The minutes presented herewith are not a verbatim transcription of the Regular Board meeting held March 26, 2019. The intent is to provide a synopsis of key points of discussion and to chronicle decisions and actions taken by a quorum of the Board of Directors (ref: Roberts Rules of Order, Section 48). For more information or background, please refer to the applicable board packet.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RINCON DEL DIABLO MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
March 26, 2019

A Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of the District located at 1920 North Iris Lane, Escondido, California 92026.

Directors Present: Murtland, Lump, and Towne.

Directors Absent: Drake and Quist.

District Staff Present: Clint Baze, Director of Engineering and Operations; Jeff Umbrasas, Director of Administration and Finance; Julia Escamilla, Public Services Information Officer; and Wanda Cassidy, Board Secretary.

Legal Counsel Present: Gerry Shoaf, Legal Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill.

Fire Services Staff Present: Rick Vogt, City of Escondido Fire Chief.

Guests Present: None.

President Murtland called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Director Lump then led the Board of Directors and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

There were no communications to the Board.
SECTION 1 - CONSENT ITEMS

In a motion by Director Lump and seconded by Director Towne, by a vote of 3-0, the Board of Directors passed the following consent items unanimously:

1-B. General Fund Disbursements, February 2019.
1-E. Board of Directors' Per Diem Fees and/or Expense Reports, February 2019.

Director Towne pulled Item 1-A, Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of February 20, 2019. Director Towne requested clarification be made to Item 6-E: District Activity Report of the minutes, regarding the meeting schedules for the Engineering and Long-Range Planning Committee and the Public Information & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. After staff responded to Director Towne's question, President Murtland asked for a motion:

In a motion by Director Lump and seconded by Director Towne, by a vote of 3-0, the Board of Directors approved the following consent item unanimously:

1-A. Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of February 20, 2019.

SECTION 2 – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & FIRE SERVICES


President Murtland opened the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m. to receive comments regarding Resolution No. 19-851.27, “Establishing a Fire Mitigation Fee Program for Improvement District E (ID E)” for consideration of adoption at the April 23, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

Director of Engineering and Operations Baze provided an overview on the Fire Mitigation Fee Program and Resolution No. 19-851.27. After the overview and there being no further discussions from staff or the public, President Murtland closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. Resolution No. 19-851.27 will be brought back to the April Board of Directors meeting for approval.
2-B. Oral Report by Escondido Fire Department Regarding Current Events and Community Fire Readiness Relating to Improvement District E.

Chief Vogt reported the following:

- The I-15 from Highway 78 to Via Rancho Parkway was dedicated as the Cory Iverson Memorial Highway on March 16, 2019.
- Randell Reiner, a paramedic, is the newest member of the Escondido Fire Department.
- The Fire Station 7 crew participated in the March 14th Career Day at Mission Middle School. Sixty seventh and eighth grade students toured a fire engine and ambulance and learned about the fire department’s hiring process, requirements, and benefits of working in fire services.
- On March 20th, the Escondido Fire Department, together with the North County Transit District, Pacific Sun Railroad, and a number of other agencies participated in an emergency exercise at an Escondido railroad yard. The simulated freight rail incident included an automobile collision and hazardous material leak.
- The fire department is preparing for the upcoming fire season with annual weed abatement letters going to residents in mid-April. Chief Vogt also reported wild fires are expected to start later in the season due to the amount of rain and moisture received this year.
- The Escondido Fire Department’s Badge Pinning and Promotion Ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 18th at 5:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

Following the report, Chief Vogt answered questions from directors.

SECTION 3 – PUBLIC INFORMATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

3-A. Focus on Conservation.

Prior to the report, Julia Escamilla, Public Services Information Officer, provided directors with colorful bookmarks. Previously, directors challenged staff to identify additional uses for entries from the North County Annual Calendar Contests. As a result of that challenge, Ms. Escamilla and Sean Glaser created the bookmarks which include the artwork and eventually conservation tips. The bookmarks will be used for general outreach.

Ms. Escamilla then provided the Focus on Conservation report. Overall Northern California precipitation is above average at 54.3 inches of precipitation and at 130 percent of historical average. Lake Shasta is above average at 106 percent of historical average and at 84 percent capacity. Lake Oroville is above
average at 77 percent of historical average. Due to the increasing capacity, there has been discussion regarding releasing some water. For the Colorado River conditions, runoff has not affected Lake Mead or Lake Powell. The level at Lake Mead is up slightly, and Lake Powell is down slightly. Neither are at half of capacity and historical averages are low. Precipitation is at 127 percent of normal and the current snowpack is 139 percent of normal.

For State Water Board monitoring for the month of February, customers reduced water usage by 41.8 percent compared to February 2013 for a cumulative savings of 25.1 percent since June 2013. GPCD was at 46, the lowest since monitoring began.

Ms. Escamilla then reminded directors the date for the Spring Picnic is set for April 27, 2019 and the Fire and Water Expo at Fire Station #4 will be on June 15, 2019.

3-B. The History of Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District.

At the last meeting, Director Quist requested Ms. Escamilla provide a report on the history of Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District. Ms. Escamilla provided a snapshot of the full presentation which will be given at a future meeting.

Directors suggested a copy of the full presentation be placed on the District website.

SECTION 4 – FINANCE, INSURANCE & PERSONNEL

4-A. JPIA/ACWA Refund Check.

President Murtland brought forward JPIA/ACWA Refund Check.

JPIA Lead Risk Management Advisor Peter Kuchinsky presented an ACWA/JPIA refund check in the amount of $7,638.22 to General Manager Thomas and District management on March 7th. The check represents a partial return of prior years’ insurance premiums, resulting from the Districts reduced property, liability, and workers compensation losses.

Staff recommended the Board accept the refund and further approve that since the refund is based on the employees ability to work and operate safety and significantly reduce insurance claims, and in accordance with previous District policy, that $3,819.11 of the refund amount be placed in the special salary award pool to be used for appropriate merit increases at the end of the fiscal
year and the remainder of the refund be used to purchase or install safety equipment for the District, furthering the District's commitment to safety and lowering insurance premiums.

After a brief discussion, President Murtland asked for a motion:

"After a motion was made by Director Lump and seconded by Director Towne, and by a vote of 3-0, the motion was approved unanimously to accept the refund and approve that $3,819.11 of the refund amount be placed in the special salary award pool to be used for appropriate merit increases at the end of the fiscal year. The remainder of the refund will go to general funds with a portion used to fund additional improvements to the safety program."

SECTION 5 – OPERATIONS; ENGINEERING & LONG-RANGE PLANNING


Received and filed Engineering and Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2019.

SECTION 6 – WASTEWATER

6-A. Receive and File Wastewater Committee Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2019.

Received and filed Wastewater Committee Meeting minutes of March 12, 2019.

Director of Engineering and Operations Baze then answered questions from the Board.

SECTION 7 – SDCWA DIRECTOR'S REPORT & DIRECTORS/STAFF ACTIVITIES REPORT

7-A. This portion of the agenda may be used by the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) representative to make informal reports on activities.
Director Murtland reported on the following:

Imported Water Committee – At the Imported Water Committee meeting, there was no consent calendar. After Metropolitan Water District delegates gave their reports, Kelly Rogers presented on the Drought Contingency Plan.

Administrative & Finance Committee – The Administrative & Finance Committee meeting began with the Monthly Treasurer’s Report on Investments and Cash Flow. Lisa Marie Harris then presented on the refunding of bonds for the Desal Pipeline and reviewed the calendar year 2020 rates and charges process.

Engineering and Operations Committee – At the Engineering and Operations Committee meeting, there was no consent calendar. Tony Hendrix gave an update on the San Vicente Project negotiations.

Water Planning Committee – At the Water Planning Committee there was no consent calendar. Alexi Schnell presented a resolution setting preliminary informal terms and conditions for the Yuima Municipal Water District proposed Shadow Run Ranch annexation and gave an update on water supply conditions.

Legislation & Public Outreach Committee – Glenn Farrell provided an update on Sacramento legislation. Approximately 3000 bills were introduced prior to the February 22nd deadline.

San Diego County Water Authority federal legislative priorities include the Colorado River Supply, Building Relationships, Federal Appropriations, and Federal Infrastructure and Energy.

At the full Board meeting, Elizabeth Mendelson Goossens was named Employee of the Quarter. In addition, SDCWA approved S. Gail Goldberg as a delegate to the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors.

After closed session, the full Board voted on Maureen Stapleton’s separation agreement and SDCWA staffing changes due to the resignation.

7-B. This portion of the agenda may be used by the Board of Directors or management to make informal oral reports on their activities.

- Director Lump reported on the LAFCO Advisory Committee. Director Lump reported fees will increase by approximately three percent this year and by five percent the following year. Other LAFCO discussions included review of the proposed budget, the increasing fee structure, and the dissolution of the Julian Cuyamaca Volunteer Fire District (now under CAL FIRE). In addition, LAFCO will be increasing the fee structure.
Director Towne reported on revisions to the California Special District (CSDA) bylaws and minutes, and the Urban Water Institute Conference. In closing, Director Towne provided an update on the Water for People Nut Drive, which made $35,000 for the charity.

Director Murtland reported that he and General Manager Thomas attended a meeting with City of Escondido Mayor McNamara and the townhall meeting with Senator Brian Jones.

7-C. This portion of the agenda may be used by the Board of Directors to request items for future agendas.

There were no requests.

7-D. Request Approval for a Board Member(s) to Attend Upcoming Meetings; Conferences; or Seminars for Those Not Authorized in the District’s Administrative Code, Section 502 “Authorized District Memberships.”

There were no requests.


President Murtland commented on the low water sales.

7-F. LAFCO Election.

President Murtland brought forward the LAFCO Election. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to support the LAFCO Nomination Committee’s recommended slate.

President Murtland then asked for a motion:

In a motion by Director Towne and seconded by Director Lump by a vote of 3-0, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the recommended slate of Ed Sprague for the Regular Commission member and Director Lump as the Alternate Commission member.

SECTION 8 – GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

8-A. General Manager’s Report

Director of Engineering and Operations Baze reported the following in General Manager Thomas’ absence:
• Provided updates on the recruitment of two water service technicians and a senior engineer.
• Reported the valves for the Sierra Linda Project the Board previously voted on are scheduled to arrive on March 27th. Mr. Baze then provided brief updates on various other projects.

SECTION 9 – LEGAL MATTERS

8-A. Legal Counsel Report.

Mr. Shoaf updated the Board on a customer issue.


There was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned by President Murtland at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
James B. Murtland, President

ATTEST: [Signature]
Wanda Cassidy, Board Secretary