

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022, AT 5:00 PM, AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

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: Assistant General Manager Gumpel
Legal Counsel Gilpin
District Engineer Hubbard
Chief Financial Officer Owen
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi
Development Services Senior Engineer Lopez
Asset Management Supervisor Bennett
Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins
Information Technology Analyst Todd
Senior Executive Assistant Flores

Others Present: Scott McClelland, General Manager, Encina Wastewater Authority

Director Boyd-Hodgson led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

22-09-12 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of September 21, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

22-09-13 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Boyd-Hodgson, seconded by Director Pennock, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. Closed Session Board Meeting – September 7, 2022
- B. Regular Board Meeting – September 7, 2022
- C. Public Awareness/Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting – September 14, 2022

1.2 Warrant List through September 21, 2022 - \$4,339,036.09

1.3 Financial Reports

- A. Water Meter Count – August 31, 2022
- B. Water Production/Sales Report – 2022/2023
- C. Per Capita Water Consumption – August 31, 2022
- D. Water Revenue and Expense Report – August 31, 2022
- E. Sewer Revenue and Expense Report – August 31, 2022
- F. Reserve Funds Activity – August 31, 2022
- G. Investment Report – August 31, 2022
- H. Legal Fees Summary – August 31, 2022

1.4 Adoption of Resolution Ordering the Annexation of Certain Property Designated as the “Papp-Lundblade Annexation” into the Vallecitos Water District and Sewer Improvement District 5 (Szilard Papp and Jeff Lundblade)

1.5 Approval of Additional As-Needed Engineering Professional Services Agreement

POTABLE REUSE ADVOCACY AGENCY

Assistant General Manager Gumpel stated the District is a member of the Encina Wastewater Authority (EWA) and that EWA is seeking support from the District as an advocacy agency for EWA’s Potable Reuse Project.

Scott McClelland, General Manager of EWA, facilitated a presentation on One Water North San Diego as follows:

- The Time Is Now
 - Uncertainty
 - Funding
 - Sustainability
- Drought Impacts Region
- North County Needs a New Local Sustainability Supply
- Potable Reuse Strategic Plan Development
- Ask: Become an Advocacy Agency
- Next Steps: Advocacy Activities

Mr. McClelland asked the District to participate in the One Water North San Diego effort as an advocacy agency and stated the District's participation is critical to the success of the project.

General discussion took place regarding details of the project and the estimated cost for the District to participate. The District was not asked to commit any funds to the project at this time. Legal Counsel Gilpin clarified that the District was being asked to sign a Principal of Understanding that defines the role of an advocacy agency for the EWA Potable Reuse Project for the time period of 2022 to 2023. President Elitharp requested another presentation with further details be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

22-09-14 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Sannella, and carried unanimously, to approve the Principles of Understanding.

WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS UPDATE

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

- Vallecitos Currently in a Level 2 – Drought Alert
- Northern Sierra 8-Station Precipitation Index
- Snowpack Water Content
- California Reservoir Storage
- Colorado River Status
- Three-Month Temperature Outlook
- Three-Month Precipitation Outlook

This item was presented for information only.

ADOPTION OF REVISED ORDINANCE NO. 216

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins facilitated a presentation that provided background on the Public Awareness/Personnel/Policy Committee's work over the past several months on revisions to Ordinance No. 216 which included the following Sections:

- 1.5: Agenda
- 1.8: Standing Advisory Committees
- 1.8B: Board Reorganization
- 1.8C: Board Reorganization
- 2.1: Authorized District Memberships

Staff recommended the Board adopt an ordinance approving the recommended changes, including membership additions and deletions.

General discussion took place.

22-09-15 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to adopt an ordinance approving the revisions to Ordinance No. 216 as presented with the addition of the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce “State of the City” event to the list of events authorized for per diem reimbursement and repealing Ordinance No. 216.

Ordinance No. 221 - The roll call vote was as follows:

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

AMENDMENT TO THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974 BIENNIAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Assistant General Manager Gumpel stated the District is required to review and adopt its Conflict-of-Interest Code every two years.

Staff recommended the Board adopt a resolution approving and adopting the amended Conflict-of-Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

22-09-16 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, seconded by Director Pennock, and carried unanimously, to approve staff's recommendation.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

Assistant General Manager Gumpel reported the following:

- The District's newly reformatted website will go live on Thursday, September 22.
- The City of San Marcos informed the District that they will not proceed with land use adoption in the process of updating their General Plan which would have set land use in September. This may affect the District's facilities planning.
- Meetings have taken place to finalize the securing of grant money for the North County Group of which the District is a member. A total of \$23.9 million in federal grant funds was awarded. The grant is a 75/25 match, meaning 75% must be spent to receive 25% matching funds. The District's \$5.3 million Chlorine Contact Tank Expansion Project will receive approximately \$1.3 million in federal grant funds and is in line to receive 15% to 20% of the \$5.3 million in state grants. The District will

seek additional state grants with the goal of paying for 50% to 60% of the project with grant funds.

- District crews will be performing night work on San Marcos Boulevard on September 27. This is a tentative date as this work has been rescheduled several times by the City of San Marcos and their contractor.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin stated he began working with Monterey One Water in April, and that they completed their first plant one year ago. There is a lot of money available on the federal level via grants and loans for such projects.

Legal Counsel Gilpin reported that one of the bills moving through the state legislature pertaining to teleconferencing has received tremendous pushback from outside agencies to curtail the availability of continued use of teleconferencing outside of state of emergency conditions for transparency and other reasons. Assembly Bill (AB) 2449 passed. AB 2449 amended Government Code 54953 to allow a Director to participate in a public meeting virtually in limited emergency situations.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Elitharp stated the next SDCWA Board meeting will be held on September 22.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

Director Hernandez reported the Capital Improvement Committee met this morning at which updates on several capital improvement projects were provided.

Director Sannella reported that EWA has contracted with a firm to conduct a comprehensive compensation study.

STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Director Hernandez reported on his attendance to the WateReuse Annual Conference.

President Elitharp reported on his attendance to the Council of Water Utilities meeting on August 20.

Director Pennock reported on his attendance to the Special Districts Leadership Academy.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Hernandez requested staff inquire about a webinar on the Colorado River scheduled for October.

Director Boyd-Hodgson stated she is considering having a discussion of potential charitable opportunities for the District to engage in at a future Public Awareness/Personnel/Policy Committee meeting. She requested the Board send their suggestions for environment and water-focused charities to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Elitharp adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 6:28 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Vallecitos Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 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:

James Gumpel, Assistant General Manager
Vallecitos Water District