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July 9, 2026

**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF
VENTURA COUNTYWATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19
SOMIS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 Somis Citizens' Advisory Committee will be held **Thursday July 16, 2026**, from 2:00 p.m. to adjournment at the **Waterworks District's Moorpark Office, 6767 Spring Road, Moorpark, California.**

Committee members are required to attend in person and members of the public are invited to attend in person or via Zoom. To electronically join the meeting please follow the provided steps – At the specific time (2:00 p.m.) dial the number (669) 900-6833, when prompted enter the meeting ID 470 052 7072. You can also join the meeting by visiting this link - **Join Zoom Meeting** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4700527072>

Advisory Committee Members: Please contact the District Office by telephone at (805-378-3005), or by email at wspc@ventura.org, no later than July 13, 2026 if you are unable to participate in the meeting.

Sincerely,

Gregg Strakaluse, P.E.
PWA Director



AGENDA OF MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2026.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Members of the public may address the Citizens' Advisory Committee on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee but do not appear on the agenda. With respect to agenda items, the public will be given an opportunity to address the Committee when the item is reached in the meeting.
4. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - Provides the opportunity for the Director to present items that are not within the subject matter of the District Staff Report.
 - A. SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH COUNTY FINANCIAL OFFICER
 - B. RATE ADJUSTMENT PROPOSAL BASIS, GOAL, AND RECOMMENDATION
 - C. CALLEGUAS PASS THROUGH OPTION-Only pay actual Calleguas cost, recognizing that the District's goal is to minimize the need for Calleguas water purchase and rely on local groundwater well supply.
 - D. SURCHARGE OPTIONS
 - E. PROP 218 DISCUSSION
 - F. PUBLIC OUTREACH
5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
ADJOURNMENT
The next District 19 regularly scheduled Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting will be held OCTOBER 15, 2026

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**SOMIS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19
MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2026, MEETING**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Mishler-Chair,
Keith Huss, Debra Tosh

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyler Cobb, Hayden McIntyre

COMMITTEE VACANCY: none

STAFF: Paul Chan, Director, Water & Sanitation
Greg Strakaluse, Director PWA-zoom
Sean Hanley, Water Superintendent
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services Manager-zoom
Homer Arrendondo, Senior Engineering Mgr.
Bradley Farlow, Senior Accountant
Alsiha Redican-zoom
Jesus Banuelos, Engineering Manager-zoom

GUESTS: Israel Rodriguez, Supervisor's Asst. -zoom
Kathy Janowski-zoom
Walt Janowski-zoom
Walt Brand
Margaret Tolberg-zoom
Dan Erb
Deborah Faneros-zoom
Peggy Wellman
Tressa Lucas
Terry Wall
Wayne Sebera-zoom

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1. CALL TO ORDER 2:02 PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2026, MEETING

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Keith Huss

Vote: Nay 0, Yea 3. Minutes adopted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Janowski asked about the meeting Gregg Strakaluse was having with the CEO this week and I wanted to hear about the outcome.

Tressa Lucas said she's new to the CAC Meetings and she would like to understand how a CAC Meeting works and asked if all the current CAC Members

are rate paying residence of Somis? It went around the table, and everyone answered yes except, Mike Mishler was not a CAC19 rate customer, but he said he has a master's degree in ground water and geology. Tressa asked if there was an organizational chart on CAC Members. Paul said he would share that with her.

4. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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

- Revenue is not as high as we were hoping for.
 - We are projecting a loss at the end of the fiscal year at about \$1 Million.
 - Capital data is just covering what is needed. Minimal was used.
 - Debt Service, Well 2 Loan is still going until 2041. No other loans.
- Kathy said the Farm Workers Housing Revenue will not be fully occupied until we put a light on Lewis Road. We are missing about 35% of revenue. What is the update on Farm Workers Housing? Is it possible to split out the revenue on the financials.
- Israel said, It isn't just the light, they are having a problem filling up the spaces. Homer agreed and said they are struggling to occupy the units. Kathy is asking about the Projected Balance. Currently, as of March 31st it is \$880K and Projected is \$303K by June 30th.
- Design expenditures for the booster pump station, already budgeted and appropriated the funds.

B. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW-The Capital Project Status Report provides regular reporting on the status of active capital projects within the District.

- Kathy and Tressa asked if we have more information about the projects we are working on in WWD19. It is said we have no money for Capital Projects; however, we would like to know how we have come up with these needs. It seems you had someone come in to assess the needs. What are the steps necessary to complete them and what's the cost? And how do we come up with the needs? Since our infrastructure is failing and we have no money. Kathy would also like to see the 5-year plan.
- Caltrans Pipe Relocation-As a courtesy, they will be relocating our line, we need to pay for the pipe. Scheduled for November. Cost will be \$1.2 Million. We do not have funding at this point.
- 571 Pump Station is under 90% design review. After design, we will build the second Water Tank Storage. Gregg Strakaluse said he wanted to clarify the 571 Pump Station. The Pump Station is designed to 90%, but the Reservoir is not designed to a sufficient percentage to call it shovel ready. There is a cost estimate of about \$400K to get that part of the project shovel ready for a low interest loan or grant. We are looking at how we can leverage funds to get the projects for the effort.
- Gregg wanted to add a little more information about CIP. Next fiscal year we would like to work on 2.1 million dollars worth of projects, that we would like to apply for Grant Funding, Design and Technical effort. The next 5 years, we would like to do about 26 million dollars' worth of projects that are identified in our capital improvement program, if we can get the funding.

C. O&M UPDATE

- Water Efficiency- A little above average. Mostly local water. Kathy wants this broken up to residential vs. agriculture.
- Well Production by source. Well 2 came back online March 18.
- Quarterly Monitoring. Well 4 on Balcom has result above the notification level, but below the response level in PFOS. Michael Mitchler said we must wait for science, there is a question, if gloves were used to get the samples, the gloves may have impacted the outcome with the chemicals in the gloves. The state will have to wait for science to catch up.
- Complaints and Outages only 1 pressure complaint.
- Main leaks 2 this 2026. All handled in house. Calendar year data.
- Mainline leaks heatmap shows pipes and the result of corrosion.
- AMI Report: Customers have been continuing to sign up.

5. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-Provides the opportunity for the Director to present items that are not within the subject matter of the District Staff Report.

A. LAS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER-An update on decisions and/or rulings by the LPV Watermaster and LPV Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees.

- Las Posas Valley In-Lieu Water Program. The basin is exhibiting chronic decliners in groundwater elevations. They are purchasing imported water from Calleguas to Those in WWD19 to allow sections of the basin to recover and protect long term health of the basin.

B. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/ METROPOLITAN WATER

- Calleguas is working on a regional desalter study of the Upper Calleguas Creek Watershed. Goal is to determine where desalters should be built, how large and lowest cost. Tessa asked where all the salt would go from the desalination plants. Brim line from Somis to Port Hueneme would make it possible.

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

06/09/26 Cross-connection control

06/23/26 Rules and regulations

D. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH – AN UPDATE ON HOW THE DISTRICT IS REACHING OUT TO ITS CUSTOMERS CONCERNING WATER CONSERVATION.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. RATE ADJUSTMENT CONVERSATION

- We are working hard to get Grants and Loans. A few options to look at; Loans need financial stability. To shape the next Prop 218 notice we could apply a rate adjustment that is innovative enough that is appropriate for Capital Improvement and apply a rate adjustment that isn't applied to everything.
- We could pass through costs, SCE Power, Fox Canyon GMA, Calleguas Water it allows us to shave a little off a rate increase. A surcharge concept for 1-3 years that goes away to move a project forward.

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- Kathy asked if the County could loan the money for a project while we are collecting a surcharge? Yes, if we could secure a loan, it would take about 6 months before we could start the design. Kathy is hoping that they can go this route.
- We should be able to pull something together. The next meeting, we should be able to come to an agreement to move along. Gregg would like to put something in writing for the passthrough of the Calleguas Water and go from there.
- Can we sell some of our water overage. Goes into a carryover bucket. Based on our understanding from Fox Canyon these exchanges need to be researched.

Recap: We are looking for the history of the Capital Improvement Project, a five year plan, and look at the consumption data broken out by Residential, Ag and Industry. Make sure the years are marked correctly, Calendar to calendar or fiscal to fiscal. Communicate with the community on a pass through. Regional desalter consideration. Set a meeting with Kathy, Mike, Gregg and Paul to see the CEO. What would the pass through look like from a billing period.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 3:43 PM

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B. SURCHARGES

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C. CALLEGUAS PASS THROUGH

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D. PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT

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E. PROP 218 RECOMMENDATION

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