



Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District  
February 11, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.  
Location: District Office

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**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:**

Ryan Guiboa, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger  
Erin LaCombe Gilhuly, CV Strategies  
Denise Jackman, Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
David Malkin, Rowland Unified School District Board Member  
Teri Malkin, Resident  
Stephen Parker, Public  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Humphries, Residents

**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 ITEM**

Mr. Malkin provided information on the “Principal for a Day” event which will be held on March 11, 2020. Mrs. Malkin advised that the new traffic signal at Old Fullerton Road and Harbor Boulevard had been approved by the County and that it is anticipated that it will be installed by the end of 2020 or early 2021.

**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 January 14, 2020**

**1.2**

**Demands on General Fund Account for December 2019**

**1.3**

**Investment Report for December 2019**

**1.4**

**Water Purchases for December 2019**

Next Special Board Meeting February 25, 2020, 6:00 p.m.  
Next Regular Board Meeting March 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

**Tab 2 – ACTION ITEMS**

**2.1**

**Review and Approve Directors’ Meeting Reimbursements for January 2020**

Director Lewis advised that there was an error on his reimbursement report and that his attendance at the Leadership Breakfast was on January 30, 2020, not December 30, 2019 as indicated on the report. Upon Motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, the Directors’ Meeting Reimbursement Report was unanimously approved as corrected.

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

**2.2**

**Review and Approve “Fourth Amendment to Joint Use Agreement and Agreement for Relocation of Waterlines” Fullerton Road Grade Separation**

After discussion and upon Motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lima, the Fourth Amendment was approved as follows:

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 the Media Contest applications are due February 13, 2020. The District received one application for the Scholar Program from Wilson High School; the applications were due on January 23, 2020. Mini Solar Cup Races at Nogales High School are February 27, 2020, starting at 8:40 a.m. and ending at 12:00 p.m. After the races, each student on the top three winning teams will receive a medal and certificate. All students will do an oral presentation and submit a written report. Each teacher will select three presentations and reports from their classroom to be judged. Award medals and certificates will be presented to the first, second and third place winners. Mrs. Perea advised the Board that Nogales High School in the Rowland Water District had withdrawn from the Solar Cup Event and that Diamond Ranch High School in the Walnut Valley Water District will be taking their place.

### **Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)**

Erin LaCombe Gilhuly, CV Strategies, reported that press releases on the water bottle filling stations, the EduBucks Program and the “What’s Your Water Footprint” microsite were released and posted to the website in January. The ACWA News, February 10, 2020 edition, published the press release “District Launches Innovative Website: What’s Your Water Footprint” featuring Rowland’s new microsite. CV Strategies is in the process of completing a video on the AMI meter conversion which will include: “How to Read your Meter” (old meter), “How to Read your Meter” (new AMI meter), and the AMI conversion in general. The press releases on the EduBucks program and the Water Footprint conservation campaign were included in the Highlander newspaper.

### **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)**

- JPIA Spring Conference, May 4, 2020, Monterey Conference Center, Monterey, CA  
Staff was asked to make reservations for Director Lewis’ and Director Bellah’s attendance at the JPIA Spring Conference.
- ACWA Spring Conference, May 5-8, 2020, Monterey Conference Center, Monterey, CA  
Staff was asked to make reservations for the following Directors: Directors Lewis and Bellah.
- Regional Chamber of Commerce, “Salute to Heroes Prayer Breakfast”, February 27, 2020, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, Diamond Bar, CA  
Staff was asked to make reservations for Directors Lewis.

## **TAB 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION**

### **3.1**

#### **Updates on Legislative Issues**

General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised the Board that the Department of Drinking Water (DDW) has lowered the PFAS response levels to: PFOA from 70 to 10 parts per trillion (ppt) and PFOS from 70 to 40 ppt. MWD has been testing for the past two years for 45 different constituents and none have been above the notification level.

## **TAB 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

“Thank You” Letter from June Sakaue, Principal, Blandford Elementary School; *provided for information purposes only.*

## **TAB 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **5.1**

#### **Joint Powers Insurance Authority**

Director Lewis advised that he will be attending the JPIA sessions at the ACWA Spring Conference in May.

### **5.2**

#### **Three Valleys Municipal Water District**

Director Lima reported on his attendance at the January 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and advised that members of the public were present to voice their opposition to the Cadiz Project. He also attended the January 20, 2020 Special Board meeting held to select and appoint a new Division 5 Director. Longtime Diamond Bar resident Jody Roberto was selected from ten candidates. Ms. Roberto replaces Joe Ruzicka who passed away in December after 16 years on the Board. Members of the public also attended the February 5, 2020 Regular Board meeting to voice their opposition to the Cadiz Project. The Board voted to authorize the Presiding Officer to vote for the Special District LAFCO representative and the District’s 2020-21 Strategic Plan was reviewed. A Special Meeting will be held on February 24, 2020 to discuss the studies conducted in connection with the Cadiz Project.

### **5.3**

#### **Association of California Water Agencies**

Director Lewis distributed “Correct Information on California Water Efficiency Laws – ACWA” to members of the Board as an information piece.

### **5.4**

#### **Puente Basin Water Agency**

Director Lewis reported on his attendance at the February 6, 2020 meeting held at the Rowland Water District and advised that the annual selection of Commission Officers and Commission staff was approved as follows: Chairman, Robert W. Lewis (RWD); Vice-Chairman, Theodore Ebenkamp (WVWD); Administrative Officer, Erik Hitchman (WVWD); Assistant Administrative Officer, Tom Coleman (RWD); Assistant Administrative Officer and Assistant Treasurer, Josh Byerrum (WVWD); Treasurer, Brian Teuber (WVWD). Second Quarter Financial Statements were discussed and approved; the Conflict of Interest Code was discussed with the possibility of an amendment; and updates were provided on the Cal Domestic Project as well as Proposition 1 and Proposition 84. The next meeting will be held on April 2, 2020. Director Lima provided an update on the Pathfinder Road 20-inch Water Main installation.

**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 February 10, 2020 and advised that California Assembly Bill 5 that protects the rights of app-based drivers, rideshare and delivery drivers was discussed. The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2020.

**5.7**

**PWR Joint Waterline Commission**

Nothing to report. The next meeting will be held on February 13, 2020 at Walnut Valley Water District.

**5.8**

**Sheriff’s Community Advisory Council**

Nothing to report.

**5.9**

**Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council**

Director Lu-Yang reported on her attendance at the February 10, 2020 meeting and advised that a representative from the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning gave a presentation on the process of updating the County’s Community Climate Action Plan (CAP). The current plan was adopted in 2015 and is set to expire in 2020. Denise Jackman has requested that the District’s Public Relations Representative, Brittanie Van De Car, give a presentation to the Council in March or May on the District’s new conservation microsite and conservation video.

**5.10**

**Hacienda Heights Improvement Association**

Director Lima reported on his attendance at the meeting held on January 27, 2020 and advised that community representatives provided information and committee reports/announcements were provided and posted on the website. He also advised that Hacienda Boulevard will be open February 11, 2020.

**TAB 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

**6.1**

**Finance Report**

General Manager, Tom Coleman, presented a year-to-date Revenue and Expense Report by Category and Consumption by Class through December 31, 2019.

**6.2**

**Operations Report**

Director of Operations, Dusty Moisiso, provided an update and pictures of the completion of the Tomich Booster Station RCS building/pump station rehabilitation.

**6.3**

**Personnel Report**

General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised that the Director of Finance position had been posted and recruitment will close on February 21, 2020.

**TAB 7 ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**TAB 8 CLOSED SESSION**

Legal Counsel, Ryan Guiboa, adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:32 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 7:57 p.m.

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

**General Manager’s and Directors’ Comments**

General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised that a Board Workshop will be held on February 25, 2020.

**Future Agenda Items**

- San Gabriel Valley Water Forum, April 16, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel, 225 W. Valley Boulevard, San Gabriel, CA

**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 8:18 p.m.

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ROBERT W. LEWIS  
Board President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOM COLEMAN  
Board Secretary