

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
PUBLIC AWARENESS/PERSONNEL/POLICY COMMITTEE  
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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 Prui  
Assistant General Manager Gumpel  
Systems Administrator Drummond  
Senior Executive Assistant Flores

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

PERSONNEL

**(Old Business) Intern Update**

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins provided the Committee with an update on the District's internship program. Greg Gauthier completed his summer internship with the District and was accepted to the San Diego County Water Authority's internship program. Ben Crane is the current intern at the District for the fall semester and will be attending a variety of activities with a number of departments throughout the District.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

**(New Business) Landscape Makeover Partnership with the San Diego County Water Authority**

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins provided the Committee with an update on the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) WaterSmart Landscape Makeover Program and stated that the District will be partnering with SDCWA and hosting the program.

Director Boyd-Hodgson inquired when the dates will be for the program at the District. Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins informed the Committee that the dates will be established in the new year after the holiday season.

Director Pennock asked if the District was the only agency partnering with SDCWA for the Landscape Makeover Program. General Manager Prui informed the Committee that SDCWA looks to partner with other agencies; however, the District does have a great locale

for the event. Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins stated the District has built a strong relationship with SDCWA.

**(New Business) Possible “One Water Academy” - Two Times per Year with One Focusing on Water and the Other on Wastewater**

General Manager Pruim informed the Committee that this agenda item was presented to get feedback and/or support to conduct the One Water Academy two times per year. This would allow staff to focus one session on only water and the second session only on wastewater.

Director Pennock stated that the current One Water Academy is a full day and inquired if the District was looking for support for two whole days or if the sessions would be half days. General Manager Pruim informed the Committee that there has been some feedback for a shorter day for the session. If there are two sessions, staff would be able cut down the time significantly by reducing the amount of stops on the tour. General Manager Pruim stated that the two sessions would be run like a pilot program and would seek feedback through surveys.

The Committee supported the District piloting two sessions for the One Water Academy.

**(Old Business) Bill Dean - Possible Grant Funding and Goal Setting**

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins informed the Committee that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has an Innovative Conservation Program Grant available that is usually looking for innovative technologies in water conservation; however, it is very flexible. Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins reached out to Bill Dean to partner and possibly submit a proposal to fund the 5<sup>th</sup> grade school program. Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins asked the Committee if there was a specific goal for the number of students to train.

Director Boyd-Hodgson asked if the grant would replace the current budgeted amount for the program. General Manager Pruim stated that it would be the full Board’s decision to switch out the current budget with the grant funds and determine the number of classrooms to participate in the program.

General discussion took place. The Committee supported moving forward with the grant application.

**POLICY**

**(New Business) Board Member Seats on U.S. Water Alliance “One Water Council”**

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins informed the Committee that along with membership to the U.S. Water Alliance, the District received two seats on the One Water Council (Council). Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins asked if the Committee would like to make a recommendation to bring to the full Board for approval.

Director Boyd-Hodgson expressed her interest in sitting on the Council. General Manager Pruim stated that due to the timing of the Board meeting in December, if any of the Directors have interest in sitting on the Council, they can express their interest to the incoming Board President and that the Board will make the final approval at the December meeting.

**(Old Business) Ordinances, Policies, Resolutions, and Practices - Discussion/Update**

General Manager Pruim presented a list of ordinances and policies that the District is currently working on and proposed the following list be brought back before the Committee for review at their December meeting:

- Ordinance No. 175, Timing of Cap Fees Payment (Water Capital Facility Fees)
- Ordinance No. 176, Timing of Cap Fees Payment (Sewer Capital Facility Fees)
- Inactive Account Status
- Bill Payment Arrangements

Director Boyd-Hodgson requested staff also review the Board Orientation Handbook and bring it to the Committee at their December meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE – DECEMBER 5, 2022**

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 5, 2022, in the Board Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:51 a.m.