

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF February 12, 2020
1:30 p.m.

President Corneille called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:36 p.m. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by President Corneille.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David E. Raley, Director
Melody McDonald, Vice President
John Longville, Director (Arrived 1:41 p.m.)
Richard Corneille, President

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Stewart, Director

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker, LLP

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, General Manager
Athena Monge, Administrative Specialist
Erwin Fogerson, Senior Engineer/Project Manager
Betsy Miller, Land Resources Manager/Assistant General Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

June Hayes, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Paul Kielhold, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Clay Larkins, Tetra Tech
Nohelia Orellana, Representative of Assemblyman James C. Ramos
Anthony Mahfoud, Representative of Assemblyman James C. Ramos

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Corneille announced that any person present, who so desired, may make an oral presentation to the Board of Directors. There being none, the meeting continued with the posted agenda items.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Vice President McDonald to approve the Consent Calendar: Item A: Board Minutes, January 8, 2020; Item B: Expenditure Report, January 2020 and Item C: Groundwater Assessment Report for July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019. The motion carried 3-0 with all Board members present voting in the affirmative, and Director Stewart and Longville noted absent from the vote.

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

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

A. 2nd QUARTER ANNUAL UNAUDITED FINANCIALS FOR 2019-2020

Director Raley said that the financials were reviewed at the Finance & Administration Committee meeting on January 22 and noted that the District is in good standing. This item was received and filed.

B. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS, JANUARY 2020

Mr. Cozad introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion in the Board package on pages 38 to 43. He noted that the City of Riverside has both reported and paid their groundwater production since this report was distributed. Mr. Cozad said that groundwater statements were sent out in January and producers have until the end of the month to complete and return with payment. The Groundwater Council was discussed in brief. President Corneille recommended a representative from the District be present at the upcoming Redlands City Council meeting where they will discuss the possibility of joining the Groundwater Council. He received concurrence from the Board members that he should attend.

It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Director Longville to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports for January 2020. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative, and Director Stewart noted absent from the vote.

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

C. DRAFT ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR 2020

Ms. Scholte presented a PowerPoint on the Draft 2020 Engineering Investigation (EI). The annual change in storage for the Bunker Hill Basin increased to 152,408 AF from last year; Bunker Hill I-Southwest of 215 freeway was the only sub-basin that did not increase significantly. The accumulated change in storage is 418,310 AF down from full (in 1993). The water elevations from 2018 and 2019 were compared against one another and it was noted that the water table is starting to come back up. She noted that overall production is down; currently 157,354 AF and the estimated annual change in storage from the current year is an increase of 27,658 AF based on the same precipitation as last year. The estimated average annual change in storage is a decrease of 3,407 AF. The estimated production from District boundaries is 11,207 AF for historically agricultural and 86,772 AF for non-agricultural. The estimated surface diversion is 79,857 AF for the Basin and 56,415 for District, including imported water. The estimated replenishment required for Constant Storage is 127,462 AF for ensuing water year for the Basin and 99,902 AF for District. The total replenishment required to reach the 1993 full level is 518,114 AF for ensuing water year. Ms. Scholte reviewed in brief the native and imported water recharged by the District from 1912-2019. Mr. Cozad said that next year the District will display the Groundwater Council impacts differently. President Corneille noted that previously the District outsourced the EI and paid a consultant to prepare this report, but now Ms. Scholte does this task in house for substantially less and expressed his appreciation to Ms. Scholte. Vice President McDonald thanked her for an excellent report. The final report will be presented in March; the draft was presented to the Groundwater Council on February 10 and it may be presented to BTAC at its next meeting. This item was received and filed.

D. BUDGET PLANNING FOR GROUNDWATER ENTERPRISE FOR 2020-2021, PROPOSED GROUNDWATER COUNCIL O&M FEE AND ADVERTISED GROUNDWATER CHARGE

Mr. Cozad introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion beginning package page 46 to 54. The Finance & Administration Committee reviewed the draft Groundwater budget at its January 22nd meeting. Mr. Cozad provided history on the Groundwater rate and phase in process. He reviewed the estimated revenues from the Groundwater Council (GC), \$600,000 and the \$70,000 pass through payment from San Bernardino County Flood Control. Including the agricultural revenue estimate of \$128,045 and non-agricultural estimate of \$331,677 and Exchange Plan lease of \$232,839, the estimated revenue to the Groundwater Enterprise from all sources \$1,362,561. The GC reviewed the proposed revenue along with the equitable allocation model and did not have any objections to the proposed budget. GC members will take the proposed budget back to their Boards for final approval. Mr. Cosgrove indicated that the GC functions without duplicating the groundwater charge based on equitable allocation model. Mr. Cozad reviewed the GC calculations. Staff recommends a 5% increase in the groundwater rate from \$13.19 to \$13.85 per acre foot.

It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by Director Longville to direct staff to advertise a 5% increase in the overall groundwater charge to include the final transition to a unitary charge for all production. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative and Director Stewart noted absent from the vote.

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

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

E. DISTRICT BOARD PRIORITIES FOR 2020

It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Vice President McDonald to approve the District Board Priorities for 2020 as presented. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative with Director Stewart noted absent from the vote.

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

F. MENTONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP

President Corneille introduced this item for discussion as well as representatives from Assemblyman Ramos office, Nohelia Orellana and Anthony Mahfoud.

It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Vice President McDonald to approve the District becoming a member of the Mentone Area Chamber of Commerce. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative with Director Stewart noted absent from the vote.

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

G. CSDA CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SEAT B, SOUTHERN NETWORK

President Corneille introduced this item for discussion. There were no Board members interested in being nominated; no action was taken.

H. CSDA CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR SEAT C, SOUTHERN NETWORK

President Corneille introduced this item for discussion. There were no Board members interested in being nominated; no action was taken.

I. LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICTS SELECTION COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

President Corneille introduced this item for discussion. Director Raley requested to be nominated for the Special Districts Selection Committee.

It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Vice President McDonald to approve Director Raley's request to be nominated and

direct staff to prepare nominations documents and submit. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative with Director Stewart noted absent from the vote.

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

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WASH PLAN VERBAL UPDATE-PUBLIC COMMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

Ms. Miller provided the verbal update including a high level summary handout of the comments received on the EIS/EIR for the HCP; there were 167 comments. Staff met with District Counsel and FWS last week to develop a full matrix of comments received and proposed methods for responding. The majority of the response to comments will be done in house, but some will be drafted by FWS, District Counsel, and/or a consultant. There will be a meeting with those previously noted to discuss the draft response to comments on March 5. The final response to comments will be submitted within a week or two of that meeting and the final revisions to the HCP need to be incorporated and submitted to the USFWS solicitor by April 1. There will be a three week review period and three month procedural period which follows. Mr. Cozad reviewed comments in brief. Ms. Miller noted that the Task Force members are interested in joint state permitting and that a meeting will be held to discuss in detail and determine funding.

B. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PLUNGE/MILL/ARTP VERBAL UPDATE

Mr. Fogerson provided a verbal update on this item and noted that the Invitation to Bid was advertised in the newspaper for Plunge Creek. There will be a job walk held next week for interested bidders. This item will be brought back to the Board for consideration of contract approval. Ms. Miller submitted the Safe Harbor Agreement application and the District received its 404 permit from the COE last week. President Corneille asked if there will be any need for construction supervision. Mr. Fogerson said that the District will need surveying but the construction management will be done by District staff. He provided a verbal update on Mill Creek; the plans were resubmitted and permits will be submitted by the end of this month. Permitting for this project should take less than a year. Mr. Fogerson provided a handout of the Active Recharge Transfer Projects (ARTP). The Mill Creek Diversion, Plunge Creek and Twin Creek ARTP projects are the main focus of staff. He said that Plunge Creek is prevailing wage and it will require monitoring who is on the job for certified payroll. The ARTP Status Report will be updated after each ARTP meeting.

C. 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 77 through 79. The Monthly Recharge Report was included on package page 80. He noted that Ms. Miller is assisting the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority with the 210 freeway widening and that the Conservation Trust is assisting with a deposit agreement to fund these efforts to help them stay on track with their construction schedule. Mr. Cozad discussed the SB45 bond which Director Longville is assisting staff with. President Corneille expressed his desire to see an article about the Wash Plan within ACWA News. Brief discussion about legislation ensued. This item was received and filed.

D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND STAFF TASKS

President Corneille requested staff prepare a draft approach for the Mentone Shop facilities enhancement. Director Raley requested a Ad Hoc Trails Committee meeting be scheduled.

6. MONTHLY BOARD MEMBER MEETING REPORTS, AND/OR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

President Corneille met with the General Manager regarding agenda planning on February 2, attended the State of the County on February 5 and the Redlands Rise N Shine on February 7. He chaired the Advisory Commission on January 9, Redlands Rise N Shine on January 10, and Redlands Chamber of Commerce (RCC) Installation Dinner on January 15. He attended the Valley Municipal Board meeting on January 21 to present the Advisory Commission recommendation, Highland Area Chamber of Commerce (HACC) Installation Dinner on January 23 and made a presentation to the Mentone Area Chamber of Commerce meeting on January 28. He thanked staff for the updated Outreach PowerPoint presentation that was used at the meeting.

Director Raley attended the Advisory Commission on January 9, Valley Municipal Engineering Workshop on January 14 and RCC Installation Dinner on January 15. He attended Valley Municipal Board meeting on January 21, Big Bear Watermaster and Finance & Administration Committee on January 22 and Valley Board Meeting on February 4. He attended the State of the County on February 5, Valley Municipal Policy Committee on January 9 and February 6, Redlands Rise N Shine on February 7 and Valley Municipal Engineering Workshop on February 11. He presented to the SB Demostratic Club on January 31.

Vice President McDonald attended the Valley Municipal Engineering Workshop on February 11, Valley Board Meeting on February 4 and HACC luncheon on January 28. She attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts Dinner(ASBCSD) on January 27, HACC Installation Dinner on January 23, and Valley Municipal Board meeting on January 21. She attended the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce (SBACC) Koffee Klatch on January 15 and Valley Municipal Resources Workshop on January 9. She attended the Valley Municipal Engineering Workshop on January 14.

Director Longville met with the General Manager to discuss legislation on January 10 and February 4. He attended the Finance & Administration Committee on January 22, ASBCSD dinner meeting on January 27 and State of the County on February 5. He attended a meeting with Eloise Reyes and Anthony Reyes.

Director Longville requested approval of his attendance at the Local Government Commission Conference to be held on March 5-8 in Yosemite.

It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by President Corneille to approve Director Longville's travel request for the amount of \$2,460.52 to attend the Local Government Commission Conference as presented. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative and Director Stewart noted absent from the vote.

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

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

There were none discussed.

8. CLOSED SESSION

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

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

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

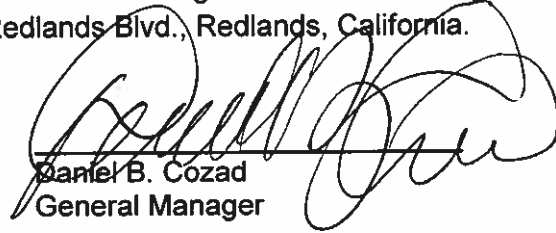
At 4:10 p.m., the meeting reconvened into Open Session. Mr. Cosgrove noted that there was no reportable action.

9. ADJOURN MEETING

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

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

At 4:13 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Board meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on March 11, 2020, at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, California.



Daniel B. Cozad
General Manager