

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF December 11, 2019
9:30 a.m.

Vice President McDonald called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:37 a.m. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Vice President McDonald.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David E. Raley, Director
Melody McDonald, Vice President
Robert Stewart, Director
John Longville, Director (Arrived 9:52 a.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Corneille, President

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker, LLP

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, General Manager
Athena Monge, Administrative Specialist
Erwin Fogerson, Senior Engineer/Project Manager
Betsy Miller, Land Resources Manager/Assistant General Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
June Hayes, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
David Smith, East Valley Water District
Tatiana Moiseeva, Tetra Tech

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vice President McDonald announced that any person present, who so desired, may make an oral presentation to the Board of Directors. There being none, the meeting continued with the posted agenda items.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Director Stewart to approve the Consent Calendar: Item A: Board Minutes, November 13, 2019; and Item B: Expenditure Report, November 2019. The motion carried 3-0 with all Board members present voting in the affirmative, and Directors Longville and Corneille noted absent from the vote.

**President Corneille: Absent
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Absent
Director Raley: Yes
Director Stewart: Yes**

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

A. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE VERBAL UPDATE

Director Raley gave a brief verbal report on the Finance & Administration Committee (Committee) held on November 21. He stated the Committee discussed the financials, including the Active Recharge Transfer Project's funding and the prioritization of goals associated with the funds. Additional items will be covered later in the agenda. This item was received and filed.

B. FIRST QUARTER FINANCIALS FOR 2019-2020

Mr. Cozad introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion in the board package on pages 19 to 22. He said that the revenue for the Exchange Plan increased by \$100,000. That cost is to cover the consultant, Water Systems Consulting, which is updating the agreements. The first workshop to discuss and update the agreement will be held on December 13. The Quarterly Investment Report is located on package page 23.

It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Director Stewart to approve the First Quarter Financials for 2019-2020 as presented. The motion carried 3-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative, and Directors Longville and Corneille noted absent from the vote.

**President Corneille: Absent
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Absent
Director Raley: Yes
Director Stewart: Yes**

C. 2020 PER DIEM RATE

This item was taken out of order.

The Finance & Administration Committee reviewed this item at its last meeting but did not reach a consensus on what percentage the per diem would be increased by. Staff compared local agencies' board member per diem, and it seems the District is in the median range. Director

Longville spoke in support of raising the per diem by the maximum of 5%. He stated that the Board has foregone increases over the years to voluntarily to keep District costs down. He said that the Board should adjust the per diem rate in an amount where it can catch up slightly. Mr. Cosgrove received an email from President Corneille stating his position on this item and read it to the Board. President Corneille expressed his desire to increase the per diem rate by the current CPI-U rate of 2.8% which is consistent with the percentage by which staff increases are based upon. Director Longville asked if the staff had foregone increases when the Board did. Mr. Cozad indicated that the increases were less, but the staff did not entirely forego an increase as the Board members did. Director Raley spoke in support of increasing the per diem rate by 2.8%. He said that he compared our increases to the Social Security rate and the Board increases have been higher. Vice President McDonald indicated that some of the agencies included in staff's comparison have other benefits as well (i.e., life insurance, health, retirement etc.) in addition to the per diem received, thereby skewing the comparison. Director Stewart spoke in opposition to increasing the per diem rate by any percentage. He said that he believes the Board's per diem rate is adequate at its current rate.

It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Director Raley to increase the per diem rate for 2020 by 2.8% and approve Resolution No. 576B. The motion carried 3-1 with Directors McDonald, Longville and Raley in the affirmative, and Director Stewart voting in opposition. Director Corneille was noted absent from the vote.

**President Corneille: Absent
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Yes
Director Stewart: No**

D. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS, NOVEMBER 2019

Mr. Cozad introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion beginning package page 29. He said that the Redlands Plaza is fully leased and the financials for November are as projected.

It was moved by Director Stewart and seconded by Vice President McDonald to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports for November 2019 as presented. The motion carried 3-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative, and Director Longville and Corneille noted absent from the vote.

**President Corneille: Absent
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Absent
Director Raley: Yes
Director Stewart: Yes**

E. LAND EXCHANGE BLM AGREEMENTS

Mr. Cozad introduced this item for discussion. Staff has not received the agreement for approval. However, staff met with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) the day prior, and

the BLM has received comments from the solicitor. This agreement will likely be ready in January 2020 for review and final approval in February 2020.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WASH PLAN VERBAL UPDATE

Ms. Miller provided the verbal update and stated that the Department of Interior Secretarial Briefing was held on November 21. The District received a commendation for how well the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) document was prepared. The CEQA Notice of Completion was submitted to the state clearing house on November 26, and the CEQA 45-day comment period started on December 6. The last day to comment will be January 23. The Task Force met the day prior to receive an update. Staff discussed the permitting options with the Task Force. One permitting option, known as a consistency determination, is where the CDFW looks at what the federal government approved and agrees with it. Another approach is the 2081 permit, where each project is individually approved and permitted. In the past, a Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) was discussed as an option as well. A new option is an umbrella 2081 permit that could cover some or all projects under one permit for an entire HCP. Mr. Cosgrove said that the general consensus is that projects ready to move forward in the next year could not be covered under the umbrella permit, but those that will be ready between one to five years could be covered under the umbrella permit. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cozad said that staff discussed projects and timing with the Task Force. This item was received and filed.

B. GROUNDWATER COUNCIL VERBAL REPORT

Mr. Cozad said that the Groundwater Council began its budgeting process. There will be minor changes to the Budget Policy Committee document. Ms. Scholte will be making the revisions. The 2020 contributions were approved by the Groundwater Council, and staff has requested comments back by January 2020.

C. NEW OUTREACH PRESENTATION REVIEW

Mr. Cozad presented the New Outreach PowerPoint Presentation and provided a brief overview. He indicated that this is just a boilerplate presentation which Board members can customize as they wish for specific audiences. The printed annual report was provided to Board and guests as a handout. The Outreach consultant will be working with the Board and staff to coordinate outreach presentations beginning in January.

D. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY RECHARGE REPORT

Mr. Cozad indicated that the written General Manager's Report was included in the Board package on pages 37 through 39. The Outreach Program Report for Inland Empire Resource Conservation District is included on package page 40, and the Monthly Recharge Report was included on package page 42. Director Stewart asked for a cost-benefit ratio on the aggressive recharge and aggregate summary be provided when available. This item was received and filed.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND STAFF TASKS

There were none discussed.

6. MONTHLY BOARD MEMBER MEETING REPORTS, AND/OR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Raley attended the Redlands Rise N Shine on December 6, Wash Plan Task Force on December 10 and Valley Municipal Special Board meeting on December 9. He chaired the Finance & Administration Committee meeting on November 21 and attended the Valley Municipal Resources Workshop on November 14.

Director Stewart attended the Basin Technical Advisory Commission (BTAC) on December 2 and Loma Linda Chamber on November 14.

Vice President McDonald attended the Valley Municipal Special Board meeting on December 9, Valley Municipal Board meeting on November 19 and Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts (ASBCSD) dinner meeting on November 18. She attended the Valley Municipal Resources Workshop on November 14, Highland Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon on November 26 and San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce (SBACC) Koffee Klatch on November 20 and November 27. Vice President McDonald attended the ACWA Fall Conference, where she attended the Region 9 meeting, JPIA meeting and Water Management Committee meeting.

Director Longville attended the BTAC meeting on December 2, Valley Municipal Board meeting on November 19 and Valley Municipal Special Board meeting on November 25. He attended the Finance & Administration Committee meeting on November 21 and attended the Honoring Excellence Dinner on November 23.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

There were none discussed.

8. CLOSED SESSION

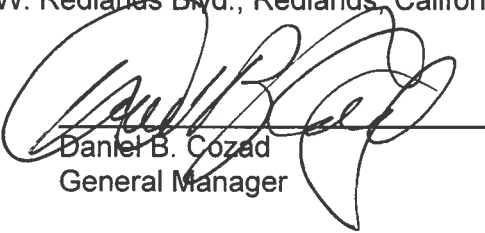
There was no closed session.

9. ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Director Longville to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative, and President Corneille noted absent from the vote.

**President Corneille: Absent
Vice President McDonald: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Yes
Director Stewart: Yes**

At 11:40 a.m., the meeting adjourned to the Board meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on January 8, 2020, at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, California.



Daniel B. Cozad
General Manager

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