

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ZONE 7
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING
January 16, 2013

President Palmer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a salute to the flag. The following were present:

DIRECTORS: JOHN GRECI
A J MACHAEVICH
SARAH PALMER
RICHARD QUIGLEY
BILL STEVENS

DIRECTORS ABSENT: DIRECTORS FIGUERS AND RAMIREZ HOLMES

ZONE 7 STAFF: JILL DUERIG, GENERAL MANAGER
KURT ARENDS, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, ENGINEERING
TOM HUGHES, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, ADMINISTRATION
JUDY RECTOR, BOARD SECRETARY

COUNSEL: DAVID ALADJEM, DOWNEY BRAND

Item 3 - Citizens Forum - None.

Item 4 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2012

Director Quigley moved and Director Greci seconded approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved by a voice vote of 5-0 with Directors Figuers and Ramirez Holmes absent.

Item 5 - Consent Calendar

Director Quigley moved and Director Greci seconded approval of the following resolutions:

Resolution 13-4248 Approved commercial use of a septic system for the Grasso Horse Boarding Facility at 11398 Tesla Road, Livermore. (Item 5a)

Resolution 13-4249 Approved support of an application for grant funding under Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Program Proposal Solicitation for Round 2. (Item 5b)

Both resolutions were approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0 with Directors Figuers and Ramirez Holmes absent.

Item 6 - Staffing Updates

Item 6a - Congratulations to Retiree

General Manager Jill Duerig extended congratulations to Rick Andersen, Water Facilities Supervisor, who retired from Zone 7 after almost 38 years of service. The Board recognized Mr. Andersen in absentia. President Palmer asked that the minutes reflect her appreciation for Mr. Andersen's help with her students. She noted that prior to her being on the Zone 7 Board, Mr. Andersen had gone out of his way when her AP Environmental Science class had visited the treatment plants.

Item 6b - Employee of the Month Recognition

Ms. Duerig congratulated Jack Fong, Associate Civil Engineer, on becoming the November Employee of the Month. Ms. Duerig recognized Mr. Fong's abilities to, among other things, take on multiple challenging assignments. Since Mr. Fong was present, the Board was able to applaud and congratulate Mr. Fong in person.

Item 7 - Committees - Liaison Committee - January 14, 2013 - minutes pending

President Palmer said the Liaison Committee meeting with the Cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, California Water Service, and Dublin San Ramon Services District showed good collaboration among the retailers and good intentions. These meetings will be scheduled more often to keep the spirit of cooperation going.

Director Quigley, also present at the Liaison Committee meeting, expressed excitement as the group considers mutual cost savings potential.

Item 8 - Reports - Directors

a. Verbal comments by President

President Palmer reported that she collaborated with staff and wrote a letter to Supervisors Haggerty and Miley requesting assistance in implementing improvements to make Zone 7 more effective in meeting the needs and desires of its constituency, specifically so 1) Zone 7 Human Resources staff can negotiate and execute Memoranda of Understandings with the four bargaining units that represent Zone 7 staff and 2) help establish separate purchasing directly through Zone 7 instead of utilizing the County's purchasing services.

President Palmer formed an Ad Hoc Communications Committee as part of the Strategic Plan. Directors Quigley and Ramirez Holmes will be the Board members on this new Ad Hoc Committee and will be making a report to the Board soon.

b. Written report by Director Quigley - none

Director Quigley reported verbally that he attended a legislative reception at California State University, East Bay, which was well attended by legislators (Corbett, Swalwell, etc.)

He also thanked staff for information on funding in response to his questions.

c. Other Directors' Verbal reports

Item 9 - Items for Future Agenda - Directors

Item 10 - Staff Reports (Information items.)

- a. General Manager's Report
- b. December Outreach Activities
- c. Legislative Update
- d. Quarterly Update of Expansion Fund
- e. Report on Water Sales and Connection Fee Revenue
- f. Status of the City of Pleasanton's Recycled Water Feasibility Study
- g. Status of Del Valle Water Treatment Plant Solar Energy Production
- h. Verbal Reports

Ms. Duerig gave a verbal report that the City of Livermore announced that they are having a Livermore to Pleasanton Arroyo Trail opening celebration on January 31. Director Quigley was supportive of this endeavor and Zone7 staff participated in this project, too, resulting in good collaboration and showing how the Stream Management Master Plan is supposed to work. A video on the Stream Management Master Plan from five years ago which highlights integrated uses of the arroyos was played for the Board and audience.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:25 p.m.

Item 11 - Closed Session

- a) Conference with Labor Negotiators:
Agency Negotiator: G.F. Duerig
Employee Organizations: Alameda County Management Employees Association; Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council, Local 342, AFL-CIO; International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21, AFL-CIO; Local 1021 of the Service Employees International Union, CTW; Unrepresented Management.
- b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 case
- c) Conference with Legal Counsel -- Potential litigation pursuant to paragraph 3 of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 case.
- d) Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing litigation pursuant to paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 case (*Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, et al.* (Sacramento County Superior Court No. 34-2010-80000561).

Item 12 - Open Session and Report Out of Closed Session

The Board came out of Closed Session at 8:32 p.m. and President Palmer said there was nothing to report.

Director Stevens moved and Director Machaevich seconded a motion to approve Resolution 13-4251, a Footnote to Salary Schedules Sections 4.12 - Multiple Divisions (Assistant General Manager, Engineering). The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0 with Directors Figuers and Ramirez Holmes absent.

Director Stevens moved and Director Greci seconded a motion to approve Resolution 13-4252, a Footnote to Salary Schedules Sections 4.13 - Multiple Divisions (Assistant General Manager, Finance or Personnel). The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0 with Directors Figuers and Ramirez Holmes absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.