MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

June 9, 2026

Pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of the Crescenta Valley Water District, a Regular Meeting was held on June 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the District office located at 2700 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta California, and through audio and video conferencing. A call-in number was clearly noted on the meeting Agenda, posted in accordance with the Brown Act, with James D. Bodnar presiding.

At roll call, the following Directors and staff members were present or online:

Directors:	**Jeffery W. Johnson** **James D. Bodnar** **Kerry D. Erickson** **Sharon S. Raghavachary (absent)** **Jennifer T. Valdez**
Attorney:	**Ryan Guiboa**
General Manager:	**James Lee**
Director of Engineering and Operations:	**Carla Dillon (absent)**
Director of Finance and Administration:	**Arturo Montes (absent)**
Staff Members:	**Elena Chamorro, Asst. Director of Finance & Admin.** **Gabriel Gomez III, Assistant Director of Operations** **Pam Leddy, Administrative Assistant** **Vanessa Lumley, Regulatory Program Manager** **Arminé Sargsyan, Sr. Water Resources & Ext. Affairs Specialist** **Adam Sutphin, Senior Analyst**
Guests:	**Frank Colcord** **Natalie Ouwersloot** **Michael Miller** **Denise Henry** **Dylan**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Guiboa opened the meeting by leading the Directors and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Valdez, and carried by a 4-0 vote that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of June 9, 2026, be adopted to include Action Item No. 5 - Proposed Amendments by California Air Resources Board (CARB) to the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) rule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REPORT – No report was provided as the time was scheduled to be presented as the first item on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR – It was moved by Director Erickson, seconded by Director Johnson, and carried by a 3-0 vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 26, 2026 with the modification to include Gabriel Gomez to the list of staff members present at the May 26, 2026 Board meeting.

Foothill Municipal Water District Distribution System Presentation – Mr. Colcord presented Natalie Ouwersloot as the future General Manager of Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD), starting in mid-December, and gave a presentation of FMWD's distribution system. Mr. Colcord's presentation included information on the service area, water sources, treatment and sales and the distribution system storage, pump stations, pipes and emergency interties and emergency generators.

FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget – Mr. Lee stated that following the presentation of the draft FY 2027 Budget at the May 26, 2026, Board meeting, the Board provided comments and direction for clarifications and refinements. Mr. Lee presented the revised document incorporating the recommendations received from both the Board and the Finance Committee for Board review and consideration. Mr. Lee reiterated that the proposed FY 2026-27 Budget includes capital improvements which account for a substantial portion of the District expenditures.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Valdez, and carried by a 4-0 vote to 1) adopt the District's FY 2026-27 proposed budget and related items and 2) find that up to 2 miles of pipeline replacement is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines §§ 15301 and 15302.

<u>**Grant Application: USBR WaterSMART Drought Response Program**</u> – Mr. Lee stated that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has released funding guidelines for its WaterSMART Drought Response Program, with approximately $13.5 million available to support and estimated 8 to 20 projects. Mr. Lee included the additional requirements that must be met to successfully submit an application package.

Following discussion:

The Board agreed to request a timeline to prepare the grant application package from the consultant to meet the July 28, 2026 application deadline. The Board requested a possible Special Meeting to consider the requirements imposed by the USBR WaterSMART Drought Response.

<u>**Fire Hydrant Painting Program**</u> – Mr. Lee opened discussion regarding a commemorative fire hydrant painting program in recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Following discussion:

It was moved by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Bodnar, and carried by a 4-0 vote to create a commemorative fire hydrant painting program and promote a community event in recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with the budget amount not to exceed $5,000.00.

<u>**Proposed Amendments by California Air Resources Board (CARB) to the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) rule**</u> – The item was added to the agenda on an emergency basis due to the June 16, 2026, deadline for submitting public comments on the Advanced Clean Fleet rule. Immediate action was necessary, as the next scheduled board meeting would occur after the comment period had closed. Mr. Guiboa stated that the ACF Rule initially passed in 2023 to take effect in 2024, requires public entities to move their fleet of vehicles away from combustion engines towards Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs). Mr. Guiboa indicated that two options were made available to comply with the ACF rule 1) submit a purchase schedule for the purchase of ZEVs for all new medium and heavy-duty vehicles, and 2) milestone option to increase the percentage of electric vehicles as a percentage of their fleet. Mr. Guiboa said that part of the amendment will extend the compliance deadline date from 2027 to 2030. The amendment expands the definition of what is considered a public agency's fleet to include all vehicles that are contracted for the public agency contracts to operate on its behalf.

Following discussion:

The Board provided direction for the General Manager to work with the Board President on a comment letter to the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") regarding CARB's June 1, 2026, proposed amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets and Low Carbon Fuel Standards Regulation.

<u>**INFORMATION ITEMS**</u> – "Help Us Keep Our Drinking Water Safe – Participate in Water Sampling"

<u>**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**</u> – None.

GENERAL MANAGER – Mr. Sutphin provided highlights of the May 2026 Finance and Administration Report. Mr. Gomez provided highlights of the May 2026 Operations, Maintenance, Systems Operations, and Wastewater Report.

ATTORNEY REPORT – No report .

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Community Relations & Emergency Planning Committee – Mr. Lee reported that the Committee had not met; however, a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Employee Relations Committee – Mr. Lee reported that the Committee had not met; however, a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Engineering, Operations & Technology Committee – A meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2026.

Executive Committee – Mr. Lee reported that the Committee had not met; however, a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Finance & Policy Committee – Mr. Lee reported that the Committee had met on May 28, 2026.

A meeting is scheduled for June 25.

Ad Hoc PFAS Committee – Mr. Lee reported that the Committee had not met; however, a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Ad Hoc Cyber Security Committee – Mr. Lee reported that the Committee had not met; however, a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Ad Hoc Consolidation Committee – Mr. Lee reported that the Committee had not met; however, a meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Ad Hoc Legal Committee – Mr. Lee reported that the Committee had met on June 5, 2026.

DIRECTORS' ORAL REPORTS

Director Bodnar – No report.

Director Erickson – Provided details of the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP) a major potable reuse initiative by the Carpinteria Valley Water District to convert treated wastewater into drought-proof drinking water supply.

Director Johnson – No report.

Director Raghavachary – Absent.

Director Valdez – No report.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

CLOSED SESSION – No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, at 9:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED

James D. Bodnar
Board President

Arturo Montes
Board Secretary