

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018, AT 5:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE,  
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

President Hernandez called the Regular meeting to order at the hour of 5:00 p.m.

Director Martin led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Staff Present: General Manager Pruiam  
Legal Counsel Norvell  
Administrative Services Manager Emmanuel  
District Engineer Gumpel  
Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Hubbard  
Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl  
Finance Manager Owen  
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi  
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2018

18-04-01 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, seconded by Director Martin, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of April 4, 2018.

PRESENTATION

Chris Palmer, Public Affairs Field Coordinator with the California Special Districts Association, presented the Board with the "District of Distinction" award accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board stating that during a recent report on the Newland Sierra dispute, a reporter indicated he reviewed the draft EIR. Mr. Hunsaker requested the draft EIR be provided to him on a CD for review. He also inquired on conservation and rationing that is forth coming. Mr. Hunsaker further stated that AB744 requires each individual meter to a single-family dwelling or mobile home resident with a separate meter be subject to mandatory cutbacks. SB7X mandates that

sometime this year all new apartment dwellings are to be on individual meters. He further stated there is nothing that limits the District requiring individual meters for every apartment. He thanked the Board.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

18-04-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Evans, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented with Item 1.3 being pulled for discussion.

#### 1.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Board Meeting – March 21, 2018
- B. Finance/Investment Committee Meeting – March 22, 2018

1.2 Warrant List through April 4, 2018 - \$3,026,300.52

1.3 Spring 2018 Between the Pipes – Vallecitos Water District Quarterly Newsletter

General Manager Pruim stated that the Board has been provided with an updated copy which removed several photos; no substantive changes were made to the newsletter.

18-04-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, to approve the modifications to the Vallecitos Water District Quarterly Newsletter.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### ACWA “NO DRINKING WATER TAX” CAMPAIGN SUPPORT

General Manager Pruim stated Senator Monning has introduced SB 623 with the intent to raise funds to help disadvantaged communities improve the water systems which would allow their members the ability to access safe, reliable water. One of the key provisions of the bill would impose a tax on water. Local agencies would have to add a surcharge/tax to every customer’s bill depending on the size of their meter. Based on the number of VWD’s meters and accounts, it would be over \$300,000 per year that would be collected from customers for transmission to Sacramento.

General Manager Pruim further stated that in addition to Senator Monning’s bill, the Governor’s office has introduced a budget trailer bill with similar provisions. The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has initiated a campaign to fight the Senate bill and the budget trailer bill. The sentiment is that placing a tax on water is not

the best way to generate the funding. Based on the expected level of effort and the importance, ACWA is looking for contributions from its member agencies. The donation amount is based on agency size. Based on VWD's size, ACWA is recommending a \$10,000 contribution.

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board stating that whatever letter is written, he would like it be noted that this is not a tax on water, it is a tax on connections. The areas that most notably have the poorest water situation are in the central valley. He further commented on utility bills and the lack of affordable housing.

General discussion followed.

18-04-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Evans, and carried unanimously, to authorize a contribution to ACWA in the amount of \$10,000.

## REPORTS

### GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruim reported the following:

- Metropolitan Water District (MET) was supportive in assisting with the Water Fix project by providing funding for a two-tunnel system. It appears it has now become a one tunnel system. On April 10, the MET Board will be undertaking the item to determine how much they want to fund. The fix would most likely be \$10 - \$11 billion. MET has not received a lot of support from the agricultural community in the central portion of the state. MET has proposed to take the lead on this project.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> ended the water year. The statewide results for the last snow survey show the snowpack was at 52% of the snow water equivalent. Statewide, the surface water reservoirs are at 107% of normal.
- Staff recently conducted bid openings on the locker room project and tomorrow will be the bid opening for the Board room project.

### DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Norvell reported on SB 623 and SB 998 stating they are being tracked. SB 998 would place limitations on water agencies' ability to discontinue water service for delinquent bills. SB 998 passed its first committee on an 8-1 vote and moves to its second committee. This bill will place certain limitations and requirements on the District; would require a written termination policy for how the District plans to administer this area; and would include termination procedures and restrictions. In addition, there

would be a waiver of re-connection fees for certain low-income residents and a cap on reconnection fees for all residents regardless of income.

The President signed an omnibus spending bill adopted by Congress. The bill includes increased amounts for certain water project funding that includes the clean water and drinking water state revolving funds as well as the new water infrastructure finance and innovation program, which provides long-term low-income funds for certain projects.

#### SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Evans stated that the SDCWA Board adopted a resolution authorizing the General Manager to file for a Cal-Fed Water Use Efficiency grant application. They are seeking a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to apply towards the sustainable landscape incentive program. The Board adopted positions on various bills, specifically adopted a position of support on AB 1944 – San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin; a position of oppose unless amended on SB 998 – water systems shutoff; a position of support on Prop. 68 – would receive \$200,000 for the 10-year Salton Sea management program and \$260 million for groundwater investment and drought issues. The next Board meeting will be held on April 12.

#### ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

President Hernandez stated the Capital Improvement Committee met on March 21. Discussion items were odor control issues and the septage report.

Director Elitharp stated the Policy and Finance Committee will meet on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

Director Martin stated the Finance Committee met on April 2 and the minutes were provided in the Board agenda packet.

Director Sannella also reported on the Finance Committee meeting stating an update on the RFP process for auditing services was provided. A recommendation will be coming forward to the Board in the near future.

Director Hernandez stated the Engineering Committee met on April 3. The topics included an update on development, CIP quarterly report, locker room project, Board room upgrade and receiving septage. He requested staff evaluate VWD receiving septage from north county haulers. The Committee recommended the locker room project be presented to the Board for award of contract.

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DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Directors Martin, Elitharp and Hernandez reported on their attendance to the WaterReuse Conference.

OTHER BUSINESS

Director Evans stated the SDCWA has been preparing an interim long-range water demand forecast reset for dryer scenarios. They have currently provided three presentations and suggested that SDCWA staff provide a modified presentation at a future Board meeting. She further stated that it would be of interest to have SDCWA staff provide a quick presentation on how Metropolitan Water District prepares their budget and why there was so much confusion and how different it is.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Hernandez requested a monthly report on Council fees be placed on the agenda in May.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Hernandez adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 5:55 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

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James Hernandez, President  
Board of Directors  
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

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Glenn Pruijm, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Vallecitos Water District