

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
January 14, 2004

President Cheryl Tubbs called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.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
Sterling Woodbury, Director
Arnold L. Wright, Director
Bert Marcum Jr., Director
Manuel Aranda, Jr., Director
Melody Henriques, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David B. Cosgrove, Esquire

STAFF PRESENT:

Lawrence M. Libeu, General Manager/Board Secretary
Tom Crowley, Assistant General Manager
Colleen Theuer, Administrative Services Manager/Recording Secretary

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2. DISCUSSION, MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS, AND/OR COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Henriques reported that she attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, where Director Wright's wife Margaret was awarded Citizen of the Year. She said the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce magazine also reported that Lawrence Libeu became the District's new General Manager.

Director Aranda reported that the Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce would be having their annual Community Awards Dinner on January 22. The District, as a "Benefactor" member, will have a table for eight. Directors Tubbs, Aranda, Henriques, Wright, and Woodbury and guests will be attending, as well as General Manager Libeu and Assistant General Manager Crowley. The District has also been nominated for "Business of the Year." On January 29 the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual installation dinner; Directors Aranda and Henriques and General Manager Libeu will be attending.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2003

It was moved by Director Woodbury and seconded by Vice President Day to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2003. The motion carried unanimously.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Aranda reported on the Outreach Committee meeting held on January 13, 2004. Discussion included the 25th Anniversary Dinner for Congressman Jerry Lewis to be held on January 24; General Manager Libeu will be attending. He noted that the ACWA committees appointments had been made: Director Henriques to the Water Management Committee; Director Aranda to the Legislative and Federal Affairs Committees; Mr. Libeu to the Federal Affairs and Local Government Committees; and Mr. Crowley to the Groundwater Committee. He said that he, Director Henriques, and Mr. Libeu would be attending the ACWA Conference in Washington D.C. in February.

Director Aranda discussed the upcoming November election for the 63rd District. He said the primaries would be taking place in March, and suggested inviting all the general election candidates for a tour of the District after the primary.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Libeu highlighted some of the past and present events and accomplishments for this year. He said the District would continue to meet with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and Western Municipal Water District regarding water rights. The District is continuing to work with the Bureau of Land Management over the land exchange; and the efforts for obtaining funds for the restructure of the borrow pit is also

continuing. He and Director Tubbs would be attending the WESTCAS Conference in February.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice President Day and seconded by Director Marcum to approve the Consent Calendar, consisting of the Expenditures for December 2003 and the un-audited financial reports for December 2003. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no Board letters, action items, new business, or FYI for this meeting.

8. CLOSED SESSION

This item was deferred until after the Budget Workshop.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF REVISED 2003-2004 BUDGET

Using visual aids, Mr. Libeu reviewed and discussed a possible revised budget for 2003-2004. He explained how and why the changes requested would be necessary. During the discussion, he answered questions from the Board.

After the presentation and discussion, Mr. Libeu said he would make the revised budget an action item for the February Board meeting.

At 2:50 p.m., the Workshop was adjourned and a ten-minute recess was called.

At 3:05 p.m., the regular Board meeting continued.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

8. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Vice President Day and seconded by Director Henriques to adjourn to Closed Session at 3:05 p.m., as provided by the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9a, application before the State Water Resources Control Board to appropriate waters of the Santa Ana River (Application No. 31371). The motion carried 5-0, with Directors Marcum and Wright excused due to a possible conflict of interest.

At 3:30 p.m., it was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Aranda to reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried 5-0, with Directors Marcum and Wright excused due to a possible conflict of interest.

In accordance with Government Code Section 54957.1, there was no reportable action taken.

9. ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Board Secretary