



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Monday, July 21, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Hilton Garden Inn
2801 Constitution Drive, Livermore, CA

Any member of the public desiring to address the Board on an item under discussion may do so upon receiving recognition from the President. After receiving recognition, please step to the podium and state your name and address.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the meeting room is wheelchair accessible and disabled parking is available at the Zone 7 Administrative Building lot. If you are a person with a disability and you need disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact the Zone 7 Board Secretary, Judy Rector, at (925) 454-5053 or fax (925) 454-5724. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable Zone 7 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. {28 CFR 35.102-35, 104 ADA Title II}

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Citizens Forum

This is an opportunity for members of the public to speak on an item not listed on the agenda. The Board cannot deliberate or take action on a non-agenda item unless it is an emergency as defined under Government Code Section 54954.2.

3. Strategic Planning Update

Recommended Action – Discussion, only

4. Watershed Management - new Lake Del Valle Property

Recommended Action – Discussion, only

5. The Role of Committees

Recommended Action – Discussion, only

6. Verbal Reports

7. Adjournment

8. Upcoming Board Schedule: (All meeting locations are in the Boardroom at 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, California, unless otherwise noted)

- a) Liaison Committee Meeting with EBRPD/LARPD/Tri-Valley Conservancy:
July 22, 2014, 2:30 p.m.
- b) Special Board Meeting: August 6, 2014 (if needed)
- c) Regular Board Meeting: August 20, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Materials related to an item on this agenda that have been provided to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting are available for public inspection at the Zone 7 office at the time of, and prior to, the meeting and at www.zone7water.com. All other material otherwise provided to the Board will be available at the public meeting.



ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7

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ORIGINATING SECTION: Administration
CONTACT: Jill Duerig

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ITEM NO. 1

SUBJECT: Strategic Planning

SUMMARY:

In October 2013, the Strategic Planning Priorities were updated to include two additional items establishing watershed management objectives:

- 1.15 Develop long-term balanced management of watersheds
- 1.16 Manage the watershed to maintain and improve source water quality to protect public health and safety

While the board may not have any specific items that it wants to add or delete at this time, each year it is important to confirm that the existing Strategic Planning Priorities still represent board direction to staff for moving forward and, additionally, that no changes to the Mission-Vision-Values Statement are needed. For instance, does the reliability policy need to be reviewed in light of the 2014 drought? Does organizational culture need to be revisited?

The Mission-Vision Values statement is available on the Zone 7 website at <http://www.zone7water.com/about-us/mission-vision-values> and a copy of the current Strategic Planning Priorities is available on the Zone 7 website at http://www.zone7water.com/images/pdf_docs/general/10-13_strat-plan-update.pdf.

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and provide direction.



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ITEM NO. 2

SUBJECT: Watershed Management

SUMMARY:

Zone 7 currently owns approximately 5000 acres of property in the vicinity of Lake Del Valle formerly known as the Patterson Ranch. The long-term lease ends in October 2014. Zone 7 has a Memorandum of Understanding with the East Bay Regional Park District (copy attached) that states that “the Parties agree that there should not be any significant changes to the use of lands adjacent to Lake Del Valle until a planning process is complete and the plan or plans so developed are subjected to environmental impact review as part of a public process.”

The Strategic Planning Priorities include two priority items having to do with watershed management:

- 1.15 Develop long-term balanced management of watersheds
- 1.16 Manage the watershed to maintain and improve source water quality to protect public health and safety

A Special Board Meeting was held on May 29, 2014 to review current range management procedures. During the workshop, several board members complimented the current tenant on his management. This, along with the EBRPD MOU that states there should be no significant changes to the use of lands without a major public planning process, resulted in staff asking the tenant to begin documenting range management currently employed on the site and recommendations for the next lease term, whether with the same tenant or another one.

As a result, a preliminary draft Grazing Management Plan was developed for today’s discussion to determine if this is the direction the Board wants to take.

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and provide direction.



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ITEM NO. 3

SUBJECT: The Role of Committees

SUMMARY:

At the June 18, 2014 board meeting (see minutes and attached staff report), the directors suggested several items concerning the role of directors and board committees, especially the finance committee, including:

- “What Board Members Need to Know about Agency Finances”¹
- Role of the Finance Committee
- Financial Management
- Whether staffing in financial management group needs to be expanded
- Frequency of Committee Meetings
- What Committees are needed (does Zone 7 need more or less, given frequency of meetings)
- Staff-board relationships and roles - Setting Policy vs. Managing to Achieve Policy Objectives

Dr. Bill Mathis will be present to facilitate this discussion.

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and provide direction.

¹ Note that copies of a booklet from CSDA entitled “Financial Management for Elected Officials: Questions to Ask” have been ordered for board members and will be distributed to directors upon receipt; it can be ordered online at <http://members.csdanet.org/ItemDetail?iProductCode=FINANCEMGMT&Category=FINANCE&WebsiteKey=590ca197-4475-44cc-b2b3-516cae04ed3b>