

**WESTERN HEIGHTS WATER COMPANY
32352 AVENUE D
YUCAIPA, CA 92399-1899**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Friday, August 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER / PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 18, 2025 Board Meeting

3. **SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

Report – Ben Kelly

4. **BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

September Board Meeting – Friday, September 19 at 8:00 AM

5. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:**

a) Discussion Items

a. Water Sold – Exhibit 1

Water sales for July 2025 are 1.36% lower than they were for July 2024 and 21.2% higher than this time in 2024.

b. Budget Status and Financials – Exhibit 2

Total Bank Balance	\$6,317,585
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Total Revenues:	\$491,278
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Total Expenses	<u>\$252,380</u>
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Net Income	\$238,898
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Total revenues for 2025 are 8.0% lower than this time last year. This is due to differences in the lower connection fees this year compared to last year. In terms of water related revenue, revenues are up in accordance with the last rate increases and higher water sales this year. The large increase in revenue for July is from \$182,597 paid in connection fees for the Oak Glen project.

Expenses are 9.3% higher than this time last year. While inflation is reportedly lower this year, the cost of parts, materials, fuel, insurance, etc., continues to increase at about 10%.

Accounts Payable Register – Exhibit 3

Major Projects – Exhibit 4

c. Updates

Recharge Project Update – We are making good progress on the direct potable water recharge project. Groundwater modeling work has been completed, and the report is being prepared to be sent to the Regional Water Quality Control Board for approval. When approved, we will be able to proceed with converting Wells 3 and 6 to recharge wells. Our goal was to begin a pilot study in the fall of 2025, and this is still a possibility. We are still working with Muni for financial assistance with the groundwater modeling work we have done. We are working on an agreement with YVWD for their participation in the project.

Well 9 Hexavalent Chromium Notice – We received a compliance notice from the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) for an exceedance of Chromium VI in Well 9. The notice is in Tab 7. Well 9 is the only well that exceeds the Chromium VI MCL. The Allowable concentration is 0.010 mg/l, and Well 9 is 0.011 mg/l, only 1/1,000 mg/l over the acceptable limit.

The limits for Chromium changed on October 1, 2024. The limit was 50 ppb total Chromium, which included both Chromium III and VI.

The exceedance requires that we send out public notice and that we develop a compliance plan. The notice will be sent out by the end of August. For compliance, we can either shut down the well or install treatment for Chromium VI. We are researching the treatment options and costs, and we will report back to the Board with our recommendation.

Cross Connection Control and Backflow Testing Notifications – We are proposing a change to our backflow testing notifications so that the customer will receive only one notice that the annual testing of their backflow device is due. If the backflow test is not completed or the report is not received by WHWC office within 60-days of the notice, WHWC will arrange to have the backflow device tested and place a \$120 charge on the customer's bill.

Additionally, we are proposing that customers can sign up for a service where WHWC will have the backflow device tested annually for the customer. A copy of the test will be sent to the customer, and they will be notified if repair or replacement of the device is required. The service will be for testing only. It does not include repairs or replacements. Testing will be done by WHWC staff or by a qualified backflow tester. The cost of the service would be \$100 per year or approximately \$17 per billing cycle.

WHWC Fees and Deposits Policy – At the May 2025 Board Meeting, staff presented a proposed policy for fees and deposits. Action on the approval was continued until a future meeting so the Board could review the policy and comment on any requested changes. We have received no comments, and we are asking the Board to approve the policy.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Staff requests the Board to approve that only one notice for annual backflow testing be sent out, and if the testing is not complete or the report received at WHWC within 60-days of the notice, WHWC will arrange to have the backflow device tested at a cost of \$120 per device which will be charged to the customer on their bill.
- b) Staff requests the Board approve a program where customers can sign up for WHWC to have the customer's backflow device or devices tested annually on the customer's behalf. The cost of the service will be \$100 per year per backflow device, and cost of the service will be divided into six equal payments and charged on the customer's bi-monthly water bill.
- c) Staff requests the Board approve the proposed WHWC Fee and Deposits Policy.

7. DIRECTORS' MATTERS