

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
June 24, 2009
1:30 P.M.

President Melody McDonald called the Board Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. All present stood for the pledge of allegiance, led by President McDonald.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melody McDonald, President
Cheryl Tubbs, Director
Clare Henry Day, Director
Arnold Wright, Director
Richard Corneille, Director (1:35 p.m.)
John Longville, Director (1:45 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Manuel Aranda, Vice President

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Robert Neufeld, General Manager
Claud Seal, Assistant General Manager/District Engineer
Colleen Theuer, Admin. Mgr/Recording Secretary
Shanae Smith, Executive Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT:

Cindy Saks, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President McDonald 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 preceded with the published agenda items.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions/deletions to the agenda.

3. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

President McDonald reported attending the Upper Santa Ana Water Resources Association meeting.

Arnold Wright reported that he would be out of town from June 28 – July 6.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the Board meeting of June 10, 2009 were briefly discussed. Minor changes in wording under Items 5B, 5C and 5D were noted.

It was moved by Clare Day and seconded by Director Tubbs to approve the minutes of June 10, 2009, as amended. The motion carried 6-0, with Vice President Aranda noted absent.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Board Committee Reports

There were no committee reports for this meeting.

B. Wash Plan Update

Mr. Neufeld updated the Board of Directors on behalf of the Project Manager. He said the process for completing the EIS Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Wash Plan was still under review by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Washington office, and that the Project Manager had anticipated delays between 30 - 45 days in the scheduled publishing of the NOI in the Federal Register. A field meeting would be coordinated for the upcoming week with Jones & Stokes, Inc. and the Project Manager regarding the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Mr. Neufeld closed by stating that the biological assessment would be completed in draft form the week of June 28.

C. Operations and Maintenance Report

Mr. Seal reported that the District was spreading water from Santa Ana River with inflows averaging daily between 10 to 12 cfs., and that current spreading has been between 2 to 3 cfs (4 to 6 AF per day). He reported that spreading had ceased in the

Mill Creek spreading basins due to minimal flows taken upstream by local water producers such as Crafton Water and the City of Redlands.

Mr. Seal coordinated meetings with both field personnel and Larry Jacinto Construction to examine the inlet structure at Mill Creek for repair estimates, including the application of an epoxy coating for wear surface on the main channel rebar, which would be later replaced with a new coating that would leave the concrete base intact. Mr. Seal said that the timing was perfect, as there were no flows currently in the channel.

Mr. Seal also noted that detailed field drawings for topography work conducted by surveyors in and around the Southern California Edison (SCE) Power Plant No. 3 would be available in two weeks.

D. Santa Ana River Groundwater Recharge Optimization Study Update

Mr. Seal reported that MWH and GEI have issued the final report for the Optimization Study. He indicated that due to time constraints of meeting schedules, the summary would be presented at the upcoming Board of Directors regular meeting on July 8.

E. Assistant General Manager's Report

Mr. Seal reported on several items, including the development of a Standard Deviation curve for the Santa Ana River flows, based on recordings of the USGS Mentone recorder, upstream of the inlet structure. He also noted that he was developing concepts and designs in conjunction with the Optimization Study recommendations, as well as implementing format changes to the existing Daily Flow Report.

F. General Manager's Report

Mr. Neufeld stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

6. ACTION ITEMS, NEW BUSINESS, FYI

A. Approval of Updated Board Policy Manual

Discussion ensued regarding the draft of the updated Board Policy Manual. Mr. Cosgrove indicated that he had reviewed the draft and had several changes, which he discussed with the Board, to ensure that the manual was in compliance with all current applicable laws.

It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Longville to approve and adopt the updated Board Policy Manual, as amended. The motion carried 6-0, with Vice President Aranda noted absent.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Call for Nominations for ACWA Region 9 Candidates for Region Officer and Board Member

President McDonald explained the procedures for the ACWA Region 9 candidate nominations and asked whether the Board would want to make any recommendations. After discussion, the Board declined to nominate a candidate.

7. UPCOMING EVENTS

There was no discussion on this item.

8. CLOSED SESSION

At 2:19 p.m., it was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Longville to adjourn to Closed Session, under Government Code Section 54956.8, consider Real Property negotiations with the City of Redlands regarding potential well sites along Orange Avenue; Government Code Section 54956.9(c), consider whether to initiate litigation; and Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(a), and Section 54956.0(c), and Section 54956.0(b)(1), confer with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation in one case. The motion carried 6-0, with Vice President Aranda noted absent.

At 3:05 p.m., the meeting reconvened into Open Session. Under Government Code Section 54957.1, there was no reportable action taken.

9. ADJOURN MEETING

At 3:05 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for July 8, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA.

R. Robert Neufeld
Secretary of the Board