



TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP | AUGUST 4, 2025

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Vice President Glenn Acosta, Committee Chair
President Edward Mandich, Committee Member

STAFF PRESENT

Fernando Paludi, General Manager
Michael Perea, Assistant General Manager
Roseann Lejsek, Executive Assistant
Karen Warner, Principal Accountant
Phil Serpas, CMMS/SCADA Administrator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT (REMOTE)

Claire Collins, District General Legal Counsel – Hanson Bridgett, LLP

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice President Acosta called the August 4, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

No visitor participation was received.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

No oral communication was received.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

None

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP

Mr. Paludi presented the Executive Committee Meeting Recap(s) for Committee consideration in accordance with the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommended forwarding this matter to the Board of Directors (Consent Calendar).

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DISCUSSION MATTERS

ITEM 2: BOARD AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR

Mr. Paludi provided a handout that included the following agenda planning items for Committee review and consideration:

August 2025

Annual TCIC Board Meeting – (8/20)

- Appointment of TCIC Treasurer
- Receive/file annual audit report

Annual TCPFA Board Meeting (8/20)

- Appointment of TCPFA Treasurer
- Receive/file annual audit report

Regular Board Meeting – (8/20)

- Approve Contract Renewal with CPS HR for HR Support Services (F/A)
- Award Construction Management Contract for DWTP Pipeline Rehab (E/O*)
- Approve GM Contract Amendment (month to month)
- Discussion regarding Water Fixed Charges (F/A)

*will not be recommended by E/O due to timing; will be brought directly to Board (urgency)

September 2025

Regular Board Meeting – (9/17) – GM Paludi will be on vacation

- Adopt Health Benefit Employer Contribution for 2026 by Resolution (F/A)

October 2025

Regular Board Meeting – (10/15)

- Award Heritage SLS Improvements Construction Contract (E/O)

Other Potential Future Board Items

- Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement (Exec)
- Special Board Meeting on Porter Property Options
- Approve Ridgeline Connection Agreement with IRWD (E/O)
- Special Board Meeting re: Sewer/Recycled Water Systems Overview

Mr. Paludi reported that Hazen and Sawyer is working on the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) and Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) interconnections and water supply analysis.

Discussion occurred regarding next steps with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Ms. Collins stated that once a first draft of the agreement is completed, the full Board may meet in closed session to discuss.

Director Mandich requested that a District Properties Committee meeting be scheduled ahead of the September Regular Board meeting once the consultant's report is complete.

RECOMMENDATION: None – Informational item only.

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OTHER MATTERS

ITEM 3: REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND/OR STAFF

Ms. Collins provided an update on case Patz v. City of San Diego in which an appellate court upheld the lower court's ruling that the City's tiered water rates were not sufficiently justified and violated Proposition 218. Ms. Collins added that due to a newly enacted law, refunds will not be given in this case. Ms. Collins noted that both sides are appealing to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Perea reported that a small wildfire broke out in O'Neill Park on Saturday afternoon but was quickly extinguished by the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA).

RECOMMENDATION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Acosta adjourned the August 4, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting at 4:36 p.m.