



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
March 10, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

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

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Dan Horan, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Harry Peterson, Resident
David and Teri Malkin, Residents
Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF

Tom Coleman, General Manager
Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services
Sean Henry, Finance Officer
Dave Warren, Director of Operations

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. David Malkin, Rowland Heights residents, provided a report on the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council meeting held on March 9, 2015, and on the presentation made by Walnut Valley Water District.

Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Lewis, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

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

The approval of the Consent Calendar included:

1.1

Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held on February 10, 2015

1.2

Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held on February 24, 2015

1.3

Demands on General Fund Account for January 2015

1.4

Investment Report for January 2015

1.5

Water Purchases for January 2015

Next Special Board Meeting
Next Regular Board Meeting

March 24, 2015, 5:00 p.m.
April 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for February 2015

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Rios, the Directors' Meeting Reimbursement Report was unanimously approved.

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

2.2

Approve the Surplus of 1985 Zieman Trailer, Towable Arrow Boards and Trailered Compressor

Mr. Coleman advised the Board that these items are surplus equipment and that they are either a redundancy or have been replaced. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, to surplus the 1985 Zieman Trailer, Towable Arrow Boards and Trailered Compressor. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

2.3

Approve/Decline Claim for Damages Submitted by Mercury Insurance Group on behalf of Jing Wang in the Amount of \$4,152.93

After a brief discussion and a description of the claim filed against the District by Mercury Insurance Group, it was staff's recommendation that the Board deny the claim. A motion was made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima, to deny the claim for damages filed by Mercury Insurance Group on behalf of Jing Wang. Staff was instructed to forward the appropriate Notice of Rejection of Claim to Mercury Insurance Group with a copy to the District insurance carrier, ACWA/JPIA. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

2.4

Public Relations (Rose Perea)

Mrs. Perea advised the Board that the District participated in the Cherry Blossom Festival held on March 7, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Schabarrum Regional Park in Rowland Heights. Staff advised that the event was a huge success and that twice the number of people attended this year's event as compared to last year's event.

Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)

Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies, reported that the press release on the Board's Ethics Training consistent with the Board's core values will be released for publication tomorrow. The gathering of content and story ideas for the annual Consumer Confidence Report has commenced and the initial framework and planning for the updated Strategic Plan is well under way with the Plan adoption anticipated at the end of fiscal year 2014/2015.

Education Update

For information purposes.

2.5

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

- CalChamber Legislative Briefing, May 27-28, 2015, Sacramento Convention Center
No action taken.

Tab 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

3.1

Updates on Legislative Issues

Mr. Coleman advised the Board that the State is very proactive with respect to Proposition 1A and Proposition 84. In connection with Proposition 84, Round 3, the District and Walnut Valley Water District are moving forward to seek additional grant funding and through the Puente Basin Water Agency have engaged the strategic consulting services of Ms. Wendy La, LA Solutions for Engineering Resources LLC, to assist with the application process. Director Lewis advised that in connection with SB143 which proposes allowing full-body contact in Diamond Valley Lake, many water agencies, including MWD, have presented strong written opposition to the Bill.

Tab 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

None.

Tab 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Director Lima reported on his attendance at the February 18, 2015 Board meeting and advised that due to Three Valleys' advanced planning, the two-day shutdown in February of the Miramar Treatment Plant had no impact on their end. The March 4, 2015 Board meeting was a budget workshop and Director Lima shared the Power Point Presentation presented at the meeting and provided commentary on various slides.

5.2

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Nothing to report.

5.3

Association of California Water Agencies

Director Lewis reported that the three main issues discussed at the Legislative Symposium held on March 4, 2015 in Sacramento were:

- Proposition 1-Water Bond, and the aggressive action taken by the Governor's office;
- New Groundwater Management Program; and
- The Alliance of Economic Justice, Developers and Program Directors joined to address Proposition 218 and Proposition 13 limitations.

5.4

Puente Basin Water Agency

Director Lima reported on the meeting held on March 5, 2015, and advised that the PBWA had approved the audit proposal to engage the firm of Meyer, Hoffman, McCann, P.C., for auditing services for an additional 3-year term commencing with fiscal year 2015 and that due to the increased effort required to audit the Agency, the fee had increased from \$9,180 for the prior 3-year period, to \$22,953 for the 3-year period commencing fiscal year 2015. Staff provided an update in connection with the Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project, and Director Lima advised that the PVOU project is moving forward.

5.5

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

President Lu-Yang reported that the status of District projects was discussed.

5.6

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Director Lewis reported that the Government Affairs Committee met on March 9, 2015 and that Senate Bill 143 was discussed. He noted that the CalChamber Legislative Briefing is scheduled for May 27-28, 2015 in Sacramento.

5.7

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Director Lima reported on the meeting held on February 19, 2015. Finance Officer, Mr. Henry, advised that the November and December warranty charges and increased legal fees were discussed. Mr. Coleman reported that through PWR, the Spadra Basin, which is not an adjudicated basin, is being evaluated to implement restrictions bringing it in line with the new groundwater management program.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

Nothing to report.

Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Finance Report

Finance Officer, Sean Henry, reported that staff is moving forward with the preparation of the budget allocations.

6.2

Personnel Report

Nothing to report.

6.3

Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

Tab 7 ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal counsel, Joseph Byrne, reported that at the March 17, 2015 meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board, the Board will consider additional mandatory water conservation restrictions.

For convenience of the public in attendance, President Lu-Yang re-ordered the Agenda and moved the **Directors' and General Manager's Comments** section to this portion in the Agenda.

Directors' and General Manager's Comments

None.

Tab 8 CLOSED SESSION

Board President, Szu Pei Lu-Yang, adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:11 p.m. Legal counsel, Joseph Byrne, announced that the closed session was being held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 and Government Code Section 54957 in connection with the following:

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Lease of Water Rights in the Central Basin
District Negotiator: Tom Coleman, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Various Water Rights Holders
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

**2. Personnel; Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Project Manager
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

The closed session was adjourned and the Board resumed the meeting in open session at 7:33 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, legal counsel reported that the Board took no reportable action in connection with these matters.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Late Business

None.

A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

SZU PEI LU-YANG
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary