

LEUCADIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting
September 10, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Leucadia Wastewater District was held Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., at the District Administration Office at 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad, California.

1. Call to Order

President Saldana called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Saldana, Brown, Pacilio, Sullivan, and Roesink

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

General Manager Paul Bushee, General Counsel Wayne Brechtel, Director of Finance and Administration Ryan Green, Capital Project Manager Ian Riffel, Administrative Services Supervisor Trisha Hill, Executive Assistant Tianne Baity, Field Services Superintendent Marvin Gonzalez, District Engineer Dexter Wilson, Field Services Supervisor Mauricio Avalos, Field Services Technician Matthew Anderson, and Field Services Technician Jeffrey Pivaral

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Pacilio led the pledge of allegiance.

4. General Public Comment Period

None.

5. Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by Director Roesink, seconded by Director Pacilio, and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the agenda by the following vote:

Director	Vote
President Saldana	Yes
Vice President Brown	Yes
Director Pacilio	Yes
Director Sullivan	Yes
Director Roesink	Yes

6. Presentations and Awards

Achievement of Individual Award – Marvin Gonzalez

GM Bushee introduced Field Services Superintendent Marvin Gonzalez, stating that he recently passed his 20th year anniversary at the District. He provided background information about Marvin and noted that under LWD's incentive program Marvin is eligible for a \$400 incentive award.

The Board congratulated Marvin for his efforts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

7. Approval of Board and Committee Minutes

Minutes of the following meetings:

August 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
September 2, 2025 Engineering Committee Meeting

8. Approval of Demands for August / September 2025

Payroll Checks numbered 250820-1 – 250903-20; General Checking Checks numbered 27356 - 27440

9. Operations Report (A copy was included in the original September 10, 2025 Agenda)

10. Finance Report (A copy was included in the original September 10, 2025 Agenda)

11. Disclosure of Reimbursements

This report discloses travel expense reimbursements for the month of July/August 2025.

Upon a motion duly made by Vice President Brown, seconded by Director Pacilio, and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

Director	Vote
President Saldana	Yes
Vice President Brown	Yes
Director Pacilio	Yes
Director Sullivan	Yes
Director Roesink	Yes

EWA and COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. Encina Wastewater Authority (EWA) Reports

A. A regular EWA Board Meeting was held on August 27, 2025.

Director Roesink reported on EWA's Board Meeting. Director Roesink stated that EWA will be coordinating a tour of the Napa Sanitation District's linear generator in the near future.

B. An Encina Member Agency Manager's (MAM) Meeting was held on September 2, 2025.

GM Bushee reported on Encina's MAM Meeting.

13. Committee Reports

A. An Engineering Committee (EC) Meeting was held on September 2, 2025.

Director Pacilio reported that the EC reviewed the following recommendations:

- Authorize the General Manager to execute a sole source contract with CPM Pipelines for condition assessment services for the Leucadia Pump Station (L1) Force Main in an amount not to exceed \$72,575; and

- Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement with Plumber's Depot for the purchase of a new trailer-mounted jetter in an amount not to exceed \$84,484.90.

The EC concurred to forward these recommendations to the Board for consideration and they will be discussed later in the agenda.

Director Pacilio also stated that the EC received an update on the Rancho Verde Pump Station Rehabilitation. This item was for informational purposes and no action was taken.

President Saldana stated he takes walks by the Rancho Verde Pump Station and the pump station looks amazing and is very quiet.

B. Community Affairs Committee (CAC) Meeting was held on September 9, 2025.

Vice President Brown reported that the CAC reviewed and commented on the draft text of the 2025 Fall newsletter. Following discussion, the CAC authorized staff and RTP to proceed with the draft layout of the newsletter.

ACTION ITEMS

14. Award of Purchase Agreement to Plumber's Depot for a Trailer-Mounted Jetter

Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement with Plumber's Depot for the purchase of a new trailer-mounted jetter in an amount not to exceed \$84,484.90.

FST Matthew Anderson and FST Jeffrey Pivaral presented the item and provided background information noting it is a Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) tactical goal. In July 2025, staff completed a comparison between a US Jetting and a Harben trailer-mounted jetter to determine which unit would be more suitable for hydro-cleaning hard-to-access gravity sewer lines located in easements.

Staff requested quotes and demonstrations from three equipment suppliers. Two suppliers provided mini jetters for field evaluation, with pricing as follows:

- US Jetting – Plumber's Depot: \$84,484.90
- Harben Jetter – Haaker Equipment Company: \$92,353.60
- US Jetting – Weco Industries: \$96,962.76

Following the evaluation and review of the quotes, staff recommends the purchase of the US Jetting unit from Plumber's Depot, which provided the lowest responsive quote. Plumber's Depot has offered to purchase the District's current unit for \$8,000.00, reducing the total net purchase price to \$76,484.90.

Director Roesink asked how often is the trailer-mounter jetter used. FST Anderson answered it is used frequently.

Director Roesink also asked what is the jetter's useful life. FS Gonzalez answered it is hard to predict since it depends on how often it is used and how it is cared for. FS Gonzalez noted that field staff take good care of LWD the equipment.

President Saldana thanked FST Anderson and FST Pivaral for a great presentation.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Roesink, seconded by Director Pacilio, and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement with Plumber's Depot for the purchase of a new trailer-mounted jetter in an amount not to exceed \$84,484.90 by the following vote:

Director	Vote
President Saldana	Yes
Vice President Brown	Yes
Director Pacilio	Yes
Director Sullivan	Yes
Director Roesink	Yes

15. Leucadia Pump Station (L1) Force Main Condition Assessment – Award of Sole Source Contract

Authorize the General Manager to execute a sole source contract with CPM Pipelines for condition assessment services for the Leucadia Pump Station (L1) Force Main in an amount not to exceed \$72,575.

CPM Riffel presented the item and provided background information noting it is a Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) tactical goal. CPM Riffel stated that the Leucadia Wastewater District's (District) 2023 Asset Management Plan (AMP) included a recommendation to perform a condition assessment of the Leucadia Pump Station (L1) force main, a ductile iron pipe installed in 1977.

CPM Riffel said the District initially pursued a conventional condition assessment by removing small pipe samples from two high points in the force main. In September 2024, a Request for Proposal was issued to three contractors for this work. However, only one proposal was received for \$372k, which was substantially higher than anticipated.

CPM Riffel stated that staff explored alternative condition assessment methods including the installation of a pressure monitoring system and the INGU Piper smartball inspection tool. During this review, staff also obtained preliminary cost estimates to reline the entire force main which was estimated at about \$6 million.

CPM Riffel noted that staff evaluated the condition assessment options and recommends use of the INGU Piper smartball. The District verified the INGU Piper smartball's effectiveness by contacting references. CPM Pipelines is the sole authorized service provider for INGU Piper smartball and submitted a proposal in the amount of \$72,575 for the condition assessment services.

Director Sullivan asked CPM Riffel how he heard about the smartball technology. CPM Riffel stated he heard about it through DE Wilson.

Vice President Brown stated that he likes how the smartball will run the entire length of L1.

President Saldana stated using the smartball is a fantastic option since it is a less invasive option on the pipe.

DE Wilson noted that five years ago using this type of technology cost almost \$700K.

Director Roesink asked why the east end of L1 wasn't replaced in 2017. GM Bushee stated that at that time, LWD knew the west end was in bad shape since the west end of the pipeline is the highest point in the pipeline. GM Bushee noted that the highest point of the pipeline is the most susceptible to corrosion since that is where there is the most hydrogen sulfide build-up. DE Wilson added that the west end of the pipeline has more air pockets and the air pockets lead to more corrosion due to a higher concentration of hydrogen sulfide. GM Bushee added that the cost of replacing the entire length of L1 is substantial, and staff believed that replacing the west end provided the highest value to the District.

Following discussion, upon a motion duly made by Director Pacilio, seconded by Director Sullivan, and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to execute a sole source contract with CPM Pipelines for condition assessment services for the Leucadia Pump Station (L1) Force Main in an amount not to exceed \$72,575 by the following vote:

Director	Vote
President Saldana	Yes
Vice President Brown	Yes
Director Pacilio	Yes
Director Sullivan	Yes
Director Roesink	Yes

INFORMATION ITEMS

16. Project Status Updates and Other Informational Reports

Flu Shot Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

EA Baity announced the date and the time of the Flu Shot Clinic.

17. Directors' Meetings and Conference Reports

The 2025 CSDA Annual Conference was held August 25 -28, 2025 in Monterey, CA.

Director Sullivan stated she enjoyed the keynote speakers Joe Theismann and Brad Montgomery. She stated it was a well attended conference and she met a lot of new leaders in the industry.

18. General Manager's Report

GM Bushee reported on the following:

- A Strategic Planning Session for the Board will be scheduled sometime in late February or early March 2026. The session will cover succession planning, progress at EWA, and recycled water. GM Bushee stated that Mr. Jeff Bills can facilitate the session or the Board can choose to use another facilitator. Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed to use Mr. Bills as the Strategic Planning facilitator;
- LWD is currently under Municipal Service Review with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and he and DFA Green are meeting with LAFCO tomorrow to discuss the preliminary report; and
- Water Career Day will be held at San Elijo Joint Powers Authority on October 22, 2025.

19. General Counsel's Report

GC Brechtel reported on the following:

- Update on Proposed Senate Bill 707 – Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements.

20. Board of Directors' Comments

President Saldana thanked ADS Hill, Mr. Neal Bloom from RTP, FST Anderson and FST Ortega for participating in Olivenhein Municipal Water District's (OMWD) Emergency Preparedness Event at OMWD on September 6th.

Director Pacilio thanked staff and RTP for a great newsletter draft and he is looking forward to the final newsletter.

21. Adjournment

President Saldana adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:06 p.m.



Paul J. Bushee
Secretary/General Manager
(SEAL)



Rolando Saldana, President