



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
March 12, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

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

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph P. Byrne, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Christopher Pisano, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Erin LaCombe Gilhuly, CV Strategies
Matt Litchfield, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Denise Jackman, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
David and Teri Malkin, Residents
Roy and Cynthia Humphreys, 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

Resident Teri Malkin, thanked the District for allowing Brittne VanDeCar, Public Affairs Representative, to assist the Buckboard Days Committee with the Buckboard Days Parade.

Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Lu-Yang, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as follows:

Ayes: Directors Lewis, Rios, Lu-Yang, Lima and Bellah
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 12, 2019

1.2

Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held on February 26, 2019

1.3

Demands on General Fund Account for January 2019

1.4

Investment Report for January 2019

1.5

Water Purchases for January 2019

Next Regular Board Meeting

April 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Next Special Board Meeting

April 23, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Review and Approve Directors’ Meeting Reimbursements for February 2019

Upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, the Directors’ Meeting Reimbursement Report was unanimously approved as follows:

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

2.2

Review and Approve Resolution No. 3-2019 Supporting SB 669 (Caballero), the Safe Drinking Water Trust

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, to approve Resolution No. 3-2019 Supporting SB 669. The motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

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

Motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

2.3

Public Relations (Rose Perea)

Mrs. Perea reported that a total of 31 Water Scholar Essays were submitted, four \$1,500 scholarships were awarded, none were awarded from our service area. The Media Contest entries will be judged on March 27, 2019. The *Water is Life* Poster Contest is under way. Brittne has delivered 1,620 sheets of paper to 11 participating schools (Telesis, Alvarado, Santana, Nogales, Blandford, Jellick, Rorimer, Rowland, Wedgeworth, Yorbita and Northam). The deadline to turn the posters in to the District is March 21, 2019. The District will present the winners in each category – K-3, 4-6 and 7-12 – with a gift card and certificate at the April 9, 2019 Board meeting.

Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)

Erin LaCombe Gilhuly, CV Strategies, advised that CV Strategies is working with the District's Public Affairs Representative to create a quarterly newsletter that can be distributed both electronically and as a bill stuffer to customers. CV Strategies is working on the CCR and Legislative outreach materials. Press Releases on the Customer Survey results and the Marcos Aspetia Building Dedication are in the process of being completed.

Education Update

No comments.

2.4

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

- City of Industry, Taste of the Town, April 26, 2019, 5:00-9:00 p.m., Industry Hills Expo Center Pavilion
No reservations were requested by the Directors.

Tab 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

3.1

Updates on Legislative Issues

General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised that the District's lobbyist is working to amend AB 1414 (Friedman) which seeks to combine urban retail water suppliers' regulatory reporting requirements which would not be favorable to medium and small urban retail water suppliers.

Tab 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Discuss Correspondence from CSDA Board of Directors Call for Nominations Seat B
- Discuss Correspondence from Lindsay Woods, Hesperia Recreation & Park District, Request for Support CSDA Representative, Seat B

The Board requested that these items be brought back for discussion in April and that they be included on the April 9, 2019 Agenda.

Tab 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

- Discuss Correspondence from Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Soliciting Vote for Jerry Gladbach for Re-election to the JPIA Executive Committee
- Discuss Correspondence from Yuba Water Agency Soliciting Vote for Brent Haste for election to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee

The Board requested that these items be brought back for discussion in April and that they be included on the April 9, 2019 Agenda.

5.2

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Director Lima reported on his attendance at the February 20, 2019 Board meeting and advised that it was reported that the Main San Gabriel Basin is at 179.2 feet, full is 250 feet. Director Lu-Yang reported on her attendance at the 2019-2020 Budget Workshop held on March 6, 2019 and advised that the "Stand-by" charge will increase from \$18.79 to \$19.25. An Ad Hoc Committee will be established to review the cost of retaining a lobbyist. Director Lima reported that the MWD 2019 rate for untreated water is \$731.00 and for treated water is \$1050.00 (to which Three Valleys will apply a \$10.00 credit). The MWD 2020 rate will be \$755.00 for untreated water, and \$1078.00 for treated water (to which Three Valleys will apply a \$10.00 credit). The final Budget will be presented for approval at the April Board meeting.

5.3

Association of California Water Agencies

Director Lewis provided the Board with a written summary of the ACWA Legislative Days which he attended in Sacramento on March 6, 2019.

5.4

Puente Basin Water Agency

Nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2019.

5.5

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

5.6

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Director Bellah reported on his attendance at the Government Affairs meeting held on March 11, 2019 and advised that various Bills and the Committee's position on the Bills was discussed.

5.7

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Nothing to report. The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2019.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

No meeting was held.

5.9

Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council

Directors Lu-Yang and Bellah reported on their attendance at the March 11, 2019 meeting.

Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Finance Report

Finance Officer, Sean Henry, provided a financial report on monthly potable sales through January as well as a monthly reserves comparison; reserve levels remain constant.

6.2

Operations Report

Director of Operations, Dave Warren, presented photos of dams in the Main San Gabriel Basin, Morris Dam and San Gabriel Dam, which have not been as full as they currently are since the 90's – they are 80% full and spreading is averaging 1,000 acre feet per day.

6.3

Personnel Report

Nothing to report.

Tab 7 ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

Tab 8 CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel, Joseph Byrne, adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:18 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.

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.
Name of Case: Rowland Water District vs. La Habra Heights County Water District, Case No. KC070088

- b. **Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**
Property: 18938 Granby Place, Rowland Heights, CA 91748
District Negotiator: Tom Coleman, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Mark I. Chen Revocable Living Trust dated 9-8-17
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

- c. **Government Code Section 54956.8**
Property: Portion of Property Located at
804 S. Azusa Ave., City of Industry, CA
District Negotiator: Tom Coleman, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: City of Industry
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

The closed session was adjourned, and the Board resumed the meeting in open session at 8:07 p.m.

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

Directors' and General Manager's Comments

None.

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 8:09 p.m.

ROBERT W. LEWIS
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary