

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC AWARENESS/PERSONNEL/POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.
AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE BOARD ROOM
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

Director Boyd-Hodgson called the meeting to order at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

Present: Director Boyd-Hodgson
Director Pennock
General Manager Pruum
Assistant General Manager Gumpel
Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins
Administrative Secretary Johnson

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

PERSONNEL

General Manager Pruum gave a brief update on the COVID situation at the District. Due to the recent increase in cases of the highly contagious omicron variant, staff is considering having more employees telecommute with fewer employees in the office.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

(NEW BUSINESS) REDISTRICTING MAPS UPDATE

Assistant General Manager Gumpel provided an update on the redistricting process which included:

- Process Schedule
- Redistricting Overview
- Division Boundary Changes Option One
 - Latino Population
- Division Boundary Changes Two
 - Latino Population
- Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin Population by Division

Assistant General Manager Gumpel stated the process is on schedule although there was a delay while waiting for census block data to be released. Public hearings are tentatively scheduled for the February 16, 2022, and March 16, 2022, Board meetings to provide the opportunity for public input. After their review, the District's legal counsel determined that the current divisions require modification. Redistricting maps will be circulated to the public this month.

(OLD BUSINESS) UPDATE ON VWD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins reviewed the Committee's recommended scholarship program parameters to be presented to the Board for consideration:

- Offer \$1,000 scholarships to one college student at Cal State San Marcos and Palomar College, as well as one senior high school student at each of the high schools (Mission Hills, San Marcos High, Foothill/Twin Oaks, and High Tech High North County) for a total cost of \$6,000 annually.
- Payment will be made to the students.
- Students will be required to submit an application, an essay, a letter of recommendation and a financial needs worksheet, all of which will be reviewed by this Committee. This Committee will recommend scholarship recipients to the Board.

The next steps after Board approval are for staff to consult with legal counsel concerning any legal issues pertaining to the application process/timeline and for staff to develop an outreach effort to get the information out to college and high school students.

General discussion took place regarding whether scholarship recipients should be required to present receipts in order to receive funds. The Committee recommended providing the funds upfront and asking the students to report back to the Board on how the funds were spent.

This item will be presented to the Board for approval.

(OLD BUSINESS) UPDATE ON BILL DEAN PROGRAM

General Manager Pruim stated there was no new information on this item. The program is targeted for March or April. Mr. Dean is in the process of developing the program and selecting a school to participate.

POLICY

(NEW BUSINESS) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORDINANCE NO. 216 GOVERNING THE COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated her concern with District Ordinance No. 216 which provides that Board members will be given the opportunity to serve as Board President once during their first term on the Board. Ordinance No. 216 does not address the office of Vice President; however, per past practice, the Vice President becomes President according to the rotation that has been used for many years. At the December 15, 2021, Board meeting, Director Hernandez was named Vice President for 2022 according to the rotation. Director Boyd-Hodgson stated that either she or Director Pennock should have been named Vice President in order to comply with Ordinance No. 216.

General Manager Pruim stated the Committee was going to be reviewing Ordinance No. 216 in its entirety as part of the Committee's task to review ordinances, resolutions and policies, and suggested the Committee review Section 1.9, B of the ordinance pertaining to the office of the President first.

General discussion took place regarding how to resolve the conflict between the ordinance and past practice. General Manager Pruim suggested this issue could be addressed in December 2022, complying with the ordinance and deviating from past practice, by naming either Director Boyd-Hodgson or Director Pennock President in 2023.

This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for further discussion with the Board.

(OLD BUSINESS) UPDATE ON SINGLE USE PLASTICS RESOLUTION

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins provided a draft resolution in support of the City of San Marcos' recently passed ordinance restricting the use of single-use plastic food service ware. He requested the Committee's input on the draft resolution.

The Committee directed staff to strike out the paragraph relating to the California State Legislature. Staff will have legal counsel review the resolution and then place it on the February 2, 2022, Board agenda for adoption.

(OLD BUSINESS) PRIORITIZATION OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/POLICIES REVIEW

General Manager Pruim stated Ordinance No. 216 will be placed on the next Committee agenda for review of the entire ordinance in greater detail.

NEXT MEETING DATE – FEBRUARY 7, 2022

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 11:14 a.m.