.57
USAA Federal Savings Bank 5.300%	250,000	10/06/23	09/26/25	251,346.13	5.30%	249,937.52
Citibank NA 5.300%	250,000	09/29/23	09/29/25	250,950.38	5.30%	249,934.48
Eastern Svgs Bk Fsb Hunt Vy 5.250%	245,000	10/18/23	10/20/25	246,286.96	5.25%	244,967.98
Federal Svgs Bk Chicago II 4.700%	250,000	06/26/24	06/26/28	254,400.60	4.70%	250,000.00
First Fndtn Bk Irvine Ca 4.600%	250,000	05/10/24	05/10/29	254,098.48	4.60%	250,000.00
Toyota Finl Svgs Bk Hend Nv 4.600%	250,000	05/14/24	05/14/29	254,107.83	4.60%	250,000.00
Customers Bk Phoenixville Pa 4.700%	250,000	06/11/24	06/11/29	255,078.33	4.71%	249,431.16
Sallie Mae Bk Murray Utah 4.500%	250,000	07/17/24	07/17/29	253,307.63	4.51%	249,431.85
Western Alliance Bank 4.150%	245,000	03/28/25	03/27/26	245,000.00	4.15%	245,000.00
				<u>\$2,509,428.58</u>	<u>4.45%</u>	<u>\$2,483,642.56</u>
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS				<u>\$40,695,429.30</u>	<u>4.428%</u>	<u>\$40,627,928.26</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS						<u>\$41,108,726.59</u>









VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT - TRANSACTIONS JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

INVESTMENTS PURCHASED

Purchase		Maturity		Face	Expected
Date	<u>Security</u>	<u>Date</u>	Cost	Value	<u>Yield</u>
<u>CAMP, CB&T, a sub</u>	osidiary of Zion Bank				
07/09/24	Federal home Loan Banks 5.00%	07/09/29	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	5.000%
07/17/24	Sallie Mae Bk Murray Utah 4.50%	07/17/29	249,375.00	250,000.00	4.500%
07/30/24	Federal Home Loan Banks 4.70%	07/30/29	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	4.700%
07/17/24	CAMP Term 5.16%	04/11/25	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	5.160%
08/26/24	Federal Farm Credit Bks 5.460%	08/26/26	600,000.00	600,000.00	5.460%
08/30/24	Federal Home Loan Banks 5.520%	08/26/26	350,000.00	350,000.00	5.520%
08/13/24	Federal Home Ln Mtg Corp 4.125%	08/13/29	1,000,000.00	990,000.00	4.125%
08/16/24	Federal Home Loan Banks 0.00%	08/21/24	500,000.00	499,636.11	0.000%
09/03/24	Federal Farm Credit Bks Bds 5.500%	09/03/26	400,000.00	400,000.00	5.500%
09/24/24	Federal Farm Cr Bks 4.620%	03/17/27	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.620%
09/27/24	Federal Home Ln Bks 4.570%	03/20/26	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.570%
10/30/24	Federal Home Loan Banks 4.750%	04/28/26	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.750%
11/12/24	Federal Home Ln Mtg Corp 5.000%	11/12/27	500,000.00	500,000.00	5.000%
11/13/24	Federal Home Ln Bk Bds 4.500%	11/13/26	300,000.00	300,000.00	4.500%
12/26/24	Federal Home Loan Banks 4.620%	12/26/28	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.620%
01/14/25	Federal Home Loan Banks 4.400%	07/14/26	200,000.00	200,000.00	4.400%
02/03/25	Federal Natl Mtg Assn 4.500%	01/28/28	550,000.00	549,725.00	4.500%
02/25/25	Federal Farm Cr Bks 4.930%	02/25/30	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.930%
02/28/25	Federal Home Loan Banks 4.375%	02/25/30	700,000.00	700,000.00	4.375%
03/05/25	Federal Home Loan Banks 4.400%	03/05/27	600,000.00	600,000.00	4.400%
03/25/25	Federal Home Ln Mtg Corp 4.280%	03/25/27	310,000.00	310,000.00	4.280%
03/28/25	Western Alliance Bank 4.150%	03/27/26	245,000.00	245,000.00	4.150%
04/28/25	Federal Home Ln Mtg Corp 5.000%	04/11/30	285,000.00	285,000.00	5.000%

INVESTMENTS MATURED

Purchase		Maturity		Face	Yield to
Date	<u>Security</u>	Date	<u>Cost</u>	Value	<u>Maturity</u>
CAMP, CB&T, a subsidiary of Zion Bank					
04/17/24	Federal Home Ln Mtg Cp Adj 6.050%	07/17/24	500,000.00	500,000.00	6.050%
10/30/23	Federal Home Loan Bank Cons 5.600%	07/30/24	400,000.00	400,000.00	5.600%
07/29/21	Medallion Bank 0.40%	07/22/24	245,000.00	245,000.00	0.400%
08/16/24	Federal Home Loan Banks 0.00%	08/21/24	500,000.00	499,636.11	0.000%
08/30/21	Federal Home Loan Banks 0.500%	08/28/24	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.500%
08/28/23	Federal Home Loan Banks 5.500%	08/28/24	250,000.00	250,000.00	5.500%
08/22/23	Federal Home Loan Banks 5.450%	09/20/24	500,000.00	500,000.00	5.450%
03/24/21	Federal Home Loan Banks 0.50%	09/24/24	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.500%
09/30/21	Federal Home Loan Banks 0.50%	09/30/24	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.500%
09/03/21	Synchrony Bank 0.55%	09/03/24	125,000.00	125,000.00	0.550%
04/24/23	Federal Home Ln Mtg Corp 5.00%	10/24/24	40,000.00	40,000.00	5.000%
01/27/23	Federal Home Ln Mtg Corp 5.15%	10/28/24	480,000.00	479,850.12	5.150%
11/04/20	Federal Farm Credit Bank 0.44%	11/04/24	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.440%
05/11/22	UBS Bank 3.00%	11/12/24	120,000.00	119,999.87	3.000%
03/10/22	Federal Home Loan Banks 3.500%	12/10/24	500,000.00	499,944.71	3.500%
11/30/23	Cross Riv Bk Teaneck N J 5.500%	12/30/24	164,000.00	163,933.99	5.500%
10/30/24	Federal Home Loan Banks 4.750%	01/28/25	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.750%
11/12/24	Federal Hom Ln Mtg Corp 5.000%	02/12/25	500,000.00	500,000.00	5.000%
02/18/21	Federal Home Loan Banks 0.40%	02/18/25	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.400%
09/27/24	Federal Home Ln Bks 4.570%	02/20/25	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.570%
05/27/21	Federal Home Loan Banks 0.625%	02/27/25	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.625%
05/27/21	Federal Home Loan Banks 0.625%	02/27/25	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.625%
03/14/22	Federal Home Loan Banks 2.15%	03/14/25	500,000.00	500,000.00	2.150%
07/27/20	Morgan Stanley 1.500%	04/16/25	230,000.00	230,000.00	1.500%

June 16, 2025

TO: Honorable President and Board of Directors

FROM: Gary Arant, General Manager

SUBJECT: REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION, SUPPORTING CAROL LEE GONZALES-BRADY, RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT, FOR NOMINATION AS CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF ACWA VICE PRESIDENT

PURPOSE:

To seek Board adoption of Resolution No. 2025-16 supporting the nomination of Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady, Rancho California Water District, as a candidate for the office of ACWA Vice President.

SUMMARY:

ACWA has launched the election process for the 2026-'27 term for President, Vice President, and region board members. This year, the election process for officers and region boards is combined. Voting for both sets of candidates will be done electronically by your designated voter on a single ballot.

Staff has received a request from the Rancho California Water District for VCMWD to adopt a resolution supporting the nomination of Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady, as candidate for the office of ACWA Vice President.

RECOMMENDATION:

After review and discussion, consider adoption of Resolution No. 2025-16, supports Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady for nomination as a candidate for the office of ACWA Vice President.

SUBMITTED BY:

Gary Arant General Manager

Attachments:

• Resolution No. 2025-16

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF CAROL LEE GONZALES-BRADY AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF ACWA VICE-PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, ACWA has announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to develop a slate for the Association's statewide positions of President and Vice President; and

WHEREAS, the individual who fills an officer position will need to have a working knowledge of water community issues and concerns, possess strength of character and leadership capabilities, be experienced in matters related to the performance of the duties of the office and understand the governance and inner workings of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA); and

WHEREAS, this person must be able to provide the dedication of time and energy to effectively serve ACWA and its member agencies in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady has served in a leadership role as a member of the Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water) Board of Directors since 2017, where she also served two terms as Board President from 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady serves as the ACWA Region 9 Board Chair representing Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, is on the ACWA Executive Committee, is on the Urban Water Institute Board of Directors, and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Southern California Water Coalition, where she is co-Chair of the Legislative Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brady has the collective understanding of statewide water resource issues and the complex challenges facing regional wholesale and local retail water agency members of ACWA, so that she is well qualified and prepared to serve as ACWA Vice President and beyond possibly as President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Valley Center Municipal Water District do wholeheartedly supports Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady for nomination as a candidate for the office of ACWA Vice President.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Valley Center Municipal Water District held on the 16th day of June, 2025 by the following vote:

ATTEST:

Enrico P. Ferro, Board President

Kirsten N. Peraino, Board Secretary

June 16, 2025

TO: Honorable President and Board of Directors

FROM: Gary T. Arant, General Manager

SUBJECT: STATUS OF VACANT POSITIONS AS REQUIRED BY AB 2561

PURPOSE:

To fulfill the presentation and reporting obligations outlined in Assembly Bill 2561 by holding a public hearing to gather input on job vacancies, as well as efforts related to recruitment and retention.

SUMMARY:

On September 22, 2024 Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2561 into law. This new law took effect on January 1, 2025 and amended the Meyers-Milias-Brown-Act by adding Government Code section 3502.3. AB 2561 requires public agencies to present the status of their vacancies as well as their recruitment and retention efforts in a public hearing before their governing body at least once per fiscal year, prior to the adoption of a final budget.

A series of legislative findings accompanied the bill, in which the Legislature noted that job vacancies in local government are both a widespread and significant problem that impact public service delivery and over burden existing workers. The Legislature concluded that "there is statewide interest in ensuring that public agency operations are appropriately staffed and that high vacancy rates do not undermine public employee labor relations". Public agencies that have vacancies in a particular bargaining unit which meet or exceed 20 percent of the total number of authorized full-time positions have additional reporting requirements.

As part of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget process, the Board approved a total of 73 full-time positions. Of the 73 positions, the District currently employs 72 full-time staff. The Engineering Department has one vacancy; however, the position is being redefined and has not yet been posted. There was a total of 10 advertised full-time vacancies in calendar year 2024; 8 being advertised only internally and 2 advertised publicly. Each of these vacancies were recruited and filled individually, maintaining a vacancy rate of under 3%.

Retention also has not been a historic problem for the District. Employees currently average 11.32 years of service, with 42% having served for more than 10 years. A Compensation Survey was completed in February 2024 and found that overall non-exempt employee positions were within 0.34% of the mean top salary within comparator agencies in San Diego and Riverside Counties.

Lastly, the District must identify any changes to policies, procedures or recruitment activities that negatively impact the entity's efforts to reduce its vacancies. As there is only one current advertised vacancy, and no concerns with retention efforts, no policy, procedure or recruitment activities have been identified as needing change. The District will continue to monitor recruitment and retention efforts, with the intention of maintaining current results.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends continuing current recruitment and retention strategies.

PREPARED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

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Stephanie Lackerdas Human Resources Analyst

Gary T. Arant General Manager

REVIEWED BY:

James V. Pugh Director of Finance and Administration

June 16, 2025

TO: Honorable President and Board of Directors

FROM: Gary T. Arant, *General Manager*

SUBJECT: REVIEW SDCWA FIXED TRANSPORTATION CHARGE IMPLEMENTATION

PURPOSE:

To present additional information requested at the Board Meeting on May 19, 2025.

SUMMARY:

At the Board meeting of May 19, 2025, staff presented information for consideration of implementing a SDCWA Fixed Transportation Charge and a Water Capital Improvement Charge. The Board requested additional information of Staff regarding various phase-in options for implementing the SDCWA Fixed Transportation Charge. A PowerPoint presentation has been prepared and will be discussed at the June 16, 2025, Board meeting to provide an update to the Board as requested.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item only. Staff is seeking input from the Board to incorporate in the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

PREPARED BY:

Vanessa Velasquez

Manager of Accounting & Deputy Dir. of Finance

APPROVED BY:

Gary T. Arant General Manager

REVIEWED BY:

James V. Pugn Director of Finance and Administration

June 16, 2025

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Gary Arant, General Manager

SUBJECT: MUTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – PROPOSAL FOR STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATION

PURPOSE:

Opportunity for the Board to review and approve "Exhibit A – State and Federal Representation Services" to the Mutual Services Agreement (Agreement) between Fallbrook PUD (FPUD), Rainbow MWD (RMWD), Yuima MWD (YMWD) and Valley Center Municipal Water District.

SUMMARY:

In February of 2025, the Board authorized the General Manager, subject to review and approval by the General Counsel, to execute the Agreement between VCMWD, FPUD, RMWD, and YMWD. That agreement was executed by the General Manager on March 5, 2025.

As an outgrowth of the Agreement, the four agencies sought proposals for joint State and Federal representation services as described in Exhibit "A" (copy attached). The only proposals submitted came from **Fernandez**, **Jensen**, **and Kimmelshue (FJK)** for State representation and the **RBW Group (RBW)** for Federal Representation (copies attached).

As part of the proposals, FJK requested a fee of \$10,000 per month, and RBW, \$15,000 per month, for total cost of \$300,000 per year. This total will be allocated among four agencies at \$75,000 per year. VCMWD will request \$100,000 for State and Federal Representation in the FY 2025-26 Budget, which includes its share of the fees, an allocation for expenses and an allowance for contingency funding.

The signatory agencies will continue to evaluate other opportunities for joint projects to increase operational efficiency and reduce operational cost and bring those forward in the future.

RECOMMENDATION

After review and discussion, if so desired, approve Exhibit "A" to the Mutual Services Agreement Between FPUD, RMWD, YMWD and VCMWD.

SUBMITTED BY:

Gary Arant General Manager

Attached:

- Mutual Services Agreement, Exhibit "A," State and Federal Representation
- Representation Proposals from FJK and RBW

Exhibit A – State and Federal Representation Services

Parties Involved

This service will include the following parties:

FPUD

RMWD

VCMWD

YMWD

<u>Scope</u>

The scope of services include:

- 1. Joint engagement of outside support for state and federal representation. It is anticipated that this will include two separate consulting agreements with separate state and federal representatives.
- 2. The parties will work cooperatively to develop priorities for the consultant that will include projects and issues for each of the parties.
- 3. Each of the parties will be involved in selection of the consultant and finalizing the scope of services.
- 4. FPUD will take the lead to finalize the solicitation and be the point of contact for the contract agreement and invoicing.
- 5. The initial term of the agreement will be 1 year.

Schedule of Charges/Payments

- 1. The consultant will bill FPUD and FPUD will make the payments
- 2. FPUD will then invoice each of the parties for reimbursement of their share in accordance with the MOU.
- 3. No other costs outside of the consultant invoicing is reimbursable.
- 4. The cost share under this service is:
 - a. FPUD: 25%
 - b. RMWD: 25%
 - c. VCMWD: 25%
 - d. YMWD: 25%



May 23, 2025

Mr. Jack Bebee, General Manager Fallbrook Public Utilities District 990 East Mission Road Fallbrook, CA 92028 Mr. Kevin Collins, Purchasing Supervisor Fallbrook Public Utilities District 990 East Mission Road Fallbrook, CA 92028

<u>Re: Proposal for State Legislative Advocacy & Consulting Services for Fallbrook Public Utility District.</u> <u>Rainbow Municipal Water District, Valley Center Municipal Water District and Yuima Municipal</u> <u>Water District</u>

Dear General Managers & Purchasing Supervisor Collins -

On behalf of Fernández Jensen Kimmelshue Government Affairs (hereafter "FJK") we are pleased to submit this proposal for State Legislative Advocacy Services and consulting services for Fallbrook Public Utility District, Rainbow Municipal Water District, Valley Center Municipal Water District and Yuima Municipal Water District (hereafter "water districts") on all legislative and regulatory matters of interest to the water districts before the California State Legislature, Administration and Regulatory Agencies, with a specific focus on legislation and regulatory proceedings impacting the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Board, agricultural crop swap and commodity programs at the California Department of Food and Agriculture and all other issues of interest to the water districts. Additionally, we will focus on funding assistance for water district projects, contacting newly elected officials who represent the water districts, and act as a key liaison with priority legislators, staff and the Administration on behalf of the districts.

Our firm provides full-service government relations, advocacy and strategy in Sacramento, along with local communities across the state. We provide superior legislative, administrative and regulatory advocacy, bill monitoring and reporting, and public policy analysis and strategy to all clients.

Our firm is experienced in the development of political and legislative strategies to implement effective advocacy programs for our clients. Our clients are public and private corporations, governing bodies, industry associations and not-for-profit organizations in California and across the United States. We offer each of them tailored and comprehensive issue analysis, strategic planning, and resource identification.

FJK is uniquely positioned to advance the interests of the water districts in the California State Capitol given our deep relationships with the Administration, the State Water Board Leadership and staff, Chairs of both Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife, and Senate Natural Resources and Water Committees along with Assembly and Senate Leadership. Our relationships are with both sides of the political aisle in the State Capitol, and the leadership of California's numerous agencies.

Our firm offers the North County San Diego Water Districts our tenacious boots on the ground style and our relentless commitment to our clients' priorities. We are focused on the water districts being well-advocated for in the halls of the State Capitol and with key decision makers in California's important regulatory agencies. We understand that we must work together to further establish the identity of all four districts before State Government so that when issues relating to water district priorities come across a key decision maker's desk, we are the first people they call for input.

We know that the strategy we develop in conjunction with water district leadership and staff will protect and advance the districts' top priorities and ensure the water districts will be able to find ways to comply with California's complex water management system. Kirk Kimmelshue will serve as your lead lobbyist at the firm and Managing Partner Soyla Fernández will serve as backup on the account and both will be your points of contact for the firm on behalf of all the water districts.

Together, Kirk and Soyla represent the Northern California Water Association, the Regional Water Authority and the Fallbrook Public Utilities District and have deep political relationships with staff, elected leaders and other stakeholders when it comes to implementation of the state's complex water policy issues. Kirk grew up on a diversified family farming operation in Northern California outside Chico, California and Soyla grew up in Colusa County with her parents and worked on numerous different farming operations across Northern California. Both Soyla and Kirk have a unique connection to the rural parts of the state and agriculture and understand firsthand the needs of the Fallbrook, Valley Center, Rainbow and Yuima.

Firm Biography

Principal and owner, Soyla Fernandez, founded Fernández Government Solutions in 2004 as the first, and perhaps still only, lobbying firm owned by a Latina in California. In 2023, Courtney Jensen and Kirk Kimmelshue joined Soyla as partners and the firm became Fernández Jensen Kimmelshue Government Affairs. The firm's clients are public and private corporations, governing bodies, industry associations, and not-for-profit organizations in California. FJKGA provides full-service government relations and advocacy in Sacramento, through superior legislative, administrative, and regulatory advocacy, bill monitoring, state budget advocacy, public policy analysis, political consulting, and strategy development to clients. We take pride in finding seats at the table for our clients' policy needs.

Lobbyist Biographies

Kirk Kimmelshue has more than a decade of lobbying and consulting experience for a wide variety of corporate interests in addition to direct legislative experience inside the State Capitol. Prior to joining FJK, Kirk served as Region Vice President of State Government Affairs for Anheuser-Busch, Inc. where he advanced the company's legislative agenda in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii. Kimmelshue is well-versed in helping clients establish policy objectives and develop

political efforts through direct candidate engagement and independent expenditure campaigns. Kirk has become a trusted resource for legislators, regulators and staff in the Capitol and is known for his positive outlook and relentless determination for the firm's clients.

Soyla Fernández founded Fernández Government Solutions in 2004 – now Fernández Jensen Kimmelshue Government Affairs. The firm is experienced in the development of political and legislative strategies to implement effective advocacy programs for corporate and public sector clients. As a former consultant to the legislature and the executive branch, Soyla is knowledgeable in various political, policy, and budget issues. FJK's success is due to Soyla's previous solid legislative and executive branch experience – most notably with positions as a deputy director of the Assembly Budget Committee, senior budget consultant to former Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, and as a Gubernatorial appointee with the formerly named Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

Services.

FJK would propose to provide the following state legislative advocacy services:

- In direct consultation and under the direction of the Water District Leadership and its designated representatives, serve as all four organization's legislative advocacy presence in California, specifically focusing on issues relating to funding for water district projects and priorities.
- Beyond specific regulatory matters and legislation of interest and priority to the Districts, FJK will review all pending and introduced legislation and identify bills that affect the water district from compliance standpoint, but also with a lens on the future and how any changes to specific policy or budget items could impact active efforts from all districts. Jointly with district representatives, FJK will develop a list of high and low priority legislation and their related regulatory proceedings and brief the General Managers on a specific cadence of calls on strategy and development of future policy priorities.
- In direct consultation and under the direction of the districts and their designated representatives, FJK will develop a comprehensive advocacy plan to respond to legislation and regulatory proceedings and rule makings with key elected officials, administration officials, staff, and stakeholders.
- Advocacy plan actions may include, but are not limited to:
 - Developing a strong identity of all four districts in the halls of the State Capitol for legislators who represent the San Diego County, but also for legislators who represent districts far away from where we operate.
 - Educate elected officials, administration officials, staff, and interested stakeholders on the priorities of the districts, specifically Chairs of Senate Natural Resources and Water and Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife, in

addition to leadership at the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board.

- Arrange meetings for the District Leadership with elected officials, administration officials, staff members, and other stakeholders as may be advisable to further introduce the districts and their leadership to California State Government.
- Preparation of legislation and amendments to proposed legislation and proposed regulations that may be necessary or advisable.
- Develop relationships with key Legislative and Administrative Officials including, but not limited to:
 - Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife Committee Chairwoman Diane Papan (D-San Mateo)
 - Senate Natural Resources and Water Chairwoman Monique Limon (D-Santa Barbara)
 - California Department of Water Resources Deputy Director Paul Gosselin
 - California Department of Water Resources Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs Kasey Schimke
 - State Water Resources Control Board Chairman E. Joaquin Esquivel
 - State Water Resources Control Board Vice Chairman Dorene D'Adamo
 - State Water Resources Control Board Member Sean Maguire
 - State Water Resources Control Board Executive Director Eric Oppenheimer
- Develop relationships with key Legislators from San Diego County outside of our service territories including, but not limited to:
 - Assemblymember David Alvarez (D-Chula Vista)
 - Senator Akilah Weber-Pierson (D-La Mesa)
 - Assemblymember Lashae Sharp-Collins (D-San Diego)
- Strengthen relationships with legislators who represent our service territories and identify potential future legislators who may replace members who represent our service territory that will soon be terming out of the Legislature.
- Coordination of meetings both in Sacramento and in San Diego County for key members of the legislature, staff, Administration Officials and other interested Stakeholders.
- Participate with Districts in their Strategic Planning efforts to coordinate goals for legislative activities at both the local, state and federal level.

Related Experience

FJK has worked closely with water districts of all sizes – both large and small – on critical issues related to infrastructure projects, governance, water management and many additional issues. Two primary issues to highlight include the passage of the 2014 Water Bond Legislation and the Defense of Fallbrook Public Utilities District and Rainbow Municipal Water District and their ability to detach from San Diego County Water Authority under legislation known as AB 399 (Boerner).

Water Bond

Soyla led efforts for Glenn Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) on all matters relating to development, passage in the Legislature, and finally voter approval of the 2014 Water Bond, later known as Proposition 1. The firm was instrumental in developing protected pots of money for above ground surface storage which has now been focused on Sites Reservoir in Northern California, which will reside in GCID's service territory.

San Diego County Water Authority Detachment Proceedings

Kirk and Soyla led efforts for Fallbrook Public Utilities District and a large coalition of interested stakeholders including Rainbow Municipal Water District, California Avocado Commission, numerous other water districts and numerous County LAFCOs to oppose efforts to stop Fallbrook and Rainbow from being able to detach from SDCWA. The initial version of the bill introduced called to make the legislative proposal an urgency bill, if passed quickly, allowing it to be signed into law immediately. This would have not allowed a vote of the districts, but rather a vote of the entire county on the detachment proceedings. During the summer, FJK led efforts to reach out to the entire State Senate, with a specific focus on Senate Appropriations, where the urgency measure was eventually stripped out of the bill. While the bill still passed, it did not become operable until after Fallbrook and Rainbow each held their detachment votes under current law, and therefore did not impact the proceedings and the districts were able to detach.

<u>References</u>

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<u>Compensation for Services</u>. In consideration for the lobbying and consulting services proposed we would propose a monthly retainer fee of \$10,000 per month beginning July 1, 2025, or on any date as may be advisable from the Water Districts. We are happy to further discuss retainer fee structure based on scope of work and we are confident that we can draft a final retainer agreement that meets your needs.

<u>Termination</u>. Either party may terminate the partnership on thirty (30) days written notice to the other, or immediately for cause. In the event of early termination, only those outstanding fees and authorized expenses, as accrued and earned through date of termination, will become due and payable.

<u>Expenses</u>. The firm would be entitled to reimbursement of extraordinary expenses. Extraordinary expenses do not include items such as telephone, meals, postage and standard costs for copies and faxes related to performance of this agreement that are necessary or advisable from time to time. Extraordinary expenses include authorized air travel, providing meals for the district representatives for meetings, automobile travel to the facilities outside the North State, large scale copying of reports or documents and other expenses outside those anticipated as expected expenditures necessary to the performance of the services under this contract. The firm would consult with the districts in advance of expenditures in question to avoid misunderstanding of reimbursement eligibility for expenses not contemplated by this agreement.

<u>Conflicts of Interest</u>. We have reviewed our current client lists and have run a thorough conflict check with clients and have concluded that there are no conflicts of interest with current clients and the Water Districts. Further, we commit to not contract with other parties of interest, unless there is mutual agreement between the FJK and the Districts. We are very sensitive to issues posing a real or perceived conflict of interest. If a conflict is suspected or becomes apparent either to the firm or the districts, the discovering party would immediately inform the other, and discussions immediately ensue with the purpose of resolving the issue of conflict.

<u>Availability and Access.</u> We are committed to providing the districts and their representatives with complete availability, 24/7. This is part of our philosophy to being responsive for instant consultations, troubleshooting, information needs, etc. This will help ensure that we can productively work towards meeting the districts' objectives and provide critical up-to-date counsel and information on all issues relating to Districts' priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal for consideration. We have been so honored to represent Fallbrook Public Utilities District for the last two years and look forward to the potential for future partnership with all four districts.

Sincerely,

Soyla J. Fernández Founder and Managing Partner

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Kirk Kimmelshue Partner



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS PROPOSAL IN SUPPORT OF FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, AND YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICTS) Presented to: Kevin Collins, Purchasing Supervisor Fallbrook Public Utility District May 28, 2025

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THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

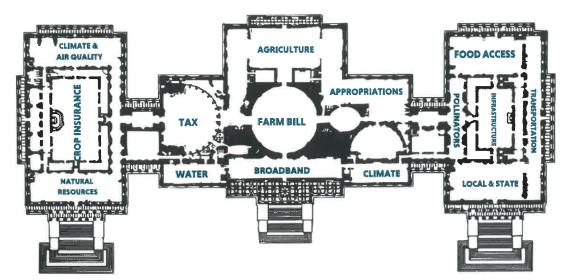
RBW Group is an advocacy and strategic communications firm. Our passion lies in breaking down complex issues and delivering a clear and concise message to targeted audiences. Our team is composed of seasoned campaign strategists, senior agency officials, and Capitol Hill veterans ready to work for you.

RBW Group's decades of experience in local, state, and federal policy and politics, including at the congressional and executive branch level, allows us to see a complete picture of the policy-making landscape and execute a winning strategy to move the right people, at the right time, in the right direction.

We don't follow the playbook; we write it. RBW Group brings superior service to develop a strategy and execute tailor-made campaigns for our clients. We lean on the power of creative ideas, bringing intimate knowledge on how to grab the target audience's attention for impactful results. We Run. We Build. We Win.

KNOW THE ROOM

The team at RBW Group has extensive experience and well-established relationships across the federal government: The White House, federal departments and agencies, congressional leadership and committees, and with members and staff on both sides of the Capitol — as well as various individuals, companies, and organizations represented in Washington.



FIRM EXPERIENCE AND RESUME

May 27, 2025

Kevin Collins, Purchasing Supervisor Fallbrook Public Utility District 990 East Mission Road Fallbrook, CA 92028

Dear Mr. Collins and Evaluation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal on behalf of RBW Group for federal legislative advocacy consulting services. We understand the importance of ensuring rural, agricultural communities have strong, effective representation in Washington, particularly during a time of significant political and regulatory evolution.

The current administration is advancing ambitious policy shifts that will impact federal funding, infrastructure development, and regulatory priorities for years to come. Navigating this environment requires not just access but strategic foresight, practical experience, and a deep understanding of the inner workings of the legislative and executive branches.

RBW Group was formed with these imperatives in mind. Our team includes former senior federal officials, policy advisors, and strategists who have held decision-making roles in government and understand how to influence outcomes. Our experience spans both the legislative and executive branches, providing us with a nuanced perspective on federal policy, appropriations, and agency operations.

What sets us apart is not just our familiarity with the current administration and Congress, but our ability to anticipate shifts, align interests, and help clients stay ahead of the curve. We are not simply advocates—we are strategic partners who can help secure funding, shape policy, and ensure that our clients' priorities are clearly understood and strongly represented in Washington.

We look forward to the possibility of supporting the Fallbrook, Rainbow, Valley Center, and Yuima Municipal Water Districts with advocacy that delivers results and reflects the unique needs of your communities.

Sincerely,

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Cole Rojewski RBW Group

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FIRM EXPERIENCE AND RESUME

RBW Group has a proven track record of delivering results in Washington, D.C., particularly when it comes to securing external federal funding and advancing complex policy priorities. Our team brings decades of collective experience at the highest levels of the legislative and executive branches, paired with trusted relationships across agencies, committees, and leadership offices.

Our results speak for themselves. Below is a representative sample of recent accomplishments achieved on behalf of our clients:

- \$3.24 million secured for Madera County's Parksdale Community Road Rehabilitation Project, addressing critical infrastructure and safety concerns.
- \$9 million included in the House THUD bill through Community Project Funding to support The Open Door Network's construction of a new shelter campus for women and families facing homelessness or domestic violence.
- \$800,000 awarded to Naperville Settlement to support the development of an innovative digital exhibit, expanding educational access and museum engagement.
- Successfully advocated for the passage of H.R. 3389, which directs USDA and DOI to evaluate container-based aerial firefighting systems, a transformative policy innovation benefiting wildfire response nationwide.
- Negotiated a \$75 million Stewardship Agreement with USDA to construct and maintain fuel breaks across national forests in California and Oregon, enhancing wildfire resilience and rural employment.
- Secured up to \$78 million in Section 32 USDA purchases for the Almond Alliance, supporting California's almond producers and strengthening agricultural supply chains.
- Facilitated a Letter of Interest from the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) for up to \$835 million in financing to support a client's strategic mining project, advancing U.S. resource independence and job creation.

RBW Group delivers more than connections—we deliver measurable outcomes. Whether navigating federal appropriations, shaping policy, or building strategic partnerships, our team brings the credibility, experience, and judgment needed to get things done. We are committed to being a trusted, long-term partner that helps clients achieve results in Washington—efficiently, effectively, and with purpose.

RBWGROUP Leadership Team

COLE ROJEWSKI CO-FOUNDER & PARTNER



Cole Rojewski brings over 13 years of government experience ranging from some of the nation's most targeted elections to Congress to the executive branch.

Having served as Chief of Staff to both Chairwoman-Elect Kay Granger (R-TX) and Congressman David G. Valadao (R-CA), Rojewski showcases a deep understanding of the congressional appropriations process. His expertise in federal legislation, the

appropriations process, crisis communications, and campaign management provide a well-rounded and robust knowledge base that helps his clients navigate Washington D.C., and the unique media environment of today's hyper-connected world.

Rojewski served as the Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs for the Department of the Interior. In this key position, he oversaw and managed the over 50 congressional liaisons from the Department's 12 bureaus coordinating the congressional activities and led the Senate confirmation process for Department nominees, overseeing eight successful confirmations as he provided substantive and strategic advice to a high-profile cabinet official.

Rojewski developed and implemented strategies to advance the Administration's legislative initiatives in Congress that included building coalitions and communications around high-profile projects such as the landmark Great American Outdoors Act that provides needed maintenance for critical infrastructure in our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, recreation areas, and American Indian schools. Rojewski is a California native and a graduate of the California State University, Fresno.

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TODD WILLENS CO-FOUNDER & PARTNER



Todd Willens is a trusted strategic counselor, advisor, and leader with nearly 25 years of federal service included in his career. Todd served as Chief of Staff for the Department of the Interior and, before that, led as Interior's Associate Deputy Secretary and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife & Parks. His experiences and knowledge have provided numerous policy opportunities and deliverables on behalf of Administrations, Members of Congress, and clients.

Todd has vast expertise in federal legislation, policy, and regulation of natural resources, public land use, energy, and wildlife. Todd spent nearly two decades on Capitol Hill, which comprised that time working for California and New Mexico Members and the Natural Resources Committee, where he managed numerous legislative accomplishments in the policy areas of the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

At the Department of the Interior, he led departmental priority policies and initiatives for forest management, wildland fire, energy, conservation, sportsmen, water, wildlife, and public lands. Todd was a member of the Great American Outdoors Act Task Force, Regulatory Reform Task Force, Executive Review Board, National Environmental Policy Act Working Group, the Endangered Species Act Working Group, and was on the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust, an Ex Officio Member of the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council, the International Wildlife Conservation Council, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Todd is a California native, and a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles.

RBWGROUP Leadership Team

FAITH VANDER VOORT VICE PRESIDENT, PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Faith Vander Voort is a respected communications professional with experience serving as a strategic communications advisor for three congressmen, two cabinet secretaries, and the Vice President of the United States.

As Press Secretary and Senior Advisor to the Director of Communications at the Department of the Interior, Faith served as the chief on-the-record spokesman for the

entire Department, overseeing media activity and developing strategic communication plans and talking points for 14 bureaus. Navigating inquiries and deadlines from small Western publications to above-the-fold headlines in the New York Times, Faith can find a path through any fire. With a specialty in crisis communication, Faith was chosen to serve on the Department's confirmation team, successfully navigating the national media attention that comes with a cabinet nomination and senate confirmation process.

At the Department, Faith later took her messaging expertise to the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs team as Deputy Director, serving as chief advisor to the Department's primary liaison with Congressional Committees and individual Members of Congress. Faith's primary role was to craft the narrative for high-profile legislative matters and oversight hearings. Before that, Faith served as Deputy Press Secretary.

In addition, Faith served on Vice President Mike Pence's campaign team as Deputy Press Secretary, Director of Communications for Congressman David Valadao, and Managing Director of Media Affairs at TAG Strategies. An Iowa native and a graduate of Azusa Pacific University, Faith lives in Tacoma, WA.

SCOPE OF WORK

Working with Members of Congress and Administration officials can seem daunting, but it is a crucial part of ensuring the Districts' goals reach the target audience. With close relationships in Congress and in the Administration, RBW Group can help advocate and educate officials on the Districts' interests.

1: REPRESENT THE DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Before forming RBW Group, our team spent most of their careers in the United States House of Representatives and the Executive Branch. Our collective experience in the federal government is now our clients' most significant asset. At RBW Group, we never show up without a plan. Our team will work hand-in-glove with the Districts to create a roadmap to execute this plan most effectively by defining key goals, establishing guiding principles, and developing a long-term federal government affairs program that is in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

2: ADVOCATE FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR DISTRICTS PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

RBW Group is known for our ability to secure our clients funding through the Community Project Funding process in the House of Representatives and Senate— a process that requires experience and inside knowledge and relationships to successfully navigate. Our team is so adept at navigating this process, RBW Group is often asked to train new congressional staffers on how to appropriate dollars correctly. That is exactly who you want on your team.

3: CONTACT NEWLY ELECTED AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS

At RBW Group, we have established connections with senior policymakers in various branches of the Administration and in Congress. We can utilize these relationships to disseminate the Districts' messages effectively and help promote it to key decision-makers. Our team has a wealth of prior work experience that allows us to navigate the complex policy landscape in the government effectively.

4: LIAISON WITH KEY LEGISLATORS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, & STAFF

In alignment with the Districts' General Managers, RBW Group will conduct regular touchpoints with relevant House and Senate staff and committees to ensure members and key staff are apprised of the Districts' position on issues to generate support for all high-priority issues and projects. In addition, the Consultant will do the same with the Administration and relevant Federal agencies.

In Washington D.C., policy and political developments can happen quickly and unexpectedly, realtime intelligence can be a valuable tool for the Districts when seeking to influence decisions and advance their interests. RBW Group monitors and analyzes federal legislation that could impact water affordability and provide the Districts with regular updates and recommendations for action.

5: COORDINATE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON D.C.

When appropriate, RBW Group will coordinate a Washington D.C. "Fly-In" for the Districts' Board of Directors and staff to meet and brief relevant members and staff on the Districts' high-priority items. Our team at RBW Group has significant experience with congressional meetings and congressional hearings, from years of "murder boarding" and preparing Members of Congress and cabinet officials for interviews and congressional hearings.

6: MEETINGS IN DISTRICT

RBW Group will travel to meetings in the District as needed.

7: PARTICIPATE IN ASSOCIATION AND STRATEGIC ORGANIZATION'S MEETINGS

As needed, RBW Group will participate in trade association or related organization meetings on behalf of the District to communicate priorities.

References

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RATE SCHEDULE

Development of this federal government affairs program can begin immediately upon agreement with a timeline to be determined by the Districts' immediate needs. Based on our discussion and the proposed scope of service, we believe an effective program can be implemented for \$15,000 per month over 12 months. Plus, any additional fees for any necessary out-of-pocket expenses or travel outside of the Washington, D.C. area, which would require the prior approval of the Districts.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS POTENTIAL ENGAGEMENT.

If you have any questions or further thoughts regarding this proposal, please contact Cole Rojewski at 559-392-9632.

Please Note: RBW Group is currently undergoing a merger with another firm and will begin operating under a new name and brand identity starting in June.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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June 16, 2025

TO: Honorable President and Board of Directors

FROM: Gary Arant, General Manager

SUBJECT: ENERGY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PURPOSE:

To provide the Board with an overview of the District's Energy Program.

SUMMARY:

The District's Energy Program focuses on utilizing existing energy resources as costeffectively as possible, while also developing new opportunities to reduce energy consumption and costs. The program aims to meet system demand, maintain water quality, and comply with regulatory requirements. It encompasses five energy-related segments that directly influence the District's energy consumption and overall costs: SDG&E rate selection, energy management, pump efficiency testing and maintenance, development of new energy sources, and regulatory changes.

SDG&E Rate Selection: The bulk of the total cost of electricity delivered by SDG&E, consists of a combination of the delivery charge and the electric generation charge. The remaining portion includes taxes and other fees collected by SDG&E for state mandated programs and agencies. SDG&E offers several different delivery and electricity rate schedule options, as well as combinations of schedules, depending on energy usage, energy demand, customer generation interconnection and other qualifying criteria. The time-of-use (TOU) periods, TOU kilowatt hour rate (\$/kWh), demand charge time periods and demand charge rates vary between the applicable schedules. Staff evaluates these differences using historical and projected consumption data for a given meter to select the most cost-effective combination of delivery and electricity schedules.

Energy Management: Staff has developed and integrated best energy management practices into the water and wastewater operational strategies to optimize energy use and reduce costs. The best energy management practices emphasize limiting electrical usage during higher \$/kWh TOU periods, avoiding or minimizing demand charges, selecting the most efficient pump available to meet the flow demands and regularly assessing wastewater blower speeds and runtimes to match current process requirements.

Pump Efficiency Testing and Maintenance: Staff conducts annual electric motor and pump efficiency testing at the Districts pump stations. Based on the efficiency test results, staff replaces or refurbishes underperforming pumps and motors to restore the facility to optimal efficiency. The Operations staff also incorporates the pumping efficiency test data into their pump selection process and pumping strategies.

Development of New Energy Sources: SDG&E currently provides approximately 65% of the total electricity consumed by the District, the remainder is supplied by the District's six solar generating facilities and three Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) solar facilities. Staff continues to explore and evaluate alternative energy suppliers, sources, and storage opportunities to reduce energy costs. The evaluations include procuring electricity from a Community Choice Aggregator, development of new PPA solar facilities and the addition of battery storage at existing solar facilities.

Regulatory Changes: Staff actively monitors and participates in water community work groups for the proceedings and rulemakings of the California Public Utilities Commission, California State Legislature, California Air Resources Board and SDG&E for newly adopted or proposed regulations that may affect District energy programs and energy costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information item only, no action required.

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