

REVISED MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Monday, February 24, 2020
8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

The Special Board of Directors 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
John Mendoza, Director
Jody Roberto, Director

Staff Present

Matt Litchfield, General Manager
Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel
Dominique Aguiar, Operations Supervisor
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager

Directors Absent

Denise Jackman, Director

Guests present: Ted Ebenkamp, Walnut Valley Water District; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Jennifer Stark, City of Claremont; John Brettli, Suburban Water Systems; Jim Leach; Laer Pearce; Neal Desai; Deborah Adler; Victor Cerno; Gregory Foster; Rich Lambros; Don Bremner; Jose Garcia; Eliah Perona; Robin Smith; Richard Licesio; Art Velador; Juan Serrato; Alex Zamora; Efrain Lopez; Ralph Velador; Jose Radillo; Jayson Baiz; Sorrel Stielstra; Lynn Yann; Roman Nava; Bill Quisenberry; Michael Luna; Taylor Valmores; Mary Ann Lutz; George Bocanegra; Angel Esparza; Juan Olmedo; Emmett Cromwell; Joseph Lyons; DeAndre Valencia; Daniel Little; Marci Stanage; Michael Lewis; Joel Velazquez; Alex Artiaga; Bob Pacheco; Robert Paull; Miles Kenney; Mike Madrid; Cameron Griffin; Charles Hepperle; Jim Leach; Pamela Nagler; Steven Nagler; Brad Jensen; Ray Salas; Daniel Engle; Jose Ramirez; Deangeles Gilbert; Kris Murray; Thomas Ruiz.

4. Public Comment

President Kuhn called for public comment.

Ms. Mary Ann Lutz, Monrovia resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Richard Lambros, Engineering Contractors Association, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Cameron Griffin, the office of Senator Ling Ling Chang, read a letter written by Senator Chang supporting the Cadiz study.

Mr. Roman Nava, Building Industry Association, congratulated Director Roberto on her appointment and spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Charles Hepperle, Claremont resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Jayson Baiz, LiUna Union member, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Deborah Adler, Claremont resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Jim Leach, Santa Margarita Water District, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

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

Mr. Steven Nagler, Claremont resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Brad Jensen, SGV Economic Partnership, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Robin Smith, Sierra Club Task Force, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Jennifer Stark, Claremont resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Jose Radillo, LiUna Union member, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Eliah Perona, Los Angeles resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Don Bremner, Pasadena resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Sorrel Stielstra, Sustainable Claremont, read a resolution in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Laer Pearce, Santa Margarita Water District rate payer, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Joseph Lyons, Claremont resident, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. DeAndre Valencia, Biz Fed, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Angel Esparza, SW Regional Council of Carpenters, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Ray Salas, Laborers Union 783, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Daniel Engle, Laborers Union 783, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Jose Ramirez, Laborers Union 783, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Michael Lewis, Construction Industry Coalition, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Deangeles Gilbert, Laborers Union 783, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

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

Mr. Robert Paull, Native American Land Conservancy, spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Alex Artiaga, Laborers Union 783, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Thomas Ruiz, Laborers Union 783, spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

5. Cadiz Valley Groundwater Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project

Mr. Anthony Brown of Aquilogic Inc. and Mr. Paul Bauman of Advisian, briefed the Board of the overall Scoping Plan for the Bonanza Spring Study and approval to fund the field program (Phase II) or both Phase II and data analyses and reporting (Phase III). The goal of the independent study is to answer definitively whether a hydrologic connection exists between the Cadiz Water Conservation and Storage Project (Cadiz Project) and Bonanza Spring. If a connection exists, determine whether the Cadiz Project can proceed in a manner protective to the spring and if necessary, recommend amendments to the GMMP to protect the spring. The Board requested for Mr. Brown to attend quarterly Board meetings and provide progress reports. The final results are to be presented at a Board meeting in February 2021.

Mr. Neal Desai and Mr. John Monsen from the National Parks Conservation Association presented a PowerPoint and requested to not authorize moving forward with the study.

President Kuhn invited Mr. Joseph Lyons to participate in the Cadiz study on a peer review basis. Mr. Lyons agreed to participate in the peer review if the Board votes to move forward with the study.

Upon discussion by the Board, Director Mendoza moved to approve proceeding with Phase II and Phase III of the study with quarterly reports.

Moved: Director Mendoza Second: Director Bowcock
Ayes: Bowcock, De Jesus, Kuhn, Mendoza
Noes: Goytia
Abstain: Roberto
Absent: Jackman
Motion No. 20-02-5267 Approval of Phase II and Phase III scope of work with quarterly reports.
Motion passed by a 4-1-1 vote; Director Jackman was absent.

6. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were requested.

7. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 11:24 a.m. to its next regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.



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



Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre
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