

MINUTES

HEART OF THE VALLEY METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING HELD ON July 14, 2026 AT THE HEART OF THE VALLEY MSD MEETING ROOM

Members Present: Bruce Siebers – President
John Sundelius – Vice President
Patrick Hennessey - Secretary
Kevin Coffey - Commissioner
Tim De Groot - Commissioner

Absent: None

Also Present: Brian Helminger - District Director HOVMSD
Dustin Jerabek - Director of Operations & Maintenance HOVMSD
Chad Giackino - Regulatory Compliance Manager HOVMSD
Tammy Tucker – Office Manager HOVMSD
Scott Schramm – SMS
John Stooeger – FOG Program
Chad Juedes – HOVMSD Foreman

1. 5:00 p.m. Call to Order – Roll Call

President Siebers called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Public Appearances

No appearances were made.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

The minutes of the June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting, were presented to the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner De Groot and seconded by Commissioner Coffey to approve the minutes as written and presented. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes were reviewed by District Director Helminger and Commission Secretary Hennessey prior to the meeting.

4. Correspondence

Nothing to report this month.

5. General Discussion Items

A. Headworks Screening & Improvement Project – Monthly Update

Staff reported that Donohue engineers were onsite completing field measurements and verifying dimensions as the project advances toward the 90% design review meeting scheduled for August 4. The project remains on schedule.

B. Interceptor Rehab Project – Monthly Activity Update

Scott Schramm of Strategic Municipal Services provided a written update to the Commission dated 7/9/2026. Project representatives provided an update on project closeout activities.

Restoration work at construction sites was inspected, with additional turf restoration planned for early fall.

Planning continues for Phase 6 improvements, with efforts focused on maintaining existing permits and incorporating the work into the current Clean Water Fund loan to avoid additional administrative costs.

Change Order No. 2 remains under review, resulting in little overall contract cost change. Final approval of Change Order No. 2 is anticipated at the August Commission meeting following SMS review of project documentation.

Discussions also centered on Phase 5 construction. VISU has still not confirmed its construction schedule for completing the remaining Phase 5 work. The Commission supported staff's recommendation to issue a formal letter reaffirming expectations and the contractual process, while also advising that Change Order No. 2 will be considered for payment when all documentation has been reviewed prior to the August HOVMSD Commission meeting.

C. FOG Program – Monthly Activity Report

John Stoeger of Stoeger & Associates presented a written fats, oil, and grease update by community, including a grease trap inspection report and site visit correspondence. The Commission also received an itemized copy of the June invoice.

Early communication between member communities and the District regarding new or changing food service establishments would allow grease interceptor requirements to be addressed before businesses open, preventing costly retrofits and compliance issues.

The District will prepare and distribute a reminder letter to all member communities requesting notification of new food-related businesses and encouraging Public Works, building inspectors, plumbing inspectors, and street departments to report potential grease-related issues observed in the collection system.

There was additional discussion that included, monitoring grease buildup discovered during sewer jetting operations, encouraging communities to report grease accumulations observed during maintenance activities, and the challenges associated with disposal of grease removed from sewer systems in the communities.

6. Plant Reports for June 2026

A. Flows & Revenues Report

The Commission received a copy of the hydraulic & organic loadings data, along with flow & strength projections, which shows the year-to-date surplus/deficit in revenue for the month of June 2026. Revenue received from the WPS-Fox Energy Center for effluent purchased in May was \$18,593.68. WPS-Fox Energy purchased 48% of the effluent produced in May. Revenue received to date for 2026 = \$87,334.07.

The average effluent concentrations for **June 2026** were as follows:

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Monthly Average</i>	<i>Permit Limit</i>
BOD-Biochemical Oxygen Demand	5.8 mg/L	30 mg/L
Suspended Solids	4.9 mg/L	30 mg/L
Suspended Solids	140 lbs.	801 lbs.
Phosphorus	.22 mg/L	1.0 mg/L
Ammonia	.31 mg/L	10 mg/L
Chlorides	746 mg/L	n/a

All permit values were met for June 2026.

Staff noted unusually low suspended solids from one industrial contributor and will continue monitoring trends.

B. Operations & Maintenance Report

Plant operations and treatment performed well throughout the month of June. Disc filters operated continuously without chemical addition, except on June 18–19 when chemicals were used briefly to exercise the equipment. Staff reported that Actiflo Turbine Pump #3 is expected to return from factory rebuilding in mid-July, and the Peakflow Pump #5 rotating assembly is anticipated to arrive in August.

The Biostyr Backwash Tank level sensor and float system continued to experience issues following the heavy flows in April. Due to the age and operational importance of the equipment, the level sensor and floats were replaced at a cost of \$2,580.

A leaking unit heater and associated shutoff valves in the DAF/Filter area were replaced at a cost of \$1,165.

The Commission was informed that the leaking AVK check valve on Effluent Reuse Pump #2 was replaced with a new DeZurik check valve. The total cost of the replacement was \$1,431.

7. Financials July 2026 Accounts Payable; Action for Approval

After a review of the bills payable, a motion was made by Commissioner Siebers and seconded by Commissioner Sundelius to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$230,433.50. A roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Siebers, yes; Commissioner Sundelius, yes; Commissioner Coffey, yes; Commissioner Hennessey, yes and Commissioner De Groot; yes;

Motion carried unanimously. The Commission signed the check voucher register which includes general, pre-paid.

B. Budget Comparison Report

The Commission received a Budget Comparison Report, along with a verbal explanation of exceedances.

8. General Old or New Business

The District successfully avoided a blending event during the July 2 high-flow storm event.

PFAS sampling and monitoring activities will continue as required.

9. Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission a motion was made by Commissioner Sundelius and seconded by Commissioner Coffey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (Time: 5:50 PM)

SIGNED & APPROVED BY: _____
Patrick E. Hennessey, Secretary