South Fork Water Board **July 22, 2026**
Meeting Minutes
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GENERAL BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Bialostosky called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Rory Bialostosky, Chair, West Linn Mayor; Denyse McGriff, Vice Chair, Oregon City Mayor; Mike Mitchell, Oregon City Commissioner; Carol Bryck, West Linn Councilor; Rocky Smith, Oregon City Commissioner; Mary Baumgardner, West Linn Councilor
Excused:	None
Staff Present:	Wyatt Parno, Chief Executive Officer (CEO); Christa Britton, Business Manager; Sebastian Dirringer, Capital Projects Manager
Others Present:	Fred Philpot, Chief Operating Officer (COO)/Vice-President, LRB Public Finance Advisors (LRB); David Robertson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/Owner, LRB; Brian Murphy, CDM Smith; Rob Cummings, Clackamas River Water; Lily Philpot

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approve minutes of June 18, 2026 Board Meeting
Vice Chair McGriff moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Board Member Bryck seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 0. (Ayes: Smith, Bryck, Mitchell, Baumgardner, McGriff, Bialostosky; Nays: None.)

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING AND FUNDING MODEL
CEO Parno introduced the funding focus of the Long-Term Water Reliability Program, highlighting its role as a generational investment to address water quality, seismic resilience, and aging infrastructure over the next 15 years.

Fred Philpot, COO/Vice-President, and **David Robertson, CEO/Owner, LRB Finance Advisors,** presented a funding model for the Long-Term Water Reliability Program, highlighting the model's purpose, methodology, key assumptions, sustainability metrics, financing tools, and next steps. Three rate adjustment scenarios were presented for the Board's consideration, noting that the funding model is a flexible, living tool that can be used to analyze factors in real time.

Board questions were addressed regarding customer impacts in Oregon City and West Linn, use and timing of bond and WIFIA financing, debt coverage and reserve requirements, and the relative impacts of the three funding scenarios. **CEO Parno** noted additional work with West Linn would be needed regarding rate bifurcation and reiterated that the funding model would remain a living tool, updated as project costs, financing assumptions, and capital phasing evolve.

Board members emphasized the importance of proactively addressing long-term infrastructure needs before system failures occur and reached consensus to pursue Scenario 2, which provides a larger initial rate adjustment followed by smaller increases, as the basis for the recommended January 2027 rate adjustment and next five years. Staff will return in August with proposed resolutions documenting the Board's commitment to the Long-Term Water Reliability Program and establishing a rate adjustment plan. **CEO Parno** also summarized the Program's major capital projects and upcoming implementation activities, including engineering refinement, consultant procurement, coordination with Oregon City and West Linn, and continued project delivery planning.

BUSINESS FROM THE CEO

1. Operations & Maintenance Update
   CEO Parno updated on summer operations. He commended the team for repairing the post-chlorine pump just before the meeting during planned energy rebate downtime. He reported that water quality is excellent with no PFAS or cyanotoxins detected in the basin currently, and that algal blooms in the upper Clackamas are being closely monitored. River flows remain above the 650 cfs fish curtailment threshold and staff will continue monitoring conditions.

2. Capital Projects Update
   CEO Parno commended Capital Projects Manager Dirringer and Business Manager Britton for successfully completing an emergency procurement process for repairs to the intake prow damaged in the December 2025 flood and successfully negotiating a contract with Sundt Construction to complete the repairs before the winter season. The project is expected to be funded by insurance and a FEMA reimbursement. SFWB will issue an invitation to bid for the Water Quality Systems Building (WQSB) in the coming weeks with a goal to award the contract in September 2026.

3. Summer Appreciation Picnic (August 20)
   CEO Parno announced that the Summer Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2026. Invitations have been extended to elected officials from West Linn and Oregon City, and staff contacted Big Tasty's (West Linn) and Sweet Masterpieces (Oregon City) to provide catering for the event in support of local businesses.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD
Board members who attended the AWWA ACE26 Conference in Washington, D.C. shared key insights, noting that Oregon City was one of only two agencies represented that had successfully completed a WIFIA-funded project and that AWWA is actively soliciting feedback on barriers that discourage broader use of the program. Board members also highlighted the importance of keeping AI and SCADA operational technology strictly isolated for cybersecurity and emphasized the value of proactive, routine public communications like newsletters and utility bill inserts during calm periods to build community trust before crises occur.

Chair Bialostosky thanked **CEO Parno** for a successful Water Management and Conservation Plan presentation to the West Linn City Council, confirming both cities are fully prepared for summer coordination.

Board discussion included tracking and comparing current river flows to historical low-flow conditions, including the 2015 summer season, to determine whether current conditions are comparable to previous drought years.

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.