MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT
UCSB CAMPUS, PARKING LOT 32, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
JULY 7, 2026

In-person meeting

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the display case outside the administrative office of the Goleta West Sanitary District and on the District's website at least 72 hours in advance of this regular meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   President Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL: BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**
   Margaret Zhu
   Craig Geyer
   Eva Turenchalk
   Robert Thomas
   Bill Rosen

   BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
   None

   STAFF PRESENT
   Joseph Hilliard – General Manager
   Jena Acos – District Counsel
   Kristyn Lopez – Office Manager

   OTHERS PRESENT
   Dean Nevins – Director, Goleta Sanitary District

3. **APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**
   No changes were made to the order of the agenda.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   There was no public comment presented at this time.

5. **GENERAL MANAGER UPDATES**
   General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report on the progress of the Headquarters Building Improvements Project.

6. **LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATES**
   Legal Counsel did not have any items to report.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
(26-07-37)
Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Rosen, the Board approved the Consent Calendar, as presented by unanimous vote (5-0).

a. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2026**

b. **RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL MANAGER'S OPERATIONS REPORT FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2026**

c. **RECEIVE AND FILE ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2026**

d. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MAY 2026 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS

8. **PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE ANNUAL AB 2561 REPORT ON DISTRICT VACANCIES, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION EFFORTS**
(26-07-38)
General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report. Upon a motion by Director Turenchalk, seconded by Director Rosen, the Board moved to receive and file the annual report on the status of District vacancies and the District's recruitment and retention efforts, as required by Assembly Bill 2561, as presented, by a unanimous vote (5–0).

9. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-849 ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR FY 2026-2027**
(26-07-39)
General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report. Upon a motion by Director Rosen, seconded by Director Geyer, the Board adopted Resolution No. 26-849 establishing the appropriation limit for FY 2026-2027, as calculated by Bartlett, Pringle and Wolf, LLC, as presented, by a unanimous vote (5–0).

10. **CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 21 OF THE BOARD POLICY HANDBOOK**
Finance Committee Chair Director Zhu presented the committee's report. The Board discussed additional proposed edits and directed staff to work with legal counsel to incorporate the revisions and return the item to the Finance Committee for further review before bringing it back to the Board with a recommendation. No action was taken on this item.

11. **CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INVESTMENT POLICY AS PART OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-850**

General Manager Joseph Hilliard and Finance Committee Chair Director Zhu presented the committee's report. The Board discussed additional proposed edits and directed staff to work with legal counsel to incorporate the revisions and return the item to the Finance Committee for further review before bringing it back to the Board with a recommendation. No action was taken on this item.

12. **CONSIDERATION OF THE UCSB CAPITAL FUND CHARGE**
(26-07-40)
General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report. Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Zhu, the Board approved to increase the monthly UCSB Capital Fund Charge by 5% to $12.36 ERU per month, as presented, by a unanimous vote (5–0).

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. **2026 DIRECTOR ELECTION INFORMATION**
General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report on the upcoming election timeline and process. In addition, General Manager Hilliard provided an update on the proposed Tidal Pools development project located off Henry T. Yang Drive.

14. **COMMUNICATIONS**
Received.

15. **REPORTS**

A. **Operations Report – May 27, 2026 – June 30, 2026**
No Questions.

B. **CANCELED – SBCCSDA executive Board Meeting – June 3, 2026**

C. **Goleta Water District Board Meeting – June 9, 2026**
Director Turenchalk provided a report.

D. **CANCELED – EMID Board Meeting – June 10, 2026**

E. **EMID Special Board Meeting – June 11, 2026**
Director Thomas provided a report.

F. **GWSD Special Engineering Committee Meeting – June 12, 2026**
No report provided.

G. **Goleta Sanitary District Board Meeting – June 15, 2026**
Director Geyer provided a report.

H. **City of Goleta Council Meeting – June 16, 2026**
Director Rosen provided a report.

I. **Santa Barbara Airport Commission Meeting – June 17, 2026**
No report provided.

J. GWSD Special Finance Committee Meeting – June 25, 2026
Director Zhu provided a report.

K. GWSD AD Hoc Legal Services Review Meeting – June 26, 2026
Director Geyer provided a report.

L. SBCCSDA Executive Board Meeting – July 1, 2026
Director Geyer provided a report.

M. Santa Barbara County Legislative Program Committee – June 8, 2026 & July 6, 2026
No report provided.

N. Goleta Sanitary District Board Meeting – July 6, 2026
Director Geyer provided a report.

O. CANCELED – City of Goleta Council Meeting – July 7, 2026
No report provided.

P. Other Reports
General Manager Joseph Hilliard reported that he would be attending the City of Santa Barbara Planning Commission meeting on July 9 regarding approval of the Goleta West Sanitary District Pipe Repairs Project. He stated that he would provide an update to the Board at the next regular Board meeting.

16. <u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>
No future agenda items discussed.

17. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
There being no further business, President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6:31 PM.

APPROVED

Robert Thomas, Board President

Kristyn Lopez, Board Clerk Secretary