



THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2022 – 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, 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
Brian Bowcock, Vice President
Carlos Goytia, Secretary
Mike Ti, Treasurer
David De Jesus, Director
Bob Kuhn, Director
Danielle Soto, Director

STAFF PRESENT

Matthew Litchfield, General Manager
Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant
Liz Cohn, Senior Financial Analyst
Freeman Ensign, Operations Supervisor
Karen Harberson, Compliance Specialist
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer
Sylvie Lee, Chief Water Resources Officer
Kevin Panzer, Assistant Engineer
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager
Ryan Sonnenberg, Operator
Marissa Turner, Admin./Communications Assistant

Virtual Attendees: Russell Ackerman, City of Glendora; Julie Carver, City of Pomona; Chris Clarke, National Parks Conservation Association; Hugh Coxe, resident; Colleen Coxe, resident; Neal Desai, National Parks Conservation Association; Cat Goytia, resident; Kevin Hayakawa, Walnut Valley Water District; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Arrica Jimenez, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Richard Lambros, Engineering Contractors' Association; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company; Szu Lu, Rowland Water District; Martin Ludlow; Richard Martinez, City of La Verne; John Mendoza; Dave Michalko, Valencia Heights Water Company; John Monsen, Sierra Club; Toby Moore, Golden State Water Company; Stephanie Moreno, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority; Laer Pearce, San Gabriel Valley Coalition; Drew Ready, Council for Watershed Health; Mick Rhodes; Gabriela Sanchez, Rowland Water District; Ed Sanders; Jennifer Stark, City of Claremont; Sorrel Stielstra; Stuart Wood; Marcella Zita; Ben; Tony & Alexander; JW Consulting Group

In Person Attendee: Krista Guerrero, Metropolitan Water District; Jeff Hanlon, citizen; Deborah K., resident; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Jared Macias, Walnut Valley Water District; Dusty Moio, Rowland Water District; Pamela Nagler, citizen; Steven Nagler, citizen

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

Chris Clarke provided public comment.

Jeff Hanlon provided public comment.

Pamela Nagler provided public comment.

Edward Sanders provided public comment.

Sorrel Stielstra provided public comment.

Hugh Coxe provided public comment.

Tony & Alexander provided public comment.

Richard Lambros provided public comment.

John Monsen provided public comment.

6. PRESENTATION

A. MWD TURF REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, NON-FUNCTIONAL TURF, AND SWRCB EMERGENCY DROUGHT REGULATIONS

Krista Guerrero of MWD provided an overview on drought and conservation programs. Requirements for the Turf Replacement Program include a storm water feature, 3 plants per 100 sq ft, permeable hardscape/mulch, and efficient irrigation. The turf replacement incentive for residential and commercial customers is \$3/square foot and \$4/square foot for public agencies. The Non-Functional Turf (NFT) irrigation ban expires June 10, 2023. MWD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on August 24, 2022, to reduce the quantity of NFT grass by 30%. In addition, MWD adopted a resolution encouraging municipalities to ban irrigation of NFT with potable water. MWD is encouraging its member agencies to adopt a similar resolution. NFT legislation will send a unified message with statewide outreach and marketing. An NFT dashboard is being developed to assist member agencies with decision making.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK APPOINTMENT IN LIEU OF ELECTION, DIVISION 5

President Roberto was appointed to Division 5 in lieu of election, since only one person was nominated. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will appoint President Roberto at a future board meeting and forward to TVMWD the oath of office for completion and submittal.

B. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND SALARY SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS

As a result of the Project Managers retirement, the position has been evaluated and proposed to be eliminated. Two positions will be added, a Water Resources Analyst I, II, III flex position, and a Water Resources Intern, effective January 1, 2023.

Director Ti encouraged outreach to local colleges and universities to fill the Water Resources Intern position.

This item will be brought back to the November 16, 2022 board meeting for consideration of approval.

C. PROJECTS SUMMARY UPDATE

Engineer Panzer reported on district projects. The Miragrاند Well project is 80% complete, with site work 95% complete. The motor has been tested with the pump and will be delivered in the next couple of weeks. The project cost to date is \$2,360,491. The anticipated start up is December 2022. The Emergency Generator Connection Upgrades project was recently put out for construction bid solicitation. The projected cost of the project is \$125,000. The Electrical Switchgear Replacement project will retrofit existing equipment. The project is scheduled for February 2024 and will cost \$190,000. The Miramar System Leak Detection program will identify potential sources of system leaks and deficiencies. The project will occur in February 2023 and is projected to cost \$190,000. The Six Basins Groundwater project addresses the Old Baldy Well and Durward Well. This project is in partnership with Puente Basin Water Agency.

D. COLORADO RIVER BASIN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The U.S. Department of Interior requested urgent action to improve and protect sustainability of the Colorado River. MWD has requested its member agencies provide commitments to water conservation in the Colorado River basin through participation in the MOU. The MOU commits programs to increase indoor and outdoor water use efficiency, reduce the quantity of NFT grass by 30%, increase water reuse and recycling programs where feasible, and implement best practices and share lessons learned. This item will be brought back to the November 16, 2022 board meeting for consideration of approval of the MOU.

E. DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT COMMENTS

A comprehensive review of the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) Draft Environmental Impact Review (EIR) was completed by staff and professional environmental services consultant, Tom Dodson and Associates. The project considered nine different alternatives and each of them had different ways the project would divert water flow from the north Delta to existing facilities in the south. Based on the findings in the Draft EIR, TVMWD supports implementation of Alternative #5, the Bethany Reservoir Alternative. This option will result in less overall adverse impacts on the environment than the other eight alternatives. This item will be brought back to the November 16, 2022 board meeting for consideration of approval of the DCP Draft EIR comment letter.

F. REVERSE-CYCLIC PROGRAM AGREEMENT

The Reverse- Cyclic program was approved by MWD earlier this year and guarantees delivery of water within five years of payment at the current MWD rate. This will defer State Water Project deliveries to wetter years when possible. A commitment of 3,000 acre-feet of water purchase through the Reverse-Cyclic program is recommended. The delivery will be to the Main San Gabriel Basin to help meet the replenishment needs of the TVMWD member agencies. Chino Basin Watermaster will potentially commit to 1,800 acre-feet for the Chino Basin. The fiscal impact to TVMWD will be \$2.4 million from the investment portfolio for the purchase. This item will be brought back to the November 16, 2022 board meeting for consideration of approval.

G. 2022 URBAN DROUGHT COMMUNITY FUNDING RESOLUTION

DWR has opened a funding opportunity through the Urban Drought Community Funding Program. Potential projects include regional turf replacement and urban conservation, groundwater quality improvement, and drought planning. Funding for the 2022 program is \$300 million. The resolution will be brought back to the November 16, 2022 board meeting for consideration of approval.

8. DIRECTORS'/GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer Howie announced that TVMWD was recognized as the top ACWA 2022 Outreach winner for Region 8. TVMWD will be recognized at the ACWA conference Opening Breakfast on November 30, 2022, where the overall winner among all regions in the state will be announced.

General Manager Litchfield announced he will be a moderator on the *Region 8 Postmortem After the Emergency Pipeline Repair* panel at the ACWA conference.

President Roberto thanked Administrative/Communications Assistant Turner for organizing the MWD Inspection Tour this past weekend. President Roberto thanked Operations Supervisor Ensign and Engineer Panzer for stepping in and assisting with the virtual tour.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into closed session at 10:51 a.m. to discuss the following items:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

B. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES (Government Code Section 54957)

Consultation with: Robert Peng, Information Technology Manager

The Board convened out of closed session and into open session at 12:35 p.m. Legal Counsel Kennedy stated no reportable action was taken.

Director Ti departed the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

11. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The board meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m. to the next regular board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022.



Jody Roberto
President, Board of Directors



Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre
Executive Assistant