



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
March 8, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

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

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Dan Horan, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Teri Malkin, Resident
Deputy Louis Denver, Los Angeles County Sheriff
Jerry Gladbach, ACWA/JPIA

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF

Tom Coleman, General Manager
Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services
Dave Warren, Director of Operations
Sean Henry, Finance Officer

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima, an additional Special Meeting of the Board on March 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., was approved. Consent Calendar was unanimously approved with the addition of the Special Board Meeting.

Ayes: Directors Lu-Yang, Bellah, Lima, Lewis and Rios
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The approval of the Consent Calendar included:

1.1

Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held on February 9, 2016

1.2

Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held on February 23, 2016

1.3

Demands on General Fund Account for January 2016

1.4

Investment Report for January 2016

1.5

Water Purchases for January 2016

Special Board Meeting March 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Special Board Meeting March 23, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
Next Regular Board Meeting April 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for February 2016

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Rios, the Directors' Meeting Reimbursement Report was unanimously approved as presented providing that President Lu-Yang's reimbursements for the month of February be included in the March Reimbursement Report.

Ayes: Directors Lu-Yang, Bellah, Lima, Lewis and Rios
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2.2

Presentation to Rowland Water District by Jerry Gladbach, ACWA/JPIA

Mr. Gladbach presented the District with an ACWA/JPIA refund check in the amount of \$34,940.00 and commended the District for its continued good safety practices.

2.3

Review and Approval of Second Amendment to Employment Agreement for General Manager

After discussion and upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima, the Second Amendment to Employment Agreement for General Manager was unanimously approved as presented.

Ayes: Directors Lu-Yang, Bellah, Lima, Lewis and Rios
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2.4

Public Relations

Mrs. Perea reported that The National Theatre for Children will be performing at eight District elementary schools during the 2016-2017 school year. Previously only six schools were contracted for the performances.

The high school Water Scholar Program Essays have been judged and Deon Hong from Wilson High School was one of the three recipients receiving a \$500 scholarship -- 25 essays were submitted. The check will be made payable to University of California at San Diego, which is the college he will be attending.

Staff manned a booth at the Cherry Blossom Festival held at Schabarum Park, approximately 6,000 people in attendance – twice as many as last year.

The Broadcast Media and Digital Art Contest application due date is March 10, 2016. First place is \$300, second place is \$200 and third place is \$100.

Save Communities Festival will be held on April 9, 2016, 10:00-2:00 p.m. at the Rowland Heights County Park. Staff will set up a booth and distribute conservation information and give-a-ways.

Communications Outreach

Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies, reported that the San Gabriel Valley Tribune has voiced an interest in running a feature story on the OPARC program. CV Strategies has prepared a press release on the successful completion of the District Audit. Erin Gilhuly and Brittnie Van De Car will be attending the California Public Information Officer (CAPIO) conference on April 13, 2016 and CV Strategies has submitted the District's Strategic Plan for an award.

Education Update.

No comments.

2.5

Discussion of Upcoming Conferences, Workshops, or Events (Including Items that May Have Arisen after the Posting of the Agenda)

- **2016 Solar Cup, May 13-15, 2016, Temecula, CA**

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Bellah, the Board unanimously approved the attendance at the Solar Cup Competition by any member of the Board wishing to attend.

Ayes: Directors Lu-Yang, Bellah, Lima, Lewis and Rios

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Tab 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

3.1

Updates on Legislative Issues

None.

Tab 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

None.

Tab 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Mr. Coleman reported on the March 2, 2016 Board meeting and advised that the Three Valleys' Budget was presented for the next fiscal year. They reported that MWD's rates will increase by approximately four percent (4%) based upon reduced sales and Three Valleys' staff is recommending that they no longer provide the \$24.00 per acre foot discount to their member agencies and add a \$15.00 surcharge. The net effect will be that their rates will be increasing from \$918.00 to \$994.00 effective January 1, 2017.

5.2

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Director Lewis thanked Mr. Gladbach for his attendance at the Board meeting and for personally making the check presentation to the District.

5.3

Association of California Water Agencies

Director Lewis advised that he will be attending the ACWA Legislative Symposium in Sacramento tomorrow, March 9, 2016.

5.4

Puente Basin Water Agency

Director Lewis reported on the March 3, 2016 meeting held at Walnut Valley Water District and advised that the Cal Domestic pipeline project is moving along on schedule.

5.5

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

5.6

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Nothing to report.

5.7

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Director Lima reported on the February 18, 2016 meeting and advised that on-going business matters were discussed and that he is now the acting Chair of the Commission. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2016.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

President Lu-Yang introduced Deputy Denver who was in attendance at the meeting. General Manager, Tom Coleman, thanked Deputy Denver for his involvement with the District and staff and noted that he has been a great resource for the District. Deputy Denver advised that the next Council meeting will be held on May 25, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Walnut-Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station.

Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Finance Report

Finance Officer, Sean Henry, provided a Power Point presentation on the status of the Water Supply Allocation for January which reflected a ten percent (10.2%) reduction, with a cumulative total reduction of fourteen percent (14.7%). Revenue charts indicated a twelve percent (12%) reduction in revenue compared to last year, however, reserves have increased by seven percent (7%) compared to last year.

6.2

Operations Report

Director of Operations, Dave Warren, provided information on a two-inch (2") service line relocation within the District's driveway which was completed entirely by District staff. He also reported on the MWD 10-day shutdown of the F.E. Weymouth Plant which was required for the new ozone connection tie-in. The shutdown started on February 29, 2016 and will end at 8:00 a.m. on March 10, 2016. District staff was in communication daily with all parties involved and everything went smoothly. It is the last planned major renovation for this facility.

6.3

Personnel Report

Nothing to report.

Tab 7 ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Legal counsel, Joseph Byrne, advised that there is a court case concerning the Public Records Act in connection with the turf rebate program providing that the names and addresses of those individuals taking advantage of the program can be disclosed. Mr. Gladbach, noted that there is a Federal Bi-Partisan Bill pending maintaining that money received in connection with the rebate program is not subject to taxation.

Directors’ and General Manager’s Comments

None.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Late Business

None.

A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

SZU PEI LU-YANG
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary