South Fork Water Board **August 26, 2026**
Meeting Minutes
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GENERAL BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Bialostosky called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

ROLL CALL
Present: Rory Bialostosky, Chair, West Linn Mayor; Denyse McGriff, Vice Chair, Oregon City Mayor; Carol Bryck, West Linn Councilor; Rocky Smith, Oregon City Commissioner; Mary Baumgardner, West Linn Councilor; Mike Mitchell, Oregon City Commissioner (arrived after Consent Agenda)

Excused: None.

Staff Present: Wyatt Parno, Chief Executive Officer (CEO); Christa Britton, Business Manager; Mark Cage, Operations Manager; Sebastian Dirringer, Capital Projects Manager

Others Present: Brian Murphy, CDM Smith

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approve minutes of July 22, 2026 Board Meeting
Board Member Baumgardner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Board Member Bryck seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 0. (Ayes: Smith, Bryck, Baumgardner, McGriff, Bialostosky; Nays: None.)

Board Member Mitchell joined the meeting via Zoom at this time.

RESOLUTION 26-02 – ADOPTING A FIVE-YEAR WATER RATE PLAN
CEO Parno presented the Staff report for Resolution 26-02, which implements the Board's prior direction to proceed with Scenario 2 from the financial model prepared by LRB Public Finance Advisors as the basis for a five-year water rate plan. He noted that the rate plan supports the Long-Term Water Reliability Program and will be regularly reviewed as water usage, project costs, sequencing, inflation, and other conditions evolve. He confirmed that Scenario 2 begins at $0.79 per CCF, with subsequent smaller rate adjustments.

Board Member Bryck noted that establishing the five-year plan provides financial stability and would support South Fork when issuing bonds and working with rating agencies.

Vice Chair McGriff moved to approve Resolution 26-02, adopting a Five-Year Water Rate Plan. Board Member Baumgardner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Baumgardner, Smith, Bryck, Mitchell, McGriff, Bialostosky.
Nays: None.
Motion Carried: 6 to 0.

LONG-TERM WATER RELIABILITY PROGRAM RESOLUTION
CEO Parno presented the draft Long-Term Water Reliability Program Resolution, which memorializes the Board's direction and governance over the program and establishes a durable framework for its implementation over approximately the next 15 years, while allowing the program to evolve through planning and design.

Board members supported memorializing the program to document the Board's intent and provide continuity for future boards. With no recommended changes to the draft, the Board agreed to proceed with adoption rather than bring the resolution back at a future meeting.

Board Member Baumgardner moved to adopt Resolution 26-03, establishing the Long-Term Water Reliability Program. Vice Chair McGriff seconded the motion.

Ayes: Baumgardner, Smith, Bryck, Mitchell, McGriff, Bialostosky.
Nays: None.
Motion Carried: 6 to 0.

Vice Chair McGriff followed up on a question sent previously to CEO Parno regarding South Fork's contingency plan should access to the Clackamas River be interrupted. **CEO Parno** noted that South Fork does not currently have an alternative source capable of meeting summer demand and that additional connections would require significant funding and infrastructure development. He discussed potential alternatives that have been discussed regionally, including a Willamette River intertie and aquifer storage and recovery. He also noted increasing state and regional awareness of long-term water supply concerns.

Board Member Bryck noted that a former intertie between Portland and Clackamas River Water could potentially be restored and that existing regional capacity and interconnections may provide additional options during lower-demand periods.

Vice Chair McGriff discussed recent examples of water supply challenges and changing water sources in other communities, noting increased attention to water issues nationally. **CEO Parno** referenced related discussions from the ACE conference regarding the broader impacts of groundwater use and reiterated that water supply will be an increasingly important issue.

CLACKAMAS RIVER INTAKE EMERGENCY PROW REPAIR

CEO Parno shared that the Board was notified in June that South Fork would use emergency procurement authority to complete repairs to the Clackamas River intake prow before higher winter river flows returned and noted Capital Projects Manager Dirringer had coordinated the procurement, funding, and repair work.

Capital Projects Manager Dirringer presented the Clackamas River Intake Emergency Prow Repair via PowerPoint, reviewing project milestones, flood damage and debris removal, repair and resiliency improvements, and funding. He noted the debris removal was complete, and construction was approximately halfway finished. The upstream prow repair included replacing damaged timber with steel sheeting to improve resiliency, along with improvements for future inspection and maintenance. Insurance will cover debris removal and repair-in-kind costs, while FEMA will reimburse 75% of eligible project costs, including resiliency improvements and other eligible expenses. South Fork is responsible for the remaining 25%, estimated at approximately $50,000. Existing capital funding is available, although a budget adjustment may be brought back later in the fiscal year once final costs are known.

CEO Parno confirmed that construction was coordinated to avoid street closures and minimize impacts to neighboring properties. He also emphasized the importance of continuing to build contractor relationships and interest in future South Fork Water capital projects.

The Board consented to move the Executive Session to after the regular meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE CEO

1. Operations & Maintenance Update
   Operations Manager Cage provided an operations and maintenance update, noting that the gate security system was nearing completion, facility surge protection had been installed, and preparations were underway for lagoon cleaning beginning in September. He also reported on intake cleaning and maintenance activities, including work to address spider webs affecting pump ventilation systems.

2. Capital Projects Update
   Capital Projects Manager Dirringer provided an update on the Water Quality Systems Building, reporting that the project was scheduled for a September 1 bid opening and had generated strong contractor interest. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2026 with completion in fall 2028. He added that American Iron and Steel provisions were included in the project specifications to allow eligible costs to be submitted for WIFIA reimbursement.

3. Clackamas River Conditions & Trends Update
   CEO Parno provided an update on Clackamas River conditions, reporting that South Fork was under curtailment due to state fish-persistence requirements, with river flows dropping below the 650 CFS threshold. He confirmed that South Fork was not experiencing an operational water-supply risk and was proactively monitoring river conditions and intake

equipment while coordinating with state, regional, and county partners. He added that Board Member Mitchell had previously asked about historical river-flow trends, noting Capital Projects Manager Dirringer would present an analysis.

Capital Projects Manager Dirringer presented USGS river-flow data via PowerPoint, comparing current conditions with prior low-flow years, including 2015. He reported that 2015 was the only year shown with river flows below the 650 CFS fish-persistence threshold and that 2026 had reached the threshold on a couple of days. South Fork is using the data to develop standard operating procedures establishing operational, advisory, and critical levels for intake pumps, including minimum submergence requirements.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD
There was none.

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm to convene the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions, pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e).