

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019, AT 5:03 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE,
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

President Martin called the Regular meeting to order at the hour of 5:03 p.m.

Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

President Martin stated item 1.6 will be removed from the agenda to a future date.

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019

19-02-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Evans, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of February 6, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding Item 1.5 of the consent calendar, stating this particular development has been a contentious one, was recast and cut down a little, but still a very significant user of facilities. A 2013 letter from staff on the Villa Village apartments noted that we have run out of available waste treatment capacity, issues of piping or supply, issues of water supply in general, and that we were already past our ultimate buildout capabilities as per the Plan. We have the promise of new water to meet all these developments from conservation and other undefined projects. Thinks it is inappropriate to keep large developments in the pipeline without having firmer plans which are not defined in the proposed master water plan. All we have is a list of alternatives without any plan. How can we be selling any capacity if we don't know what the new capacity is going to cost. He thanked the Board.

PRESENTATION

President Martin presented Marc Smith, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II, with his Certificate of Competence for Laboratory Analyst Grade 1 from the California Water Environment Association.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 19-02-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of item 1.6.
- 1.1 Approval of Minutes
- A. Closed Session Board Meeting – January 16, 2019
 - B. Regular Board Meeting – January 16, 2019
 - C. Finance/Investment Committee Meeting – January 21, 2019
 - D. Engineering/Equipment Committee Meeting – January 28, 2019
- 1.2 Warrant List through February 6, 2019 - \$4,090,296.97
- 1.3 Adoption of Resolution Ordering the Annexation of Certain Property Designated as the “Stefan Terrace Annexation” (Main EC, LLC. – Alex Ahmadian), APN: 228-130-32 into the Vallecitos Water District Sewer Improvement Districts 5 & 6
- 1.4 Approval of Temporary Off-Site Water and Sewer Service Agreements for Parcel C of the Bennett Avenue 3 Lot Subdivision
- 1.5 Request for Sewer Annexation of Certain Properties Designated as “Murai Residential Development,” APNs: 184-241-03, 217-050-36, 217-050-38 and 218-011-10 into the Vallecitos Sewer Improvement District (CR Murai, LLC.)
- 1.6 Winter 2019 Between the Pipes – Vallecitos Water District Quarterly Newsletter
- 1.7 2018 Year in Review

ACTION ITEMS

SAN DIEGO NORTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SUMMIT (SDNEDC)

General Manager Pruum stated the SDNEDC will be holding its 6th Annual Economic Summit on Wednesday, April 10. SDNEDC is requesting the District join as a member at the cost of \$4,000 which includes sponsoring one table at two of their events. Tables have been purchased for this event in the past. The previous membership renewal was in 2016 with a membership fee of \$2,500. The District also has the option to purchase seats individually for events at the cost of \$100 -\$150 per seat.

Director Sannella stated he feels the organization is a worthwhile organization. They discuss water frequently, talk about the local business community, and advocate for economic development. He has advocated this agency to be more involved with this group over the years. He does think it is a worthwhile organization to be involved with or participate with, however he feels the District does not need to be a member.

General discussion followed.

19-02-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Elitharp, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to purchase individual seats for the event without a membership.

SAN MARCOS STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS – MEETING ATTENDANCE PER DIEM/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL

General Manager Pruijm stated the Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual State of the City Address on Tuesday, February 26. The Chamber is not on the list of organizations for which meetings are considered compensable under District Ordinance No. 203, therefore prior approval for per diem and expense reimbursement is required.

Director Sannella stated that being elected members of the community, it is important the Board participate and feels per diem is reasonable.

19-02-06 MOTION WAS MADE by President Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to approve attendance and per diem.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruijm reported the following:

- Snow survey was completed on January 31 and water content of snow is at 100% of the long-term average for this time of year. Reservoirs are at or near historic averages: Shasta is at 97% of average and 67% capacity; San Luis Rey Reservoir is at 109% of average and 87% capacity; New Malones is at 133% of average and 79% capacity due to needed repairs.
- The District recently deployed new technology to address water quality issues in Mahr Reservoir. A special device is being used for storage of recycled water at the District. Due to high nutrient levels, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, the body of water experiences frequent algae blooms. In December, the District obtained the device from LG Sonic. The device kills algae using ultrasonic waves. The device floats in the middle of the reservoir, is powered by solar panels, and has built-in sensors therefore it does not monitor water quality measurements, it transfers results to a satellite which communicates with the home office in the Netherlands. The data is then analyzed to determine what type of algae is in the reservoir. This technology should result in much higher water quality.
- Lake San Marcos litigation is tentatively scheduled for the February 20 Board meeting.

- Two pieces of legislation may affect the price of water. Previous legislation (SB 623) proposed a tax on drinking water to provide funding for operations and maintenance as well as water and wastewater systems, primarily for disadvantaged communities. This legislation did not pass last year. Governor Newsome is proposing a budget trailer bill which will do virtually the same as SB623, which would be to pass on the cost for funding sources to residential and commercial ratepayers. The trust fund would be funded by a water tax, taxes on agricultural water uses and would be placed on water customers depending on their meter size. The other legislation addresses the affordability of water. It creates funding to help low income residents/will help them pay their water bill. Trying to generate \$600 million annually; as many as 35% or 40% of the customers in California will be eligible. The intended way to get the money is from two sources – place income tax on high income earners (earning more than \$1 million per year) and place a tax on bottled water.
- Lake Meade levels continue to fall. There is a trigger elevation of 1,075 above sea level. If it reaches below that elevation, automatic reductions trigger. The Bureau of Reclamation and Department of Interior have oversight. Of all the water users, seven states that use the Colorado River need to come up with a plan on what they are going to do. California and Arizona did not sign on to the changes that need to be done, therefore the Bureau of Reclamation went on record stating they may step in and force changes to occur.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin stated the trailer bill General Manager Pruim referred to is tied to the budget, is not a separate piece of legislation, and would be passed as part of the budget approval.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Evans stated that Assistant General Manager Dennis Cushman will be retiring in mid-April after over 20 years with the SDCWA and Dana Frieauf, Principal Water Resources Specialist, is also retiring after 31 years.

Director Evans stated the SDCWA Board recently revised its policy regarding their four delegates to the Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors, no longer requiring delegates to be SDCWA Board members. The policy was modified to address legal issues concerning possible conflicts of interests which could affect voting on larger issues.

Director Evans announced that Judge Wiss is very pleased with attempts to negotiate a settlement and has allowed more time for negotiations.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

Director Hernandez stated the Capital Improvement Committee will meet in two weeks. President Martin stated the Policy and Finance Committee did not meet in January.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Director Sannella referred to the minutes of the January 21, 2019 Finance/Investment Committee meeting at which the Committee received an update on the budget.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Directors Hernandez, Elitharp, and Martin reported on their attendance to the California Association of Sanitation Agencies Winter Conference.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Sannella requested the Boys and Girls Club Annual Auction be placed on a future agenda.

Director Evans stated she will be attending a half-day session of the ACWA Region 10 Board on February 8.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Martin adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 5:34 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

Hal J. Martin, President
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

Glenn Pruum, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District