



**BELFLOWER-SOMERSET MUTUAL WATER COMPANY  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD DIRECTORS**

**February 24, 2026**

**4:30 P.M.**

**Location: Company Office**

**ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Eric Ikeda, President

Robert Wilson, Vice President

Rick Cook, Director

Ioana Gocan, Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Lenton, General Manager

Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager

Ian Berg, Starting Line Advisory

Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

**ABSENT**

Leo Struiksma, Secretary – Treasurer

**1. Call to Order**

President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at the company office of Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company located at 10016 Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Ikeda led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Invocation**

Director Gocan led the Invocation

**4. Additions to the Agenda**

A. Director Cook requested Artesia Place in executive session

**5. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held January 20, 2026**

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Gocan. The motion was approved by the board; 4-0 to approve the January 20, 2026 board meeting minutes.

**6. Approve Ratification Payment of Bills**

A motion was made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Gocan, to approve the ratification payment of the bills as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 4-0.

**7. Approve Financial Statement**

Ian Berg of Starting Line Advisory presented the Financial Statement including balance sheet for December 2025. A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the Financial Statement as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 4-0.

**8. Public Comment**

Wesley Whitehead asked if the additional monthly board meeting was specifically for Artesia Place. President Ikeda responded, due to necessary regular communication to keep the Artesia project moving forward, the first Monday of the month is designated for a special meeting of the board of directors for Artesia Place held in executive session.

**9. Discussion/Action Items**

**10. Project Updates**

- A. Metrorail: Mr. Lenton informed the board he is waiting on attorney Ed Olivo for an update.
- B. Artesia Place: All discussions were in executive session.
- C. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board the Company recently went out to bid for this project. Three (3) contractors attended the Prebid meeting. Of those three (3), only one (1) was received. Mr. Lenton notified the board the company will be going out to bid in the near future.
- D. AI: Mr. Lenton informed the board there are no updates.

**11. Reports**

- A. Legislative: Mr. Lenton informed the board regarding SB1001 Emergency Response Earthquake. SB827 Training of Board Officers is required for government officials, however this is optional for our board members.

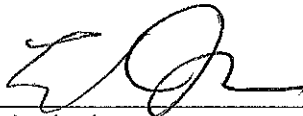
- B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda informed the board, staff is working with Ian Berg on all remaining outstanding accounts payable checks from Farmers & Merchants to close this account.
- C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all samples are good.
- D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): Mr. Lenton notified the board he would be attending a PWAG meeting tomorrow.
- E. Maintenance/Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the board all safety training courses are up to date. The next safety training will take place on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the company office.

**12. Committee Reports**

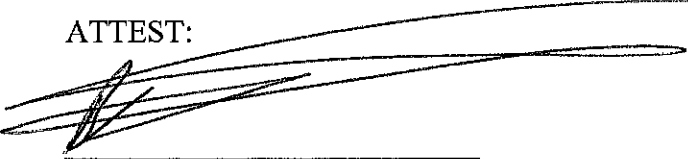
- A. Personnel Committee: None
- B. Finance Committee: None
- C. Real Estate: None
- D. General Managers Comments: Mr. Lenton stated there is an upcoming Cal Mutuals Federal & State Tax Exemption seminar March 18, 2026 at 10:00am that is open for the board to participate. He mentioned he was taking time off Thursday and Friday of this week.

**13. Executive Session- (Operations, Personnel, Real Estate, Legal Matters):**

- 14. Adjournment-** President Ikeda asked if there was any further business to discuss before the Board of Directors. Seeing there was none, a motion was made by Director Wilson and seconded by Director Gocan to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

  
Eric Ikeda  
Board President

ATTEST:

  
Robert Wilson, Vice President