



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 20, 2021 at 3:00 PM  
Via Teleconference – No Live Attendance

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### CALL TO ORDER

President Wright called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Special recognition was given to the 13 soldiers that died on August 26, 2021, in Kabul.

### ROLL CALL

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Nancy Wright, Vice President Russ Martin, Director Randy Duncan, Director Steve Grasha, Director Ivan Sewell

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lucas, Ceja, Scott, Petee, Wallum, Macy, Friend, Alzammar

### RULES OF PROCEDURE

**Rules of Procedure were ready by General Counsel, John Pinkney.**

*First all noticed meetings are conducted using Rosenberg’s Rules of Order as procedural guidance. Directors should refrain from responding directly to public comment at meetings of the Board. The President of the Board presides at all meetings and decides all points of order and procedure during meetings. The President is responsible for maintenance and decorum at all Board meetings. No persons shall be allowed to speak who is not first been recognized by the President. All questions and remarks should be addressed to the President as the presiding officer. No member of the Board should speak more than once upon any one subject until every other member on the Board, wishing to speak on the subject shall have been given the opportunity to speak. No Board member shall interfere with the orderly progress of a Board meeting. In order to ensure the orderly progress of Board meetings the Board President regulates the amount of time to be dedicated to a particular agenda item.”*

### PUBLIC INPUT

No public input

### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

#### HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board acknowledged the following employees:

**ANNIVERSARIES** (July 1-31): Lee Boyer Chief Plant Operator 21 Years; Jesus Gonzalez Field Service Representative I 17 Years; Arden Wallum General Manager 16 Years; Greg Chapman Wastewater Treatment Operator II 15 Years; Claudia Lopez Accounting Technician 1 Year

**NEW HIRES** (August 1-31) Jason Martinez Field Operations Technician I

**ANNIVERSARIES** (August 1-31) Joe Hernandez Field Service Representative II 14 Years,

Shane Wienecke Wastewater Treatment Operator II 15 Years

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 9 ELECTION**

The Board concurred with the Region 9 Nominating Committee's recommended slate of offices and directed the Board President to submit the Ballot.

**Motion made by Director Sewell, Seconded by Vice President Martin.**

**Voting Yea:** President Wright, Vice President Martin, Director Duncan, Director Sewell

**Voting Nay:** Director Grasha

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-14 - CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF THE FINAL INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE VISTA RESERVOIR NO. 2 PROJECT**

The Board adopted Resolution 2021-14 certifying and adopting the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Vista Reservoir No. 2 Project, and adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and authorized the General Manager to sign and file a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the County of Riverside within five days of the Board meeting.

**Motion made by Vice President Martin, Seconded by Director Duncan.**

**Voting Yea:** President Wright, Vice President Martin, Director Duncan, Director Grasha, Director Sewell

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-15 - CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF THE FINAL INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE GROUNDWATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM (GQPP) FOR AREAS H AND I SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Board adopted Resolution 2021-15, certifying and adopting the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Areas H and I Sewer Improvement Project, adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and authorized the General Manager to sign and file a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the County of Riverside within five days of the Board meeting.

**Motion made by Director Duncan, Seconded by Vice President Martin.**

**Voting Yea:** President Wright, Vice President Martin, Director Duncan, Director Grasha, Director Sewell

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE NORTH INDIAN CANYON SEWER PROJECT**

The Board accepted the North Indian Canyon Sewer Project as complete and authorized the release of retention money held for Downing Construction, Inc. in the amount of 5% of the approved contract amount, thirty-five days after filing the Notice of Completion (NOC).

**Motion made by Director Duncan, Seconded by Director Sewell.**

**Voting Yea:** President Wright, Vice President Martin, Director Duncan, Director Grasha, Director Sewell

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **CRITICAL SERVICES CENTER AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPDATE**

Mr. Wallum provided an update to the Board. He noted the kickoff meeting for this project was on August 19<sup>th</sup>. A tour of East Valley Water District is being scheduled for the Board and some staff members. Safety and security issues were discussed as well and will be implemented into the design.

**MSWD REGIONAL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY UPDATE**

Report given at the Study Session. Nothing further to add.

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN UPDATE**

Mission Creek Subbasin and San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin. Update provided by Steve Ledbetter with TKE Engineering. The presentation included information about the plan update and development process and management criteria.

**CONSENT AGENDA****Motion made by Vice President Martin, Seconded by Director Grasha.**

**Voting Yea:** President Wright, Vice President Martin, Director Duncan, Director Grasha, Director Sewell

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It is recommended to approve the minutes as follows:

Study Session - July 15, 2021

Board Meeting - July 19, 2021

Special Meeting - August 16, 2021

**REGISTER OF DEMANDS**

The register of demands (JULY) totaling \$ 2,634,687.73

The register of demands (AUGUST) totaling \$ 1,939,972.47

**BOARD COMPENSATION**

It is recommended to authorize Board compensation for the following:

Participation in the Palm Springs Unified School District Legislative Breakfast – October 8, 2021

**CORRESPONDENCE****THANK YOU LETTER - GERALD MCKENNA****DIRECTOR'S REPORTS****UPCOMING EVENTS & DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Vice President Martin reported he attended the following events: 7/6 DHS City Council Meeting, 7/14 DVBA Board Meeting, 7/14 Priority One Coachella Valley, 7/15 DVBA Networking Night, 7/15 Countywide Oversight Board Meeting, 7/20 CVB Meet & See, 7/21 Chamber Mixer, 7/27 RivCo Board of Supervisors Meeting, 8/5 DVBA Legislative Meeting, 8/12 DVBA Board Meeting, 8/13 BIA Water Conference, 8/17 RivoCo Board of Supervisors Meeting, 8/24 PS Networking Meeting, 8/24 RivCo Board of Supervisors Meeting, 8/30-9/2 CSDA Conference.

Director Duncan reported he attended the following events: 7/13 CVWD Board Meeting, 7/27 CVWD Board Meeting, 8/3 DWA Board Meeting, 8/10 CVWD Board Meeting, 8/17 DWA Board Meeting, 8/30-9/2 CSDA Conference.

**REPORTS**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Wallum announced he would be out of the office in October.

**DISTRICT COUNSEL COMMENTS**

Mr. Pinkney announced there would be a closed session on the Master Meter pending litigation.

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Grasha stated he had a question regarding a contract with Michael Baker International that was passed by the Board many months ago, he noted that he voted for it because he was ensured that it would come back and used in the deliberation for the wastewater treatment plant situation (?), but said it sounds like that's not going to be ready to be included in a conversation and he is disappointed about that...no question was ever asked. Next, he mentioned that he walked the neighborhood (with in his division) with residents and noted that residents are frightened by the WWTP. Would like some dialog to sooth the problems expressed by residents at the plant.

Vice President Martin noted, the members of the Board that are seated here (in the Boardroom) in person, all know the difference between treated wastewater and raw sewage and mentioned that any board member who doesn't know should educate themselves on the difference.

Director Sewell thanked staff for their efforts with the blood drive.

Director Duncan noted the tribute at the beginning of the meeting and stated that although tragic, those marines died doing what they loved.

**CLOSED SESSION****CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION**

pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

One Case: (MSWD vs. Master Meter)

**REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION**

The Board met in closed session (Master Meter pending litigation) no reportable action.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, President Wright adjourned the meeting at 5:26 P.M.

Respectfully,

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Arden Wallum  
Secretary of the Board of Directors