

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

May 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western Municipal Water District was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and Assistant General Manager/COO Jeff Sims led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Directors Present

Tom Evans, Presiding
Brenda Dennstedt, Vice President
Robert Stockton, Secretary-Treasurer
Donald D. Galleano (Absent)
S. R. "Al" Lopez

Others Present

John Rossi, General Manager
Craig Miller, Deputy General Manager
Rod LeMond, Assistant General Manager/CFO
Jeff Sims, Assistant General Manager/COO
Kevin Mascaro, Director of Finance
Tim Barr, Director of Water Resources
Candi Judd, Director of Human Resources
Paul Rugge, Director of Operations
Derek Kawaii, Director of Engineering
Greg Duecker, Director of Administration
Karly Gaynor, Water Planning and Policy Manager
Ryan Shaw, Deputy Director of Water Resources
Michele McKinney, Special Projects Coordinator
Anna Briones, Senior Accountant
Jean Perry, Executive Assistant
Steve Gustafsson, IT Specialist III
Jeff Ferre, Best, Best and Krieger
Jessica English, American Heart Association
Michelle Diamond, Tetra Tech, Inc.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Any person may address the Board upon any subject within Western's jurisdiction, which is not on the agenda, at this time. However, any non-agenda matter that requires action will be referred to staff for a report and action at a subsequent Board meeting. Any person may also address the Board on any agenda matter at the time that matter is discussed, prior to Board Action.

There were no members of the public who wished to speak during Oral Communications.

PRESENTATIONS

Director of Human Resources Candi Judd introduced Jessica English of the American Heart Association who presented Western Municipal Water District with the Fit-Friendly Worksite Gold Achievement Award.

General Manager John Rossi introduced Rich Haller, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's Executive Manager of Engineering and Operations who recognized Assistant General Manager/COO Jeff Sims and staff for their support of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and the Brine Line. He then presented Mr. Sims with a Certificate of Appreciation for all of his support.

With approval of the Board Agenda Item 5-A was brought to this place on the Agenda.

M-6659 – Consider Adoption of Resolution 2987 Honoring Jeffrey D. Sims

Following a full discussion and consideration of this matter by the Board, a motion was made by Director Lopez, seconded by Director Dennstedt to adopt Resolution 2987 honoring Jeffrey D. Sims for his 22 years of service to Western Municipal Water District. Motion carried 4-0, with Director Galleano absent. General Manager John Rossi recognized Assistant General Manager/COO Jeff Sims for his dedication to Western Municipal Water District and his many achievements over the years. Mr. Rossi then presented Mr. Sims with a Resolution for his 22 years of service. Mr. Sims thanked the Board and staff, stating that his time at Western has been wonderful.

At 10:15 a.m. President Evans announced that the Board would take a brief recess. The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:50 a.m.

M-6660 – Approval of Consent Calendar

It was moved by Director Lopez, seconded by Director Stockton to approve the Consent Calendar. As a result, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

- A) Approve Directors' Requests for Compensation
- B) Approve Special Board Minutes, May 5, 2017
- C) Consider Approval of Job Classification Plan and Salary Grades Table Amendment
- D) Consider Approval of Western Municipal Water District Legislative Policy Principles and Priorities
- E) Consider Approval of 51st Fringe Annexation to Western Municipal Water District and Concurrent Annexation to the Metropolitan Water District and City of Corona
- F) Consider Amendment No. 3 to the Interagency Agreement Dated April 6, 1983 with Eastern Municipal Water District
- G) Consider Purchase of a Replacement Crane Truck
- H) Consider Purchase of Three Portable Diesel Generators

- I) Consider Approval of Writing Off Accounts Receivable Deemed Uncollectible

Motion carried 4-0, with Director Galleano absent.

- END OF CONSENT CALENDAR -

M-6661 – Discuss Proposed Wastewater Rate Changes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Consider Approval of Setting a Public Hearing to Establish Rates for Wastewater Service

General Manager John Rossi introduced Financial Analyst Daisy Banuelos who made a presentation on the proposed retail wastewater rates for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Following a full discussion and consideration of this matter by the Board, a motion was made by Director Stockton, seconded by Director Lopez to set a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on July 19, 2017 regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution establishing rates for wastewater service, and directing staff to mail the appropriate Notice of Public Hearing. Motion carried 4-0 with Director Galleano absent.

M-6662 – Consider Adoption of Resolution 2988 Electing to Have Charges for Wastewater Service Collected on the County Tax Roll and Setting of a Public Hearing for Collection of Such Charges on the Tax Roll

Senior Accountant Anna Briones explained that this item is to consider the placement of wastewater charges on the county tax roll and to set a public hearing for consideration of any objections or protests of doing so. Following a full discussion and consideration of this matter by the Board, a motion was made by Director Lopez, seconded by Director Dennstedt to adopt Resolution 2988 electing to have charges for wastewater service collected on the county tax roll and setting a public hearing for collection of such charges on the tax roll for July 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-0 with Director Galleano absent.

M-6663 – Consider Adoption of Resolution 2989 Setting Forth Water and Wastewater Availability Charges Proposed for the Murrieta Service Area within Western Municipal Water District and Setting of a Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Water and Wastewater Availability Charges for the Murrieta Service Area

Senior Accountant Anna Briones explained that this item is to consider setting forth water and wastewater availability charges proposed for the Murrieta service area for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and setting a public hearing for consideration of any objections or protests of doing so. Following a full discussion and consideration of this matter by the Board, a motion was made by Director Lopez, seconded by Director Dennstedt to adopt Resolution 2989 setting forth water and wastewater availability charges proposed for the Murrieta service area for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and setting July 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for a public hearing to consider the proposed water and wastewater availability charges. Motion carried 4-0 with Director Galleano absent.

M-6664 – Consider Authorizing a Change Order for the La Sierra Pipeline Project Specification No. W-238A

General Manager John Rossi explained that this item is to ratify his authorization of a Change Order for the La Sierra Pipeline Project. Mr. Rossi then introduced Director of Engineering Derek Kawaii who provided an overview of the needs for the Change Order. Following a full discussion and consideration of this matter by the Board, a motion was made by Director Stockton, seconded by Director Dennstedt, to execute a Change Order in the amount of 169,867 with W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Incorporated. Motion carried 4-0 with Director Galleano absent.

Legal Counsel Report

Legal Counsel Jeff Ferre explained the reasons for Western's Reports Deemed Uncollectable Report. Legal counsel also provided an update on a recent federal court case that addressed whether customer usage data is subject to disclosure under the federal Freedom of Information Act and how that ruling is consistent with California law under the California Public Records Act.

Staff Reports

General Manager John Rossi and staff reported on the following:

- Water Resources Specialist Pam Pavela made a presentation on the Proposition 84 Customer Handbook which will be officially revealed on May 25th at the 2017 Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) Conference
- Special Projects Coordinator Michele McKinney made a presentation on the Western Riverside Water Partnership Collaboration on Messaging
- Reported that the Inland Empire Utilities Agency received a \$5.2 million grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse program.
- Assistant General Manager/CFO Rod LeMond provided an update on the Santa Rosa Regional Resources Authority State Revolving Fund Loan
- Provided an update of SAWPA's General Manager's Facilitation meeting
- Provided a letter received by Rancho California Water District regarding interest in Western's Murrieta Service Area

SAWPA Report

Director Evans provided a summary report of the meeting noting that a celebration for General Manager Celeste Cantu is scheduled for June 22, 2017.

MWD Report

A summary report of the meeting was provided and General Manager John Rossi noted that Metropolitan Water District's Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer Debra Mann has announced her retirement.

CBWM Report

General Manager John Rossi provided an update of Chino Basin Watermaster matters.

CDA Report

Director Lopez provided a summary of the meeting.

WRCRWA Report

Assistant General Manager/CFO Rod LeMond said there was nothing to report today.

WRCOG Report

Director Dennstedt provided a summary report of the meeting noting that the 26th Annual General Assembly will be held on June 22, 2017 and the keynote speaker will be Former Department of Defense Secretary Dr. Robert Gates.

SRRRA Report

Director Dennstedt provided a summary report of the meeting.

Director's Report

Director Dennstedt reported that Solar Cup Events will be held this weekend at Lake Skinner and that she attended the Murrieta State of the City.

Director Lopez provided a briefing of the March Joint Powers Insurance Agency meeting held at the Association of California Water Agencies 2017 Spring Conference.

Director Stockton reported that he attended legislative meetings in Washington DC.

Director Evans congratulated everyone involved in the Western Riverside Water Partnership Collaboration.

Closed Session

The Board did not go into Closed Session on the following matters:

- A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) and (4)
of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
One potential case

- B) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
District designated representatives: John Rossi, General Manager, Candi Judd,
Director of Human Resources, Brad Neufeld, Labor Counsel
Employee organization: Management/professional/confidential employees

- C) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
District designated representatives: John Rossi, General Manager, Candi Judd,
Director of Human Resources, Brad Neufeld, Labor Counsel
Employee organization: Western Municipal Water District Employees Association

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 11:10 a.m. President Evans adjourned the Regular Board Meeting of Western Municipal Water District.


THOMAS P. EVANS
President


ROBERT STOCKTON
Secretary-Treasurer