

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
December 10, 2004
10:00 a.m.

President Cheryl Tubbs called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:00 a.m. All present stood for the pledge of allegiance, led by President Tubbs.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Tubbs, President
Clare Henry Day, Vice President
Manuel Aranda, Jr., Director
Melody Henriques-McDonald, Director
Burt Marcum Jr., Director
Arnold Wright, Director
Glenda Douglas, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David B. Cosgrove, Esq.

STAFF PRESENT:

Lawrence M. Libeu, General Manager/Board Secretary
Tom Crowley, Assistant General Manager
Colleen Theuer, Assistant to the General Manager/Recording Secretary
Walter Christensen, Project Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ralph Simoni, California Advocates, Inc.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Tubbs announced this as the time for any persons present, who so desire, to make an oral presentation to the Board of Directors. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded with the published agenda items.

2. AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Five-year award certificates were presented to staff members Walter Christensen and Colleen Theuer. Mr. Christensen's anniversary date was December 6, 1999, and Ms. Theuer's anniversary date was November 1, 1999.

3. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Douglas reported on the ACWA Fall Conference held in Palm Springs December 1-3. Director Henriques-McDonald also reported on the conference, and described one workshop she attended that held a mock terrorism act, which was for stressing the importance of being prepared in the event of such an attack. President Tubbs reported on meetings between the District, the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District, regarding water rights. She indicated that the meetings are continuing. Director Aranda reported that he also attended the ACWA Fall Conference, and served as the alternate representative at the JPIA meetings. He discussed possible legislative reforms for special districts, and presented a Certificate of Recognition to the District from Assemblyman Longville for the District's participation to the Provisional Accelerated Learning Center's 6th Annual Community Outreach Career Job Fair.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Director Marcum and seconded by Vice-President Day to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2004. The motion carried unanimously.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports for this meeting. An Outreach Committee meeting was scheduled for January 11th, 2005, at 3:30 p.m. Committee members include President Tubbs, Director Henriques-McDonald, and Director Aranda. An Administrative Committee meeting was also scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. Members for this committee include President Tubbs, Director Wright, and Vice-President Day.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Libeu summarized the General Manager's report. He discussed the Administrative Assistant II position that had become available, and noted that the position had been

upgraded to "Executive Assistant." The closing date for this position was December 17, 2004. Other items of discussion included the ACWA Conference and the importance of Outreach; the State of the City address for the Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce on December 16, for which the District is a platinum sponsor; and the Special Districts dinner meeting on December 20, at the Radisson Hotel, hosted by the District.

7. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Crowley summarized the Operations and Maintenance Report. He noted that work would soon begin on constructing the AB 303 wells. Answering questions from the Board, Mr. Crowley discussed the Perc studies, and Mr. Cosgrove summarized the draft EIR from the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. Vice-President Day requested an update on the Wash Plan for the next meeting.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Theuer briefly discussed the monthly financial reports.

It was moved by Vice-President Day and seconded by Director Marcum to approve the Consent Calendar, consisting of the Expenditures for November 2004 and the Un-audited Financial Reports for November 2004. The motion carried unanimously.

9. BOARD LETTERS, ACTION ITEMS, NEW BUSINESS, FYI

Mr. Libeu led a discussion on committee assignments for 2005, and noted that in keeping with the Board Policy Manual, there would be an election of new Board officers in December 2005. Discussion continued regarding Board offices and included the possible rotation of Board officers. President Tubbs also asked for feedback from Board members on their committee assignment preferences for recommendations at the January Board meeting.

10. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Ralph Simoni, of California Advocates, Inc., presented his annual state legislative report. He discussed the unprecedented Governor recall and subsequent election of Arnold Schwarzenager to Governor; the property tax diversion by the state on Special Districts; and other items of interest to the District.

11. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Director Henriques-McDonald and seconded by Vice-President Day to adjourn to Closed Session at 11:34 a.m., as provided by the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9a, with respect to Application 31371 before the State Water Resources Control Board to

appropriate waters of the Santa Ana River. The motion carried unanimously.

Directors Marcum and Wright were excused from the Closed Session due to a possible conflict of interest.

12. ADJOURN MEETING

At 11:45 a.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. At 11:46 a.m., the meeting adjourned to Isabella's Restaurant for the Board/Staff annual Christmas Luncheon. The next Board meeting was scheduled for January 5, 2005.

Board Secretary