

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
January 5, 2005
1:30 p.m.

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
Manuel Aranda, Jr., Director
Burt Marcum Jr., Director
Arnold Wright, Director
Glenda Douglas, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Melody Henriques-McDonald, Director

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Guest from Geo-Trans

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. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

President Tubbs, Vice President Day, and Directors Wright, Aranda, and Douglas reported on the Special Districts Dinner hosted by the District; comments were very favorable. Director Aranda also reported on other outreach activities; he said that the District provided ten cases of water to the Loma Linda Lopers for one of their running events.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Vice President Day and seconded by Director Douglas to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2004. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Henriques-McDonald absent.

4. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Libeu reminded the Board of the Outreach Committee Meeting at 3:30 on January 11, 2005, and the Administrative Committee Meeting at 3:00 on January 25, 2005.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Libeu summarized the General Manager's report. He noted that the District has been working short-staffed for the last four months (the administrative assistant position has been vacant), and staff is in the process of interviewing applicants for the position.

Mr. Libeu said that the Board Policy Manual had been distributed last month, and will be discussed at the Administrative Committee meeting on January 25th. The main discussion would be regarding Board officers' terms, committee assignments, and additions to the Roster of Organizations.

6. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Crowley summarized the Operations and Maintenance Report. He noted that construction on the two AB 303 wells in the Santa Ana River Spreading Grounds would begin on January 10.

Mr. Crowley indicated that staff would begin to compile the information needed for the Engineering Investigation Report and for the 2004 Big Bear Watermaster. Both reports would be available to the Board in March and April.

Mr. Crowley briefly discussed the SAR-MC recharge summary, and answered questions from the Board. President Tubbs mentioned that people with paint ball guns have been trespassing on District property to play their war games, in spite of the "No Trespassing" signs. Mr. Cosgrove stated that the District should maintain signs prohibiting

trespassing, but that the District is generally not liable for unauthorized entry or use of its facilities.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Theuer briefly discussed the monthly financial reports.

It was moved by Director Wright and seconded by Vice President Day to approve the Consent Calendar, consisting of the Expenditures for December 2004 and the un-audited Financial Reports for December 2004. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Henriques-McDonald absent.

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

A. WASH Plan Update - Walter Christensen

Mr. Christensen updated the Board on the current status of the WASH Plan, and distributed maps of the WASH Plan area. He said that the technical members of the Task Force have reviewed the plan and a meeting has been scheduled for January 20 for the Task Force as a whole for approval of the plan. The environmental portion of the plan is expected to be completed in early fall, depending on the land transfer status. Discussion continued, and Mr. Christensen answered questions from the Board.

B. Proposed Board Meeting Schedule for 2005

Mr. Libeu discussed a proposed schedule for Board meetings for the calendar year 2005. The schedule included two possible dates for the mid-year fiscal workshop; the date of January 26 was scheduled, to take place at 2:30 p.m. at District headquarters. Additionally, a Board retreat to discuss goals and objectives was scheduled for March 30, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

9. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session for this meeting.

10. ADJOURN MEETING

At 2:40 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the regular Board meeting to be held March 2, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. at District headquarters.

