

The Minutes of the regular monthly Board Meeting of the L.A. Water Cooperative held April 23, 2026, at the Gaston Fire Hall.

Board Members Present: Linda Fountain, Dave McAdams, Mike Grivas, Terry Wymore, Stephen Claire and Joel Mulkey

Board Members absent: Amber Morgan, Ted Leach and Joe Kuran

Staff Present: Jason Bayne and Toni Hodgkins

Staff Absent: Matt Jackson and Austin Grothe

The meeting of the L.A. Water Cooperative was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mike Grivas

Regular Business

1. Secretary's report: The minutes of the March 2026 Board meeting were presented in writing.
Motion to approve by Dave McAdams. Seconded by Joel Mulkey voted and passed.
2. Treasurer's report
Motion to approve by Linda Fountain. Seconded by Terry Wymore, voted and passed.
3. Business Manger report
Motion to approve by Dave McAdams. Seconded by Joel Mulkey, voted and passed.
4. Operations Manager report
Motion to approve by Joel Mulkey. Seconded by Dave McAdams, voted and passed.

Old Business

1. Toni Hodgkins is waiting for a response from Schroeder Law on the process of placing a lien on properties with past due balances. Toni Hodgkins is to report back to the Board at the May Board meeting, with a summarization of the lien process, and if it something that the Cooperative can do without an attorney. With regard to the account RVS 966, Dave McAdams moved to file the lien based on Toni Hodgkins' recommendation with the Cooperative's policy being to include all related costs. Seconded by Linda Fountain. Voted and passed.
2. Jason Bayne to coordinate with Schroeder Law regarding a correspondence to the Wilsons' legal counsel. It will provide notice of the proposal of the installation of a 4" HDPE line through the existing 6" pipeline, with the express stipulation that the homeowner shall be held responsible for all project-related expenses. Jason Bayne to put in the bypass. In the future, all easements should include the cost of attorney fees are payment by the property owner. Also noted, the Cooperative needs to assess their liability if the line breaks.
3. Back flow policy and member letter
Motion by Dave McAdams to adopt the updated Backflow Prevention Policy as presented and authorize the distribution of the formal notification letter to the membership regarding the mandatory installation of backflow prevention devices. Seconded by Linda Fountian, voted and passed.
4. Water loss
 - a. Jason Bayne to a Wismer Dairy usage to the water loss report

- b. Toni Hodgkins to add a post on the Cooperative's Facebook asking members to keep a watch out for puddles of water, greener grass in areas near pipelines as this could indicate a leak throughout the dry season
 - c. Jason Bayne to create a Pipeline Replacement Plan for proposal to the Board.
- 5. Laurelwood User Co-op
 - a. Mike Grivas is to work with staff and create a plan for assessing options with the Laurelwood User Co-op.
- 6. Budget

Motion by Dave McAdams to accept the 2026 Budget as presented. Seconded by Linda Fountian, voted and passed.

New Business

- 1. Lance & Delina Morgan
 - a. Jason Bayne to discuss with our attorney Moore & Welliver regarding the obligation/liability to LA Water Cooperative if we reach out to the Morgans directly. If allowed, Mike Grivas will accompany Jason Bayne to the visit of the Morgans residence.
 - b. Toni Hodgkins to respond to Morgan's attorney informing them that we will install a meter on the south side of the driveway parallel to Springhill Rd, but this action or letter is not an admission of guilt.

2. Employee Payday

Motion by Joel Mulkey to move employee pay day from every other Tuesday to every other Thursday. Seconded by Stephen Claire, voted and passed.

3. Leak Credit- RVS 745: Robert Roe

Motion by Dave McAdams to approve the leak credit of \$729.00 for RVS 745, Robert Roe. Seconded by Terry Wymore, voted and passed.

4. Google Business

Motion by Linda Fountian to upgrade our Google Business Plan from Starter to Standard. Seconded by Joel Mulkey, voted and passed.

5. Poppy Drive

- a. Toni Hodgkins will draft a new policy to give the Business Manager the authority to approve account credits up to a set amount. The goal is to allow these smaller credits to be handled internally rather than requiring a Board vote every time.

6. Treasurer Proposal

Dave McAdams proposed to Invest proceeds of Barclays CD coming due on May 26, 2026 (\$212,0000) into a CD/TB in the amount of approximately \$212,000 coming due in November/December 2026. Transfer \$20,000.00 from Cetera Flex- Insured into Hertitage Bank (1350). Motion to approve by Linda Fountain. Seconded by Terry Wymore, voted and passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Joel Mulkey. Seconded by Linda Fountian, voted and passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

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Antonia Hodgkins	Date
Business Manager	

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Linda Fountain	Date
Board of Directors, Secretary	