

**DSRSD•EBMUD RECYCLED WATER AUTHORITY
(DERWA)
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 2, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Chan called the DSRSD•EBMUD Recycled Water Authority (DERWA) meeting to order at 6 p.m.
2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
3. ROLL CALL – Directors present: Chair April Chan, Vice Chair Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold, and Directors Luz Gòmez, and Dinesh Govindarao. Staff present: Vivian Housen, Authority Manager; Jackie Lee, Treasurer; Austin Cho, General Counsel; and Nicole Genzale, Authority Secretary.
4. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIVITIES – None.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – 6:01 p.m. – No public comments received.
6. BOARD REORGANIZATION

A. Approve Selection of Board Officers for 2026

Director Gòmez MOVED to Nominate and Elect Vice Chair Vonheeder-Leopold as DERWA Chair. Director Govindarao SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FOUR AYES.

Director Chan passed the gavel to Chair Vonheeder-Leopold to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Director Govindarao MOVED to Nominate and Elect Director Gòmez as DERWA Vice Chair. Director Chan SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FOUR AYES.

Director Chan MOVED to Appoint Nicole Genzale as Authority Secretary. Chair Vonheeder-Leopold SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FOUR AYES.

Chair Vonheeder-Leopold presented Director Chan with an engraved journal as a token of DERWA's appreciation for her service as Chair in 2025.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Chair Gòmez MOVED for approval of the items on the Consent Calendar. Director Chan SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FOUR AYES.

- A. Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of December 8, 2025 – Approved
- B. Approve Treasurer's Reports for November 30, and December 31, 2025 – Approved
- C. Approve Quarterly Investment Report for December 31, 2025 – Approved

8. BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Authorize Authority Manager to Finalize and Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Central Contra Costa Sanitary District to Cooperate on the Development of a Long-Term Seasonal Wastewater Diversion Agreement

Authority Manager Housen reviewed the item for the Board. The Board and staff discussed aspects of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the purpose, timing, budget, and partner agency responsibilities for three technical studies that will be conducted in support of the long-term diversion agreement with Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San), including the study agenda as Item 8.B. on this meeting's agenda. Ms. Housen explained that this particular study requires Board approval to contract directly with consultant CDM Smith to conduct the study on Central San's behalf, who cannot take on the effort due to resource constraints. General Counsel Cho noted this study pertains only to Central San's facilities and will not require EBMUD's approval though all partner agencies are collaborating on the broader effort to finalize the long-term agreement. Staff further explained the necessity of conducting the three studies, as they will assess the affected facilities' ability to convey a potential maximum wastewater flow up to 2.7 million gallons per day, providing DERWA a long-sought after source of supplemental supply to meet peak recycled water demands when needed.

The Board and staff also discussed the lapse between the January expiration of the temporary diversion agreement and the proposed MOA, the decreased demand for recycled water during the wintertime lapse, and the prolonged timeline to reach a long-term agreement. They also discussed the possible extension of the proposed MOA's term from one to two years to provide a buffer should additional time be needed. Ms. Housen confirmed the input provided by the Board this evening will be taken into consideration by staff as they finalize the MOA, technical studies, and long-term agreement.

Director Chan MOVED to Approve Resolution No. 26-1, Authorizing and Directing the Authority Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Central Contra Costa Sanitary District to Cooperate on the Development of a Long-Term Seasonal Wastewater Diversion Agreement. Vice Chair Gómez SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FOUR AYES.

B. Authorize Authority Manager to Finalize and Execute Agreement with CDM Smith for Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Evaluation Technical Study

Authority Manager Housen reviewed the item for the Board. The Board and staff discussed that authorizing the Authority Manager to finalize and execute the agreement this evening will alleviate the need for the Board to hold a special Board meeting in the future to approve the finalized agreement.

Director Chan MOVED to Authorize the Authority Manager to Finalize and Execute an Agreement with CDM Smith for Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Evaluation Technical Study. Vice Chair Gómez SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FOUR AYES.

9. STAFF REPORTS

A. Authority Manager Update

Authority Manager Housen supplemented the update included in the packet with responses to questions raised by the Board at the December 8, 2025, Board meeting regarding the Independent Auditors' Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025, presentation:

- What caused the 12% increase in operating revenue in 2025?
Multiple factors contributed to the revenue increase:
 - recycled water rates increased;
 - costs charged to City of Pleasanton increased by approximately 9% (this accounted for the majority of the 12% increase in revenue); and
 - backwash treatment and other operational cost reimbursements.

- Why was a large distribution made to the Member Agencies?
The distribution reported was made in accordance with DERWA policy to distribute funds held in excess of cash fund reserves.

The Board and staff then discussed aspects of the report including fluctuations in recycled water production and how that might impact DERWA’s revenue, as well as DERWA’s ability to serve the ready-to-connect customers. DSRSD Operations Director Gill advised that due to a decrease in demand, the production costs incurred were lower, resulting in DERWA being less expensive to operate. He also confirmed that DERWA currently has adequate supply to serve the ready-to-connect customers and the anticipated supplemental supply provided by the long-term wastewater diversion agreement with Central San would be utilized only on an as-needed basis. Staff also noted to correct the name of ready-to-connect customer Dublin Sports Park to Dublin Sports Grounds.

B. Confirm Next Board Meeting – April 27, 2026

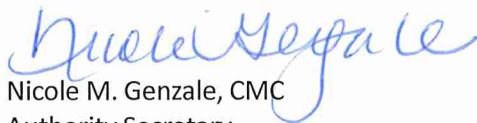
The Board acknowledged the April meeting date and did not request any changes.

10. BOARDMEMBER ITEMS – None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vonheeder-Leopold adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by,



Nicole M. Genzale, CMC
Authority Secretary