

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF June 10, 2020
1:30 p.m.

President Corneille called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. by teleconference and Zoom meeting; all those in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance led by Director Raley.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Corneille, President
Melody McDonald, Vice President
David E. Raley, Director
Robert Stewart, Director
John Longville, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Clayton Larkins, Tetra Tech
David E. Smith, East Valley Water District

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 Vice President McDonald and seconded by Director Longville to approve the Consent Calendar: Item A: Board Minutes, May 27, 2020, and Item B: Expenditure Report, May 2020. The motion carried 5-0 with all Board members present voting in the affirmative.

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

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

A. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS, MAY 2020

Mr. Cozad introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion on package pages 19 to 25. Vice President McDonald drew attention to package page 24, general ledger 6401-Directors Fees noting that the director's fees are \$24,000 under budget.

It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by Director Stewart to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports for May 2020. The motion carried 5-0 with all Board members present voting in the affirmative.

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

B. CSDA BOARD ELECTIONS FOR 2021-2023

President Corneille introduced this item for discussion. He proposed supporting Ron Coats from East Valley Water District.

It was moved by President Corneille and seconded by Vice President McDonald to vote for Ron Coats of East Valley Water District for the CSDA Board Elections for 2021-2023. The motion carried 5-0 with all Board members present voting in the affirmative.

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

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WASH PLAN VERBAL UPDATE

Ms. Miller provided a verbal update. She said that Monday, June 15, would be the end of the 30 day waiting period for NEPA comments on the Final EIS. The District may receive additional comments until then. Staff has been meeting with and providing further details to the USEPA in response to their requests. Ms. Miller thanked Ms. Scholte for quickly pulling the data together so we could provide prompt responses to their comments. Staff is working on finalizing the CEQA approval materials and thanked Mr. Cosgrove for his support on this item. Ms. Miller anticipates approval of the HCP and related CEQA/NEPA documents at the July Board meeting. President Corneille suggested having a celebration once the HCP is fully approved. Director Stewart asked if the EPA sends additional requests beyond what staff has already responded to if it is our obligation to reply or to take additional actions. Ms. Miller said that USFWS is the primary contact for the EPA; materials have been given to the EPA and it is likely that any additional responses would be included in the USFWS record of decision that will be published in the Federal Register.

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 37 through 39. The Monthly Recharge Report was included on package page 41. Staff signed the Safe Harbor Agreement from CDFW for the Plunge Creek Conservation Project. There are some requirements such as fencing included in the permit and Erwin is working to minimize those costs. Staff will continue to work from home through at least the end of the month. President Corneille asked what the results were of the Mineral Potential Report. Mr. Cozad said that it is an element of the appraisal, and it shows what quantities of aggregate are available on the land transferred between the federal government and the District. President Corneille asked about item 14, where it indicates that Lifeway Church requires permits. Mr. Cozad said that they need additional permitting to obtain their business license, and they also need to add another bathroom; they are working obtaining these permits. Vice President McDonald inquired about the payment assistance plan the District offered to the tenants. Mr. Cozad will confirm with staff and bring this back to the Board. Director Raley asked for additional information related to the Exchange Plan and SAR generation divestiture. Mr. Cozad said that the SAR-MC Committee consultant is working on the final draft of the agreement, and there are negotiations ongoing with SCE. Staff thanked Valley Municipal for their support with this item. This item was received and filed.

C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND STAFF TASKS

President Corneille would like an update from the Outreach & Communications Committee. Mr. Cozad indicated that as soon as staff has additional information for the Committee to review, they will set up a Committee meeting, likely in August. Director Longville asked for staff to provide an update on the Landscaping Watering Project near the I-10, operated by CalTrans.

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

President Corneille attended the Basin Technical Advisory Commission (BTAC) on June 1 and met with Valley Municipal General Manager on June 3 regarding the Advisory Commission to be held on July 16. He completed his Sexual Harassment Prevention Training via webinar on June 3 and attended a webinar on "Leadership During Turbulent Times" on June 5.

Director Raley attended Valley Municipal's Wages, Benefits & Insurance Workshop on May 28, Valley Resources Workshop on June 4 and Valley Budget Workshop on June 8.

Vice President McDonald attended the BTAC meeting on June 1, Valley Resources Workshop on June 4, Valley Municipal Board meeting on June 2 and ACWA State Legislative Committee on June 5. She attended the Valley Budget Workshop on June 8 and Valley Engineering Workshop on June 9.

Director Stewart attended the BTAC meeting on June 1.

Director Longville completed the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training via webinar on June 3.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Advisory Commission meeting will be held on June 16 at 6:30 pm. via zoom.

8. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by Director Longville to adjourn to Closed Session. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative.

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

General Counsel announced that the meeting would adjourn to closed session under item 2 posted on the published agenda.

At 2:50 p.m., the meeting reconvened into Open Session. Mr. Cosgrove noted while in Closed Session under Government Code section 54957.1 that there was no reportable action.

9. ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Director Raley to adjourn. 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

At 2:51 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Board meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on July 8, 2020, location to be determined.



Daniel B. Cozad
General Manager