



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

August 9, 2011 – 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:

Dan Horan, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Janet Morningstar, Legal Counsel
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District

RWD Staff:

Ken Deck, General Manager
Ted Carrera, Assistant General Manager
Sean Henry, Finance Officer
Rose Perea, Resource Analyst

ADDITION(S) TO AGENDA

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

NONE.

Tab 1 – CONSENT CALENDAR

President Lima inquired regarding the impact of the Fed’s announcement that it would continue to hold interest rates low, on the return on the District's investment Portfolio. Finance Officer, Sean Henry, indicated that the value of the District's Bond portfolio increased due to the current down turn in stocks and investors moving to bonds. Director Lewis and President Lima commented on the Calendar of Events and thanked staff for this addition to the Consent Calendar. Upon motion by Director 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 Minutes of Adjourned Regular Board Meeting held on July 19, 2011

1.2

Demands on General Fund Account for July 2011

1.3

Investment Report for July 2011

1.4

Calendar of Events for August and September

Tab 2 – ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Review and Approve Directors’ Reimbursements for July 2011

Upon motion by Vice President Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, the Directors’ Meeting Reimbursement Report was approved as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

2.2

Approve Special Board Meeting for General Manager’s Evaluation on August 29, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Deck explained that he was trying to set up a meeting with Dr. Mathis for August 29 and requested that the Board approve a special meeting for that date which would be for a strategic planning workshop rather than for the General Managers performance evaluation. If Dr. Mathis is available the General Manager evaluation meeting would be rescheduled for a later date. A motion was made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Rios, to approve the scheduling of a Special Board Meeting on August 29, 2011, with the Agenda to be determined depending on the availability of Dr. Mathis for a strategic planning session.

2.3

Approve District Submission of Application to the Government Affairs Committee of the Regional Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Deck reported that he had been appointed to the Government Affairs Committee of the Regional Chamber, therefore, this item was presented for information purposes only.

2.4

ACWA Committee Election for the 2012-2013 Term

Staff's recommendation is that the Board vote for the ACWA Region 8 Nominating Committee's Recommended Slate. Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Vice President Lu-Yang, the Board voted on the slate recommended by the Region 8 Nominating Committee. The motion was unanimously carried.

2.5

Review and Approve Updates to Comerica's Wire Transfer Service

Mr. Deck reported that Comerica had changed the wire transfer request procedure to comply with new regulations, therefore, this item was presented for information purposes only.

2.6

Receive and File PWR Joint Water Line Commission 2011-2012 Budget

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Bellah, that the Board receive and file the PWR Joint Water Line Commission 2011-2012 Budget, the motion was unanimously carried.

2.7

Discussion of Upcoming Conferences, Workshops, or Events (including items that may have arisen after the posting of the Agenda)

Vice President Lu-Yang provided information on the Youth Science Center, 27th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Gala "Reaching for the Stars", November 10, 2011, for those interested in attending.

Directors requested staff to register them for the following events, as indicated below:

ACWA "Managing Water Quality in Today's Environment", August 17, 2011: Director Lewis;
Industry Manufacturers' Council Legislative Update Breakfast, August 19, 2011: Directors Lima and Bellah;

Islamic Center of San Gabriel Valley, "Meet and Greet", August 20, 2011: Directors Lu-Yang, Lewis and Bellah;

ACWA Region 5 Membership Forum, September 18-19, 2011: Director Lewis; and
CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase, October 10-12, 2011: Director Lewis

TAB 3 – GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

3.1

Water Purchase Report

Nothing to report.

TAB 4 – REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to review.

TAB 5 – COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, advised that the next Leadership Breakfast is scheduled for October 6, 2011. Flyers will be forthcoming.

5.2

Puente Basin Water Agency

Mr. Deck advised that the next Puente Basin Water Agency meeting will be held on August 24, 2011, 7:00 a.m.; location to be announced.

5.3

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Vice President Lu-Yang advised the Board that the Chamber is dark for the summer and that the next meeting is scheduled for October 2011. Vice President Lu-Yang also reported on the re-districting meeting she attended on behalf of the Regional Chamber of Commerce, at the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles. No decisions were made and the meeting was continued to September 16, 2011, at the same location.

Vice President Lu-Yang also advised the Board of the Regional Chamber of Commerce-San Gabriel Valley Women's Business Council meeting to be held on August 11, 2011, 11:30 a.m., at the Puente Hills Hyundai facilities located on Gale Avenue, City of Industry.

Director Lewis reported that negotiations in connection with the development of a proposed pro football stadium in the City of Industry are continuing to move forward.

5.4

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Nothing to Report.

5.5

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Nothing to report.

5.6

Association of California Water Agencies

Director Lewis noted that the appointment of Director Rios to the Rowland Water District Board was included in the July 29, 2011 edition of the *ACWA News*.

5.7

Sheriff's Community Advisory Committee

Vice President Lu-Yang advised that the next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2011, which presents a conflict with the District's regularly scheduled Board meeting set for the same date and time.

5.8

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. at the District office.

5.9

Finance Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

Tab 6 – ATTORNEY’S REPORT (Ms. Morningstar)

6.1

Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code § 54956.8)

Property: Water rights within the Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta

Negotiating Parties: Owners of water rights available for acquisition, to be identified by agent.

Under negotiation: District’s representative, Ken Deck, will be instructed as to the price and terms he is authorized to offer.

Nothing to report, therefore, a closed session was not held.

6.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of § 54956.9)

Name of case: In re: IH 1, Inc. f/k/a Indalex Holdings Finance, Inc. etc., Debtors; George Miller, etc., Plaintiff vs. Rowland Water District, Defendant. Chapter 7 Case No: 09-10982 (PJW);

Aversary No.: 11-51451 (PJW)

Nothing to report, therefore, a closed session was not held.

TAB 7 – OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS, AND COMMENTS

7.1

Legislative Update—Information Provided by the District Lobbyist Rob Reeb and Associates (Mr. Reeb)

Provided for information purposes only.

7.2

Public Relations

Mrs. Perea, Resource Analyst, reported on the progress of the Video on conservation which is being developed by Curiosity Quest in partnership with the Water Education Water Awareness Committee (WEWAC). When completed, the District will receive copies of the Video DVD for distribution to schools within the District.

7.3

Personnel Report

Assistant General Manager, Ted Carrera, presented an article included in the Daily Bulletin which featured District Finance Officer, Sean Henry, and his election to the OPARC Board of Directors. Mr. Henry provided background information on OPARC which was established as a program where people with disabilities could be trained and supported, so that they could lead productive lives. Mr. Henry will serve on the OPARC Property and Finance Committee.

7.4

Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

7.5

Directors' and General Manager's Comments

Nothing to report.

7.6

Future Agenda Items

Leadership Breakfast, October 6, 2011

ACWA Fall Conference, Anaheim, November 29-December 2, 2011

Review revised Resolution No. 7.1-2011 of the Board of Directors Adopting Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Recycled Water Infrastructure Improvements

Review and Amend District 2011-2012 Capital Budget

For the October 11, 2011 Agenda, General Manager to provide information on population within the District as it relates to re-districting within District boundaries.

7.7

Late Business

None.

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 6:55 p.m.

ANTHONY J. LIMA
Board President

ATTEST: _____
KEN DECK
Board Secretary