

APPROVED

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2026, MEETING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE **In Person**-Michael Smith, David Schwabauer, Steve Morgan, John Newton

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Reddy Pakala

COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY: None

STAFF: Paul Chan, Director Water & Sanitation
 Art Aseo, Deputy Director
 Sean Hanley, Water Superintendent
 Homer Arredondo, Engineering Mgr.
 Jean Fontayne, PWA Manager I-zoom
 Maryann Ranallo, Mgmt. Asst. III
 Tony Allen, Accountant-zoom
 Johnny Guardiola, Wastewater
 Supervisor

GUESTS: Chelsie Kennedy-Board of Director
 Parvin's Office
 Daryl Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by John Newton at 2:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF:

John Newton would appreciate a better flow of the minutes, for better understanding. Suggesting the District Manager will make some clerical changes to the existing minutes and making some more descriptive minutes so anyone can understand them. Vote was taken and 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daryl Smith said that District 1 water has a lot of solids and wants to know if we can get the TDS down. Daryl is using Well 15 with a little Calleguas Water blended.

4. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

A. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW – An update on the budget and financial status of the District.

- Financials discussed are as of Dec. 31, 2025.
- Income has been low in sales. At half year financials, we are at 8 million another 8 million for the next six months is only 16 million and our projected budget is 21 million.
- Capital projects, no major updates, but Cash Reserves are at 5 million (projected by end of year). It looks healthy.
- District 1 uses more Calleguas water than ground water.
- All committee members have received invitations to additional special meetings calendared. A pre discussion of the Sewer Rates.
- Wastewater is steady in sales, no fluctuations.

A question was asked from District 19 to District 1, can District 1 help supply reclaimed water to District 19? We do need a pipeline. Homer has been looking into providing District 19 with reclaimed water. We haven't moved on anything; we are just looking for ways to grow and improve our system. Financially, in the winter, we could maximize the value of leftover water and deliver unused portions.

B. PROJECTS

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- UV Project is starting construction. The contractor is setting up trailers and offices to start the construction process.
- Recycled Water Pump Station has been combined with the UV Project. These will start construction together.
- Concrete Basin #3 is on hold with budget constraints and other projects taking precedence.
- Stormwater Diversion is on hold. Assigning this to a new Engineering Manager to decide if the project may have reached a terminus by reviewing the feasibility study.
- Solar Expansion Project, their connection to SCE is completed and, we are ready to operate.
- Stockton Reservoir is on hold due to staffing and budget constraints
- Well 99. Engineers are stretched thin, we are trying to finish the design.
- Well 20, we need to progressively rehabilitate the well. The water table is shallow, so we need to know the volume we will be able to get out of the well.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Hitch Ranch/North Ranch have the same activities going on. Looks like it is close to establishing occupation. High Street Depot is in the same position, looking for tenants.

- La Perch is to the north of us. They are looking for conditions of land entitlement and obtaining a map.
- Moorpark City Library Project actively excavating and doing demolition.

C. O&M UPDATE – WATER SALES TO BUDGET, SYSTEM STATUS AND AMI

- Mild summer months and a rainy November and December. Over the last 10 years total sales per acre foot continue to trend downward. The trend has some to do with recycled water. We sold almost 1100-acre foot of recycled water.
- Wells/Source Production-Well 15 came on-line in May 2025. Well 20 is currently under construction with completion in May/June 2026. Well 95 will follow for repairs after Well 20 is completed. Well 98; we were able to put back on-line this month after some e-coli issues were fixed
- Recycled water takes up to about 13% of the water sold.
- Mainline and Service Leaks are staying consistent. We use our staff to make repairs.
- AMI customer engagement portal will be going on-line soon. We will have a presentation for you later.

WASTEWATER

- December 28, a huge storm collapsed an exposed, concrete encased 8" sewer line crossing in the Arroyo located between Moorpark Ave and Leta Yancy Road. Spill volume estimates 48,834 gallons.
- We currently have a bypass using pumps and diverting.
- We intend to install an inverted siphon which uses pressure to push up to go down toward the treatment plant.
- Total costs to rent pipes, generators, and daily labor is about \$20,000 per month. We are scheduling to have this project finished by June 2026.

D. LOS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER rulings by the LPV Watermaster and LPV Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees.

- The Board spoke about Regional Desalter. Los Posas Valley & Calleguas received proposals from several consultants. It is in review and we will go over comments next meeting.
There should be more on the desalter at the Calleguas Tour.

E. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATRE- An update on decisions.

- Calleguas is trying to convert some of their variable cost to fixed costs.

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District 1 may have a fixed cost based on the last 10 years of usage.

- AB367 Critical infrastructure for Fire Flow Requirements. District 1 is ready. Jan 1, 2027, the Fire Department will let us know what critical infrastructure is necessary to fire harden.

F. BOARD LETTER TRACKER - AN UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THE
DISTRICT

G. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM

Next Meeting Thursday, April 9, 2026