



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DEL PASO MANOR WATER DISTRICT**

MINUTES

**June 18, 2024 6:00 PM
1817 Maryal Drive, Suite 300, Sacramento 95864**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Dolk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: Vice President Carl Dolk, Bob Matteoli, Gwynne Pratt, and David Ross

Vacant Position: One Vacant Position

Staff Present: General Manager Adam Coyan
Office Manager Victoria Hoppe
Assistant Legal Counsel Lauren Bernadette

A quorum of the Board was present.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Members may pull an item from the agenda.

Director Pratt made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Ross. The agenda was adopted on a 4 Yes/0 No/1 Vacancy vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA The Board of Directors welcomes participation at these meetings. Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board that are not posted on the agenda may be addressed by the public, California law prohibits the Board from acting on any matter which is not on the posted agenda, unless the members determines that it is an emergency or other situation specified in Government Code Section 54954.2. Public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per individual. Please make your comments directly to the DPMWD Chair. Comments will be accepted via teleconference and in writing.

Due to a Special Meeting of the Board, there was no Public Comment taken.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items under Consent Calendar will be considered together by one action of the Board, any Member or members of the public may request that an item be removed and considered separately.

There were no Consent Calendar items to consider.

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no Public Hearing items to consider.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business items to consider.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 8.A: Calling A General District Election and Requesting Consolidation with The Statewide General Election

(6:03 pm)

General Manager Coyan presented the staff report and Assistant Legal Counsel Bernadette fielded inquiries from the Board.

Vice President Dolk called for public comment.

Carol Rose provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Kathy Lauer provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Cindy Leidahl provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Seeing no further comments, Vice President Dolk closed public comment.

Director Pratt made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-0618. The motion was seconded by Director Ross. The motion was approved on a 4 Yes/0 No/1 Vacancy vote.

Item 8.B: Rate Freeze

(6:10 pm)

General Manager Coyan presented the staff report and fielded inquiries from the Board.

Director Matteoli provided documentation regarding a cost-of-living article, which was entered into the record.

General discussion and inquiry ensued amongst the Board.

Vice President Dolk called for public comment.

Trish Harrington provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Carol Rose provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Roy Wilson provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Cindy Leidahl provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Seeing no further comments, Vice President Dolk closed public comment.

Direction was provided to staff to research the matter and return for discussion on the July 2 Agenda.

9. FIELD REPORT: Verbal report

Item 9.A: Field Report on Current and Upcoming Projects

There were no Field Report items to report.

10. DIRECTOR REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Verbal report
Each Board Member will have 5 minutes to report out on all associated committees

There were no Director Reports to report.

11. GENERAL MANAGERS COMMENTS: Verbal report

There were not General Manager comments to report.

12. CLOSED SESSION:

There were no Closed Session items to consider.

13. DIRECTORS COMMENTS: Verbal information, non-action comments.

Vice President Dolk announced this was Assistant Legal Counsel Bernadette's last meeting, thanked her for her dedication and hard work, and wished her well with her next endeavors.

14. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS: Directors can suggest topics they would like on future agendas

There were no Future Agenda Requests to consider.

15. ADJOURNMENT: Next Regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 05, 2024

Director Pratt made a motion to adjourn. Director Matteoli seconded the motion. There being no further business, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVAL:



Carl Dolk, Vice President of the Board

ATTEST:



Norma I. Alley, MMC, Clerk of the Board

The attached was
submitted to be included
in the June 18, 2024
meeting minutes by
Director Matteoli

It has not been reviewed or
approved by the full Board.

Cost of Living in Sacramento

Compare Sacramento, CA with:

Summary of cost of living in Sacramento, CA, United States:

- A family of four estimated monthly costs are **5,021.1\$** without rent (using our estimator).
- A single person estimated monthly costs are **1,449.9\$** without rent.


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Comparisons improve with every new data that you enter.
Do you live in Sacramento, CA? Tell us some prices in Sacramento.



Restaurants















	 Edit	Range
Meal, Inexpensive Restaurant	20.00 \$	15.00 - 25.00
Meal for 2 People, Mid-range Restaurant, Three-course	77.50 \$	45.00 - 100.00
McMeal at McDonalds (or Equivalent Combo Meal)	12.00 \$	8.99 - 14.00
Domestic Beer (1 pint draught)	8.00 \$	6.00 - 14.00
Imported Beer (12 oz small bottle)	8.00 \$	6.42 - 10.00
Cappuccino (regular)	5.50 \$	3.50 - 7.00
Coke/Pepsi (12 oz small bottle)	2.73 \$	2.00 - 3.00
Water (12 oz small bottle)	2.05 \$	1.99 - 4.00

Markets

	 Edit	Range
Milk (regular), (1 gallon)	5.11 \$	3.45 - 6.49
Loaf of Fresh White Bread (1 lb)	4.25 \$	1.99 - 5.50
Rice (white), (1 lb)	2.39 \$	1.50 - 3.00
Eggs (regular) (12)	4.47 \$	1.99 - 5.00
Local Cheese (1 lb)	6.69 \$	3.86 - 12.00
Chicken Fillets (1 lb)	6.53 \$	3.98 - 11.00
Beef Round (1 lb) (or Equivalent Back Leg Red Meat)	8.67 \$	6.99 - 12.00
Apples (1 lb)	2.56 \$	1.49 - 5.00
Banana (1 lb)	0.95 \$	0.78 - 2.99
Oranges (1 lb)	2.31 \$	1.00 - 4.00
Tomato (1 lb)	3.27 \$	2.00 - 3.99
Potato (1 lb)	1.48 \$	0.55 - 2.50
Onion (1 lb)	2.03 \$	0.99 - 2.39
Lettuce (1 head)	2.68 \$	1.49 - 3.50
Water (1.5 liter bottle)	2.22 \$	1.50 - 3.00
Bottle of Wine (Mid-Range)	14.00 \$	6.99 - 20.00
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter bottle)	1.73 \$	1.27 - 1.79
Imported Beer (12 oz small bottle)	1.58 \$	1.19 - 1.80
Cigarettes 20 Pack (Marlboro)	10.57 \$	10.00 - 12.00


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
	 Edit	Range
One-way Ticket (Local Transport)	2.50 \$	2.50 - 3.00
Monthly Pass (Regular Price)	100.00 \$	100.00 - 100.00
Taxi Start (Normal Tariff)	4.00 \$	4.00 - 4.00
Taxi 1 mile (Normal Tariff)	3.00 \$	3.00 - 3.00
Taxi 1 hour Waiting (Normal Tariff)	27.69 \$	27.69 - 27.69

Gasoline (1 gallon)	4.99 \$	4.40	. 5.89
Volkswagen Golf 1.4 90 KW Trendline (Or Equivalent New Car)	35,000.00 \$	28,000.00	. 36,753.89
Toyota Corolla Sedan 1.6l 97kW Comfort (Or Equivalent New Car)	26,698.64 \$	26,897.27	. 31,000.00
 Utilities (Monthly)	 Edit		
Basic (Electricity, Heating, Cooling, Water, Garbage) for 915 sq ft Apartment	386.03 \$	220.00	. 677.00
Mobile Phone Monthly Plan with Calls and 10GB+ Data	65.33 \$	43.00	. 90.00
Internet (60 Mbps or More, Unlimited Data, Cable/ADSL)	75.76 \$	51.00	. 130.00
 Sports And Leisure	 Edit		
Fitness Club, Monthly Fee for 1 Adult	64.67 \$	23.08	. 85.00
Tennis Court Rent (1 Hour on Weekend)	30.00 \$	30.00	. 30.00
Cinema, International Release, 1 Seat	12.00 \$	10.00	. 15.00
 Childcare	 Edit		
Preschool (or Kindergarten), Full Day, Private, Monthly for 1 Child	2,213.75 \$	1,400.00	. 4,000.00
International Primary School, Yearly for 1 Child	25,500.00 \$	21,000.00	. 30,000.00
 Clothing And Shoes	 Edit		
1 Pair of Jeans (Levis 501 Or Similar)	53.00 \$	25.00	. 69.00
1 Summer Dress in a Chain Store (Zara, H&M, ...)	63.33 \$	11.00	. 75.00
1 Pair of Nike Running Shoes (Mid-Range)	106.50 \$	65.00	. 129.00
1 Pair of Men Leather Business Shoes	178.75 \$	100.00	. 350.00
 Rent Per Month	 Edit		
Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre	2,159.29 \$	1,600.00	. 3,000.00
Apartment (1 bedroom) Outside of Centre	1,654.33 \$	1,250.00	. 2,250.00
Apartment (3 bedrooms) in City Centre	3,291.67 \$	2,850.00	. 3,700.00
Apartment (3 bedrooms) Outside of Centre	2,856.62 \$	2,100.00	. 4,000.00
 Buy Apartment Price	 Edit		
Price per Square Feet to Buy Apartment in City Centre	403.00 \$	379.51	. 450.00
Price per Square Feet to Buy Apartment Outside of Centre	371.69 \$	345.04	. 425.00
 Salaries And Financing	 Edit		
Average Monthly Net Salary (After Tax)	4,970.30 \$		
Mortgage Interest Rate in Percentages (%), Yearly, for 20 Years Fixed-Rate	6.64	6.19	. 6.80

Prices in Sacramento, California

This city had 440 entries in the past 12 months by 71 different contributors.
Last update: June 2024

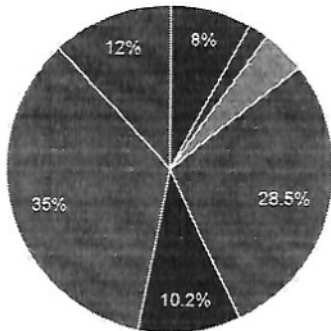
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Nearby cities:

Cost of Living in Stockton, California	49.83 miles
Cost of Living in Modesto, California	75.46 miles
Cost of Living in Oakland, California	80.56 miles
Cost of Living in San Francisco, California	86.34 miles
Cost of Living in Chico, California	86.82 miles
Cost of Living in Santa Rosa, California	90.41 miles
Cost of Living in Fremont, California	104.72 miles
Cost of Living in San Jose, California	115.99 miles
Cost of Living in Gardnerville, Nevada	128.71 miles
Cost of Living in Reno, Nevada	131.95 miles

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Average Monthly
CA Utility (2021 & 2022)

Electricity	\$124
Gas	\$ 63
Cable & Internet	\$117
Mobile Phone	\$ 65
Internet	\$ 76
With/Package	\$150
Water	\$ 76

Sac Utilities Monthly \$100

Approx. Water Rates: Spring 2024

SSWE ¾-in	\$68.30
DPMWD 1-in	\$80.03
SSWD 1-in	\$80.45
(SSWD 1to¾ Difference: ~\$12.00)	
(SSWD Rate Increase Due 2025-26)	

Other Expenses

1-Cappuccino	\$ 5
1-Gal of milk	\$ 5
1-Kids Meal	\$ 7
1-lb of Cheese	\$ 9
1-Combo Meal	\$12
1-Movie Ticket	\$12
1-Hair Cut	\$12
1-lb rib-eye	\$12
1-Bottle of wine	\$14
1-Inexpensive meal	\$19
2-Combo Meals	\$24
1-Ice Cream Cake	\$27
3-Combo Meals	\$36
10 Gal of gas	\$45
2 people, 3 course meal	\$75
2-Fancy Mex Dinners & 1-Desert	\$50
2-Half rib plate w/beans & 2 Arnold Palmers	\$60

Achievements

- Automated Billing
- Web Site
- Board room now wired for zoom
- Hired an accountant
- Hired an independent meeting moderator who provides minutes
- Passed The 218
- Achieved Automated Interties
- Secured A Mutual Aid Agreement
- Hired an Engineering Firm who identified needed short term and long-term projects and prioritized those projects.

FACTOR	CONSISTENCY
The district has one or more documented chronic service provisions deficiencies that substantially deviate from industry or trade association standards or other government regulations and its board or management is not actively engaged in efforts to remediate the documented service deficiencies.	The 2022 MSR together with the MSR Addendum demonstrate that the district is deviating from industry standards and California regulations. This is also supported by other studies. The Board's method of remediating the documented deficiencies has not adequately resolved the deficits.
The district spent public funds in an unlawful or reckless manner inconsistent with the principal act or other statute governing the district and has not taken any action to prevent similar future spending	District is in good standing
The district has shown willful neglect by failing to consistently adhere to the California Public Records Act and other public disclosure laws to which the agency is subject.	District is in good standing
The district has failed to meet the minimum number of times required in its principal act in the prior calendar year and has taken no action to remediate the failures to ensure future meetings are conducted on a timely basis.	District is in good standing
The district has consistently failed to perform timely audits in the prior three years, or failed to meet minimum financial requirements over the prior five years as an alternative to performing an audit.	District is in good standing
The district's recent annual audits show chronic issues with the district's fiscal controls and the district has taken no action to remediate the issues.	District is in good standing

Noam Chomsky - "10 strategies of manipulation" by the media

Renowned critic and always MIT linguist Noam Chomsky, one of the classic voices of intellectual dissent in the last decade, has compiled a list of the ten most common and effective strategies resorted to by the agendas "hidden" to establish a manipulation of the population through the media.

Historically the media have proven highly efficient to mold public opinion. Thanks to the media paraphernalia and propaganda, have been created or destroyed social movements, justified wars, tempered financial crisis, spurred on some other ideological currents, and even given the phenomenon of media as producers of reality within the collective psyche.

But how to detect the most common strategies for understanding these psychosocial tools which, surely, we participate? Fortunately Chomsky has been given the task of synthesizing and expose these practices, some more obvious and more sophisticated, but apparently all equally effective and, from a certain point of view, demeaning. Encourage stupidity, promote a sense of guilt, promote distraction, or construct artificial problems and then magically, solve them, are just some of these tactics.

1. The strategy of distraction

The primary element of social control is the strategy of distraction which is to divert public attention from important issues and changes determined by the political and economic elites, by the technique of flood or flooding continuous distractions and insignificant information. distraction strategy is also essential to prevent the public interest in the essential knowledge in the area of the science, economics, psychology, neurobiology and cybernetics.

"Maintaining public attention diverted away from the real social problems, captivated by matters of no real importance. Keep the public busy, busy, busy, no time to think, back to farm and other animals (quote from text Silent Weapons for Quiet War)."

2. Create problems, then offer solutions

This method is also called "problem -reaction- solution. "It creates a problem, a "situation" referred to cause some reaction in the audience, so this is the principal of the steps that you want to accept. For example: let it unfold and intensify urban violence, or arrange for bloody attacks in order that the public is the applicant's security laws and policies to the detriment of freedom. Or: create an economic crisis to accept as a necessary evil retreat of social rights and the dismantling of public services.

3. The gradual strategy

acceptance to an unacceptable degree, just apply it gradually, dropper, for consecutive years. That is how they radically new socioeconomic conditions (neoliberalism) were imposed during the 1980s and 1990s: the minimal state, privatization, precariousness, flexibility, massive unemployment, wages, and do not guarantee a decent income, so many changes that have brought about a revolution if they had been applied once.

4. The strategy of deferring

Another way to accept an unpopular decision is to present it as "painful and necessary", gaining public acceptance, at the time for future application. It is easier to accept that a future sacrifice of immediate slaughter. First, because the effort is not used immediately. Then, because the public, masses, is always the tendency to expect naively that "everything will be better tomorrow" and that the sacrifice required may be avoided. This gives the public more time to get used to the idea of change and accept it with resignation when the time comes.

5. Go to the public as a little child

Most of the advertising to the general public uses speech, argument, people and particularly

children's intonation, often close to the weakness, as if the viewer were a little child or a mentally deficient. The harder one tries to deceive the viewer look, the more it tends to adopt a tone infantilising. Why? "If one goes to a person as if she had the age of 12 years or less, then, because of suggestion, she tends with a certain probability that a response or reaction also devoid of a critical sense as a person 12 years or younger (see Silent Weapons for Quiet War)."

6. Use the emotional side more than the reflection

Making use of the emotional aspect is a classic technique for causing a short circuit on rational analysis , and finally to the critical sense of the individual. Furthermore, the use of emotional register to open the door to the unconscious for implantation or grafting ideas , desires, fears and anxieties , compulsions, or induce behaviors ...

7. Keep the public in ignorance and mediocrity

Making the public incapable of understanding the technologies and methods used to control and enslavement. "The quality of education given to the lower social classes must be the poor and mediocre as possible so that the gap of ignorance it plans among the lower classes and upper classes is and remains impossible to attain for the lower classes (See ' Silent Weapons for Quiet War)."

8. To encourage the public to be complacent with mediocrity

Promote the public to believe that the fact is fashionable to be stupid, vulgar and uneducated...

9. Self-blame Strengthen

To let individual blame for their misfortune, because of the failure of their intelligence, their abilities, or their efforts. So, instead of rebelling against the economic system, the individual autodesvalida and guilt, which creates a depression, one of whose effects is to inhibit its action. And, without action, there is no revolution!

10. Getting to know the individuals better than they know themselves

Over the past 50 years, advances of accelerated science has generated a growing gap between public knowledge and those owned and operated by dominant elites. Thanks to biology, neurobiology and applied psychology, the "system" has enjoyed a sophisticated understanding of human beings, both physically and psychologically. The system has gotten better acquainted with the common man more than he knows himself. This means that, in most cases, the system exerts greater control and great power over individuals, greater than that of individuals about themselves.

3120.1.1 Requests by individual Directors for substantive information and/or research from District staff will be channeled exclusively through the General Manager.

3120.1.2 The General Manager shall be responsible for providing the requested information and shall make all information equally available to all Directors.

3120.1.3 If writings are distributed to a majority of the Board in connection with an agenda item, those writings shall be made available to the public in the manner required by law.

3120.2 Meeting Decorum:

3120.2.1 Directors shall at all times conduct themselves with courtesy to each other, to staff, and to members of the audience present at Board meetings.

3120.2.2 Directors shall defer to the President or, if absent, the presiding officer for conduct of meetings of the Board, but shall be free to question and discuss items on the agenda. All comments should be brief and confined to the matter being discussed by the Board.

3120.2.3 Directors may request for inclusion into the meeting minutes brief comments pertinent to an agenda item only at the meeting that item is discussed (including, if desired, a position on abstention or dissenting vote).

3120.3 Abstentions and Failure to Vote:

Directors should not abstain from the Board's decision-making responsibilities unless a personal or financial conflict of interest exists. Directors abstaining due to a disqualifying conflict of interest will not be counted as part of a quorum and will be considered absent for the purposes of determining the outcome of a vote on the matter. Directors who fail to vote in the absence of a declared conflict of interest will be counted as part of a quorum and in effect consent that a majority of the quorum will determine the outcome of a vote on the matter.

POLICY NUMBER 3125: Training, Education and Conferences

3125.1 Members of the Board of Directors are encouraged to attend educational conferences, seminars, trainings, and professional meetings when the purpose of any such activity is to improve District operation. Unless otherwise restricted by the Director Compensation and Travel Allowance Policy, there is no limit as to the number of Directors attending a particular activity when it is apparent that attendance is beneficial to the District, as long as a majority of the members of a body do not discuss issues related to their local agency's business. Directors shall not attend conference or training events at District expense when it is apparent that there is no significant benefit to the District. Directors shall not attend or engage in any tour or journey for pleasure at public expense