

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

REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 2015

The following were present:

DIRECTORS: SANDS FIGUERS
JOHN GRECI
JIM McGRAIL
SARAH PALMER
RICHARD QUIGLEY
ANGELA RAMIREZ HOLMES
BILL STEVENS

DIRECTORS ABSENT: NONE

ZONE 7 STAFF: JILL DUERIG, GENERAL MANAGER
KURT ARENDS, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, ENGINEERING
LINDA VAN BUSKIRK, ACTING BOARD SECRETARY

COUNSEL: DAVID ALADJEM, DOWNEY BRAND

The Board went into closed session at 5:00 p.m.

Item 1 - Closed Session

- (a) Government Code Section 549547; Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: General Manager
- (b) Conference with Legal Counsel - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov't Code Section 54956.9(d) (2):
3 cases
- (c) Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential litigation pursuant to Gov't Code section 54956.9(d) (3): 2 cases
- (d) Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing litigation pursuant to Gov't Code Section 54956.9(d) (1):
Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 v. Pleasanton Gravel Co., Alameda County Case No. HG14724177
- (e) 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.

Item 2 - Open Session and Report Out of Closed Session

The Board came out of Closed Session at 7:00 p.m. President Greci reported that the Board has evaluated the performance of the General Manager during the 2014-15 year, and has determined that her performance --especially due to the demands of the drought -- was excellent.

Item 3 - Call Meeting to Order

President Greci called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Item 4 - Pledge of Allegiance

President Greci led a salute to the flag.

Item 5 – Reorganization of the Board

President Greci stated that at every July meeting we reassign the President and the Vice President of the Board, and that it has been a general policy that the Vice President usually takes the seat as President. President Greci moved that Director Palmer be appointed the new President and Director Ramirez Holmes seconded the motion. Director Palmer accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously and President Greci welcomed her as the Board's new President.

President Palmer then took nominations for Vice President. Director Greci nominated Director Dick Quigley. Director Figuers nominated Director Angela Ramirez Holmes. President Palmer said it would be good to hear statements from each of them, and gave them both 60 seconds to do so. Director Ramirez Holmes said she appreciates the nomination, and if it pleases the Board, she would be happy to serve. Director Quigley then stated he has done it before, would love to do it again, it is an honor to serve in working with the Board team, and he would relish the opportunity to do it again. Counsel David Aladjem advised President Palmer that she had two names put into nomination, with neither of them receiving a second yet. Director Stevens seconded the motion nominating Director Quigley for Vice President which was approved by a roll call vote of 5-1-0-1 with Director Figuers voting no and Director Ramirez Holmes abstaining.

President Palmer said at some point she would love to see Director Ramirez Holmes serving as President because she brings a lot to the Board and that not having the vice presidential nomination at this point is in no way a reflection in terms of her qualifications.

Director Stevens asked President Palmer if she wanted to say anything about the committees. President Palmer said she will create a Google poll to have the board members give her their first and second most important choices, including a choice of "don't put me on anything right now because I am busier than a paper hanger in a stiff breeze." This will go out in the next couple of days, hopefully by the end of this week. She wants to hear from the directors because she doesn't want anyone serving on a committee unless they really and truly want to do so.

Item 6 – Citizens Forum – None.

Item 7 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2015

No changes were made to the minutes. Director Quigley moved that the minutes be accepted and approved. Direct Greci seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a voice vote of 7-0.

Item 8 - Consent Calendar

Director Greci moved for approval of Consent Items 8 (a), 8 (b), 8 (c) and 8 (d) and Director Stevens seconded the motion which was approved by a voice vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. 15-73	Resolution of Support for Director Quigley's Candidacy for ACWA's Region 5 Board. (Item 8a)
Resolution No. 15-74	Authorized Director Quigley's attendance at CSDA's Annual Conference. (Item 8b)
Resolution No. 15-75	Authorized License Agreement with Dublin Nissan. (Item 8c)
Resolution No. 15-76	Authorized a Professional Services Agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. (Item 8d)

Item 9 - Staffing Update

Ms. Duerig announced that the May Employee of the Month is Kevin Correia, a long-time Water Treatment/Distribution Operator, who works in our Water Facilities group which manages our wells and our distribution system, working for Bill Sadler. The Board applauded Mr. Correia in absentia.

Item 10 - Committees

Water Policy Roundtable #4 – May 13, 2015 - notes
Administrative Committee Meeting – July 8, 2015 – notes

Item 11 – Reports - Directors

- a. Verbal comments by President – none.
- b. Written report by Director Quigley
- c. Verbal reports

Director Quigley reported on the LAFCO meeting he attended along with Jarnail Chahal, Engineering Manager, on July 9, 2015 at DSRSD's office. The Regional Water Quality Control folks did a nice presentation and spoke highly of Zone 7 for its septic tank work. He said it was very interesting and he encourages other directors to go to future meetings.

Director Greci had a request for the General Manager. He has been working with a group of five people on Arroyo Road in Livermore who are working with Marc Roberts from the city, coordinating hooking up to the city sewer and eliminating four to five septic tanks. Is it possible to ask for some kind of letter from the Zone 7 General Manager stating that we support that kind of action and send it to Marc Roberts? Ms. Duerig said that is very consistent with our wastewater approach and she would be happy to do so as long as Director Greci would provide her with more info to do that. Director Greci said he will call Ms. Duerig.

Verbal reports: No other verbal reports.

Item 12 – Items for Future Agenda - Directors

Director McGrail asked where we stand on obtaining grant money since the Board passed the Nutrient Management Plan? Ms. Duerig responded this is typically part of the local groundwater assistance program that would allow us to do this kind of NMP work, and that we haven't yet been able to identify any grants that are currently soliciting applications, but when that arises we will be pursuing it. We have hired a couple of interns to work in our groundwater group this summer. At least one of them is dedicated to the nutrient management plan data acquisition and identification of data gaps. They began a few weeks ago. They have already started trying to see what wells are in the first priority area, and then looking at the well logs from those wells to try to identify which could provide valuable information and which may be less valuable, so Zone 7 is already working on it even without the grant money, thanks to the budget that the Board passed in June.

Director Quigley said that he learned at last week's CSDA meeting that Alameda County had a new 2014 new flyover GIS map made and one of his contacts led him to believe that Zone 7 may have that because we are in that consortium that pays for GIS. He says he has used it in concert with Google Maps and would like some feedback. Does the Zone 7 staff have access or are they using it as a tool? Kurt Arends, Assistant General Manager, Engineering responded that Zone 7 does participate in a consortium that participates in getting updated aeriels in GIS. We have the latest one from 2014. Director Figuers mentioned that Alameda County has a LIDAR survey, and asked if staff has the LIDAR. Jarnail Chahal, Engineering Manager, replied that this is not the LIDAR data. Although we do have LIDAR data which is a few years older, this is just pictometry which is a high resolution aerial photo that we participated in. Director Figuers asked if it covers the entire county, in other words does it cover South Livermore Valley or is it only where people live? Mr. Chahal responded that it covers our service area and also Dougherty Valley north of us, but he will have to check if it covers all of Alameda County.

President Palmer commended the Administrative Committee, Directors Ramirez Holmes, Figuers and Quigley, saying they did a really fine job at the last meeting by coming up with suggestions for staff in terms of increased transparency of the Board. Staff is now working on feasibility. This should be another step in the right direction.

Item 13 – Staff Reports (Information items.)

- a. General Manager's Report
- b. Monthly Budget Report
- c. Legislative Update
- d. Outreach Activities
- e. Drought Update
- f. Verbal Reports

General Manager Jill Duerig reported on one of the discussions had at the Administrative Committee on the possibility of seeking a CSDA Certificate of Transparency. As of today, Zone 7 has met all of the requirements for that certificate, so the application will be submitted as soon as all the documents have been gathered. It is unknown how long it will take CSDA to turn around the application.

Ms. Duerig reminded the Board that we are still trying to arrange a summer retreat and that Ms. Van Buskirk has sent out a Doodle poll for dates, or Board members are also welcome to contact Ms. Van Buskirk directly.

Ms. Duerig said that the Board has just approved a water rates study and staff anticipates needing a couple extra meetings with the full board to discuss status. She asked that the Board hold the following three dates open for special board meeting dates in August and September: August 26th, September 2nd and September 30th. Please keep these dates open at the standard board time. Ms. Duerig will send out an email reminder to all Directors.

Item 14 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.