

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
VIA TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 2, 2020
8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. via teleconference. The presiding officer was President Bob Kuhn.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with a quorum of the Board present. Director Mendoza was not present at the time roll call was taken as he was experiencing technical difficulties. He joined the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Directors Present

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

Staff Present

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

Virtual Attendees: Ray Baca, Engineering Contractors' Association; John Brettl, Suburban Water Systems; Chris Clarke, National Parks Conservation Association; Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District; Demi Espinoza, National Parks Conservation Association; Gregory Foster, Southern California Group; Victoria Hahn, Pomona resident; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District; Brad Jensen, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership; Richard Lambros, Engineering Contractors' Association; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Szu Pei Lu-Yang, Rowland Water District; Christopher McCarry, Chandler Asset Management; John Monsen, National Parks Conservation Association; Jayson Schmitt, Chandler Asset Management; Alfred Sinclair, Walnut Valley Water District; Marci Stanage, Southern California Partnership for Jobs; Jennifer Stark, City of Claremont; Jerry Tang, Walnut Valley Water District; Brian Teuber, Walnut Valley Water District; Dave Warren, Rowland Water District; Tony Zampiello, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies.

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3. Additions to Agenda

No additions to the agenda were requested.

4. Reorder Agenda

No reorder to the agenda was requested.

5. Public Comment

President Kuhn called for public comment.

Mr. Ray Baca submitted a speaker's card to be read for him in support of the Bonanza Springs Study.

President Kuhn asked General Manager Matthew Litchfield to provide an update on the status of the Bonanza Springs study. Mr. Litchfield reported the original study schedule has been slowed due to numerous factors. Permits have not been issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and field work has not commenced. Therefore, no findings or results are available at this time. An Aquilogic, Inc. report is available on the District website under the "News" tab.

Ms. Demi Espinoza is the California Desert Program Manager at the National Parks Conservation Association. She will be working on policies to protect the desert habitat and looks forward to working with the Board of Directors.

Mr. John Monsen thanked Mr. Litchfield for the Aquilogic, Inc. report posted on the District website and requested the actual communication between Aquilogic, Inc. and BLM be posted as well as any other pertaining communications.

Ms. Marci Stange spoke in support of the Bonanza Springs study.

Mr. Brad Jensen spoke in support of the Bonanza Springs study.

Mr. Chris Clarke spoke in opposition of the Bonanza Springs study.

Mr. Richard Lambros spoke in support of the Bonanza Springs study.

6. Presentation

6.A – Chandler Asset Management Economic & Investment Portfolio Update

Mr. Jayson Schmitt and Mr. Chris McCarry from Chandler Asset Management provided the Board with an economic and investment portfolio update. Current financial trends due to COVID-19 shutdown impacts were reviewed. The District's portfolio is fully compliant with the Investment policy and the California Government Code. The investment objectives of the District are to provide safety, liquidity and return. The majority of securities in the portfolio are government related with

corporate securities making up the rest. All securities are rated A or better. The District has outperformed in all benchmark areas.

7. General Manager's Report

7.A – Employee Health Care Costs CY 2021

Ms. Wendy Galarneau reviewed ACWA JPIA 2021 rate changes. The highest increases will be from Anthem HMO's with a 7.6% increase and Kaiser with an 8.84% aggregate increase. All other rates will remain the same or decrease. The recommendation is to maintain the same Employee/Employer contribution by percentage. This item will be moved to the September 16 Board meeting for consideration of approval.

7.B – Projects Summary Update

Mr. Ben Peralta provided an update of ongoing District projects. Preliminary start-up and testing at the Grand Ave Well Equipping project commenced in May 2020. CLA-VAL issues and motor operated valve issues were detected during the test and repaired. The Department of Drinking Water (DDW) provided a final inspection and on August 14 the permit amendment approval was received. The Miragrand Well project discharge pipeline and sound panels have been installed. It will take approximately four months for the entire well drilling to be completed. The remodel of the Administrative bathrooms at the District has been completed.

8. Closed Session

The Board convened into closed session at 9:22 a.m. to discuss the following items:

8.A - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Name of Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CPF-10-510830 (Consolidated with Case No. CPF-12-512466)

Name of Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CPF-14-514004

Name of Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CPF-16-515282

Name of Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-17-563350

Name of Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CPF-18-516389

8.B – Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Matthew Litchfield, General Manager

The Board reconvened to regular session at 9:50 a.m. Legal Counsel Steve Kennedy advised of no reportable action for items pertaining to 8.A.

With respect to item 8.B, the Board evaluated the General Manager's performance and acknowledged all requirements have been satisfied in the employment agreement for full relocation assistance.

9. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were requested.


President Kuhn would like to give District candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves at future Board meetings.

Director Bowcock advised everyone's mic should be muted unless they are speaking to eliminate background noise.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 10:02 a.m. to its next regular Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.


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


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