

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

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021
8:00 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order at 8:02 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
Freeman Ensign, Operations Supervisor
Ray Evangelista, Engineering 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
Richard Quintero, Inst./Elec. System Operator
Esther Romero, Accounting Technician

Virtual Attendees: Michael Arnold, Arnold & Associates; Robert Bowcock, Integrated Resource Management, Inc.; Jordan Brandman, BIASC; Chris Clarke, National Parks Conservation Association; Hugh Coxe, Sustainable Claremont; Neal Desai, National Parks Conservation Association; Demi Espinoza, National Parks Conservation Association; Gregory Foster, Southern California Group; Kristi Foy, Arnold & Associates; Victoria Hahn, Pomona resident; Rick Hansen, Cal Poly Pomona; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District; Joan Holtz, SGV Task Force Angeles Chapter; Luis Juarez, Pomona resident; Richard Lambros, Engineering Contractors Association; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Szu Pei Lu, Rowland Water District; Myra Malner, Rowland Water District; Dave Michalko, Valencia Heights Water Company; Tom Monk, Walnut Valley Water District; John Monsen, National Parks Conservation Association; Stephanie Moreno, Water

Quality Authority; Steve Patton, City of Glendora; Jennifer Stark, City of Claremont; Dave Warren, Rowland Water District.

3. Additions to Agenda

No additions to the agenda were requested.

4. Reorder Agenda

No reorder to the agenda was requested.

5. Public Comment

Michael Cohen submitted a public comment card to be read on his behalf regarding the Bonanza Springs and Cadiz Project.

Demi Espinoza commented on the Cadiz Project.

Richard Haskell submitted a public comment card to be read on his behalf regarding the Cadiz Project.

John Monsen commented on the Cadiz Project.

Neal Desai commented on the Cadiz Project.

Joan Holtz submitted a public comment card to be read on her behalf regarding the Bonanza Springs study.

Chris Clarke commented on the Cadiz Project.

Hugh Coxe commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

Richard Lambros commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

6. Presentation

Mr. Steve Lang briefed the Board on the yearly shutdown that occurred in December 2020. MWD and Department of Water Resources shut down the Rialto Feeder, which is the primary pipeline coming into the District and feeds several other agencies. The shutdown is scheduled by MWD, but the District takes advantage of the opportunity for maintenance to the plant. Operations Supervisors Dominique Aguiar and Freeman Ensign coordinated the shutdown with member agencies. Directors thanked staff for their efforts during the shutdown.

7. Consent Calendar

The Board was asked to consider consent calendar items (7.A - 7.F) for the January 20, 2021 Board meeting that included: (7.A) Receive, Approve and File Minutes: December 2, 2020 and December 16, 2020; (7.B) Receive, Approve and File Financial Reports and Investment Update, December 2020; (7.C) Imported Water Sales,

December 2020; (7.D) Miramar Operations Report, December 2020; (7.E) Approve Director Expense Reports, December 2020; (7.F) CY 2021 Board Appointments.

President Kuhn requested to discuss Item 7.F before the vote. The San Gabriel Valley Chamber of Commerce was added to the Board Appointments list. Director Roberto will serve as the Representative and Director Goytia as the alternate.

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

<p>Moved: Director Roberto Second: Director Soto Ayes: Bowcock, De Jesus, Goytia, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti Noes: Absent: Motion No. 21-01-5301 – Approval of Consent Calendar Items 7.A – 7.F for January 20, 2021 Motion passed 7-0</p>
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8. General Manager's Report

8.A – Legislative Update, January 2021

Mr. Mike Arnold and Ms. Kristi Foy briefed the Board on the current legislative session, which is the first year of the new two-year session. Bills are starting to be introduced. The Governor presented his proposal for the state budget and there is a \$15 billion surplus. The Governor is asking for immediate action on four items: \$2 billion package to reopen schools, \$575 million small business grant program, \$71 million fee waiver for small businesses and \$2.4 billion golden state stimulus check for low-income California residents. The bill introduction deadline is February 19. The District's proposed legislation of enhancing public access through a teleconferencing platform continues to be worked on. There has been a good response in support of the bill. Director Roberto and Director Soto are the primary contacts for legislative meetings in Sacramento.

8.B – COVID-19 District Update

Mr. Matthew Litchfield provided an update on COVID-19 impacts on the District. Staff continues to work on a "pandemic schedule". COVID-19 policies were adopted in July 2020 and include Social Distancing policies and disinfecting protocols. IT Manager Robert Peng has been instrumental in improving staff's work from home efficiencies, thus allowing staff to meet the District's mission. The District's family-oriented culture has been maintained with weekly all staff meetings and weekly Operations staff meetings, where HR Manager Lucy Peña provides COVID updates. Mr. Lang has planned after hours online events such as a family Halloween costume party, dance party and Secret Santa Christmas party. The draft Strategic Plan will include a short-term challenge to reintegrate staff upon returning to the office. Three staff members have contracted the virus and fully recovered. Director Ti was glad to hear staff is safe and safe drinking water continues to be delivered.

8.C – Metropolitan Water District Update

Director De Jesus provided an update on MWD activities. Meetings will begin this year to discuss a storage agreement among seven basin states and Mexico. The General Manager job description has been finalized and is ready for recruitment. The MWD Board approved Appendix A, a financial document sent to agencies for bond to maintain and repair systems bringing water to Southern California. The MWD Board also received Brown act training. MWD conservation efforts were discussed. Rebates, incentives and education are part of this year's conservation program. Director Roberto recommended the District take a stronger stance and take an active role in supporting the Delta Conveyance Project.

9. Directors' / General Manager's Oral Reports

Director Goytia had nothing to report.

Director Ti reported he attended the Rowland Water District (RWD) board meeting and extended condolences to President Teresa Rios' family and RWD for her passing.

Director Bowcock reported the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster key well level is at 200.6 and gave a brief update on Watermaster happenings.

Director Roberto offered condolences to President Rios' family and RWD.

Director Soto extended condolences to President Rios' family.

Director Kuhn will attend the WQA board meeting today. Chino Basin Watermaster officers will be elected at the next board meeting.

Director De Jesus had nothing additional to report.

Mr. Litchfield reported LAFCO has three vacancies to fill in supervisorial districts 2, 4 and 5. Districts 4 and 5 are in the TVMWD area. Director Soto is interested in running.

10. Closed Session

The Board convened into closed session at 10:19 a.m. to discuss the following item:

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 reconvened to regular session at 10:48 a.m. and Mr. Kennedy advised no reportable action was taken.

11. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were requested.

12. Adjournment

The Board adjourned in memory and honor of Rowland Water District Board of Directors President Teresa P. Rios at 10:48 a.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021.



Bob Kuhn
President, Board of Directors



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