

THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 | 8:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District office located at 1021 East Miramar Ave., Claremont, CA. The presiding officer was President Jody Roberto.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with a quorum of the Board present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jody Roberto, President Mike Ti, Vice President

Carlos Goytia, Secretary/Treasurer

David De Jesus, Director Jeff Hanlon, Director Bob Kuhn, Director Danielle Soto, Director

STAFF PRESENT

Matthew Litchfield, General Manager

Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel

Dominique Aguiar, Operations Supervisor

Brittany Aguilar, Finance Manager Nadia Aguirre, Executive Assistant

Freeman Ensign, Operations Supervisor Karen Harberson, Compliance Specialist Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer

Kevin Panzer, Engineer

Brian Pen, Water Resources Analyst

Robert Peng, I.T. Manager

Marissa Turner, Admin. Communications Assistant

Jose Velasquez, Chief Finance Officer

Virtual Attendees: Catalina; John Bellah, Rowland Water District; Brian Bowcock, resident; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company; Stephanie Moreno, Water Quality Authority; Chris Thomas, Harris Associates; Sonya Williams, Harris Associates; 19095389296

In person attendees: John Bellah, Rowland Water District; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Dinny Rassmussen, League of Women Voters

FLAG SALUTE

President Roberto led the flag salute.

4. DIRECTOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO AB 2449

A. NOTIFICATION DUE TO JUST CAUSE

B. REQUEST DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

There were no requests submitted by any Directors for remote participation due to Emergency Circumstances, and therefore no motion was needed for this item.

5. AGENDA REORDER/ADDITIONS

No reorder or additions to the agenda were requested.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Roberto opened public comment and there was none.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board considered consent calendar items 7.A – 7.F for the June 19, 2024 Board meeting that included: (7.A) Receive, Approve and File Minutes, May 1 and 15, 2024; (7.B) Receive, Approve, and File Financial Reports and Investment Update, May 2024; (7.C) Imported Water Sales, May 2024; (7.D) Miramar Operations Report, May 2024; (7.E) Approve Director Expense Reports, May 2024; (7.F) Approval of Resolution No. 24-06-990 Investment Policy

Moved: Director Ti Second: Director Soto

Ayes: De Jesus, Goytia, Hanlon, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti

Noes: Abstain: Absent:

Motion No. 24-06-5486 Approval of Consent Calendar Items 7.A - 7.F

Motion passed 7-0-0-0

8. PUBLIC HEARING FY 2024/25 WATER STANDBY CHARGE

President Roberto opened the public hearing at 8:03 a.m. Finance Manager Aguilar stated the water standby charge for FY 24/25 is \$29.41 per equivalent dwelling unit. The required public hearing notice was published in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and Inland Valley Daily Bulletin on June 5 and June 12, 2024. No public comment was received. The public hearing closed at 8:05 a.m.

ACTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-991 ADOPTING THE FY 2024/25 WATER STANDBY CHARGE

Moved: Director Goytia

Second: Director Soto

Ayes: De Jesus, Goytia, Hanlon, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti

Noes: Abstain: Absent:

Motion No. 24-06-5487 Approval of Resolution No. 24-06-991

Motion passed 7-0-0-0

B. APPROVE GENERAL MANAGER FY 2024/25 WORK PLAN

Director Kuhn requested more information in the Work Plan table for long-term projects moving forward. This will help give a better understanding of how long a project will take to complete.

Moved: Director Ti

Second: Director De Jesus

Ayes: De Jesus, Goytia, Hanlon, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti

Noes: Abstain: Absent:

Motion No. 24-06-5488 Approval of GM FY 2024/25 Work Plan

Motion passed 7-0-0-0

C. CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT – SOUTHERN NETWORK, SEAT A

CSDA opened an election for the Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat A. The candidates are Jo MacKenzie, Director at Vista Irrigation District (incumbent); Jason Dafforn, General Manager at Valley Sanitary District; and Ross Leja, Director at Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District. The Board will cast a vote for Mr. Dafforn.

Moved: Director De Jesus

Second: Director Hanlon

Ayes: De Jesus, Goytia, Hanlon, Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti

Noes: Abstain: Absent

Motion No. 24-06-5489 Cast a vote for Jason Dafforn

Motion passed 7-0-0-0

D. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-992 APPOINTING DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Resolution No. 24-06-992 is for the appointment of a Three Valleys representative to serve on the MWD Board of Directors for a four-year term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028. Director De Jesus is the current district representative to MWD. Legal Counsel Kennedy stated this is not a situation of conflict of interest for Director De Jesus to remove himself from the dais during discussion but more of taking a position beyond the legal requirement. Director De Jesus will abstain from the vote. The Board discussed the resolution appointing a director to MWD for the four-year term.

Moved: Director Roberto Second: Director Soto

Ayes: Kuhn, Roberto, Soto, Ti

Noes: Goytia, Hanlon Abstain: De Jesus

Absent:

Motion No. 24-06-5490 Approval of Resolution No. 24-06-992 Appointing

Director De Jesus to a Four-Year Term as the MWD Representative

Motion passed 4-2-1-0

10. REPORTS

A. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Director De Jesus reported that the MWD General Manager was placed on a leave of absence at a special board meeting due to an employee complaint that was filed. An external law firm is conducting an investigation and will report their findings to the Board in 90 days. Deven Upadhyay has been appointed as the interim General Manager.

Brian Bowcock commented on his appreciation of Director De Jesus and the great job he does representing his division with Three Valleys and MWD.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chief Administrative Officer Howie reported that the legislature agreed on a draft budget bill for the Governor to formally adopted on July 1, 2024. The legislature will continue working on a significant budget deficit in the tens of billions of dollars. SB 366 and SB 1330 will be heard in the Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife Committee next week. Water Bonds proposals continue to be tracked.

C. CONSERVATION PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Over 80% of the \$374,000 allocation from MWD's Member Agency Administered Program (MAAP) was spent during the two-year funding cycle for FY 22/24. The new MAAP funding for FY 24/26 is two, one-year allocations of \$203,500 per year. Each TVMWD member agency will receive an allocation to utilize. Flex spending will increase from 25% to 50% allowing agencies more flexibility in structuring their conservation programming and messaging. Three Valleys received a matching grant from the United Stated Bureau of Reclamation for \$85,000 to develop a water use efficiency dashboard for turf replacement programs.

D. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH UPDATE

The Leadership Breakfast will be held on June 27, 2024 at Cal Poly Pomona - Kellogg West. The guest speaker is Blaine Waymire and he will speak on the role of hydrogen in natural gas infrastructure. The district continues to host facility tours and briefings to legislative representatives and schools. The Three Valleys service area received \$17,000 in grant funding this fiscal year through the MWD Community Partnering Program.

11. DIRECTORS' / GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORTS

General Manager Litchfield reminded the Board of the Leadership Breakfast next week at Cal Poly Pomona Kellog West,

Director De Jesus reported that MWD will receive a \$6 million federal grant to assist in community development programs in education and the workforce. MWD is working with Palo Verde Irrigation District to allocate the funds.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into closed session at 9:41 a.m. to discuss the following items:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Name of Case: Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al., San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. RCV RS 51010

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Name of Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CPF-14-514004 (Consolidated with Case Nos. CPF-16-515282 and CPF-18-516389)

The Board convened out of closed session and back into open session at 10:30 a.m. Legal Counsel Kennedy stated no reportable action was taken.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Kuhn requested to add the director stipend reports to the September agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

President Roberto adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m. to the next regular board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

Jody Roberte

President, Board of Directors

Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre

Executive Assistant