

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING NAME: REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

FROM: MARION CHAMPION, ASSISTANT GENERAL
MANAGER

FOR: ACTION



ORDINANCE 2026-01 ~ UPDATING THE ALLOWABLE DAILY RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to adopt Ordinance 2026-01, updating the allowable daily rate of compensation for the Board of Directors pursuant to Water Code 20202 et seq.

SUMMARY

The proposed ordinance updates Board compensation in accordance with California Water Code Section 20202, which allows increases of up to 5% for each calendar year following the last adjustment. In 2000, Ordinance No. 2000-1 established Board compensation at \$100 per day, capped at 10 days of service per month. In November 2023, Ordinance No. 2023-01 increased the rate to \$250 per day. Based on the statutory formula, the allowable daily rate may now be increased to an amount not exceeding \$275. Following Board discussion in May 2026, notice of the public hearing was published in The Desert Sun on September 6th and September 13th, 2026.

ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT

If adopted, Ordinance 2026-01 will not take effect until November 20, 2026, which is 60 days after final adoption as required by Water Code 20204. The FY 2027 budget has already been adjusted to account for the proposed increase.

BUDGET INFORMATION & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Action Cost:	Current FY Cost:	Future FY Cost:	Funding Source	Acct/Project No.
\$10,000	\$110,000	\$165,000	Operating 101	10152150100
Covered in current FY budget?		Adjustment Needed?	Current Balance	Balance if Approved:
Yes		No	\$152,250	\$42,250
Strategic Plan Goal Alignment:				
This action supports SMART Goal No. 3: Financial Management by promoting the District's long-term financial stability and resilience through sound fiscal practices, transparency, and accountability.				

ATTACHMENTS

Ord 2026-01 Board Compensation