

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - TELECONFERENCE

September 21, 2021 at 4:00 pm

Directors Present:

Chris Mann, President
Lonni Granlund, Vice President
Jay Bogh, Director
Joyce McIntire, Director
Nyles O’Harra, Director

Staff Present:

Wade Allsup, Information Systems Specialist
Allison Edmisten, Chief Financial Officer
Chelsie Fogus, Administrative Assistant I
Ashley Gibson, Regulatory Compliance Manager
Dustin Hochreiter, Senior Engineering Technician
Matthew Porras, Implementation Manager
Mike Rivera, Public Works Manager
Charles Thomas, Operations Manager
John Wrobel, Public Works Manager
Joseph Zoba, General Manager

Directors Absent:

None

Consulting Staff Present:

Bryan Brown, Special Counsel
Steven Graham, Legal Counsel
Greg Newmark, Special Counsel
Robert Porr, Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates

Registered Guests and Others Present:

Doug Carlson
Madeline Chen, Ortega Strategies Group
John Ohanian, Oak Valley Development Company
Larry Smith, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Sidney Sonck, Representative for Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh

This meeting was available for in person attendance as well as 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 special 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 Jay Bogh, Director Lonni Granlund, Director Chris Mann, Director Joyce McIntire, and Director Nyles O’Harra present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Jay Bogh moved to approve the consent calendar and Director Joyce McIntire seconded the motion.

A. Minutes of Meetings

1. Board Meeting – September 7, 2021

B. Payment of Bills

1. Approve/Ratify Invoices for Board Awarded Contracts
2. Ratify General Expenses for August 2021

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Yes
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
Director Chris Mann - Yes
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes
Director Nyles O’Harra - Yes

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Manager John Wrobel reported on the following items:

- The District staff is nearly complete with the pipeline project on Lincoln Drive, Yucaipa.
- The installation of Tesla batteries is currently in progress at several District facilities. Lift Station No. 1 and Well 56 have been completed.

Chief Financial Officer Allison Edmisten provided information about the following items:

- The District will be coordinating the dates for ethics training and sexual harassment training. The online training will be provided by the California Special Districts Association.
- The District staff is coordinating with customers previously registered for AutoPay but impacted by the transition to Invoice Cloud for payment processing services.

General Manager Joseph Zoba reported on the following items:

- The escrow has closed on the Shankel property purchase in San Timoteo Canyon.
- Assembly Bill No. 361 was signed by the Governor to amend the Brown Act to allow local agencies to meet remotely during certain conditions.

Director Lonni Granlund moved that the Board direct the General Manager to present a resolution at the next board meeting in

compliance with Assembly Bill No. 361 to continue remote meetings. Director Joyce McIntire seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Yes
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
Director Chris Mann - Yes
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes
Director Nyles O’Harra - Yes

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DM 21-153

OVERVIEW OF THE YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT’S RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM AND PROPOSED FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS OF THE SYSTEM

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the existing recycled water system. The presentation also included specific areas where the recycled water system will be expanded in the future.

DM 21-154

STATUS UPDATE 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 the construction activities at the R-17.1 Reservoir Complex.

DM 21-155

OVERVIEW OF A PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN MARONDI DRIVE, CITY OF CALIMESA

Implementation Manager Matthew Porras provided an overview of the proposed pipeline project on Marondi Drive, Calimesa. The replacement of this pipeline is anticipated to be initiated early next year.

DM 21-156

REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING DEIONIZED WATER SYSTEM AT THE WOCHHOLZ REGIONAL WATER RECYCLING FACILITY LABORATORY

Regulatory Compliance Manager Ashley Gibson provided information about the need to replace the deionized water system at the Wochholz Regional Water Recycling Facility.

Director Lonni Granlund moved that the Board authorize District staff to purchase the LDIRS 03 system with SDI tanks from Evoqua Water Technologies for a sum not to exceed \$9,706 and adopt Resolution No. 2021-47

transferring funds from Sewer Infrastructure Reserves to fund the purchase of the new system.

Director Joyce McIntire seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Yes
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
Director Chris Mann - Yes
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes
Director Nyles O'Harra - Yes

DM 21-157

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BANK OF AMERICA SECURITIES FOR INVESTMENT BANKING AND UNDERWRITING SERVICES AND STRADLING, YOCCA, CARLSON & RAUTH FOR BOND AND DISCLOSURE COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE POTENTIAL REFINANCING OF DISTRICT DEBT

Chief Financial Officer Allison Edmisten provided an overview of the proposed refinancing team including Fieldman, Rolapp and Associates, Bank of America Securities, Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth and Wells Fargo.

Director Jay Bogh moved that the Board authorize the General Manager to: (1) authorize Bank of America Securities to proceed with the proposed refinancing transaction as the investment banking/underwriting firm for an estimated amount of \$75,333; and (2) authorize Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth to proceed as bond and disclosure counsel for the proposed refinancing transaction for an estimated amount of \$82,500

Director Nyles O'Harra seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Yes
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
Director Chris Mann - Yes
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes
Director Nyles O'Harra - Yes

DM 21-158

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING 8,000 ACRE FEET OF IMPORTED WATER FROM THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND 900 ACRE FEET OF IMPORTED WATER FROM THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY FOR DIRECT DELIVERY TO THE YUCAIPA

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the recommended imported water order from the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency for calendar year 2022.

Director Nyles O'Harra moved that the Board: (1) authorize the purchase of 8,000 acre-feet from the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for a sum not to exceed \$1,006,400; and (2) authorize the purchase of 900 acre-feet from the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency for a sum not to exceed \$359,100.

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Director Lonni Granlund seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

- Director Jay Bogh - Yes
- Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
- Director Chris Mann - Yes
- Director Joyce McIntire - Yes
- Director Nyles O’Harra - Yes

BOARD REPORTS AND
DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Lonni Granlund reported on the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting held on September 13, 2021.

Director Nyles O’Harra reported on the system facility tour hosted by the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District on September 16, 2021.

Director Joyce McIntire and Director Chris Mann reported on the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency meeting held on September 20, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CLOSED SESSION

Director Lonni Granlund, Director Chris Mann, Director Joyce McIntire, and Director Nyles O’Harra were present in closed session with Legal Counsel Steven Graham, Special Legal Counsel Greg Newmark, Special Legal Counsel Bryan Brown, Chief Financial Officer Allison Edmisten, and General Manager Joseph Zoba to discuss the following items:

- A. Existing Litigation - San Timoteo Water Management Authority vs City of Banning, et al.; Riverside County Superior Case No. RIC389197 (Government Code, Section 54956.9(d)(1))
- B. Existing Litigation - Yucaipa Valley Water District vs. vs South Mesa Water Company; San Bernardino County Superior Case No. CIVDS2009681 (Government Code, Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Following the closed session, Legal Counsel Steven Graham stated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Zoba, Secretary

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