

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
January 10, 2007
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
Manuel Aranda, Vice President
Richard Corneille, Director
Clare Henry Day, Director
Glenda Douglas, Director
Melody McDonald, Director
Arnold Wright, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David B. Cosgrove, Esq.

STAFF PRESENT:

Lawrence M. Libeu, General Manager/Board Secretary
Colleen Theuer, Assistant to the General Manager/Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT:

D. Burnell Cavender, Consultant for Wash Plan
J. McAlister, Tetrattech, 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. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Corneille reported that he attended the Special Districts meeting, and noted that the Advisory Commission meeting, which he would attend, would be January 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

President Tubbs and Director Douglas both reported attending the Special Districts meeting.

Vice President Aranda reported attending the Special Districts meeting, and advised that he would begin attending the ACWA legislative meetings held once a month in Sacramento.

Director McDonald reported attending the Special Districts meeting and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There was a brief discussion on the minutes for the meeting of December 15, 2006.

It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Director McDonald to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2006, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports for this meeting.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Libeu summarized his written General Manager's report, noting that interviews would begin for the positions of Assistant General Manager and Director of Land and Water Resources on Friday, January 12, and continuing the following week.

6. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Libeu distributed the latest flow report and reported on the operations and maintenance of the District's facilities. He discussed improvements to D Dike and the fence repair that needed to be done, due to vandalism.

7. WASH PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Burnie Cavender, consultant to the District's Wash Plan project, discussed the status of the Wash Plan. He summarized the update given on December 15, 2006 by Mr. Cosgrove. He noted that at the meeting with the Habitat Working Group in late November, a change was made regarding the EIS and EIR; rather than consolidating them, they were to be separate documents. Mr. Cavender discussed the recent meetings he had with Cal-Trans and LSA. Using visual aids, he discussed the trails issues and answered questions from the Board. The revised time line was discussed. He projected that the draft EIR and EIS should be completed by mid-February; the Project Description should be completed January 12; the Traffic Study should be completed by January 26th; the Administrative Draft should be completed by mid-February; and possibly issuing the draft EIR and EIS in the latter half of March. BLM has advised the District and LSA that they must submit the draft EIS to EPA so that they can have it appear in the Federal Register. This process could possibly add another 30 to 45 days to the timeline. Mr. Cavender indicated that Mr. Libeu, while in Washington DC next month, will visit EPA offices to see if the process can be expedited. Once the draft EIS is published in the Federal Register, federal agencies reviews then takes place during the next 90 days. Mr. Cavender said he is still hoping the project will be completed by December 2007, but once it goes to federal agencies, it is out of District control. Discussion continued, and Mr. Cavender answered questions from the Board.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

The financial statements were briefly discussed.

It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Vice-President Aranda to approve the Consent Calendar, consisting of the un-audited financial reports for December 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were none for this meeting.

10. CLOSED SESSION

At 2:40 p.m., the meeting adjourned to Closed Session, as provided by the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9a, to consider Application No. 31371 before the State Water Resources Control Board to appropriate waters of the Santa Ana River; and 54956.9(b)(3)(a), 54956.9(c), and 54956.9(b)(1) significant exposure to litigation in one case; and Government Code Section 54956.8, regarding easement agreement with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. The motion carried unanimously.

At 3:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened into Open Session. During Closed Session, the Board authorized settlement of the claim presented by Wes Green for \$4,737.20 for commission due.

11. ADJOURN MEETING

At 3:15 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at District Headquarters, 1630 W Redlands Blvd., Suite A, Redlands, CA at 1:30 p.m.

Board Secretary