

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019, AT 5:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE,
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

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

General Manager Pruim led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Director Elitharp
Director Evans
Director Hernandez
Director Martin

Absent: Director Sannella

Staff Present: General Manager Pruim
Legal Counsel Gilpin
Administrative Services Manager Emmanuel
District Engineer Gumpel
Finance Manager Owen
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi
Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Hubbard
Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins
Executive Secretary Posvar

Others Present: Andy Sells, Chief Executive Officer, ACWA/JPIA

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2019

19-03-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Evans, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, with Director Sannella absent, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of March 6, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

Andy Sells, Chief Executive Officer with the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA), presented a refund check to the District in the amount of \$165,806. Mr. Sells stated the reasons for the refund included a favorable adjustment of ACWA/JPIA's pool for liability and worker's compensation insurance programs over the past several years, the District's better-than-average

losses compared to other agencies in the pool, the District's participation in ACWA/JPIA programs, staff efforts in hosting training for other local area districts, and effectively utilizing ACWA/JPIA's on-line training programs.

INTRODUCTION

Human Resources Analyst Bridget Anderson introduced new employee Janel Olsen, Senior Accountant.

PRESENTATION

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins presented a video created by staff on smoke testing. The video is the first in a series of "The Work that We Do" videos that will be created in the future.

CONSENT CALENDAR

19-03-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Evans, and carried unanimously, with Director Sannella absent, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. Closed Session Board Meeting – February 20, 2019
- B. Regular Board Meeting – February 20, 2019
- C. Finance/Investment Committee Meeting – February 25, 2019

1.2 Warrant List through March 6, 2019 - \$2,801,524.44

1.3 Ordinance Establishing the General Provisions for Conducting the Business of the Board and Amending Ordinance No. 210

1.4 Employee's Request for Leave Without Pay

ACTION ITEMS

REPAIR OF 16" FAILSAFE OUTFALL SEWER PIPELINE

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Hubbard stated the Failsafe Outfall Sewer (Failsafe) pipeline is a ductile iron pipeline, approximately 7.5 miles in length, that connects the District's Meadowlark Water Reclamation Facility (MRF) to the Encina Wastewater Authority's (EWA) ocean outfall in Carlsbad. He provided background information on the Failsafe pipeline which included the following:

- Existing MRF Treatment Process
- MRF Outlet Piping
- Failsafe Pipeline Alignment
- Failsafe Pipeline Reaches
- Failsafe Pipeline Buena Reach

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Hubbard further stated the Failsafe pipeline has three designated sections of which the District shares responsibility with the Buena Sanitation District (BSD) and the City of Carlsbad at percentages based on capacity. On December 20, 2018, BSD responded to a sewer spill in the Buena section which was initially thought to be BSD's line spilling; however, it was determined that the Failsafe pipeline had spilled. The discharge was recycled water, not sewer; therefore, no public notification or sampling was required. Staff hired Cass Arrieta to perform the necessary repairs.

Staff recommended the Board approve payment to Cass Arrieta in the amount of \$55,527.71 which is the total cost of repairs divided equally between Vallecitos and Buena Sanitation District.

General discussion took place.

19-03-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Evans, and carried unanimously, with Director Sannella absent, to approve payment to Cass Arrieta in the amount of \$55,527.71.

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – SEAT B

General Manager Pruiim stated the CSDA Board of Directors is seeking Independent Special District Board members or General Managers interested in serving on Seat B for the 2020-2022 term. Nominations are due by April 17, 2019.

The Board took no action.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) 2019 SPECIAL DISTRICTS
BALLOT FORM

General Manager Pruiim stated that LAFCO solicited and received nominations for two Special District members to serve on the San Diego LAFCO – one regular and one alternate. The Nominating Committee's report and recommendations, election ballots and vote certification forms, summary of nominations, and nomination forms for regular and alternate members were provided to the Board for their consideration.

19-03-06 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Elitharp, seconded by Director Evans, and carried unanimously, with Director Sannella absent, to support candidates Edmund K. Sprague of Olivenhain Municipal Water District and Erin Lump of Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District.

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE CALIFORNIA WATER INSURANCE FUND BOARD – AN ACWA JPIA CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY

President Martin stated the formation of a new ACWA/JPIA insurance company located in Utah was approved at the ACWA annual meeting. Vista Irrigation District is requesting Vallecitos Water District concur in the nomination of Paul E. Dorey to one of two open positions on the newly formed California Water Insurance Fund Board. Nominations require a resolution of support from three agencies.

19-03-07 MOTION WAS MADE by President Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, with Director Sannella absent, to adopt the resolution concurring in the nomination of Paul E. Dorey to the California Water Insurance Fund Board.

Resolution No. 1548 - The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Elitharp, Evans, Hernandez, Martin
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Sannella

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE CALIFORNIA WATER INSURANCE FUND BOARD – AN ACWA JPIA CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY

President Martin stated Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District is requesting Vallecitos Water District concur in the nomination of Andrew Morris to one of two open positions on the California Water Insurance Fund Board.

General discussion took place.

The Board took no action.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruiim reported the following:

- The 2019 Legislative Session is in full swing. The deadline for the introduction of new bills was February 22; 2,576 new pieces of legislation were submitted, many of which involve water and wastewater.
- Snowpack and water content continue to improve. As of March 6, 2019, statewide, snowpack/water content is approximately 150%. Central and northern California are both above that at 156% and 153% respectively.
- All of the state's major reservoirs are at or above historical averages for this time of year. The level of Lake Shasta, the state's largest reservoir, rose by 39 feet in just the month of February which is approximately 16 inches per day. Lake Oroville is at 93% of its historical average.
- The Colorado River basin is doing very well with snowfall levels; however, it is still suffering from almost two decades of drought. Lake Mead and Lake Powell are both at approximately 40% of capacity.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin stated the Fair Political Practices Commission recently prosecuted three agencies in California for violation of mass mailing of publications such as a holiday postcard, a quarterly newsletter, and an official newspaper which contained photos of elected officials.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Evans stated the SDCWA Board confirmed Gail Goldberg as the new delegate to the Metropolitan Water District, and that following Maureen Stapleton's recent retirement, Sandra Kerl is the Acting General Manager until a new General Manager is selected.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

Director Hernandez stated the Capital Improvement Committee approved contracts for the upgrade of the facility and technical support.

President Martin stated Director Hernandez is serving as EWA Board President. A workshop was held earlier this week during which direction was given regarding EWA's CalPERS pension liability. The Policy and Finance Committee considered EWA's decision to make a minor amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement, the next steps for a water reuse project, and possible leasing of the South Parcel until needed.

President Martin commented on his recent tour of EWA.

STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

President Martin reported on his attendance to the Urban Water Institute's Spring Water Conference in Palm Springs.

Director Elitharp reported on his attendance to the California Association of Sanitation Agencies/Association of California Water Agencies conferences in Washington, DC February 25-28.

OTHER BUSINESS

QUARTERLY BOARD EXPENSES

This information was provided per Ordinance No. 210; no action required.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Hernandez inquired about the status of the South Lake contract and quarterly update from the City of San Marcos. General Manager Pruim indicated he would follow up on this matter.

President Martin inquired about the status of the District-wide solar project. General Manager Pruim stated the District-wide solar study is currently in progress and clarified that the installation of the replacement solar panels at the District headquarters has been completed. The District's system has been connected to SDG&E's system. Production of electrical energy should begin tomorrow, and within a month the entire system will be integrated with a display panel in the lobby indicating how much energy is being produced and consumed.

District Engineer Gumpel provided a brief update on the District-wide solar project. Staff is moving forward with two of three possible sites: Twin Oaks, a two-megawatt system, and Lift Station 1, a net-metering project. Staff is considering a possible partnership for the third site at Mahr Reservoir. Staff is in the process of hiring a consultant for the California Environmental Quality Act process relating to the project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Martin adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 5:55 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 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 Pruim, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District