

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019**  
**8:00 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

The Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District office located at 1021 East Miramar Avenue, Claremont, California. The presiding officer was President Bob Kuhn.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The flag salute was led by President Bob Kuhn.

**3. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken with a quorum of the Board present.

**Directors Present**

Bob Kuhn, President  
David De Jesus, Vice President  
Brian Bowcock, Secretary  
Joe Ruzicka, Treasurer  
Carlos Goytia, Director  
Denise Jackman, Director  
John Mendoza, Director

**Staff Present**

Matt Litchfield, General Manager  
Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel  
Dominique Aguiar, Operations Supervisor  
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant  
Liz Cohn, Sr. Financial Analyst  
Karen Harberson, Compliance Specialist  
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tim Kellett, Chief Water Resources Officer  
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer  
James Linthicum, Chief Finance Officer  
Ben Peralta, Project Manager

Guest present: Ted Ebenkamp, Walnut Valley Water District; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District; Brian Teuber, Walnut Valley Water District; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Szu Pei-Lu-Yang, Rowland Water District; Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District; Dave Warren, Rowland Water District; Jennifer Stark, City of Claremont; John Brettl, Suburban Water Systems; Steve Patton, City of Glendora; Peter Kavounas; Chino Basin Watermaster; Justin Nakano, Chino Basin Watermaster; Edgar Tellez Foster, Chino Basin Watermaster; Chris Diggs, City of Pomona; Richard Hansen, Claremont Resident; Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies; Anthony Brown, Aqualogic, Inc., Maureen Coleman, Willdan Financial; Flor Iturbe, Willdan Financial; Bob Pence, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's Office; John Monseh, JFM Consulting; Neal Desai, National Parks Conservation Association.

**4. Additions to Agenda**

No additions to agenda requested.

**5. Reorder Agenda**

No reorder to the agenda requested.

**6. Public Comment**

Mr. Neal Desai, National Parks Conservation Association, spoke in opposition to item 10.E on the agenda, Cadiz Valley Groundwater Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project.

Mr. John Monseh, JFM Consulting, spoke regarding item 10.E on the agenda, Cadiz Valley Groundwater Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project. A handout given to Board members was an article in the Claremont Courier titled "Little-watched water districts helping Trump administration drain California desert" by Professor Char Miller.

**7. Standby Charge – Public Hearing**

President Kuhn opened the public hearing for FY 2019-20 Water Standby Charge. Ms. Liz Cohn provided the staff report asking the Board to consider approval of the standby charge of \$19.23 per EDU and authorize staff to complete any related processes for implementation. Ms. Maureen Coleman and Ms. Flor Iturbe of Wildan Financial attended the board meeting to answer questions regarding the Engineer's report. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and San Gabriel Tribune on June 5, 2019 and June 12, 2019. No public comment was received. President Kuhn asked the audience for public comment. There being none, the public hearing came to a close.

**8. Approval of Resolution No. 19-06-854 Adopting the FY 2019-20 Water Standby Charge**

Following the closure of the public hearing, President Kuhn called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-06-854 adopting the FY 2019-20 Water Standby Charge at \$19.23 per EDU.

Upon motion and second, President Kuhn called for discussion. There being no discussion, President Kuhn called for the vote.

<p><b>Moved: Joe Ruzicka      Second: Brian Bowcock</b> <b>Motion No. 19-06-5233 – Approving Resolution No. 19-06-854</b> <b>Adopting the FY 2019-20 Water Standby Charge.</b> <b>Motion passed by a 7-0 unanimous vote.</b></p>
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## 9. Consent Calendar

The Board was asked to consider consent calendar items (9.A-9.M) for the June 19, 2019 Board meeting that included: (9.A) receive, approve and file, May 2019 Minutes for May 1, 2019 and May 15, 2019; (9.B) receive, approve and file financial reports and investment update, May 2019; (9.C) Imported Water Sales, May 2019; (9.D) Miramar Operations Report, May 2019; (9.E) Approval of Resolution No. 19-06-855 Adopting the TVMWD Conflict of Interest Code; (9.F) Approval of Modified Board Meeting Schedule; (9.G) Approval of Resolution No. 19-06-856 Nominating Director Bowcock to Serve on the ACWA Region 8 Board for 2020-21 Term; (9.H) Approval of TVMWD's Debt Management Policy; (9.I) Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Nobel Systems for Development of the TVMWD Enterprise Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Project; (9.J) Approval of Resolution No. 19-06-857 Tax Sharing Exchange CSD No. 21, Annexation 21-762; (9.K) Approval of Resolution No. 19-06-858 Tax Sharing Exchange CSD No. 22, Annexation 22-435; (9.L) Approval of Resolution No. 19-06-859 Tax Sharing Exchange CLMD 1687, Annexation of Project Parcel Map 72916; Approval of Resolution No. 19-06-860 Tax Sharing Exchange CLMD 1687, Annexation of Project L 046-2015.

Upon motion and second, President Kuhn called for discussion. There being no discussion, President Kuhn called for the vote.

**Moved: David DeJesus    Second: Joe Ruzicka**  
**Motion No. 19-06-5234 – Approving Consent Calendar Items 9.A – 9.M for June 19, 2019.**  
**Motion passed by a 7-0 unanimous vote.**

## 10. General Manager's Report

### 10.A – Legislative Update, June 2019

Mr. Kirk Howie provided a legislative update for June 2019. Below are notable items shared in the report:

- President Kuhn, Director Jackman, Mr. Litchfield and Mr. Howie traveled to Sacramento on June 12, 2019 and met with TVMWD's lobbyists, Mr. Michael Arnold and Mr. Kristian Foy, of Arnold & Associates, and State Legislators. They met with eight (8) Legislators and made drop offs with two (2) others.
- The State budget bill passed on June 13, 2019, two days ahead of the scheduled deadline of June 15, 2019.
- The budget bill included a water trust fund for \$130 million each year for safe drinking water. AB 217 water tax on customer water bills was not a part of the budget, however it may come back next year.
- Mr. Howie went on to provide an update on Assembly and Senate Bills that are of interest to TVMWD.

## **10.B – Director Expense Reports, May 2019**

The Board was asked to consider approval of the director expense reports submitted for reimbursement for May 2019.

Upon motion and second, President Kuhn called for discussion. There being no discussion, President Kuhn called for the vote.

**Moved: Joe Ruzicka      Second: John Mendoza**  
**Motion No. 19-06-5235 – Approving Director Expense Reports – May 2019.**  
**Motion passed by a 7-0 unanimous vote.**

## **10.C – Approval of the General Manager’s FY 2019-20 Work Plan**

Mr. Litchfield presented the General Manager’s FY 2019-20 Work Plan for approval. Based off a request from the June 5, 2019 Board meeting, the Work Plan was updated to highlight objectives and goals that are different from the prior fiscal year.

President Kuhn commented that the Board is happy with what they were presented.

Upon motion and second, President Kuhn called for discussion. There being no further discussion, President Kuhn called for the vote.

**Moved: Joe Ruzicka      Second: Denise Jackman**  
**Motion No. 19-06-5236 – Approving the General Manager’s FY 2019-20 Work Plan**  
**Motion passed by a 7-0 unanimous vote.**

## **10.D – Resolution No. 19-06-861 of the TVMWD in Support of the Updated of the Chino Basin Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP)**

Mr. Peter Kavounas, General Manager of the Chino Basin Watermaster, provided an update of the OBMP. The OBMP is a regional management plan that was adopted in the year 2000. The plan was adopted to manage Chino Basin resources, with the primary focus being groundwater management and expanded to include surface water management. The goals of the OBMP will remain the same: (1) enhance Basin water supplies; (2) protect and enhance water quality; (3) enhance management of the Basin; and (4) equitably finance the OBMP. However, with the Chino Basin region facing new challenges, implementation activities need to be reconsidered. The OBMP update will be the document where all stakeholders that rely on the Chino Basin to meet their needs will collaborate to solve these challenges.

Upon motion and second, President Kuhn called for discussion. There being no further discussion, President Kuhn called for the vote.

**Moved: Bob Kuhn            Second: Brian Bowcock**  
**Motion No. 19-06-5237 – Approving Resolution No. 19-06-861 in**  
**Support of the Update to the Chino Basin OBMP**  
**Motion passed by a 7-0 unanimous vote.**

**10.E – Cadiz Valley Groundwater Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project  
– Proposal to Implement Recommendations Contained within the Report of  
the Independent Peer Review**

The Board was asked to consider entering into an agreement for professional services with Aquilogic Inc. to implement recommendations from the Report of the Independent Peer Review Panel for the Cadiz Valley Groundwater Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project (Cadiz).

Mr. Anthony Brown of Aquilogic, Inc. provided an update on the Cadiz Project and answered several questions posed by Mr. Litchfield. Aquilogic is recommending a Study Program to be implemented in three (3) phases: (1) Development of a Study Plan; (2) Implementation of the Study Program; and (3) Preparation of a Study Program Report. The Study Program will include many of the recommendations provided by the Review Panel. However, the Review Panel Report does not provide details as to how the recommendations should be implemented. Aquilogic will retain several consultants to provide technical support and assist in the implementation of the Study Program.

A discussion ensued between the Board and Mr. Desai concerning who paid for the review. President Kuhn and Director De Jesus requested it be noted that Aquilogic's fee will be funded by Cadiz, rather than Fenner Valley Water Authority as stated in this items staff report.

Upon motion and second, President Kuhn called for discussion. There being no further discussion, President Kuhn called for the vote.

**Moved: Joe Ruzicka            Second: John Mendoza**  
**Motion No. 19-06-5238 – Approving the Proposal to Implement**  
**Recommendations Contained within the Report of the Independent**  
**Peer Review.**  
**Motion passed by a 7-0 unanimous vote.**

**11. Directors' / General Manager Oral Reports**

Director Joe Ruzicka – LAFCO is currently involved in Municipal Service Reviews for approximately 6 cities throughout the County. At the Consolidated Oversight Board, one (1) city has presented a plan to dissolve its redevelopment agency. The final decision will be made in September.

Director Goytia – SGV Council of Governments met on June 10<sup>th</sup> and presented on the State budget and homeless consensus. The Prop 68 grant program of \$30 million extended its submission deadline to July 15, 2019.

Director Bowcock – Ms. Lynda Noriega was appointed as Chair to the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster Board of Directors.

Director Kuhn – reiterated support of the Chino Basin OBMP.

Director Mendoza – recognized Councilmember Preciado for attending the Board meeting.

Director DeJesus – discussed the twin tunnels project coming down the Delta and MWD hired a new Ethics Officer, Abel Salinas.

## 12. Closed session - Announcement of Closed Session Actions

The Board convened into closed session at 9:52 am to discuss the following item:

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)

- Property: 901 Corporate Center Drive, Pomona, California
- District Negotiator: Matthew Litchfield, General Manager
- Negotiating Parties: Foremost Corporate, LLC
- Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for Revised Easement

The Board reconvened to regular session at 10:54 a.m. Mr. Kennedy stated there was no reportable action on the listed item.

## 13. Future Agenda Items

None

## 14. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 10:54 a.m. to its next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. All regular meetings for July and August 2019 have been cancelled.



Bob Kuhn  
President, Board of Directors  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District



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