

*The minutes presented herewith are not a verbatim transcription of the Regular Board meeting held October 15, 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  
October 15, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 5:11 p.m. at the offices of the District located at 1920 North Iris Lane, Escondido, California 92026.

**Directors Present:** Drake, Lump, Murtland, Quist, and Towne.

**Directors Absent:** None.

**District Staff Present:** Clint Baze, General Manager; Karen Falk, Senior Engineer; and Wanda Cassidy, Board Secretary.

**Legal Counsel Present:** Gerry Shoaf, Legal Counsel; Gil Granito, Legal Counsel, Redwine and Sherrill.

**Guests Present:** Mike Metts, Principal, Dudek.

President Murtland called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. Director Drake 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 or changes to the agenda.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

There were no communications to the Board.

**SECTION 1 - CONSENT ITEMS**

There was no report.

## **SECTION 2 – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & FIRE SERVICES**

There was no report.

## **SECTION 3 – PUBLIC INFORMATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

There was no report.

## **SECTION 4 – FINANCE, INSURANCE & PERSONNEL**

There was no report.

## **SECTION 5 – OPERATIONS; ENGINEERING & LONG-RANGE PLANNING**

There was no report.

## **SECTION 6 – Sewer**

### **6-A. Sewer Master Plan Update.**

General Manager Baze introduced Mike Metts, Principal at Dudek, who was the engineer responsible for the Updated Sewer Master Plan. The purpose of the update was to evaluate feasible alternatives and define needed facilities for providing sewer collection treatment and disposal services for current and potential customers, which included the Harmony Grove Village South and Valiano developments. The evaluation was completed based on plant operations, observed operational capabilities, interviews with plant operators, discussions with the AeroMod vendor regarding the treatment process, and the continued monitoring of sewer characteristics and changing characteristics over time.

Mr. Metts presented feasible alternatives for providing sewer service for existing and additional capacity using the current Harmony Grove Village Water Reclamation Plant and approved developments. Scenarios evaluated included servicing Harmony Grove Village only, servicing Harmony Grove Village and Harmony Grove Village South (split site), and servicing Harmony Grove Village, Harmony Grove Village South, and Valiano (two to three sites). Eden Valley was also included in the evaluation. The updated plan also included the cost of implementation of the alternatives for each scenario.

After the presentation, General Manager Baze and Mr. Metts answered questions from Directors. Mr. Baze then announced this item would be on the next agenda.

## **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.

President Murtland on the SDCWA Meeting. Highlights included:

- **Legislation and Public Outreach** – At the Legislation and Public Outreach Committee, Ken Carpi provided a written report on federal legislation and Glenn Farrel reported on Sacramento legislation. Mr. Farrel reported September 13, 2019 was the last day for any bill to be passed and concluded the Legislatures 2019 session. October 13, 2019 is the last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 13<sup>th</sup> and in the Governor’s possession after September 13<sup>th</sup>. 2020 legislative issues include:
  - Water use efficiency;
  - The implementation of the Governor’s Water Resilience Portfolio effort;
  - SB 332 (Hertzberg) – A reduction in ocean discharge of treated wastewater;
  - SB 597 (Hueso) - Pumped hydropower storage; and
  - Several bond issues.

In addition to the legislative updates, there was a presentation on the 2019 Public Opinion Survey. The purpose of the survey was to measure and track public awareness, knowledge and attitudes as they relate to water.

- **Water Planning and Environmental** – The Water Planning and Environmental Committee recommended a resolution for applying for \$15 million from the Integrated Regional Management Proposition 1 Implementation Grant. Following the recommendation, Jerry Crutchfield reported on Desal Plant operations for the 2018/2019 contract year. For 2018/2019, Poseidon delivered 45,038 AF as compared to 40,892 AF the previous contract year. The actual unit cost of product water in the contract year 2018/2019 was \$2685 per AF.
- **Imported Water Committee** – At the Imported Water Committee, Amy Chen presented on the MWD/Demand Management Cost Allocation.
- **Engineering and Operations Committee** - At the Engineering and Operation Committee, there was an update on the San Vicente Project and

the need for a continuation of the emergency declaration for the repair of Pipeline 4 in Moosa Canyon

- **Administrative and Finance Committee** - The Administrative and Finance Committee received the Monthly Treasurer's Report on investments and cash flow.
- **Formal Board Meeting** - At the Formal Board Meeting, Eric Larson of the Farm Bureau was recognized for his service. It was also announced there will be a Special Meeting on November 14, 2019 for the General Manager finalist interviews.

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 Quist reported on the Urban Water Conference Agenda. The topic of the conference will be "Perfect Foresight." The conference will feature a simulated "Shark Tank" game featuring water companies attempting to enter the water business. The "shark tank" will consist of actual companies and investor types. The audience will vote for the winning inventor/creator. In another session, Steve Arian and Malissa McKeith are being recruited to participate on a session on "mistakes made."
- Director Towne had nothing to report.
- Director Drake reported on the FBI Department of Justice Infoguard meeting on risk management. The session centered around earthquake damage. The first half of the meeting focused on the science of earthquakes, the second half on responses, law enforcement, safety and security, first responders, and what happens to water. The meeting was well put together with 500 or 600 people in attendance. Presentations will be available online. Director Drake also reported on the most recent JPIA meeting. At the meeting, a settlement paying out nearly \$15 million was approved. In closing, Director Drake made management aware the JPIA has made \$50,000 JPIA available for five \$10,000 safety grants.
- Director Lump reported on the uneventful LAFCO meeting.
- Director Murtland reported on the COWU meeting.

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."

Director Murtland requested attending the Water Education Foundation Central Valley Tour. Board members approved Director Murtland's request.

- 7-E. Request for Board Approval for Reimbursement of Overnight Accommodations During 2019 ACWA Fall Conference and Exhibition – *Administrative Code Section 500*.

As per Administrative Code Section 500, President Murtland requested Board approval for reimbursement of overnight accommodations during the ACWA Fall Conference and Exhibition being held in San Diego from December 3 to December 6, 2019 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

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

**In a motion by Director Drake and seconded by Director Quist, by a vote of 4-1 (Towne), the Board of Directors approved Request for Board Approval for Reimbursement of Overnight Accommodations During 2019 ACWA Fall Conference and Exhibition.**

## **SECTION 8 – GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 8-A. General Manager's Oral Report

Director of Engineering and Operations Baze reported the following:

- The District was contacted by Harmony Grove Village South to provide sewer service. The District met with LAFCO to discuss the LAFCO process. Management will be bringing a resolution to request LAFCO approval for providing sewer service to the development to the Board for approval.
- Management will be interviewing candidates for the Engineering Technician.
- Director Quist expressed concern with the number of vehicles in the parking lot during non-business hours. General Manager Baze responded that the District does have cameras. In the event something inappropriate is happening, there is always an on-call employee available.
- Director Towne made an inquiry into Directors driving District vehicles to meetings. General Manager Baze will contact JPIA to determine if there are any restrictions.

**SECTION 9 – LEGAL MATTERS**

9-A. Legal Counsel Report.

Open Session

Nothing to Report.

Directors recessed at 6:40 p.m. and went into Closed Session. Directors Drake and Quist excused themselves from Closed Session at 6:45.

9-B. Closed Session

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – LITIGATION, Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): San Diego County Office of Education, et al. v. The County of San Diego, et al. (This is a long-term item related to dissolution of redevelopment agencies and successor agencies and will remain on the agenda as long as Rincon Water is involved. No action is required on our part at this time.)
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) to discuss potential litigation (one case).

Closed session ended an 7:52 p.m. Legal Counsel reported there was no discussion on item 9-B.a and after discussion on potential litigation, no action was taken on item 9-B.b.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned by President Murtland at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
James B. Murtland, President

ATTEST:

  
Wanda Cassidy, Board Secretary