



THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 6, 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
Nadia Aguirre, Executive Board Secretary
David Dransfeldt, Water Resources Intern
Karen Harberson, Compliance Specialist
Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer
Steve Lang, Chief Operations Officer
Sylvie Lee, Chief Water Resources Officer
Kevin Panzer, Engineer
Brian Pen, Water Resources Analyst
Robert Peng, I.T. Manager
Viviana Robles, Human Resources & Risk Manager
Marissa Turner, Admin Communications Asst.
Jose Velasquez, Chief Finance Officer

Virtual Attendees: Ed Chavez, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District; Alanna Diaz, Walnut Valley Water District; Victoria Hahn, resident; Ed Hilden, Walnut Valley Water District; Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Co; Meg McWade, City of La Verne; Dave Michalko, Valencia Heights Water Company; Toby Moore, Golden State Water Company; Stephanie Moreno, Water Quality Authority; Gabby Palomares, Rowland Water District; Henry Woo, Walnut Valley Water District

In person attendees: John Bellah, Rowland Water District; Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District; Kelley Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Tony Lima, Rowland Water District; Jared Macias, Walnut Valley Water District; Dinny Rassmussen, League of Women Voters; Sherry Shaw, Walnut Valley Water District

3. FLAG SALUTE

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President Roberto led the flag salute.

4. DIRECTOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO AB 2449

A. NOTIFICATION DUE TO JUST CAUSE

Director Ti participated in the board meeting remotely 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. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. LEGISLATIVE & ELECTION UPDATE

Chief Administrative Officer Howie reported on election results that impact the district. All 52 congressional seats were up for election. Twenty of 40 state senate seats were up for election with 9 seats termed out and 11 new members. All 80 seats in the state assembly were up for election with 8 termed out and 23 new members. In the Three Valleys service area, Congress members Judy Chu, Norma Torress, and Linda Sanchez retained their seats. Gil Cisneros defeated Daniel Martinez for Grace Napolitano's seat. Anthony Portantino termed out from the State Senate seat and Sasha Perez was elected. Assembly members elected are John Harabedian, Michelle Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, and Lisa Calderon.

B. GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Three Valleys was awarded the Governance Finance Officers Association Distinguished Certificate of Achievement for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. This is the 16th consecutive year in a row that the district has received the award. The distinction is awarded to government agencies that have submitted the annual report going above the minimum requirements of general accepted accounting

principles to prepare a financial report that is clear and concise. President Roberto congratulated the Finance Team for their hard work.

C. DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

General Manager Litchfield discussed the potential funding for the final planning phase of the Delta Conveyance project (DCP), which is expected to be considered by the MWD Board in December. The DCP is the farthest it has ever gotten in the planning process. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is asking for \$300 million, with MWD's share being \$142 million, which is not budgeted for. The project is crucial for MWD's water supply and groundwater recharge in the three basins it overlies. Climate change is impacting water management, with DWR predicting changes in runoff and the need for modernizing aging infrastructure. The DCP is designed to increase the reliability of the State Water Project contract and maintain deliveries under varying climatic conditions. The necessity and benefits of the multi-billion-dollar project was discussed, emphasizing its long-term viability and the need to move forward despite the high cost. The project, which involves water delivery system improvements, was deemed essential for the economic viability of Southern California and the entire state of California. The Board agreed to send a resolution to MWD, indicating their support for the DCP. The resolution will be brought back to the November 20, 2024, Board of Directors meeting for consideration of approval.

Director Kuhn requested a special workshop in January 2025 to discuss the Delta Conveyance Project and the Pure Water Project.

D. PROJECTS UPDATE

The Security Camera Upgrades project, costing \$606,305, is nearing completion at 95% complete and expected to be finished by the end of the year. The upgrades will replace and add new security cameras and hardware to district facilities.

The System Wide Scada Radio Survey cost \$73,000 and was completed in June. The intent of the project was to analyze the existing system and radio connectivity. The result of the project indicated a few areas to start increasing the height of the antennas or switch to alternate technologies.

Geotechnical drilling was performed for the Miramar Administration and Operations building upgrade Project to evaluate the seismic resiliency of the existing structure with respect to current building codes. The project upgrades will accommodate staff needs by optimizing space, replacing the original roof and the HVAC system, which are both beyond their useful design lives. Completion is slated by June 2027 and the roof will be replaced next year.

A review of all on-call services contracts issued throughout the year was presented.

8. DIRECTORS' / GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORTS

A. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

Director De Jesus reported that MWD committee meetings and the executive committee meeting have been moved by one week due to the holiday this month.

B. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Director Kuhn stated that the Board recommended a change in storage from 700,000 AF to 900,000 AF.

C. SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY

Director Kuhn stated there was nothing new to report.

D. MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER

Vice President Ti stated there was nothing new to report.

E. SIX BASINS WATERMASTER

President Roberto reported the draft operating safe yield for CY 2025 and the proposed budget for CY 2025 were discussed.

F. ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no additional board member comments.

G. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Litchfield reminded the Board of the upcoming ACWA conference in December.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into closed session at 9:03 a.m. to discuss Items 9.A, B, and C. There is no need to discuss Item 9.D.

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)

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

Name of Case: Victor Asemota et al. v. City of Claremont, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 24STCV08598

D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54956.8]

Property: State Parcel DD 64045-01-01, Padua Avenue, Claremont, California

Agency Negotiator: Matthew Litchfield, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: California Department of Transportation

Under Negotiation: Purchase and Sale Agreement

The Board convened out of closed session and back into open session at 9:19 a.m. Legal Counsel Kennedy stated that only Items 9.A, B, and C were discussed, and no reportable action was taken.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Roberto adjourned the board meeting at 9:20 a.m. to the next regular board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024.



Jody Roberto
President, Board of Directors



Recorded by: Nadia Aguirre
Executive Board Secretary