

# MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING - TELECONFERENCE

October 13, 2020 at 4:00 pm

**Directors Present:**

Chris Mann, President  
Lonni Granlund, Vice President  
Joyce McIntire, Director  
Dennis Miller, Director

**Staff Present:**

Wade Allsup, Information Systems Specialist  
Jennifer Ares, Water Resource Manager  
Madeline Blua, Water Resource Specialist  
Allison Edmisten, Chief Financial Officer  
Chelsie Fogus, Administrative Assistant I  
Ashley Gibson, Regulatory Compliance Manager  
Kathryn Hallberg, Implementation Manager  
Dustin Hochreiter, Senior Engineering Technician  
Tim Mackamul, Operations Manager  
Matthew Porras, Implementation Manager  
Mike Rivera, Public Works Supervisor  
John Wrobel, Public Works Manager  
Joseph Zoba, General Manager

**Directors Absent:**

Jay Bogh, Director

**Consulting Staff Present:**

David Wysocki, Legal Counsel

**Registered Guests and Others Present:**

Logan Largent, Ortega Strategies Group

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Due to the spread of COVID-19 and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (a copy of which was attached to the meeting agenda), the Yucaipa Valley Water District conducted this meeting by teleconference.

The meeting was available to the public by calling (888) 475-4499 using passcode 676-950-731 and live presentation material was available at <https://zoom.us/j/676950731>.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yucaipa Valley Water District was called to order by Chris Mann at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with Director Lonni Granlund, Director Chris Mann, Director Joyce McIntire, and Director Dennis Miller present.

Director Jay Bogh was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Lonni Granlund moved to approve the consent calendar and Director Dennis Miller seconded the motion.

A. Minutes of Meetings

1. Board Meeting - October 6, 2020

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Absent  
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes  
Director Chris Mann - Yes  
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes  
Director Dennis Miller - Yes

STAFF REPORT

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided information on the following item(s):

- The East Branch Extension of the State Water Project will be offline from December 31, 2020 to January 31, 2021 for routine maintenance and repairs. During this period, the District staff will conduct routine maintenance and repairs at the Yucaipa Valley Regional Water Filtration Facility.
- On Friday, October 9, 2020, the District staff received information that Fitch Ratings upgraded the Yucaipa Valley Water District from an A+ rating to a AA rating. In 2015, the District refinanced the bonds used to construct the Yucaipa Valley Regional Water Filtration Facility and received a AA- rating. A presentation about the Fitch Ratings will be provided at the next board meeting.
- The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DM 20-149

PRESENTATION OF THE  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL  
REPORT FOR THE  
PERIOD ENDING ON  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Chief Financial Officer Allison Edmisten presented the Unaudited Financial Report for the period ending on September 30, 2020. This presentation included a discussion about recent financial issues and utility billing aging data.

Director Dennis Miller moved that the Board receive and file the unaudited financial report.

Director Lonni Granlund seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Absent  
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes  
Director Chris Mann - Yes  
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes  
Director Dennis Miller - Yes

DM 20-150

OVERVIEW OF  
PROPOSED VIRTUAL  
COMMUNITY  
EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAMS AND  
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Water Resource Specialist Madeline Blua presented information about the proposed YVWD Water Academy, poster contest, and community water scavenger hunt. The District staff will continue to develop these concepts for future approval by the Board of Directors.

This staff presentation did not require specific action by the Board of Directors.

DM 20-151

OVERVIEW OF THE  
DATE AVENUE  
DRINKING WATER  
PIPELINE  
REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT - YUCAIPA

Implementation Manager Matthew Porras presented an overview of the Dave Avenue Pipeline Project.

This staff presentation did not require specific action by the Board of Directors.

DM 20-152

CONSIDERATION OF AN  
AGREEMENT TO  
FACILITATE WATER  
DELIVERIES BY SAN  
BERNARDINO VALLEY  
MUNICIPAL WATER  
DISTRICT FOR THE SAN  
GORGONIO PASS  
WATER AGENCY IN THE  
CALIMESA AREA

General Manager Joseph Zoba presented an Agreement to Facilitate Water Deliveries by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency in the Calimesa Area. This version of the Agreement was updated from the previously approved version approved by the Board of Directors on November 5, 2019 as Director Memorandum No. 19-126.

Director Joyce McIntire moved that the Board authorize the President to execute the joint agency agreement as presented.

Director Dennis Miller seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Absent  
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes  
Director Chris Mann - Yes  
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes  
Director Dennis Miller - Yes

DM 20-153

CONSIDERATION OF  
UPDATED  
RESOLUTIONS FOR  
THE ANNEXATION OF  
TERRITORY TO THE  
YUCAIPA VALLEY  
WATER DISTRICT

Implementation Manager Kathryn Hallberg presented updated resolutions for the annexation of territory to the Yucaipa Valley Water District service area.

Director Dennis Miller moved that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2020-49, Resolution No. 2020-50, Resolution No. 2020-51, Resolution No. 2020-52, Resolution No. 2020-53, and Resolution No. 2020-54.

Director Lonni Granlund seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Absent  
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes  
Director Chris Mann - Yes  
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes  
Director Dennis Miller - Yes

BOARD REPORTS AND  
DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Joyce McIntire reported on the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District policy workshop held on October 8, 2020.

Director Joyce McIntire reported on the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency engineering workshop held on October 12, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Chris Mann called attention to the announcements listed on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

Director Lonni Granlund, Director Chris Mann, Director Joyce McIntire, and Director Dennis Miller were present in closed session with Legal Counsel David Wysocki, Chief Financial Officer Allison Edmisten, and General Manager Joseph Zoba to discuss the following items:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) & (4)) - One Case
- B. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code 54956.8)  
Property: Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 413-040-018 (portion)  
Agency Negotiator: Joseph Zoba, General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Mesa Verde Ventures LLC c/o Betek Corporation Under  
Under Negotiation: Terms of Payment and Price

- C. Conference with Real Property Negotiator(s) -  
Government Code 54956.8  
Property: Assessor's Parcel Number: 0322-301-44  
Agency Negotiator: Joseph Zoba, General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Ioan and Iuliana Floruta  
Under Negotiation: Terms of Payment and Price

After reconvening out of closed session, Legal Counsel David Wysocki reported that action was taken in closed session by the Board of Directors based on a motion by Director Dennis Miller and seconded by Director Lonni Granlund authorizing special legal counsel to take whatever legal action necessary to defend, protect and assert the water rights transferred by the Oak Valley Partners and related entities to Yucaipa Valley Water District. The motion was passed with 4 votes, Director Bogh being absent from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph B. Zoba, Secretary

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