

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
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 Avenue, Claremont, California. The presiding officer was President Bob Kuhn.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The flag salute was led by President Bob Kuhn.

3. 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
Denise Jackman, Director
Jody Roberto, Director

Directors Absent

John Mendoza, Director

Staff Present

Matt Litchfield, General Manager
Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel
Dominique Aguiar, Operations Supervisor
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant
Liz Cohn, Sr. Financial Analyst
Freeman Ensign, Operations Supervisor
Wendy Galarneau, HR /Risk Manager
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer
Tim Kellett, Chief Water Resources Officer
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer
James Linthicum, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager
Ben Peralta, Project Manager

Guest present: Ted Ebenkamp, Walnut Valley Water District; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District; Brian Teuber, Walnut Valley Water District; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water; Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Szu Pei Lu-Yang, Rowland Water District; Jennifer Stark, City of Claremont; Ray Baca; Victor Cerno; Jorge Marquez; Darbandi; Joe Lyons; Karen Suarez; Mary Ann Lutz; Robin Smith; Robert DeLoach; Hugh Coxe; Karen May; Shelly Vanderveen; Yuan Xie.

4. Additions to Agenda

No additions to the agenda were requested.

5. Reorder Agenda

No reorder to the agenda was requested.

6. Public Comment

President Kuhn called for public comment.

Ms. Robin Smith, Sierra Club Task Force, commented on landscaping with California native plants and in opposition to the Cadiz project.

Mr. Roman Nava, Building Industry Association, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Chris Clarke, National Parks Conservation Association, congratulated Director Roberto on her appointment and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Jorje Marquez, Covina City Councilmember, congratulated Director Roberto and Director Jackman on their appointments to the Board and expressed concerns regarding the Cadiz study.

Mr. Ray Baca, Engineering Contractors Association, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Karen Suarez, Monrovia resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Mary Ann Lutz, Monrovia resident, congratulated Director Roberto on her appointment to the Board and spoke in opposition to the Cadiz study.

Ms. Pamela Nagler, Claremont resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Joe Lyons, Claremont resident, welcomed Directors Roberto and Jackman to the Board and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Hugh Coxe, Claremont resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Karen May spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. John Monsen, National Parks Conservation Association, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Kris Murray, Southern California Water Coalition, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

President Kuhn called for a short break at 8:54 a.m. and reconvened at 8:57 a.m.

7. Public Hearing – Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Miragrand Well, Project No. 58463

President Kuhn announced that the Board would convene into a public hearing to consider the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Miragrand Well, Project No. 58463. All required public notices were completed and are available upon request.

President Kuhn called for the staff report. Mr. Matthew Litchfield advised this item was brought to the Board at the November 18, 2019. Due to resident concerns, a series of three (3) workshops were held for the community and conceptual renderings of what the project will look like were presented. Mr. Litchfield confirmed the items up for approval and adoption by the Board are the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, CEQA documentation and conceptual renderings.

President Kuhn opened the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. and called for public comment.

There was no public comment.

President Kuhn closed the public hearing at 9:01a.m.

8. Adopt Resolution No. 20-02-867 to Approve Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and CEQA Documentation for the TVMWD Miragrand Groundwater Well, Project No. 58463

In accordance with CEQA, the district prepared and circulated a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project. A revised Public Hearing notice was published in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and San Gabriel Valley Tribune on February 5, 2020 and in the Claremont Courier on February 14, 2020. An additional \$300,000 was added to the budget to accommodate changes shown in the conceptual renderings. Changes made to the project as a result of the outreach efforts and workshops do not require changes to the current CEQA documentation. Project signs will be on site to contact TVMWD with any complaints. Director De Jesus requested staff have a checklist for contractor to meet compliance requirements.

Upon motion and second, President Kuhn called for discussion. Upon discussion between staff and the Board, President Kuhn called for the vote.

<p>Moved: Director Goytia Second: Director De Jesus Motion No. 20-20-5263 – Adopt Resolution No. 20-02-867 to Approve IS/MND, CEQA Documentation and Conceptual Renderings. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.</p>

9. Consent Calendar

The Board was asked to consider consent calendar items (9.A - 9.I) for the February 19, 2020 Board meeting that included: (9.A) Receive, Approve and File Minutes, January 15, 2020; January 16, 2020; January 20, 2020; (9.B) Receive, Approve and File Financial Reports and Investment Update, January 2020; (9.C) Imported Water Sales, January 2020; (9.D) Miramar Operations Report, January 2020; (9.E) Authorize Presiding Officer to Vote for Special District LAFCO Representative for Term Expiring May 2020; (9.F) CSDA Board of Directors Vacancy-Call for Nominations, Seat B Southern Network; (9.G) FY 2019-20 Second Quarter Reserve Update; (9.H) Budget Amendment-American Water Infrastructure Act; (9.I) Approve Director Expense Reports, January 2020.

President Kuhn called for a motion to pull item 9.F for discussion and approve all other consent calendar items. Moved by Director Goytia and seconded by Director De Jesus.

Moved: Director Goytia Second: Director De Jesus
Motion No. 20-02-5264 – Approval of Consent Calendar Items 9.A – 9.I for February 19, 2020 with the exception of Item 9.F
Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

President Kuhn called for discussion on item 9.F. Director Jackman was nominated for CSDA Board of Directors Vacancy, Seat B Southern Network. The motion was moved by Director De Jesus and seconded by Director Goytia. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

10. General Manager's Report

10.A – Legislative Update, February 2020

Mr. Kirk Howie provided the Board with a brief update on legislative activities TVMWD has engaged in through to February 2020. The deadline for introduction of new legislation was on February 21, 2020. Staff will accumulate the list of bills of interest to the district and introduce the first edition of the monthly Legislative Status Report next month. AB203 is a records retention policy bill that will require retention of emails for two years and is expected to be vetoed. The Presidential Primary Election will take place March 3, 2020. Five state assembly members, two state senators and four congressional members from our area are up for election this year. The district is working on complying on the American Water Infrastructure Act. Staff has met with consultants to review the plan, assets and infrastructure. The Board will be provided an update in March.

10.B – Strategic Plan FY 2020-21

The strategic plan was brought forth as an informational item at the February 5, 2020 board meeting. Mr. Litchfield presented this item for action effective July 1, 2020.

Upon motion and second, President Kuhn called for discussion. There being no further discussion, President Kuhn called for the vote.

Moved: Director Goytia Second: Director Roberto
Motion No. 20-02-5265 – Approval of Strategic Plan FY 2020-21
Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

10.C – Approve TVMWD Miragrand Groundwater Well (Phase 1-Drilling/Development) Professional Services Agreement, Project No. 58463

Mr. Peralta advised the Board that staff received and reviewed four proposals for this project. Geoscience received the highest ranking by addressing all key tasks and potential concerns listed in the RFP. They have the most experienced team and understand key issues of the project. Staff anticipates preparation of the well drilling design bid documents to be completed in late March 2020.

Moved: Director Goytia Second: Director Bowcock
Motion No. 20-02-5266 – Approval of TVMWD Miragrand
Groundwater Well Phase 1 Professional Services Agreement.
Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

11. Directors' / General Manager's Oral Reports

Director Jackman stated CSDA will hold its initial SGV Chapter meeting on March 18 at TVMWD. Director Jackman will be in Washington, D.C. next week attending the ACWA DC conference.

Director Roberto advised of the Diamond Bar Community Foundation 5k Run/Walk that will be held in memory of Director Joe Ruzicka on March 15, 2020.

Director Bowcock reminded the Board of the SGV Water Forum on April 16, 2020 which TVMWD is a partner of. To date, \$39,000 in sponsorships have been collected and Mr. Litchfield will be a panel speaker. Director Bowcock attended IEUA's new Laboratory Dedication alongside Director Roberto and Director Mendoza.

Director Kuhn represented the WQA recently at DC meetings with Gil Cisneros and other congressional representatives.

Director De Jesus attended the Walnut Valley Water District board meeting. MWD discussed an integrated resource plan and budget workshops with a possible 5% budget increase.

Director Goytia will attend the SGV Council of Governments meeting tomorrow. A presentation was given at a previous meeting on the Hope for Home Center addressing homelessness concerns. Director Goytia provided information on a series of open houses the Gold Line will host.

Mr. Litchfield met with Mr. Devon Upadhyay last week to discuss the Cyclic Storage Agreement which will expire June 1, 2020. MWD will extend the current agreement for 6 months while TVMWD will continue to work with MWD on a 10-year agreement going forward. Mr. Litchfield will meet with MWD next week to discuss the Carson Project letter of Intent. A special board workshop will be held in March to review the policy manual.

12. Closed Session

12.A – Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)

- Property: 1500 N. College Avenue, Claremont, California [District is considering purchase of a small portion (10,000 sq. ft.) of this parcel]
- District Negotiator: Matthew Litchfield, General Manager
- Negotiating Parties: Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
- Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

12.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 convened into closed session at 9:40 a.m. to discuss the above-mentioned items. They reconvened out of closed session at 10:50 a.m. No reportable action was taken on any of the items.

13. Future Agenda Items

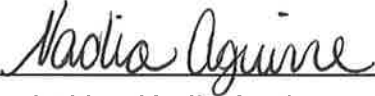
No future agenda items were requested.

14. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 10:50 a.m. to its next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2020.



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



Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre
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