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FINAL MEETING MINUTES EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:00 PM) FOLLOWED BY REGULAR BOARD MEETING (5:30 PM) 19 August 2026 – EAWSD Conference Room

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President Calzada at 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL by J. Hamilton. Those present were President Calzada, Director Sanford, and Treasurer Roghair. A quorum of Directors was present. Secretary Yard arrived late and Vice-President Burling was absent.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Kyle Harwood, DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL; Julie Ann Grimm, PARALEGAL; Meghan Hodgins, SENIOR CONSULTANT AT GZA; Paul Drakos, ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL AT GZA; Larry "Boot" Pierce, SENIOR CONSULTANT AND OFFICE MANAGER AT GZA; Maya Clifford, GENERAL MANAGER; Anthony Marino, JACOBS OPERATIONS MANAGER; Anna Mondragon-Metzger; LEAD EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR; Justin Hamilton, OFFICE MANAGER; and three (3) guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: 19 August 2026

➤ President Calzada asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda of 19 August 2026.

MOTION: Treasurer Roghair moved to approve the agenda for 19 August 2026. Director Sanford seconded the motion.

- No further discussion.
- Vote was 3 to 0 in favor of the motion to approve the agenda for 19 August 2026. Secretary Yard was not present for the vote and Vice-President Burling was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION started at ~5:10 PM

➤ President Calzada called for a motion to convene a CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(8) to discuss Legal Matters pertaining to the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights.

- Prior to entering the closed session, President Calzada dismissed meeting attendees who were not part of the EXECUTIVE SESSION and stated that they would be called back into the Regular Board Meeting once the closed session was concluded.

MOTION: Director Sanford moved to enter EXECUTIVE SESSION. Treasurer Roghair seconded the motion.

- No further discussion.
- Individual votes were taken by roll call, and the vote was 3 to 0 to enter EXECUTIVE SESSION.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: resumed at approximately 5:45 PM. All meeting attendees were invited back to the open meeting.

➤ President Calzada proceeded with the Regular Board Meeting Agenda and publicly acknowledged that during the EXECUTIVE SESSION the Board had not made any decisions.

- He further stated Secretary Yard arrived approximately 15 minutes after the EXECUTIVE SESSION had commenced.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 29 July 2026

➤ President Calzada asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of 29 July 2026.

MOTION: Director Sanford moved to approve the meeting minutes for 29 July 2026. Treasurer Roghair seconded the motion.

- No further discussion.
- Vote was 4 to 0 in favor of the motion to approve meeting minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Board consideration and approval to send a letter to the Buckman Direct Diversion Board (BDDB) regarding a request to post meeting recordings.** *M. Clifford*

➤ President Calzada asked if there were any questions or discussions to add to the Consent Agenda.

- Brief discussion followed: President Calzada suggested that Ms. Clifford consider sending the letter to individual members of the BDDB. Ms. Clifford agreed with the suggestion.

MOTION: Secretary Yard moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Sanford seconded the motion.

- Vote was 4 to 0 in favor of the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

REPORTS:

Management Report:

M. Clifford

➤ Ms. Clifford updated the Board on the following items:

- 2026 WATER UTILITY MASTER PLAN (WUMP). Ms. Clifford asked President Calzada and Secretary Yard if they wanted access to the 2026 WATER UTILITY MASTER PLAN. Both Board Members indicated that they would like to have access to the document for review and to provide comment.

- SANTA FE COUNTY WATER CHARGES TO DISTRICT: She clarified that Santa Fe County charges \$8.18 per 1,000 gallons, rather than the previously reported rate of \$8.23 per 1,000 gallons, at the last Board meeting.
- Director Sanford asked Ms. Clifford if her management report also covers IT monitoring activities of the system.
- Ms. Clifford confirmed that it does and further explained that Crumbacher's assigned Senior IT technician, Isaac Gallegos, conducts and monitors daily and weekly "sweeps" and has found no indications of system infiltration or disruption. He summarizes all IT activities each month and provides a one-page report that is included as part of the Board packet. She added that several Midwest water utilities have experienced cyberattacks through their billing platforms, however, no cases of infiltration or disruption have been identified in New Mexico to date.
- A brief discussion followed regarding the potential for login and email aliases to serve as entry points for system cyberattacks.

Operations Report:

A. Marino

- Mr. Marino reported on the following items:
 - Non-revenue water is trending at approximately 6% for the month.
 - A discussion ensued regarding a house fire in Lamy that reportedly used approximately 200,000 gallons of District water. The discussion included whether the District should create an agreement with surrounding communities concerning the use of District water for emergency responses.
 - Mr. Marino and Ms. Clifford clarified that the chart for the "TWELVE-MONTH RUNNING TOTAL OF NON-REVENUE WATER IN PERCENT" can be misleading, noting the industry standard term "non-revenue water" refers to water that is unaccounted for and does not necessarily indicate water that is not generating revenue.
 - Mr. Marino also noted that in the "TOTAL GALLONS BY MONTH 2026" chart, a "% WELL WATER" row was added to provide a visual comparison of well water usage versus water taken from Santa Fe County. He added that some operational changes were made this week to reduce water taken from Santa Fe County while leveraging Wells 14, 15 and 17 as leads so Well 18 can be rested in the interim.
- Ms. Clifford advised that, due to increased water demand in July and parts of August, deliveries from Santa Fe County increased to meet peak demand and will be reflected in the monthly billing.
 - The Santa Fe County water schedule will be adjusted, and the District needs to submit its new Operational Plan for 2027 to Santa Fe County by October 2026.
- Mr. Marino stated the "EAWSD Rebutable Budget Report for the Month of July 2026" includes a new year-to-date table which will be included each month going forward.

Treasurer's Report: None

E. Roghair

- Treasurer Roghair stated that there was no Treasurer Report provided for this month.

Legal Update: None

K. Harwood

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Paul Fink, a resident at 10 Redondo Court, expressed appreciation on behalf of the ELDORADO TREE SAMARITANS, to Ms. Clifford and the Board for their continuing efforts to protect the roadside trees during construction activities. He added that the practice of using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) has made a significant difference in minimizing disturbance of the natural landscape.

AGENDA:

1. GZA Presentation to the Board on Groundwater Level(s) Monitoring (*information only*).

*M. Hodgins
GZA*

- Prior to the start of the GZA presentation, representatives Paul Drakos and Larry "Boot" Pierce, introduced themselves along with their colleague, Meghan Hodgins, who would be leading the presentation.
- Ms. Hodgins opened by stating that tonight's presentation was based on highlights from the EAWSD WELL PRODUCTION AND WATER LEVEL TRENDS from 2025, an annual report she submits to the Office of the State Engineer (OSE), but it also includes historical monitoring trends from past reporting efforts.
- She proceeded to show a PPT presentation displaying maps and charts denoting the nineteen (19) District wells that are currently being monitored in the Central Well Field which is located within the Eldorado service area, with the exception of Wells 9 and 10 which are located in the Galisteo Alluvial south of the Central Well Field.
 - As she proceeded through each slide, she explained in detail the inner dynamics of the various formations within the Central Well Field and their effects on well production levels; decline and plateau trends; and what has occurred historically prior to the start of the SF County bulk water deliveries, as well as what is occurring now after 3 years of having the Santa Fe County interconnection. She added that overall, even before the SF County interconnection, there was a decline in production efforts that can be attributed to proactive conservation and perpetual maintenance and repair efforts of system leaks and aging infrastructure.
 - She highlighted Well 9 as an anomaly because it is dependent on recharge from annual precipitation and historically is only active every 2 to 5 years. In an active year it can be pumped at maximum capacity, allowing production from Wells 17 and 18 to be reduced.
 - She discussed notable decline in the highest producing Wells (17 & 18) since 2008 but observed that with the addition of SCADA (SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION) remote well monitoring software and transducers (sensors) installed in the wells, the method of monitoring well levels greatly improved reporting efforts as compared to doing it manually. With more precise reporting, the trend lines now show that Well 18 and some smaller wells have recovered somewhat or even plateaued. It becomes most evident moving west within the Central Well Field.
 - She closed the presentation by offering to share quarterly reporting with the Board on the various data points discussed tonight and stated that the GZA will do a follow-up presentation in approximately one year.
- President Calzada thanked GZA for the comprehensive presentation and stated he looks forward to receiving quarterly reporting.

2. Review and Discussion of the District's Proposed Lobbying Priorities; Plans for the upcoming 2027 Session; and Review of the 2026 Legislative Session (information only).

*T.J. Trujillo
Lobbyist*

- Mr. Trujillo shared a PPT presentation while narrating a recap of his lobbying efforts on behalf of the District during the 2026 legislative session. He also imparted his general process in preparing for each legislative session. He stated that prior to the start of the session, he identifies potential and available capital outlay funding; works with the General Manager to initiate requests based on the prioritized funding needs of the District; observes and tracks the legislative timeline throughout the session and determines the appropriate timing to advocate for said funding during legislative subcommittee meetings that support a bill that is applicable to the District's funding needs.
 - During the 2026 legislative session, Mr. Trujillo helped Ms. Clifford facilitate the reallocation of funding for a couple of ongoing projects and secured \$250,000 in capital outlay funding for the purchase of (3) new fleet vehicles.
- The discussion continued with the 2027 legislative session and Ms. Clifford's list of proposed short and long-term projects. Mr. Trujillo stressed the need for the District to establish its priorities as soon as possible in anticipation of a new administration and potential shifts in state spending. Mr. Trujillo noted that at this time, legislative activity is largely focused on the election cycle, but he assured the Board that he continues to maintain key relationships at the State Capitol.
 - Currently, it is anticipated that the state may have around \$1 billion in surplus funds due to oil and gas revenues. Approximately half may be available for recurring funding, with the remainder designated as one-time funding.
 - Ms. Clifford emphasized that the District needs Mr. Trujillo's representation and influence during November and December because he has a strong understanding of the internal workings, processes, and decision-making at the Roundhouse as everything moves toward the 2027 Legislative Session.
- Mr. Trujillo went on to display New Mexico's historical political trends, noting that newly elected governors historically receive a larger percentage of capital outlay funding to support the implementation of their agendas. This has prompted him to closely monitor statewide election trends leading up to the 2027 Legislative Session.
- In closing, Mr. Trujillo discussed the opportunities and importance of joining coalitions, which can strengthen the District's position and provide additional support on legislative challenges and priorities. He also noted the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration has an Infrastructure Division that assists local governments in accessing larger sources of infrastructure and capital funding.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Director Sanford shared with the Board that the WATER UTILITY MASTER PLAN (WUMP) contains valuable information, and he highly recommends that everyone read through it.
- Secretary Yard acknowledged former EAWSD General Manager Steve King for his work on finalizing the execution of the Santa Fe County Water Delivery and Wheeling agreement. He further acknowledged JACOBS Operations Project Manager, Anthony Marino for his ongoing efforts to reduce non-revenue water loss.
- President Calzada thanked everyone for their attendance and participation, noting that he is optimistic about receiving water from Santa Fe County and resting some District wells.
- There were no other Board comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

- President Calzada adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.