

**PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM,
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VIA TELECONFERENCE**

AGENDA FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021, AT 5:00 P.M.
VIA TELECONFERENCE

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CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENT SANNELLA

ROLL CALL

In the case of an emergency, items may be added to the Agenda by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. An emergency is defined as a work stoppage; a crippling disaster; or other activity which severely imperils public health, safety, or both. Also, items which arise after the posting of the Agenda may be added by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to address a matter not on the Agenda may be heard at this time; however, no action will be taken until the matter is placed on a future agenda in accordance with Board policy. Public comments are limited to three minutes. A Request to Speak form is required to be submitted to the Executive Secretary prior to the start of the meeting, if possible. Alternatively, persons wishing to address the Board at this time may utilize the "Raise Hand" feature of the Zoom videoconferencing platform. Public comment should start by stating name, address and topic. The Board is not permitted during this time to enter into a dialogue with the speaker.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be voted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Board member or member of the public requests that a particular item(s) be removed from the Consent Calendar, in which case it will be considered separately under Action Items.

1.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES (pp. 5-34)

- A. ENGINEERING/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2021
- B. CLOSED SESSION BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2021
- C. PUBLIC AWARENESS/PERSONNEL/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2021
- D. CLOSED SESSION BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2021
- E. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2021

Approved minutes become a permanent public record of the District.

Recommendation: Approve Minutes

1.2 WARRANT LIST THROUGH FEBRUARY 3, 2021 - \$8,918,823.85 (pp. 35-36)

Recommendation: Approve Warrant List

1.3 FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF WATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR GREENS STORAGE ESCONDIDO – APNS 187-170-62, 187-170-63 & 187-100-36 (GREENS ESCONDIDO, LLC) (pp. 37-39)

Installation of water facilities has been completed.

Recommendation: 1) Accept Project Improvements; 2) Approve the Filing of a Notice of Completion

*****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR*****

ACTION ITEM(S)

2.1 ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 10 BOARD NOMINATION (pp. 40-41)

The ACWA Region 10 Board is seeking candidates to fill one Board vacancy.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution Nominating Director Hernandez

*******END OF ACTION ITEMS*******

REPORTS

- 3.1 GENERAL MANAGER
- 3.2 DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL
- 3.3 SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
- 3.4 ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
 - *Capital Improvement Committee*
 - *Policy and Finance Committee*
- 3.5 STANDING COMMITTEES
- 3.6 DIRECTORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

*******END OF REPORTS*******

OTHER BUSINESS

- 4.1 MEETINGS (pp. 42-47)

Urban Water Institute Virtual Spring Conference
February 17 – 18, 2021

*******END OF OTHER BUSINESS*******

- 5.1 DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*******END OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS*******

- 6.1 ADJOURNMENT

*******END OF AGENDA*******

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Diane Posvar, Executive Secretary of the Vallecitos Water District, hereby certify that I caused the posting of this Agenda in the outside display case at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California by 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 29, 2021.

Ann Johnson for Diane Posvar

Diane Posvar

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENGINEERING/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.
VIA TELECONFERENCE

Director Elitharp called the meeting to order at the hour of 3:00 p.m.

Present: Director Hernandez
Director Elitharp
General Manager Pruum
District Engineer Gumpel
Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan
Capital Facilities Engineer Santos
Asset Management Supervisor Bowman
Administrative Secretary Johnson

ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FREQUENCY AND WORK PLAN

General Manager Pruum asked the Committee how often they want to meet and if there were any specific topics they would like addressed at future meetings.

Director Elitharp stated he preferred the Committee meet monthly if there are enough items to support this frequency, or at a minimum, every other month. He requested development and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project updates regularly with focus on the larger projects. Director Hernandez concurred with Director Elitharp on the frequency of meetings, stating that a monthly meeting could be cancelled if there are no agenda items or updates. General Manager Pruum suggested the development updates continue to be provided quarterly.

This Committee will meet once a month on a Monday to be determined from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

General Manager Pruum announced that Development Services Senior Engineer Rob Scholl recently left the District for an opportunity at Vista Irrigation District.

District Engineer Gumpel provided a brief update on development projects and explained that projects fall into three categories: 1) projects currently in active construction that are certain to be completed for which capital facility fees have been collected or will be collected within a year or two, three years at most; 2) projects in the plan check process that are from three to five years away from construction; and 3) planned projects which are beyond five years or may never be completed.

District Engineer Gumpel stated that proposed capacity fees for projects in construction total approximately \$3.3 million for water and \$7.6 million for sewer. Regarding capacity

fees already paid, almost \$2 million is yet to be collected for water. The majority of capacity fees for sewer has already been collected, mostly because the Kaiser Hospital project has already paid all of their fees. Some of the smaller projects paid their sewer capacity fees early ahead of the fee increase. For active projects in plan check, proposed capacity fees total approximately \$4.7 million for water and \$9 million for sewer.

General Manager Pruim noted that he received a letter from a Newland Sierra representative confirming that the District has stopped all processing of their project as the proposed development was voted down in a recent referendum.

DIRECT POTABLE REUSE SCOPING WITH RENEWAL/EXTENSION OF THE RECYCLED WATER AGREEMENTS

District Engineer Gumpel stated he has been working on the scope and fee for a direct potable reuse study for the District's Meadowlark Reclamation Facility (MRF) to determine how much potable reuse could be generated and used, infrastructure needed, regulatory constraints, and other options such as the size of the system. He is also working on grant funding for a study which will include environmental aspects.

District Engineer Gumpel further stated staff will be pursuing the District's existing recycled water agreements with Olivenhain Municipal Water District and the City of Carlsbad which will expire in 2025. The City of Carlsbad is interested in renewing their contract with changes.

SEPTAGE HAULING UPDATE

District Engineer Gumpel provided background on the septage hauling study that was performed which showed that septage haulers were willing to pay approximately 12 to 14 cents per gallon compared to the District's break-even charge of 18 cents per gallon. Sedron Technologies, a pacific northwest company, contacted the District about installing a septage hauling facility at the District's Mahr Reservoir that would produce high quality recycled water as a byproduct. There would be no cost to the District, and Sedron Technologies would give a portion of the income to the District in exchange for allowing them to use the District's property and facilities. Staff has had multiple discussions about this project with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

District Engineer Gumpel stated that Sedron Technologies has never done a project such as this in California and staff referred them to the RWQCB. Sedron Technologies would have to comply with a great deal of regulatory issues and testing. District Engineer Gumpel will be speaking with Sedron Technologies later this month to determine if they are interested in moving forward with this project.

2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN CONTRACT AWARD

General Manager Pruim stated the District is required to create an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years. Staff will work with a consultant to produce the 2020 UWMP which is due by June 30, 2021.

District Engineer Gumpel stated that in 2010 and 2015, staff created the District's UWMPs in house with a consultant reviewing the documents. Due to former Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl's departure from the District, additional assistance will be needed to complete the 2020 UWMP. HDR, a consultant that has assisted the District with past UWMPs, has been selected to assist with the 2020 UWMP. District Engineer Gumpel reviewed HDR's scope which includes project management, data collection and review, and water demand and supply. The District's UWMP dovetails off the San Diego County Water Authority's (SDCWA) plan which is also due on June 30, 2021. The SDCWA strives to complete their UWMP earlier so the District can insert the SDCWA's water supply numbers into the District's UWMP.

District Engineer Gumpel stated staff will be asking the Board to award a contract to HDR in the amount of \$76,900 to complete the District's 2020 UWMP. That amount is in line with what other local agencies are paying their consultants.

General Manager Prum noted that the Committee may hear about controversy regarding the SDCWA's water demand numbers in relation to their regional conveyance project.

Director Elitharp stated that during the preparation of the District's current UWMP, there was controversy regarding how water supply availability before and after conservation was presented in the UWMP, particularly with the Newland Sierra project, and he asked if this will be addressed differently in the 2020 UWMP like how other agencies present this information. District Engineer Gumpel stated that the State sent out letters to other agencies asking them to modify their information to show it similar to the District's UWMP; however, the District's UWMP was accepted with no modifications. Staff will work with HDR to ensure the water availability and conservation tables are correct and easier to understand.

SECOND QUARTER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan briefly demonstrated where quarterly updates for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects can be accessed on the District's website and the types of information that is available. He provided a presentation on Capital Projects – 2020/2021 Second Quarter Update which included the San Marcos Interceptor Phase II and District-wide solar construction progress.

INTERCEPTOR PHASE II CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan stated the San Marcos Interceptor Phase II project is over 50% complete. The 16-inch diameter micro tunnel in San Marcos Boulevard at the Pacific Street intersection was completed in late December. Construction in San Marcos Boulevard should be completed at the end of January or early February. Staff is coordinating with the City of San Marcos Creekside Improvement Project on a weekly basis as these two projects are near each other. It is anticipated project construction will be completed in June 2021. The cost to date is \$7,314,00. It is anticipated the cost will not exceed the \$8,500,000 project budget.

DISTRICT-WIDE SOLAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan stated the District issued a Notice to Proceed on December 2, 2020 to begin work at the Lift Station No. 1 site. Crews have been installing solar racking, ballasts, and arrays. It is anticipated that construction at Lift Station No. 1 will be completed in February. An amendment is forthcoming from the solar provider to extend the commercial operation deadline to a date in March.

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan further stated staff is waiting for San Diego Gas & Electric to complete their work, design, and coordination with their contractor on their utility service upgrade at the Twin Oaks Reservoir site.

BIO SELECTOR/AERATION BASIN IMPROVEMENTS AWARD

Capital Facilities Engineer Santos stated the District's next project to begin construction is the Biological Selector/Aeration Basin Improvement Project at the District's Meadowlark Reclamation Facility (MRF). The existing aeration basin panels are no longer manufactured, are failing, and cannot be repaired. One of two existing basins is moderately operating and may be problematic going into the summer months when production and treatment of wastewater is higher than usual. One alternative is to replace the aeration basins and panels with three aerobic zones. Another option, a bio selector, is to replace basins and panels with one anaerobic zone and two aerobic zones which would be more efficient and would reduce the cost of treatment.

Capital Facilities Engineer Santos further stated this project went out to bid in October 2020. Six competitive bids were received. The low bid bio selector option was very attractive to the District as well as the District's customers, Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) and the City of Carlsbad. Staff recommends this option and will present it at the January 20 Board meeting for contract award. Construction is anticipated to take place from April/May through September, with project completion and acceptance in October. The approved budget for this project is \$1.7 million with an anticipated budget surplus of approximately \$330,248. Roughly \$400,000 of the cost of the bio selector itself will be reimbursed to the District from OMWD and the City of Carlsbad through the District's recycled water rates.

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan provided a brief overview of Capital Facilities projects that are in construction, out to bid, or in final design.

ASSET MANAGEMENT/CONDITION ASSESSMENT PLAN UPDATE

Asset Management Supervisor Bowman facilitated a presentation, Asset Management Roadmap, an update from her presentation to the Committee in March 2020, as follows:

- Asset Management Benefits
- Asset Management Guidance and Standards
- Asset Management Business Risk Exposure
 - Likelihood of Failure

- Consequence of Failure
- Ductile Iron Pipes
- Asset Management Activities Progression

District Engineer Gumpel stated that numerous workshops with Maintenance & Operations, Management, and the Board will be held to define the District's asset management program along with hiring a consultant to finalize it.

LAND OUTFALL WEST CONDITION ASSESSMENT AWARD

Asset Management Supervisor Bowman stated the existing Land Outfall West sewer pipeline was installed in 1986 and connects the District's Lift Station No. 1 to the Encina Water Pollution Control Facility. This project will evaluate the condition of approximately 16,700 feet of pipeline ranging in size from 30-inch to 54-inch in diameter using closed-circuit television and sonar technology. Much of the pipeline has not been assessed since 1986. Results of the condition assessment will be evaluated to determine which segments of the pipeline require cleaning, rehabilitation, and/or replacement.

Asset Management Supervisor Bowman further stated outside assistance will be necessary to perform the condition assessment. After reviewing bids from four as-needed engineering firms, staff has selected Hoch Consulting as the most qualified consultant with a total fee of \$149,800 for planning, design, engineering, and inspection services. Cost sharing is in place for this section of the pipeline. The District is responsible for 58.03% of the contract costs. The City of Carlsbad and Buena Sanitation District are responsible for 23.98% and 17.99% respectively. Both of those agencies participated in the selection process for the consultant. Staff will present this project for contract award at the January 20 Board meeting. It is anticipated the condition assessment will be completed by the end of the current fiscal year.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S SELF-GENERATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TESLA BATTERIES) UPDATE

Asset Management Supervisor Bowman provided a presentation, Tesla/California Public Utilities Commission Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP), which included the following:

- Background and Purpose
- Battery Systems
- Eligibility and Site Selection
- Financial Benefits to Vallecitos
- Specifications and Cost Savings

Asset Management Supervisor Bowman stated this program is funded by electric utility ratepayers. Its purpose is to provide resiliency during Public Safety Power Shutoff events such as high winds that require San Diego Gas and Electric to turn off electricity to prevent wildfires. The District is partnering with Tesla to put this energy backup program in place at the District. Tesla will install power or mega pack battery systems

at locations throughout the District and will take care of permits and anything associated with their battery backup system. Eligible sites must be in a high fire threat district, must be a critical facility, and must serve communities designated as a disadvantaged community or low-income census tract. The District headquarters and San Elijo Hills Pump Station sites were originally selected for the power pack systems. An additional four sites were selected to receive the mega pack systems. Those sites are the Twin Oaks Reservoir/North Twin Oaks Pump Station, Palos Vista Pump Station, Meadowlark Reclamation Facility, and Double Peak Pump Station.

The total value of the batteries being donated to the District is over \$6.7 million. The program will provide resiliency at the six sites for many years to come. All engineering, design, operations, and maintenance costs will be covered by the ten-year SGIP contract. Tesla has calculated, based on today's rates, that the District may save approximately \$1,615,836 in energy costs over the ten years of the program. After ten years, the District has several options which include recycling the batteries, selling them, contracting with Tesla for an extended maintenance agreement, or assuming maintenance responsibilities. Tesla's contractors will begin site surveys next week.

District Engineer Gumpel stated the District's grant application for the SGIP program is currently being reviewed. There is a placeholder for the District in the grant funding approval process during which the District is not incurring any costs from Tesla. The six sites will be independently evaluated, and the Board will be informed as sites are approved for grant funding.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 4:42 p.m.

MINUTES OF A CLOSED SESSION MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021, AT 4:00 PM, VIA TELECONFERENCE

President Sannella called the Closed Session meeting to order at the hour of 4:01 p.m.

Present: Director Boyd-Hodgson
Director Elitharp
Director Hernandez
Director Pennock
Director Sannella

Staff Present: General Manager Pruum
Legal Counsel Gilpin
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2021

21-01-01 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Boyd-Hodgson, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Closed Session Meeting of January 13, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

Per Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Vallecitos Water District vs. San Diego County Water Authority Case No. 37-2020-00034563-CU-BC-NC

21-01-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Boyd-Hodgson, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, to move into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

REPORT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 5:17 p.m. There was no reportable action from the Closed Session Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Sannella adjourned the Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 5:18 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Michael A. Sannella, President
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

Glenn Pruijm, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC AWARENESS/PERSONNEL/POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.
VIA TELECONFERENCE

Director Boyd-Hodgson called the meeting to order at the hour of 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director Tiffany Boyd-Hodgson
Director James Pennock
General Manager Pruim
District Engineer Gumpel
Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins
Public Information Representative Urabe
Public Information Representative Yerman
Human Resources Analyst Anderson
Executive Secretary Posvar

ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION

UNDERSTAND THE SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE UNDER PREVIOUS BOARD ADMINISTRATIONS

BRAINSTORM FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND IDEAS

OUTLINE PROCEDURES FOR TACKLING THE BROAD SCOPE OF THIS COMMITTEE

PUBLIC AWARENESS

General Manager Pruim stated the Board felt there were good ways for things to be worked on by a smaller subcommittee of the Board to make it more flexible and easier to have conversations. Typically the committees do not make decisions nor direct staff on bigger initiatives. They work with staff to try what may make sense for the committee to work on, often times will take the committee recommendations to the Board to see if the Board as a whole thinks this is a good direction to go. PAPP committee meetings have not met very frequently. General Manager Pruim introduced Chris Robbins and his staff, Lisa Urabe and Alicia Yerman. The outreach portion and the public information portion is our work group. Staff also perform water conservation activities.

One of the big outreach activities is the water academy. Typically, the District would do the water academy once per year in the fall, have had it targeted for October over the past few years and has had good success with the weather. Tried to add in a half day event that was on a weekend – called it an open house. Reported that it didn't work out.

Some of the other outreach activities that they handle is the Speakers Bureau. Staff will go out and give speaking engagements to specific groups - there is a lot of interest in Lake San Marcos. When in drought, everyone wanted a speaker about drought. When desal came online, everyone wanted a speaker about desal. Once those two items fade off, it is much harder to get attendance and a presence at speaker groups. Also do booths and street fairs in the fall and spring put on by the Chamber of Commerce. Also hand out succulents at those events. Often times, Board members will attend those as a chance to reach out and speak with customers. Also have some partner events. There is a possibility of partnering with the City for their State of the City Address; previously made center pieces provided by the District; more of a partnership where we partner with a local entity or agency, sometimes the fire department. Will also do landscaping workshops. Lisa Urabe recently passed her Master Gardner Certificate through the UCSD Extension, quite a few school education programs, onsite tours, going to the schools to talk about jobs in the water industry or water conservation topics. The PAPP Committee would want staff to give them an update on various costs for various programs, some items would come to the PAPP committee for review before going to the Board. Recently have a different water rate for agricultural customers, one that is the SDCWA's, and one that is the District's water rate.

An ongoing change is the development of our The Work We Do Program. It is online videos that Alicia creates. She has grown into a kind of master of being able to take a topic, story, a work site, a project, a specific department and turn it into a story to show to customers. With the advent of the internet and Facebook/social media, it is more of a way to communicate with our customers using video rather than three-fold brochures.

General Manager Pruim stated that about a month ago, Director Boyd-Hodgson took a virtual tour online of water treatment plant in the Los Angeles area. He stated this is the type of thing we want to start moving towards - find a way to get our story out. This is the type of thing we want to start moving towards to find a way to tell our story. Whether it's the work we do or the facilities we have to the public who may not want to come to a meeting on a Wednesday night. May not want to take a full day to go to the water academy. But is interested in the district in general or maybe about a specific aspect of what the District does.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated she is looking forward to hearing about the rewards that Lisa Urabe will be receiving and loves the ideas that are being presented and notices the outreach. She is not sure what was done in the past and the frequency of meeting, but it is her intention that she will be very involved with this and will meet frequently. She wants to hear the updates, wants to provide ideas, and her hope will be open to them and that all can elevate the public awareness even further. Will be meeting more frequently than has been done in the past. Her vision is that staff will continue down the excellent course that was started. She doesn't want to direct, get her hands in the pot, but does have a lot of ideas. Would like to bounce them off all and can create a dialogue. VWD has a lot of room for education in the customer base. There is a lot of room to showcase the programming and outreach that all are doing. It is just a question of figuring out a marketing plan to do that.

Director Pennock stated he will do a lot of listening and will not come in and make a lot of changes, just wants to do a lot of listening to see what is working, what is not working,

and how we can facilitate and make things better. Would like to listen to ideas, see what is working for staff and what isn't.

Director Boyd-Hodgson asked Director Pennock if he feels there are areas that are working really well or areas that he feels need more Board support to get them going or like to branch into.

Chris Robbins, Public Information/Conservation Supervisor, stated the water academies are a very special event. There is a lot of effort between staff and himself but also has to give appropriate accolades to the staff who also work that event with them. Staff from collections, water operations, and engineering help out with it. There is a euphoria from the end of the event, that it was accomplished, and getting the feedback forms from the customers and looking at all the positive comments that you have been able to show people what it is they do. It's a fabulous event, the hard part is getting people to attend. He has considered coming up with a virtual event where it is essentially the equivalent of the tour but just a series of videos with some sort of methodology to let the customer prove to us that they watched all the videos. We could send them lunch to a specific place on their own after they have completed the event. This would be a virtual water academy to market to the customers and what sort of reward would the customer get for participating.

General Manager Pruim stated the challenge is that the district has a very limited demographic. We make it available to everyone, but when you look at the demographics of the people who attend, it is very narrow on the demographics. It tends to be an older group, they are typically retired, and probably lived in the area for a while. It is really hard to hit the younger generation and the working folks. They aren't represented in great numbers. The goal is to send everyone in the district to the water academy, to raise their level of awareness of what we do and the challenges we face is eye-opening for a lot of people. People are not willing to give up eight hours of their day whether it is a weekday or weekend.

Director Pennock asked General Manager Pruim what the actual numbers are of those who have attended. General Manager Pruim asked Chris Robbins how many individuals typically can be on the bus. Chris stated the bus will hold approximately 55 people max, 50 is what they are looking to get. Director Pennock asked if they fill the bus. Chris's response was "almost". The bus is typically full and never have a feeling of "there is not enough on the bus".

General Manager Pruim stated that staff has not had to turn a lot of people away. If started having problems with additional people, could consider another bus on the same day, or doing the event twice or three times a year, or whatever the demand dictated. It appears the demand is pretty consistent in the one bus. If that number could be driven up, that would be great. A lot of the stuff that people do not think about is that operations crews are out there for weeks before the event getting the facility to a state that we can accept visitors. If had four buses go through it, it is no more work for staff to clean and the cost of another bus and lunches would not be that much. Would like to keep it to a 1-day year event. If thought it was better to have multiple times by year, that is ok as well.

Director Pennock asked if it had to be eight hours or if it could be shortened.

General Manager Pruim stated this has been broken into two half days. He explained the process for the constituents on the tour. General Manager Pruim stated that it wouldn't be difficult to eliminate one half or the other, could make it just a tour or just a speaking portion. Would be difficult to do all of it in one half day. The service area is too big to effectively see a significant portion of it in two hours.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated the information was very helpful. She further stated that it sounded like there are many programs ongoing on that are really spectacular and is looking forward in learning the discussion.

POLICY

General Manager Pruim stated that there is not a lot that has been done by a policy perspective with the P3 committee. There have been policy issues that have been handled by committees but tend to be handled by other committees such as the Finance Committee. His experience has been that most of the items have found a home either at the Board level or another committee, it doesn't mean that there isn't room to expand that function. Have been working a little with Diane on an administrative code. This might be something that the P3 committee can help if interested to talk about that, where we're at, where we need to go, and what is the role of the committee vs. the role of Board.

Director Boyd-Hodgson would like to propose/implement the need for a policy manual as a Board. Asked for it – is in influx. Need to regularly review policies. This is done by Boards on a regular basis. To review the policies, we need to coagulate all the policies together. Need to be accessible to all that want them. Her vision is to be able to access that, consolidate all the policies, review and update all the policies, and draft a timeline for that to happen. This is work that she can foresee being undertaken here and would like this to be done sooner than later.

Director Pennock stated there is a lot of time and effort spent on policies and nobody reads them. His concern is spending so much time on something that is not going to be used that much.

PERSONNEL

District Engineer James Gumpel has a personnel item that requires Board approval. He has nine staff who have retired and two that have left the District in a three-year period. He had a lead position which was Eileen Koonce, Development Services Coordinator. He saw an opportunity to bring Eileen Koonce back. She operated in the lead role of that position where they did quality control. The main job of that position is plan checks with development, quality control, assigning and checking work to other technicians, doing water and sewer studies and a little bit of inside modeling. Basically implemented and brought their own water and sewer models which are GIS models.

Under Cal-PERS rules, you have to be severed from services for about 180 days. Eileen retired in end of November last year. Due to the uniqueness of her experience at the District and needs with his supervisor leaving, the Board could make an action to allow her to come back without sacrificing her retirement. There are no benefits for her and she would be allowed to work 960 hours in a fiscal year.

General Manager Pruim stated that staff will be getting the Board's approval at the Board meeting which is required by CalPERS. CalPERS is the agency that pays the District's retirement. CalPERS sets the rules saying that former employees have to be separated from employment for 180 days before you can bring them back. Except if there is a set of circumstances that exist, it could allow them to come back before 180 days.

The rules came into place in 2013 with pension reform. This is where all these rules and regulations from CalPERS comes from. It protects Eileen as a retiree as well as the District to make sure we are following those rules so that we don't then have to pay CalPERS any later fees. Staff have kept with CalPERS and done all their due diligence on that to make sure all rules are being followed.

General Manager Pruim stated that staff would only bring Eileen in for a limited time while filling Rob's position. This is an interim stop gap measure.

James Gumpel stated he spoke with Eileen on the issue and he had to do all the research on the CalPERS side and she had to do the research on the social security side. Social Security has a different set of rules. Eileen is not going to take advantage of the 960 hours by the end of the fiscal year. She is going to be working 18 hours a week 3 days a week, six hours a day if it were to get approved, and then basically to the end of the fiscal year. This will give staff an opportunity because staff is in the middle of recruitment for a new technician to fill one of the vacancies. This will give staff the opportunity since she is the trainer in that department in a new staff. Once a new supervisor is on board, which will be towards the end of the fiscal year, it gives an opportunity because the supervisor will have the knowledge of policies and procedures which the new supervisor won't have because there is not an internal candidate that is qualified for that term.

General Manager Pruim stated this becomes a cost saving due to saving the money that is not being spent on Rob's position while he is not here. There is no out of pocket money on this. It is going to the Board due to it being a CalPERS requirement that the Board gets approval.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated that it appears Eileen has been a great employee for the District and the expertise is badly needed. As long as she has done her research and we have done our research, we can make sure we are protecting her retirement. If can keep her and have her overlap with the new person, that would be really helpful. She asked if there is a provision for that.

District Engineer Gumpel stated that they already started the recruitment before he knew Rob was leaving for another position for replacement of the technician. Human Resources and he have been working on getting interviews scheduled sometime in early February or possibly end of January. She would be coming on Board by January 25 if the Board approves it. She would be available to interview the future technician and getting that person on board. In addition, going to advertise for replacement of the supervisor position in early February, which ideally will bring somebody on board hopefully by the beginning of June and if it's an outside candidate, will go through our processes.

General Manager Pruim stated having Eileen's expertise on the selection panel will be of great value. No one better than to determine what we need than someone who has supervised in that capacity. He feels the committee would be good on those types of items. If there is something that will be coming before the Board, will run it through the committee first to see if the committee has any insight, maybe something we didn't think about, or at minimum to have a better understanding.

Director Pennock stated that he agrees with everything said, there is no internal candidate that is qualified. Hopefully that is where we look first. Hopefully can promote within, if no one is qualified, this is where the first look will bring in from the outside.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated that it sounded like James' was staring down a difficult situation with so many of his staff retiring. Seven or eight years ago, seven or eight staff retired. Went through a restructuring at that time.

General Manager Pruim stated that staff continues to try to find creative ways to manage the short term with a vacancy before filling a position and see if there is an opportunity to do things differently in the future. Not all of those items go to the Board, few of them do. Doesn't mean they can't be taken in front of the committee. This particular one is a mandate that goes to the Board if there were items that resulted in new positions, increases in salary, changes in their job description, salary structure, etc. All require Board approval. If he had the authority as the General Manager to work within the authority already given to him, it wouldn't need to go to the Board, but if committee would like to be made award of these things, can inform them on what is happening with changing personnel.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated that could have a periodic update about how we're tracking with general expertise within the District. Staff have put in a lot of years, that is a source of pride and if we start seeing a lot of departures then maybe that is what we need to look at. Want people to stay, don't want to lose the knowledge base, it's expensive, and it's a safety issue. Periodic updates would be welcomed.

General Manager Pruim stated that the District does not have a problem with retention. The most common reason for openings is that people retire. Occasionally, someone will leave due to a promotion. Sometimes they leave due to the long commute.

General Manager Pruim stated there will be an action item agendized and there will be a staff report in the Board packet. Staff will make a presentation at the Board meeting and will leave with the Board's recommendation. Will be looking for the Board to support that recommendation.

General Manager Pruim introduced Bridget to the Board members. The Committee has not been that active on personnel issues with the exception of when they did the latest MOU. At that time, they started to bring a lot of issues forward to two committees – the P3 committee to talk about the personnel side of things and also brought items to the Finance Committee because negotiations had financial impacts. Those two committees were fairly active in dealing with personnel issues, to having the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with employees.

Bridget stated that the District has the Vallecitos Water District employee association, and it functions as a union. They aren't backed by a national group, such as Teamsters or SEIU. They are structured, they have their rules and regulations and the President is our contact for any kind of negotiations or employee issues that have to go through the Association. They are not backed by national unions. The employee association President is Ingrid Stichter, it is an elected position and has held for two or three years. They normally hold elections every December and they were put on hold this year due to COVID. Dean Toth is Vice President.

Director Pennock asked what the purpose is for the association. Bridget stated staff can pay into dues if they choose. Those funds go to employee events. The main purpose for the dues is their legal representation or negotiation during contract negotiations.

Director Boyd-Hodgson asked how long it comes around. Bridget stated it used to be on average every three years, the current MOU is four.

Director Pennock asked if there have been any negative issues. Bridget stated that before 2012, there were some contentious times, but seemed to have smoothed over.

General Manager Pruiim stated there have been a lot of changes over the last ten years that haven't always been employee friendly. When you deal with CalPERS, each employee has a share of their retirement, they have to pay 8% of their salary to PERS. The District picks up a certain percentage. In the past, the District picked up the employee and employer share. With pension reform, and agencies trying to manage their costs, over time, usually through the MOU negotiation process, they required employees to pick up the employee share. Almost every district and city was going through this process of no longer picking up the employee share if that agency had picked up the employee share. Similar with the Social Security costs. VWD is unique, most agencies do not participate in PERS and Social Security, the District does. Employees currently pay 8% toward PERS and whatever they pay through social security. Over time, District is picking up less of the employee's retirement related costs. Most of those reforms are done. We are not at the point where employees are picking up 100% of what they should be picking up. Feels the labor issues are a little different now. They are not as contentious, they are smaller in nature.

Director Pennock thanked General Manager Pruiim for his leadership. General Manager Pruiim stated he couldn't take credit for a lot of that as it was done years ago. Some of it was done by the prior Board, some of it was mandated by PEPRRA. Doesn't see any huge labor issues going forward.

Director Pennock asked Bridget what amount of staff participate in the union. Bridget stated it's almost 100. All but 11 are part of the association. Only a handful do not pay dues.

General Manager Pruiim asked Bridget if they choose not to pay dues, don't they have to divert that same amount of money to something else? She responded yes.

We don't take a lot of items to this committee because there aren't a lot of items to discuss. Something like what James just spoke about is a good example of when we would do that. He can foresee in the year there is probably going to be a few more issues like that. Where we are going to, have to be a little creative on the short term and don't want to do something on the short-term ending up having that person stay forever. It has been his goal to get staffing levels as low as they can be but still be able to provide top quality services. Really happy with the employee count we have now, 109 employees and 104 actively. We are not just a water district, we provide wastewater services and we do recycled water. Sometimes some people want to compare with how many employees Vallecitos has with Vista Irrigation, however, Vista Irrigation does not do recycled water or sewer. Is very comfortable with our staffing levels.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated she is planning to make some changes. Some of the things she would like to do is to learn. She asked if our employee application for employment list male, female and other as options or is it just male and female? Bridget stated that it is male, female and decline to state. This is a voluntary form that is confidential – candidates do not have to fill it out and is seen only by Human Resources. Director Boyd-Hodgson would like to find a way to make this language more inclusive. Feels like it is something that people should be supportive of. This is something that is a small change that thinks will be very helpful in making people feel welcome if they don't fit either of those categories. Has some questions on workplace safety protocols. Has questions about workplace safety protocols. Would like to have a better understanding of what kind of training is offered to employees; what kind of mental health counseling is offered to employees; what kind of protocols are in place to help employees navigate any type of situation; would like to learn about harassment training; were given the sheet when came on board; would like a better understanding of what kind of periodic training.

Would like to include the Board in some sort of portal so that they can have access to documents and to history. Has also asked about an email address several times. Would like to get that going and get it in place.

General Manager Pruim let Director Boyd-Hodgson know that General Counsel Gilpin had an answer regarding Board members having email addresses and will get it to her. The Board in the past had wanted to use their personal one, and that is fine too. He received your email and have been processing with Best, Best & Krieger.

He suggests at the next meeting can give her an update as to what required or biannual annual training is required for both staff and Board members. Most is driven by regulations.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated that she has learned a lot and set the expectation of how she would like the committee to run. She would like to be very involved. That means will meet fairly frequently. It is a big committee, a catch all committee. Her question is how do we do the work in bite size chunks? Maybe could break it up and attack two of the three every time the committee meets.

Director Pennock stated the biggest thing in any relation is expectations and communications, realizing that to some it may not sound like a big deal. Don't have to

solve all the problems. By listening, there is not a lot of problems. Things have been going really well. If it isn't broken, don't fix it. If it's running well, keep it going. Can fine tune and maybe make a little more efficient here and there. Staff are happy, General Manager Pruim is running a really tight ship, things are really going well. Just wants to listen the first quarter. Does not want to reinvent anything.

General Manager Pruim stated it's a great organization, he is blessed with the people he has. Of the three Ps, the policy one is easier to get hands around. It may be more work, however, there is a clear direction of what we want to accomplish. With the Personnel and Public Awareness it's a little different. Over time, the committee can give ideas. As we start to inform you what we already do, you can help us identify some blind spots.

General Manager Pruim stated to Director Boyd-Hodgson that she is very tech savvy, she likes social media and those type of things. That is not my strength. Director Sannella is big on that. It's nice to break it down into all these different ways to communicate. Now need to figure what the current resources are that we have, how do we best do that, or do we need more resources, or do we need to contract more? There are different ways to do these things. It all starts with identifying what you want to do and how you want to do it.

General Manager Pruim stated the Public Awareness and Personnel Committee will be a little more ambiguous and a little less well defined than the policy issue will be. Before the next meeting, would suggest trying to get more information on the Personnel (training), a little bit more information on the Public Awareness and spend a lot of time on the Policy. Will tell you where we are at and where we need to go next.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated she would like to break it down and tackle two of the three things, she would like to try and meet twice a month most months. Feels this is the best way to get work done. She indicated Director Pennock would need to figure it out. She does not like meeting over one and one half hour. This is her vision of how this would work. She is pretty flexible.

General Manager Pruim stated that this will be a lot from a staff's perspective. The most active committee is the Finance Committee and they meet once a month. He wants to be careful that we don't set up an expectation that is going to start becoming a huge burden to staff. Because the two of you will attend the meeting, but behind the scenes, staff will be doing a lot of preparation for each meeting. Every hour we use for this meeting is an hour we are not doing something else. Nobody likes to meet just to meet.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated she would like to make progress. If they start strong, then we can get a lot done. This is what she would like to aim for. Thinks there is a lot of work. Does want to make work that elevates the district. Helps run smoothly and improves the District.

General Manager Pruim stated he is going to look to the two to help prepare the agendas.

Director Pennock stated that twice a month seems a lot, once a month sounds reasonable. If there is something they need to speak about, can they not communicate via email? Seems like we can get a lot done these days via email.

General Manager Pruim stated that he doesn't think it would be a Brown Act violation. Committees are an advisory group. There is not a lot of power in the committee to direct a lot of things. Especially if they result in large expenditures of money or resource allocations. It's advisable to have some kind of a strategic planning session. Depending on what it is they are trying to accomplish, may have to take something to the Board and tell them this is a significant commitment of resources that we hadn't budgeted for. The Board can weigh in and say is it worth committing those levels of resources. When you look at the most heavily used Finance Committee, they are usually just a sounding board and use them when processing budget things. Feels the admin code is something that can be done in-house with existing staff and still be able to manage our workload. It will be a stretch but thinks he can get it done. He knows from experience that the time it takes to prepare for committee meetings is a lot. Some of the things we are talking about are new things. If he is going to be devoting extra resources or asking for additional money for part time work to do that, has to be done because busy working on committees. Feels can do the administrative code in-house with existing staff and still be able to manage our workload. The time it takes to prepare for committee meetings is a lot. Have to be mindful of how many people are involved in each topic. If we want to narrow the focus on each meeting, would be good to have the fewest number of people in attendance.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated she is pushing for a cultural change – would like to do new things. Thinks can find a compromise, can find a happy medium, can conduct some things by email. Having the updates is valuable, but making sure the appropriate staff are in the meeting so they can spend their time doing what they should be doing.

Director Pennock asked if can start with meetings once a month. Director Boyd-Hodgson stated that if just going to tackle one topic per to reduce the staff, then means only meeting about policy twice in six months. Director Pennock feels meeting twice a month is overkill. Feels that coming in right away and going from 2 – 3 meetings a year to 24 is a lot. Going to once a month seems realistic and a very good compromise and a good use of staff's time.

General Manager Pruim stated that he didn't mean to indicate we had to have one item per meeting. Can speak about several and would look for some latitude on making little breaks so that can invite people to be on standby.

Director Boyd-Hodgson agreed to one meeting per month. She requested that the PAPP meetings be close to the Board meeting dates. The first Monday or Tuesday of the week would be acceptable. Director Pennock stated he is available in mornings and is flexible.

General Manager Pruim stated that Director Boyd-Hodgson confirmed the first Monday or Tuesday of the first week for her meeting with the General Manager. He also let Director Boyd-Hodgson and Director Pennock know that he meets with the Board members on a monthly basis for a one on one. He has found this to be very helpful.

DISCUSSION - HOW CAN WE DO THE WORK IN BITE-SIZED CHUNKS?

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 1

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 4:42 p.m.

MINUTES OF A CLOSED SESSION MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021, AT 4:00 PM, VIA TELECONFERENCE

President Sannella called the Closed Session meeting to order at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

Present: Director Boyd-Hodgson
Director Elitharp
Director Hernandez (Arrived at 4:10 p.m.)
Director Pennock
Director Sannella

Staff Present: General Manager Pruum
Legal Counsel Gilpin
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2021

21-01-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Elitharp, seconded by Director Boyd-Hodgson, and carried unanimously, with Director Hernandez absent, to adopt the agenda for the Closed Session Meeting of January 20, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

Per Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Vallecitos Water District vs. San Diego County Water Authority Case No. 37-2020-00034563-CU-BC-NC

21-01-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Pennock, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, with Director Hernandez absent, to move into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

REPORT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 4:35 p.m. There was no reportable action from the Closed Session Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Sannella adjourned the Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 4:36 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Michael A. Sannella, President
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

Glenn Pruijm, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021, AT 5:00 PM, VIA TELECONFERENCE

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

Present: Director Boyd-Hodgson
Director Elitharp
Director Hernandez
Director Pennock
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 Morgan
Capital Facilities Engineer Santos
Asset Management Supervisor Bowman
Principal Financial Analyst Arthur
Systems Administrator Drummond
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2021

21-01-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Boyd-Hodgson, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Boyd-Hodgson inquired about Item 1.4 of the Consent Calendar pertaining to data presented on the number of customer complaints, water main breaks, and service line leaks. Director Boyd-Hodgson also had questions on Items 1.5 and 1.6 regarding required deposits for construction agreements. Staff responded to her questions.

21-01-06 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Pennock, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. Closed Session Board Meeting – December 16, 2020
 - B. Regular Board Meeting – December 16, 2020
 - C. Finance/Investment Committee Meeting – December 21, 2020
- 1.2 Warrant List through January 20, 2021 - \$8,927,947.19
- 1.3 Financial Reports
- A. Water Meter Count – December 31, 2020
 - B. Water Production/Sales Report – 2020/2021
 - C. Quarterly Financial Report – December 31, 2020
 - D. Per Capita Water Consumption – December 31, 2020
 - E. Water Revenue and Expense Report – December 31, 2020
 - F. Sewer Revenue and Expense Report – December 31, 2020
 - G. Reserve Funds Activity – December 31, 2020
 - H. Investment Report – December 31, 2020
 - I. Legal Fees Summary – December 31, 2020
- 1.4 Operations & Maintenance Metrics Quarterly Report – December 31, 2020
- 1.5 Approval of Construction Agreement for Discovery Street Segment 2 Water and Sewer Improvements (Discovery SL, LLC)
- 1.6 Approval of Construction Agreement for Discovery Village South Residential Water and Sewer Improvements (Discovery SL, LLC)

ACTION ITEM(S)

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ANNEXATION INTO THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS “SAN MARCOS HIGHLANDS” (PORTIONS OF APNS 182-240-32, 182-240-33, 184-241-06 & 184-241-05) AND ORDERING ANNEXATION INTO SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS 1, 2 & 6 (KB HOME CALIFORNIA, LLC)

District Engineer Gumpel stated the previous owner of the property requested annexation into the District’s water and sewer service areas in March 2016 and has since sold the property to KB Home California, LLC. This item is the completion of the San Marcos Highlands annexation for which conditions were set at the May 15, 2019 Board meeting.

District Engineer Gumpel provided a brief overview of the annexation process. The District is a water district that provides sewer service. Annexations that expand the District’s boundaries must go through the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for approval; however, annexations located within the District’s water service boundary that

expand the District's sewer service can be completed internally by the District.

District Engineer Gumpel reviewed the project relative to the District's service boundaries. 67.99 acres of the entire 288.53-acre project is developable. 45.55 acres of the developable area will be annexed into the Vallecitos Water District (VWD) and must be detached from Vista Irrigation District. 67.99 acres will also be annexed into VWD's Sewer Improvement Districts 1, 2 and 6. The remaining 220.54 acres will be dedicated open space and will not be annexed into VWD. The water and sewer annexation fees have been paid, and LAFCO has recognized the annexation.

Staff recommended the Board adopt the resolution recognizing the annexation of 45.55 acres of the San Marcos Highlands property into the Vallecitos Water District and ordering the annexation of 67.99 acres into Sewer Improvement Districts 1, 2 and 6.

21-01-07 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Elitharp, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to adopt the resolution.

Resolution No. 1581 - The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Boyd-Hodgson, Elitharp, Hernandez, Pennock, Sannella

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE MRF AERATION BASINS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

District Engineer Gumpel provided background on the District's Meadowlark Reclamation Facility (MRF), a wastewater and recycled water treatment plant located in the City of Carlsbad. The District is a wholesale distributor of recycled water to the Carlsbad Municipal Water District (CMWD) and Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD). Any improvements to the recycled water process are paid for by the recycled water customers through the recycled water rates charged by the District.

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan stated existing membrane aeration panels in the aeration basin at MRF are failing and need to be replaced. He discussed two options that were considered for this project. Alternative 1 will replace the existing membrane panels in the aeration basin with ceramic disk diffusers which have a long history of use for wastewater treatment. Alternative 2 will do this as well, in addition to installing a full anaerobic selector zone (bio selector) that allows greater nutrient removal from the secondary effluent which will improve recycled water quality produced at MRF. Alternative 2 will also modify the aeration basin to include geo-membrane baffling, a new compressed air mixing system, and process control sensors.

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan further stated Trussell Technologies (Trussell) was selected to conduct a study of Alternative 2 to address the existing failing aeration basin panels. The Board approved a purchase order for Trussell in the amount of \$110,537 to conduct the study, planning, design, and technical specifications for Alternative 2 on February 20, 2019. Amendment No. 1 was approved on July 23, 2019 for \$31,736 for professional services for Improvement Alternative 1. Amendment No. 2 for \$26,740 was approved on July 28, 2020 to finalize both alternatives and to assist staff to provide professional services flexibility throughout the bid phase. District staff opened construction bids from six contractors on December 3, 2020 and presented the bid results and discussed both alternatives with the District's recycled water customers, OMWD and CMWD. Alternative 2 was selected by all parties as the preferred option. Staff and District Counsel completed the evaluation of qualifications, references, and bid forms, and determined SS Mechanical Construction was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for Alternative 2. The budget for this project is \$1.7 million with an anticipated budget surplus of approximately \$330,000.

Staff recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a construction contract with SS Mechanical Construction in the amount of \$865,390, subject to the provisions of the contract, and approve the Construction Support Services Amendment No. 3 for Trussell in the amount of \$54,354.

General discussion took place.

21-01-08 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Boyd-Hodgson, seconded by Director Pennock, and carried unanimously, to authorize the General Manager to execute a construction contract with SS Mechanical Construction in the amount of \$865,390, and approve the Construction Support Services Amendment No. 3 for Trussell in the amount of \$54,354.

AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE LAND OUTFALL WEST CONDITION ASSESSMENT

Asset Management Supervisor Bowman stated the existing 34,000 linear foot Land Outfall West sewer pipeline, installed in 1986, is the primary sewage transmission pipeline from the District's Lift Station No. 1 to the Encina Water Pollution Control Facility. This condition assessment will evaluate the condition of approximately 16,700 feet of the pipeline ranging in size from 30-inch to 54-inch diameter through closed-circuit television imagery and sonar technology. Results of the condition assessment will be evaluated to determine which segments of the pipeline require cleaning, rehabilitation, and/or replacement.

Asset Management Supervisor Bowman further stated the District submitted a Request for Proposal to four as-needed engineering firms on November 4, 2020 for the assessment; one firm declined to bid. District staff together with staff from Buena Sanitation District (BSD) and the City of Carlsbad (COC), the District's joint partners in the Land Outfall, reviewed the

proposals. Hoch Consulting was selected as the most qualified consultant with a total fee of \$149,800 for planning, design, engineering, and inspection services. Costs incurred for the condition assessment will be distributed among the District, BSD, and the COC per an existing cost sharing agreement. The total budget for this project is \$609,000 which includes the condition assessment and any additional renewal/rehabilitation work identified.

Staff recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a professional engineering services agreement with Hoch Consulting in the amount of \$149,800 for design, planning, and engineering services for the Land Outfall West Condition Assessment.

General discussion took place.

21-01-09 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Pennock, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to authorize the General Manager to enter into a professional engineering services agreement with Hoch Consulting in the amount of \$149,800 for design, planning, and engineering services for the Land Outfall West Condition Assessment.

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

District Engineer Gumpel stated the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) is a state-mandated document the District must prepare every five years. The District's previous 2010 and 2015 UWMPs were prepared in house by staff with the professional services of a qualified consultant to perform a final review of those documents.

District Engineer Gumpel further stated recent District staffing reassignments will require outside consulting services to prepare the 2020 UWMP. In November 2020, the District submitted a Request for Proposal to HDR, Inc. (HDR), a local engineering firm in San Diego County, because of their staff's experience with the District's 2010 and 2015 UWMPs. Staff met with HDR to review their scope of services and not-to-exceed fee of \$76,900 which are considered appropriate and were verified against other local agencies. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021 Budget did not include UWMP production services as the previous two UWMPs were prepared in-house by staff with minimal costs for outside consulting services.

Staff recommended the Board approve an increase to the FY 2020/2021 Development Services Operations and Maintenance Budget by \$76,900 for outside professional services and authorize the General Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with HDR in the amount of \$76,900 for planning, production, and reporting of the District's 2020 UWMP.

District Engineer Gumpel clarified that the UWMP is a long-term regional water resource availability document, distinctly different from and not related to the District's Master Plan.

General discussion took place.

Gayle Martin, member of the public, requested General Manager Pruim read the statement she submitted prior to the start of this meeting in which she inquired why the District was not preparing a Master Plan update to accompany the UWMP as the last Master Plan was prepared concurrently with the 2015 UWMP using data from 2000 – 2014. She expressed her concern that the Master Plan is particularly relevant to the developer fund deficit, and requested an item be placed on the next Board agenda to consider authorization to engage a consultant to prepare a Master Plan update and capital facility fee study along with the 2020 UWMP, and a budget adjustment to fund these studies.

General Manager Pruim stated the Master Plan was prepared a couple of years ago and since its preparation, no significant changes have occurred with the land use planning agencies. The Master Plan is used to determine the impact new growth will have on the District's facilities going forward. Since there have not been many land use changes, there is not much value in preparing a new Master Plan update at this time. Staff is currently reviewing the capital facility fee calculations based on the existing Master Plan. He clarified that the capital facility shortfall is not a factor when setting water rates.

General discussion took place regarding the developer fund deficit. General Manager Pruim stated again that the developer fund deficit has zero impact on water and wastewater ratepayer charges. Finance Manager Owen stated ratepayers pay for water purchases, operating costs, and maintenance/replacement of existing infrastructure as needed. The developer deficit is tracked separately and paid for by capital facility fees.

21-01-10 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried 4 – 1, with Director Boyd-Hodgson voting no, to increase the FY 2020/2021 Development Services Operations and Maintenance Budget by \$76,900 and authorize the General Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with HDR, Inc. in the amount of \$76,900 for planning, production, and reporting of the District's 2020 UWMP.

APPROVE REQUEST TO ADD AN EXTRA HELP RETIRED ANNUITANT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION AND APPOINT RETIRED ANNUITANT EILEEN KOONCE BEFORE 180 DAY WAIT PERIOD

District Engineer Gumpel stated former Development Services Coordinator Eileen Koonce, a lead worker in that department, retired in November 2020. In planning for Ms. Koonce's retirement, the Development Services Coordinator position was reclassified to Engineering Technician III to focus on plan checking. Lead worker duties were not needed at that time due to the size of the department and the availability of the supervisor. With former Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl leaving the District in January 2021, the department has lost two experienced employees in leadership positions within the same period which greatly impacts the ability of the District to continue to provide timely and quality

service to the public for development projects, planning, and environmental review.

District Engineer Gumpel further stated that filling the vacant Development Services Senior Engineer position may take several months. Due to the current workload of Development Services, appointing the former lead worker, Eileen Koonce, as an Extra Help Retired Annuitant Development Services Coordinator will greatly help the department with training existing and new staff, quality assurance/quality control for plan checks, performing water and sewer planning studies, consultant management, and minor water and sewer modeling. Ms. Koonce is agreeable to this. In keeping with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) restrictions, Ms. Koonce would work for a limited duration, be paid at an hourly rate for comparable duties as listed in the pay schedule and work less than 960 hours in Fiscal Year 2020/21. Ms. Koonce meets the eligibility requirement for a bona fide separation in service, but not the 180-day wait period as she retired on November 28, 2020. As this appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed position sooner than 180 days, the District will request approval of the appointment through a resolution as required by CalPERS.

Staff recommended the Board approve the addition of the Extra Help Retired Annuitant Development Services Coordinator position and adopt a resolution approving the 180-day wait period exception for retired annuitant Eileen Koonce.

General discussion took place.

21-01-11 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Boyd-Hodgson, and carried unanimously, to approve the addition of the Extra Help Retired Annuitant Development Services Coordinator position and adopt a resolution approving the 180-day wait period exception for retired annuitant Eileen Koonce.

Resolution No. 1582 - The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Boyd-Hodgson, Elitharp, Hernandez, Pennock, Sannella
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 10 BOARD

General Manager Pruim stated the ACWA Region 10 Board is seeking candidates from Region 10 to fill one Board vacancy. If any Directors are interested in being considered for the ACWA Region 10 Board, staff will bring a resolution of support to the February 3, 2021 Board meeting for the Board's consideration. The ACWA Region 10 Board will make their appointment shortly after February 12 and will inform the region of the results.

Director Hernandez stated his interest in being considered for the ACWA Region 10 Board.

General discussion took place regarding opportunities for participation on various ACWA committees.

General Manager Pruim stated a resolution in support of Director Hernandez's interest in the ACWA Region 10 Board vacancy will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting for the Board's consideration.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruim praised the efforts of staff during the past year dealing with the challenges of the COVID pandemic, the recent heavy winds and loss of power that stressed the District's telecommunications, fires near the District office, and preparedness for possible incidents surrounding the presidential inauguration today.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin commented on new legislation that was introduced. Senate Bill (SB) 223 is a continuation of the current water shutoff restrictions which would extend restrictions to very small community water agencies with under 200 service connections. The proposed bill would require the District to update its written policies regarding discontinuation of residential service for non-payment to include what is defined as an "arrearage management plan." SB 223 would also extend the delinquency period from 60 days to at least 120 days.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Elitharp stated the next Board meeting is scheduled on January 28.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

President Sannella stated he has not had his first official meeting since being appointed to the EWA Board, and that the Policy and Finance Committee will meet in February.

Director Hernandez stated the first meeting of the Capital Improvement Committee in 2021 is scheduled on February 17. The Board meeting is scheduled on January 27.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Director Elitharp stated that the Engineering/Equipment Committee met on January 11. He will report on it at the next Board meeting as it was a lengthy meeting.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated the Public Awareness/Personnel/Policy Committee met on January 14 at which the Committee decided to meet on the first Monday of each month.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Boyd-Hodgson commented on the historical significance of the first woman and woman of color to be sworn in as the Vice President of the United States at today's inauguration.

Director Boyd-Hodgson congratulated Public Information Representative Lisa Urabe on recently passing the Master Gardner test.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Sannella adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Michael A. Sannella, President
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

Glenn Pruum, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WARRANTS LIST
February 3, 2021

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHECK#	AMOUNT
CHECKS			
Tracker	Portfolio Software Annual Maintenance FY21	120704	6,540.00
Garnishments	Payroll Garnishments 120705 through	120706	-
ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance	Medical Svcs - Feb	120707	228,052.55
Airgas USA LLC	Cylinder Rental	120708	172.04
AIS Specialty Products, Inc.	Check Printer and MICR Toner	120709	2,409.51
All Purpose Safety Training Solutions	Crane Training - 12-17-20	120710	4,600.00
Ambius	Plant Maintenance - Jan	120711	263.00
Andrew Donovan or Stephanie Peebles	Closed Account Refund	120712	41.26
APGN Inc.	Motor Repair - Aeration Blower - Motor 1 & 2 Bearing Repair - MRF	120713	29,230.00
Aqua-Metric Sales Co	Meters - 5	120714	5,860.00
AT&T	Internet Svc - Jan	120715	90.24
AT&T	Phone Svc - Dec	120716	2,767.28
Boncor Water Systems	Drinking Water Svc - Jan	120717	47.00
California Bank & Trust	San Marcos Interceptor Prj 71004	120718	175,276.35
Coro Data Media Storage Inc	Back Up Storage Tape - Dec	120719	201.95
Craig Davis	Closed Account Refund	120720	110.90
DHK Engineers Inc	Odor Scrubber Assessment Prj 20211-9	120721	9,620.00
Dion International Trucks Inc	Closed Account Refund	120722	245.11
DirecTV Inc	Satellite Svc - Jan	120723	118.24
Don & Shannon Palombi	Closed Account Refund	120724	59.38
Doug's Filter Service Inc	Wiping Rags	120725	193.95
Electrical Sales Inc	MRF - AT&T Phone Line Relocation Prj 20211-24	120726	773.31
Encinitas Ford	Ford F150 Truck Prj 20211-29 & F250 Truck Prj 20211-30	120727	68,996.50
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc	Hardware Supplies	120728	280.15
Glasdon, Inc.	Safety Equipment - Life Ring Holders - 6	120729	3,456.80
Gordon Mori	Closed Account Refund	120730	390.97
Hach Company	Reagents - For Water Quality Instruments	120731	1,531.96
Harper & Associates Inc	North Twin Oaks Tank Prj 20191-3	120732	884.00
Harrington Industrial	Chlorine Injection System - MRF	120733	1,164.83
Jason Singer	Closed Account Refund	120734	6.51
JCI Jones Chemicals Inc	Chlorine	120735	4,086.42
Kathleen Morey	Closed Account Refund	120736	83.08
J.J. Keller & Assoc Inc	Safety & Regulation Compliance 20-21	120737	1,012.66
Knight Security & Fire Systems	Answering, Patrol, & Monitoring - Jan	120738	656.69
Lawnmowers Plus Inc	Lawnmower Repairs, Hardware Supplies	120739	197.87
Left Coast Window Cleaning	Cleaning & Disinfecting Svcs - District HQ & MRF	120740	1,345.00
Lloyd Pest Control	Pest Control - Jan	120741	285.00
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	Cylinder Rental	120742	67.77
North County Auto Parts	Fleet Supplies - Dec	120743	1,803.36
NV5, Inc.	Tres Amigos Waterline Prj 20201-3	120744	7,480.00
Olivenhain MWD	Treated Water - Dec	120745	47,762.60
One Source Distributors LLC	SCADA Antennas - 3 & Network Switches Prj 20201-4	120746	220.51
Ostari Inc	Nimble Support Renewal 20-21, SCADA Redesign Prj 20201-12, IT Support	120747	23,260.86
Pacific Pipeline Supply	Hardware Supplies	120748	61.40
PAPA	Pesticide Applicators Professional Association Membership - J Mendoza	120749	50.00
Parkhouse Tire Inc	Tire Stock - 4 Tires	120750	577.15
PENCCO, Inc.	Calcium Nitrate	120751	34,004.24
Perrault Corporation	Rock & Cold Mix	120752	633.02
R.S. Hughes Co., Inc.	Nitrile Glove Stock Order	120753	532.55
Raftless Financial Consultants Inc	Water Cost of Service Study	120754	15,247.50
Recycled Aggregate Materials Co Inc	Concrete Recycling	120755	125.00
Rebecca Lund rue	Closed Account Refund	120756	19.10
Rely Environmental	Fuel Island Maintenance - Jan	120757	174.50
SDG&E	Power - Dec	120758	4,745.16
Scada Integrations	SCADA Programming Svcs, MRF Drawings, Svc Twin Oaks Prj 20201-4	120759	6,104.00
Scott Hamrick or Cecilia Campbell	Closed Account Refund	120760	113.11
Shannon Herman	Closed Account Refund	120761	48.06
TC Construction Co Inc	San Marcos Interceptor Prj 71004	120762	3,330,250.65
Terra Verde Energy LLC	District Wide Solar Project Prj 20201-14	120763	3,551.00
Think Forward, LLC	PLC Trouble Shooting	120764	510.00
Trussell Technologies Inc	Biological Selector Prj 20191-2	120765	800.00
TSI Incorporated	Flow Meter - MRF	120766	454.96
Tuff Shed Inc	Storage Shed - MRF	120767	2,965.32
Universal Manufacturing Corp	District-Wide SCADA Upgrade Prj 20201-4	120768	3,152.00

VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WARRANTS LIST
February 3, 2021

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHECK#	AMOUNT
V & A Consulting Engineers Inc	Asset Management Replacement Schedule Prj 20141-4	120769	5,846.50
Valley CM Inc	San Marcos Interceptor Prj 71004	120770	79,042.76
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Svc - Dec	120771	2,423.68
Action Mail	Splash Newsletter Prj 20211-39	120772	7,154.10
AH Water Inc	Consulting Svcs - Odor Control Monitoring & Transition Program Project	120773	12,800.00
Aloha Printing	Storeroom Requisition Forms - 2,000	120774	457.47
CCI	Water Treatment - Jan	120775	220.00
CDW Government Inc	Adobe Acrobat Licenses - 10	120776	1,529.90
Commercial Mobile Systems	COVID-19 Trailer Rental - MRF	120777	511.82
Doane & Hartwig Water Systems Inc	Quarterly Acid Wash - N Twin Oaks & Mahr	120778	4,661.30
Diversified Waterscapes Inc	Plant Treatment - Invasive Aquatic Plants - South Lake	120779	1,950.00
Extreme Safety Inc.	Flow Test Regulators - Hazmat Trailers	120780	375.58
Grainger Inc	Pipe Wrenches, Hardware Supplies	120781	1,659.31
Huntington & Associates, Inc.	Hardware Supplies	120782	266.14
Infosend Inc	Postage & Printing - Jan	120783	2,873.16
Ken Grody Ford	Fleet Supplies	120784	149.47
Mallory Safety & Supply, LLC	Yellow Bomber Jackets, Headlamps, Safety Glasses, Hazmat Suit, Gloves	120785	4,612.33
McMaster-Carr Supply Co	Tank Labeling Supplies - MRF	120786	450.72
Power Seal	Repair Clamps - 4	120787	532.67
PSI Water Technologies, Inc	Micro Mag Pumps - 2 - Mahr & TORF - For Onsite Generation System	120788	2,545.55
Raymond Allyn Business Supplies	Office Furniture	120789	3,308.40
Recon Environmental Inc	Sewer Bypass Rehab Prj 20211-3 & District-Wide SCADA Prj 20201-4	120790	3,833.25
Marathon General Inc	Asphalt Repair - 8 Inch Main Break - 21,611 Sq. Feet	120791	106,326.12
Shi International Corp.	Wireless Mouse/Keyboard Combos - 10, Surge Protectors - 10	120792	548.02
T.S. Industrial Supply	South Lake - Ultrasonic Algae Control System Prj 20211-14	120793	406.35
Unifirst Corporation	Uniform Delivery	120794	1,005.61
Univar USA Inc	Sodium Hypo Liquichlor, Sodium Bisulfite	120795	5,372.92
Waxie Sanitary Supply	Cleaning Supplies	120796	658.98
Walters Management	MRF - Flow Control Valve and Actuator Prj 20211-16	120797	423.38
Total Disbursements (92 Checks)			<u>4,287,709.82</u>
WIRES			
San Diego County Water Authority	December Water Bill	Wire	2,393,241.24
Encina Wastewater Authority	Quarterly UAL Additional Discretionary Payment	Wire	197,239.00
Encina Wastewater Authority	Quarterly Billing	Wire	1,580,458.18
Public Employees Retirement System	Retirement Contribution - January 26, 2021 Payroll	Wire	75,500.67
Total Wires			<u>4,246,439.09</u>
PAYROLL			
Total direct deposits		Wire	221,764.87
VWD Employee Association		120705	578.00
Payroll & Garnishments		120706	665.06
IRS	Federal payroll tax deposits	Wire	93,767.33
Employment Development Department	California payroll tax deposit	Wire	22,293.07
CalPERS	Deferred compensation withheld	Wire	33,377.51
VOYA	Deferred compensation withheld	Wire	12,229.10
Total January 26, 2021 Payroll Disbursements			<u>384,674.94</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			<u><u>8,918,823.85</u></u>

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2021
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUBJECT: FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF WATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR GREENS STORAGE ESCONDIDO – APNS 187-170-62, 187-170-63 & 187-100-36 (GREENS ESCONDIDO, LLC)

BACKGROUND:

Greens Escondido, LLC, owner of the project has completed the installation of water facilities for their commercial storage facilities located on North Centre City Parkway at the I-15 crossing.

DISCUSSION:

Water facilities for private land development projects are constructed by a developer. When completed to the satisfaction of the District, those facilities are accepted by the Board of Directors and become District property.

The project constructed approximately 952 feet of 8-inch diameter PVC water main and installed water meters and fire service to serve the properties.

Upon final acceptance of the project, water service will be available to a commercial storage facility and a caretaker residence located on APN 187-170-63, as well as a commercial RV storage facility and caretaker residence on APN 187-170-62.

The owner has provided the District with the required security to guarantee repairs due to failure of materials or workmanship for a period of one year. All current fees and charges have been paid to date.

The development will require 7.5 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) of water capacity and no sewer capacity for the property. The owner has paid all 7.5 EDUs for the total of \$96,635.00 in water capital facility fees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. Future water revenues will offset costs of service.

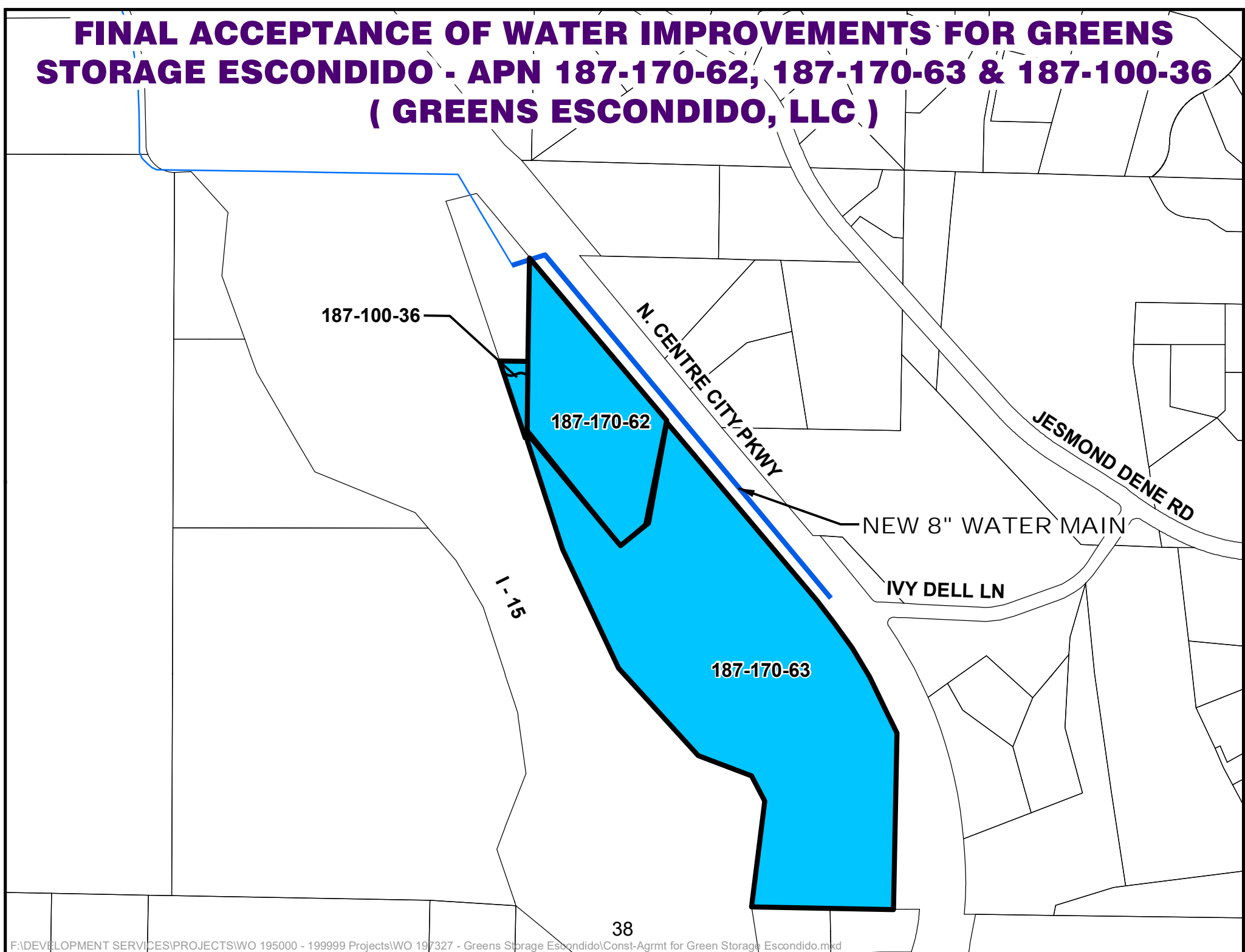
RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the project improvements and approve the filing of a Notice of Completion for the Greens Storage Escondido project.

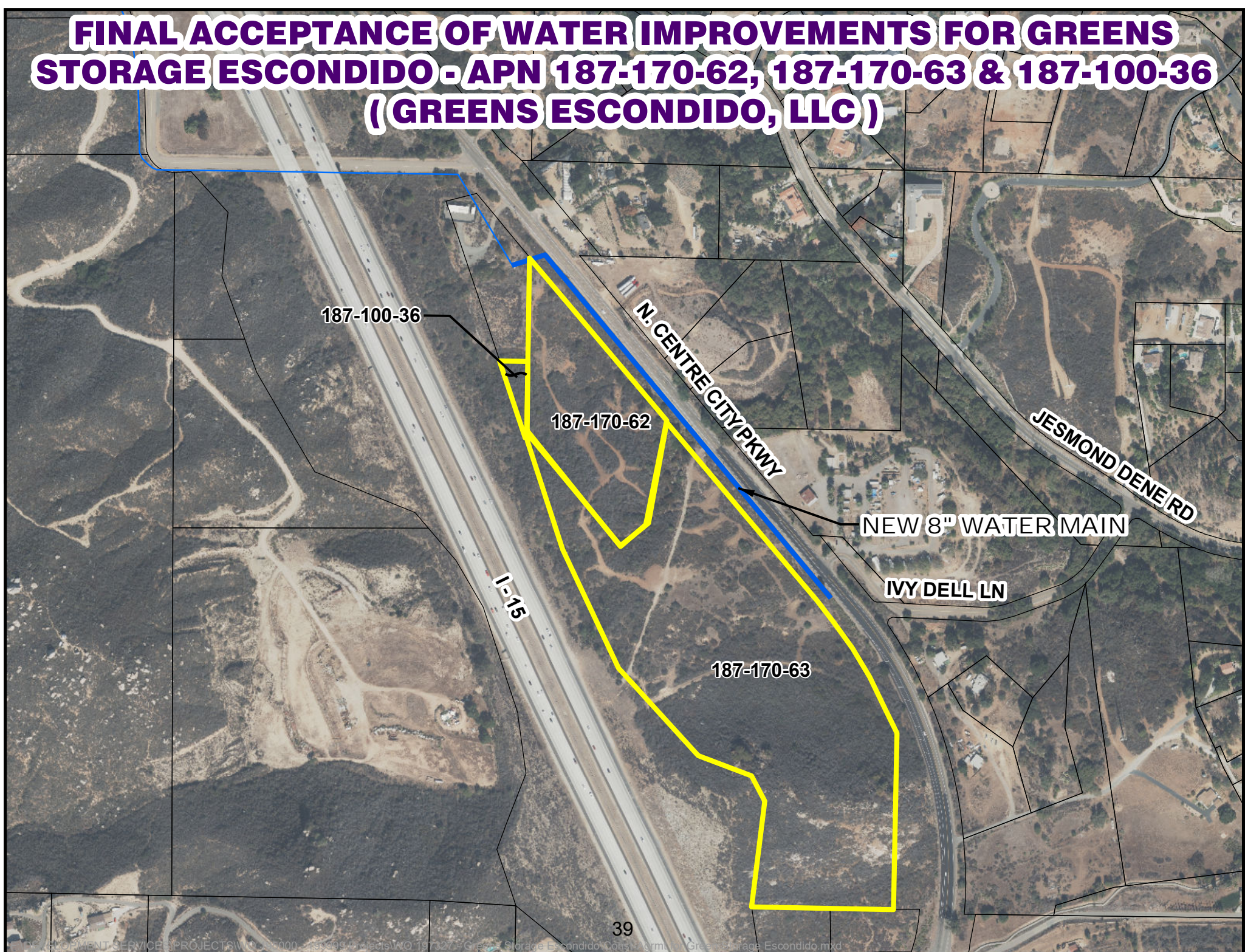
ATTACHMENTS:

2 Map Exhibits – 1 Plat Map & 1 Aerial

**FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF WATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR GREENS
STORAGE ESCONDIDO - APN 187-170-62, 187-170-63 & 187-100-36
(GREENS ESCONDIDO, LLC)**



FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF WATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR GREENS STORAGE ESCONDIDO - APN 187-170-62, 187-170-63 & 187-100-36 (GREENS ESCONDIDO, LLC)



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DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2021
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 10
BOARD NOMINATION

BACKGROUND:

The Region 10 Board is seeking ACWA members who are interested in leading the direction of ACWA Region 10 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 term. The Board is soliciting candidates from Region 10 to fill one Board vacancy.

DISCUSSION:

At the January 20, 2021 Board meeting, the consensus of the Board was to nominate Director Hernandez for the ACWA Region 10 Board.

A nomination form must be completed and a resolution of support from the Board of Directors is also required. The deadline to submit the requested information to ACWA is 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 12. The ACWA Region 10 Board will make their appointment shortly after February 12 and will inform the region of the results.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
PLACING IN NOMINATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
REGION 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Vallecitos Water District does encourage and support the participation of its members in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA); and

WHEREAS, James Hernandez has indicated a desire to serve as a Board member of ACWA Region 10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Vallecitos Water District does place its full and unresolved support in the nomination of James Hernandez for Board member of ACWA Region 10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Vallecitos Water District does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with the service of James Hernandez in ACWA Region 10 shall be borne by the Vallecitos Water District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Vallecitos Water District at a regular meeting held on this 3rd day of February, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Michael A. Sannella, President
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

Glenn Pruiim, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District



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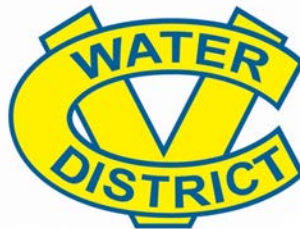
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Urban Water Institute's February 2021 Virtual Conference Program mixes water legislative and policy issues with boots-on-the-ground candid conversations with Utility General Managers and showcases the challenges to California's agriculture as SGMA is implemented.

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Preconference Tutorial—Walk Through—How to Navigate the Virtual Conference Experience— pre-recorded with text pushed out in multiple emails, etc.
Travis Watson

Preconference sponsored Door Dash lunch by Woodard & Curran

1:00 PM Opening Remarks & Introduction

Ane Deister, Urban Water Institute, Welcome
Ane Deister introduces the State and Federal Report presentation

1:05 PM State and Federal Legislative Update

A view from Washington DC. Has anything changed? Are we on a path forward?

Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources Inc.
Eric O'Donnell, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

1:50 PM Break— Question 1 of GAME

There will be 5 breaks during this 2-day event. Each break will include a Water Trivia Question. You must act quickly as the question is time sensitive. There is time remaining during the break for you to network with other participants and drill down into details about panel topics and presenters.

2:00 PM Is There Light at the End of This Tunnel? Update on Delta Conveyance

As California moves forward to address water supply resilience, is it an "either a tunnel or local projects" decision?

Jennifer Pierre, State Water Contractors, Inc.
Tom McCarthy, Kern County Water Agency
Steve Arakawa, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Karla Nemeth, Director of Department Water Resources
Matt Stone, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Moderator

2:45 PM Break— Question 2 of GAME



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2:55 PM Utility General Managers—Managing in Uncertain Times

Three top utility managers engage in an open dialogue to discuss how the pandemic has affected their operations and the response of their customers.

Paul Cook, Irvine Ranch Water District

Steve Welch, Contra Costa Water District

Devon Upadhyay, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Craig Miller, General Manager, Western Municipal Water District, Moderator

3:35 PM Break—Question 3 of GAME

3:45 PM Water Leaders Looking Forward— Climate Change Adaptations

The most recent class of the Water Education Foundation's Water Leaders program reports on their 'take' in dealing with Climate Change as a pathway forward.

Stan Ali, Contra Costa Water

Dakari Barksdale, City of Vallejo

Liz DaBramo, Woodard & Curran

Cora Kammeyer, Pacific Institute, Moderator

4:25 PM Break—Question 4 GAME

4:35 PM Not out of the Woods—Wildfires!

"A house you can rebuild; a bridge you can restring; a washed-out road you can fill in. But there is nothing you can do about a tree but mourn." Louise Dickinson Rich

Chief Thom Porter, Director of CALFIRE

Jay Jasperse, Chief Engineer and Director of Groundwater Management,
Sonoma County Water Agency

Jared Blumenfeld, Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency

Senator Bill Dodd, CA State Senate, District 4

Andree Johnson, Woodard & Curran, UWI Board Secretary, Moderator

5:35 PM Virtual Wine Tasting and Tall Tales Storytelling, Conference Reception

UWI Board members will share a favorite wine and tell why it is their favorite. Participants will vote on whether the story is true or a tall tale.

Chairman Rossi will report status of the Game!



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Day 2 Program: Thursday, February 18, 2021

9:00 AM Utility General Managers—Town Hall

Meet some General Managers recently appointed. Interactive discussion about being a new GM in the California utility world today.

Larry McKenney, General Manager, Amador County Water
Sandy Kerl, General Manager, San Diego County Water Authority
Rick Callendar, General Manager, Valley Water
Kevin Hunt, Urban Water Institute, Moderator

9:50 AM Break—Question 5 GAME

Last Trivia Question

10:00 AM Potential Impact of implementing SGMA in the San Joaquin Valley:

Up to 1 million acres of productive farmland could be retired, that is up from the 750,000 acres projected in 2019 as the more likely scenario by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC). Up to 85,000 jobs will be lost each year, with 45,000 of those being farmers, farmworkers and other ag roles. The unemployment rate will increase by 4% for the region, which is already among the highest rates in the state and rise to as much as 12%. Wages will take a \$2 billion hit.

Annual farm revenue losses will be \$7.1 billion. The valley's lowest-income communities will take a disproportionately large share of these impacts,...and the worst part is that this will happen every year into perpetuity. (reported in the AgriPulse December 2, 2020)

SGMA Impact on California Agriculture - To Continue Farming or Not

Studies reveal an alarming number of acres at risk of going out of production due to SGMA Compliance.

David Sunding Ph.D, UC Berkeley

What is the problem and how bad is it? Dr. Sunding reports up to 1 million acres of productive farmland will be retired as a result of SGMA impacts.

Bill Diedrich, Farmer, Chair, San Luis Water District, ACWA Ag Committee Chair

Issues from an active farmer

Jason Gianquinto, General Manager, Semitropic Water Storage District

SGMA issues and impacts on water banks.

Jason Phillips, CEO, Friant Water Authority, Moderator



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10:55 AM Adaptations to Preserve California Agriculture - *How to survive SGMA and Continue Farming*

The California Ag industry isn't sitting back waiting for the world to change—again. Real Farmers weigh into the discussion.

Scott Hamilton Ph.D., Hamilton Economic Resources and Farmer
San Juaquin Valley Water Blueprint

Eric Averett, General Manager, Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District
SGMA Management Strategies for the Kern Fan

Steve Etchegaray, Owner Etchegaray Farm; President, Eastern Tule White Area Growers, Inc.
Potential impacts and solutions from a farmer

Jason Phillips, CEO, Friant Water Authority, Moderator

The good news is, there is enough extra water most years to keep the Valley whole. (reported in Water Rights, March 11, 2020) - Is this True?

12:00 PM John Rossi, Chair UWI Board—Wrap up and Announce the winner of GAME

Must be present to win!

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