



CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

Budget STANDING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

10:00 a.m., Friday, March 6, 2026

Via teleconference and in-person

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Present: Director Siegfried
Director Cole

**Signifies Virtual Attendance*

Other Attendees:

Barbara Buikema, General Manager, Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD)
Chris Foley, Facilities Manager
Patrick Treanor, District Engineer

Absent: None

Appearances/Public Comments: None

Agenda Changes: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

- *The Committee declined to make a recommendation on rate model and asked that the full board be presented with a series of questions.*
 1. *Do we want to fund Section 115 and should we move to more conservative strategy?*
 2. *Do we want to fund Sea Level Reserve fund?*
 3. *Should Sea Level Reserve be adjusted for inflation?*
 4. *Should we adjust CAWD reserve to reflect current cost?*
 5. *Spill Reduction Plan – how long will it take to reduce number of spills? What is our plan to get below Regional Board level on a rolling 5 year basis?*
 6. *The Capital Budget is a rolling 15 year plan. Should we include 5 year projections in budget?*
 7. *Should the Budget carry-forward be adjusted for inflation?*

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: *The Next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2026, or at an alternate acceptable date. The Following Regular Board Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 23, 2026. The teleconference webinar is hosted through Zoom and you may receive access by visiting our website homepage, www.cawd.org, calling the District office at 831-624-1248 or via email at downstream@cawd.org.*

AS REPORTED TO:

B. Buikema

Barbara Buikema, General Manager

APPROVED:

Robert Siegfried
Bob Siegfried, President of the Board