



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

October 9, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: District Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

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

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Janet Morningstar, Legal Counsel
Dan Horan, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Erin Gilhuly, CV Strategies
Alex Altman, CV Strategies
John Rowland, V, Resident
David and Teri Malkin, Residents
Harry Peterson, Resident
Sheng Lin, Resident
Stephen Su, Resident
Arturo Aldana, Resident
Jose Aldana, Resident
Yuehhwa Chien, Resident
Chuck Johnson, Resident
Michael Cheng, Resident
David and Margaret Tobin, Residents

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF:

Ken Deck, General Manager
Ted Carrera, Assistant General Manager
Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services

ADDITION(S) TO AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Robert W. Lewis, seconded by Vice President Lu-Yang, the Consent Calendar was approved as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

The approval of the Consent Calendar included:

1.1

Approval of the Minutes of Adjourned Board Meeting Held on September 18, 2012

1.2

Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held on September 29, 2012

1.3

Demands on General Fund Account for September, 2012

1.4

Investment Report for September, 2012

1.5

Water Purchases for August, 2012

1.6

Calendar of events for October and November 2012

Special Board Meeting:	October 30, 2012
Regular Board Meeting:	November 13, 2012

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for September 2012

Upon motion by Director Bellah, seconded by Director Rios, the Directors' Meeting Reimbursement Report was approved as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

2.2

Public Hearing to Review Proposed Adjustments in Water Rates and Service Charges

Staff presented a Power Point presentation to those in attendance outlining the cost factors contributing to the proposed rate and service charge adjustments.

President Lima opened the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m. Verbal comments were received from nine members of the public on various issues related to the increase in water rates. Staff responded to questions and concerns posed by members of the public in connection with the proposed rate and service charge adjustments.

Without further objection, President Lima closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

2.3

Approve Resolution No. 10-2012 Establishing a Consolidated Water Service Policy

Upon a report from staff that only one written protest to the proposed rate increase had been received, the Board of Directors made a finding that the written protests represented less than the majority of the parcels subject to the rates and charges. After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Rios, to approve Resolution No. 10-2012 Establishing a Consolidated Water Service Policy approving the water rate and service charge adjustments. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Lima, Lu-Yang, Lewis, Bellah and Rios
Noes: None
Abstain: None

The motion was unanimously carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

2.4

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

- Three Valleys Municipal Water District Leadership Breakfast, November 1, 2012
The following Directors asked staff to make reservations for their attendance at the luncheon: Directors Lewis, Lima, Bellah and Lu-Yang
- ACWA 2012 FALL CONFERENCE, December 4-7, 2012, San Diego, CA
Directors Lewis, Bellah and Rios requested that staff make reservations for their attendance at the Conference. President Lima advised that he would contact staff at a later date to confirm his attendance.

Tab 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

3.1

Updates on Legislative Issues

Nothing to report.

Tab 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

This was provided for information purposes only.

Tab 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Vice President Lu-Yang reported that RMC Engineering made a presentation at the October 3, 2012 work shop describing regional projects which Rowland Water District and Walnut Valley Water District are partnering in to enhance water reliability and mitigate anticipated cost increases imposed by Metropolitan Water District. President Lima also attended the meeting and indicated that he was impressed with the presentation.

5.2

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Nothing to report.

5.3

Association of California Water Agencies

Nothing to report.

5.4

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

5.5

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Vice President Lu-Yang reported that the Chamber Power Lunch will be held on October 10, 2012, the Chamber Board meeting will be held at the Rowland Water District on October 17, 2012 and the Chamber Mixer is scheduled for October 18, 2012. Director Lewis provided a report on his attendance at the Chamber Government Affairs Committee on October 8, 2012.

5.6

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Nothing to report. President Lima advised that the next meeting is set for October 18, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. at Walnut Valley Water District.

5.7

Puente Basin Water Agency

The Agency was updated on the status of the funding for the projects and advised that Rowland and Walnut would be finalizing the bond proposal to present to each of their Boards for approval.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

Vice President Lu-Yang advised that the Community Advisory Council (CAC) conference will be held on October 13, 2012 in Altadena, California. Rowland Heights resident, Teri Malkin, advised the Board that as a liaison between the community and the Sheriff's CAC, she had made a presentation to the Walnut Sheriff's Department which was well received.

5.9

Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council

Director Rios reported that Rowland and Walnut Valley Water Districts made a presentation to the Council on October 8, 2012, which set forth the sources of water available and regulatory and increasing cost challenges facing Southern California, and the regional projects which they hope to implement to mitigate these vulnerabilities. Rowland Heights resident, Teri Malkin, thanked the District for their presentation to the Council and advised that it was very well received.

Director Bellah advised that Senator Bob Huff and Assemblyman Curt Hagman's representatives provided an overview of the Bills that were passed and provided information on those they supported.

Tab 6

OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Public Relations

Mrs. Perea advised that CV Strategies continues to work with the District's newly-hired Public Affairs Representative and has implemented training sessions with her in an effort to prepare her to be a well-informed and vital representation of the District when attending community events.

She reported that the National Theatre for Children had performed at Blandford Elementary to an audience of 700 students. The District's Public Affairs Representative, Brittnie Van De Car, was present, along with Cara Van Dijk from CV Strategies. Brittnie took pictures and provided the students with water conservation hand-outs. Brittnie worked with CV Strategies on the preparation of a Press Release and is currently working with them on the preparation of a Press Release covering the Buckboard Days Parade and Festival at the Park. The Project Wet Teachers' Workshop is scheduled for October 17, 2012 at the Frontier Project located at the Cucamonga Valley Water District. Currently, the District has one teacher from Rowland Elementary signed up to attend. We are sending out reminders for the EduGrant Program. The deadline for application submittal is November 8, 2012. Brittnie will be contacting Mr. Chong at the Youth Science Center to arrange for her participation at the Center in November when Jellick will be participating in the Project Wet program.

6.2

Personnel Report

Nothing to report.

6.3

Engineer's Report

Mr. Carrera reported that the ACE Nogales Street grade separation has gone out to bid and that the District recently received notice that the ACE Fullerton Road grade separation will soon be initiated.

Tab 7 ATTORNEY’S REPORT (Ms. Morningstar)

Nothing to report.

Tab 8 CLOSED SESSION

President Lima adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:50 p.m. Legal counsel, Morningstar announced that the closed session was being held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 in order to confer with the District’s negotiator concerning purchase of water rights in the Central Basin and Main San Gabriel Basin from Petersburg, L.P., and that discussion would concern price and terms.

- a. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Purchase of Water Rights in the
Central and Main San Gabriel Basins
District Negotiator: Ken Deck, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Petersburg, L.P.
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Upon returning to open session, Legal counsel reported that the Board directed its negotiator, Ken Deck, to proceed with negotiations with Petersburg L.P. for the purchase of water rights on the terms discussed.

The following continuing items were not discussed:

- b. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Lease of Water Rights in the
Main San Gabriel Basin
District Negotiator: Ken Deck, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Covina Irrigating Company
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
- c. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Lease of Water Rights in the
Main San Gabriel Basin
District Negotiator: Ken Deck, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Sierra Water Group
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Sec. 54956.8
 - Property: A Portion of the Parcel at 1015 Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, Ca APN# 8264-021-028
 - Negotiating Parties: John A. Rowland, Jr., Trustee
 - District Negotiator: Ken Deck, General Manager
 - Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Sale

The closed session was adjourned and the Board resumed the meeting in open session at 7:56 p.m. Legal counsel, Janet Morningstar, reported that Mr. Deck had been authorized to proceed with negotiations on item a. and that no action had been taken on items b., c. and d.

Directors’ and General Manager’s Comments

President Lima reported on his attendance at the Kiwanis Dinner on September 29, 2012. Mrs. Malkin commended Vice President Lu-Yang and thanked the District for their participation in the event.

Vice President Lu-Yang reported on her attendance at the ACWA CLE Workshop, “Risk Management in the 21st Century”, October 4-5, 2012, and advised that she felt it was very well presented.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Late Business

None.

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors: October 30, 2012
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors: November 13, 2012

A motion was made by Director Rios, seconded by Vice President Lu-Yang, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ANTHONY J. LIMA
Board President

Attest: _____
KEN DECK
Board Secretary