

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017, 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.

Director Sannella led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Director Elitharp
Director Evans
Director Hernandez
Director Martin
Director Sannella

Staff Present: General Manager Pruiam
Assistant General Manager Scaglione
Legal Counsel Scott
District Engineer Gumpel
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi
Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Hubbard
Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl
Capital Facilities Engineer Santos
Accounting Supervisor Owen
Public information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins
Financial Analyst Arthur
Systems Administrator Drummond
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2017

President Elitharp stated he received a request to remove Item 2.2 from the agenda.

17-11-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Evans, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of November 1, 2017 as amended with the removal of Item 2.2 – California Department of Food and Agriculture Public Forum on “Managed Groundwater Recharge to Support Sustainable Water Management”.

PRESENTATIONS

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins presented the “Imagine a Day Without Water” video. The video was created by staff, joining over 700 organizations on October 12 to participate in the nationwide Imagine a Day Without Water event - a day of education and advocacy about the value of water.

Public information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins presented feedback received from attendees of the District’s Water Academy Tour held on October 19, 2017, as well as a video of the tour.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding the Finance/Investment Committee meeting he attended. He commented on topics discussed at the meeting such as the pension fund and an inventory of District owned property. He encouraged the Board to hold workshop meetings regarding the pension fund and bonds.

A representative from Senator Joel Anderson's office addressed the Board and distributed invitations for the Board to attend the Holiday Legislative Open House on December 12 at Toyota of El Cajon. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with Senator Anderson to discuss legislative issues.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Martin requested Item 1.1A be pulled from the consent calendar for discussion.

17-11-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Sannella, and carried unanimously, to approve Items 1.1B, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 of the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.1 Approval of Minutes

B. Regular Board Meeting – October 18, 2017

1.2 Warrant List through November 1, 2017 - \$5,116,835.18

1.3 Construction Contract Award for Nursery Valve Relocation

1.4 Approval of Construction Agreement for Palisades Estates, APN's 172-110-07, 08, 35 & 174-260-03, 04, 09 & 22 (Program Resources, Inc.)

1.5 Purchase of Nimble Storage for Computer Servers

Discussion of Item 1.1A took place as follows:

1.1 Approval of Minutes

A. Public Awareness/Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting – October 16, 2017

Director Martin stated the Board had directed the Public Awareness/Personnel/Policy Committee to review a billing issue that was to be brought back to the Board for further discussion. Director Hernandez stated he had misunderstood the Board's directive.

General discussion took place. During general discussion, General Manager Prui clarified that the billing issue Director Martin was referring to was related to a billing error. The issue has not been resolved. Director Evans further clarified that the Committee discussed the billing error as a matter of practice and not policy, making sure the proper procedures were followed, and did not make a decision concerning the error.

The billing issue will be placed on a future Board agenda for further discussion of the issue itself and policy.

17-11-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Sannella, and carried unanimously, to approve Item 1.1A of the Consent Calendar as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

COMMUNICATIONS SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE INSTALLATION, USE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF RADIO COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi stated the District was approached by a representative for The Regents of the University of California requesting the installation of radio communication facilities at the Coronado Hills Tank. The Board approved the same agreement with the County of San Diego in May of 2015; however, the contract was never signed by the County. The radio communication facilities would become part of a network which includes the University of California San Diego's High Performance Wireless Research and Education Network infrastructure project for the benefit of public safety communities, especially firefighters in San Diego County in their function as first responders.

General discussion took place.

Staff recommended the Board authorize the execution of a communications site license agreement with The Regents of the University of California for the installation, use, maintenance, and repair of radio communication facilities on the Coronado Hills Tank site.

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board asking if there is an existing emergency-powered generator system at the Coronado Hills Tank site and requested more information regarding hazardous materials at the site and how the equipment was to be powered.

Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi stated there is no emergency generator, hazardous material, or fuel of any kind at the site. A portable battery pack is available for backup power and electrical power runs up to the repeater at the top of the hill.

17-11-06 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to authorize the execution of the communications site license agreement with the Regents of the University of California.

MEETING WITH STATE SENATOR JOEL ANDERSON TO DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

General Manager Pruim stated the meeting with Senator Anderson on November 2 is not on the approved list of organizations for which meetings are considered compensable under District Ordinance No. 203; therefore, approval for per diem and expense reimbursement is required.

17-11-07 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, seconded by Director Martin, and carried unanimously, to authorize per diem and mileage reimbursement for attendance to the meeting with Senator Joel Anderson.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruim reported that repairs will be made to a service leak along Travelers Way in San Marcos on the evening of November 2. No impact to traffic on San Marcos Boulevard is anticipated.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Scott reported that the California Supreme Court granted the City of Oroville's petition for review of the lower court's ruling. The case involves a sewage back-up from the City's sewer main through a private lateral of an office building. The lower court found the City liable for inverse condemnation despite the fact that the building owner had failed to install a backwater valve which was required by a District Ordinance.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Evans stated the majority of the SDCWA Board meeting took place in closed session. SDCWA expects to work cooperatively with Metropolitan Water District to try to settle the lawsuit.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

Director Hernandez stated the Capital Improvement Committee will meet on November 8.

Director Elitharp stated the Policy & Finance Committee will meet on November 7.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Director Sannella stated that at their meeting on October 30, the Legal/Legislative Committee was provided with proposals for legal services received from five law firms. The Committee will discuss the proposals and next steps of the selection process at their November 7 meeting.

Director Martin reported the Finance/Investment Committee met on October 31 to discuss future planning for the Committee.

Director Hernandez stated the Engineering/Equipment Committee will meet on November 13.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Directors Martin and Hernandez reported on their attendance to the District's Water Academy Tour on October 19 and the San Diego North Economic Development Council monthly meeting on October 25.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Elitharp adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 5:57 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 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 Pruiam, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District