

WEST SLOPE WATER DISTRICT

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Meeting Summary

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chair Andy Smith, Commissioners Chris Eppler, Susan Meamber, and Paul Schuler

Management Staff: Michael Grimm, General Manager; Wendy Irwin, Finance Manager

Absent: Commissioner Ramesh Krishnamurthy

Guest: Ken Ackerman, New General Manager as of April 11, 2026

1.0 – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called to order the meeting of the West Slope Water District Board of Commissioners at 5:01 P.M., Wednesday, March 18, 2026. The meeting was held in person and through Zoom virtual meeting technology. The public was made aware of the meeting through the District’s website (meeting agenda and Zoom link were posted on the website).

2.0 - PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

The District did not receive any public comments regarding agenda items or other issues for the Board to consider.

3.0 – CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Meamber made a motion to accept the entire Consent Agenda consisting of Agenda Items 3.1 through 3.8. Commissioner Eppler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

4.0 - DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

4.1 – General Manager’s Report: Mr. Grimm highlighted some key issues from the General Manager’s report:

Reservoir #4 Project: Mr. Grimm gave a brief summary of the kick-off meeting with Grayling Engineering noting that work had already begun at the site by the GRI surveying staff ... mostly drilling observation potholes to determine the soil type under the proposed reservoir and north bank retaining wall. The permitting subconsultants confirmed that they are anticipating a Type 3 level land use review for the site. It will be made a little easier based on the history of the site and its current use (two existing reservoirs).

Wholesale Water Rates from Portland Water Bureau: Mr. Grimm shared the proposed wholesale water rate increases from the Portland Water Bureau (PWB). For the coming fiscal

year (starting July 1, 2026), the District's wholesale water rate will be \$2.514/CCF. Currently, the District's wholesale water rate is \$2.094/CCF. While this appears that the District will be paying a larger sum of money to the City for wholesale water, the actual expense is projected to be less than the current fiscal year's expense based on only paying for water the District actually uses through the wholesale water meter with the City. Under the current wholesale water sales agreement, the District pays for a guaranteed minimum purchase amount which leaves the District annually paying 20% more water to the City which the District cannot sell to retail customers. The District received a letter from the new Public Utilities Director, Dr. Ting Lu, stating the PWB has requested an extension to bilateral compliance agreement (BCA) between the City and the USEPA / Oregon Health Authority of two years to finish construction on the Bull Run Water Treatment Plant (BRWTP) and comply with the Long Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule for removal / treatment of cryptosporidium. The USEPA has verbally agreed to the extension request, but the BCA has not been officially amended to include the extension request at this time. The extension moves the completion date of the BRWTP from September 2027 to September 2029. From a water rate perspective, the extension means the BRWTP construction costs will be deferred for two years from impact to the wholesale water purchase rates.

Washington County Meetings: Mr. Grimm and Ms. Irwin will meet April 9 with the Washington County LUT staff and the consultants for the Urban Services Framework project funded by the County for what might be the final meeting before the final report is created by the consultants. Future engagements between special districts and the County and the Cities of Tigard and Beaverton will likely continue over how (if at all) the findings of the report will be implemented.

Fracta Demonstration: Mr. Grimm gave a brief demonstration of the latest asset assessment by Fracta showing the Board the asset dashboard and the assessment of each asset in a range of low to high risk, the dashboards and maps of the consequence of asset failure, the likelihood of failure, and the total business risk exposure. Overall, it is encouraging to see the efforts the District has made to solidify the distribution system with capital improvement projects and a commitment to operation and maintenance tasks to maintain the distribution system reflected in the Fracta assessment (an increasing amount of "low risk assets").

4.2 – Finance Manager's Report: Ms. Irwin briefly gave an update on the budget development process which is nearing completion and unveiled the enhanced Finance Manager's monthly report which provides an executive summary of the month's financial position, a new graphical presentation of actual vs. budget revenue and expenditures, an enhanced detailed tabulation of the General Fund actuals vs. budget expenditures, and a status view of the District's four reserve funds. The consensus of the Board was that the new format provided great detail in an easy to process format and thanked Ms. Irwin for creating the new format.

5.0 – COMMISSIONERS COMMUNICATIONS

No Commissioner attended any outside meetings. There were no suggestions for additional topics for this meeting or future meeting agenda items. The consensus of the Board was that the meeting went well and very efficient today.

6.0 – ADJOURNMENT

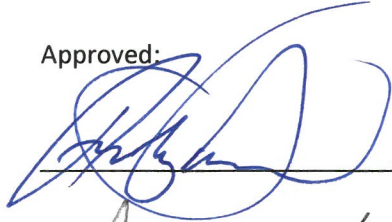
There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Member made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schuler seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously (3-0). Chair Smith adjourned the March 18, 2026 meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 5:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Ackerman

Ken Ackerman, P.E.
Acting Secretary

Approved:



Susan Mearns

