SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF September 24, 2007 1:30 P.M.

President Melody McDonald 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 McDonald.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melody McDonald, President Manuel Aranda, Vice President Cheryl Tubbs, Director Arnold Wright, Director Clare Henry Day, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Corneille, Director

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David B. Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker, LLP

STAFF PRESENT:

Marv Shaw, General Manager Colleen Theuer, Administrative Services Mgr/Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof, Senecal, Bradley, Gosney & Kruse John Longville

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 proceeded with the published agenda items.

1. <u>CLOSED SESSION</u>

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 1:30 p.m., under the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(c), SBVWCD vs. LAFCO; and Government Code Section 54956.8, Real Property negotiations re: easement agreement with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District/Western Municipal Water District.

It was moved by Director Tubbs and seconded by Director Day to reconvene into Open Session at 2:35 p.m. Under Government Code Section 54957.1, there was no reportable action taken.

2. <u>LAFCO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR CONSOLIDATION</u>

Mr. Shaw reported that LAFCO has issued an initial study and Notice of Preparation (NOP) of Environmental Impact Report for the proposed consolidation between the District and the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. He said that the public review period for the NOP will be from September 7, 2007 to October 8, 2007. Mr. Ciampa said that LAFCO would be conducting a public scoping meeting on September 26, and indicated he would be attending this meeting and would offer comments.

3. <u>CONSIDER BUDGET AUGMENT FOR LSA ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER WASH LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN EIR AND EIS</u>

Mr. Cavender, the Project Manager for the Wash Plan, discussed (by conference call) the budget augment request from LSA Associates in the amount of \$143,450 that had been deferred from the September 5, 2007 Board meeting. Staff review of the ADEIR was completed, and based on this review, Mr. Cavender was recommending approval of the budget augment. Mr. Shaw discussed the project description and the possibility of resurrecting the Borrow Pit project and incorporating it within the Wash Plan. The possibility of federal and state funding for this project was also discussed. Director Tubbs indicated that the Wash Plan, in its current complexity, could be further hampered by including this project.

It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Vice President Aranda to approve the budget augment of \$143,450 and payment to LSA Associates upon completion of acceptable public version drafts of the Santa Ana River Wash Plan DEIR and DEIS, with the District's share being \$33,211.54. The motion carried unanimously.

4. <u>BOARD INTERVIEW WITH POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO REMAINING TERM OF DIVISION 4</u>

Mr. John Longville, former State Assemblyman, was interviewed by the Board for the position of Division 4 Director. At 4:00 p.m., Mr. Longville left the meeting.

It was moved by Director Tubbs and seconded by Director Wright to approve the appointment of John Longville for the Division 4 position. A roll call vote was taken:

President McDonald: Aye
Vice President Aranda: Aye
Director Tubbs: Aye
Director Day: Aye
Director Wright: Aye
Director Corneille: Absent

The motion carried.

5. ADJOURN MEETING

At 4:15 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the regular Board meeting scheduled for October 3, 2007 at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W Redlands Blvd., Suite A, Redlands, CA.

Recording Secretary of the Board