

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF  
January 6, 2009  
8:30 a.m.

President Melody McDonald called the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 8:30 a.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  
Clare Henry Day, Director  
Cheryl Tubbs, Director  
Arnold Wright, Director  
John Longville, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Corneille, Director

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Robert Neufeld, General Manager  
Claud Seal, Assistant General Manager  
Colleen Theuer, Admin. Mgr./Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT:

Greg Gage, 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 proceeded with the published agenda items.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING BOARD PRESIDENT TO APPOINT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RECENTLY RECEIVED INFORMATION RELATED TO POTENTIAL WATER TRANSFERS

Mr. Neufeld discussed the Board meeting from December 12, 2008 in which the possibility of transferring or selling water to willing buyers was explored. He said the written presentation for this item was taken without authorization from the District's front counter and then distributed over the next few days to a number of select producers in the basin area. While this presentation was for information only, and was not an action item, it still became the subject of many questions as to the intent of the District. Mr. Neufeld recommended that the Board president appoint an ad hoc committee to further study this possibility of water transfers, and then bring the findings to the full Board.

**It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Aranda to direct the president to appoint an ad hoc committee to further study the possibility of transferring or selling water, and bring back the findings to the full Board. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Corneille noted absent.**

President McDonald appointed Directors Tubbs, Corneille, and Longville as the members for an ad hoc committee for the purpose of studying the possibility of transferring or selling water. Director Aranda was appointed as alternate. A meeting was scheduled for January 7, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the District office.

4. CLOSED SESSION

**At 9:05 a.m., the meeting adjourned into 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(a), confer with legal counsel regarding Case No. SCVSS 147526 San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District vs. San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission; and Government Code Section 54956.9(a), confer with legal counsel regarding the renewal of the Temporary Urgency Permit No. 31732, filed with the State Water Resources Control Board. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Corneille noted absent.**

At 10:15 a.m., the meeting reconvened into Open Session. Under Government Code Section 54957.1, there was no reportable action taken.

5. ADJOURN MEETING

At 10:16 a.m., the meeting adjourned to the Board meeting scheduled for January 14, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA.

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R. Robert Neufeld  
Secretary of the Board