

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, AT 5:00 PM, VIA TELECONFERENCE

President Elitharp 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
Assistant General Manager Gumpel
Legal Counsel Gilpin
Administrative Services Manager Emmanuel
District Engineer Hubbard
Finance Manager Owen
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi
Development Services Senior Engineer Lopez
Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins
Information Technology Technician Todd
Executive Assistant Johnson

Director Pennock led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2022

22-03-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Sannella, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gayle Martin, member of the public, asked why the District did not start a new master plan in 2019, requested a written response to the group who sent a letter to the Board on December 20, 2021, and asked why the requirement for developers to buy in to existing capacity was removed. She also asked when the workshop will be scheduled to address the group's concerns. General Manager Pruim responded briefly to her questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

22-03-06 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, seconded by Director Pennock, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Board Meeting – March 2, 2022
- B. Public Awareness/Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting – March 7, 2022

1.2 Warrant List through March 16, 2022 - \$1,221,472.27

1.3 Financial Reports

- A. Water Meter Count – February 28, 2022
- B. Water Production/Sales Report – 2021/2022
- C. Per Capita Water Consumption – February 28, 2022
- D. Water Revenue and Expense Report – February 28, 2022
- E. Sewer Revenue and Expense Report – February 28, 2022
- F. Reserve Funds Activity – February 28, 2022
- G. Investment Report – February 28, 2022
- H. Legal Fees Summary – February 28, 2022

1.4 Approval of Construction Agreement for San Marcos Highlands Phase 5 Improvements (KB Home California, LLC.)

1.5 Approval of Temporary Offsite Water and Sewer Service Agreements for KB Home California, LLC. San Marcos Highlands Phase 5 (Lots 186 and 187)

1.6 Resolution Adopting the Annual Pay Schedule with Correction for Finance Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

VOTING DIVISIONS REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING

President Elitharp opened the hearing as duly noticed and posted to receive public comment regarding the District's voting divisions redistricting. The hearing opened at 5:08 p.m.

General Manager Pruiem stated this was the second public hearing regarding this item.

Assistant General Manager Gumpel provided a presentation as follows:

- Process Schedule
- Redistricting Overview
- Division Boundary Changes – Option One
- Division Boundary Changes – Option Two
- Public Hearing

Assistant General Manager Gumpel noted that division boundary changes Option One and Option Two maps were presented at the February 16, 2022, public hearing. There have been no changes to those options since then and no written public comments have been

received regarding the two options. Public comments received during the February 16, 2022, public hearing were to request further detail on the maps.

Staff recommended the Board adopt the resolution changing the District's boundaries for director divisions as shown in Option Two.

Donna Nickel, member of the public, stated she feels it's time for the District to return to in-person public meetings and expressed her concern that a written response to the December 20, 2021, letter discussed earlier in the meeting was not provided.

There being no additional persons wishing to address the Board, President Elitharp closed the hearing at 5:20 p.m.

22-03-07 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Pennock, seconded by Director Boyd-Hodgson, and carried unanimously, to adopt the resolution.

Resolution No. 1608 - The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ACTION ITEM(S)

WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS UPDATE

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins facilitated a presentation, Update on Water Supply Conditions, as follows:

- Vallecitos Currently in a Level 1 – Drought Watch
- Northern Sierra 8-Station Precipitation Index
- Snowpack Water Content
- California Reservoir Storage
- Colorado River Status
- Three-Month Temperature Outlook
- Three-Month Precipitation Outlook
- Water Sales Figures – February

General discussion took place.

This item was presented for information only.

DISCUSSION REGARDING IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETINGS

General Manager Pruim stated the Board made certain findings to continue conducting virtual public meetings at the March 2, 2022, Board meeting and that the Board asked this item to be placed on every agenda until in-person meetings resume. Since the March 2 meeting, San Diego County has been categorized as low risk as COVID cases and hospitalizations are decreasing. Assembly Bill 361 requires the Board to make findings every 30 days if they wish to continue with virtual meetings and they would have to do so at this meeting. If the Board wishes to return to in-person meetings, no action is required and in-person public meetings would resume as of April 1, 2022.

General discussion took place.

As the Board took no action to continue with virtual public meetings, in-person Board and Committee meetings will resume as of April 1, 2022. General Manager Pruim stated the meetings will continue to be conducted utilizing the Zoom platform for the foreseeable future.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruim reported the following:

- The San Marcos Chamber of Commerce will be holding its 30th Annual Spring Fling and Street Fair on Sunday, April 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The San Marcos Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Business Costco, located in the old Frye's Electronics building, on March 17 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin commented on pending Assembly Bill (AB) 1944 and AB 2449. Both bills are proposing loosening restrictions on meeting participation via teleconferencing in non-state of emergency situations. AB 1944 would eliminate the posting requirement at off-site locations for those participating remotely from a non-public location. AB 2449 would allow teleconferenced meetings as long as there is a quorum present in person at a singular location. If passed, the two bills would not go in to affect until 2024 when AB 361 expires.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Elitharp reported on his attendance to an in-person Board workshop on March 10. Topics of discussion included Board governance, Board member conduct, and conflict resolution. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 24. SDCWA is planning to return to in-person meetings in April.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

Director Hernandez reported on his attendance to the Capital Improvement Committee meeting this morning. The Committee received an update on capital projects.

Director Sannella reported on his attendance to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on March 8. The Committee authorized signatures and banking authorizations for the new General Manager, and received updates on the selection of a new auditing firm and the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget process.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated the Public Awareness/Personnel/Policy Committee met on March 7. The Committee continued their review of resolutions/policies and discussion on the water bill consolidation for the San Elijo Hills Homeowners Association.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Directors Boyd-Hodgson and Sannella reported on their attendance to the virtual Council of Water Utilities (COWU) meeting on March 15.

Director Hernandez reported on his attendance to the virtual COWU meeting and the WaterReuse Annual Symposium in San Antonio, Texas March 6-9.

President Elitharp reported on his attendance to a webinar regarding biosolids sponsored by the California Association of Sanitation Agencies on March 7.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Hernandez requested handouts be provided at the workshop regarding the District's reserves.

Director Boyd-Hodgson requested the December 20, 2021, letter discussed earlier in the meeting be forwarded to her. She asked the Board to think about how the District could test its wastewater for COVID or flu to be able to predict outbreaks in the future.

Director Sannella requested the reserves workshop be scheduled as soon as possible when the District resumes in-person meetings in April.

Gayle Martin, member of the public, requested written responses to the December 20, 2021, letter in advance of the workshop and requested more publicity regarding the workshop.

Tracey, member of the public, expressed her agreement with Ms. Martin's comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Elitharp 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, April 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

Craig Elitharp, President
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

Glenn Pruim, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District