



Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the Board of Directors of Rowland Water District

February 29, 2012 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

President Anthony J. Lima
Vice President Szu Pei Lu-Yang
Director Robert W. Lewis
Director John Bellah
Director Teresa P. Rios

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

George Edwardz, The Avocado Express, La Habra Heights
Stephen Blagden, La Habra Heights Resident
Judy Hathaway-Francis, La Habra Heights Resident

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF:

Ken Deck, General Manager
Ted Carrera, Assistant General Manager
Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services

President Lima re-ordered the Agenda by moving Public Comment on the Agenda after Tab 1.2 under Action Items.

Tab 1 - ACTION ITEMS

1.1

Discussion by Directors on the recently attended Urban Water Conference held February 9 and 10, 2012, in Palm Springs, California.

Director Lewis reported on the presentation made by the former Chief Financial Officer for Metropolitan Water District and of the inevitable increase of costs and water rates. Director Bellah reported on the presentation made regarding mitigating ratepayer/public concerns and what water districts can do to answer public concerns over rising water rates. He indicated that after listening to this presentation, he feels that the direction which the District is taking with respect to its public outreach programs is timely. President Lima reported on the impacts of higher costs on ocean desalination.

1.2

Review of Draft Water Production and Delivery Agreement between Rowland Water District, La Habra Heights County Water District and Orchard Dale Water District.

Mr. Deck advised the Board that the La Habra Heights County Water District had approved the current draft of the Agreement at its Board meeting held on February 28, 2012. He distributed a draft of the Agreement to members of the Board with a request that they review the Agreement in the form presented with the intention that review and approval of the Agreement be placed on the Agenda for the March 13, 2012 Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Judy Hathaway-Harris, La Habra Heights resident, voiced her concern regarding the La Habra Heights County Water District's infrastructure and its ability to bear the increased capacity if the Agreement between Rowland Water District and La Habra Heights County Water District (LHHCWD) is entered into. Mr. George Edwardz, The Avocado Express, reported on the LHHCWD's Board meeting held on February 28, 2012, and on its approval of the Agreement with approved changes. Mr. Stephen Blagden, La Habra Heights resident, voiced his concerns regarding the use of the LHHCWD infrastructure by the Rowland Water District and the wheeling law as it pertains to the proposed agreement.

1.3 CLOSED SESSION

- a.** Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Purchase of Water Rights
District Negotiator: Ken Deck, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Evolution Markets
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

President Lima adjourned the meeting to closed session at 4:52 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 in order to confer with the District's negotiator.

The closed session was adjourned and the Board resumed the meeting in open session at 5:05 p.m. The Board authorized the District Negotiator, Ken Deck, to proceed with price and terms negotiations with Evolution Markets for the purchase of water rights.

Open session reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

Directors' and General Manager's Comments

The Board President called a Special Meeting of the Board on March 5, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., to discuss the La Habra Heights County Water District Agreement.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Late Business

None.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held March 13, 2012.

A motion was made by Director Rios, seconded by Director Bellah, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

ANTHONY J. LIMA
Board President

Attest: _____
KEN DECK
Board Secretary