

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

**Wednesday, December 16, 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.

**Directors Present**

Bob Kuhn, President  
David De Jesus, Vice President  
Carlos Goytia, Secretary  
Brian Bowcock, Treasurer  
Jody Roberto, Director  
Danielle Soto, Director  
Mike Ti, Director

**Staff Present**

Matt Litchfield, General Manager  
Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel  
Dominique Aguiar, Operations Supervisor  
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant  
Liz Cohn, Senior Financial Analyst  
Maria Contreras, Admin./Communications Assistant  
Karen Harberson, Compliance Specialist  
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tim Kellett, Chief Water Resources Officer  
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer  
James Linthicum, Chief Financial Officer  
Lucy Pena, HR/Risk Manager  
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager  
Esther Romero, Accounting Technician  
Ryan Sonnenberg, Shift Operator

Virtual Attendees: Ray Baca, Engineering Contractors' Association; James Breitling, constituent; Moises Cisneros, Ignite Movements; Chris Clarke, National Parks Conservation Association; Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District; Neal Desai, National Parks Conservation Association; Demi Espinoza, National Parks Conservation Association; Gregory Foster, Southern California Group; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Kareem Gongora, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice; Rick Hansen, Cal Poly Pomona; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District; Joan Holtz, SGV Task Force Angeles Chapter; Denise Jackman, resident; Brad Jensen, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership; Angelina Jungo, PandA for Dani Soto, Scarlett Kwong, Walnut Valley Water District; Richard Lambros, Southern California Group; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company; Senator Connie Leyva; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Szu Pei Lu, Rowland Water District; Myra Malner, Rowland Water District; John Monsen, National Parks Conservation Association; Stephanie Moreno, Water Quality Authority; Pamela Nagler, Claremont resident; Steven Nagler, Claremont resident; Stephano Padilla; Columba

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Quintero, Native American Land Conservancy; Bill Quisenberry, LPSWROC; Carlos Rodriguez, Building Industry Association of Southern California; Thomas Ruiz, LiUNA Local 783; Manuel Saucedo, Senator Leyva's Office; Denny Shaw; N. Silva, South Coast AQMD; C. Robin Smith, resident; Jennifer Soto; Mike Soto, 4bluewaves; Patrick Soto, PandA for Dani Soto; Tom Soto, Diverse Communities Impact Fund; Marci Stanage, Rebuild SoCal Partnership; Jeremy Swan, City of Claremont; Lisa Tanaka, South Coast AQMD; Lisa Tarpin, Southern California Group; Brian Teuber, Walnut Valley Water District; Gracie Torres, Western Municipal Water; De'Andre Valencia, BizFed; Ralph Velador, Laborers PSW-ROC; Dave Warren, Rowland Water District; JeanPierre Webster, consultant; Bradley Whitaker, South Coast AQMD; Carol Whitson, Democratic Club of Claremont; Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies.

### **3. Additions to Agenda**

No additions to the agenda were requested.

### **4. Reorder Agenda**

Mr. Matthew Litchfield requested to move Item 6 (Administer Oath of Office) before Item 5 (Public Comment).

### **6. Administer Oath of Office, Director in Division 6**

Senator Connie Leyva administered the Oath of Office for Director Soto and congratulated her for her victory as the Division 6 Director. Director Soto thanked Senator Leyva for taking the time to swear her in. She also thanked her family and friends for their support during the campaign. Director Soto looks forward to working with the community, Board and staff for the next four years.

Director Ti introduced himself to the Board and public. He has worked at MWD for the past 22 years and is the Senior Resource Specialist. Director Ti is honored and humbled to serve Division 7 and looks forward to working with staff.

### **5. Public Comment**

Mr. Richard Lambros thanked the outgoing Directors and welcomed the new Directors. He spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Marci Stanage spoke in support of the Cadiz project.

Ms. Pamela Nagler welcomed the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Gracie Torres welcomed the new Directors and congratulated Director Roberto for her year of service. She spoke in opposition of the Bonanza Springs study.

Mr. Steven Nagler welcomed the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Robin Smith welcomed the new Directors and congratulated Director Roberto for her year of service. She spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Ralph Velador thanked the outgoing Directors and welcomed the new Directors. He spoke in support of the Cadiz project.

Mr. Ray Baca welcomed the new Directors and spoke in support of the Bonanza Springs study.

Mr. Moises Cisneros congratulated the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Thomas Ruiz welcomed the new Directors and spoke in support of the Cadiz project.

Mr. Brad Jensen congratulated the new Directors and spoke in support of the Bonanza Springs study.

Ms. Demi Espinoza congratulated the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Bonanza Springs study.

Mr. Kareem Gongora congratulated the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz project.

Mr. Carlos Rodriguez thanked the outgoing Directors and congratulated the new Directors. He spoke in support of the Cadiz project.

Mr. De'Andre Valencia congratulated the new Directors and spoke in support of the Bonanza Springs study.

Ms. Sorrel Stielstra submitted a public comment card to be read on her behalf. She welcomed the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Bonanza Springs study.

Ms. Lucy Chin submitted a public comment card to be read on her behalf regarding her concerns over the Cadiz project.

Mr. Bill Quinsenberry congratulated the new Directors and asked the Board to continue the course for the Cadiz project.

Mr. Chris Clarke welcomed the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. John Monsen welcomed the new Directors and commented on the Cadiz study.

Ms. Columba Quintero welcomed the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz project.

Ms. Neal Desai congratulated the new Directors and asked to drop the Cadiz project.



Professional Services Agreement for design and construction oversight in the amount of \$15,610.

Upon motion and second, Vice President De Jesus called for discussion. There being no further discussion, Vice President De Jesus called for a roll call vote.

**Moved: Director Bowcock**                      **Second: Director Goytia**  
**Ayes: Bowcock, De Jesus, Goytia, Roberto, Soto, Ti**  
**Noes:**  
**Absent: Kuhn**  
**Motion No. 20-12-5298 – Approve Professional Services Agreement with Armstrong & Walker**  
**Motion passed 6-0-1**

#### **10. Directors' / General Manager's Oral Reports**

Director Roberto commended Director De Jesus, Mr. Litchfield and Mr. James Linthicum for a report given at Walnut Valley Water District's board meeting.

Director Goytia congratulated Director Soto and Director Ti and looks forward to working with them.

Director Bowcock congratulated Director Soto and Director Ti. He attended the Six Basins Watermaster board meeting and introduced Director Roberto as the alternate.

Director De Jesus reported on the MWD Bay Delta environmental study.

Mr. Litchfield reported MWD had their annual shutdown of the Rialto Feeder. He thanked Mr. Lang and the Operations staff for all their efforts during that time.

#### **11. Closed Session**

The Board convened into closed session at 10:25 a.m. to discuss the following items:

##### **11.A – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]**

Name of Case: Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al., San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. RCV RS 51010

##### **11.B – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

- Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
- One potential case

The Board reconvened to regular session at 11:59 a.m. and no reportable action was taken.

## 12. Future Agenda Items

Director Soto requested a publicly noticed workshop for background information on the Cadiz study including any and all public documents. In addition, Director Soto inquired on a district cell phone and requested to agendaize a discussion.

Director De Jesus requested a future workshop item to brief the new board members on Chino Basin Watermaster.

Director Ti inquired on a Sunshine Ordinance briefing. Mr. Litchfield advised this will be on January 6 agenda.

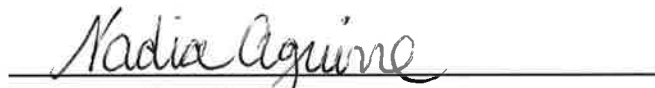
## 13. Adjournment

Director De Jesus adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2021.



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Bob Kuhn  
*President, Board of Directors*



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Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre  
Executive Assistant