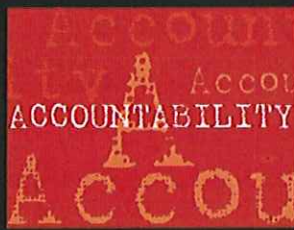
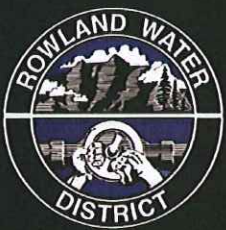


# ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT

3021 South Fullerton Road  
Rowland Heights, CA 91748  
(562) 697-1726

## RWD BOARD VISION



### Our Mission:

*"Bound by our core values -- Accountability, Communication and Teamwork -- we are committed to providing the highest level of service to our customers --*  
**DEDICATED-RELIABLE-OUTSTANDING-PROFESSIONAL SERVICE"**

## Board of Directors Regular Meeting

### June 4, 2013

### 6:00 p.m.



## CALL AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND AGENDA

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
3021 South Fullerton Road, Rowland Heights, CA 91748  
June 4, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

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### CALL TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Szu Pei Lu-Yang, President  
John Bellah, Vice President  
Anthony J. Lima  
Robert W. Lewis  
Teresa P. Rios

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

*Any member of the public wishing to address the Board of Directors regarding items not on the Agenda within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board should do so at this time. With respect to items on the agenda, the Board will receive public comments at the time the item is opened for discussion, prior to any vote or other Board action. A three-minute time limit on remarks is requested.*

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*Any member of the public wishing to participate in the meeting, who requires a translator to understand or communicate in English, should arrange to bring a translator with them to the meeting.*

*Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted after distribution of the Agenda packet are available for public review at the District office, located at 3021 S. Fullerton Road, Rowland Heights, CA 91748.*

## **Tab 1 CONSENT CALENDAR**

*All items under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine matters, status reports, or documents covering previous Board instruction. The items listed on the Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion, unless separate discussion is requested.*

- 1.1 Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held on May 14, 2013**  
*Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the Minutes as presented.*
- 1.2 Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting held on May 28, 2013**  
*Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the Minutes as presented.*
- 1.3 Water Purchases for April 2013**  
*For information purposes only.*

**Next Regular Board Meeting: July 9, 2013**  
**Next Special Board Meeting: July 23, 2013**

## **Tab 2 ACTION ITEMS**

*This portion of the Agenda is for items where staff presentations and Board discussions are needed prior to formal Board action.*

- 2.1 Review and Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for May 2013**  
*Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the reimbursements as presented.*
- 2.2 Review and Discuss District Reimbursement Policy for Meetings Attended by Directors**  
*Recommendation: No recommendation*
- 2.3 Approve District Sponsorship of Buckboard Days Parade in the Amount of \$500.00**  
*Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the \$500.00 sponsorship.*
- 2.4 Review and Discuss Directors' Information Cards**  
*Recommendation: No recommendation.*
- 2.5 Communications/Education Outreach Update**  
*For information purposes only.*
- 2.6 Discuss the Scheduling of an IT Presentation to the Board**  
*Recommendation: No recommendation.*

- 2.7 Discussion of Upcoming Conferences, Workshops, or Events (Including Items that May Have Arisen after the Posting of the Agenda)**
- ACWA Region 8 What Lies Beneath? A Look at Groundwater in Southern California, June 13, 2013, City of Carson Senior Center
  - Senator Bob Huff Breakfast Club Meeting, June 7, 2013, 7:30-9:00 a.m., Embassy Suites, Sacramento Update

**Tab 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION**

**3.1 Updates on Legislative Issues**

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**Tab 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

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**Tab 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 5.1 Three Valleys Municipal Water District** (Directors Lu-Yang/Lima)
- Action Line Regular Board Meeting held May 15, 2013
- 5.2 Puente Basin Water Agency** (Directors Lima/Lewis)
- Puente Basin Water Agency letter to Mr. Shane Chapman, General Manager, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
*For information purposes only.*
- 5.3 Association of California Water Agencies** (Directors Lewis/Bellah)
- ACWA 2013 Spring Conference Review and Comments Prepared by Director John Bellah  
*For information purposes only.*

*There are no tabs for the remainder of the meeting.*

- 5.4 Joint Powers Insurance Authority** (Director Lewis/Mr. Deck)
- 5.5 Project Ad-Hoc Committee** (Directors Lima/Lu-Yang)
- 5.6 Regional Chamber of Commerce** (Directors Lu-Yang/Lewis)
- 5.7 PWR Joint Water Line Commission** (Directors Lima/Bellah)
- 5.8 Sheriff's Community Advisory Council** (Directors Lu-Yang/Rios)
- 5.9 Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council** (Directors Bellah/Rios)

**Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

- 6.1 Public Relations** (Mrs. Perea)
- 6.2 Personnel Report** (Mr. Deck)
- 6.3 Engineer's Report** (Mr. Carrera)

**Tab 7 ATTORNEY'S REPORT** (Ms. Morningstar)

**Directors' and General Manager's Comments**

**Future Agenda Items**

**Late Business**

*No action shall be taken on any items not appearing on the posted agenda, except upon a determination by a majority of the Board that an emergency situation exists, or that the need to take action arose after the posting of the agenda.*

**Next Regular Board Meeting:**                      **July 9, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Next Special Board Meeting:**                      **July 23, 2013, 5:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

President SZU PEI LU-YANG, Presiding

**Tab**

**1.1**



Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District  
May 14, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.  
Location: District Office

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

President Szu Pei Lu-Yang  
Vice President John Bellah  
Director Anthony J. Lima  
Director Teresa P. Rios

**ABSENT:**

Director Robert W. Lewis

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Janet Morningstar, Legal Counsel  
James Linthicum, Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Cara Van Dijk, CV Strategies  
Teri Malkin, Resident  
Harry Peterson, Resident  
Stephen Blagden, Resident

**ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF**

Ken Deck, General Manager  
Ted Carrera, Assistant General Manager  
Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services  
Sean Henry, Finance Officer  
Brittnie Van De Car, Public Affairs Representative

**ADDITION(S) TO AGENDA**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Resident Terri Malkin thanked the Board for their sponsorship of the Kiwanis Ribfest for school scholarships and advised that the District banner was prominently displayed. Resident Stephen Blagden provided comments on the newly installed pipeline on Fullerton Road and the fire hydrants and paving in certain areas of Fullerton Road and asked that the District inspect the areas with respect to quality and aesthetics to determine whether they meet with the Rowland Water District standards.

Resident Harry Peterson posed questions in connection with recent water purchases and how the District budgets for the leased and/or purchased water rights. Mr. Deck explained that due to the variable market price it is virtually impossible to budget for this. As the opportunity to purchase and/or lease water rights becomes available, the matter is presented to the Board for approval.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Bellah, the Consent Calendar was approved as presented, noting that it may become necessary to change the date of the June 11, 2013 Board meeting, in the event that Mr. Deck needs to go to Washington D.C. in connection with funding for the Pomona project. The motion was unanimously carried by those in attendance; Director Lewis was absent.

### **The approval of the Consent Calendar included:**

#### **1.1**

**Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held on April 9, 2013**

#### **1.2**

**Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held on April 30, 2013**

#### **1.3**

**Demands on General Fund Account for April 2013**

#### **1.4**

**Investment Report for April 2013**

#### **1.5**

**Water Purchases for March 2013**

Next Special Board Meeting: May 28, 2013, 5:00 p.m.  
Next Regular Board Meeting: June 11, 2013, 6:00 p.m.



## **Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS**

### **2.1**

#### **Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for April 2013**

Director Lima posed questions regarding President Lu-Yang's attendance at various Chamber meetings and the benefit derived by the District. Mr. Deck explained that Director Lu-Yang was appointed by the Board to act as the District's representative to the Chamber of Commerce and that reimbursement was authorized for Chamber meetings under the Board's written policy specifying meetings for which payment of per diem was pre-authorized. It was agreed by the Board to review the District's reimbursement policy for meetings attended by Directors at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, the Directors' Meeting Reimbursement Report was approved as presented. The motion was unanimously carried by those in attendance; Director Lewis was absent.

### **2.2**

#### **Review and Approve Rowland Water District's Statement of Operations for Period Covering July 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013**

Mr. Henry reviewed line items contained in the report covering the period July 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, in detail and explained the variances in several categories. He noted that the increase in water revenue was primarily due to the rate increase and the variance in water purchases was due to the water purchased and stored. Resident Harry Peterson questioned the bank service charges. Mr. Henry advised that some of the charges were for managing bond retention funds. With the current interest rates being so low, the bank charges increase to pay for the services they provide. When interest rates were higher, the Bank was able to charge less for these services. Current year expenses were very close to the prior year's expenses for this period.

A motion was made by Director Rios, seconded by Director Bellah, to receive and file the Statement of Operations as presented. The motion was unanimously carried by those in attendance; Director Lewis was absent.

### **2.3**

#### **Review and Approve Rowland Water District's Quarterly Investment Report as of March 31, 2013**

Mr. Henry provided a Power Point presentation to the Board to graphically illustrate and compare the District's investments contained in the report and noted the balances as of March 31, 2013, indicating that a very low interest rate environment still exists and that the trend appears to indicate that the District will receive less than 1% as bonds are reinvested. Mr. Henry answered the questions posed by members of the Board regarding the Retiree Medical Trust to fund post-retirement benefits for District employees. Mr. Henry indicated that the unfunded liability is approximately \$2 Million and the fund balance is about \$500,000. Mr. Henry projected that the trust would be fully funded in four years. Mr. Deck explained that the trust was set up so that the funds could be invested in higher-yield, higher-risk investments. The reserve funds for the District's Certificates of Deposit and 2012 Bonds are invested in Treasury Notes at 1.25%. In response to a question from Director Lu-Yang, Mr. Henry reported that the District's total reserves were about \$17 Million. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, to receive and file the investment report as presented. The motion was unanimously carried by those in attendance; Director Lewis was absent.

## 2.4

### **Review and Approve District's Financial Contribution to Candidate's Statement for District Elections**

Mr. Deck advised the Board that it is the District's policy to pay for the first 200 words of the Candidate's statements submitted by candidates for the office of Director of the Rowland Water District. A motion to continue with the existing policy was made by Director Rios, seconded by Director Lima and unanimously carried by those in attendance; Director Lewis was absent.

## 2.5

### **Review and Approve 2% Cost of Living Increase for all Employees Based on Merit**

After Discussion and comments by staff and the Board, a motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, and unanimously carried by those in attendance, Director Lewis being absent, to approve a cost of living increase for all employees based on merit in the amount of 2%. Staff was instructed to implement the increase effective July 1, 2013.

## 2.6

### **Review and Approve Rowland Water District Budget – Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

Mr. Deck advised the Board that the Budget presented contained no changes from the "draft" copy discussed and reviewed by the Board at length at the Budget Workshop held on April 30, 2013 and that it included the two percent (2%) salary increase for all employees discussed at the workshop.

A motion was made by Director Bellah, seconded by Director Lima, to approve the Rowland Water District Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 as presented. The motion was unanimously carried by those in attendance; Director Lewis was absent.

## 2.7

### **Receive and File 2013-2014 Puente Basin Water Agency Annual Budget**

Mr. Deck reported that the Puente Basin Commissioners have reviewed and approved the 2013-2014 Annual Budget. A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Rios, and unanimously carried by those in attendance, Director Lewis being absent, to receive and file the 2013-2014 Puente Basin Water Agency Annual Budget.

## 2.8

### **Schedule Ethics Training for Members of the Board and Staff**

After discussion, the Sexual Harassment and Ethics Training was scheduled for June 21, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The training will be conducted by legal counsel, Janet Morningstar.

## 2.9

### **Review and Approve District's Social Media Policy**

Mr. Deck discussed the need for a District Social Media Policy due to the development of the District's new website which will include Facebook and Twitter. After discussion concerning the need for, and key provisions of the proposed Social Media Policy, a motion was made by Director Rios, seconded by Director Lima, and unanimously carried by those in attendance, Director Lewis being absent, to approve the Social Media Policy as presented.

## **2.10**

### **Review and Approve Renewal of Reeb Government Relations, LLC Lobbying Firm Retention Contract**

Mr. Deck discussed the benefit of retaining a lobbyist on behalf of the District in Sacramento and the value that the District has derived by having this representation. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Bellah, and unanimously carried by those in attendance, Director Lewis being absent, to approve the renewal of the Reeb Government Relations, LLC Lobbying Firm Retention Contract for one year.

## **2.11**

### **Communications/Education Outreach Update**

Brittnie Van De Car, Public Affairs Representative, presented a Power Point presentation on the various community outreach events she and members of staff have attended and on the classroom presentations she has completed at schools throughout the District's service area. She and Mrs. Perea met with Jan Castle, administrator from the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District, to review the programs which are available for next year, and with the Energy Management Coordinator for Rowland Unified, Juliann Ferguson. She estimates that her outreach efforts have reached approximately 2,200 students and residents.

Cara VanDijk, CV Strategies, reviewed the Communications Outreach Update included in the Board packet and provided a status update on many of the projects they are working on for the District and, in particular, discussed the design and layout of the Consumer Confidence Report. She advised that CV Strategies is awaiting the Board members' feedback and suggestions with respect to the Board information cards which were distributed to them.

Residents Teri Malkin and Harry Peterson commented on the reports provided by Ms. VanDeCar and Ms. VanDijk and staff provided clarification and answers to the questions raised.

## **2.12**

### **Discussion of Upcoming Conferences, Workshops, or Events (Including Items that May Have Arisen after the Posting of the Agenda)**

- Three Valleys Leadership Breakfast, June 6, 2013  
The Board requested that staff make reservations for Directors Lima, Bellah and Lu-Yang for their attendance at the breakfast.

## **Tab 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION**

### **3.1**

#### **Updates on Legislative Issues**

For information purposes only.

## **Tab 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to report.

## **Tab 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **5.1**

#### **Three Valleys Municipal Water District**

Director Lima reported on his attendance at the May 1, 2013 Board meeting and on the presentations made the General Manager for West Basin Municipal Water District.

## 5.2

### **Joint Powers Insurance Authority**

Nothing to report.

## 5.3

### **Association of California Water Agencies**

Directors Lu-Yang and Bellah provided comments on their attendance at the ACWA Conference held on May 7-10, 2013.

## 5.4

### **Project Ad-Hoc Committee**

President Lu-Yang advised that the next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2013.

## 5.5

### **Regional Chamber of Commerce**

President Lu-Yang reported that the Annual Installation Dinner is scheduled for June 20, 2013 and the Chamber Green Campaign is scheduled for August 5, 2013. The Chamber Government Affairs Committee May 13, 2013 meeting was cancelled.

## 5.6

### **PWR Joint Water Line Commission**

Nothing to report.

## 5.7

### **Puente Basin Water Agency**

Director Lima reported that the next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2013.

## 5.8

### **Sheriff's Community Advisory Council**

Director Rios reported that the "roof top burglars" who had been breaking into banks through their roofs had been caught and that the suspects in connection with the theft of personal items at the cemetery while individuals attended services had been apprehended.

## 5.9

### **Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council**

Director Bellah reported that the CHP and Sheriff's Department advised that in order to prevent I.D. theft it was not necessary to carry the original car registration in the automobile and that a copy could be stored in your cellular telephone. Director Rios commented on her attendance at the meeting and President Lu-Yang advised that she had attended the May 2, 2013 groundbreaking for the new Community Center which is estimated to be completed in 2014.

## **Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

## 6.1

### **Public Relations**

Mrs. Perea reported that Brittnie is continuing to move forward in forming partnerships with the schools within our service area and that the classroom presentations which she has made have been very well received. She and Brittnie are continuing to work on the final stages of the new website.

**6.2**

**Personnel Report**

Mr. Deck advised the Board that after over twenty-six years of service to the District, the Facilities Maintenance Worker Profirio Pena is retiring on June 30, 2013.

**6.3**

**Engineer’s Report**

Mr. Carrera reported on his attendance at the Walnut Creek Energy Plant (Peaker Plant) dedication held on May 10, 2013, and that it was very well attended. Representatives from the California Energy Commission and the Public Utilities Commission were in attendance, as well as Assemblyman Charles Calderon and Senator Ed Hernandez. The activation of the Peaker Plant will increase the District’s recycled water sales by about 1,500 acre-feet per year representing \$3 Million in revenue to the District.

**Tab 7 ATTORNEY’S REPORT (Ms. Morningstar)**

Nothing to report.

**Directors’ and General Manager’s Comments**

None.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Review District Reimbursement Policy for meetings attended by Directors

**Late Business**

None.

Next Special Meeting of the Board of Directors:	May 28, 2013, 5:00 p.m.
Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors:	June 11, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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SZU PEI LU-YANG  
Board President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
KEN DECK  
Board Secretary

**Tab**

**1.2**



Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District

1905 South Azusa Avenue, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745  
May 28, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

President Szu Pei Lu-Yang  
Vice President John Bellah  
Director Anthony J. Lima  
Director Robert W. Lewis  
Director Teresa P. Rios

**ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dr. William Mathis, Mathis Consulting Group  
Janice Mathis, Mathis Consulting Group  
Erin Gilhuly, CV Strategies

**ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF:**

Ken Deck, General Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**COMMENTS:**

None.

**Tab 1 ACTION ITEMS**

**1.1**

**Board Development Workshop Facilitated by Dr. William Mathis, Mathis Consulting Group**

President Szu Pei Lu-Yang provided opening comments regarding the purpose of the meeting. Dr. Bill Mathis facilitated discussion on the “Next Generation of Thinking: Why It’s Important”. Topics discussed by all members of the Board were succession planning and defining the General Manager’s long-term and short-term goals. The Board also discussed the need to stay ahead of the industry by seeking water independence and expanding the role of staff and the Directors.

**Directors’ and General Manager’s Comments**

None

**Future Agenda Items**

None.

**Late Business**

None

*Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors:*

*June 4, 2013*

A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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SZU PEI LU-YANG  
Board President

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Board Secretary



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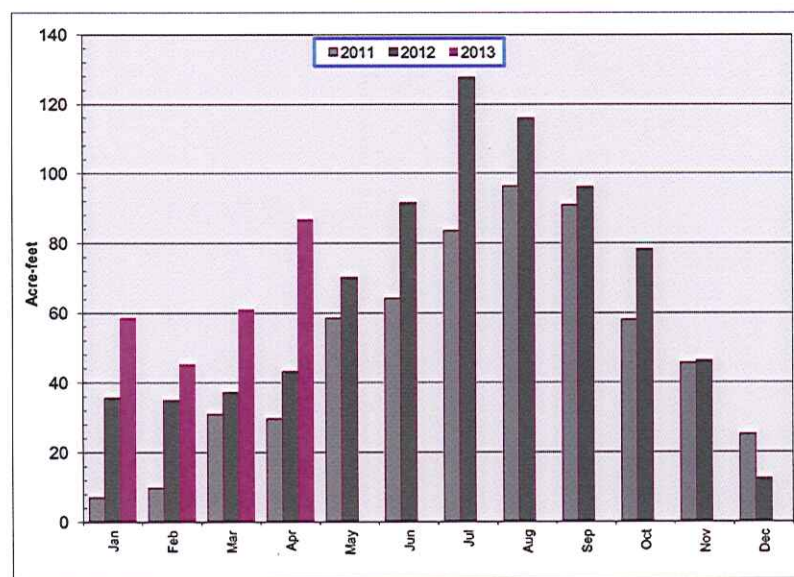
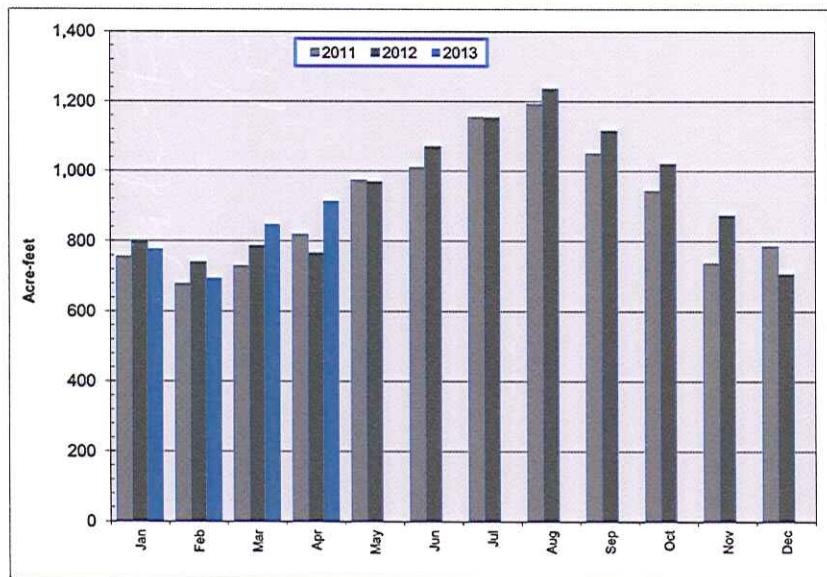
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## Water Purchases for CY 2013 (Acre-feet)

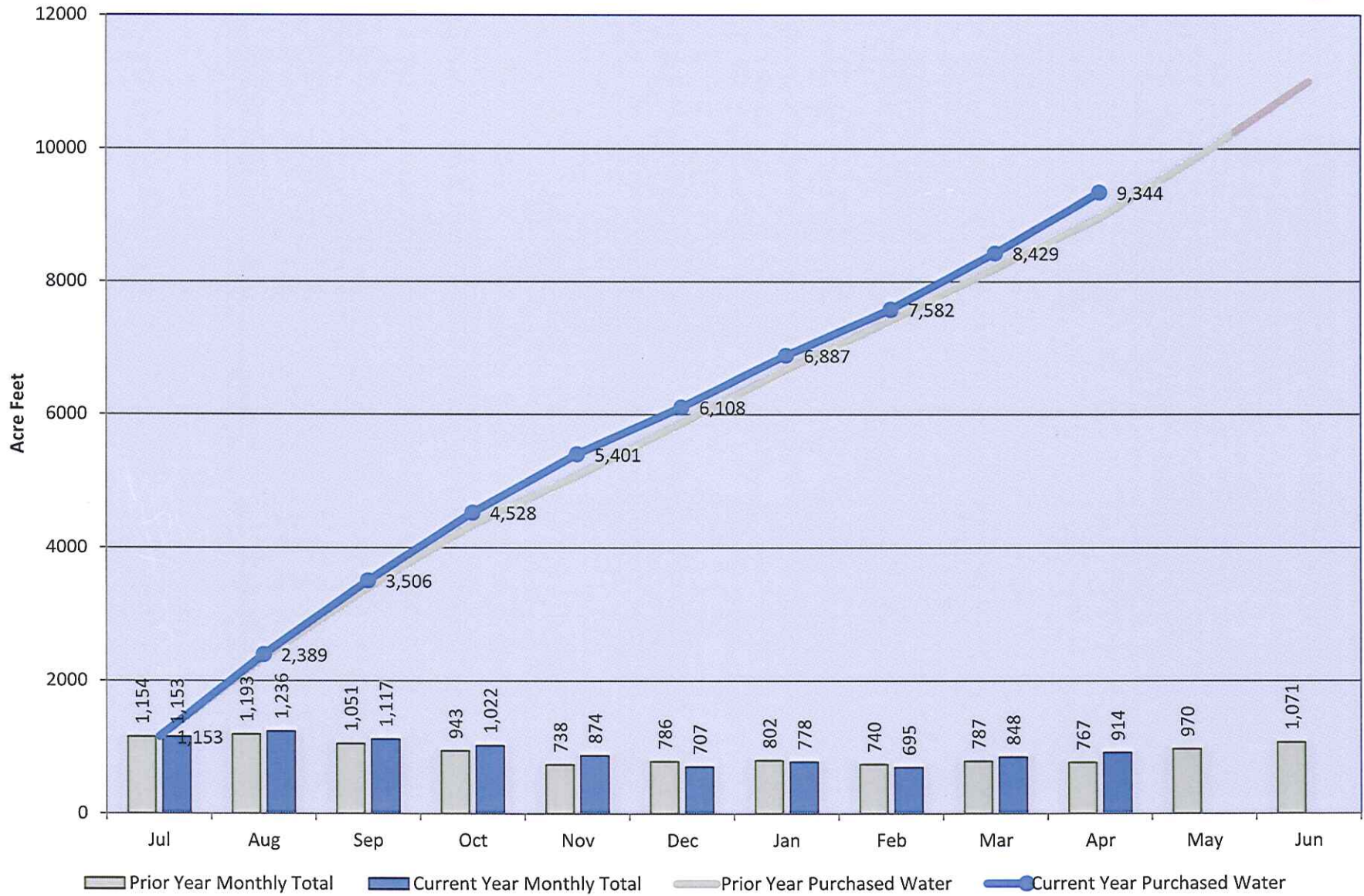
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			PM-15	Miramar	
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MAR	0.0	398.0	249.1	200.6	847.7
APR	0.0	418.5	303.1	192.7	914.3
MAY					0.0
JUN					0.0
JUL					0.0
AUG					0.0
SEP					0.0
OCT					0.0
NOV					0.0
DEC					0.0
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1.5	0.0	0.0	43.8	0.0	45.3
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# Potable Water Purchases For FY 2012-2013

(Acre-feet)



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## 2.1



## MAY 2013-DIRECTOR REIMBURSEMENTS

Director	Date of Meeting/Event	Meeting/Event Attended	Reimbursement	No Charge	Additional Comments <i>(Submit expense report if claiming mileage and/or meal reimbursement)</i>
<b>Anthony J. Lima</b>					
	5/1/2013	Three Valleys Board Meeting	\$110.00		Mileage
	5/14/2013	RWD Board Meeting	\$110.00		
	5/15/2013	Three Valleys Board Meeting	\$110.00		Mileage
	5/16/2013	PBWA Meeting at Walnut	\$110.00		Mileage
	5/24/2013	Project Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	\$110.00		
	5/28/2013	RWD Special Board Meeting	\$110.00		
		<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$660.00</b>		
<b>John Bellah</b>					
	<b>APRIL</b>				
	4/8/2013	RHCCC General Meeting	\$88.00		
	4/9/2013	RWD Board Meeting	\$88.00		
	4/10/2013	RHCCC Board Meeting		X	
	4/11/2013	San Ana Watershed Conference	\$88.00		Parking
	4/28/2013	Kiwanis Rib Festival		X	
	4/30/2013	RWD Special Board Meeting	\$88.00		
	<b>MAY</b>				
	5/7/13-5/10/13	ACWA Spring Confernece	\$352.00		Car Rental & Gas
	5/13/2013	RHCCC General Meeting	\$88.00		
	5/14/2013	RWD Board Meeting	\$88.00		
	5/15/2013	RHCCC Board Meeting		X	
	5/16/2013	PBWA Meeting at Walnut		X	
	5/28/2013	RWD Special Board Meeting	\$88.00		
		<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$968.00</b>		
<b>Robert W. Lewis</b>					
	5/7/13-5/10/13	ACWA Spring Confernece	\$440.00		Mileage, parking, meal
	5/13/2013	San Gabriel Valley Gov. Affairs	\$110.00		
	5/14/13-5/15/13	CSDA Legislative Days	\$220.00		
	5/16/2013	PBWA Meeting at Walnut	\$110.00		
	5/28/2013	RWD Special Board Meeting	\$110.00		
		<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$990.00</b>		



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## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

On Saturday, October 19, 2013, the Rowland Heights Parade Committee, led by the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council and the Rowland Heights Chinese Association, will stage the 41<sup>th</sup> Annual Buckboard Days Parade. This year's parade theme is

### **“Let's Make Some Music”**

We will give music a big salute, as we show off Rowland Heights as a wonderful place to work, live, go to school, and do business. This community event will give everyone a chance to celebrate various youth groups, bands, equestrian units, floats, classic cars, and businesses that contribute to our community.

The parade will start at 9 a.m. on Nogales Street & Colima Road, go east on Colima, turn left on Banida Street and end at Rowland Heights Park for the Family Festival following the parade. These roads will be closed to traffic at approximately 7:00 a.m. and will re-opened until the parade has finished, approximately 11:00 A.M.

Money donated by sponsors will be used to cover the cost of the parade, including trophies, publicity, insurance and other associated expenses, including parade programs.

## **The deadline for sponsorship is September 17, 2013**

Please make checks payable to:

Buckboard Days Parade Committee  
18351 Colima Road, #199  
Rowland Heights, CA 91748

If you have any questions about sponsorship, please email [buckboardparade@hotmail.com](mailto:buckboardparade@hotmail.com),  
W9 and invoices provided upon request **for tax deductions.**

[www.buckboarddaysparade.org](http://www.buckboarddaysparade.org)

## Sponsorship Opportunities

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**Parade Date: October 19, 2013**

**Deadline for sponsorship payment with artwork for ads: September 17, 2013**

Please note that the parade flyer to RUSD elementary school students is distributed shortly after Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Submit your payment and artwork by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to be included in this benefit.

The Buckboard Parade Committee is a non-profit 501c3 corporation

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**Rowland Water District  
Communication Strategies Update  
June 4, 2013**

- Media Outreach
  - Recently distributed press releases: 1) Strategic Plan Development 2) Recycled Water Agency of the Year
- Consumer Confidence Report
  - Articles complete; received water quality tables for inclusion in annual water quality report
  - Layout and design are in development
  - Informational mailer in development
- Outreach Training
  - Working with General Manager and Director of Administrative Services to help train new outreach personnel and develop strategies for optimal ROI
  - Upcoming: Writing Workshop schedule TBA
- Potable Water Reliability Enhancement Project
  - Simple fact sheet highlighting RWD's joint effort with Cal Domestic complete and delivered
- District Art/Signage
  - Board room sign complete and submitted for District approval
  - Event table cloth complete and delivered.
- Board of Directors Message Decks
  - 14 key topics highlighted on individual cards for use by BOD as simple talking points
  - Board members are reviewing cards
- Customer Service
  - Updating on-hold messages monthly
- Sponsorships
  - Buckboard Days ad complete and submitted for District approval
- Administrative
  - Continuing to update deliverable plan; on-track
  - CV Strategies will assist in website redesign as needed and provide any content
  - Holding regular calls with General Manager, Director of Administrative Services & Public Affairs Representative



## Memorandum

To: Board of Directors

From: Brittnie Van De Car  
Public Affairs Representative

Date: June 4, 2013

Re: Public Affairs Update

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- Visited the 3 recipients of the WEWAC Edu-Grants (Telesis Academy, Alvarado Intermediate and Nogales High School).
- 2013 "Water Is Life" Poster Contest.
  - Judging
  - Letters to teachers and students
- Water Cycle Bracelet Presentation at Blandford Elementary School.
  - 106 total students (1-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
  - 5 different classes
- Conducted Survey's for the individual teachers through Survey Monkey (see attached).
- Created step-by-step procedures for Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.
  - How to post a status, tweet, picture or even video.
- Promoting (in the Customer Service lobby and on the website) "Sprinkler Spruce-up" Program through the WaterSense partnership we have with the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Working with Rose and Ken on the final stages of the website migration.
- Attended the Metropolitan Water District quarterly education meeting

I will be attending the DWR education committee meeting to learn about the new core standards for the education in the schools.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittnie Van De Car", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brittnie L. Van De Car  
Public Affairs Representative



Survey Monkey Results

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
School	How did you hear about the RWD Education Program	Rate your experience on scheduling your classroom visit with the RWD representative. 1 being the least satisfied and 5 being the most satisfied. Please only select one answer.	Did you find the activities presented beneficial to your class. 1 being the least satisfied and 5 being the most satisfied. Please only select one answer.	Were the activities presented easy to understand? 1 being the least satisfied and 5 being the most satisfied. Please only select one answer.	Were you able to replace planned classroom curriculum with an activity that was presented in your class?	What is your overall rating of the classroom presentation? 1 being the least satisfied and 5 being the most satisfied. Please only select one answer.	Of the activities your class participated in, please rate on a scale of 1-5.	Please identify activities presented in your class that were particularly beneficial for your class and please identify areas for improvement.	Do you have any additional comments about the presentation and your classroom experience?
Jellick Elementary School	Brochure	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	Yes	5-Very Satisfied	Water Cycle-5	Water Cycle Bracelet	Brittnie did a great job presenting the activities to my students.
Jellick Elementary School	From another teacher on site	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	Yes- Instead of Science today	5- Very Satisfied	N/A	Water cycle felt board presentation, and the water beads bracelet/bookmark	Thank you for all the goodies to share with the students.
Jellick Elementary School	Another teacher at my school	5- Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	4-Satisfied	No- I hadn't planned on explaining the water cycle but I did plan on teaching about weather so it was able to support my other content for the unit.	5-Very Satisfied	N/A	The water bracelet!	Great job! Thank you so much for coming in. It was great to have a guest in the classroom. My students really enjoyed the presentation.
Jellick Elementary School	Water brochure from a walk-in visit	5- Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	Yes- I make sure we cover what we need to cover. I make plans throughout the week to make up our missed lesson.	5-Very Satisfied	N/A	Water Cycle bead activity	No.
Jellick Elementary School	Another teacher at my school.	3-Neutral	4-satisfied	4-satisfied	Yes.	4-Satisfied	N/A	The steps of the water cycle and the bracelets representing the water cycle.	The students liked the presentation and learned about the water cycle.

Jellick Elementary School	Through another teacher at my school.	4- Satisfied	4- Satisfied	4- Satisfied	No- I have previously discussed the water cycle in my class, but not in such detail. This was an extension of my previous class discussion.	4-Satisfied	N/A	I felt the water cycle bracelet was a great visual. The cycle itself could have been taught in greater detail, but it was good for the time allotted.	None.
Blandford Elementary School	From our Principal	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	Yes	5-Very Satisfied	Water Cycle-5	We did the water cycle bracelet activity which the kids loved!!! They were very excited to show off their bracelets! They also learned big vocabulary words from the lesson.	The whole experience was great!! My class loved Brittne! She was very knowledgeable, well prepared, and very organized. We would love to have her come back and do another activity.
Blandford Elementary School	Principal	5-very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	Question Skipped	5-Very Satisfied	N/A	It was great to have the interactive felt board activity where EVERY student got to come up and together create the water cycle. They also loved making the water bracelet! It might help to have the key words (e.g., evaporation, condensation...) on note cards or on a poster so that the students can see the word on top of just hearing it.	Brittne did an amazing job! She was very engaging and effective in her teaching of the water cycle, she also had great management skills. Look forward to having her back next year!
Blandford Elementary School	Principal	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	Yes	5-Very Satisfied	Water Cycle-5	Water cycle bracelet was great	Songs given in packet are phenomenal
Blandford Elementary School	Jean Ilano is a teacher at our school. She set this up for us.	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	5-Very Satisfied	No- It was a bonus lesson! We want them water wise going into summer! It didn't replace any curriculum, rather enhance our existing lessons.	5-Very Satisfied	N/A	The bracelet was a nice visual for the kids.	the song was awesome, we wish we could have had time to sing it together :)

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### *A Look at Groundwater in Southern California*

ACWA Region 8 invites you to a one-day program to discuss groundwater management in Southern California. This exciting program will highlight local groundwater storage projects, local agency innovations and policy issues surrounding management practices.

<b>Who:</b>	ACWA Members
<b>What:</b>	ACWA Region 8 Program
<b>When:</b>	Thursday, June 13, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
<b>Where:</b>	City of Carson Senior Center 701 E Carson Street, Carson, California

Registration is available online May 6 – June 6 at

[www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com)

**Pre-Registration Fee: \$50**

(Onsite Registration Fee: \$60 - Space Permitting)

**Registration is available online only until June 6 or until space is full.** We will accommodate onsite registrations if space is available. Cancellations must be received in writing by June 3 in order to receive a reimbursement.

**Program agenda coming soon!**

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are scheduled  
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The following is a summary of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District's  
Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, May 15, 2013

- **Approved:** Motion No. 13-05-4930 was passed 6-0 with Director Lantz absent, approving Consent Calendar items A-C that included: A) Receive approve & file April 2013 minutes (April 3, 2013 and April 17, 2013); B) Receive approve and file April 2013 financial reports; C) Approval of budget amendment for the Fulton Reservoir Project #58444.
- **Approved:** Motion No. 13-05-4935 that was called from dais and was passed 6-0 with Director Lantz absent. This motion approved Item D) Approval of Participation in the Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Initiative with WateReuse California/Research for Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15 that was pulled for discussion.
- **Approved:** Motion No. 13-05-4931 was passed 6-0 with Director Lantz absent, approving directors' monthly payment request forms for April 2013.
- **Approved:** Motion No. 13-05-4932 was passed 6-0 with Director Lantz absent, approving staff recommendation to reject all original bids received for Project #58439 San Antonio Spreading Grounds Pipeline Extension Project. Staff will amend the specifications for the project and will issue a new Notice Inviting Bids. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the prudence of rejecting the bids and the reasons for the staff recommendation. Staff conferred with legal counsel and the reasonableness for this action was acknowledged.

*This summary may not include all agenda items and  
should not be construed as minutes of the meeting.*

TVMWD is a water resources management agency that covers approximately 133 square miles and is governed by an elected Board of seven officials. The present population is about 525,000. Since its formation, the Three Valleys Municipal Water District has installed some 37,000 feet of pipeline and delivered more than 175 billion gallons of water.



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- **Approved:** Motion No. 13-05-4933 was passed 6-0 with Director Lantz absent, to approve Resolution No. 13-05-711 adopting a Labor Compliance Program (LCP) for Project #58439 San Antonio Spreading Grounds Pipeline Extension. This will be part of the new notice inviting bids.
- **Approved:** Motion No. 13-05-4934 was called from dais to add an item to the agenda regarding the upcoming ACWA Region elections. Public comment was requested prior to taking a vote to add this item to the directors' comments section of the agenda. The motion was passed 6-0 with Director Lantz absent, After discussion staff was directed to return the item to a future agenda. No action was taken during this meeting.

**Important Calendar Dates**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2013 - 8:00 A.M.**

Regular Board Meeting

**Thursday, June 6, 2013 - 7:30 A.M.**

TVMWD Leadership Breakfast—Challenges in the Southern California Energy Market, Charles Wilson, Southern California Edison

Sheraton Hotel & Suites, Fairplex (Vineyard Room); RSVP to 909-621-5568 or cdechaine@tvmwd.com by June 3, 2013

**Wednesday, June 19, 2013 - 8:00 A.M.**

Regular Board Meeting & Annual Financial Corporation Meeting

**Thursday, June 20, 2013 - 8:30 A.M.**

MWD Inspection Trip: Diamond Valley Lake

Contact your respective director or Maria Contreras at 909-621-5568 for information

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## PUENTE BASIN WATER AGENCY

*Created by a Joint Powers Agreement between*

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT and WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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May 21, 2013

Mr. Shane Chapman, General Manager  
Upper San Gabriel Valley  
Municipal Water District  
602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B  
Monrovia, CA 91016

Sent Via Certified Mail

Re: *Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District—Proposed New Rates and Charges*

Dear Mr. Chapman:

*Shane*

As you may know, the Puente Basin Water Agency (“PBWA”) is a joint powers authority that consists of Rowland Water District and Walnut Valley Water District. Over the past several years, PBWA has been engaged in significant planning efforts and has invested substantial monies concerning collaborative projects with regional benefits, some of which involve the Main San Gabriel Basin (the “Basin”) and Basin producers. PBWA has recently become aware of the new rates and charges being proposed by the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (“Upper District”).

PBWA is greatly concerned by the adverse impacts Upper District’s proposed rates and charges will have on PBWA’s beneficial projects. In fact, the significant amount of those rates and charges will very likely render some PBWA project infeasible. However, aside from those adverse impacts, PBWA has identified the following legal issues with respect to those proposed rates and charges.

1. Permissibility under the Basin Judgment and California Law. PBWA has reviewed a copy of Watermaster’s May 2 letter to you, and concurs in the points made in that letter (for the sake of brevity, we will not repeat those points here). Although PBWA is not currently a party to the Basin’s Judgment, it is familiar with its provisions and was involved in reviewing and commenting on the recent Judgment amendments. Clearly, under the Judgment, Watermaster is the entity charged with management of the Basin and PBWA agrees that Upper District’s legal authority to levy charges directly on Watermaster is dubious. PBWA also strongly agrees with Watermaster’s statements regarding Upper District’s attempt to levy



charges on export programs and that such charges undermine Watermaster's recent efforts to develop storage and export agreements that maximize clean-up and supply reliability.

2. Violation of Propositions 26 and 218. While it is not certain if the rates and charges Upper District is proposing are "property-related fees and charges" to which Proposition 218 applies, it is clear that, at a minimum, Proposition 26 applies to those rates and charges (it must be noted that if Proposition 218 does apply, then the rates and charges would fall under the exception to Proposition 26 set forth in Article XIIC, Section 1(e)). Thus, one of either Proposition 26 or 218 applies in this situation, and under either proposition, the rates and charges imposed by a public agency cannot exceed the reasonable cost of providing the service.

Proposition 218, in Article XIID, Section 6(b)(1) and (3) of the California Constitution, imposes the following substantive requirements:

"(1) Revenues derived from the fee or charge shall not exceed the funds required to provide the property related service.

"(3) The amount of a fee or charge imposed upon any parcel or person as an incident of property ownership shall not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel."

If Proposition 218, and the foregoing requirements, applies, then the proposed rates and charges will not be subject to Proposition 26. However, if Proposition 218 does not apply, then Proposition 26 will apply. Proposition 26, in Article XIIC, Section 1(e) of the California Constitution, now generally defines "tax" as any levy, charge, or exaction of any kind imposed by a local government. Section 1(e) then provides seven exceptions from that definition of "tax," including fees and charges subject to Proposition 218 and, as stated most relevantly in subdivision (e)(2): "A charge imposed for a specific government service or product provided directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged, and which does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of providing the service or product."

If either the substantive requirements of Proposition 218 are not met, or an exception to Proposition 26 does not apply, then the rates and charges being levied would constitute special taxes that are subject to voter approval before they could be imposed. Under both Proposition 218 and Proposition 26, the local agency seeking to impose the fees or charges (here, Upper District) has the burden of showing compliance with the applicable constitutional provisions.

The materials PBWA has reviewed in connection with Upper District's proposed charges do not set forth an adequate cost basis for the significant amounts of those charges, especially because no detailed project costs are provided in those materials. In particular, tying the "Outside Service Area – Non-Operable Unit" charge to the MWD Tier 2 Treated Rate is a per se

Mr. Shane Chapman, General Manager  
Upper San Gabriel Valley  
Municipal Water District  
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violation of Proposition 26, as there is no support that Upper District itself would incur that amount as a result of the out-of-area production.

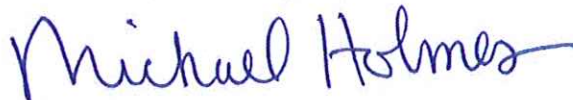
The rates and charges Upper District is now proposing would not withstand a legal challenge under the applicable constitutional provisions discussed above.

3. Violation of CEQA. While in some cases, the mere adoption of rates and charges may not be subject to CEQA review, it is clear in this case that Upper District is using the revenues raised by the charges to raise capital associated with a project or projects of some sort. Those projects are not identified, let alone reviewed in accordance with CEQA. The splitting of the revenue source from the projects may constitute 'piecemealing' that is not permissible under CEQA.

While PBWA does not desire to engage in protracted litigation on these issues, it will take all actions necessary to protect the significant investments it has already made on projects that will benefit the region. PBWA hopes that Upper District and its Board of Directors will reconsider adopting the proposed rates and charges.

Over the past several years, various stakeholders in the Main Basin have put aside, in some case, longstanding differences to work towards a mutually beneficial arrangement for the benefit of the Basin and the region. That process was filled with cooperation and collaboration. Upper District's proposal seriously jeopardizes the gains made in those recent Judgment amendments, and threatens numerous beneficial projects. We therefore respectfully request that Upper District not proceed with those proposed rates and charges and instead works with Watermaster to develop appropriate cost recovery mechanisms where appropriate and in a manner consistent with the Judgment and California law.

Sincerely,  
*Puente Basin Water Agency*



Michael Holmes  
Administrative Officer

cc: Mr. Tony Zampello, Executive Officer, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (via email)  
Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, Mr. James Byerrum, Chair  
Board of Directors, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
Rowland Water District's Board of Directors, c/o Mr. Ken Deck (via email)  
Walnut Valley Water District's Board of Directors, c/o Mr. Mike Holmes (via email)  
Mr. Rick Hansen, General Manager, Three Valleys MWD

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**ACWA 2013 Spring Conference, Sacramento, California**  
**Review Prepared For Rowland Water District**  
**By Director John Bellah**

Wednesday, Opening Breakfast

- California State Senator, Darrell Steinberg, was keynote speaker. Focusing remarks on the upcoming 2014 Election, with reference to the Water Bond, Delta issues, and consequences of 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s voting requirement, which affects meaningful dialogue on State issues rather than Party lines.

Technical Presentation on Seawater Desalination

- Two case studies were presented. (1) City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek's joint DeSal project and (2) the Carlsbad / San Diego project.
- Driving factors are: unexpected residential growth, saltwater intrusion into potable water aquifers, extensive over draft of aquifer, and fear of future extended draughts.
- An added motivation by San Diego is the desire to become more self reliant for water production. Ten years ago, San Diego was 95% dependent on Metropolitan Water Department, now, that has been reduced to about 45%. This has been achieved through recycling, above ground storage facilities, and conservation efforts. With desalinization the reduction goal is another 15%.
- Asked if they could get to 100%, the answer was "No"!
- The Carlsbad project is a privately owned and built venture (Poseidon), with San Diego contracted to buy between 48,000 AF to 56,000 AF at ( \$2257/AF to \$2014/AF).
- **Observation/ opinion**; bureaucracy and extreme regulation have prejudiced the use of this technology. Environmental concerns were warranted but have led to viable solutions. There were 21 public hearings, 18 lawsuits and other delays that stretched the permitting process out over 10 years (that's outrageously slow). If our grandfather's generation had faced these same factors we'd still be caring water in buckets.
- The question of bringing the Rosarito Desalinization plan to fruition was brushed over, but considered as a viable project in the future. **Why not for Mexico's use, now?**
- The Australian's have idled some of their desalinization plants due the "Big Wet's" replenishment of steams, aquifers and above ground storage. But as DeSal Engineer, Gary Crisp, pointed out, Australia now has the capacity and ability to weather future long term draughts. (Draught occurs approx. every 7 years).

General Luncheon Speakers

- The new chair of the State Water Resource Control Board, Felicia Marcus presented her vision on many State water concerns.
- During the luncheon, Governor Jerry Brown made an unscheduled appearance. His primary concern seemed to being able to over-shadow his father's legacy on water project developments. **This, I see, as a perfect opportunity to get the Conveyance Project underway, in our lifetime. He should switch has emphasis from railroad building to "chunnel" building!**

Attorney's Program on Governments Constitutional Rights to Water Rights

- The central theme was the legal idea of “a taking” in California Constitutional Law in reference to the bundle of rights (sticks).
- The question was: “Is any restriction on the exercise of a water rights a physical taking”?
- The glaring operative phrase gleaned from this narrative was – Use it or lose it!
- An owner may have a right to a quantity of water, but if not totally exercised; the unused portion of water cannot be “banked” for future use; also, the unused portion can be claimed and used by another party.

Thursday, Region 3 Issue Forum: “Science and More Science”

- This was a highly technical presentation with many terms never before encountered (by this writer). Overall focus was on forest management and experimentation results by scientists, over past 10 to 20 years.
- One, not so obvious finding, was that a thinner forest canopy could lead to higher economic yield/ reward over the life of the forest. The thinner canopy could yield an overall healthier environment with more biodiversity for plants and animals.
- LIDAR – remote sensing technology – gathering data points of varying information - was hammered home by Dr. Qinghua Guo, associate professor at U.C. Merced. This technology gives an impressive 3-D overall view and an in-depth look at growth and corresponding data in ground and canopy vegetation. The process is an infrared echo imaging/ ranging method.
- LIDAR cannot discern snow pack depths, at random points; possibly in near future.
- In a meadow study, by Dr. Martha Conklin, two observations were made. One , rather, obvious and the other, not considered by attendee. 1. Grass acts as armor for stream banks, mitigating erosion and, 2. Different isotopes identify, from where the components of the body of water originated. Examples: which rainstorms, over which land masses or other bodies of water from which it originated. How much each source contributes to the overall supply.
- **Didn't realize so many isotopes of water existed!**
- Airplanes, both manned and unmanned are utilized in flying patterns for data gathering of forest usage by animals and humans. Satellite imagery didn't seem to be as intensively used in a small given area. **This type of surveillance seems to be the norm for the future.**

Water District Consolidation – Part 1: Nuts and Bolts

Discussion was about consolidation of small or economically disadvantaged communities as a solution for serving a larger customer base more effectively.

- The role and procedure of operation was presented for CALAFCO.
- Cases were shown of how some districts, and therefore communities, benefited from merging operations, facilities and personnel.
- **Missed discussion or impact of enfolding of “Reserves” into other's “General Funds”.**

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- After reviewing common knowledge of earthquakes and better-known experiences, Dr. Jones delved into the subject of “Liquefaction”, which is not normally considered in news reports or day to day conversation.

Friday; Han’s Doe Breakfast

California Earthquake Hazards – presented by – Dr. Lucy Jones, (seismologist)

- Major “shakes” or “quakes” occur predominately in sandy soil, loose shale, gravel conditions, etc. River deltas, flood plains, and large dessert expanses are subject to under ground disruptions along fault lines or continental shelves.
- The diversity of East Coast and West Coast subsurface geology was brought up in her discussion of Bay-Delta issues. The bed-rock on the East Coast causes seismic waves to dampen down more quickly than the West Coast, which is also, more newly formed. The consequence of this is that West Coast quakes can be more severe and be of longer duration.
- A video of Christ’s Church, Australia, was shown to emphasize consequences of liquefaction. The town is built on a river delta much like the Delta, New Orleans and even Los Angeles. The shaking caused the water down below the surface to rise up forming sinkholes, quick sand conditions and major flooding.
- **A conclusion voiced by Dr. Jones, was that in a major event, large amounts of under ground pipe would be disrupted and destroyed. Local supplies might not be adequate for immediate repair. Pipe manufacturers would be overwhelmed and slow to manufacture replacement pipe. Emergency conditions could be very severe in a large, populous metropolitan area. The need for preparation is obvious. This might not be a simple fix of stockpiling!**

Overall rating for conference was very good!