

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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
District Engineer Gumpel
Finance Manager Owen
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi
Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021

21-02-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Boyd-Hodgson, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of February 3, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

21-02-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Elitharp, seconded by Director Pennock, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.1 Approval of Minutes

- 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

1.2 Warrant List through February 3, 2021 - \$8,918,823.85

- 1.3 Final Acceptance of Water Improvements for Greens Storage Escondido – APNS 187-170-62, 187-170-63 & 187-100-36 (Greens Escondido, LLC)

ACTION ITEM(S)

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 10 BOARD NOMINATION

General Manager Pruim stated the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors is seeking candidates from Region 10 to fill one vacancy on its Board. At the January 20, 2021 Board meeting, Director Hernandez expressed his interest in serving on the ACWA Region 10 Board. To be considered, a resolution of support from the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors is required.

- 21-02-05 MOTION WAS MADE by President Sannella , seconded by Director Pennock, and carried unanimously, to adopt the resolution nominating Director Hernandez for the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors.

Resolution No. 1583 - The roll call vote was as follows:

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

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruim reported the following:

- Progress continues on the San Marcos Sewer Interceptor project. A line has been placed under San Marcos Boulevard. All westbound traffic lanes have been restored. The contractor is working to restore the number two eastbound lane. Traffic lanes should be fully restored in two to three weeks and paving will be completed after that.
- At the recent California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Winter Conference, the District won CASA's 2020 Award of Excellence in Innovation and Resiliency for the video on the Mahr Reservoir water quality improvements.
- The District is no longer considered a COVID outbreak. The District had experienced 3 outbreaks in a 14-day period which required employees to be tested weekly. Building A was closed to control spread of the virus and testing costs. The

most recent testing indicated no positive results. Staff will be returning to the office in phases and safety protocols will remain in place to keep employees safe.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin provided a brief presentation on the Brown Act pertaining to limitations on internal communications between Directors and also between Directors and staff outside of public meetings. Serial meetings involving three members of the Board are prohibited. The Brown Act does not preclude staff or Directors from answering questions or providing information outside of a meeting as long as that person does not communicate comments or positions of Board members to other Board members.

Legal Counsel Gilpin commented on the redistricting requirements that are now in place in California relative to the 2020 census. Work on this for election purposes will need to be completed this year.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Elitharp reported on his attendance to the virtual Board meeting on January 28 at which the Board adopted resolutions honoring retiring Board members Christy Guerin and Betty Evans. The Board also awarded an approximate \$11.4 million construction contract for the Hauck Mesa Storage Reservoir project and kicked off their fiscal years 2022 and 2023 budget process. The Board hopes to adopt the two-year budget at their June 24 meeting. A Closed Session Board meeting was held regarding the rate litigation with Metropolitan Water District.

Director Elitharp announced he has been assigned to the SDCWA's Legislation and Public Outreach Committee, Water Planning and Environmental Committee, and Colorado River Workgroup, as well as an alternate on the SANDAG Regional Planning Committee.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

President Sannella stated the Policy and Finance Committee will meet next week. He reported on his attendance to the virtual Board meeting on January 27 at which the Board recognized staff for their outstanding performance in 2020. Consent items included an operations report for 2020 and the monthly flow and capacity management report. The Board took action on committee assignments for 2021 and the 2020 Tactical Plan and Achievement Report. A Closed Session Board meeting was held to discuss labor agreements leftover from 2020.

Director Hernandez stated the Capital Improvement Committee will meet on February 17. He announced that EWA was awarded CASA's 2020 Award of Excellence in Innovation and Resiliency for EWA's primary effluent conveyance rehabilitation project.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated the Public Awareness/Personnel/Policy Committee met this week and is making progress on issues such as inclusivity at the District, establishing and organizing an Administrative Code, and exploring possibilities for events and virtual programs to increase awareness of the great work being done at the District.

Director Elitharp reported on the January 11 Engineering/Equipment Committee meeting. Three items discussed at the Committee meeting went to the Board on January 20 – the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, aeration basin improvements at the Meadowlark Reclamation Facility, and the land outfall condition assessment. The Committee received several updates including the Asset Management Plan update and committed to meeting monthly on the Monday following the first Board meeting of each month.

President Sannella stated a Finance/Investment Committee meeting is being planned for February 22.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Directors Boyd-Hodgson, Hernandez, and Elitharp reported on their attendance to the virtual CASA Winter Conference January 27-28.

Directors Elitharp and Hernandez reported on their attendance to the virtual Council of Water Utilities meeting on February 1.

OTHER BUSINESS

MEETINGS

General Manager Pruim noted a possible scheduling conflict on February 17. A Closed Session Board meeting will be scheduled for that afternoon and may conflict with the Urban Water Institute Virtual Spring Conference also scheduled for that day.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Boyd-Hodgson commented on her recent speaking engagements with the San Marcos Rotary Club and North County San Diego Women's March at which she discussed the District's work, water equity, Senate Bill 222 and Senate Bill 223, and a monthly town hall she conducted on her Facebook page on January 27. She stated she attended the EWA Board meeting as an alternate.

Director Boyd-Hodgson congratulated staff involved in submitting the video that won the CASA 2020 Award of Excellence in Innovation and Resiliency and commented on two other videos that staff had submitted, the Work We Do series and a video on the Rock Springs Sewer Replacement project.

Director Boyd-Hodgson thanked staff for putting together the budget primer for her and Director Pennock's benefit.

Gayle Martin, member of the public, addressed the Board, stating that she had difficulty joining this meeting as there was not a pass code or identification number for the meeting posted on the District's website. She suggested that in the future speakers identify themselves before speaking to make it easier to follow along for individuals like her who are participating via phone.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Sannella adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 5:46 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 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