

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
PUBLIC MEETING ON GROUNDWATER and BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF April 8, 2015  
1:30 P.M.

President Corneille called the Board Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:32 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  
David E. Raley, Director (1:33 p.m. Arrival)  
Manuel Aranda, Director  
John Longville, Director (1:37 p.m. Arrival)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker, LLP

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, General Manager  
Athena Monge, Administrative Services Specialist  
Jeff Beehler, Land Resource Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Charles Roberts, Highland Community News  
Michelle Diamond, Tetra Tech  
Ron Coats, 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

There were no additions or deletions.

### 3. PUBLIC MEETING RELATED TO ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER CHARGE

President Corneille opened the Public Meeting on the Groundwater Charge for comment. Mr. Cozad presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2014 Engineering Investigation Report as Jeff Beehler did at the April 6<sup>th</sup> BTAC meeting. He indicated that staff had proposed no rate increase to the groundwater charge for the coming year. Director Longville expressed his concern that forgoing a small increase could cause a larger groundwater charge in future years. Mr. Cozad indicated that costs have been low and production high the last couple of years therefore he does not believe an increase is currently warranted. Mr. Cosgrove explained the legal issues related to rate setting and that an increase need not be implemented this year. Additionally, he indicated that there are two pending court cases related to Prop 218 which need further review by counsel. Brief discussion ensued. Having received no comments prior to the public meeting and hearing no public comments, President Corneille closed the public meeting. Mr. Cosgrove indicated that the groundwater resolution will be brought to the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing on the Groundwater Charge for review and consideration of adoption.

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

**It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Vice President McDonald to approve Consent Calendar Items A-Board Minutes, March 11, 2015, Item B-Board Minutes, March 25, 2015, Item C-Expenditure Report, March 2015 and Item D-GWA #43 Report and Investigation List. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative.**

**President Corneille: Yes  
Vice President McDonald: Yes  
Director Longville: Yes  
Director Raley: Yes  
Director Aranda: Yes**

### 5. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. UNAUDITED FINANCIALS, MARCH 2015

**It was moved by Director Aranda and seconded by Vice President McDonald to approve the Unaudited Financials for March 2015. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative.**

**President Corneille: Yes  
Vice President McDonald: Yes  
Director Longville: Yes  
Director Raley: Yes  
Director Aranda: Yes**

#### B. CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by Director Raley to authorize staff to prepare a resolution for concurring nomination for Jo McKenzie of Vista Irrigation District for a position**

on the CSDA Board of Directors. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative.

**President Corneille: Yes**  
**Vice President McDonald: Yes**  
**Director Longville: Yes**  
**Director Raley: Yes**  
**Director Aranda: Yes**

#### C. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INVESTMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS

Mr. Cozad introduced this item for discussion. The Finance & Administration Committee met in January to discuss options for long term investments. It was discussed that the District could potentially ladder certificates of deposits. Staff is requesting further direction from the Board as to whether or not they are interested in seeking proposals for District Reserve funds only or Wash Plan Endowment funds as well; as the District will be responsible for endowment funds. Director Raley indicated that the larger the portfolio the less cost per dollar invested and greater yield. Therefore he recommended requesting proposals for investing both for the District and the Wash Plan reserved funds. Brief discussion ensued. Vice President McDonald recommended contacting JPIA and obtaining their investment organization information. Mr. Cozad said that he will check with other agencies to see who they recommend as well. It was the consensus of the Board to obtain proposals for investing funds for District reserves and Wash Plan Endowment fund.

#### 6. INFORMATION ITEMS

##### A. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none discussed.

##### B. WASH PLAN REPORT

Mr. Beehler introduced this item for discussion. The written Wash Plan Report is included in the Board package on page 56. Mr. Beehler noted that the District held two public scoping meetings on March 18<sup>th</sup> which were well attended. DWR and MWD have indicated that they have pipelines within the Wash Plan area that may need to be covered. Staff met with FWS and identified a way to include them in the Plan without amendment. Additionally, staff held a meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> related to habitat since that was what most of the public had questions or concerns regarding. There was only one member of the public present at that meeting who indicated that he is willing to submit a letter of support to the District. Staff has been working on rewriting the implementation of the Wash Plan so that it may move forward in two separate pieces. Mr. Beehler met with Congressman Cook's staff regarding legislation and they will be going to conference committee in a couple of weeks with our legislation. They requested letters of support from Wash Plan partners. The EIR/EIS are moving forward. BLM requested staff review our cultural report. Staff is reworking reports which should be out early May. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cosgrove asked if outreach was done to speak with Senator Feinstein. Mr. Beehler is working with Congressman Cook and Aguilar's staff regarding legislation. It was recommend that staff follow-up with Senator Feinstein. Director Raley attended both the

scoping meeting and habitat meeting and commended Mr. Beehler and consultants on their efforts. This item was received and filed.

#### C. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY RECHARGE REPORT

Mr. Cozad indicated that the written General Manager's Report is included in the Board package on page 57. Field staff captured approximately 60 acre feet at up to 250 CFS of water released from EBX2 pipeline. He mentioned that the District will be co-sponsoring the Highland Trails Days on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and provided a handout of a map to location. LAFCO comments were prepared regarding draft MSR report and submitted to LAFCO. A joint letter from the District, East Valley Water District and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District was sent in as well echoing the District's letter. Mr. Cozad handed out the governor's executive order; regulations regarding the 25% statewide reduction. This is scheduled to go into effect the first week of May if approved by the State Board. Mr. Cozad said that he would like to inform the private groundwater producers of these new regulations. President Corneille requested that staff analyze the proposed regulations and identify a way to assist our producers with understanding and following them. The Big Bear Watermaster report was filed with the court. Mr. Cozad noted that April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> will be a Redlands Horticultural Society tour. The monthly recharge report was provided as a handout. These items were received and filed.

#### D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & STAFF TASKS

President Corneille requested that the District have a table at the Highland Trails Day, April 18<sup>th</sup> and provide information on the Wash Plan and the District. He asked other directors to attend as well. Additionally, he requested follow-up regarding the governor's executive order at the next Board meeting. Vice President McDonald noted that there will be a conference call on the drought for those interested.

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

Director Longville attended the Harvest Citrus Festival in Highland.

Vice President McDonald attended the Harvest Citrus Festival. She attended BTAC and SBVMWD Board meeting. Additional written reports for meetings she attended are in Board package.

Director Raley attended the Harvest Citrus Festival. He requested that he be registered for the upcoming ASBCSD Dinner meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Director Aranda attended the Citrus Harvest Festival, Sustainability Festival, SBVMWD Board Meeting and BTAC meeting. He also presented at the Loma Linda Chamber. Additional written reports are included in the Board package.

President Corneille setup and manned the District's display at the Sustainability Festival held at the University of Redlands, and the Citrus Harvest Festival. He acknowledged the help of Director Aranda in preparing materials for the display and engineering intern Peter Wedell for his help all day at the Citrus Harvest Festival. He also chaired the Advisory Commission meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that the Mr. Cozad presented at the Advisory Commission on the Groundwater Sustainability Act and the Groundwater Sustainability Council (GSC). The

Commission voted unanimously to support the concept of the GSC. President Corneille provided a handout of the support letter of the GSC to the Valley Board from the Advisory Commission. He attended the IERCD Board meeting today and thanked them for their partnership and presented on the Wash Plan.

President Corneille and Director Aranda submitted travel requests for the 2015 ACWA Spring Conference.

**It was moved by Vice President McDonald and seconded by Director Longville to approve President Corneille's travel request in the amount of \$2,027 and Director Aranda's travel request in the amount of \$2,558 for their attendance at the upcoming ACWA Spring Conference. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative.**

**President Corneille: Yes  
Vice President McDonald: Yes  
Director Longville: Yes  
Director Raley: Yes  
Director Aranda: Yes**

#### **8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

President Corneille indicated that the LAFCO hearing has been rescheduled to May 20th. The Board of Directors meeting for November 11<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled to November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. due to the conflict with the District's observance of Veteran's Day.

#### **9. CLOSED SESSION**

**It was moved by Director Aranda and seconded by Vice President to adjourn to Closed Session. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative.**

**President Corneille: Yes  
Vice President McDonald: Yes  
Director Longville: Yes  
Director Raley: Yes  
Director Aranda: Yes**

General Counsel announced that the meeting will adjourn to closed session under all items posted on the published agenda.

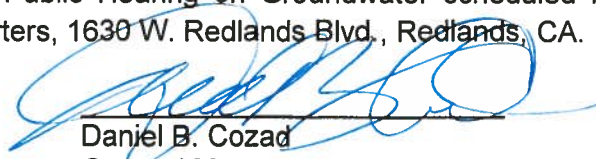
At 4:31 p.m., the meeting reconvened into Open Session. Mr. Cosgrove noted while in Closed Session under Government Code section 54957.1 there was no reportable action taken.

#### **10. ADJOURN MEETING**

**It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Director Aranda to adjourn. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative.**

**President Corneille: Yes**  
**Vice President McDonald: Yes**  
**Director Longville: Yes**  
**Director Raley: Yes**  
**Director Aranda: Yes**

At 4:32 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the Board Workshop immediately following this meeting and the next regular Board Meeting/Public Hearing on Groundwater scheduled for April 22, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA.



Daniel B. Cozad  
General Manager