



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

June 14, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.
Location of Meeting: 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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public wishing to address the Board of Directors regarding items on the Agenda or other matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board should do so at this time. The Board may allow additional input on Agenda items during the meeting. A five-minute time limit on remarks is requested.

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Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted after distribution of the Agenda packet are available for public review at the District office, located at 3021 S. Fullerton Road, Rowland Heights, CA 91748.

COMMENTS:

District resident, David Malkin, addressed the Board and invited participation the Twenty-fourth Annual 4th of July Parade at Stimson Park, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. This year’s theme is “I Love America Parade”.

Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Vice President Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah, the Consent Calendar was approved as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

The approval of the Consent Calendar included:

- 1.1 Approval of the Minutes of Adjourned Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2011
- 1.2 Demands on General Fund Account for May 2011
- 1.3 Investment Report for May 2011

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

APPROVE CHANGE OF DATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 12, 2011 TO BE HELD ON JULY 19, 2011.

Upon motion by Vice President Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah, approval of the change of date for the regularly scheduled Board meeting to July 19, 2011 was unanimously carried.

2.2

APPROVE DIRECTORS' MEETING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR MAY 2011

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

2.3

APPROVE ORDINANCE NO 0-6-2011 INSTITUTING A CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

A motion was made by Vice President Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve Ordinance 0-6-2011 Instituting a Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program to Protect the Public Water System.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

2.4

REVIEW AND APPROVE RWD Draft Budget for 2011-2012

Director Lewis thanked staff for the detailed memorandum outlining changes made to the Budget. Director Bellah requested that changes to the budget format be considered for next year's budget. Discussion followed and General Manager, Ken Deck, and Finance Officer, Sean Henry, addressed and answered the questions posed. A motion was made by Director Lewis, seconded by Vice President Lu-Yang, to approve the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

2.5

REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 6-2011 AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICY REGARDING DISTRICT PROVIDED VEHICLES

The policy and its affect on the budget presented for approval was discussed. Staff clarified the fact that the car allowance provided for in the policy will have no financial impact on the budget.

A motion was made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Rios, to approve Resolution No. 6-2011 Amending Personnel Policy Regarding District provided Vehicles.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

2.6

APPROVE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28, 2011.

A motion was made by Vice President Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve the scheduling of a Special Board Meeting on June 28, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. 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)

- Regional Chamber of Commerce Installation Gala scheduled for July 7, 2011. Staff was instructed to make reservations for members of the Board and staff to attend the Installation Gala and inquire into the possibility of sponsoring a table.
- General Manager, Ken Deck, asked the Board to contact staff with information regarding any California Special District Association classes they would like to attend so that they can be included in the Agenda for the Special Board Meeting to be held on June 28, 2011.

Tab 3 - CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Perea, Resource Analyst, discussed the Letter Report received from Mr. David Meng, teacher at Nogales High School, which thanked the District for the \$500.00 Edu-Grant the school received to complete a classroom water conservation project.

Tab 4 - GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Deck advised the board that the District will be participating in a third-party Water Rate Study.

4.1

WATER PURCHASE REPORT

Nothing to report.

TAB 5 – COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was the consensus of the Board that new Director, Teresa P. Rios, should attend the PWR Joint Water Line Commission meetings as well as any other committee meetings which she feels may be beneficial to her.

5.1 Three Valleys Municipal Water District

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 18, 2011
- Minutes of the Special board Meeting held on June 1, 2011

Vice President Lu-Yang presented a verbal report summarizing the items covered at the Three Valleys' meetings.

5.2 Puente Basin Water Agency

Staff informed the board that the meeting has been moved to June 27, 2011, at 7:00 a.m. and will be held at Walnut Valley Water District.

5.3 Regional Chamber of Commerce

Director Lewis reported on the Government Affairs Committee meeting held on June 13, 2011. He also noted that the Government Affairs Committee will be dark in July and resume meetings in August.

5.4 PWR Joint Water Line Commission

President Lima reported that the next meeting will be held on June 16, 2011, 3:30 p.m. at Walnut Valley Water District.

5.5 Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Nothing to report.

5.6 Association of California Water Agencies

Director Lewis reported on his attendance at the Region 9 meeting held on June 12, 2011, and provided the Board with a matrix of "Government Reform, Transparency and Fiscal Responsibility: Bill Report" which included all Assembly and Senate Bills presented for consideration.

5.7 Sheriff Community Advisory Committee

Nothing to report.

5.8 Project Ad-Hoc Committee

- Report on meeting held May 21, 2011

Vice President Lu-Yang reviewed several of the pending District projects. Vice President Lu-Yang advised that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. The Ad Hoc Committee was asked to provide copies of the Projects Status List to the Board for review and discussion in future board packets.

5.9 Finance Ad-Hoc Committee (Directors Lewis/Lima)

- Report on meeting held May 27, 2011

Mr. Deck advised the Board that a Board workshop will be scheduled.

Tab 6 – OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS, AND COMMENTS

Nothing to report.

6.1

ATTORNEY’S REPORT (MS. MORNINGSTAR) *CLOSED SESSION*

- 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); Adversary No.: 11-51451 (PJW)

President Lima adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:35 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) in order to confer with the District’s legal counsel, Janet Morningstar, regarding the above-captioned suit against Rowland Water District.

Legal counsel summarized the basis of the litigation and reported on the chronology of events and options for the Board to consider.

The Board authorized legal counsel to proceed with the defense of the Indalex lawsuit.

The closed session was adjourned and the Board resumed the meeting in open session at 8:12 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

6.2

Public Relations (Ms. Perea)

- Edu Grant: Royal Kids TV Budget and Evaluation

Mrs. Perea reported on the \$500.00 Edu Grant awarded to Rorimer Elementary and advised the Board that the “Royal Kids T.V.” media program videos developed with the use of the Edu-Grant funds can be viewed on the Rorimer Elementary website.

6.3

Personnel Report (Mr. Deck)

Nothing to report.

6.4

Engineer’s Report

General Manager, Ken Deck, and Assistant General Manager, Ted Carrera, demonstrated some of the enhancements made to the Geo Viewer and in particular focused on the water basins in and around the District.

**6.5
Directors and General Manager**

Nothing to report.

**6.6
Future Agenda Items**

None.

**6.7
Late Business**

None.

A motion was made by Director Rios, seconded by Vice President Lu, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ANTHONY J. LIMA
Board President

Attest: _____
KEN DECK
Board Secretary