

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018, AT 5:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE,
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

President Hernandez called the Regular meeting to order at the hour of 5:00 p.m.

Director Martin led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Director Elitharp
Director Evans
Director Martin
Director Sannella
Director Hernandez

Staff Present: General Manager Pruim
Legal Counsel Gilpin
Administrative Services Manager Emmanuel
District Engineer Gumpel
Finance Manager Owen
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi
Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2018

18-10-01 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of October 3, 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

President Hernandez presented Dawn McDougale, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, with the Certificate of Environmental Accreditation, Meadowlark Water Reclamation Facility Laboratory and Certificate of Excellence for the Vallecitos Water District.

President Hernandez presented Richie Arballo, Senior Water System Operations Operator, with his Certificate for Water Quality Laboratory Analyst Grade I from the American Water Works Association.

President Hernandez presented Chris Deering, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II, with his Certificate for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Grade IV from the State Water Resources Control Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, provided the Board with a document which included a map indicating various snowpack levels in the Great Basin and California mountains. He stated the map was discontinued at the end of May due to staffing constraints. He commented on the snowpack levels for the north, central and south, Lake Mead at Hoover Dam, and the Lower Colorado Water Supply Report. He thanked the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.1 Approval of Minutes
 - A. Closed Session Board Meeting – September 19, 2018
 - B. Regular Board Meeting – September 19, 2018
- 1.2 Warrant List through October 3, 2018 - \$4,068,020.87
- 1.3 Final Acceptance of Water Improvements for Rancho Coronado Water Main Relocation (Brookfield Rancho Coronado, LLC)
- 1.4 Final Acceptance of Water and Sewer Improvements for Woodward Senior Housing (SJ Asset Management, Inc./Costal Living, LLC)
- 1.5 Final Acceptance of Water Improvements for Palomar Operations & Maintenance Complex (Palomar Community College District)

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board stating his concern for the lack of action to minimize leaks in multi-family buildings. According to a water symposium held at CSUSM, leaks in single family homes has dropped dramatically. Leakage was 12% before the drought and is now 1-3%. Apartments buildings are still high at 12% due to having master meters. Individual meters should be placed in every apartment. This would allow minimization of the waste and would ensure facilities costs are completely and fairly paid. This will need to be watched carefully with the 2014 Master Water Plan as this is the year in which the District is basing calculations as well as the Urban Water Master Plan. He thanked the Board.

18-10-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Sannella, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP

General Manager Pruim stated that at the September 5 Board meeting, CEO Rick Rungaitis addressed the Board inquiring if the Board was interested in becoming a member of the Chamber. Mr. Rungaitis submitted a letter to the Board on September 19 which listed the reasons why he would like the District to consider becoming a member of the Chamber and extended an offer to reduce the dues from \$950 to \$712.50. General Manager Pruim requested Board direction as to whether the District wants to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and if so, does that get added to the list of organizations for which directors would receive compensation for attending events.

General discussion took place. During general discussion, Director Evans stated she feels the Board should not expect the ratepayers to pay the Board per diem to attend chamber events. She further stated that should the Board find it critical to be there, they assign a delegate on behalf of the Board and be provided per diem.

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board stating concerns with full table representation and the question of it constituting a Brown Act serial meeting with attendance by a quorum of the Board. He further stated that the Chamber is a pro-business organization which is right now very pro-development. His other concern was with the increased number of craft beer establishments and the fact that every gallon of beer consumes 7 gallons of water. He thanked the Board.

Director Sannella requested clarification from legal counsel on Brown Act concerns. Legal Counsel Gilpin stated that the Brown Act provides an exemption for more than a majority or quorum of the Board to attend social events provided there is no discussion of District business.

18-10-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Evans, seconded by Director Sannella, and carried 4 – 1, with Director Martin voting no, to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce at the reduced fee, and any per diem requests need to be presented to the full Board for consideration.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruim reported the following:

- The San Marcos Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Fall Festival on October 14. Vallecitos staff will be managing a booth at the event.
- At the October 17 Board meeting, the Board will be asked to consider releasing the draft Preliminary Environmental Impact Report for the Water and Sewer Master Plan. This will begin the 45-day circulation period. The item will be back before the Board for some time between mid-January to early February for certification of the document.
- The District will be holding the annual Water Academy on Thursday, October 25.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin stated the Governor signed Senate Bill 998 which will require adopting new written policies and detailed notices regarding discontinuation of water service. Will have until 2020 to get those in place. The General Manager has already reached out and raised some questions, which is being worked on.

Legal Counsel Gilpin stated the Court of Appeal issued a decision in the Golden Door property case affirming the trial court's decision that the client document prepared by the County of San Diego was not CEQA compliant and that the County cannot rely on that document in connection with development proposals.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Evans stated that she will not be able to attend the North San Diego County Water Symposium on October 10 nor will she be able to attend the Water Academy; reminded the Board of the ACWA Region 10 event on October 18; inquired if the Board would be interested in a presentation by the Water Authority on the energy program update; and, SDCWA has four projects that are producing a significant amount of revenue. One of the projects is floating solar panels and wind turbans on Olivenhain. Other projects being considered are the San Vicente Energy Storage – Hydroelectric, and the Twin Oaks battery system; working to coordinate on ways with electricity – the Water Authority can draw 3500 megawatts from Hoover Dam each year; Colorado River and Lake Mead. It is being said there is no shortage next year. However, they are anticipating 57% chance of an actual shortage in 2020, increases to 68% in 2021, 70% in 2022, and down to 65% in 2023. Metropolitan Water District has 500,000 acre feet of water in storage at Lake Mead. Each 100,000 acre feet of water is equal to one foot in elevation.

Director Evans stated the new President is Jim Madaffer.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

President Hernandez stated the Capital Improvement Committee will take place on October 17.

Director Elitharp stated the Policy and Finance Committee meeting will take place on October 9.

STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Directors Evans, Hernandez and Martin reported on their attendance to the California Special Districts Association Annual Conference.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Martin commented how proud he is of the District's platinum staff – they deserve every kudos they get.

President Hernandez stated he would like to add an item to the November 7 Board agenda for discussion on the video installation and progress being made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Hernandez adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 5:51 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

James Hernandez, President
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

Glenn Pruum, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District