

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

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021
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
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager
Ben Peralta, Project Manager
Esther Romero, Accounting Technician

Virtual Attendees: Maritza Alvarez, Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples; Ileene Anderson, Center for Biological Diversity; Mary Ann Ruiz, resident; Ray Baca, Engineering Contractors' Association; Jayson Baiz, LiUNA; Jordan Brandman, BIASC; Sara Catalan, Catalan Consulting; Ed Chavez, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District; Chris Clarke, National Parks Conservation Association; Brad Coffey, Metropolitan Water District; Robert Cruz, SoCal Gas; Neal Desai, National Parks Conservation Association; Demi Espinoza, National Parks Conservation Association; David Fick, Morongo Basin Conservation Association; Gregory Foster, Southern California Group; Kevin Hayakawa, Walnut Valley Water District; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District; Brad Jensen, SGV Economic Partnership; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company; Richard Licerio, Laborers' Union Member; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Szu Lu, Rowland Water District; Myra Malner, Rowland Water District; Bill Manis, SGV Economic Partnership; Christopher McCarry, Chandler Asset Management; Tom Monk, Walnut Valley Water District; John Monsen, Sierra Club; Stephanie Moreno, Water Quality Authority; Laer Pearce, Laer Pearce & Associates; Joseph Quezada, LiUNA; Jose Radillo, LiUNA; Henry Rivera, Laborers Local 783;

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Thomas Ruiz, LiUNA; Jason Schmitt, Chandler Asset Management; Juan Serrato, Laborers Union; Sherry Shaw, Walnut Valley Water District; C. Robin Smith, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter; Dave Sorem, Mike Bubalo Construction; Marci Stanage, Rebuild SoCal Partnership; Jennifer Stark, City of Claremont; Brian Teuber, Walnut Valley Water District; De'Andre Valencia, BizFed; Ralph Velador, LiUNA; Joel Vealsquez, LiUNA; Dave Warren, Rowland Water District; Alex Zamora, LiUNA; Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies.

3. Additions to Agenda

No additions to the agenda were requested.

4. Reorder Agenda

The agenda was reordered as follows: (1) Item 8.A – MWD Update, (2) Item 6 - Presentations followed by public comment.

5. Public Comment

Ray Baca commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

Jayson Baiz commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

Richard Licerio submitted a public comment card to be read on his behalf.

Marci Stanage commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

Brad Jensen commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

Alex Zamora submitted a public comment card to be read on his behalf.

Deandre Valencia commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

David Fick commented on the Cadiz project.

Thomas Ruiz commented on the Cadiz project.

Joan Licari submitted a public comment card to be read on her behalf.

Maritza Alvarez commented on the Cadiz project.

Mary Ann Ruiz commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

Ileene Anderson commented on the Cadiz project.

Joan Holtz submitted a public comment card to be read on her behalf.

C. Robin Smith commented on the Cadiz study.

Richard Haskell submitted a public comment card to be read on his behalf.

Chris Clarke commented on the Cadiz project.

Sorrel Stielstra submitted a public comment card to be read on her behalf.

John Monsen commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

Jose Radillo commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

Demi Espinoza commented on the Bonanza Springs study.

Hugh Coxe submitted a public comment card to be read on his behalf.

Neal Desai commented on the Bonanza Spring study.

6. Presentation

6.A – Senate Bill 662 Coalition Letter of Support

Mr. Robert Cruz, Public Affairs Manager at Southern California Gas Company, provided an overview of Senate Bill 662 (Archuleta). SB 662 would authorize gas corporations to file applications to help accelerate the buildout of hydrogen refueling stations. The purpose would be to increase the amount of zero emission vehicles on the road to help the state achieve its ambitious climate change goals. Mr. Cruz requested to use the district logo in support of a coalition letter. This item will be brought back to a future meeting for consideration of approval.

6.B – San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Membership

Mr. Bill Manis, CEO, and Mr. Brad Jensen, Director of Public Policy at the SGV Economic Partnership provided a presentation on membership information. The District is currently at the Board level membership at \$6,000/year. Major annual events include the Developers Summit, Economic Forecast Summit, Legislative Networking Reception and Power Lunches. The next SGV Awards Gala will be held on Saturday, October 9 and more information will be provided in the coming months. The Partnerships political advocacy is for pro-growth, pro-business policies. Members are updated on issues every month at the Legislative Action Committee meeting. The next membership level tier is \$12,000-\$15,000. The Board will discuss and consider other levels of membership at a future meeting.

6.C – Investment Portfolio

Mr. Jayson Schmitt from Chandler Asset Management provided an investment portfolio update. The total market value has increased from \$1.8 million as of January 31, 2021 to currently at \$2.8 million due to the District adding funds to the portfolio. Benchmarks are being exceeded in all areas on a short-term and long-term basis. Chandler will continue to monitor TVMWD's for the duration of the portfolio.

8.B – Legislative Update, May 2021

Mr. Kirk Howie provided an update on legislative activities through to May 2021. District bill AB 703 is officially a two-year bill and will be heard next year depending on other similar bills that are still active in committee. The Board approved at a previous meeting to move forward with consultant BBK for the redistricting study. Census data will be completed and released later this year. A kickoff meeting will be held in June with the consultant to lay out the timeline and will report back to the Board. Governor Newsom declared a drought proclamation which includes a \$5.1 billion drought and water resilience package that the water industry can benefit from. TVMWD is working with CSDA and other advocacy groups to be included in the package. A component of the package is relief for rate payers due to the pandemic. Director Soto requested more information on how rate payers have been affected. Staff will reach out to Member Agencies for statistics and a report will be brought back to the Board. Arnold and Associates will provide a mid-year legislative update at the June 16 Board meeting.

8.C – Resolution No. 21-05-894 Placing Director Bowcock in Nomination to Serve on the ACWA Region 8 Board for the 2022-23 Term

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

Moved: Director De Jesus	Second: Director Soto
Ayes: De Jesus, Goytia, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti	
Noes:	
Absent:	
Abstain: Bowcock	
Motion No. 21-05-5320 – Approval of Resolution No. 21-05-894	
Motion passed 7-0	

8.D – Resolution No. 21-05-895 Adoption of Annual Investment Policy

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

Moved: Director Soto	Second: Director De Jesus
Ayes: Bowcock, De Jesus, Goytia, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti	
Noes:	
Absent:	
Motion No. 21-05-5321 – Adoption of Annual Investment Policy	
Motion passed 7-0	

8.E – Resolution No. 21-05-896 Employee Bonus

TVMWD received a low claim refund from ACWA JPIA in April 2021 and President Kuhn had requested to reward staff with a bonus due to their safety efforts. As stated in the resolution, each employee will receive a one-time discretionary bonus of \$1,000, with the exception of the General Manager.

Director Ti inquired if this is considered a gift of public funds. Legal Counsel Kennedy advised the courts have upheld that it is not a gift of public funds to provide a bonus to employees because there is benefit to be conferred by retaining and keeping qualified employees. A discussion ensued regarding setting boundaries for future refunds and bonuses.

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

Moved: Director Ti	Second: Director Roberto
Ayes: Bowcock, De Jesus, Goytia, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti	
Noes:	
Absent:	
Motion No. 21-05-5322 – Approval of Resolution No. 21-05-896	
Motion passed 7-0	

8.F – Discussion and Possible Action of Approval of an Amendment to the General Manager’s Employment Agreement

General Manager Litchfield’s employment agreement was discussed by the Board. Legal Counsel Kennedy advised that the Board has conducted an evaluation of the General Manager’s performance and labor negotiations were facilitated without the General Manager present. As a result, a draft employment agreement was prepared. A minor correction will be made on page 5, second line from the top, Subparagraph 1(a) will be changed to Subparagraph 10(a). Director Bowcock commended General Manager Litchfield for his work this past year, specifically the positive reception he has received from the retail agency General Managers and TVMWD staff.

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

Moved: Director Bowcock	Second: Director Ti
Ayes: Bowcock, De Jesus, Goytia, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti	
Noes:	
Absent:	
Motion No. 21-05-5323 – Approval of General Manager’s Employment Agreement	
Motion passed 7-0	

9. Directors' / General Manager's Oral Reports

No reports were given by the Directors' or General Manager.

10. Future Agenda Items

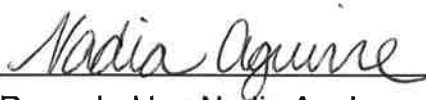
No future agenda items were requested.

11. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 10:58 a.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021.



Bob Kuhn
President, Board of Directors



Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre
Executive Assistant