



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

March 16, 2026

4:30 P.M.

Location: Company Office

ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eric Ikeda, President
Robert Wilson, Vice President
Leo Struiksma, Secretary – Treasurer
Rick Cook, Director
Ioana Gocan, Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Lenton, General Manager
Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager
Ian Berg, Starting Line Advisory
Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

1. Call to Order

President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on March 16th 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 Cook led the Invocation

4. Additions to the Agenda

5. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held February 24, 2026

A motion was made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Gocan. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0 to approve the February 24, 2026 board meeting minutes.

6. Approve Ratification Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Struiksma, to approve the ratification payment of the bills as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0.

7. Approve Financial Statement

Ian Berg of Starting Line Advisory presented the Financial Statement including balance sheet for January 2026. A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Struiksma, to approve the Financial Statement as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0.

8. Public Comment

Wesley Whitehead asked how much chemical and treatment has increased from last year to this year. Mr. Lenton stated he would have that information next board meeting.

9. Discussion/Action Items

10. Project Updates

A. Metrorail: Mr. Lenton informed the board he is waiting on attorney Ed Olivo prior to signing agreement.

B. Artesia Place: Mr. Lenton informed the board he received four (4) bids which will be reviewed in the coming weeks. The notification was posted on the company website, and Press Telegram. He will have an update for the board at the next meeting.

C. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board the Company recently went back out to out to bid for this project. He will have an update for the board at the next meeting and anticipates five (5) bids will be received.

D. AI: Mr. Lenton informed the board there are no updates.

11. Reports

A. Legislative: No updates.

B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda informed the board the company will be receiving a reimbursement check from workers compensation and XBP will be introducing

C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all samples are good.

D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): No updates.

E. Maintenance/Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the board all safety training courses are up to date and there are no injuries.

12. Committee Reports

A. Personnel Committee: None

B. Finance Committee: None

C. Real Estate: None

D. General Managers Comments: Mr. Lenton notified the board MET turned back on March 16th, it was temporarily shut down for 10 days for servicing. He invited the board to attend the Cal Mutuals Tax Exemption Seminar on March 18th at 10am and he informed the board of a recent break-in at the warehouse. The police department responded immediately.

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 Struiksma to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.



Eric Ikeda
Board President

ATTEST:



Leo Struiksma, Secretary – Treasurer