

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MID-VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
455 W FIR AVE CLOVIS, CA 93611**

April 11 2025
3:30 pm

Directors Present: Fara Raban
Varinder Nijjar
Ariel Namvar
Jasbir Sidhu

Absent: Farokh Saadat

Also in Attendance:
Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Sebastian Silveria, Gladstone
Manny Amorelli, James ID

President Sidhu called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

The first fifteen minutes of this portion of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Board of Directors. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to public comment at this time.

Mr. Amorelli James ID is open to working with any grower or landowner. He is open to taking calls.

2. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter. [FPPC §87105]

None noted.

3. MINUTES

The Board will be asked to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025 Special meeting.
(Possible Action)

Director Namvar made a motion to accept the minutes – Director Raban seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. ANNEXATION

The Board will hear a report on the Raisin City WD annexation request and the adjustment of the Mid Valley WD Sphere of Influence (Action Item)

Mr. Hopkins noted that LAFCO received comments from James ID, RD1606, FID, Fresno Co, and West Hills Community College District. One of the comments received was related to the overlap in the SOI with RD 1606 and the area they own and operate. RD 1606 and the County both recommend removing this area from Mid Valley's SOI. Last week, the Raisin City WD voted to change its SOI along the bypass to the eastern edge, rather than the western edge. Mr. Hopkins noted there is no benefit to either MVWD or RD 1606 to have this land overlap. RD 1606 would not pay taxes on this land, and abandoning this strip from the SOI would have no adverse effect on the District. The MSR is due to return to the county next week and then be out for public comment.

Mid-Valley WD has a current license agreement with RD1606 and James ID to access water from that pump station. The license still exists.

Director Nijjar stated the more time was needed to understand the issue before giving up this SOI. He is concerned that at some time in the future, this area may have rights. Mr. Hopkins explained that SOI means that if a district wanted to annex an area that falls in the SOI, they could. It doesn't mean they would be allowed to.

The main question is, "What future right would MVWD give up by giving up the SOI?"

The board requested a meeting with Legal Counsel to review their options. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 2:30.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Approved



Randy Hopkins, Asst Secretary