

Regular Board Meeting – April 15, 2026

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT: Office Operations

- a. I completed the 2025 Water Use Survey, which was updated from the Public Water System Statistics Form 38 to Google Sheet, and submitted the data electronically to Santa Barbara County Water Agency on March 26th.
- b. The Electronic Annual Report for Calendar Year 2025 was completed and transmitted electronically to SWRCB-DDW District 06 on March 31st. Last year the report was done in 21 hours; this year, Erin Miller, Office Clerk, and I completed the EAR in 24 hours. There are 18 sections of the EAR. The report covers many aspects of the drinking water system and its requirements. Some sections require entries of financial data and calculations.
- c. All monthly and quarterly monitoring reports for the water system have been completed and submitted to SWRCB-DDW.
- d. The new Canon imageFORCE C331F copier was delivered on April 1st, and the old copier was returned the same day.
- e. Akash Bhat of SWRCB-DFA cancelled the Microsoft Teams meeting for updates on the Well No. 4 Construction Project and the Water System Capital Improvements that was scheduled for April 2nd. The next Microsoft Teams meeting will be held on May 7th.
- f. NV5 engineers updated the well profile for the re-design of Well No. 4, following review of lab results and geophysical data and conversations with the driller (Zim Industries, Inc. dba Bakersfield Well & Pump Company). NV5 engineers have projected that construction will likely be completed by August 2026.
- g. I completed renewal of the District’s registration with SAM.gov. To do business with the federal government, entities must register in SAM.gov, obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and maintain accurate, up-to-date information. Last year, registration was required to receive federal payments for fire incidents.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT: Field Operations

- a. Listed below are the lab results for arsenic samples taken in March:

March 10: Well 1	47	Water Plant Effluent	49
March 16:		Water Plant Effluent	3.8
March 17:		Water Plant Effluent	4.2
March 23:		Water Plant Effluent	4.6

The Water Treatment Operator concluded that the arsenic result for “Water Plant Effluent 49” from March 10 was the result of a lab error. The arsenic result for the Water Plant would not exceed the result from Well 1. Subsequent results are in line with those from prior months. In addition, there have been no issues with operations of the ARWTP filter system. I contacted the Client Project Manager at Pace Labs, and I am awaiting a response.

- b. Average water usage increased in March to 108,000 gallons per day.

- c. Field staff made repairs at the WWTP to the pit pump and the headworks. Repairs were also done to the rake cable on the clarifier. The cable came off, and it was reinstalled. New cable was ordered and delivered for its replacement.
- d. Field staff made more repairs to the water line to the meter at 4659 Cebrian Avenue. There was a water leak at the meter at 4773 Cebrian Avenue, and the meter was replaced.
- e. A delivery of 230 gallons of hypochlorite solution 12.5% was delivered to the Water Treatment Plant on March 27th. The last chlorine delivery of 250 gallons was made on January 2nd.
- f. Weed abatement is ongoing at the WTP and WWTP facilities. Field staff sprayed weeds around fire hydrants and air relief valves.
- g. Ingrid Salazar, Water Resource Control Engineer with the SWRCB DDW District 06, is scheduled to perform the Sanitary Survey on May 1st. Mario Cervantes, Sr. will accompany Ms. Salazar. A routine inspection of the drinking water system is part of a Sanitary Survey and includes examining the source, treatment, storage, and pump facilities. In addition to the water system inspection, the Sanitary Survey includes a review of the distribution system, routine monitoring and reporting to the DDW, water system management and operations, and operator compliance with State requirements.
- h. Operations of the water and sewer systems are in good order.