WEST SLOPE WATER DISTRICT

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting & Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Meeting Summary

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chair Andy Smith (arrived at 5:20 PM), Commissioners Chris Eppler, Susan Meamber, Ramesh Krishnamurthy and Paul Schuler

Management Staff: Ken Ackerman, General Manager

Absent: None

Guest: Michael Grimm, Retired General Manager

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1.0 – CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Eppler called to order the meeting of the West Slope Water District Board of Commissioners at 5:00 PM, Wednesday, June 17, 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 Schuler moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Krishnamurthy seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

4.0 – BUDGET HEARING

Commissioner Eppler temporarily suspended the regular meeting and called to order the Budget Hearing at 5:03 PM. The Budget Hearing began at 5:03 PM.

Commissioner Eppler read Resolution #03-2026 adopting the West Slope Water District's Budget of $16,382,000. The budget is on file at 3105 SW 89th Ave Portland, OR.

Commissioner Schuler moved to approve Resolution Adopting #03-2026, Commissioner Meamber seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

No public comments were received either in person or online.

Commissioner Schuler moved to close the Budget Hearing. Commissioner Meamber seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Budget Meeting Adjourned at 5:06 PM

5.0 - DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

5.1 Review of Former General Manager's Exit Interview

Mr. Grimm noted that the Board received his exit interview, prepared by Judy Clark of Team HR, LLC, in May. He stated that the interview discussed accomplishments during his tenure, recommendations for the future, and advice for the new General Manager and Board members. Mr. Grimm stated that he had not received any feedback from the Board regarding his departure and wanted to know whether there was anything he should have been aware of prior to leaving the District.

Commissioner Schuler commented that he had been traveling during Mr. Grimm's final months with the District. He recalled discussing attendance at the staff retirement luncheon but noted that it was intended to be a staff only event.

Commissioner Meamber stated that several dates had been discussed but none worked. Mr. Grimm responded that he had said it was intended to be a staff-only lunch and that he did not want any special recognition.

Commissioner Eppler stated that he was surprised by Mr. Grimm's comments because he believed the Board had maintained a positive working relationship throughout Mr. Grimm's tenure and had frequently expressed appreciation for his service. He acknowledged that a more formal conclusion to Mr. Grimm's tenure may have been appropriate and wished him well in retirement.

Mr. Grimm stated that he was not seeking a lunch or dinner but had hoped for an opportunity to meet with the Board similar to the transition discussion held with the previous General Manager. He indicated that he wanted to share this feedback with the Board and emphasized that he held no animosity regarding his retirement.

5.2 – General Manager's Report: Mr. Ackerman highlighted some key issues from the General Manager's report:

The Reservoir #4 Project continues to advance through the design phase. The District was notified that the recommendations for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program had been released. The District was not recommended for funding, primarily due to affordability scoring. An early assistance meeting with the City of Portland is anticipated in August or September.

Sharon/Canyon – Six proposals were received for the Sharon/Canyon Project and are pending review.

City of Beaverton – City is taking lead on agreement on boundary later this fall.

The Consumer Confidence Report has been completed. Printed copies are available in the District office lobby. Notification postcards will be mailed shortly, and the District expects to complete state certification by early July.

In-N-Out – During construction, previously unidentified water services were discovered along the Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway frontage. The services were property abounded and marked on current system maps.

SDAO – Commissioners Meamber, Eppler, and Schuler completed the required SDAO training.

5.3- Finance Manager's Report: Ms. Irwin was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Ackerman stated that revenues continue to trend below budget, but water demand exceeded 2 MG per day during the previous two days. And June billing information has not been received. Water purchases from the City were approximately four million gallons below budgeted projections for May.

5.4 Budget Transfer for Professional Fee's (Resolution #04-2026)

Commissioner Smith moved approval of Resolution #04-2026, Commissioner Krishnamurthy seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

5.5 Board of Commissioners- Officer Roles

Commissioner Eppler stated that, consistent with the District's tradition of annually rotating Board officer positions, Commissioner Eppler will serve as Chair, Commissioner Schuler as Treasurer, and Commissioner Meamber as Secretary, effective July 1. Commissioner Eppler will be out in July so Commissioner Smith will lead the July meeting.

5.6 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan IGA

Mr. Ackerman explained that Washington County adopted a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2023 and is currently updating the plan for the 2028 planning cycle. The District was not part of the 2023 plan and has now joined. Commissioner Krishnamurthy asked about costs for the District, it is a total of $2,400. Mr. Grimm noted that participation in the plan would help maintain eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance funding. Mr. Ackerman stated that Washington County and 17 participating jurisdictions are sharing the cost of the plan update. Mr. Ackerman estimated that participation would require approximately one hour per month over the next two years.

Commissioner Meamber moved to authorize the General Manager signing the IGA when completed by Washington County, Commissioner Schuler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

6.0 – COMMISSIONERS COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Commissioner Schuler reported on the June 3 Consortium meeting and noted that he had distributed a meeting summary.

There were no suggestions for additional topics for this meeting or future meeting agenda items. The consensus of the Board was that the meeting was productive and conducted efficiently.

7.0 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Meamber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schuler seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously (5-0). Chair Eppler adjourned the June 17 2026, meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved:

Ken Ackerman, P.E.
Acting Secretary