

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021, AT 5:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

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

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

Staff Present: General Manager Pruim
Assistant General Manager Gumpel
Legal Counsel Gilpin
Finance Manager Owen
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi
Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan
Development Services Senior Engineer Lopez
Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins
Information Technology Technician Todd
Administrative Secretary Johnson

General Manager Pruim led the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2021

21-11-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Boyd-Hodgson, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of November 3, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

A video highlighting the Employee Service Awards recognized at the October 20, 2021, Board meeting was presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

21-11-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Pennock, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- 1.1 Approval of Minutes
 - A. Engineering/Equipment Committee Meeting – October 11, 2021
 - B. Closed Session Board Meeting – October 20, 2021
 - C. Regular Board Meeting – October 20, 2021
- 1.2 Warrant List through November 3, 2021 - \$6,439,643.36
- 1.3 Approval of Additional As-Needed Engineering Professional Services Agreement
- 1.4 Final Acceptance of Water and Sewer Improvements for El Dorado Apartments (El Dorado II, LP.)
- 1.5 Final Acceptance of Sewer Improvements for Pico Avenue, North County Transit District Crossing Phase 2 (El Dorado II, LP.)
- 1.6 Final Acceptance of Sewer Improvements for Pico Avenue Phase 1 (El Dorado II, LP.)
- 1.7 Request for Water and Sewer Annexation Into the Water and Sewer Improvement District (Parks)
- 1.8 Approval of Temporary Off-Site Water Service Agreement for Zayat Residence (Pure Olive Oil LLC.)

ACTION ITEM(S)

STRATEGIC PLAN 2022

General Manager Pruum stated that two Board workshops were held recently regarding the District's strategic plan. Staff incorporated the Board's suggestions to update the plan. He facilitated a presentation, Strategic Plan 2022, as follows:

- Strategic Plan 2012
- Strategic Plan 2012 Strategic Focus Areas
 - 1. Infrastructure Integrity
 - 2. Internal Communication
 - 3. Continuous Improvement/Workforce Development
 - 4. Fiscal Responsibility
 - 5. Public Education and Outreach
 - 6. Resource Exploration
- New Board of Directors – Time for a New Plan
- Board Retreat
- New Mission Statement
- Vision Statement
- Organizational Values

- Strategic Plan 2022 Strategic Focus Areas
 - 1. Infrastructure Integrity
 - 2. Organizational Improvement/Efficiency
 - 3. Workforce Excellence
 - 4. Fiscal Responsibility
 - 5. Public Information and Outreach
 - 6. Environmental Stewardship
- Tactical Plan
- Recommendation – Approve the Plan

General Manager Pruim stated staff is already working on the Tactical Plan which will accompany the Strategic Plan. He anticipates the initiatives of the Tactical Plan will be completed in January 2022.

General discussion took place. The consensus of the Board was to add climate change language to Strategic Focus Area 6, Environmental Stewardship, Strategy 6.1 and 6.2, and revise the vision statement. Director Boyd-Hodgson will provide staff with the climate change language. Staff will present the revised Strategic Plan 2022 at a future Board meeting.

Gayle Martin, member of the public, provided comment on the developer deficit, reserve transfers, the District's reserve policy, and alleged misinformation from the District.

Tracey Bondi-Pear, member of the public, requested Ms. Martin's concerns and developer debt be placed on a future Board agenda.

President Sannella suggested a workshop on these issues be scheduled for the purpose of answering questions from the public and addressing misinformation circulating in the community. The workshop will likely be held in January or February.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruim welcomed everyone back to the Board Room for this in-person Board meeting. He reported that District crews will be performing night work beginning at 10:00 p.m. this evening along Bent Avenue between San Marcos Boulevard and Discovery Street. The crews will be shutting off water valves so that the City's contractor can work on the City's Creekside District Project.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin offered the services of Best Best & Krieger's (BBK) in-house staff to assist the District with the upcoming redistricting process. He announced BBK will be hosting a dinner at the Association of California Water Agencies Fall Conference on December 1, and invited Directors and staff who will be attending the conference to the dinner.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Elitharp provided a summary of actions taken at the October 28, 2021, SDCWA Board meeting at which the Board adopted a resolution to activate Level 1 of the SDCWA's Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The Board also approved disbursement of the \$35 million paid by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to SDCWA's member agencies. The District's share is \$1,248,828.17. That amount combined with the previous payment brings the total to approximately \$2.8 million awarded to the District.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

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

Director Hernandez stated the Capital Improvement Committee will meet next week.

President Sannella stated the EWA Board awarded several contracts at their meeting as well as adding funding to the contracts for the HVAC systems project. The EWA Board has elected to continue conducting virtual meetings but will evaluate monthly. Director Hernandez stated the Selection Committee for the General Manager recruitment has narrowed the list of candidates from 25 to 5. Interviews will be held later this week.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated the Public Awareness/Personnel/Policy Committee met on November 1. The internship program is expected to start next spring. Discussion continued regarding the scholarship program.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated she was invited to speak to the San Dieguito Interfaith Ministerial Association about water and equity. She spoke to the group today in an unofficial capacity.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Pennock remarked on how smoothly this meeting went being the first in-person meeting in a long while, and thanked Information Technology Technician Todd for his efforts.

President Sannella requested official portraits of the new Board members as well as the full Board be taken in the near future. Staff will schedule a time to do this.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Sannella adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 6:11 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

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

ATTEST:

Glenn Pruiam, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District