

**SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**MINUTES OF April 10, 2019
1:30 p.m.**

President Corneille called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:33 p.m. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by President Corneille.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Corneille, President
Melody McDonald, Vice President
David E. Raley, Director (Arrived 1:50 p.m.)
T. Milford Stewart, Director
John Longville, Director (Departed 3:00 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker, LLP

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, General Manager
Athena Monge, Administrative Services Specialist
Jeff Beehler, Land Resource Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

T. Milford Harrison, Valley Municipal
June Hayes, Valley Municipal
Tatiana Museer, Tetra Tech
David E. Smith, East Valley Water District

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Corneille announced that any persons present, who so desired, may make an oral presentation to the Board of Directors. Mr. Harrison addressed the Board regarding a newspaper article that came out which neglected to note the partnership between Valley Municipal and the Conservation District. He apologized for the oversight in mentioning the Conservation District and said that without the partnership between our agencies we would not be able to replenish the groundwater basin. Mr. Harrison expressed his appreciation for the Conservation District's hard work and requested his appreciation be conveyed to our field staff, Manuel Colunga and Tommy Purvis for their outstanding efforts. President Corneille thanked him for his statement and appreciated his recognition of District Staff.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. PUBLIC MEETING RELATED TO ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER CHARGE

President Corneille opened the public meeting to invite members of the public to comment on the Engineering Investigation Report and proposed changes to the groundwater charge. He asked if any written comments were received by staff. Mr. Cozad indicated that there were no written or oral comments received by staff. There being no public present wishing to address the Board, President Corneille closed the public meeting.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Stewart noted minor revisions that needed to be made to the Board minutes of March 13, 2019.

It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by Director Longville to approve the Consent Calendar: Item A: Board Minutes, March 13, 2019; and Item B: Expenditure Report, March 2019 with minor revisions to the Board minutes. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative and Director Raley noted absent from the vote.

**President Corneille: Yes
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Absent
Director Stewart: Yes**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

A. 3rd QUARTER UNAUDITED FINANCIALS FOR 2018-2019

This item was taken out of order.

Director Raley introduced this item for discussion. The Finance & Administration Committee (Committee) met on March 27 to review the unaudited financial reports with Director Stewart in attendance as the alternate for Director Longville. The Committee recommends approval of the unaudited financials as presented. Director Raley said that the Committee discussed Board Policy 4025 and Appendix C, which relates to more than one director participating at outside District Requested meetings and no changes were recommended. The Quarterly Investment Report was provided as a handout.

It was moved by President Corneille and seconded by Director Longville to receive and file the 3rd Quarter Unaudited Financial Reports for 2018-2019. The motion carried 5-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative.

**President Corneille: Yes
Vice President McDonald: Yes**

Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Yes
Director Stewart: Yes

B. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS, MARCH 2019

Mr. Cozad noted that GL-6060 for outreach shows below budget because an invoice has not yet been received to date. The groundwater revenue is slightly above budget and expenses are below budget for groundwater. Mr. Cozad said that the election costs have been received from the Registrar of Voters and are approximately \$6,500, which is significantly less than the District budgeted.

It was moved by Director Stewart and seconded by Director Longville to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports for March 2019. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative and Director Raley noted absent from the vote.

President Corneille: Yes
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Absent
Director Stewart: Yes

C. BROWNSTEIN AGREEMENT FOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mr. Cozad presented this item for discussion indicating that the District has been working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) since the first Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2005 to support the Land Exchange between the entities. Staff solicited recommendations for firms that could assist the District. After review and evaluation, staff engaged a firm called Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, and Schreck to assist with the Land Exchange and Wash Plan EIR. Staff provided a handout of the agreement and requested that the Board consider ratification of staff's decision and the Board provide feedback. A share of these costs will be added to issuance costs. Mr. Cosgrove spoke in support of the request made by staff.

It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by President Corneille to approve the six-month agreement as provided as a handout. The motion carried 5-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative.

President Corneille: Yes
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Yes
Director Stewart: Yes

D. ACWA/JPIA REQUEST FOR CONCURRING NOMINATIONS

It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by President Corneille to direct staff to provide a concurring nomination resolution for Fred R. Bockmiller of Mesa Water District. The motion carried 5-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative.

President Corneille: Yes
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Yes
Director Stewart: Yes

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WASH PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Beehler provided a handout and reviewed the D-Dike Habitat Enhancement for the Wash Plan, where it shows the San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat (SBKR) Bridge. In the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), the District agreed to do four things as part of the mitigation for the HCP: 1) Habitat and vegetation management; 2) Plunge Creek Project; 3) Build a bridge off of D-Dike; and 4) Removal of Greenspot Levee. The SBKR Bridge will be built at the same time as the Plunge Creek Project and has no negative species impacts, but does have species benefits. Staff is working on the 2081 permit, and a conference call will be held tomorrow. In order to create 18 acres of SBKR habitat, the District will need to impact 202 Woolly Star plants. The District has already collected the seeds to reseed. A field tour with resource agencies to identify areas for Robertson's early implementation area is scheduled. Mr. Beehler said that the District is working with BLM on the following: 1) Land management on BLM land; 2) Administration noticing issues with the Federal government; and 3) BLM land use planning. This item was received and filed.

B. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY RECHARGE REPORT

Mr. Cozad indicated that the written General Manager's Report was included in the Board Package on pages 35 through 38. The Monthly Recharge Report was included on package page 91. As of this morning, the District has recharged approximately 21,000 AF in Santa Ana River and 7,600 AF in Mill Creek; 10,832 AF of that total is imported water, and the remainder is native water. Mr. Cozad said that the District received an abatement notice from the City of Redlands and field staff is taking care of it. Staff had a meeting with San Bernardino County Vector Control about midge flies that have surfaced since the District's basins are full, and the District will likely enter an MOU with them to monitor and treat if necessary. The workshop noted in the General Manager's Report is April 17. Staff said that on package page 41 there is a letter of opposition related to Assembly Bill 1486, the legislation related is included on pages 43 to 90. The District received a refund check from ACWA/JPIA for approximately \$4,520 as a return on its risk pool. This item was received and filed.

C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND STAFF TASKS

There will be an Enhanced Recharge Project dedication on May 23 at 9:00 a.m. at the project site. President Corneille asked for staff to bring back information on a potential meeting date to discuss the Active Recharge Transfer Projects and the plan for the next fiscal year.

7. MONTHLY BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORTS, AND/OR COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

President Corneille attended the Redlands Rise N Shine on April 5, Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) on April 8, and will chair the Advisory Commission on Water Policy tomorrow.

Director Stewart attended the Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce (LLCC) Installation Dinner on March 21, Finance & Administration Committee on March 27, and Special Districts Governance Training on March 26.

Director Longville attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts (ASBCSD) on March 18 and Valley Municipal Board Meeting on March 19.

Director Raley attended the Strategic Analysis/Plan Committee Workshop on March 14, Valley Municipal Board Meeting on March 19, and chaired the Finance & Administration Committee on March 27. He attended the Big Bear Watermaster Committee Meeting on March 14, and Redlands Rise N Shine on April 5.

Vice President McDonald attended the ASBCSD meeting on March 18, State Legislative Committee on March 15, and the Strategic Analysis/Plan Committee Workshop on March 14. She also attended the Valley Municipal Board Meeting on March 19, Executive Committee on March 20, Highland Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on March 26, BTAC on April 8, and Valley Municipal Board Meeting on April 2.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

There will be a District facilities tour on April 19 at 9:00 a.m. The District will hold a Steps 4 Life house tour as well; the date is to be determined.

9. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by President Corneille and seconded by Director Stewart to adjourn to Closed Session. The motion carried 5-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative.

**President Corneille: Yes
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Yes
Director Stewart: Yes**

General Counsel announced that the meeting would adjourn to closed session under all items posted on the published agenda.

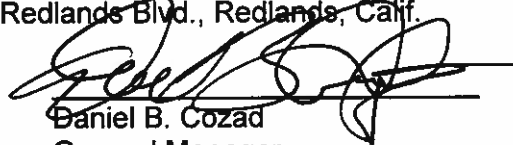
At 3:18 p.m., the meeting reconvened into Open Session. Mr. Cosgrove noted that there was no reportable action.

10. ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by Director Stewart to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative and Director Longville noted absent from the vote.

President Corneille: Yes
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Absent
Director Raley: Yes
Director Stewart: Yes

At 3:19 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Budget Workshop scheduled for 1:30 p.m. April 17, 2019, at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, Calif.



Daniel B. Cozad
General Manager