



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
August 9, 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

ABSENT:

Director Teresa P. Rios

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Alex Altman, CV Strategies
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Dan Horan, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Teri Malkin, Resident

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

Resident, Teri Malkin, encouraged the District's participation and attendance at the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council meetings.

Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Bellah, the Consent Calendar was modified to change the date of the next Special Board Meeting from August 23, 2016 to August 30, 2016. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote, Director Rios being absent.

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

The approval of the Consent Calendar as modified included:

1.1

Approval of the Minutes of Adjourned Regular Board Meeting Held on July 19, 2016

1.2

Demands on General Fund Account for June 2016

1.3

Investment Report for June 2016

1.4

Water Purchases for June 2016

Next Special Board Meeting August 30, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
Next Regular Board Meeting September 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Approve Directors’ Meeting Reimbursements for July 2016

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima, the Directors’ Meeting Reimbursement Report was approved by a 4-0 vote, Director Rios being absent.

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

2.2

Review and Approve Resolution No. 8-2016 to Oppose Proposition 53

General Manager, Tom Coleman, provided the Board with a Memorandum prepared by Bob Reeb, Reeb Government Relations, LLC, setting forth the proposed language which would be added to Article XVI of the California Constitution by virtue of Proposition 53. The Memorandum also presented the official ballot argument in support of the initiative as well as the official ballot argument in opposition of the initiative. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima to approve Resolution No. 8-2016.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion was passed by a vote of 4-0.

2.3

Consider Amending District “Ethics Guidelines for Directors” to Add the Attendance at Walnut Valley Water District Board Meetings by a District Representative, or Alternate, to Category 1 of Section 12 “Directors Compensation and Expense Reimbursement”

No action taken. Matter tabled to next month’s meeting.

2.4

Approve Amendment to 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget to Include New Line Item: “Various Capital Outlay”

General Manager, Tom Coleman, discussed the advantage of adding the new line item as a contingency to provide for an adjustment to capital budget items.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima to approve the amendment to the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget as presented. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote; Director Rios being absent.

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

2.5

Discuss Attendance at Awards Ceremony Hosted by Inland Empire Caucus of the California Disabilities Services Association, on October 6, 2016, 4:30 p.m. at Red Hill Country Club, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

General Manager, Tom Coleman, discussed the invitation received by the District from OPARC to attend the awards ceremony to recognize the partnership in advancement of adults with disabilities and to accept the award being presented to the District.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Bellah, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve the attendance at the awards ceremony by Directors Lima and Lu-Yang to accept the award on behalf of the District, and to approve the payment of a stipend for their attendance. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote; Director Rios being absent.

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

2.6

Public Relations

Mrs. Perea reported that Brittnie and Water Systems Operator, Ryan White, staffed a booth at the “Rowland Heights National Night Out” held at the Community Center on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The event was well attended, approximately 400 people, compared to last year which had less people in attendance.

Solar Cup letters of intention have been sent to the principals at Nogales, Wilson and Santana High Schools. Ron Hill from Nogales High School has responded that he will be sending the form in to Three Valleys. The Solar Cup boat building workshop will be starting a month early this year, October instead of November. There is a possibility that MWD will be increasing their Solar Cup budget to allow for more boat entries into the competition.

Communications Outreach

Alex Altman, CV Strategies, advised that CV Strategies had prepared a tri-fold direct mailer for delivery to District customers advising them of the adoption of the Level 1 Water Conservation and Water Shortage Contingency Plan and the rescission of the Level 2 Water Conservation and Water Shortage Contingency Plan and also created a poster to be displayed in the District lobby setting forth the Level 1 restrictions. A press release was prepared by CV Strategies on the Level 1 restrictions and published by the San Gabriel Valley Daily Tribune on July 29, 2016. He also advised that CV Strategies is working on a video project concentrating on the state of the water jobs industry. The intent is to play the video at ACWA's fall conference in Anaheim in December. It is going to give a statewide look at the state of the industry – jobs ranging from customer service to operations to engineering to billing to management. It will include several districts from across the state and they would like to feature Rowland Water District and its internship program in the video. They will be onsite at the District on August 16 to conduct interviews.

Education Update.

No comments.

2.9

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

- 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

Director Lima reported that the July 6, July 20, August 3, and August 17, 2016 meetings were cancelled.

5.2

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Nothing to report.

5.3

Association of California Water Agencies

Nothing to report.

5.4

Puente Basin Water Agency

Director Lima reported that the next meeting will be held on August 11, 2016, at Walnut Valley Water District.

5.5

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

5.6

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Director Lewis reported that that the Chamber had adopted a position in favor of Proposition 55. He also advised the Board of the Fullerton Road groundbreaking ceremony which will be held on September 16, 2016, at 10:30 p.m.

5.7

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for October, 2016.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

Nothing to report.

Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Finance Report

Nothing to report.

6.2

Operations Report

Nothing to report.

6.3

Personnel Report

Nothing to report.

Tab 7 ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

Legal counsel, Joe Byrne, advised, that he is monitoring what is going on at the State Board in connection with the Delta.

Directors' and General Manager's Comments

General Manager, Tom Coleman, advised the Board that Rowland had met with Orchard Dale, Walnut and La Habra Heights County Water District (La Habra) on July 28, 2016 at the La Habra offices. Orchard Dale and La Habra were provided with a memorandum and documentation setting forth the over-billing issues in question on August 2, 2016. A follow-up meeting to discuss these items is scheduled for August 30, 2016.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Late Business

None.

A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Bellah, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

SZU PEI LU-YANG
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary