



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
January 10, 2017 - 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 – Excused Absence

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph P. 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
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, thanked General Manager, Tom Coleman, for the clarification he provided in connection with the proposed new rates.

Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Lewis, the Consent Calendar was approved with a 4-0 vote, Director Rios being absent.

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

The approval of the Consent Calendar included:

1.1

Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held on December 13, 2016

1.2

Demands on General Fund Account for November 2016

1.3

Investment Report for November 2016

1.4

Water Purchases for November 2016

Next Special Board Meeting January 24, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
Next Regular Board Meeting February 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Review and Approve Directors’ Meeting Reimbursements for December 2016

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

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

2.2

Review and Approve Resolution 1-2017 of the Board of Directors Requesting the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Consolidate Elections for District Board Members with Statewide Elections

A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve Resolution No. 1-2017 Requesting the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Consolidate Elections for District Board Members with Statewide Elections. Staff was instructed to send the approved Resolution to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

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

Motion was passed by a vote of 4-0.

2.3

Approve Change in IRS Mileage Rate from \$.54 to \$.535 effective January 1, 2017

The motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Bellah, to change the District's mileage reimbursement amount from \$.54 to the new IRS Mileage Rate of \$.535, effective January 1, 2017, was approved with a 4-0 vote, Director Rios being absent.

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

2.4

Approve the Surplus of non-operational 2007 Ford F-150 Truck, VIN 1FTRF12207KB61702

Mr. Coleman advised the Board that the truck was inoperable and in need of a transmission and that he was requesting that the Board approve the surplus of the 2007 Ford F-150 truck.

After discussion a motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Bellah, to approve the surplus of the truck. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote, Director Rios being absent.

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

2.5

Public Relations (Rose Perea)

Mrs. Perea reported that the Rowland Unified School District and the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District winter break took place from December 19, 2016 through January 9, 2017. Rowland will be hosting a landscape class on January 11, 2017 here at the District office, 5:00-8:00 p.m. To date, there are 29 people registered for the class.

The Solar Cup first technical report, Drive Train/Steering, was due January 5, 2017.

Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)

Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies, reported that CV Strategies conducted an information session with customer service and field staff in anticipation of calls or questions they may receive in connection with the Proposition 218 Notice that was mailed out to all customers and residents on December 29, 2016. CV Strategies will be conducting another refresher session with staff on February 7, 2017, prior to the public hearing, to go over the messaging to ensure consistency. Press Releases on the JPIA recognition and the Edu Bucks awards made to three schools in the District service area have been prepared. They are continuing to work on the "History of the District" video.

Education Update

No comments.

2.6

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

- **ACWA 2017 Legislative Symposium, March 8, 2017, Sacramento Convention Center**
Staff was asked to make reservations for Director Lewis' attendance at the conference.
- **CSDA Special Districts Legislative Days, May 16-17, 2017**
No action taken. Staff was asked to include this item in next month's agenda.

Tab 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

3.1

Updates on Legislative Issues

- **Final Environmental Documents for WaterFix Released**

General Manager, Tom Coleman, discussed the Press Release generated by the Department of Water Resources on December 22, 2016. The WaterFix is the State's plan to upgrade infrastructure in the estuary where two major rivers—the Sacramento and San Joaquin—meet before flowing to San Francisco Bay. The WaterFix aims to stabilize water supplies and reduce harmful reverse flows. The project consists of three new intakes in the northern Delta and two 35-mile-long tunnels to transport water to the existing pumping plants in the south Delta. New intakes and tunnels would also help guard water supplies against saltwater intrusion as sea levels rise and in the event of an earthquake or storm powerful enough to destroy levees in the low-lying Delta.

Mr. Coleman advised the Board that the State Water Resources Control Board will be holding a workshop on January 18, 2017, in Sacramento, to receive input on extension and potential modification of the current Emergency Regulation for Statewide Urban Water Conservation.

He also discussed the MWD Press Release issued on January 9, 2017, stating that a new study had confirmed the feasibility of a proposed large-scale project in Carson to treat and purify wastewater and distribute it to groundwater basins across the region through a collaboration between MWD and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

Tab 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

None.

Tab 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

President Lu-Yang and Director Lima reported on their attendance at the January 4, 2017 Board meeting and advised that an update was provided on TVMWD's risk standings with ACWA-JPIA. The Board reviewed a staff report regarding the upcoming biennial review of all TVMWD Manuals – Policy, Personnel and Benefits.

Mr. Coleman advised the Board that in December TVMWD was able to spread the 6,000 a.f. of water that the District purchased.

5.2

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Mr. Coleman advised the Board that the JPIA Property Committee will meet on February 6, 2017.

5.3

Association of California Water Agencies

Nothing to report.

5.4

Puente Basin Water Agency

Director Lima reported that the next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2017 at Rowland Water District.

5.5

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

5.6

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Directors Lewis and Bellah reported on their attendance at the Government Affairs Committee which was held on January 9, 2017. County, State and Federal Political Issues in 2017 were discussed.

5.7

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Nothing to report. The next meeting will be held in February 16, 2017.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

Nothing to report. The next meeting will be held in February.

Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Finance Report

Nothing to report.

6.2

Operations Report

Director of Operations, Dave Warren, advised that the District had received the Amended Permit for the Cal Domestic Whittier Booster Station.

6.3

Personnel Report

Nothing to report.

Tab 7 ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

Directors’ and General Manager’s Comments

Director Bellah reported on his attendance at the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council meeting which was held on January 9, 2017 and advised that a presentation by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Agency was given on the basic facts regarding the homeless and they provided details on a survey that the Agency will be conducting in Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights. The East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless also gave a presentation on the organization’s winter shelter program.

General Manager, Tom Coleman, reported on the progress of the refurbishing of the District Monument sign.

Future Agenda Items

- Regional Chamber of Commerce “Salute to Heroes Prayer Breakfast”, February 23, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Diamond Bar Center, Diamond Bar, CA

Late Business

None.

A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Lewis, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

SZU PEI LU-YANG
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary