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Water Needs

# AGENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 4:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

<u>Items Not on the Agenda</u>: Members of the public are invited to address the Board regarding items which are not appearing on the posted agenda. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The Board will set aside 30 minutes for public comments for items not appearing on the posted agenda.

<u>Items on the Agenda</u>: Members of the public shall be permitted to comment on agenda items before action is taken, or after the Board has discussed the item. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The Board will set aside 60 minutes for public comments for items appearing on the posted agenda.

#### ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

At the discretion of the Board, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed as an Action Item, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the Board.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

Approve all matters under the Consent Calendar by one motion unless a Board member, staff or a member of the public requests a separate action.

- 1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of June 11, 2025.
- 2. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
- 3. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
  - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
- 4. Approve support of Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District General Manager Don Bartz for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Seat B Southern Network, authorize President Marice H. DePasquale to be the District's voting delegate, and direct staff to cast the electronic ballot.
- 5. Approve a one-time exception to Resolution No. 1579 the Mesa Water District Board of Directors Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy to authorize reimbursement for Director Jim F. Atkinson in light of unforeseen and personal circumstances.



#### PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6. KARL KEMP RESERVOIR SITE AT LINDBERGH PARK:

Recommendation: Maintain current use of the Karl Kemp Reservoir site as is, without pursuing an off-leash dog park.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

7. 2025 PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS REPORT:

Recommendation: Accept the Report on Mesa Water District's Water Quality relative to the 2025 Public Health Goals and receive comments at the Public Hearing scheduled for the July 23, 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

#### **REPORTS:**

- 8. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
- 9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)

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ADJOURN TO A REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 AT 4:30 P.M.



# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESA WATER DISTRICT

### Wednesday, June 11, 2025

1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 4:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

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**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at

4:31 p.m. by President DePasquale.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Director Bockmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present Marice H. DePasquale, President

Shawn Dewane, Vice President Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director

Jim Atkinson, Director James R. Fisler, Director

Directors Absent None

Staff Present Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager

Denise Khalifa, Chief Administrative Officer/

**District Secretary** 

Kurt Lind, Business Administrator/

**Acting District Treasurer** 

Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager

Juan Hernandez, Assistant Water Operations Manager

Nadia Boutros, Civil Engineer

Kirk Harper, Interim Chief Financial Officer

Camille Shehadeh, Senior Human Resources Analyst

Kaitlyn Norris, Senior Public Affairs Specialist

Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

Others Present Bill Dunlap, Member of the Public

Nrapendra Prasad, Member of the Public

Dennis Albiani, President, California Advocates (teleconference) Adam Quiñonez, Managing Director, California Advocates

(teleconference)

Lisa Ohlund, Principal, Ohlund Management and Technical

Services (teleconference)

Ryan Cislo, Senior Manager, Plante Moran

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President DePasquale asked for public comments on items not on the agenda.

Member of the Public Bill Dunlap offered comments related to the Karl Kemp Reservoir site at Lindbergh Park.

Member of the Public Nrapendra Prasad offered additional comments regarding the site.

President DePasquale thanked the two speakers for their comments and proceeded with the meeting.

#### ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

General Manager Shoenberger reported that there were no items to be added, removed or reordered on the agenda.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

Director Bockmiller pulled Item 3 for discussion. There were no objections.

- 1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of May 28, 2025.
- 2. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
  - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
- 3. Approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings and Events.
- 4. Authorize President Marice H. DePasquale to be the voting delegate for the Association of California Water Agencies' election of Board President, Vice President and region board members for the 2026 2027 term.

#### MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Items 1, 2 and 4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 3 – Approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings and Events.

Director Bockmiller suggested modifying the list of Conferences, Seminars, Meetings and Events.

#### **MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Item 3 of the Consent Calendar, with modifications. Motion passed 5 - 0.

#### PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

#### 5. DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT ADVOCACY REPORT:

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided an overview of the topic and introduced California Advocates President Dennis Albiani and Managing Director Adam Quiñonez, and Ohlund Management and Technical Services Principal Lisa Ohlund.

Messrs. Albiani and Quiñonez proceeded with an update on the Proposed Delta Conveyance Project.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Messrs. Albiani and Quiñonez and Ms. Ohlund responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the information.

#### 6. PIPELINE INTEGRITY PROGRAM:

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic and introduced Civil Engineer Boutros who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Pipeline Integrity Program Brief History
- HydraSnake Inspection Work Area
- HydraSnake How Does It Work?
- Avocado Street Inspection Route
- Maple Avenue Inspection Route
- Sample from Avocado Street Pipeline
- Next Steps

Senior Public Affairs Specialist Norris then provided information on the outreach portion of the program:

Public Outreach

GM Shoenberger, Ms. Boutros and Ms. Norris responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

#### 7. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET:

Interim Chief Financial Officer Harper proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Strategic Plan Goals
- Mesa Water Financial Ratings
- Committed to Transparency
- District of Distinction
- Budget Assumptions
- Budget Assumptions Increased Water Costs
- FY 2026 Proposed Budget:
  - o Operating Revenue
  - Designated Funds
  - Debt Service Coverage Ratio

- Debt Service Payments
- o Cash on Hand
- o Days Cash Ratio
- Water Production (AF)
- FY 2026 Budget Water Supply Needs (Historical and Projected)
- Conservation Impact on Billing Rate
- Operating Expenses by Department as a Percentage
- Capital
- Capital Replacement & Refurbishment (R&R)
- District Memberships
- District Conferences & Seminars
- Community Outreach
- FY 2026 Budget Summary
- FY 2026 Budget Recommendation

#### **RECESS**

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:38 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:43 p.m.

Mr. Harper responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the presentation

#### **MOTION**

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Motion passed 5 - 0.

#### 8. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES:

#### **MOTION**

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve a contract with T2 Tech to provide Information Technology Support Services in the amount of \$1,392,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 plus \$696,000 for the first half of Fiscal Year 2027, totaling \$2,088,000 through December 31, 2026, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### MESA WATER DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC PLAN:

#### **MOTION**

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to modify Mesa Water District's Strategic Plan to include the adoption of Strategic Goal #8: Practice continual business improvement. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **REPORTS:**

- 10. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
- 11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

#### **RECESS**

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:59 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- 12. SINGLE METER POLICY
- 13. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:05 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSIONS:**

14. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6(a)

District Negotiator: General Manager

Employee Organization: Represented and Non-Represented Employees

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

District Secretary Khalifa announced the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary, Senior Human Resources Analyst and Business Administrator pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6(a). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

#### **ACTION ITEMS (CONT.):**

15. FISCAL YEAR 2026 STAFFING PLAN:

#### MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Staffing Plan with a modification for staff to present a revised reporting structure at a future Board meeting. Motion passed 5 – 0.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:
Marice H. DePasquale, President
Denise Khalifa, District Secretary
Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer

#### **MEMORANDUM**



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Denise Khalifa, Chief Administrative Officer

Dedicated to DATE: July 9, 2025

Satisfying our Community's SUBJECT: Attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings and Events Water Needs

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

In accordance with Ordinance No. 36, adopted October 23, 2024, authorize attendance at conferences, seminars, meetings and events.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.

Goal #2: Perpetually renew and improve our infrastructure.

Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.

Goal #4: Increase public awareness of Mesa Water.

Goal #5: Attract, develop and retain skilled employees.

Goal #6: Provide excellent customer service.

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.

Goal #8: Practice continual business improvement.

#### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its June 11, 2025 meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) approved the Fiscal Year 2026 attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings and Events.

#### **DISCUSSION**

During the discussion of this item, if any, the Board may choose to delete any item from the list and/or may choose to add additional conferences, seminars, meetings or events for approval, subject to available budget or additional appropriation.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

### 2025 CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND MEETINGS:

August 19 - 21, 2025	
9th Annual CA Water Data Summit	
San Diego, CA	
August 20 - 22, 2025	
Urban Water Institute Annual Conference	Atkinson, DePasquale, Dewane
San Diego, CA	
August 25 - 28, 2025	
CSDA Annual Conference	Bockmiller
Monterey, CA	
September 5, 2025	
OC Water Summit	
Costa Mesa, CA	
September 27 - October 1, 2025	
Water Environment Federation's Technical Exhibition and	
Conference (WEFTEC)	
Chicago, IL	
October 22, 2025	
CALAFCO Annual Conference	
San Diego, CA	
November 5 - 6, 2025	
SWMOA Annual Symposium	
Palm Springs, CA	
December 2 - 4, 2025	
ACWA JPIA Fall Conference	
San Diego, CA	
December 16 - 18, 2025	
Colorado River Water Users Association Conference	
Las Vegas, NV	

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27	5:00pm IRWD Board Meeting (In Person and Virtual)	29	30 Payday	31 11:30am CANCELED - ISDOC Quarterly Meeting (MWDOC/OCWD Boardroom)	Aug 1	2

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### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS**

Event	Date & Time	Location
Concerts in the Park	Tuesdays July 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2025 6:00 p.m.	Fairview Park 2525 Placentia Avenue Costa Mesa, CA 92626

#### **MEMORANDUM**



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager

Dedicated to DATE: July 9, 2025

Satisfying our Community's SUBJECT: California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Election

Water Needs

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve support of Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District General Manager Don Bartz for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Seat B – Southern Network, authorize President Marice H. DePasquale to be the District's voting delegate, and direct staff to cast the electronic ballot.

The Executive Committee reviewed this item at its July 1, 2025 meeting and recommends Board approval.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

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#### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The CSDA Board of Directors (CSDA Board) is crucial to the operation of the association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the CSDA Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Mesa Water District is located in the Southern Network. This year, Seat B in the Southern Network is open for election. General Manager Don Bartz from the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District is the incumbent.

CSDA is conducting its Board election via an electronic ballot. The candidates for Seat B – Southern Network are as follows:



- Don Bartz, Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District
- Jason Dafforn, Valley Sanitary District
- John Skerbelis, Rubidoux Community Services District

Electronic ballots were emailed June 9, 2025 and all cast ballots must be received by CSDA no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 25, 2025.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

In Fiscal Year 2026, \$9,785 is budgeted for the CSDA membership in the District Memberships budget account.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: CSDA Call for Nominations Attachment B: CSDA Electronic Ballot

Attachment C: Candidate Information Sheets and Statements

Attachment D: Valley Sanitary District Correspondence

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TO:

CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers

FROM:

CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee

SUBJECT:

CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**SEAT B** 

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2026 - 2028 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular Member in good standing and located within the geographic network that they seek to represent. (See attached CSDA Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, professional development, and other resources for members. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

#### **Commitment and Expectations:**

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
  - (CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference held in the fall.
   (CSDA does not reimburse expenses for the two conferences even if a Board or committee
  meeting is held in conjunction with the event)
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.
  - (CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event).

Nomination Procedures: Any Regular Member district in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations in the Northern Network is April 21, 2025. The deadline for receiving nominations in all other Networks is April 11, 2025. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed.

Mail:

1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax:

916.442.7889

E-mail: amberp@csda.net

Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination and will also include campaign guidelines.

CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 10, 2025. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 25, 2025. The successful candidates will be notified no later than July 29, 2025. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Monterey, CA in August 2025.

#### **Expiring Terms**

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

Northern Network

Seat B - Kim Seney, Director, Gold Mountain Community Services District

Sierra Network

Seat B - Jerry Gilmore, Director, Truckee Sanitary District\*

Bay Area Network

Seat B - Ryan Clausnitzer, General Manager, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District\*

Central Network

Seat B - Lorenzo Rios, CEO, Clovis Veterans Memorial District\*

**Coastal Network Southern Network** 

Seat B - Scott Duffield, General Manager, Heritage Ranch Community Services District\* Seat B - Don Bartz, General Manager, Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District\*

(\* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

CSDA will be using a web-based online voting system allowing your district to cast your vote easily and securely. Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the main contact in your district June 10, 2025. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 25, 2025.

Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Amber Phelen by e-mail amberp@csda.net by April 25, 2025 in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.

CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 10, 2025 per district request only.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Phelen at <a href="mailto:amberp@csda.net">amberp@csda.net</a>.



#### 2026-2028 TERM BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

lame of Candidate:
District:
failing Address:
Network: (see map)
Telephone:
Fax:
E-mail:
Nominated by (optional):

Return this <u>form, a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate, and Candidate Information Sheet</u> by mail or email to:

CSDA Attn: Amber Phelen 1112 I Street, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95814 (877) 924-2732

amberp@csda.net

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS:** 

Northern Network - Extended due to vacancy: April 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

All other networks: April 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.



#### 2026-2028 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information MUST accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

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Di	strict/Company:
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Eid	ected/Appointed/Staff:
Le	ngth of Service with District:
	Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):
-	Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):
3.	List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):
4.	List civic organization involvement:

\*\*Candidate Statement – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. Any statements received in the CSDA office after the nomination deadlines will not be included with the ballot.









# California Special Districts Association

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CSDA Board of Directors Election Ballot - Term 2026 - 2028; Seat B - Southern Network							
Please vote for your choice  Choose one of the following candidates:  Don Bartz, General Manager, Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District (Incumbent)  Jason Dafforn, General Manager, Valley Sanitary District  John Skerbelis, Director, Rubidoux Community Services District							
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#### 2026-2028 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information MUST accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: _Don Bartz
District/Company: _Phelan Pinon Hills CSD_
Title: _General Manager_
Elected/Appointed/Staff: Staff_
Length of Service with District:17 years
<ol> <li>Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):</li> </ol>
I am currently on the Executive Committee as Treasurer for CSDA, attend the Annua
Conference, Governance Academy and the General Managers Summit.
2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA League, etc.):
I have been involved with ACWA, AWWA for the past 30 years
3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):
Local government involvement includes Local City Planning Commissioner, Techical Advisory Committee for local water agency and Sub-Area Committee for local water basins.
4. List civic organization involvement:
I work with youth archery programs for Mojave Archers, provide assistance for a local

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Homeless Shelter and participate in Local Government within my community

#### Candidate Statement Don Bartz CSDA Board

I kindly seek your support for my candidacy for the CSDA Board Member in the Southern section. I have been the General Manager of the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District since its inception 17 years ago. Currently, I am in my second term on the CSDA Board, where I also hold the position of Board Treasurer and have also been Board Secretary. My commitment to CSDA is strong, as I regularly participate in its events and have contributed to various committees in recent years. I am prepared to invest the necessary time to fulfill the responsibilities of Board Member. I believe my experience equips me well for this role, enabling me to assist in establishing and reviewing budgets and expenses while collaborating with others to ensure CSDA's financial stability. CSDA is an outstanding organization, and I am eager to contribute to its ongoing success. Thank you for considering my application for the Board Member position. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Don Bartz



### 2026-2028 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information MUST accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: Jason Dafforn	
District/Company: Valley Sanitary District	
Title: General Manager	
Elected/Appointed/Staff: Staff	
Length of Service with District: 2 years	
Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):  Attend CSDA Conference and Leadership Academy	
	Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):
ACWA, CASA, NACWA	
3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):	
N/A	
4. List civic organization involvement:	
Desert Recreation Foundation Board of Directors	

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#### JASON DAFFORN for CSDA Board of Directors – Southern Network

My name is Jason Dafforn, and I am honored to be a candidate for the CSDA Board of Directors, representing the Southern Network, which includes Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial counties.

As a Licensed Civil Engineer with more than 30 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry, I bring a deep understanding of the vital services special districts provide. I have spent 18 years as a utility manager for California local governments, including over eight years with a special district, and I currently serve as General Manager at Valley Sanitary District in Indio, California.

Throughout my career, I have remained committed to improving water and wastewater systems, building safe and reliable infrastructure, and leading teams to find innovative, effective solutions to complex challenges. I am passionate about the essential roles our diverse special districts play, including water, wastewater, irrigation, parks and recreation, cemeteries, fire protection, libraries, harbors, healthcare, and community services.

In my spare time, I also serve on the Board of Directors of the Desert Recreation Foundation, a non-profit organization that collaborates with the Desert Recreation District, California's largest park and recreation district. There, I work behind the scenes to ensure all residents in the Coachella Valley have access to quality recreational resources, facilities, parks, and programs that serve today's needs and those of generations to come.

If elected, I will bring a strategic and forward-thinking perspective to the Board. I will advocate for our collective interests and help CSDA remain a strong resource for its members. Together, we can strengthen California's special districts and continue to enhance the quality of life for the communities we serve.

Thank you for your support and your vote!

Jason Dafforn, PE General Manager, Valley Sanitary District, Indio, California



4. List civic organization involvement:

#### 2026-2028 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information MUST accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: JOHN SKERBELIS
District/Company: RUBIDOUX COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
Title: DIRECTOR
Elected/Appointed/Staff: ELECTED
Length of Service with District: 12 YEARS
<ol> <li>Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):</li> </ol>
NONE.
Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS.
List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MAP OUT
AND INSPECT FOR APPROVED STREET SWEEPING ROUTES FOR NEW
DEVELOPMENTS.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS FOR ALL COUNTY-WIDE DISTRICTS/STAKEHOLDER IN COUNTY-WIDE ILLEGAL DUMPING PROGRAM.

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#### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

#### JOHN SKERBELIS

#### Elect John Skerbelis to the CSDA Board of Directors – Southern Network

Rubidoux Community Services District (Rubidoux) holds a unique place in history as California's first community services district, established in 1952. Today, Rubidoux serves 40,000 residents with essential services, including water, sewer, fire protection, trash collection, weed abatement, and street lighting. These services helped enable regional growth, ultimately leading to the incorporation of Jurupa Valley in 2011. As a CSDA Member, Rubidoux values CSDA's advocacy, education, and resources that support special districts statewide.

#### **Experienced Leadership, Proven Results**

Director John Skerbelis, a committed public servant and business owner, is seeking election to the CSDA Board of Directors – Southern Network. His extensive experience in local government, environmental health, and infrastructure funding makes him a strong advocate for special districts.

#### A Record of Service

- ✓ Rubidoux CSD Board of Directors Elected in 2007; Board President four times.
- ✓ Riverside County Solid Waste Management Advisory Council Served seven years shaping waste policies.
- ✓ Environmental & Public Health Leadership Eight years with Riverside County Environmental Health.
- ✓ Illegal Dumping Prevention Champion Recognized by Riverside County Board of Supervisors for efforts supporting AB 1822 and AB 1924.
- ✓ Advocate for Federal Funding Worked with Congressmen Calvert & Takano to secure FEMA funds for Rubidoux.
- ✓ Local Business Owner Brings strong fiscal oversight and economic development experience.

#### **Priorities on the CSDA Board**

- ✓ Stronger Advocacy for Special Districts Protecting funding & resources.
- Fiscal Responsibility Promoting sound financial management.
- ✓ Emergency Preparedness & Resilience Enhancing response & funding support.
- ✓ Collaboration & Innovation Modernizing operations & integrating technology.

#### **Your Vote Matters – Support John Skerbelis**

With proven leadership and a results-driven approach, John Skerbelis is the right choice for CSDA Board of Directors – Seat B, Southern Network. Vote for a dedicated advocate for special districts and the communities they serve!

Thank you for your support!



45500 Van Buren Street Indio, CA 92201 760.238.5400 www.valley-sanltary.org June 10, 2025

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news on behalf of the Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors in Indio—our General Manager, Jason Dafforn, is running for a spot on the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors for the Southern Network, Seat B!

Jason has an impressive background working with Special Districts, and his knack for bringing people together to achieve shared goals is truly exceptional. We're incredibly lucky to have him, and now we'd love for him to bring his skills and vision to benefit Special Districts across the state, especially in Southern California.

We've attached his candidate statement so you can learn more about his experience and his plans for the future of Special Districts.

Starting June 10, you'll receive an email with your electronic ballot from CSDA, and you'll have until July 25 to vote. It's super easy—just follow the instructions in the email to make your voice heard.

We'd really appreciate your support in this election. Let's work together to strengthen and grow California's Special Districts! If you have any questions or need more details, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks so much for considering Jason Dafforn for this important role!

Sincerely,

Debra Canero Board President

**Valley Sanitary District** 

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**Board of Directors** 

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Executive Management Jason Dafforn, PE General Manager



# **JASON DAFFORN**

## for CSDA Board of Directors - Southern Network

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Thank you for your support and your vote!

Jason Dafforn, PE General Manager, Valley Sanitary District, Indio, California





#### **MEMORANDUM**



Water Needs

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager

Dedicated to DATE: July 9, 2025

Satisfying our Community's SUBJECT: Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy Exception

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve a one-time exception to Resolution No. 1579 – the Mesa Water District Board of Directors Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy – to authorize reimbursement for Director Jim F. Atkinson in light of unforeseen and personal circumstances.

The Executive Committee reviewed this item at its July 1, 2025 meeting and recommends Board approval.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.

#### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its November 16, 2021 Committee meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) adopted Resolution No. 1552 Revising the Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy Superseding Resolution No. 1467. Key updates included revisions related to the Maximum Per Diem Allowance, and refining definitions related to receipts and eligible expenses.

At its December 14, 2022 meeting, the Board received an information item regarding the Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy; no changes were made.

At its April 12, 2023 meeting, the Board adopted Resolution No. 1579 Revising the Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy Superseding Resolution No. 1552. Key updates included revisions related to the Maximum Per Diem Allowance, eligible expenses and receipts.

At its April 10, 2024 meeting, the Board received an informational item from staff indicating that the annual review of Resolution No. 1579, Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy, had been completed and that no changes were recommended.

#### DISCUSSION

Mesa Water District's (Mesa Water®) Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy (Resolution No. 1579) provides guidance on eligible expenses incurred while performing authorized District business. These expenses include travel, lodging and related costs.

Director Jim Atkinson has submitted a reimbursement request for expenses incurred as a result of an unforeseen personal circumstance that occurred during authorized District-related travel. These expenses include an additional night's lodging and other associated costs incurred due to the unexpected circumstances, but do not exceed the per diem allowance. Because some of the



requested expenses fall outside the standard provisions of the policy, staff has reviewed the request and determined that the situation was exceptional and beyond the director's control.

Staff recommends the Board approve a one-time exception to the policy to authorize reimbursement of the submitted expenses. This recommendation is made in recognition of the unique nature of the situation and is not intended to establish precedent for future reimbursement requests.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2026, \$30,000 is budgeted for the Board of Directors' Conferences and Seminars; sufficient funds exist to cover the expenses associated with this one-time exception.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

#### **MEMORANDUM**



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer

Dedicated to DATE: July 9, 2025

Satisfying our Community's SUBJECT: Karl Kemp Reservoir Site at Lindbergh Park

Water Needs

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Maintain current use of the Karl Kemp Reservoir site as is, without pursuing an off-leash dog park.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.

Goal #2: Perpetually renew and improve our infrastructure.

Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.

Goal #4: Increase public awareness of Mesa Water.

Goal #6: Provide excellent customer service.

#### PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®), a local independent special district, manages its finances and water infrastructure, and advocates water policy, while reliably providing an abundance of clean, safe water to benefit the public's quality of life. Mesa Water's core values include the health and safety of the public and our staff, excellence, our philosophy of abundance and our perpetual agency philosophy. Mesa Water's mission and core values guide our strategic plan and have helped Mesa Water to become the most efficient water district in Orange County. We have been able to achieve efficiency by remaining focused on our mission, core values and strategic plan. The construction and operation of a dog park or other recreation facilities are not currently within Mesa Water's mission and core values.

#### DISCUSSION

At the Mesa Water June 11, 2025 Board of Directors (Board) meeting, two members of the public proposed establishing an off-leash dog park at Lindbergh Park, located above the Karl Kemp Reservoir. Their dog park proposal and drawing are attached as Attachments A and B.

The Karl Kemp Reservoir is a below-ground circular drinking water reservoir with a capacity to store 18 million gallons of potable water. It has a diameter of 300 feet and is 35 feet deep. The Karl Kemp Reservoir is used to maintain water pressure in the distribution system. During times of the day when system usage is low and pressures are increasing, the Karl Kemp Reservoir is filled. During periods of above-average or peak use, water is pumped from the reservoir to meet the increased demands. The Karl Kemp Reservoir plays a critical role in Mesa Water's ability to provide abundant, local, reliable and safe water.



#### **Property Ownership and Agreements**

Lindbergh Park sits atop critical water infrastructure and is subject to land ownership and easement arrangements involving Mesa Water, the Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) and the City of Costa Mesa.

The Karl Kemp Reservoir site comprises three key parcels (see Attachment C):

- **Parcel A** Owned by Mesa Water; houses Lindbergh Park with the Karl Kemp Drinking Water Reservoir underground:
  - Mesa Water granted the City of Costa Mesa and NMUSD easements comprising the surface for park and recreational purposes.
  - The City of Costa Mesa has the right to install and operate recreational equipment, with the responsibility to make adequate provision for the safety of all persons using the easement area or facilities installed on the easement area.
  - The City of Costa Mesa is responsible for maintaining and landscaping the surface, including irrigation.
- **Parcel B** Owned by Mesa Water; contains the pump station and service area. Mesa Water is the only party that has access and ownership rights in Parcel B.
- Parcel C Owned by NMUSD; hosts school buildings and facilities.

The City of Costa Mesa holds non-exclusive easements over parts of Parcels A and C to operate and maintain Lindbergh Park.

#### **Supporting Dog Parks in the Right Location**

Mesa Water recognizes the value and popularity of dog parks in promoting community well-being, exercise and responsible pet ownership. Well-managed dog parks create spaces for dogs to socialize and for residents to connect. Some potential community benefits of off-leash dog parks include building community connection, providing an inclusive public space, promoting physical activity, improving mental health, providing controlled socialization for dogs, reducing nuisance pet behaviors, providing a low-cost amenity, improving nearby small businesses, and enhancing the neighborhood.

The proponents of building an off-leash dog park at the Karl Kemp Reservoir site support the proposal for the following reasons:

- 1. The proponents have stated there might be no increase in the number of dogs visiting the site. The off-leash dog park would just provide an opportunity for those that already visit to run unleashed; therefore, potentially not increasing the impact on Mesa Water Facilities.
- 2. The proponents have expressed a willingness to help fundraise or pay usage fees to help offset or completely cover expenses.
- 3. This site would be appreciated as there is only one other community run dog park in Costa Mesa and proponents feel the set-up of this park would be easy to maintain and police.



#### Potential Off-Leash Dog Park Risks

While the operation of an off-leash dog park can have many benefits, there are some potential risks that need to be considered. Their placement must be carefully considered, especially when public health infrastructure is involved. Atop an underground drinking water reservoir also introduces unique and heightened risks. These potential risks include:

- 1. **Increased time for operation and maintenance:** At the City of Costa Mesa's Bark Park, the City of Costa Mesa staff inspects, maintains, empties trash and picks up waste daily, and pressure washes hard surfaces weekly.
- 2. **Dusty conditions:** Grass is very difficult to maintain due to high use and increased salt content of the soil.
- 3. Vector control: Not all pet owners treat their dogs for fleas, increasing the risk of flea infestations and the spread of flea-borne disease. Also, uncollected feces can attract flies that transmit bacteria and parasites. Additionally, there are significant restrictions to the type and amount of chemicals that can be applied since the site is on top of a potable water reservoir.
- 4. **Storm water runoff:** A study conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey and National Park Service found that E. coli and dog-specific fecal contamination were positively correlated with the number of nearby dog parks in the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, highlighting the potential for microbial risks near sensitive water sources. The Karl Kemp Reservoir site drains to the Upper Newport Bay and contains a potable water reservoir, which could be impacted by contaminated runoff.
- 5. **Regulatory Constraints:** Staff contacted the Division of Drinking Water regarding an off-leash dog park and they consider an off-leash dog park a different use than a public park where dogs are allowed on leash. The Division of Drinking Water stated, "To proceed with this modification, an application for an amended domestic water supply permit shall be submitted to our office prior to the implementation of your proposal for modifications of existing recreational uses on a water supply reservoir as stated in Section 64556 (11)." Additional monitoring and mitigation regulations would be expected.
- 6. **Incident Response:** The City of Costa Mesa responds "semi-frequently" to dog park related incidents. These incidents include fights between dogs, owner disputes and dog abandonment and poses an increased risk of lawsuits.

#### Alternative Site – Brentwood Park

Mesa Water supports the creation of dog-friendly facilities in partnership with local agencies. There are many parks in the City of Costa Mesa which do not have drinking water reservoirs underneath. Nearby Brentwood Park, which is owned and operated by the City of Costa Mesa, appears to be a well-suited site. It is owned and operated by the City of Costa Mesa who currently operate Bark Park, it has fewer direct neighbors, it has an equivalent amount of space and doesn't house a potable water reservoir. This option could serve as a constructive response to community interest without compromising water infrastructure.



#### **Potential Next Steps**

Staff has developed six potential options for the next steps regarding an off-leash dog park located at the Karl Kemp Reservoir.

- Maintain current use of the Karl Kemp Reservoir site as is, without pursuing an off-leash dog park.
- Table the discussion of an off-leash dog park until the Board of Directors Spring Board Workshop.
- Support the development of an off-leash dog park at the Karl Kemp Reservoir site that would be operated and maintained through the City of Costa Mesa's recreation easement.
- Direct staff to add the planning and construction of an off-leash dog park to a future fiscal year budget.
- Direct staff to begin development of plans for the construction of an off-leash dog park in Fiscal Year 2026.
- Support a proposal for an off-leash dog park located at Brentwood Park.

Staff recommends that the current use of the Karl Kemp Reservoir site be maintained as is, without pursuing an off-leash dog park.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Dog Park Proposal Letter Attachment B: Dog Park Proposal Drawing Attachment C: Karl Kemp Reservoir Parcel Map

# W.E. DUNLAP CONSULTING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Paul E. Schoenberger General Manager Mesa Water District 1965 Placentia Ave. Costa Mesa, CA. 92627 May 30, 2025

RE: Lindbergh Park - Unleashed Dog Proposal

Paul,

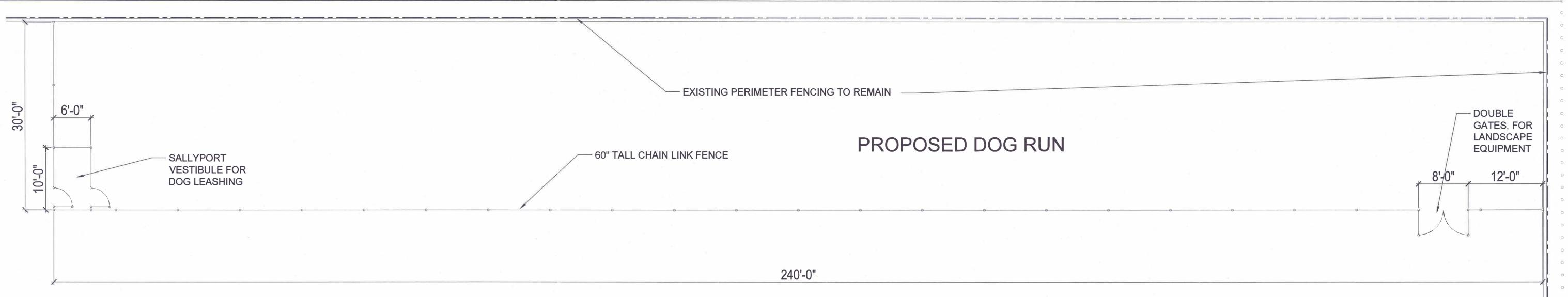
Thank you again for taking the time in your busy schedule to communicate with me regarding our proposal to create a separate area at Lindberg Park for Unleashed Dogs. As we discussed, our group of dog owners would like to propose a small secured and separate area at the park for unleashed dog activity. The area would be approximately 30′ X 240′ (7,200 sq. ft.). The area that is best suited for this activity is illustrated on the attached site Plan A1.0. The Unleashed Area is located at the north/east boundary of the park which has a 6′ to 7′ CMU wall which creates a secure and safe area. The choice of this area is secluded from the areas used by the sports and recreational groups. The area will require a 5′ to 6′ fence on the 2 open sides. We also are proposing a small vestibule (Sally port) area just inside the entrance for unleashing and leashing your dog. A double wide gate is shown for lawn moving access.

Previous to our conversations, I contacted Brian Gruner, Director of Parks and Community Services, City of Costa Mesa who met me at the park. Also, I have spoken to Steven Morris with NMUSD. Both Brian and Steven directed me to the Water District. As you may be aware of, the City of Costa Mesa currently as an Unleashed Dog park at the Fair Grounds.

Should our proposal be approved and an estimate created for the fence installation our group would put together a fund raiser to support the cost of installing the fence. We would also propose that the Water District or City issue a fee/permit requirement to use this unleashed area. Possibly an annual fee of \$75 dollars that would offer the recipient a license or tag allowing their entrance to the area.

I do appreciate your consideration of this proposal and look forward to discussing or answering any questions you may have.

Sincerely, Bill Dunlap
Bill Demosp



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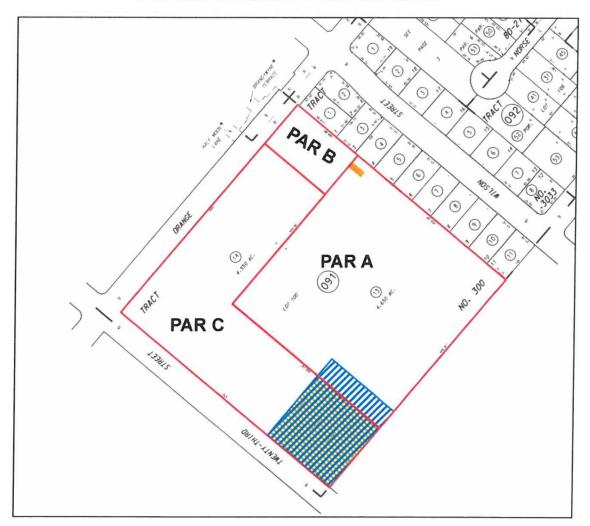
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SITE PLAN

# MAP OF LINDBERGH SCHOOL SITE AND ADJACENT MESA WATER PROPERTIES





### **MEMORANDUM**



Water Needs

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Manager

Dedicated to DATE: July 9, 2025

Satisfying our Community's SUBJECT: 2025 Public Health Goals Report

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Accept the Report on Mesa Water District's Water Quality relative to the 2025 Public Health Goals and receive comments at the Public Hearing scheduled for the July 23, 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.

### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its June 28, 2022 Committee meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) reviewed and accepted the District's 2022 Public Health Goals Report.

At its July 13, 2022 meeting, the Board held a Public Hearing regarding the District's 2022 Public Health Goals and received the filed report.

Since first mandated in 1998, Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) has received and filed a Public Health Goals report every three years.

### **DISCUSSION**

Mesa Water's 2025 Public Health Goals Report shows that the District's water system meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards set to protect public health. No additional measures are recommended to achieve compliance.

Drinking water compliance is based upon state and federal Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) developed and adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) or California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW). Mesa Water is in full compliance with all drinking water regulations.

Senate Bill (SB) 1307 (Calderon-Sher; effective 1/1/97) added new provisions to the California Health and Safety Code which mandate that a Public Health Goals (PHG) report be prepared by July 1, 1998, and every three years thereafter. The attached 2025 PHG Report is intended to provide information to the public in addition to the annual Consumer Confidence Report that is made available to customers each year.

California Health and Safety Code Section 116365 requires the State to develop a PHG for every contaminant with a primary drinking water standard or for any contaminant California is proposing to regulate with a primary drinking water standard. A PHG is the level which poses no significant



health risk if consumed for a lifetime. A PHG is developed using a risk assessment based strictly on human health considerations.

The 2025 PHG Report compares Mesa Water's drinking water quality with PHGs adopted by California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and with the maximum contaminant level goals (MCLGs) adopted by the USEPA. The report also provides a cost estimate to treat each constituent to below the PHG. PHGs and MCLGs are not enforceable standards and no action to meet them is mandated.

The law requires that a public hearing be held for the purpose of accepting and responding to public comment on the report. The Public Hearing is scheduled for the July 23, 2025 Board meeting.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2025, \$13,000 was budgeted for the estimated cost of preparing the Public Health Goals Report and advertising the Public Hearing.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Mesa Water District 2025 Public Health Goals Report

# 2025 Public Health Goals Report



**JUNE 2025** 





### **2025 Public Health Goals Report**

### **Mesa Water District**

### 1 Introduction

California Health and Safety Code §116470(b) requires California public water systems with more than 10,000 service connections to prepare a publicly available report every three years addressing the following:

- (a) detection of any contaminant in drinking water at a level exceeding its respective public heath goal (PHG),
- (b) discussion of public health risks associated with the detected PHG contaminants,
- (c) description of best available technology for reducing the concentration of the detected contaminants, and
- (d) aggregate cost estimates for using the technologies identified in part (c) to bring drinking water levels below the PHG.

Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) is a public water system with approximately 24,475 service connections serving 110,000 people. This document serves as the 2025 PHG Report for Mesa Water and has been prepared to address the requirements from the California Health and Safety Code (§116470), based on water quality analyses for samples collected during calendar years 2022 through 2024.

### 2 Background Information

### 2.1 PHGs, MCLs, and MCLGs

PHGs are developed by the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) for every contaminant with a primary drinking water standard or any contaminant the State is proposing to regulate with a primary drinking water standard, as required under California Health and Safety Code §116365. Each PHG is defined as the level where the drinking water contaminant does not pose any significant risk to human health. This level is based on risk assessments prepared by OEHHA that consider the most current principles, practices, and methods used by experienced public health professionals. PHGs are recommended, non-enforceable targets and public water systems are not required to achieve these levels in the drinking water supplied to customers. Where OEHHA has not adopted a PHG for a constituent, the established maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is reported instead.

The State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW) considers PHGs when revising or developing a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for drinking water contaminants. The MCL is an enforceable regulatory limit defined as the highest level of a

contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as closely as is technically and economically feasible to the PHGs. DDW is required to take treatment technologies and the cost of compliance into account when establishing an MCL. Each MCL is reviewed at least once every five years.

### 2.2 Water Quality Data

Mesa Water uses local groundwater supplies as the primary source of drinking water. Seven wells pump water from the local clear-water basin. An additional two wells pump from a deeper, amber-colored water basin, and this water is treated with nanofiltration technology at the Mesa Water Reliability Facility (MWRF) before it enters the distribution system. Import water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) provided by the Municipal Water District of Orange County is used as an emergency backup water supply for Mesa Water.

This report is based on water quality analyses performed during calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024 for Mesa Water's source waters and drinking water system. The water quality data is also summarized in Mesa Water's Water Quality Reports (also known as Consumer Confidence Reports) for 2023 through 2025, which were available to customers by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### 2.3 Best Available Technologies (BATs) and Cost Estimates

USEPA and DDW adopt what are known as best available technologies, or BATs, which are the best-known methods of reducing contaminant levels to the MCL. Because PHGs and MCLGs are typically set lower than the MCL, determining the type of treatment that is needed to further reduce a contaminant to the PHG or MCLG is not always possible or feasible. An example is when the PHG or MCLG are below the existing detection limit for the purpose of reporting (DLR), which is the statutory level at which a constituent can be measured for a drinking water. Estimating costs to further reduce a constituent below a detectable level is difficult, if not impossible, because it is not possible to verify this reduction by analytical means. Installing treatment technologies to further reduce low levels of one constituent may, in some cases, have adverse effects on other aspects of water quality. As such, the cost estimates used in this report do not account for these unintended consequences and are highly speculative and theoretical. These cost estimates only account for treating to the MCL. The ability to treat to the PHG / MCLG is unknown.

### 2.4 Reporting Guidelines

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) formed a workgroup to prepare suggested guidelines for water utilities to use in preparing PHG reports. The 2025 ACWA guidelines, which include annualized capital and operational and maintenance (O&M) treatment cost estimates for BATs indexed to 2024 costs, were used in preparation of this report. OEHHA has provided health risk information for PHG reports, which includes health risk categories and numerical health risks based on lifetime exposure for each contaminant with a PHG.

### 3 Contaminants Exceeding PHGs or MCLGs

This section covers the requirements set forth by Sections 116470(b)(1) through 116470(b)(5) of the California Health and Safety Code. This includes a discussion of the following:

- (1) Identification of each contaminant detected in drinking water that exceeds the PHG,
- (2) Disclosure of the numerical public health risks determined by OEHHA associated with the MCL and PHG of each detected contaminant,
- (3) Identification of the category of risk to public health for each detected contaminant,
- (4) Description of any commercially available BATs to remove or reduce the concentration of the contaminants to a level at or below the PHG,
- (5) Estimate of the aggregate cost and cost per connection of utilizing the BATs.

The following subsections discuss contaminants that were detected at one or more locations within the Mesa Water drinking water system at levels that exceeded the applicable PHGs or MCLGs. This information is summarized in Table A at the end of this report.

### 3.1 Arsenic

Arsenic is a naturally occurring element present in rocks and sediments. It can enter drinking water through natural deposits or as a result of industrial activities. The PHG for arsenic is 0.004 micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/L), which is significantly below the current DLR defined by DDW for arsenic at 2  $\mu$ g/L. Arsenic was measured above the PHG at four of Mesa Water's groundwater wells. The concentration of arsenic from all impacted wells ranged from non-detect (ND) to 3.0  $\mu$ g/L. All of these values are well below the MCL of 10  $\mu$ g/L.

The health risk category for arsenic is carcinogenicity, meaning it is a substance capable of causing cancer. The numerical health risk associated with the PHG is 1 excess case of cancer in 1,000,000 people  $(1\times10^{-6})$ . The risk associated with the MCL is 2.5 excess cases of cancer in 1,000 people  $(2.5\times10^{-3})$ .

The BATs for removal of arsenic to levels at or below the MCL include activated alumina, coagulation/filtration, granular ferric oxide resin, ion exchange (IX), lime softening, oxidation/filtration, and reverse osmosis (RO). IX was used to estimate the cost to reduce arsenic concentrations to below the PHG (effectively, below the DLR of 2 µg/L based on DDW-approved methods) in the four local groundwater wells with detections above the PHG, however there is no information available to indicate that any of the BAT methods can reduce arsenic concentrations to this level. Numerous factors may influence the actual cost of reducing arsenic to the PHG including efforts to establish that these technologies could treat to the low levels of the PHG. Without accounting for these efforts, the total estimated cost to reduce arsenic levels in all clearwater wells, based on the average well water production during 2022 through 2024, is \$12,010,000 per year, or \$490 per service connection per year.

### 3.2 Bromate

Bromate is a byproduct of drinking water disinfection processes, formed when water containing naturally occurring bromide ions react with ozone. The PHG for bromate is 0.1 µg/L, and the

DLR is 1  $\mu$ g/L. Bromate was measured above the PHG in treated surface water from Metropolitan. The running annual average bromate concentrations in Metropolitan's water ranged from below the DLR (ND) to 2.4  $\mu$ g/L. This is well below the 10  $\mu$ g/L MCL for bromate.

The health risk category for bromate is carcinogenicity. The numerical health risk associated with the PHG is 1 excess case of cancer in 1,000,000 people ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$ ). The risk associated with the MCL is 1 excess case of cancer in 10,000 people ( $1 \times 10^{-4}$ ).

Bromate is a disinfection byproduct that can be formed with ozonation of water containing bromide. The imported water supplied from Metropolitan is treated with ozonation, and the most cost-effective means of reducing the bromate levels below the PHG (effectively, below the DLR of 1 µg/L based on DDW-approved methods) is likely through improved control of the ozone treatment process to further limit bromate formation. Once formed, the BATs for removal of bromate in water include coagulation/filtration optimization, granular activated carbon (GAC), and RO. If Mesa Water were to use import water and target bromate from the emergency connections maintained for accessing import water, high-cost RO treatment could be implemented from a single import water location. Consistent with PHG reporting guidelines, the cost estimate for reducing bromate is based on the use from the current period, which reflects testing at the emergency turnouts only. As such, the total estimated cost based on the maximum annual imported volume for the 2022-2024 period, ranges from \$9,700 to \$18,400 per year, or \$0.40 to \$0.75 per service connection per year. Numerous factors may influence the actual cost of reducing bromate levels to the PHG, particularly the need to provide on-demand treatment for multiple emergency import water connections. These recommended BATs are also only proven to reduce bromate levels to the MCL and not the PHG which limits the accuracy of the given cost estimates.

### 3.3 Gross Alpha Particle Activity (Gross Alpha)

Radionuclides are naturally occurring elements that can be found in natural deposits and have unstable nuclei that spontaneously decay, releasing radiation. Gross alpha is a measure of the overall radioactivity in water attributed to alpha particles. OEHHA has not established a PHG for gross alpha, concluding in its 2003 review that a PHG was not practical. The MCLG is zero, the DLR is 3 picocuries per liter (pCi/L), and the MCL is 15 pCi/L. Of eighteen measurements analyzed from 2022 through 2024, only one well was detected at a concentration of 3.58 pCi/L, which is well below the MCL.

The health risk category for gross alpha is carcinogenicity. The numerical health risk associated with an MCLG of zero is zero. The health risk associated with the MCL is 1 excess case of cancer in 1,000 people  $(1\times10^{-3})$ .

The BAT to treat gross alpha is RO, but this will be expensive to implement at a single groundwater well location. Since RO will also remove other radionuclides and contaminants, the cost of implementing this treatment in a centralized facility is discussed in Section 3.6.

### 3.4 Gross Beta Particle Activity (Gross Beta)

Gross beta is a measure of the overall radioactivity in water attributed to a total 168 individual beta particles and photon emitters. OEHHA has not established a PHG for gross beta, concluding in its 2003 review that a PHG was not practical. The MCLG is zero, the DLR is 4 pCi/L, and the MCL is 4 mrem/year (millirem per year). OEHHA has determined a level of 50 pCi/L to be equivalent to the MCL. Gross beta was measured above the PHG in treated surface water from Metropolitan. The gross beta concentration in Metropolitan's water ranged from below the DLR (ND) to 6 pCi/L, with all values well below the MCL.

The health risk category for gross beta is carcinogenicity. The numerical health risk associated with an MCLG of zero is zero. The health risk associated with the MCL is 2 excess cases of cancer in 1,000 people  $(2\times10^{-3})$ .

The BATs for removal of gross beta in water are IX and RO. Numerous factors may influence the actual costs of reducing gross beta levels to the MCLG of zero (effectively, below the DLR of 4 pCi/L based on DDW-approved methods). The total estimated cost of reducing gross beta levels using IX is \$10,900 per year or \$0.45 per service connection per year, which only accounts for treating to the MCL. As discussed in Section 3.2, this treatment is assumed to be limited to a single location and would thus require limiting the use of emergency import water supplies to a single turnout. The costs to reduce gross beta using RO in a centralized facility, which will also reduce other contaminant concentrations, is discussed in Section 3.6.

### 3.5 Hexavalent Chromium

Hexavalent chromium (CrVI) is a naturally occurring heavy metal that has been used in industrial applications. While the trivalent form of chromium is nontoxic, the hexavalent form has demonstrated carcinogenicity and toxicity upon the liver. CrVI has a MCL of 10  $\mu$ g/L, PHG of 0.02  $\mu$ g/L, and DLR of 0.1  $\mu$ g/L. CrVI was detected in nine wells with concentration levels ranging from ND (below the DLR) to 0.77  $\mu$ g/L. These values are significantly lower than the 10  $\mu$ g/L MCL for CrVI.

The health risk for CrVI is carcinogenicity. The numerical health risk associated with the PHG of 0.02  $\mu$ g/L is 1 excess case of cancer in 1,000,000 people (1×10<sup>-6</sup>). The health risk associated with the MCL is 5 excess cases of cancer in 10,000 people (5×10<sup>-4</sup>).

The BATs for removal of CrVI to 1  $\mu$ g/L in water are reduction/coagulation/filtration and IX (weak base anion (WBA) resin). The total estimated cost of reducing CrVI levels in all groundwater wells (i.e., clear and amber water wells) using IX is \$12,760,000 to \$53,360,000 per year or \$520 to \$2,200 per service connection per year. Current BATs can only treat to the MCL, which is already met despite being detected above the PHG. Numerous factors may influence the actual costs of reducing CrVI levels to the PHG (effectively, below the DLR of 0.1  $\mu$ g/L based on DDW-approved methods), including efforts to prove the BAT could treat to below the DLR.

### 3.6 Uranium

Uranium is a naturally occurring radionuclide in natural deposits that is introduced into drinking water through erosion. The PHG for uranium is 0.43 pCi/L, and the DLR is 1 pCi/L. Uranium was measured above the PHG at two of Mesa Water's groundwater wells. The concentration of uranium at these wells ranged from 1.08 to 1.78 pCi/L. Uranium was also detected in treated surface water purchased from Metropolitan at a range of ND to 2 pCi/L. These values are well below the MCL of 20 pCi/L.

The health risk category for uranium is carcinogenicity. The theoretical health risk associated with the PHG is 1 excess case of cancer in  $1,000,000 \, (1 \times 10^{-6})$ . The health risk associated with the MCL is 5 excess cases of cancer in 100,000 people  $(5 \times 10^{-5})$ .

The BAT for removal of uranium in water is RO. Since uranium is present in both local groundwater and import water, centralized treatment would likely be required. This form of treatment would also reduce the concentrations of contaminants identified in Sections 3.1 to 3.5. The estimated cost to reduce all identified contaminant levels using reverse osmosis, based on the maximum annual total water production of all groundwater wells and potential use of import water, ranges from \$15,500,000 to \$24,300,000 per year, or \$635 to \$995 per service connection per year. This cost estimate does not include construction of pipelines that would be necessary to connect the impacted sources (wells and import water connections) supplying a centralized facility.

### 4 Recommendations for Further Action

Drinking water delivered by Mesa Water meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards set to protect public health. To further reduce the levels of the constituents identified in this report, all of which are well below the health-based MCL, additional costly treatment processes would be required. The effectiveness of the identified best-available treatment processes to provide any significant reductions at beyond these low levels is uncertain and may not realistically be possible. The health protection benefits of these hypothetical reductions are unclear and may not be quantifiable. Therefore, no further action is proposed.

For additional information, please contact Ms. Kaying Lee, Water Quality and Compliance Supervisor at (949) 207-5491, or write to Mesa Water District, 1965 Placentia Ave, Costa Mesa, California 92627.



Table A. Summary of information related to contaminants exceeding PHGs in water delivered by Mesa Water, including concentration levels, health risk information, and estimated treatment costs

Parameter	Unit	PHG or (MCLG)	MCL	DLR	Concentration Groundwater	Concentration Surface Water	Category of Risk	Cancer Risk at PHG or MCLG	Cancer Risk at MCL	Best Available Technologies	Aggregate Cost Per Year	Cost Per Connection Per Year
INORGANIC CHEMICALS												
Arsenic	μg/L	0.004	10	2	ND – 3	ND	Carcinogen	1×10 <sup>-6</sup>	2.5×10 <sup>-3</sup>	AA, C/F, IX, LS, O/F, RO	\$12,010,000 (IX)	\$490 (IX)
Chromium, Hexavalent	μg/L	0.02	10	0.1	ND - 0.8	ND	Carcinogen	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	5x10 <sup>-4</sup>	IX (WBA)	\$12,760,000 - \$53,360,000	\$520 - \$2,200
DISINFECTION BYPRODUC	ΓS											
Bromate	μg/L	0.1	10	1	ND	ND – 2.4	Carcinogen	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	1x10 <sup>-4</sup>	C/F, GAC, RO	\$9,700 - \$18,400 (RO)	\$0.40 - \$0.75
RADIOACTIVITY												
Gross Alpha Particle Activity	pCi/L	(0)	15	3	ND – 3.58	ND	Carcinogen	0	1×10 <sup>-3</sup>	RO	Note 1	Note 1
Gross Beta Particle Activity	pCi/L	(0)	50 <sup>[2]</sup>	4	NA	ND – 6	Carcinogen	0	2×10 <sup>-3</sup>	IX, RO	\$10,900 (IX)	\$0.45 (IX)
Uranium	pCi/L	0.43	20	1	1.08 – 1.78	ND – 2	Carcinogen	1×10 <sup>-6</sup>	5×10 <sup>-5</sup>	RO	Note 1	Note 1
ALL CONTAMINANTS[1]										RO	\$15,500,000 - \$24,300,000	\$635 - \$995

<sup>1 -</sup> Estimated cost to remove all contaminants by RO, assuming entire production volume is treated in a centralized facility. Estimate does not include costs associated with conveyance or construction of a facility.

### NOTES

PHG = Public Health Goal

MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level

DLR = Detection Limit for Purposes of Reporting

ND = Non-detect

NA = Not Applicable

 $\mu$ g/L = micrograms per liter or parts per billion

pCi/L = picocuries per liter

mrem = millirem

### TREATMENT/CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES

AA = activated alumna

C/F = coagulation/filtration

IX = ion exchange

GAC = granular activated carbon

LS = lime softening

O/F = oxidation/filtration

RO = reverse osmosis

WBA = weak base anion

<sup>2 -</sup> Judged equivalent to 4 mrem/year per OEHHA 2022 Health Risk Information for PHG Exceedance Reports.

## **REPORTS:**

8. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

# **REPORTS**:

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

# DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3(D)

In accordance with CA Government Code 53232.3(d), the following report identifies the meetings for which Mesa Water Directors received expense reimbursement.

Jim Atkinson Meetings Attended

Reimbursement Date:	Description, Date
N/A	

Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E. Meetings Attended

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Reimbursement Date:	Description, Date
N/A	

Marice H. DePasquale Meetings Attended

Reimbursement Date:	Description, Date
6/9/25	ACWA JPIA Spring Conference, 5/13 -5/15
6/9/25	Mesa Water Education Center Event, 3/25
6/9/25	Mesa Water Education Center Event, 3/27
6/9/25	Mesa Water Education Center Event, 3/28
6/9/25	Mesa Water District Safety Event, 4/1
6/9/25	Mesa Water Education Center Event, 5/7
6/9/25	Mesa Water Education Center Event, 5/8

Shawn Dewane Meetings Attended

Reimbursement Date:	Description, Date
6/23/25	Urban Water Institute Spring Conference, 2/25 – 2/28

James R. Fisler Meetings Attended

Reimbursement Date:	Description, Date
N/A	