

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF April 23, 2014  
1:30 P.M.

President Corneille called the Board Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:31 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  
Manuel Aranda, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Longville, Director

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:

Charles Roberts, Highland Community News  
Wayne Brown

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions.

### 3. PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER CHARGE

President Corneille opened the Public Meeting on the Groundwater Charge for comment. He indicated that there is an Engineering Investigation presentation available for those who wish to hear one. Public present declined. Hearing no comments, President Corneille closed the public hearing.

**It was moved by Director Aranda and seconded by Vice President McDonald to adopt Resolution No. 508. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative, 4-0 with Director Longville absent from the vote.**

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

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

**It was moved by Vice President McDonald and Director Raley seconded by to approve Consent Calendar Items A-Board Minutes, April 9, 2014 and Item B-Board Workshop Minutes, April 9, 2014. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative 4-0 with Director Longville absent from the vote.**

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

### 5. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. THIRD QUARTER FINANCIALS REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Vice President McDonald gave a report on the Finance & Administration Committee meeting held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The items for May 14<sup>th</sup> that were reviewed are: District Vehicle Policy, Board Member Meeting Reports, and Per Diem Resolution.

Mr. Cozad indicated that the reductions in expected costs are related to the fact that the Wash Plan expenses will not be expended until next fiscal year as well as Plunge Creek. He indicated the District is on budget. Mr. Cozad said that groundwater production has been higher due to current drought conditions. He noted the large expenditures related to the purchase of the tractor and repairs to dike d as previously discussed in detail in the previous Board meeting. This item was received and filed.

## B. OUTREACH REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Director Aranda gave a report on the Outreach and Communications Committee held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. He indicated that due to staff limitations the District is not as actively involved in outreach efforts as in previous years. He reviewed the events and methods previously used by the District. Director Aranda indicated that the District used to give regular tours to the Seven Oaks Dam (SOD), but this was discontinued as the District moved to cut costs. He continues to make regular presentations to chambers and local service clubs to keep them abreast of the water issues in California. Director Aranda indicated that East Valley Water District (EVWD) willing to host the tours to SOD. They also indicated potentially working with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) on this. Director Aranda reviewed the recommendation of Director Longville to work with local landscapers to develop drought tolerant landscaping.

Mr. Cozad stated that included in your package is a memo which lists the items the Committee is asking for your approval and support on: 1) Concur that Staff develop an approach with the BTAC Conservation Committee to reach landscape firms/contractors who can support conservation and assist leased space 2) Approve the District's participation in the BTAC Conservation Committee Outreach effort at the 1/20 level with other agencies, and 3) Cooperatively plan and attend events and efforts focused on our customers with the Outreach Budget. He noted that web links are included in the memo and that the California Landscape Contractors Associations offers a certificate program for large commercial landscapers. The District will need to write up the program information in order to participate in the Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper program in both English and Spanish. Staff would like to discuss and suggest these items to the BTAC Conservation Committee. Discussion ensued. Director Aranda indicated that additional information will be brought to the Board as it becomes available. President Corneille indicated the need to have a press release published in the newspaper on the Wash Plan. The Board thanked Staff for their efforts on the Special District's Dinner that the District hosted on April 21<sup>st</sup>; where Mr. Cozad presented on the Wash Plan.

**It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by Director Aranda to: 1) Concur that Staff develop an approach with the BTAC Conservation Committee to reach landscape firms/contractors who can support conservation and assist leased space 2) Approve the District's participation in the BTAC Conservation Committee Outreach effort at the 1/20 level with other agencies which would include an expenditure not to exceed \$10,000, and 3) Cooperatively plan and attend events and efforts focused on our customers with the Outreach Budget. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative, 4-0 with Director Longville absent from the vote.**

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

## C. DROUGHT AND BASIN MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

President Corneille referred to the Drought and Basin Management Recommendations summary in package. He indicated that the following items will be included in the letter to partner agencies:

- Collaborate with BTAC, Valley District, USAWRA and others, develop information on the capital improvement and increased operations cost impacts of low basin water levels, (i.e. within 10% of historic low levels)
- To capitalize on the current condition encourage dialog about identification of optimum levels for the basin under various conditions.
- Encourage discussion of methods and procedures to establish a method to collectively develop funding to purchase additional wet year water supplies when there can be recharge to support optimum basin levels, reduce low water level impacts and minimize subsidence.
- Support additional recycled water development, recharge and conjunctive use facilities to help the basin reach the optimum levels. Support funding and expedited development of such facilities.

Director Aranda requested clarification. President Corneille stated that when the water levels go beyond a certain depth a well owner will have to drill down deeper and that the operating costs need to be identified and documented. He also expanded on it to say that it would be beneficial to know which wells within the Bunker Hill Basin are affected by the drought. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cozad indicated that BTAC Engineering Committee has the capability to pull most this information together.

Vice President McDonald indicated that SBVMWD approved the expenditure of \$750,000 to uncap some wells and get them back into production because of the drought. She reviewed the need for partner agencies to purchase water a lower rate when available rather than wait until the cost of water increases. Director Raley stated that his ultimate goal is for the optimum level of the Basin to be identified in efforts to maintain the Basin within safe levels. He would like to see all water agencies within the Basin collaborate to keep within optimum levels to avoid reaching lower levels and having to purchase water at a high rate. President Corneille said that he will prepare the letter for submission to BTAC, SBVMWD, USAWRA and other agencies. Brief discussion ensued.

**It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Vice President McDonald to have the Board move forward with communications to the BTAC, USAWRA, and Advisory Commission on all bullet point items indicated above with authorization for the Board President to sign letter consistent with those points. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative, 4-0 with Director Longville noted absent.**

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

**Director Longville: Absent**  
**Director Raley: Yes**  
**Director Aranda: Yes**

D. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION WORKSHOP SUMMARY

President Corneille briefly reviewed the recommendations included in package. Director Raley asked for the instrument used for the next board self-evaluation. He indicated that the evaluation was useful but wants an instrument that is easily measured. Brief discussion ensued. President Corneille indicated that overall the Board is operating efficiently. Mr. Cozad will identify another instrument to be used next time. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the summary.

E. ACWA GENERAL SESSION VOTING DELEGATE

President Corneille nominated Vice President McDonald as voting delegate at the ACWA Spring Conference general session. Vice President McDonald indicated there will be minor changes to by-laws on that agenda.

**It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Director Aranda to nominate Vice President McDonald as ACWA General Session Voting Delegate. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative, 4-0 with Director Longville noted absent.**

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

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS-WITHOUT ACTION

There were no reports made.

B. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cozad handed out an updated version of the El Nino report where the red bars indicate an El Nino year estimated at 80% for October-December. Staff has begun discussions with Flood Control District and FWS to prepare just in case. Brief overview of General Manager's Report continued.

C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & STAFF TASK REQUEST FROM DIRECTORS

There were no items discussed.

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

Director Raley attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special District's Dinner (ASBCSD) meeting hosted by the District on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Director Aranda included his reports in the Board Package.

President Corneille attended the ASBCSD and thanked Staff for their efforts. He will be meeting with Doug Headrick of SBVMWD to discuss the Advisory Commission meeting.

Vice President McDonald attended USAWRA, SBVMWD Board meeting, ASBCSD Dinner, and Finance & Administration.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

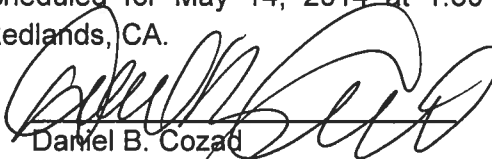
President Corneille indicated that June 5<sup>th</sup> is the next Advisory Commission meeting. Director Raley indicated that the April 25<sup>th</sup> CSDA Fiscal Committee meeting has been cancelled.

9. ADJOURN MEETING

**It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Director Aranda to adjourn. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative, 4-0 with Director Longville noted absent.**

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

At 2:33 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the Budget Workshop immediately following this meeting and the next regular Board Meeting scheduled for May 14, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA.

  
Daniel B. Cozad  
General Manager