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Minutes of April 17, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office of Western Heights Water Company, 32352 Ave D, Yucaipa, CA, on Friday, April 17, 2026. President Duane Burk called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. Directors present: Benjamin Kelly, Chris Venable: General Manager Mark Iverson, Office Manager Debbie Patrick, Engineering Assistant Brooke Shorey. Directors Robert Zappia M.D and Armando De La Paz and Paul Fuller from JPRIMA attended telephonically.

1. Public Comment – None
2. Minutes of Board Meeting – Minutes from the March 18 Annual Shareholders' and Board Meetings reviewed and approved. Motion made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Zappia, and approved unanimously.
3. San Bernardino Valley Municipal (MUNI) Report – Director Kelly reported there was nothing pertinent to Western Heights to report. Ms. Patrick will work with Director Kelly to get him an iPad or laptop to use for the MUNI meetings.
4. Board Meeting Schedule – The May Board Meeting will be on Friday, May 15, 2026 at 8:00 AM
5. General Manager's Report
 - a) Discussion Items
 - a. Water Sold – Water sales for March 2026 are 11.4% higher than they were for March 2025, and 11.0% lower than this time in 2025.
 - b. Budget Status and Financials – Total revenues for 2026 are 4.6% lower than this time last year. Expenses are 6.6% lower than this time last year.
 - c. Board Member Compensation – The 2021 CalMutuals Salary Survey included average Board of Directors compensation. Board Members averaged \$290 per meeting and the Board President averaged \$330 per meeting. Western Heights Board are paid \$250 for Board Members and \$400 for Board President. Our Board of Directors are an active and invaluable part of the company's operation. After adjusting the salary survey numbers for inflation, Mr. Iverson recommended compensation of \$350 for Board Members and \$500 for the Board President.

Motion 05:26 – To approve the board compensation as recommended by the General Manager. Motion by Director Venable, seconded by Director Kelly and passed 4-1 with Director Zappia voting no.

- d. Corporate Insurance – This item was moved to the front of the Discussion items to accommodate Mr. Fuller. Mr. Fuller provided information on the company's insurance. He noted the exposure companies face and how they are working to protect the company. Although the company's rate has increased, the increase is in the Tier I level, the best rating level. This is due to the lack of losses over the last ten years, the continuity of the board, and their confidence in the general manager. The company could save money on premiums by removing the inverse condemnation coverage; however, this is a huge risk for the company. The Board has agreed that the coverage and service from JPRIMA is good for the company.

Directors' Matters

Director Kelly asked about the pressure-reducing stations installed in Redlands. Mr. Iverson went over the pressure in the area and how the stations help protect the pipes.

Mr. Iverson received a request from CalMutuals to send a representative to Sacramento on April 22 to oppose legislation regarding rate increase notification. Director Venable is interested in attending.

The Board asked Mr. Iverson to report on upcoming projects at future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 AM.



Debbie Patrick, Secretary to the Board