



THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – 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 Ave., Claremont, CA, and via teleconference. The presiding officer was President Jody Roberto.

2. ROLL CALL

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jody Roberto, President
Mike Ti, Vice President
Carlos Goytia, Secretary
Bob Kuhn, Treasurer
David De Jesus, Director
Jeff Hanlon, Director

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Danielle Soto, Director

STAFF PRESENT

Matthew Litchfield, General Manager
Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel
Dominique Aguiar, Operations Supervisor
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant
Liz Cohn, Senior Financial Analyst
Karen Harberson, Compliance Specialist
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer
Sylvie Lee, Chief Water Resource Officer
Kevin Panzer, Engineer
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager
Esther Romero, Accounting Technician

Virtual Attendees: Josh Byerrum, Walnut Valley Water District; Ed Chavez, Water Quality Authority; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Richard Lambros, Engineering Contractors' Association; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company; Myra Malner, Rowland Water District; Toby Moore, Golden State Water Company; Stephanie Moreno, Water Quality Authority; Gabriela Sanchez, Rowland Water District; Sherry Shaw, Walnut Valley Water District

In person attendees: Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Jared Macias, Walnut Valley Water District, Jennifer Stark, City of Claremont

3. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by President Roberto.

4. AGENDA REORDER/ADDITIONS

No reorder or additions to the agenda were requested.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Roberto opened public comment and there was none.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board considered consent calendar items 6.A – 6.I for the February 15, 2023 Board meeting that included: (6.A) Receive, Approve and File Minutes, January 4 and 18, 2023; (6.B) Receive, Approve and File Financial Reports and Investment Update, January 2023; (6.C) Imported Water Sales, January 2023; (6.D) Miramar Operations Report, January 2023; (6.E) Approve Director Expense Reports, January 2023; (6.F) Consider Approval of the Strategic Plan; (6.G) FY 2022/23 Second Quarter Reserve Schedule; (6.H) Consider Approval of Water Resources Mater Plan Professional Services Agreement; (6.I) Miramar Electrical Switchboard Upgrade.

Director Ti requested to pull Item 6.I - Miramar Electrical Switchboard Upgrade for discussion.

Upon motion and second, and no discussion on the remaining items, President Roberto called for a roll call vote.

Moved: Director De Jesus	Second: Director Ti
Ayes: De Jesus, Hanlon, Kuhn, Roberto, Ti	
Noes:	
Absent: Goytia, Soto	
Motion No. 23-02-5423 Approval of Consent Calendar Items 6.A – 6.H	
Motion passed 5-0-2	

Director Ti inquired on the new contractor for the Miramar Electrical Switchboard upgrade. General Manager Litchfield stated there were concerns by Eaton, the original contractor, with TVMWD's construction contract agreement. Eaton's proposed solution was to bring in a third party electrical contractor, Highpoint, as the general contractor, and assume the role of carrying the proper liability insurance and bonds to TVMWD's satisfaction. Highpoint in turn will subcontract the work to Eaton. The overall scope of work is not being changed and there is no financial impact to TVMWD.

Moved: Director Ti	Second: Director Kuhn
Ayes: De Jesus, Goytia, Hanlon, Kuhn, Roberto, Ti	
Noes:	
Absent: Soto	
Motion No. 23-02-5424 Approval of Consent Calendar Items 6.I	
Motion passed 6-0-1	

7. REPORTS

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chief Administrative Officer Howie reported on current legislative activities. Mike Arnold and Associates will present a legislative year kick-off at the April 5, 2023 board meeting. Chief

Administrative Officer Howie reviewed two teleconferencing bills related to emergency declarations, AB 557 (Hart) and SB 411 (Portantino); and SB 366 (Caballero) for a California water management plan. MWD continues to engage in conversations with member agencies regarding the ban of irrigation on non-functional turf. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

B. WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Chief Water Resources Officer Lee reported on two of the State Water Project's (SWP) major reservoirs, Lake Oroville and the San Luis Reservoir. Lake Oroville levels are higher than the historical average at 114% and at 69% of total capacity. The San Luis Reservoir is slightly under the historical average at 92% and at 71% of total capacity. The system as a whole is at 93% of storage levels for the SWP system and snowpacks are at 136% of the average peak. The Department of Water Resources has increased the SWP allocation from 5% to 30% based on snow surveys. The Human Health and Safety designation is no longer needed due to the current amount of SWP water supplies. The Colorado River Basin snowpack is at 140% normal for this date. Lakes Mead and Powell are at the lowest levels in decades. The amount of water used from the Colorado River is not allowing the reservoir to refill to its capacity. MWD Board discussions for the Water Supply Allocation Plan (WSAP) usually commence around May of each year and take a fiscal year for action. Messaging on how to plan for allocation and conservation needs to be discussed. There are currently no volumetric restrictions for the Emergency Water Conservation program for City of Claremont – GSWC, and City of La Verne; however, they are on the one-day-a-week watering schedule. Director De Jesus reported there are discussions happening at MWD to relax the one-day-a-week watering restrictions, but no decisions are being made at this time. Tony Lima, Director at Rowland Water District (RWD), inquired if more water will be delivered to RWD's service area. General Manager Litchfield reported that 4-5 CFS from the Miramar Treatment Plant is being delivered through the joint water line. Additional water supplies will continue to be diverted through the joint water line during the summer months.

8. ACTION AGENDA

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-02-955 ADOPTING THE AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

The Conflict of Interest Code (Code) was amended to include the Engineer full-time position and eliminate the Project Manager position. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting on January 24, 2023, approved the amended Code, effective as of January 25, 2023.

Upon motion, second, and no discussion, President Roberto called for a roll call vote.

Moved: Director Hanlon	Second: Director Goytia
Ayes: De Jesus, Goytia, Hanlon, Kuhn, Roberto, Ti	
Noes:	
Absent: Soto	
Motion No. 23-02-5425 Approval of Resolution No. 23-02-955	
Motion passed 6-0-1	

9. DIRECTORS' / GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORTS

General Manager Litchfield reported he was in Sacramento last week for the General Manager Climate Change and Supply Reliability Study. The focus of this study is for water General Managers to collectively identify water supply concerns, supply targets, and financing options to effectively frame the over-arching issue of the lack of supply development, and large-scale storage and conveyance. The February outreach meeting with Senator Archuleta in Sacramento to promote the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition (STWC) did not work out and efforts will continue to set up a future meeting. The STWC steering committee has requested that agencies that have a seat of the board consider a \$20,000 contribution to the California Municipal Utilities Agency (CMUA) to fund public outreach efforts by CMUA to promote Senate Bill 366 (SB 366). SB 366 was a direct result of the STWC outreach efforts and is being authored by Senator Anna Caballero (District 14, Merced). SB 366 draft legislation modifies the California Water Plan to include water supply targets, financing mechanisms and reporting deadlines back to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). General Manager Litchfield also mentioned that he attended the MWD board retreat on February 13 and 14 in Temecula, CA.

Director De Jesus, along with MWD Chair Adán Ortega and General Manager Adel Hagekhalil, visited four MWD employee residential housing facilities. Director De Jesus is the lead director of the investigation as a result of an MWD ethics audit. Some of the houses are undergoing repairs and others are being demolished due to their state of disrepair. In addition, Director De Jesus reported on the MWD Board retreat he attended this week.

Director Goytia reported on the tour hosted by the SGV Council of Governments at the Pomona Reclamation Plant last week. There was a good turnout and very informative.

10. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into closed session at 9:10 a.m. to discuss the following item:

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

The Board convened out of closed session and into open session at 9:40 a.m. Legal Counsel Kennedy stated no reportable action was taken.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


No future agenda items were requested.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Roberto adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2023.



Jody Roberto
President, Board of Directors



Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre
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