MINUTES REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. via teleconference. The presiding officer was President Bob Kuhn.

2. 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
Jody Roberto, Director
Danielle Soto, Director
Mike Ti, Director

Staff Present

Matt Litchfield, General Manager
Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel
Dominique Aguiar, Operations Supervisor
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant
Liz Cohn, Senior Financial Analyst
Maria Contreras, Admin./Communications Assistant
Karen Harberson, Compliance Specialist
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer
Tim Kellett, Chief Water Resources Officer
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer
James Linthicum, Chief Financial Officer
Lucy Pena, HR/Risk Manager
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager
Esther Romero, Accounting Technician
Ryan Sonnenberg, Shift Operator

Virtual Attendees: Ray Baca, Engineering Contractors' Association; James Breitling, constituent; Moises Cisneros, Ignite Movements; Chris Clarke, National Parks Conservation Association; Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District; Neal Desai, National Parks Conservation Association; Demi Espinoza, National Parks Conservation Association; Gregory Foster, Southern California Group; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Kareem Gongora, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice; Rick Hansen, Cal Poly Pomona; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District: Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District: Joan Holtz, SGV Task Force Angeles Chapter; Denise Jackman, resident; Brad Jensen, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership; Angelina Jungo, PandA for Dani Soto, Scarlett Kwong, Walnut Valley Water District; Richard Lambros, Southern California Group; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company; Senator Connie Leyva; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Szu Pei Lu, Rowland Water District; Myra Malner, Rowland Water District; John Monsen, National Parks Conservation Association; Stephanie Moreno, Water Quality Authority; Pamela Nagler, Claremont resident; Steven Nagler, Claremont resident; Stephano Padilla; Columba Quintero, Native American Land Conservancy; Bill Quisenberry, LPSWROC; Carlos Rodriguez, Building Industry Association of Southern California; Thomas Ruiz, LiUNA Local 783; Manuel Saucedo, Senator Leyva's Office; Denny Shaw; N. Silva, South Coast AQMD; C. Robin Smith, resident; Jennifer Soto; Mike Soto, 4bluewaves; Patrick Soto, PandA for Dani Soto; Tom Soto, Diverse Communities Impact Fund; Marci Stanage, Rebuild SoCal Partnership; Jeremy Swan, City of Claremont; Lisa Tanaka, South Coast AQMD; Lisa Tarpin, Southern California Group; Brian Teuber, Walnut Valley Water District; Gracie Torres, Western Municipal Water; De'Andre Valencia, BizFed; Ralph Velador, Laborers PSW-ROC; Dave Warren, Rowland Water District; JeanPierre Webster, consultant; Bradley Whitaker, South Coast AQMD; Carol Whitson, Democratic Club of Claremont; Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies.

3. Additions to Agenda

No additions to the agenda were requested.

4. Reorder Agenda

Mr. Matthew Litchfield requested to move Item 6 (Administer Oath of Office) before Item 5 (Public Comment).

6. Administer Oath of Office, Director in Division 6

Senator Connie Leyva administered the Oath of Office for Director Soto and congratulated her for her victory as the Division 6 Director. Director Soto thanked Senator Leyva for taking the time to swear her in. She also thanked her family and friends for their support during the campaign. Director Soto looks forward to working with the community, Board and staff for the next four years.

Director Ti introduced himself to the Board and public. He has worked at MWD for the past 22 years and is the Senior Resource Specialist. Director Ti is honored and humbled to serve Division 7 and looks forward to working with staff.

5. Public Comment

Mr. Richard Lambros thanked the outgoing Directors and welcomed the new Directors. He spoke in support of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Marci Stanage spoke in support of the Cadiz project.

Ms. Pamela Nagler welcomed the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Gracie Torres welcomed the new Directors and congratulated Director Roberto for her year of service. She spoke in opposition of the Bonanza Springs study.

Mr. Steven Nagler welcomed the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Ms. Robin Smith welcomed the new Directors and congratulated Director Roberto for her year of service. She spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Ralph Velador thanked the outgoing Directors and welcomed the new Directors. He spoke in support of the Cadiz project.

Mr. Ray Baca welcomed the new Directors and spoke in support of the Bonanza Springs study.

Mr. Moises Cisneros congratulated the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. Thomas Ruiz welcomed the new Directors and spoke in support of the Cadiz project.

Mr. Brad Jensen congratulated the new Directors and spoke in support of the Bonanza Springs study.

Ms. Demi Espinoza congratulated the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Bonanza Springs study.

Mr. Kareem Gongora congratulated the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz project.

Mr. Carlos Rodriguez thanked the outgoing Directors and congratulated the new Directors. He spoke in spoke in support of the Cadiz project.

Mr. De'Andre Valencia congratulated the new Directors and spoke in support of the Bonanza Springs study.

Ms. Sorrel Stielstra submitted a public comment card to be read on her behalf. She welcomed the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Bonanza Springs study.

Ms. Lucy Chin submitted a public comment card to be read on her behalf regarding her concerns over the Cadiz project.

Mr. Bill Quinsenberry congratulated the new Directors and asked the Board to continue the course for the Cadiz project.

Mr. Chris Clarke welcomed the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz study.

Mr. John Monsen welcomed the new Directors and commented on the Cadiz study.

Ms. Columba Quintero welcomed the new Directors and spoke in opposition of the Cadiz project.

Ms. Neal Desai congratulated the new Directors and asked to drop the Cadiz project.

Director Soto requested to be fully briefed on the Cadiz project via a public workshop.

7. Presentation

Mr. Steve Lang commended Mr. Ryan Sonnenberg for being the first Three Valleys MWD recipient of the JPIA H.R. LaBounty Safety Award-Fall 2020. Mr. Sonnenberg invented a three-magnet system device to lift valve lids making the Operators jobs that much safer. Board members congratulated Ryan on his accomplishment.

8. Consent Calendar

The Board was asked to consider consent calendar items (8.A - 8.E) for the December 16, 2020 Board meeting that included: (8.A) Receive, Approve and File Minutes: November 4, 2020 and November 18, 2020; (8.B) Receive, Approve and File Financial Reports and Investment Update, November 2020; (8.C) Imported Water Sales, November 2020; (8.D) Miramar Operations Report, November 2020; (8.E) Approve Director Expense Reports, November 2020.

Upon motion and second, President Kuhn called for discussion. There being no discussion, President Kuhn called for a roll call vote.

Moved: Director Roberto Second: Director Bowcock

Ayes: Bowcock, De Jesus, Goytia, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti

Noes: Absent:

Motion No. 20-12-5297 - Approval of Consent Calendar Items 8.A -

8.E for December 16, 2020

Motion passed 7-0

9. General Manager's Report

9.A - Legislative Update, December 2020

Mr. Kirk Howie provided a legislative update through to December 2020. The new legislative session officially began on December 7, 2020 when all the newly elected members were sworn into office. Bills can now officially be introduced for the new session. Mr. Howie provided a summary of the general election results and the state budget outlook. The new board members were briefed on the District's proposed legislation allowing teleconferencing beyond the current executive order timeframe.

9.B – Approve a Professional Services Agreement for Miragrand Well Landscape Design Project, Project No. 58463

Mr. Timothy Kellett reported on the Miragrand Well landscape design project. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent out to landscape architectural firms. Final conceptual renderings developed from community outreach efforts and community workshops were used in the RFP. The proposals were reviewed and staff is recommending Armstrong and Walker Landscape Architects be awarded the

Professional Services Agreement for design and construction oversight in the amount of \$15,610.

Upon motion and second, Vice President De Jesus called for discussion. There being no further discussion, Vice President De Jesus called for a roll call vote.

Moved: Director Bowcock Second: Director Goytia

Ayes: Bowcock, De Jesus, Goytia, Roberto, Soto, Ti

Noes:

Absent: Kuhn

Motion No. 20-12-5298 - Approve Professional Services Agreement

with Armstrong & Walker Motion passed 6-0-1

10. Directors' / General Manager's Oral Reports

Director Roberto commended Director De Jesus, Mr. Litchfield and Mr. James Linthicum for a report given at Walnut Valley Water District's board meeting.

Director Goytia congratulated Director Soto and Director Ti and looks forward to working with them.

Director Bowcock congratulated Director Soto and Director Ti. He attended the Six Basins Watermaster board meeting and introduced Director Roberto as the alternate.

Director De Jesus reported on the MWD Bay Delta environmental study.

Mr. Litchfield reported MWD had their annual shutdown of the Rialto Feeder. He thanked Mr. Lang and the Operations staff for all their efforts during that time.

11. Closed Session

The Board convened into closed session at 10:25 a.m. to discuss the following items:

11.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

11.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 reconvened to regular session at 11:59 a.m. and no reportable action was taken.

12. Future Agenda Items

Director Soto requested a publicly noticed workshop for background information on the Cadiz study including any and all public documents. In addition, Director Soto inquired on a district cell phone and requested to agendize a discussion.

Director De Jesus requested a future workshop item to brief the new board members on Chino Basin Watermaster.

Director Ti inquired on a Sunshine Ordinance briefing. Mr. Litchfield advised this will be on January 6 agenda.

13. Adjournment

Director De Jesus adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

Bob Kuha

President, Board of Directors

Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre

Executive Assistant