



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
September 10, 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
Erin LaCombe Gilhuly, CV Strategies
Denise Jackman, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Teri Malkin, Resident
Vicki Hahn, Resident

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF

Tom Coleman, General Manager
Dave Warren, Assistant General Manager
Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services
Dusty Moisio, Director of Operations

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

TAB 1 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, the Consent Calendar was approved as follows:

Ayes: Directors Lewis, Rios, Lima, Lu-Yang 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 August 13, 2019

1.2

Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held on August 22, 2019

1.3

Demands on General Fund Account for July 2019

1.4

Investment Report for July 2019

1.5

Water Purchases for July 2019

Next Special Board Meeting September 24, 2019
Next Regular Board Meeting October 8, 2019

Tab 2 – ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Review and Approve Directors’ Meeting Reimbursements for August 2019

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

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

2.2

Approve Tom Coleman, Rosemarie Perea, David Warren, Anthony J. Lima and Robert W. Lewis as Authorized Signatories on Behalf of the Rowland Water District

After discussion and upon Motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah, the Board unanimously approved the above signatories to sign on behalf of the Rowland Water District.

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

2.3

Public Relations (Rose Perea)

Rose Perea reported that Nogales High School has been chosen to participate in the MWD 2020 Solar Cup event to be held at Lake Skinner in May 2020. Public Relations Representative, Brittnie Van De Car, is distributing flyers to District Schools, Grades 5 and 6, to generate participation in the Mini Solar Challenge Program which she and Fifth Grade Teacher, LaDonna Guzman, are piloting this year. The National Theatre Group has scheduled five District schools to date on their Fall 2019 Tour Schedule. The EduBucks applications have been delivered to all District schools with an October 31, 2019 deadline for submission.

Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)

Erin LaCombe Gilhuly, CV Strategies, advised that the Buckboard Days Parade Slider, Press Release, Shirts and other collateral have been completed and delivered to the District. This year's theme is "Fall in Love With Our Water Quality". The Conservation Campaign – What's your Water Footprint/ "Taking Steps to Save" is being developed, with Direct Mail Pieces (in multi-languages), Op/Eds, Press Releases, FAQ's, Social Media and a dedicated Web page to be implemented. CV Strategies is developing water quality messaging in multiple languages in connection with PFOA and PFOS monitoring which has been a current topic in the media. The Agreement with the neighborhood social network, NextDoor, has been finalized and the launch date is expected in September/October 2019.

Education Update

Provided for information purposes only.

2.4

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

- None

TAB 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

3.1

Updates on Legislative Issues

Legal Counsel, Joe Byrne, provided an update on SB 1 (Atkins) – State Regulations: This Bill would require specified State agencies to adopt regulations that would match similar Federal regulations to the extent the Federal regulations existed as of the date President Trump took office thereby potentially reducing the amount of water Southern California receives from the Delta.

TAB 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised the Board that the District received a *Thank You Letter* for its support of the Boy Scouts of America San Gabriel Valley.

TAB 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Director Lima reported on his attendance at the September 4, 2019 Board meeting and advised that two speakers were present at the meeting to protest the Cadiz Project. The General Manager discussed the purchase of 3,000 acre feet of cyclic storage water by Walnut Valley Water District and Rowland Water District. The Board was provided with a summary of the increase in JPIA's health care premiums for the upcoming year, as well as an update on the Grand Avenue Well design. Long-time employee, Cindy DeChaine, retired and Robert Payne has been hired as the new IT Manager and Tim Kellett has been

hired as the Chief Water Resources Officer. Mr. Howie, Three Valleys MWD, advised that the next Leadership Breakfast is scheduled for October 31, 2019.

5.2

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised that due to the extensive property losses attributable to this year's fires, a substantial increase in next year's insurance premiums is anticipated.

5.3

Association of California Water Agencies

Nothing to report.

5.4

Puente Basin Water Agency

Director Lewis reported that no meeting was held in September and the next Commissioners' meeting will be held on October 3, 2019. General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised that Rowland Water District (RWD) has taken the Puente Basin Watermaster annual replenishment credit and has paid the assessment for the past five to six years, however, has been unable to use the water. This year RWD has given Walnut Valley Water District the replenishment credit since they will be able to use the water and will also pay the assessment.

5.5

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

5.6

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Director Lewis reported on his attendance at the Government Affairs Committee meeting held on September 9, 2019 and advised that various legislation was discussed.

5.7

PWR Joint Waterline Commission

Director Lima advised that the next meeting will be held on October 24, 2019.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

Nothing to report.

5.9

Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council

Director Lu-Yang advised that there were several residents present at the meeting that voiced their concerns on the District's water service charge.

5.10

Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

Director Lima advised that a housing project is planned on property recently sold by the school district. A Board member from the Highlander Little League was present and voiced his concerns on the 160 new homes which will be built on former Little League property in another area of Hacienda Heights which has also been sold.

TAB 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Finance Report

General Manager, Tom Coleman, referred to the “Communication with Those Charged with Governance” letter which White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP, CPAs, asked the District to forward to the Directors. The auditors are required to provide the information contained in the letter related to the audit of the District’s financial statements.

6.2

Operations Report

Director of Operations, Dusty Moisio, provided updates on the following projects:

- Tomich RCS Structure – Block has been installed; doors and chemical tanks have been ordered.
- Pathfinder Pipeline – Repaving of Pathfinder from Blandford to Buttonwood is being scheduled.
- AMI Project – Towers are complete. Master Meter is working on sending out the signal to convert everything in the field to fixed -- 450 modules remaining; these are scheduled to be completed this week.
- Water View Program – this is a software program purchased through Eagle Aerial to meet the efficiency and allocation requirements established under California legislation SB606 and AB 1686. The District is in the process of exporting data from its billing system, Caselle, to load into the Water View program.

6.3

Personnel Report

General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised that six weeks ago the District hired four interns to help with the meter change-out program for AMI. One of the interns was hired today by La Habra Heights County Water District to fill a full-time position.

TAB 7 ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

TAB 8 CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel, Joseph Byrne, adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:15 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. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to 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 8:00 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, legal counsel reported that the Board took no reportable action on the closed session items.

General Manager's and Directors' 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 8:03 p.m.

ROBERT W. LEWIS
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary