



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
May 1, 2018 - 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 Anthony J. Lima
Director John Bellah
Director Teresa P. Rios

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christopher Pisano, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Matt Litchfield, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
David and Teri Malkin, Residents

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF

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

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Malkin, resident, provided information on the Kiwanis Ribfest which will be held on May 6, 2018.

Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes: Directors Lu-Yang, Lewis, Lima, Bellah 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 April 10, 2018

1.2

Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held on April 24, 2018

1.3

Demands on General Fund Account for March 2018

1.4

Investment Report for March 2018

1.5

Water Purchases for March 2018

Next Special Board Meeting May 22, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Next Regular Board Meeting June 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Review and Approve Directors’ Meeting Reimbursements for April 2018

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

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

2.2

Review and Approve Proposal for “IT Infrastructure Redundancy Project”

General Manager, Tom Coleman, explained the purpose of this project. He answered questions posed by members of the Board and provided clarification on the specific costs involved with the project. After discussion, and upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima, the project was unanimously approved as presented.

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

2.3

Review and Approve Educational Outreach Bill Insert on Proposed Water Tax Legislation for Distribution

General Manager, Tom Coleman, discussed the bill insert and answered questions from members of the Board. After discussion, and upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima, the bill insert was approved for distribution as presented with a 4-0 vote, Director Rios being excused from the meeting. CV Strategies agreed to translate the document into Chinese for distribution to the Chinese media.

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

2.4

Public Relations (Rose Perea)

Mrs. Perea reported that all of our programs have been completed. Brittnie's last classroom presentation was made on April 24, 2018. She will continue to update the school programs to make sure they align with the standards. Brittnie attended the CAPIO conference last week and found it very worthwhile. In connection with the MWD 2019 "Water is Life" Poster Contest, Mr. Perea advised the Board that 721 posters were received, 33 teachers participated and 11 of the 14 schools participated. Forty-eight posters were judged internally. The final 10 will be mailed to MWD before the June 1, 2018 due date.

Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)

Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies, advised that the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is being finalized and that the post cards have been finalized for direct mailing to District customers. The post cards will be mailed well in advance of the July 1, 2018 due date. She advised that a draft of the Strategic Plan document will be presented to the Board at the Summer Strategic Planning workshop. CV Strategies is also working on the Buckboard Days banners and Program AD.

Education Update

No comments.

2.7

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

- **Three Valleys MWD Leadership Breakfast, May 31, 2018, Sheraton Fairplex Hotel, Pomona, CA**
Staff was asked to make reservations for the following Directors: Directors Lu-Yang, Lima, Lewis and Bellah.
- **Urban Water Institute 25th Annual Water Conference, August 22-24, 2018, Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa, San Diego, CA**
Staff was asked to make reservations for Director Bellah's attendance at the conference.

Tab 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

3.1

Updates on Legislative Issues

General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised the Board that Supervisor Janet Hahn's staff had reached out to Rowland for May Water Awareness Month and advised that they are working with county and regional partners to continue focusing on conservation.

Mr. Coleman provided information on Senate Bill 623 and the Budget Trailer Bill relating to water tax, Senate Bill 998 and Assembly Bill 1668/Senate Bill 606 relating to water use efficiency. Meetings have been scheduled on behalf of the Rowland Water District on May 16, 2018 in Sacramento to discuss these Bills. President Lu-Yang, Director Lima and Mr. Coleman will attend these scheduled meetings to be held with the Office of Senator Ed Hernandez, Legislative Aide, Susan Reyes; Assembly Member Ian Calderon; Senator Josh Newman and Chief of Staff, Don Wilcox; and Office of Assembly Member, Phillip Chen, Legislative Director Lauren Aguilar.

Tab 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

None.

Tab 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Directors Lima and Lu-Yang reported on their attendance at the April 18, 2018 Board meeting and advised that the Directors' Expense Account will be increased from \$6,000 per year to \$7,500 per year. Mr. Kirk Howie made a presentation on the various legislative bills being considered. Information was provided on the water rates and charges for Calendar Year 2019 and a Resolution was presented initiating procedures to fix, adjust, levy and collect a Water Standby Charge for the 2018-19 tax year. The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2018.

5.2

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Nothing to report.

5.3

Association of California Water Agencies

Nothing to report.

5.4

Puente Basin Water Agency

Director Lima reported that the next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2018 at Rowland Water District.

5.5

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

5.6

Regional Chamber of Commerce

The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2018.

5.7

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Nothing to report. The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2018.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

Nothing to report.

5.9

Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council

Director Lu-Yang advised that the next meeting will be held on May 14, 2018. She reported that David K. Hall, Regional Chamber of Commerce San Gabriel Valley Board Chair/President passed away on April 22, 2018. The Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on May 11, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at Mt. San Antonio College.

Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Finance Report

Finance Officer, Sean Henry, advised that the Budget Workshop will be held on May 22, 2018.

6.2

Operations Report

Nothing to report.

6.3

Personnel Report

Nothing to report.

Tab 7 ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

Tab 8 CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel, Christopher Pisano, adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:02 p.m. and announced that the purpose of the closed session, and the provisions of the Brown Act authorizing the closed session were listed in the agenda.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: Name of Case: Rowland Water District vs. La Habra Heights County Water District, Case No. KC070088

The closed session was adjourned and the Board resumed the meeting in open session at 7:26 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, Legal Counsel reported that the Board took no reportable action in connection with this matter.

Directors' and General Manager's Comments

General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised the Board that he and President Lu-Yang had received a notification letter from La Habra Heights County Water District regarding 1,4 Dioxane. He explained the purpose of the notification and advised that RWD had not taken any water from La Habra during the time the Well 11 test results were above the notification level for this constituent.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Late Business

None.

A motion was made by Director Lima seconded by Director Lewis, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

SZU PEI LU-YANG
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary