

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF  
February 6, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Sterling Woodbury. All present stood for the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sterling Woodbury, President  
Cheryl A. Tubbs, Vice President  
Clare Henry Day, Director  
Manuel Aranda, Jr., Director  
Melody Henriques, Director  
Arnold L. Wright, Director  
Bert Marcum Jr., Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David B. Cosgrove, Esquire

STAFF PRESENT:

D. Burnell Cavender, General Manager/Board Secretary  
Tom Crowley, Deputy Manager for Water Resources/Info. Systems  
Walter Christensen, Project Manager  
Steve Luhn, GIS/CAD Analyst  
Colleen Theuer, Administrative Services Manager/Recording Secretary

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Susan Patane, SLP Communications

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dennis Barton, City of Loma Linda

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Woodbury announced this as the time for any persons present, who so desire, to make an oral petition to the Board of Directors. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded with the published agenda items.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

After a brief discussion, minor word changes in the minutes were noted.

**It was moved by Director Marcum and seconded by Director Day to approve the Consent Calendar, consisting of the amended minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2002; the Expenditures for the month of January 2002; and the un-audited Financial Reports for January 2002. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. PUBLIC AWARENESS/VISIBILITY PROGRAM

Mr. Cavender led a discussion on recent activities of the public awareness/visibility program. He said Director Aranda and staff had conducted a tour on January 17 for members of the Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce. Director Aranda reported that the tour was well received, and a tour for the Department of Health of Loma Linda University Medical Center would be conducted in the near future. Mr. Cavender discussed the quarterly breakfast held on January 18, and said news articles on the breakfast had been reported in three local newspapers.

Ms. Patane reported on several items. Regarding the upcoming EXPO at Cal-State, she said the District would be receiving "more benefits for our money" this year than last year. She discussed several 70th Anniversary activities planned for the year, including a barbecue in the borrow pit in September. She said Resolutions of Appreciation would possibly be presented to the District. She will advise the Board of the dates as she confirms them.

4. STATUS OF THE "WASH PLAN" ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

Mr. Cavender discussed the PAC/TAC meeting held on January 30 that reviewed the status of the Wash Plan process. The City of Highland's deferral to commit to the Wash Plan was discussed. The PAC/TAC asked staff to prepare and circulate another version of the Task Force Agreement omitting the City of Highland and the impact it would have on the agreement. Mr. Cavender said the Revised Cost Sharing Distribution, (included in the Board package), was also discussed at the PAC/TAC meeting. He said the revised costs were based on a ratio related to the original distribution, and that several agencies had indicated they would not object to the increased costs. Discussion continued. Mr. Cavender said the next meeting of the PAC/TAC was scheduled for March 6.

5. CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ACWA/JPIA

Mr. Cavender said the District received requests from five water agencies requesting support in the nominations of their candidates seeking election to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. The five candidates are: Warren Buckner, Helix Water District, La Mesa; Mary Gibson, Mission Springs Water District, Desert Hot Springs; Ed Layton, Walnut Valley Water District, Walnut; Tom Cuquet, South Federal Water District, Pleasant Grove; and Jerome Wilson, Cucamonga Water District, Rancho Cucamonga. After discussion, Director Henriques recommended supporting nominations for all five candidates.

**It was moved by Director Henriques and seconded by Director Aranda to support nominations for Warren Buckner, Mary Gibson, Ed Layton, Tom Cuquet, and Jerome Wilson for election to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee, and direct staff to prepare appropriate Board Resolutions. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. TEMPERATURE PROBE RESEARCH STUDY

Mr. Crowley discussed problems encountered with the temperature probe research study. He said the driller, Multi Water Systems, began drilling the 56 selected temperature probe sites on January 22. On the second site, the driller was unable to complete the work because of small and large boulders lodged in the ground. A "standard" drilling procedure that was not capable of handling ground covered in boulders had been used, and the company has said that a new drilling procedure would have to be implemented, at a higher cost. The original bid was \$14,400, and the new bid is \$32,000. Mr. Crowley said he contacted two other drillers to (1) validate the cost, and (2) to see if there was an alternative drilling method. He toured the sites with them, so that they understood the kind of ground they would be drilling. One bid came in at \$34,000 and the other at \$24,000 (August Construction). Director Day questioned the cost benefit of the project; Director Aranda and Vice President Tubbs concurred. Mr. Crowley explained that the idea of the project is to enable the District to understand where the water actually flows from the spreading basins. Director Day suggested staff investigate other methods of obtaining the information needed. Discussion continued.

**It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Aranda to approve staff recommendation for approval of an alternative contract, as discussed and amended, by August Construction, in the amount of \$24,000.**

Director Marcum said he would prefer to wait to approve staff recommendation until further study is done on other current technologies available for the study. Discussion continued.

**The motion was disapproved 5-2.**

Direction was given to staff to continue to pursue investigation of other possible technologies for the temperature probe research study and request the temperature probe consultant to brief the Board on the merit of this procedure.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports for this meeting.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cavender said that the ACWA Region 9 meeting would be on February 22. The ACWA Legislative Symposium is scheduled for March 19 - 20 in Sacramento.

Mr. Cavender discussed FERC. He said the District had budgeted \$10,000 for the FERC contribution, but the actual amount is \$13,800. He requested moving \$3,800 from account #5320 (Dewatering Program) to account # 5330 (FERC).

**It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Aranda to move \$3,800 from account #5320 (Dewatering Program) to account #5330 (FERC). The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Cavender discussed redistricting the District, using data received from National Demographics Corporation (NDC) and distributed to Board members. He said the material gave only population and ethnic information at this time, and NDC would be presenting at least two concepts on redistricting at the Board meeting on March 6.

The Special District LAFCO funding was discussed. Mr. Cavender said that all special districts will be getting a service review for the services they provide, and a meeting would be held on March 7 to discuss the special districts' funding for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no attorney's report for this meeting.

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

There were no Directors' reports for this meeting.

11. CLOSED SESSION

**It was moved by Director Marcum and seconded by Director Wright to adjourn to Closed Session at 3:55 p.m., as provided by the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9a, application before the State Water Resources Control Board to appropriate waters of the Santa Ana River; Government Code Section 54956.9a, applications by Southern California**

**Edison to re-license hydroelectric plants; Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(a) and Section 54956.9(c), confer with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation in one case; Government Code Section 54956.8, lease and/or real property negotiations with Robertson's Ready Mix; Government Code Section 54956.8, lease and/or real property negotiations with CEMEX, USA.**

At 4:35 p.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957.1, there was no reportable action taken.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Board Secretary