

MIDWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 11, 2025

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:02 p.m. with 1st Chair Dora Campos presiding.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call	Dora Campos, 1 st Chair	Present
	Adolfo Ochoa, 2 nd Chair	Present
	Vella Ingram, Director	Present
	Carlos Mendoza, Director	Present
	Rebecca Rodriguez, Director	Present

Others Present:

Barbara Tucci, District Secretary/Manager
Richard Martorello, District Bookkeeper
Gabriel Delgado, Legal Counsel
Garth Pecchinino District Engineer
Salvador Rubio - Public
Raquel Loera - Public

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions/deletions.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Board to Review and Consider Approval of Minutes July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on August 11, 2025.

On the motion from Board member Mendoza, seconded by Board member Ingram, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mendoza, Ochoa, Ingram, Rodriguez, Campos

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

5. Old Business

a. Update on Water Treatment Plant

District Engineer Garth Pecchenino reported that the work in the operations Building continues with the placement of walls, door frames, duct work, wiring and plumbing. The electrical room and wiring to and from it is going on with the placement of control cabinets and control panels. Piping continues in the bay for the treatment package plans and electrical wiring, the chlorine contact chamber The contractor has finished the final coating in the north half of the chamber and is moving into the southern half to finish out the final coating in that section, the structure of the chemical feed/storage is complete with the roof and the siding, placement of feed pumps is going in and wiring for electrical power, along with control wiring for the feed volumes and monitoring of tank levels. Final site grading and the placement of the gravel base is going in to allow the next step

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to place concrete work; curb and gutter, sidewalks, driveways, prior to the placement of the asphalt. Construction continues according to schedule.

b. Update Regarding 20850 Lexington Ave.

Legal Counsel reported to the board that he submitted a letter to Merced County Code Enforcement to take the appropriate efforts to eliminate the issues regarding the threat to public safety and theft of water.

6. New Business

a. Board to Consider Acceptance of Financial/Disbursement July 01,2025 through July 31,2025

The Board reviewed the Financial/Disbursement report. On the motion from Board member Mendoza and seconded by Board member Ingram, the Board unanimously accepted the financial report as presented. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mendoza, Ochoa, Ingram, Rodriguez, Campos

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

b. Board to Consider Payment of Bills

The Board reviewed the bills, on the motion made from Board member Ingram, seconded by Board member Ochoa. The Board unanimously approved payment of the bills presented. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mendoza, Ochoa, Ingram, Rodriguez, Campos

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

c. Board to Consider Adopting Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds from Merced County to LAIF

The Board reviewed the Merced County and the LAIF accounts and discussed the option to transfer funds from the Merced account to the LAIF. On the motion made by Board member Ochoa and seconded by Board member Rodriguez. The Board unanimously approved adopting the Resolution Authorizing Transfer of funds at Merced County and deposit \$150,000 to the Districts account at LAIF. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mendoza, Ochoa, Ingram, Rodriguez, Campos

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

7. Staff Reports

a. Update on Policy Development

Legal counsel Delgado reported that he is developing the policy regarding policies on the can and will serve wait list. He also noted that he is researching possibilities for the district to conditionally approve connections prior to completion of the water treatment plant.

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b. Fire Hydrants

As a result of recent fires in the District over the last several years, questions have been raised regarding the districts fire hydrants and their functional use and if the hydrants are capable to fight an emergency fire, the district has interests in an updated map identifying locations of all the fire hydrants with the purpose to establish a strategic assessment of the working fire hydrants in the district. The District would like to work with the Fire Department to check the fire hydrants and assemble an infrastructure assessment. It is unknown at this time how many fire hydrants are in the District and if all the hydrants function. There are no inspection records in Districts office and can not be determined to say when the last inspections were performed. To move forward on this item, the District would like to

1. Have an updated map of all the fire hydrants located in Midway district boundary,
2. Consider a weed abatement or cleaning program to create access to each fire hydrant,
3. Establish a maintenance/service schedule for each fire hydrant,
4. Identify a fire hydrant maintenance / service provider and/ or partner,
5. Establish an annual maintenance / service reserve for the district's fire hydrant replacement or servicing, and
6. Establish a "chain of responsibility" regarding fire hydrant operation and safety.

c. Utility Billings

Mr. Martorello presented to the Board a report regarding Utility Billing accounts in the District based on a report from the City dated June 2025. The report identifies 440 accounts in the District being billed by the city with each account given one of three service status references: Active, Suspended, or Delete.

- A **delete** account status represents a meter that has been pulled with service shut off.
- A **suspended** account status represents a closed, payment past due account.

A total of 100 accounts have been reported as either DELETE (16; \$1,877.65) or SUSPENDED (84; \$ 7,898.92) that total an unpaid service balance amount of \$9,776.57 through June 2025. Staff will prepare a further analysis of these 100 accounts to determine if applicant deposits have been forfeited previously as partial payment to the outstanding balances reported by the City.

8. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2)

There were no reports

9. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Director Rodriguez, seconded by Director Ingram, the Board unanimously approved adjournment of meeting at 7:15p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Barbara Tucci
Secretary/Manager
Midway Community Service District