



Minutes of the Meeting  
of the Rowland Water District

December 8, 2009  
Location of Meeting: District Office

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Directors:

President Robert W. Lewis  
Vice President Anthony J. Lima  
Director Rene Rios  
Director Szu-Pei Lu

Absent:

Director John Bellah

Others Present:

Janet Morningstar, Legal Counsel  
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Tim Shaw, District Director for Senator Bob Huff, District 29  
Marilyn Jones, The Epler Company

Staff Present:

Ken Deck, General Manager  
Ted Carrera, Assistant General Manager  
Sean Henry, Financial Officer  
Rose Perea, Resource Analyst  
Nicole P. Silva, Administrative Aide/Board Secretary

Adoption of Agenda:

Upon a motion by Vice President Lima, seconded by Director Rios, and approved by unanimous vote, the Agenda was adopted as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Consent Calendar:

Upon a motion by Vice President Lima, seconded by Director Rios, the Consent Calendar was approved as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

The approval of the Consent Calendar includes the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 10, 2009 (Tab 1); Approval of Demands on the General Fund Account for November

2009 (Tab 2); Approval of Investment Report for November 2009 (Tab 3); and Approval of the Board Meeting scheduled for January 12, 2010 (Tab 4).

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Shaw encouraged staff and directors to attend Senator Huff's Christmas party.

**Action Items:**

**Tab 5 REVIEW AND APPROVE DIRECTORS' MEETING REIMBURSEMENTS**

A motion was made by Director Rios, seconded by Vice President Lima to approve the Directors' Meeting Reimbursement report as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Tab 6 ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE TO DIRECTOR ROBERT LEWIS – DIVISION 4, DIRECTOR SZU-PEI LU – DIVISION 5, AND DIRECTOR JOHN BELLAH – DIVISION 3**  
Oaths of Office were administered by Ms. Morningstar to Director Szu-Pei Lu and Director Robert Lewis (Director John Bellah was absent, as noted above).

**Tab 7 PRESENTATION BY MARILYN JONES FOR THE EPLER COMPANY ON GASB 43 AND 45 ACTUARIAL VALUATION IN REGARD TO UNFUNDED LIABILITIES**

Ms. Jones explained the GASB 43 and 45 actuarial valuation in regard to unfunded liabilities. Ms. Jones also clarified the next three years fiscal expenses, as well as future retirees' health benefits and their impact on the District's assets. Lastly, Ms. Jones described the impact and advantages of prefunding.

**Tab 8 APPROVE FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 PREPARED BY DIEHL, EVANS, AND COMPANY**

A motion was made by Vice President Lima, seconded by Director Rios to approve the 2008-2009 audit report as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Tab 9 APPROVE ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT QUARTERLY REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Mr. Deck explained the final changes made to the report.

A motion was made by Director Lu to approve the quarterly report as presented; the motion was seconded by Vice President Lima. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Tab 10 APPROVE THE LEASING OF 50-ACRE FEET OF ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT PUENTE BASIN WATER RIGHTS TO LOS ANGELES ROYAL VISTA GOLF COURSE AT THE COST OF \$250.00 PER ACRE FOOT**

Mr. Deck explained that it has been the custom for many years that when the Royal Vista Golf Course uses groundwater from the Puente Basin in excess of their rights, they lease the additional pumping rights from Walnut Valley and Rowland Water District equally. Mr. Deck

added that the District does not use all of its pumping rights available and granting the request would not adversely affect the District.

A motion was made by President Lewis to approve the request, Vice President Lima seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

**Tab 11 APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 22, 2009 AT 5:30PM AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM**

A motion was made by Director Rios to approve the special meeting to be held on December 22, 2009; Director Lu seconded. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Tab 12 APPROVE CONVERSION OF PATHFINDER PARK TO RECYCLED WATER FOR IRRIGATION**

Mr. Deck stated that some complications have developed in converting Pathfinder Park's irrigation system from potable water to recycled water due to a substantial pressure difference between the two systems. The current irrigation system will not operate at the lower recycled water pressure. Mr. Deck further stated that staff is looking into various options to correct the problem. Mr. Deck requested Board approval to negotiate with LA County Parks a method of re-payment to the District for District funds expended to remedy the situation.

Vice President Lima made a motion to approve Mr. Deck's request, Director Lu seconded. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Tab 13 DECLARE THE ITEMS ON THE ENCLOSED LIST AS SURPLUS**

Mr. Deck briefly explained why the items on the list were no longer needed by the District and recommended that they be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with District procedures. Director Lu made a motion to approve the list as presented, Vice President Lima seconded. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Tab 14 DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, OR EVENTS (INCLUDING ITEMS THAT MAY HAVE RISEN AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA)**

Nothing to report.

**Tab 15 WATER PURCHASE REPORT: Nothing to report.**

Puente Basin Water Agency: Nothing to report.

Joint Water Line Commission: Nothing to report.

Three Valleys Municipal Water District: Nothing to report.

Association of California Water Agencies: President Lewis reported that at their final meeting, directors reviewed the year's operations, principles, etc.

Joint Powers Insurance Authority: Nothing to report.

Local Agency Formation Commission: Mr. Ruzicka reported his candidacy for the alternate seat and requests the District's support in his efforts.

Regional Chamber of Commerce: Director Lu reported that the Chamber has now moved to their new location in Walnut.

Alternative Water Ad Hoc Committee: Nothing to report.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Ms. Morningstar gave a brief summary of discussions at ACWA Fall Conference.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

Mr. Deck reported that Ms. Danielle Andino did not successfully pass probation and is no longer employed with the District.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Ms. Perea reported that she attended the Metropolitan Water District poster contest recognition luncheon. Ms. Perea informed the Board that the winning drawings from the District are included in the 2010 calendars, and the District will soon receive two boxes for distribution.

Ms. Perea also attended the EduGrant screening breakfast, where there was a record 25 applicants, in which 16 of those candidates were approved for the \$500 grant. Rorimer School will be presenting a bilingual podcast on water conservation, while Nogales High School will be venturing out into the community to provide information on conservation.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Carrera discussed the mainline breaks that have occurred within the past month. He showed the Board pictures of a mainline break on Thanksgiving morning for further illustration.

**DIRECTORS' AND GENERAL MANAGER'S QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

President Lewis thanked staff and directors for having him serve as Board President for the 2009 year.

Mr. Deck stated that customers' tiers and zones should appear on bills next month. InfoSend, the District's bill-printing company, will be testing for accuracy.

A motion was made by Director Lu, seconded by Director Rios, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Robert W. Lewis  
Board President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Deck  
Board Secretary