



Western Heights Water Company

32352 Avenue D • Yucaipa, CA 92399-1899

Office (909) 790-1901 • Fax (909) 797-2619 • www.westernheightswater.org

Minutes of May 15, 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, May 15, 2026. President Duane Burk called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. Directors present: Robert Zappia M.D, Benjamin Kelly, Chris Venable: General Manager Mark Iverson, Office Manager Debbie Patrick, Engineering Assistant Brooke Shorey. Director Armando De La Paz attended telephonically.

1. Public Comment – None
2. Minutes of Board Meeting – Minutes from the April 17 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Kelly, and approved unanimously.
3. San Bernardino Valley Municipal (MUNI) Report – Director Kelly reported there was nothing pertinent to Western Heights to report.
4. Board Meeting Schedule – The June Board Meeting will be on Friday, June 19, 2026 at 8:00 AM
5. General Manager's Report
 - a) Discussion Items
 - a. Water Sold – Water sales for April 2026 are 26.9% higher than they were for March 2025, and 1.7% lower than this time in 2025.
 - b. Budget Status and Financials – Total revenues for 2026 are 3.9% higher than this time last year. Expenses are 8.7% lower than this time last year. The decrease in electrical expense is partly due to an SCE billing error last year. The company is also saving money with the use of solar. Mr. Iverson will quantify the savings and ROI for the solar.
 - c. Annual Audit – The 2025 audit is complete. There were no issues.
 - d. Property Sale 0 Oak Glen Property – Western Heights sold the excess land to DNJ Construction October 2021 for \$227,100. This was excess property that was part of the East Reservoir Site. WHWC carried the note on the sale at 4 percent interest. DNJ has sold the property and paid off their note which had a remaining principal balance of \$208,166. WHWC made \$38,529 in interest payments through the financing of the sale and subsequently saved over \$1,000 per year in brush removal services and property taxes plus about 40 labor hours per year for hand weed eating which was required for the steep portion of the property.

- e. Emergency Response Workshop – There will be an emergency response preparedness workshop with staff on Wednesday, May 20. The board members are welcome to attend. The workshop is partly in response to the rash of minor earthquakes that have occurred along the San Andreas Fault in the past few days and months. New digital radios have been purchased to replace the old analog radios. Mr. Iverson is looking into purchasing satellite phones. Mr. Iveson will report back to the Board on what their role will be in the event of an emergency.
- f. Cross Connection Control – WHWC must do a systemwide assessment of all the backflow devices. The first step is a questionnaire to all customers. These are being sent out in the next billing for each zone.

Directors' Matters

The Sacramento trip Director Venable was to take was cancelled. CalMutuals was able to get the bill in question pulled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 AM.



Debbie Patrick, Secretary to the Board