



# THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

## I. 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. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b), President Roberto attended the meeting via teleconference at 7213 Alliance Court, San Diego, CA 92119. The presiding officer was President Roberto.

## 2. ROLL CALL

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

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jody Roberto, President  
Carlos Goytia, Secretary  
Bob Kuhn, Treasurer  
David De Jesus, Director  
Jeff Hanlon, Director  
Danielle Soto, Director

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mike Ti, Vice President

### STAFF PRESENT

Matthew Litchfield, General Manager  
Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel  
Dominique Aguiar, Operations Supervisor  
Brittany Aguiar, Finance Manager  
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant  
Liz Cohn, Finance Manager  
Freeman Ensign, Operations Supervisor  
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer  
Karen Harberson, Compliance Specialist  
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer  
Sylvie Lee, Chief Water Resources Officer  
Kevin Panzer, Engineer  
Brian Pen, Water Resource Analyst I  
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager  
Viviana Robles, Human Resources/Risk Manager  
Jose Velasquez, Chief Finance Officer

Virtual Attendees: Andy Bullington, City of Covina; Josh Byerrym, Walnut Valley Water District; Alanna Diaz, Walnut Valley Water District; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Rick Hansen; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Myra Malner, Rowland Water District; Thomas Monk, Walnut Valley Water District; Stephanie Moreno, WQA; Gabby Palomares, Rowland Water District; Wendy Saavedra, ASM. Blanca Rubio's Office

In Person Attendees: John Bednarski, Metropolitan Water District; John Bellah, Rowland Water District; Stephen Brown, Kinneloa Irrigation District; Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District; Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Jared Macias, Walnut Valley Water District; Meg McWade, City of La Verne; Dusty Moisiso, Rowland Water District; Jennifer Stark, City of Claremont

## 3. FLAG SALUTE

Director Goytia led the flag salute.

**4. DIRECTOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO AB 2449**

**A. NOTIFICATION DUE TO JUST CAUSE**

**B. REQUEST DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES**

There were no requests submitted by any Directors for remote participation due to Emergency Circumstances, and therefore no motion was needed for Item 4.B.

**5. AGENDA REORDER/ADDITIONS**

No reorder or additions to the agenda were requested.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stephen Brown, Kinneloa Irrigation District, provided public comment.

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT'S PURE WATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

John Bednarski provided an update on MWD's Pure Water Southern California. Field investigations are being conducted and preliminary design activities for the initial pipeline reaches through the cities of Carson, Long Beach, and Lakewood. They are coordinating with the Army Corps of Engineers, Caltrans, and other agencies for pipeline alignment. MWD is working with the City of Los Angeles Department of Water & Power to develop a larger pipeline alternative from 7 ft. to 9 ft. in diameter. This will allow for flexibility and potential connection with Operation NEXT. Technical studies are being revised to address potential environmental impacts. The upsized pipeline alternative requires revised CEQA documents, revised conceptual design, around \$3 million in additional planning costs, and a 9 to 12-month CEQA schedule extension. As part of MWD's program outreach events, in-person tours are available at the Carson demonstration plant. To date, \$82 million has been received in outside funding and \$8.2 million in partner contributions.

**B. NEW TVMWD TEAM MEMBER INTRODUCTION**

General Manager Litchfield introduced Finance Manager Brittany Aguilar to the Board. Ms. Aguilar was the Accounting Manager at the City of Glendora and is a CPA.

Rowland Water District (RWD) General Manager Tom Coleman commended Liz Cohn for her years of service at TVMWD. He thanked Ms. Cohn for her hard work in collaborating with RWD.

**8. ACTION AGENDA**

**A. RESOLUTION NO. 23-10-979 AUTHORIZING AN UPDATE TO THE SIGNATORIES FOR LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF)**

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, Soto	
Noes:	
Absent: Ti	
Motion No. 23-10-5458 Adopt Resolution No. 23-10-979	
Motion passed 6-0-1	

**B. SPECIAL DISTRICT LAFCO REPRESENTATIVE ALTERNATE MEMBER BALLOT**

The Board discussed the candidates on the ballot for LAFCO's special district representative alternate member. The Board voted to cast the ballot for Stephen Brown.

Upon motion and second, President Roberto called for a roll call vote.

Moved: Director De Jesus	Second: Director Kuhn
Ayes: De Jesus, Goytia, Hanlon, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto	
Noes:	
Absent: Ti	
Motion No. 23-09-5459 Cast ballot for Stephen Brown	
Motion passed 6-0-1	

**9. DIRECTORS'/GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORTS**

**A. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT**

Director De Jesus had nothing new to report.

**B. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**

Director Kuhn stated the CBWM judge had a successful tour last week and will be further discussed in closed session.

**C. SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY**

Director Kuhn had nothing new to report.

**D. MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER**

There was nothing new to report on this item.

**E. SIX BASINS WATERMASTER**

Director Roberto had nothing new to report.

## F. ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Director Kuhn questioned why the board meeting was held and stated the action items could have been deferred to the next meeting. Director Soto supported Director Kuhn's comments.

## G. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Litchfield reported the new logo templates are being worked on.

## 10. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into closed session at 9:06 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 back into open session at 9:24 a.m. Legal Counsel Kennedy stated no reportable action was taken.

## 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Hanlon requested to add as an action item on the October 18, 2023 Board meeting agenda, consideration by the Board to terminate the 2010 purchase option agreement with Cadiz.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The regular board meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. to the next regular board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

  
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Jody Roberto  
President, Board of Directors

  
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Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre  
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