

**MERCY SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held on February 18, 2026, at 11 :00 a.m. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors Present: Palmer McCoy, President
Juan Cadena, Vice-President
Richard Wathen, Director (Arrived 11:08 am)

District Staff Present: Patrick McGowan, General Manager & Secretary
Marlene Brazil, Accounting Supervisor
Sandra Reyes, Water Master

Others Present: Gabriel Delgado, General Counsel
Jeff Bryant, Firebaugh Canal Water District
Mitch Partovi, The Water Agency

CALL TO ORDER

President McCoy called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President McCoy led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

General Manager Patrick McGowan informed the Board that we would be presenting the financial reports prior to considering adopting the budget for FYE February 28, 2027, and setting the Water and Land Based Fees.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Board of Directors and the presence of District's Officers were confirmed.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE NOVEMBER 19, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Vice-President Cadena and seconded by President McCoy, the board approved the November 19, 2025, regular board meeting minutes as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	P. McCoy, J. Cadena
Nays:	None
Absent:	R. Wathen
Abstain:	None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Accounts Payable
- B. Monthly Financials
- C. FYE2025 Budget to Actual Report
- D. Other Financial Matters Affecting the District

After discussion by the Board and upon a motion by Director Wathen and seconded by Vice-President Cadena, the board approved the accounts payable, monthly financials, and budget as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	P. McCoy, J. Cadena, R. Wathen
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2027, AND SETTING THE WATER AND LAND BASED FEES

General Manager Patrick McGowan presented the board with the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2027. The board discussed pulling from reserves to keep the Land Based rate approximately the same as last year's.

After discussion by the board and upon a motion by Director Wathen and seconded by Vice-President Cadena, the board approved the proposed budget and set an O&M rate of \$ 60/acre-foot and a Land Based Fee of \$6.00/Acre.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	P. McCoy, J. Cadena, R. Wathen
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

REPORT ITEMS

BOARD TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM STAFF ON VARIOUS MATTERS AFFECTING THE DISTRICT

GM McGowan noted that there were no updates to report at this time.

BOARD TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BRACKISH WATER WELL RECOVERY PROGRAM

GM McGowan and President McCoy briefed the Board on the brackish water well recovery program. The pumping occurs above the Corcoran clay in the SJRIP and the water will then be moved to Panoche Water District. If the program works, the water will need to be blended and right now the focus is to try and see what the cost of the water will be.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. SGMA

- I. Central Delta Mendota GSA

GM McGowan reported that the Central Delta Mendota GSA is moving away from the San Luis

& Delta-Mendota Water Authority managing the group and the focus is on minimizing consultants and costs.

II. Delta Mendota Coordination Committee

GM McGowan reported that the Central Delta Mendota Coordination Committee has made the commitment to move toward volumetric pumping based fees meaning the first fifty percent would be assessed to the twelve member agencies and the remaining fifty percent to those Districts that are pumping.

B. Other

GM McGowan noted that the Brackish Water Well Recovery Program would be beneficial for Panoche Water District. GM McGowan also informed the Board about the Joint Grower Workshop being held by Pacheco and Panoche Water Districts and extended an invitation to attend to the MSWD Board members, as well.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session held.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2026, at 11:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Palmer McCoy adjourned the regular meeting at 11:33 am.



Palmer McCoy, President



Patrick McGowan, Secretary