



THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District office located at 1021 East Miramar Ave., Claremont, CA, and via teleconference. The presiding officer was President Jody Roberto.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with a quorum of the Board present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jody Roberto, President
Carlos Goytia, Secretary
Mike Ti, Treasurer
David De Jesus, Director
Jeff Hanlon, Director
Bob Kuhn, Director
Danielle Soto, Director

STAFF PRESENT

Matthew Litchfield, General Manager
Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel
Dominique Aguiar, Operations Supervisor
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant
Liz Cohn, Senior Financial Analyst
Freeman Ensign, Operations Supervisor
Karen Harberson, Compliance Specialist
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer
Sylvie Lee, Chief Water Resource Officer
Kevin Panzer, Engineer
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager
Esther Romero, Accounting Technician
Marissa Turner, Admin./Communications Assistant

Virtual Attendees: Josh Byerrum, Walnut Valley Water District; Ed Chavez, Water Quality Authority; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Richard Lambros, Engineering Contractors' Association; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company; Myra Malner, Rowland Water District; Toby Moore, Golden State Water Company; Stephanie Moreno, Water Quality Authority; Gabriela Sanchez, Rowland Water District; Sherry Shaw, Walnut Valley Water District; Madelyn Yang

In person attendees: John Bednarski, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District; Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Jared Macias, Walnut Valley Water District

3. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by President Roberto.

4. AGENDA REORDER/ADDITIONS

No reorder or additions to the agenda were requested.

5. PRESENTATION

A. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT'S PURE WATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROJECT UPDATE

John Bednarski of MWD provided an update on Pure Water Southern California Project. Project benefits include reducing dependence on imported supplies, reliability during seismic events, increased operational flexibility, water quality improvements, and resilience to climate change. MWD is currently in the Environmental Planning phase and will move into design and construction in 2024. An \$80 million grant from the State of California was approved by the MWD board and will provide funding for the environmental and planning phase of the project. Mr. Bednarski provided a project timeline which showed that the project will ramp up in phases and full buildout is expected by 2032. The presentation was followed by questions and comments from the Directors.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Roberto opened public comment and there was none.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board considered consent calendar items 7.A – 7.I for the December 21, 2022 Board meeting that included: (7.A) Receive, Approve and File Minutes, November 2, 15, 16, 2022; (7.B) Receive, Approve and File Financial Reports and Investment Update, November 2022; (7.C) Imported Water Sales, November 2022; (7.D) Miramar Operations Report, November 2022; (7.E) Approve Director Expense Reports, November 2022; (7.F) Resolution No. 22-12-952 Appointing a Representative and Alternate to Serve on the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Board of Directors; (7.G) Approval of Sponsorship for SCWC Board Meeting & Luncheon; (7.H) Approval of Policy Manual Update; (7.I) Award Contract to Hydrotech Electric for Miramar Generator Upgrade.

President Roberto requested to pull Item 7.H – Approval of Policy Manual Update for discussion.

Upon motion and second of the remaining items, President Roberto called for a roll call vote.

Moved: Director Goytia	Second: Director Kuhn
Ayes: De Jesus, Goytia, Hanlon, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti	
Noes:	
Absent:	
Motion No. 22-12-5412 Approval of Consent Calendar Items 7.A – 7.G, 7.I	
Motion passed 7-0-0	

President Roberto advised clarification is needed to the language in sections 2.3 and 7.3 of the Policy Manual, with regards to the district spokesperson. The Policy Manual will be updated and brought back to a future board meeting for consideration of approval.

8. REPORTS

A. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Director De Jesus provided an update on current MWD activities. MWD will go to allocations for the Colorado River water supply in 2023. New Chairperson Adan Ortega will assume the position January 2023. Chair Ortega has asked Director De Jesus to lead a Committee for the State Audit Report. In addition, Director De Jesus will serve on the Committee of Negotiations for the Colorado River and Sites Reservoir.

Director Hanlon inquired if Item 7.F - Resolution No. 22-12-952 Appointing a Representative and Alternate to Serve on the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Board of Directors, could be pulled for discussion. After inquiring with Legal Counsel Kennedy, President Roberto stated that item would not be reopened.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chief Administrative Officer Howie provided a legislative update. The legislature's new two-year session commences in January 2023. The Governor has called the first extraordinary session to deal with a proposed gasoline penalty. The state budget must be submitted by January 10, 2023, and the final date to introduce new bills is February 17, 2023. A briefing on new state Senators and Assemblymembers is included in the staff report.

C. CONSERVATION PROGRAMMING UPDATE

TVMWD is in the current two-year cycle (July 2022 to June 2024) for MWD's Member Agency Administered Program (MAAP) funding of \$374,000. MWD's Emergency Water Conservation program funding in the amount of \$25,000, has been used in TVMWD's service area, (City of Claremont – GSWC, and City of La Verne) for public outreach costs incurred by both member agencies as a result of the ongoing drought emergency. President Roberto thanked Chief Administrative Officer Howie for planning Senator Archuleta's visit to the district last week.

D. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH UPDATE

Administrative/Communications Assistant Turner confirmed TVMWD's next Leadership Breakfast will be on February 23, 2023 at Mountain Meadows Golf Course in Pomona. Mr. Charley Wilson of the Southern California Water Coalition will discuss California's current drought conditions and what comes next. MWD's STEAM online Engineering 4 Good Program will commence this month and end March 2023. Currently, there are no member agencies set to participate in the program. Other conservation and educational programs were reviewed. TVMWD is currently waitlisted for two inspection trips in FY 2023.

E. WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Chief Water Resources Officer Lee provided a water supply update. TVMWD is about 35-40% below usage under the Emergency Water Conservation Program. The Program will

continue January through June 2023 for those areas that receive water from the State Water Project (SWP) allocation. The Human Health and Safety allocation is set for 5% in 2023. The Water Supply Allocation Plan (WSAP) was originally developed in 2008. WSAP is a needs-based approach that maintains equity among Member Agencies, while minimizing impacts to the region. Workshops will be held with Member Agencies to address their concerns for WSAP.

9. ACTION AGENDA

A. PENSION TRUST – CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION

General Manager Litchfield requested to pull this item and move it to a future date. President Roberto approved the request.

10. DIRECTORS' / GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORTS

General Manager Litchfield reported Senator Archuleta toured the district facilities last week. Senator Archuleta requested to meet with the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition in Sacramento next year.

Director Ti requested an update on the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition at the January 4, 2023 board meeting.

Director Kuhn reported on the Water Quality Authority allocation of funds.

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into closed session at 9:33 a.m. to discuss the following items:

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

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

- One potential case

The Board convened out of closed session and into open session at 10:29 a.m. Legal Counsel Kennedy stated no reportable action.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Roberto adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2023.



Jody Roberto
President, Board of Directors



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