

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF April 30, 2012  
1:30 P.M.

President Corneille 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 Corneille.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Corneille, President  
Melody McDonald, Vice President  
Clare Henry Day, Director  
Bob Glaubig, Director  
John Longville, Director (1:34 p.m.)  
David E. Raley, Director  
Manuel Aranda, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David B. Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker, LLP

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, General Manager  
Athena Medina, Administrative Services Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ben Coleman, East Valley Water District

#### 1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Corneille 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 continued with published agenda items.

#### 2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Mr. Cozad requested that Action Item D be removed from the agenda.

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO ADOPTION OF THE GROUNDWATER CHARGE

President Corneille opened the Public Hearing related to the adoption of the groundwater charge. Mr. Cozad stated that Staff has not received any formal communications from any agencies or public opposing the increase. There were no commenting parties noted in attendance at hearing therefore the Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Cozad discussed Resolution No. 476 raising the Groundwater Charge 15%. Minor revisions were needed to correct the resolution pertaining to revenue and expense values. In discussing the approval of the resolution Director Raley stated that he believes the District has sufficient revenue from other sources to cover our expenses at this time.

**It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Aranda to adopt the resolution as amended raising the Groundwater Charge. The motion carried 6-1, with Director Raley in opposition.**

#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Board Minutes from April 11, 2012

**It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Director Aranda to approve minutes from the April 11, 2012 as amended. The motion carried 7-0.**

## 5. ACTION ITEMS, NEW BUSINESS

### A. SENATOR BOB DUTTON SB 1186

Director Aranda inquired as to whether a letter of support would be seen as supporting a political candidate. Legal counsel stated that the District would be supporting the legislation not the author or his candidacy. Director McDonald and Glaubig noted text changes that would need to be included to tailor to the District.

**It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Director McDonald to authorize Staff to prepare and submit support letter for SB 1186. The motion carried 7-0.**

### B. ACWA GENERAL SESSION MEMBERSHIP MEETING VOTING DELEGATE

Mr. Cozad introduced the item and noted that the District's Board has historically asked Director McDonald to be assigned as the voting delegate for the ACWA General Session Membership Meeting.

**It was moved by Director Aranda and seconded by Director Raley to delegate Director McDonald as the voting delegate for the ACWA General Session Membership meeting. The motion carried 7-0.**

### C. 22 ACRES PROPERTY FOR SALE

Director Raley suggested installing solar panels on the 22 Acres rather than sell it. Discussion ensued. Legal counsel suggested the item be brought back at a future meeting. The Board received and filed report.

### D. OFFER TO PURCHASE AGGREGATE

This item was deleted from agenda.

### E. REDISTRICTING AND NUMBER OF DIVISIONS

President Corneille noted that this item is to consider the decrease in divisions from 7 to 5 and direct Staff and that there will be further discussion and a resolution adopted at a later date. The District still needs to identify the

divisions and prepare a map. President Corneille stated that Staff will bring back alternatives for the divisions' boundaries. Discussion ensued. Legal counsel also noted that the motion or action here today is to instruct Staff on policy direction only. Director Raley is in support of the reduction due to the cost savings he believes the District will incur. President Corneille stated that he believes the reduction will create additional work for the remaining 5 Board members; however he is also in support due to cost savings. Director Day noted that there are other agencies that operate efficiently with a five member board and he is in support of the reduction as well, although he stated that he does not see a significant cost savings to the District.

**Director Longville moved and Director McDonald seconded that Staff be directed to prepare the resolution and maps to support a reduction of divisions from seven to five. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### F. MSR\LAFCO CONSULT SUPPORT CONTRACT

Mr. Cozad noted that California Strategies has assisted the District in the past with LAFCO issues and recommends the District continue to use their services with a not to exceed consulting contract of \$32,000.00 to assist with the potential upcoming MSR\LAFCO issues. Director Raley and Aranda voiced concerns over the cost of the contract. Mr. Cozad stated that staff does not have experience with LAFCO issues and that it is important to have a consultant that has knowledge of these types of issues. Discussion ensued.

**Director McDonald moved and Director Longville seconded to authorize Staff to prepare and execute a consultant contract in the amount not to exceed \$32,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### 6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

##### A. Collaborative Agreement Verbal Update

Mr. Cosgrove noted that an additional draft of the lease has been received as of last week. Legal counsels continue to narrow down issues and work on leasing structure. President Corneille stated that the target date for completion of final lease structure is June 2012. Director Raley stated that he is concerned pertaining to how much water will be exported out of the Bunker Hill Basin under this agreement and the adverse effect it could have on our producers. He suggested a workshop be conducted to explain in detail the Bunker Hill Basin operations. Discussion ensued.

## B. Monthly Recharge Report

Mr. Cozad stated the District is approaching approximately 7,000 acre feet recharged in Santa Ana River and 4,000 in Mill Creek. He noted the March recharge report has been included in the board packet.

## C. Future Agenda Items & Staff Task requests from Directors

President Corneille would like to see the Wash Plan Analysis no later than June. Mr. Cozad stated there will be a status report presented next month. Director Raley asked to have the financial information for Wash Plan included in the Wash Plan Analysis.

## 7. MONTHLY BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORTS, AND /OR COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

### **Director Activity Reports**

Director Day attended a Resources Committee meeting.

Director Longville and Glaubig had nothing to report.

Director McDonald attended ACWA\JPIA workshop, SBVMWD Board of Directors meeting and Highland Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

Director Raley attended the Santa Ana Watershed Conference where they presented additional information on storm water capture.

Director Aranda attended the Resources Committee as well as BTAC.

President Corneille reported on the Resources Committee meeting where the SBVMWD Enhanced Recharge Basis of Design Report was discussed. The report was prepared by Black & Veatch and comments will be submitted from the District to SBVMWD. This report pertains to the expansion of operations in the Santa Ana Spreading Grounds. Also discussed at that meeting was the District's Operational Management Manual. President Corneille offered to perform technical editing on this report and spent a day in the field gathering data that will assist him in his efforts. He attended the Santa Ana Watershed Conference as well and passed out a pamphlet of information to the Board. President Corneille attended the Highland Senior Center Golf Tournament in honor of Arnold & Margaret Wright at his own cost. He also reminded the

Board of the upcoming Advisory Commission on Water Policy meeting to be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Director McDonald informed the Board that an informative meeting to attend would also be the Western - San Bernardino Watermaster Collaborative Meeting. Mr. Cozad noted that the next Western - San Bernardino Watermaster Collaborative Meeting will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup> at SBVMWD, 1:30 p.m.

9. CLOSED SESSION

**It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Director Aranda and at 3:09 p.m. the Board adjourned into Closed Session.**

Legal counsel announced the Board would adjourn to closed session on all items listed on published agenda. Under the authority of Government Code section 54956.9 (b)(3)(e) the Board entered closed session to discuss exposure to litigation.

At 4:13 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session and General Counsel reported no reportable action was taken.

10. ADJOURN MEETING

**It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Director Aranda to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting. The motion carried.**

At 4:14 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the regular Board meeting scheduled for May 16, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA.

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Daniel B. Cozad  
General Manager