

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING - TELECONFERENCE

October 20, 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
Ryan Janisch, Public Works Supervisor
Matthew Porras, Implementation Manager
Mike Rivera, Public Works Supervisor
Charles Thomas, Operations Manager
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:

Lance Eckhart, San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Logan Largent, Ortega Strategies Group
Leonard Stephenson, San Geronio Pass Water Agency

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> using 765589.

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

A. Minutes of Meetings

1. Board Meeting - October 13, 2020

B. Payment of Bills

1. Approve/Ratify Invoices for Board Awarded Contracts
2. Ratify General Expenses for September 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):

- On October 20, 2020, the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District approved the joint agreement with the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and the Yucaipa Valley Water District to document the methodology used to track imported water between the two state water contractors.
- The District was awarded grant funding to pay for the installation of Tesla batteries at various sites. These batteries will provide on-peak power as well as backup supplies during Public Safety Power Shutoff events by Southern California Edison. Authorization to execute the agreements will be requested at the October 27, 2020 board meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DM 20-154

OVERVIEW OF
VARIOUS MAPPING
TECHNOLOGIES USED
BY THE YUCAIPA
VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT

Information Systems Specialist Wade Allsup provided a presentation about the use of geographical information systems for tracking and identifying District assets.

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

DM 20-155

AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF DRINKING WATER RESERVOIRS R-17.1.1 AND R-17.1.2, YUCAIPA

Implementation Manager Matthew Porras provided an overview of planned reservoir, pipeline, and booster facility improvements for Pressure Zone 17.1. At this time, the District staff recommends pursuing the replacement of the drinking water reservoirs. Other system improvements will be presented in the future.

Director Dennis Miller moved that the Board authorize the District staff to solicit bids for the replacement of the drinking water reservoirs R-17.1.1 and R-17.1.2.

Director Joyce McIntire 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 20-156

PRESENTATION OF FITCH RATINGS PRESS RELEASE REGARDING UPGRADED BOND RATINGS FOR THE YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Chief Financial Officer Allison Edmisten provided an overview of the recent bond rating upgrade from Fitch Ratings from A+ to AA. This revision was a direct result of improvements to the District's financial position with the implementation of a multi-year rate package earlier this year.

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

DM 20-157

CONSIDERATION OF USING THE STATEWIDE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FOR THE PAYMENT OF SEWER FACILITY CAPACITY CHARGES FOR BELFORT GARDENS - ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 20-01 WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

General Manager Joseph Zoba presented an overview of the preliminary engineer's report for Assessment District No. 20-01, City of Yucaipa for the Belfort Gardens development on 17th Street. This project will receive sewer service from the District and facility capacity charges will be paid by agreement with the California Statewide Communities Development Authority.

This item will be presented for further discussion and authorization on October 27, 2020.

BOARD REPORTS AND
DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Lonni Granlund and Director Joyce McIntire reported on the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District advisory commission meeting held on October 15, 2020.

Director Joyce McIntire reported on the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency board meeting held on October 19, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Zoba, Secretary

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