

**BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING****July 16, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call – 6:32 pm.

BAWSCA Chair, Louis Vella, called the meeting to order. The Assistant to the CEO/General Manager called the roll. Nineteen (19) members of the Board were present at roll call with one member participating by teleconference in accordance with the Brown Act Rule. Two members arrived after roll call. A list of Directors present (21) and absent (5) is attached.

2. Comments by the Chair:

Chair Vella noted that one member of the Board is participating by teleconference in accordance with the Brown Act Rule. All actions will be taken by roll call vote.

The agenda includes presentations from the SFPUC on its approach to drought management, BAWSCA's review process of the SFPUC's Capital Improvement Programs, and the results of the Emergency Resilience Framework analysis conducted under Strategy 2050 efforts. These items are critical information for the Board's ability to address policy decisions related to SFPUC's impacts on the BAWSCA region's water supply reliability and rates, and efforts for emergency management under BAWSCA's Strategy 2050.

3. Board Policy Committee Report: Committee Chair Leslie Ragsdale reported that the Committee met on June 10, 2026. She thanked the Committee members for their time and for notifying staff in advance of their absence or need to teleconference which helps with quorum and planning for the agenda posting. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend Board authorization of the CEO/General Manager to extend the Office Lease at 155 Bovet Rd, San Mateo. Committee actions and discussions are accurately reflected in the Board Policy Committee Summary Report included in the Board agenda packet.

Director Schneider commented on the report. There were no comments from members of the public.

4. Consent Calendar:

Director Breault made a motion, seconded by Director Manalo, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar which includes adoption of the May 21, 2026 Board meeting minutes; receipt and filing of the Budget Status Report and Investment Report as of May 31, 2026; and authorization of the CEO/General Manager to Extend the Office Lease.

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

There were no comments from members of the public.

- 5. SFPUC Report:** SFPUC's BAWSCA Liaison, Alison Kastama reported that current water supply conditions are good with total system storage at slightly above historical average due in part to early runoff.

Assistant General Manager for Water Enterprise, Steve Ritchie presented the SFPUC's approach to drought management, which is driven by water availability from its water sources (the Tuolumne River System and local surface supplies), water rights, and historical data/experience. All water agencies consider these factors; however, how the factors fit together in a reasonable, credible and effective plan varies.

Storage of wet year water is key to SFPUC's drought management because other agencies have senior water rights, which means there may be little or no water available for the regional system in drought years. SFPUC's Design Drought is based on the longest drought on record (1987-1992) followed by two additional dry years. It does not predict future precipitation or drought sequence, but rather is a stress test/planning tool to manage SFPUC's ability to deliver water under extreme drought conditions which can, in turn, inform long term mitigations.

Mr. Ritchie also showed the changes in storage during a recent 4-year drought to explain how elements of the storage system work.

Comments and questions were received from members of the Board.

Public comments were provided by:

- Elaine Boken, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
- John McManis, Golden State Salmon Association
- Judith Kirk, Self
- Dave Warner, Self
- Patti Regehr, Self
- Spreck Rosekrans, Restore Hetch Hetchy
- Dave Jacuzzi, Westside Water Resources
- Mark Shahinian, Sierra Club
- Mark Gonzalves, Yosemite River Alliance
- Christina Berteau, Greywater Action

6. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda:

Public comments were provided by Elaine Boken, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods.

7. Reports and Discussions:

Water Resources Manager, Tom Francis reported on the status of the SFPUC's Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs) and Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) as reported for the 3rd Quarter of FY 2025-26.

The Board took a vote to extend the meeting.

Director Breault made a motion, seconded by Director Hardy, to extend the meeting to 9:30pm.

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Sr. Water Resources Engineer, Negin Ashoori, presented the results of the analysis to develop the BAWSCA region's emergency resilience framework that will inform Strategy 2050's decisions.

Questions and comments were received from members of the Board. There were no comments from members of the public.

8. CEO Reports:

Tom Smegal reported that the State Water Board's Draft Staff Report and Workplan released on June 3rd indicates an expectation for a peer reviewed version of the draft scientific basis report in the Summer. The State Water Board's respondent's brief to BAWSCA's appeal challenging the March 15th, 2024 decision in the State Water Board cases is due September 21st. BAWSCA's reply brief will be due October 12th.

Chair Vella reported that he will send out an email to the Board to initiate the CEO Evaluation process which remains the same as in previous years, with the exception of an Ad hoc Committee he has formed to help with the evaluation. The Committee, which includes Directors Chambers, Stone, Weed, and Hardy will work with the Chair and Legal Counsel. The September Board meeting will have a Closed Session on the evaluation results. No compensation action will be required as the existing employment agreement provides total compensation will be increased by 3%. He encourages a 100% participation. Evaluations are due August 14th.

There were no comments from members of the public.

9. Closed Session: No Closed Session was held.**10. Report from Closed Session:** N/A.**11. Additional Time for Public Comments (Time Permitting):** N/A.**12. Directors' Discussion: Comments, Questions and Agenda Requests:**

Director Jordan noted that modern data center designs are becoming water efficient and no longer require continuous flows of water. He referenced a recent video

interview on CNBC that he shared with CEO/General Manager Smegal for distribution to the Board if there is interest.

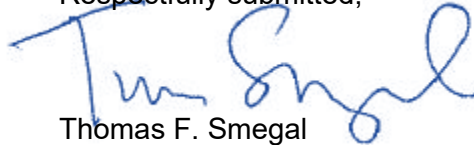
Director Hardy stated that some data centers in the City of Santa Clara have water consumption rates as low as two households.

Director Andrews expressed her interest in a presentation to the Board or a fact-page on how cities like Santa Clara have addressed data centers as well as the outlook on data centers. This information can be valuable as reference for other cities including the City of Hayward.

13. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled on September 17, 2026 at the Burlingame Community Center.

14. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Smegal
CEO/General Manager

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Attachments: 1) Roll Call & Voting Log
2) Attendance Roster

Roll Call & Voting Log - BAWSCA

Meeting Date: 16-Jul-26

Agency	Director					Weighted Voting ⁽²⁾	
		Present/ Absent	Item #4 Consent	Extend Meeting to 9:30pm	Other	Weighted "Yes" Votes	Weighted "No" Votes
Hayward	Andrews, Angela	y	0	y			
Brisbane	Breault, Randy	y	y	y			
Guadalupe	Breault, Randy	y	y	y			
Westborough	Chambers, Tom	y	y	y			
San Jose	Cohen, David	0	0	0			
CalWater	Duncan, Darin	y	y	y			
San Bruno	Hamilton, Tom	y	y	y			
Santa Clara	Hardy, Karen	y	y	y			
Purissima	Jordan, Steve	☎	☎y	☎y			
Foster City	Kiesel, Art	y	y	y			
East Palo Alto	Lincoln, Webster	0	0	0			
Daly City	Manalo, Juslyn	y	y	y			
Sunnyvale	Mehlinger, Richard	y	y	y			
Coastside	Mickelsen, Chris	y	y	y			
Milpitas	Montano, Carmen	0	0	0			
Menlo Park	Nash, Betsy	y	y	y			
North Coast	Piccolotti, Tom	y	0	y			
Redwood City	Pierce, Barbara	y	y	y			
Hillsborough	Ragsdale, Leslie	y	y	y			
Millbrae	Schneider, Ann	y	y	y			
Mountain View	Showalter, Pat	y	y	y			
Burlingame	Stevenson, Peter	0	0	0			
Palo Alto	Stone, Greer	y	y	y			
Mid-Peninsula	Vella, Louis	y	y	y			
ACWD	Weed, John	0	0	0			
Stanford	Zigterman, Tom	y	y	y			

Vote Tally

					Weighted Vote Summary	
					"Yes"	"No"
Yes (y)	21	19	21			
No (n)	0	0	0			
Absent (0)	5	6	5			
Abstain (a)	0	0	0			
Item Carries by Simple Vote?						
Item Carries by Weighted Vote?						

(1) Under simple voting, item carries if it receives an affirmative vote of a majority of the total membership (15 votes)

(2) Under weighted voting, item carries if it receives the affirmative vote of directors representing both

a) A majority of the members present and voting, and

b) a majority of the number of votes represented by directors present

Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency

Board of Directors Meeting Attendance Roster

Director	Agency	July 16, 2026	May 21, 2026	Mar. 19, 2026	Jan. 15, 2026	Nov. 20, 2025	Sept. 18, 2025
Andrews, Angela	Hayward	✓			✓	✓	✓
Breault, Randy	Guadalupe	✓	✓	☎	✓	✓	✓
Breault, Randy	Brisbane	✓	✓	☎	✓	✓	✓
Chambers, Tom	Westborough	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cohen, David	San Jose		✓	✓	✓		✓
Duncan, Darin	Cal Water	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hamilton, Tom	San Bruno	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hardy, Karen	Santa Clara	✓	✓	✓	✓	☎	✓
Jordan, Steve	Purissima	☎	☎	✓	☎	✓	☎
Kiesel, Art	Foster City	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lincoln, Webster	East Palo Alto		☎		✓	✓	✓
Manalo, Juslyn	Daly City	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mehlinger, Richard	Sunnyvale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mickelsen, Chris	Coastside	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Montano, Carmen	Milpitas		✓	✓		✓	✓
Nash, Betsy	Menlo Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Piccolotti, Tom	North Coast	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pierce, Barbara	Redwood City	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ragsdale, Leslie	Hillsborough	✓	☎	✓	✓	✓	✓
Schneider, Ann	Millbrae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Showalter, Patricia	Mountain View	✓	✓	✓	✓	☎	✓
Stevenson, Peter	Burlingame		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stone, Greer	Palo Alto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vella, Louis	Mid-Peninsula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	☎
Weed, John	ACWD		✓	✓	✓	☎	✓
Zigterman, Tom	Stanford	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

✓ : Present

* : Predecessor

☎ : Teleconference