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WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

President Dehn called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	President Dehn, Secretary Walker, Treasurer Thiele-Sardiña, Director Moritz, Director Otte
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ramirez, Heydari, AND G.C. Alex Geise, Reese by Zoom
Others Present:	By Zoom: EJ Shalaby, and Michael Miller

2. Communications from the Public: None

3. Consent Calendar

Matters listed under this item are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. The motion, seconds, and vote are applicable to any included resolutions and recorded accordingly. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless specifically requested by a member of the Board.

A. Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting August 11, 2026
B. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting August 12, 2026
C. Approval of the Financial Activity Report Authorizing Payment of Certain Bills and Salaries and Consideration of Other Financial Matters thru July 31, 2026
D. Consider Approving District Treasury Report Fourth Quarter FY 2025-26

Motion by: Thiele-Sardina 2nd by: Moritz Vote: AYE: 5 NAY: 0 Abstain: 0

Comments: None

4. General Manager's Report

Comments: General Manager Ramirez reported that the Recycled Water Rates Proposition 218 notices were mailed out, and the letters of determination will be sent out by the end of the month. The District is awaiting two SRF reimbursement checks, Nos. 8 and 9, totaling approximately $27.2 million. The succession plan and job interest forms are being updated. The General Manager will give an update on the succession plan in the upcoming meeting.

The District is scheduled to meet with Cal Water on September 2 at 2:30 PM to discuss the use of recycled water in their service area. The November 3 election for two board member positions was uncontested; therefore, an election will not be held. The City Public Works Event was canceled this year; however, a Halloween Hoopa event is scheduled for October 24 where staff will participate. The Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 2 from 8:30AM to 1:00 PM to discuss the ADU study and cash flow. The next Board meetings are scheduled for September 9 and 23.

5. **Consider Awarding Bid for Gabarda Easement Sewer Main Replacement Project No. 1775.0 to EPS Inc dba Express Plumbing for $310,050.00**

   Motion by: Walker 2nd by: Otte Vote: AYE: 5 NAY: 0 Abstain: 0

   Comments: District Engineer Heydari reported that Agenda Item No. 5 is for an emergency repair with a budget of $500,000. He also reported only one bid was received. The bid received was $310,050. Staff requested approval with a 10% contingency, for a total of $341,050. The Board approved Agenda Item No. 5.

6. **Consider Authorizing the General Manager to Issue the Call for Bids for the District's Capital Improvement Project- Illinois Forcemain Replacement Project No. 1769.0**

   Motion by: Otte 2nd by: Thiele-Sardiña Vote: AYE: 5 NAY: 0 Abstain: 0

   Comments: District Engineer Heydari reported that Agenda Item No. 6 is for the replacement of a 68-year-old force main. The bidding process will be conducted through BidNet Direct. The engineer's estimate for the construction was approximately $1.1 million. The Board approved Agenda No. 6.

7. **Discussion and Direction on Sharon Heights Recycled Water Facility**

   Discussion/Comments: General Manager Ramirez reported that SH is considering not using a PPA and instead purchasing the solar system outright through a cash purchase, which may make more financial sense.

8. **Discussion and Direction on Bayfront Recycled Water Project and Status Update**

Discussion/Comments: General Manager Ramirez reported that the influent pump station is being constructed and dewatering the trench excavation is necessary. The contractor is coordinating discharge efforts with the SVCW plant.

9. **Report, Discussion, and Direction on RethinkWaste (SBWMA)**

Discussion/Comments: President Dehn reported that AB 762, concerning embedded batteries for single use vapes, passed both chambers of legislature and is now on the Governor's desk awaiting signature.

There are three options under consideration for the Rethinkwate MRF site master plan, with estimated costs of $30 million, $50 million, and $70 million. The funding includes parking, updates to the MRF, improvements to another buildings, charging stations, and other related improvements. The design team and consultant have additional work to complete and are expected to return to the Board at the September meeting with their results. The master plan will then be formally presented at the Board/Staff retreat meeting in February 2027.

10. **Report and Discussion on Silicon Valley Clean Water (SVCW) Plant**

Discussion/Comments: General Manager Ramirez reported that there is a TAC meeting scheduled for August 27, 2026.

11. **Closed Session**

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Cal. Gov't. Code §54956.9(d)(2):
(1 potential case)

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(4)
(1 potential case)

Entered closed session at 7:38 PM   Left closed session at 7:58 PM

Reportable action: None

12. **Comments or Reports from Members of the District Board and Consider Items to be Placed on Future Agenda**

Discussion/Comments: None

13. **Adjournment Time:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

/s/ David A. Walker
Secretary