

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ZONE 7
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING/BOARD WORKSHOP

August 19, 2013

President Stevens called the Special Board Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The following were present:

DIRECTORS: JOHN GRECI
SARAH PALMER
DICK QUIGLEY
ANGELA RAMIREZ HOLMES
WILLIAM STEVENS

ABSENT: SANDY FIGUERS
AJ MACHAEVICH

ZONE 7 STAFF: JILL DUERIG, GENERAL MANAGER
KURT ARENDS, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, ENGINEERING
TOM HUGHES, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, ADMINISTRATION
CAROL MAHONEY, SENIOR GEOLOGIST, INTEGRATED PLANNING
DAVID ALADJEM, GENERAL COUNSEL
JUDY RECTOR, BOARD SECRETARY

Item 3 - Citizens Forum - None.

Item 4 - "Helpful Principles for Board Members"

Board members reviewed copies of the Gentleperson's Agreement (July 20, 2007), Helpful Principles for Board Members (Cucamonga Valley Water District - CVWD), and the current Zone 7 Water Agency Board Policy on Conducting Business (September 19, 2012) which were distributed at the meeting.

Board members discussed summarizing the Board guidelines and Gentleperson's Agreement and developing a List of Helpful Principles using the Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) example.

As a result of that discussion, the following Guiding principles were drafted:

• **Role of the Board**

- Promote the best interests of the public by establishing policies that support the mission, vision and core values of the organization and by ensuring the implementation of those policies.
- Assure the fiscal health for the organization and provide the resources necessary to meet the agency's goals.

- Provide policy direction to the General Manager, who will, in turn, manage the day-to-day operations of the organization.
- Understand your role and relationship to other board members and to the General Manager.
- Recognize and respect the distinction between the policy-setting role and the day-to-day implementation of policy by staff.

• **Principles of the Board of Directors -The Board:**

- Functions as a team.
- Respects and supports each other.
- Values open and honest communication.
- Is prepared for meetings.
- Practices continued professional development in their role as directors.
- Are respectful and considerate of staff.

The Board discussed expanding the language in the Gentleperson's Agreement to highlight transparency.

The Board discussed Section 14, Board of Directors' Roles and Duties from the Zone 7 Water Agency Board Policy on Conducting Business, revised September 19, 2012.

Item 5 - Watershed Protection - the new frontier

5a. Patterson Pass Property

The Board discussed how to use lakes that belong to Zone 7, utilizing the new Patterson Pass property, and whether the Board needed to review Strategic Priorities because being watershed stewards is a "new frontier" for Zone 7. The Directors held a lengthy discussion around the principles of good range management for the Patterson Pass property (i.e., erosion control, responsible grazing practices).

There was a suggestion to create a Watershed Protection Committee but after discussion it was decided to fold watershed protection into the existing Water Resources Committee.

5b. Chain of Lakes Planning and Challenges

Carol Mahoney led a discussion on evaluating potential uses for the Chain of Lakes.

5c. Associated updates to Mission Statement and/or Strategic Plan, if any

The Directors felt the Mission Statement does not need to be revised. They intend to add two Strategic Planning Priorities once they have been reviewed by the Water Resources Committee:

- 1.15 Develop and implement a program for watershed stewardship
- 1.16 Maintain and improve source water quality to protect public health and safety

Item 6 - Independence Update

6a. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Alameda County Public Works

The Board members had a brief discussion about this Memorandum of Understanding with Alameda County Public Works. The County has not responded in writing since April 2013. The hydrology model for the Stream Management Update has the potential to impact Alameda County west (Alameda County Water District).

6b. Principles of Agreement with Contra Costa County

Contra Costa County had concerns that Zone 7 wanted to do flood control for Dougherty Valley. A set of principles were developed clarifying intent. Zone 7 supports the document going to the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors.

Director Ramirez Holmes asked if independence updates would come to the Board as an agenda item. She feels the public should know that there are parallel conversations with Contra Costa County and Alameda County LAFCos. Any agreements would come to the Board.

6c. LAFCo

Submitting a LAFCo application for independence has been put on hold until various items are checked off. The Tri Valley Utility Coordination Integration Study (involving Zone 7, City of Pleasanton, City of Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District, City of San Ramon and City of Dublin) has to be completed, too.

Item 7 - Verbal Reports

Director Ramirez Holmes reported that City of Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho was pleased with the City of Pleasanton/Zone 7 Liaison Committee held in August. Another Liaison Committee meeting will be scheduled by the end of the year after the City Managers meet the end of October.

General Manager Jill Duerig gave a verbal report on the August Association of California Water Agencies 2013 Regulatory Summit meeting in Oxnard.

Item 8 - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.