

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT  
72401 HATCH ROAD, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92277**

**July 23, 2025 / 4:00 P.M.**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Bob Coghill called the Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Those responding to roll call were Larry Bowden, Bob Coghill, Randy Leazer, and Amy Woods. Director Arthur was absent. Also present were General Manager Matt Shragge, Superintendent Mike Minatrea, Treatment/Production Superintendent Robert Shelton, Financial Consultant Scott Nelsen, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ted Pritchett led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Legislative Affairs Update

Yasmeen Nubani with Ortega Strategies Group and Community Water Systems Alliance provided the Board with an update on legislative affairs including the following:

- Chromium 6 compliance is still in effect. Ortega Strategies is continuing to advocate for flexibility for disadvantage communities.
- SB466 intended to exempt water systems from lawsuits if they are in the process of meeting compliance; the bill has been amended twice to deem the system in compliance if the water agency is working towards compliance with their compliance plan or are waiting for the compliance plan approval.
- AB1089 is the Western Joshua Tree protection act; this bill will add thousands of dollars in permit fees for both water districts and homeowners; the bill's sponsor was not aware of the implications the bill would have. The bill is in the process of being amended.
- Ortega Strategies met with 13 legislatures at the CSDA legislative days, advocating for chromium 6 funding and an economic feasibility study that reflects the actual costs of water treatment.
- The District Newsletter was launched and is published quarterly; includes conservation tips and short articles on District related news.
- The District may be the first Water District with a full chromium 6 compliance plan.

2. Conservation is a Way of Life Compliance Summary – Twentynine Palms Water District

This regulation went into effect January 1, 2025, with the goal of reducing the GPCD (gallons per capita per day) from 55 to 42 by 2030. Currently the Twentynine Palms Water District has met its calculated objective for the 2023-2024 reporting period. District engineering firm, Kennedy Jenks, was surprised that the State Water Resource Control Board got back to the Twentynine Palms Water District with a compliance summary. The District will be looking to apply for a swamp cooler (evaporative cooler) variance in the future.

3. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Special Meeting held on June 25, 2025
- Audit List

Director Bowden moved to approve the Minutes and Audit List, seconded by Director Woods, and approved unanimously. Director Arthur was absent.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action  
None

5. Management Reports

5.1 Maintenance

Mike reported that the District responded to 91 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 0 water meter leaks, 1 service line leak, 0 fire hydrant repair/maintenance, installed 3 new services, replaced 1 customer gate valve, performed 7 leak audits, painted 0 fire hydrants, performed 4 customer pressure checks, replaced 4 water meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for June. 0 water waste inquiries were received. There was a total of 579 work orders processed during the month.

5.2 Water Quality

Robert reported water production was down 24.62% as compared to the same month in 2013. 50 routine and 17 special water samples were taken. All special samples tested negative for Colilert. All current wells meet the 2.0 mg/L standard fluoride variance set by the State Water Resource Control Board. All samples tested were below the variance.

5.3 Finance

Scott Nelsen reported on May's financials. The budget is at 92% for the fiscal year. Operating revenue is at 93%, operating expenditures is at 88%, 4% under budget. The audit is schedule for the week of October 27, with audited financials expected to be presented to the board in December.

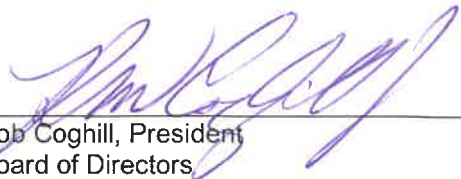
5.4 General Manager

Matt reported that 1,200 feet of new water main was installed on Pinyon, with a temporary asphalt patch. The completed asphalt repair is expected to cost \$75,000. A new Cross Connection Control Plan was written in compliance with the State Water Resource Control Board standards. The Urban Water Management Plan will be updated. The Redundant Treated Water Reservoir and Pump Station project at the Treatment Plant has been placed on Public Purchase for bidding. Emergency Management training was completed and all employees participated in a desktop exercise. The District will be conducting a rate study. Matt reminded the public that the August Board meeting would be cancelled, as the Board will be attending a conference out of town.


6. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports  
None

7. Adjournment

On motion by Director Leazer, seconded by Director Woods, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 4:38 p.m.

  
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Bob Coghill, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Matthew Shragge, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District