

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019, AT 5:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE,  
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

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

Director Hernandez led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Director Elitharp  
Director Hernandez  
Director Martin  
Director Sannella  
Director Evans (Arrived 5:22)

Staff Present: General Manager Pruim  
Legal Counsel Gilpin  
District Engineer Gumpel  
Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl  
Human Resources Analyst Anderson  
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2019

19-12-11 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, with President Evans absent, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public and speaking as President of the Twin Oaks Valley Property Owners Association, addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding SB 330 and related preliminary applications, extraction process and requirements, density increase, and possible compensation for affordable housing.

INTRODUCTION

Human Resources Analyst Bridget Anderson introduced new employee, Marselino Sanchez, Water Systems Operator I.

PRESENTATION

Vice President Sannella acknowledged H.R. LaBounty Safety Award winner Dale Austin, Senior Pump and Motor Technician, recognizing his commitment to safety in the workplace.

CONSENT CALENDAR

19-12-12 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, with President Evans absent, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.1 Approval of Minutes

A. Board Workshop Meeting – December 9, 2019

1.2 Warrant List through December 18, 2019 - \$1,819,285.48

ACTION ITEMS

REQUEST TO WAIVE DETACHMENT FEES FOR APN 172-091-28 (WILMOTT)

General Manager Pruium stated that at the December 11 Special Board meeting, Robert Wilmott asked the Board to consider waiving fees the District is charging him to detach his property from the District's service area.

Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl facilitated a presentation to explain detachment fees and address Mr. Wilmott's request as follows:

- Detachment Fee Purpose
- How is the Detachment Fee Determined?
- Detachment Fee Calculation
- Detachment Fee Application
- Mr. Wilmott's Property
- Request to Waive Detachment Fees
- Staff's Standpoint
- Staff's Recommendation

Staff recommended the Board deny Mr. Wilmott's request to waive detachment fees for his property.

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board stating that the District should waive the detachments fees for Mr. Wilmott.

General discussion took place.

19-12-13 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Elitharp, seconded by Director Martin, and carried 3 - 1, with Director Hernandez voting no and President Evans absent, to deny Mr. Wilmott's request to waive detachment fees for his property.

VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
WATER AUTHORITY

General Manager Pruim stated Vice President Evans was elected President of the Vallecitos Board of Directors and Director Sannella was elected Vice President at the December 11 Special Board meeting. At that meeting President Evans provided her recommendations for committee and agency representative assignments for 2020. Director Sannella expressed his interest in the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) position and made a motion to approve all of the committee and representative assignments with the exception of the SDCWA position, which was placed on the agenda for this meeting for further consideration.

General Manager Pruim further stated that Director Sannella's contention is that District Ordinance No. 212 provides the opportunity for each elected Director to hold a position on the SDCWA or Encina Wastewater Authority (EWA) Boards at least once during their four-year term. President Evans' six-year term on the SDCWA Board will expire in 2022. In order to replace President Evans on the SDCWA Board, the Vallecitos Board, by majority vote, would need to remove President Evans before appointing a new representative.

Director Sannella stated the SDCWA's Board members serve at the pleasure of their member agencies and that the SDCWA's practices are irrelevant to the District's practices. Ordinance No. 212 dictates how SDCWA representatives are appointed and allows for Directors to hold a position on the SDCWA Board at least once during their term if they so desire. He believes any vote not to allow a Director who has expressed a desire to serve on the SDCWA Board to hold a position during their term would be a vote to violate Ordinance No. 212.

Director Elitharp stated he is also very interested in the SDCWA representative position. He has expressed his interest every year for the past five years and did so on December 9 at a meeting with Director Evans as incoming President. He further stated that he had heard very little interest from any of the other Directors in the SDCWA position until last week.

President Evans stated she purposefully made time for each Director to express their interest in various positions and presented possible alternatives. All Directors stated they would respect her decisions as President. Only Director Elitharp expressed an interest in the SDCWA position when she is ready to step down. President Evans further stated the importance of longevity to the SDCWA Board and described the position as a very time-intensive commitment with a long, sharp learning curve to get up to speed on the multitude of issues the SDCWA deals with and to earn the trust and respect of 24 member agencies. She stated she would prefer to finish her term with the present SDCWA Board President, Jim Madaffer, whose term ends on October 1, 2020, and hand over her position to Director Elitharp at that time because of his wealth of experience in the water industry.

General discussion took place during which Director Martin stated he understood President Evan's request to finish out her term and agreed with her recommendation to appoint Director

Elitharp to the SDCWA position either now or on October 1, 2020. Director Elitharp stated he would be agreeable to assuming the position on October 1. Director Sannella expressed his opinion about the intent of Ordinance No. 212 and recommended the Board honor the language contained in Ordinance No. 212.

19-12-14 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried 4-1, with Director Sannella voting no, to appoint Director Elitharp to the representative position on the SDCWA Board of Directors effective October 1, 2020. Until that time, President Evans will remain on the SDCWA Board.

## REPORTS

### GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruim distributed the fourth-grade coloring contest calendars to the Board.

General Manager Pruim presented Director Martin with a book highlighting his term as President.

### DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin suggested that he review Ordinance No. 212 and provide suggestions for improved clarification. Director Sannella recommended a full legal review of all ordinances, policies, and contracts be conducted. Legal Counsel Gilpin stated he has been working with staff on public contracts, especially those with greater risk to the District.

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

None.

### ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

Director Hernandez stated the Capital Improvement Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

President Martin stated the Policy and Finance Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Directors Martin and Hernandez reported on their attendance to the Excellence in North County Economic Development Awards Luncheon.

OTHER BUSINESS

Director Elitharp noted that the Urban Water Institute Spring Conference scheduled for February 19-21, 2020 conflicts with the Regular Board meeting on February 19, 2020 and recommended the Board meeting be rescheduled as several Directors plan to attend the conference.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was announced that a Special Board meeting will be held on January 9, 2020 and a Regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Evans adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 6:18 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

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Betty D. Evans, President  
Board of Directors  
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

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Glenn Pruum, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Vallecitos Water District