



THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 | 8:00 a.m.

1. 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. 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
Mike Ti, Vice President
Carlos Goytia, Secretary/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
Brittany Aguilar, Finance Manager
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant
Freeman Ensign, Operations Supervisor
Karen Harberson, Compliance Specialist
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer
Kevin Panzer, Engineer
Brian Pen, Water Resources Analyst
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager
Marissa Turner, Admin. Communications Assistant
Jose Velasquez, Chief Finance Officer

Virtual Attendees: Catalina; John Bellah, Rowland Water District; Brian Bowcock, resident; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company; Stephanie Moreno, Water Quality Authority; Chris Thomas, Harris Associates; Sonya Williams, Harris Associates; 19095389296

In person attendees: John Bellah, Rowland Water District; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Dinny Rasmussen, League of Women Voters

3. FLAG SALUTE

President Roberto led the flag salute.

D. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-992 APPOINTING DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Resolution No. 24-06-992 is for the appointment of a Three Valleys representative to serve on the MWD Board of Directors for a four-year term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028. Director De Jesus is the current district representative to MWD. Legal Counsel Kennedy stated this is not a situation of conflict of interest for Director De Jesus to remove himself from the dais during discussion but more of taking a position beyond the legal requirement. Director De Jesus will abstain from the vote. The Board discussed the resolution appointing a director to MWD for the four-year term.

Moved: Director Roberto	Second: Director Soto
Ayes: Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti	
Noes: Goytia, Hanlon	
Abstain: De Jesus	
Absent:	
Motion No. 24-06-5490 Approval of Resolution No. 24-06-992 Appointing Director De Jesus to a Four-Year Term as the MWD Representative	
Motion passed 4-2-1-0	

10. REPORTS

A. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Director De Jesus reported that the MWD General Manager was placed on a leave of absence at a special board meeting due to an employee complaint that was filed. An external law firm is conducting an investigation and will report their findings to the Board in 90 days. Deven Upadhyay has been appointed as the interim General Manager.

Brian Bowcock commented on his appreciation of Director De Jesus and the great job he does representing his division with Three Valleys and MWD.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chief Administrative Officer Howie reported that the legislature agreed on a draft budget bill for the Governor to formally adopted on July 1, 2024. The legislature will continue working on a significant budget deficit in the tens of billions of dollars. SB 366 and SB 1330 will be heard in the Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife Committee next week. Water Bonds proposals continue to be tracked.

C. CONSERVATION PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Over 80% of the \$374,000 allocation from MWD's Member Agency Administered Program (MAAP) was spent during the two-year funding cycle for FY 22/24. The new MAAP funding for FY 24/26 is two, one-year allocations of \$203,500 per year. Each TVMWD member agency will receive an allocation to utilize. Flex spending will increase from 25% to 50% allowing agencies more flexibility in structuring their conservation programming and messaging. Three Valleys received a matching grant from the United States Bureau of Reclamation for \$85,000 to develop a water use efficiency dashboard for turf replacement programs.

D. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH UPDATE

The Leadership Breakfast will be held on June 27, 2024 at Cal Poly Pomona - Kellogg West. The guest speaker is Blaine Waymire and he will speak on the role of hydrogen in natural gas infrastructure. The district continues to host facility tours and briefings to legislative representatives and schools. The Three Valleys service area received \$17,000 in grant funding this fiscal year through the MWD Community Partnering Program.

11. DIRECTORS' / GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORTS

General Manager Litchfield reminded the Board of the Leadership Breakfast next week at Cal Poly Pomona Kellogg West.

Director De Jesus reported that MWD will receive a \$6 million federal grant to assist in community development programs in education and the workforce. MWD is working with Palo Verde Irrigation District to allocate the funds.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into closed session at 9:41 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 – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Name of Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CPF-14-514004 (Consolidated with Case Nos. CPF-16-515282 and CPF-18-516389)

The Board convened out of closed session and back into open session at 10:30 a.m. Legal Counsel Kennedy stated no reportable action was taken.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


Director Kuhn requested to add the director stipend reports to the September agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

President Roberto adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m. to the next regular board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2024.



Jody Roberto
President, Board of Directors



Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre
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