

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - January 21, 2003

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT**  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
January 21, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, in the Board Chambers of the District Office at 19039 Bay Street, El Verano, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL**

**President Ron Prushko** called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call by **Deputy Secretary Shari Walk** noted the following present:

Directors Present:	Edward Kenny Ron Prushko Sanford Smith Michael Woods Mark Bramfitt
Directors Absent:	None
District Personnel:	Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
General Manager:	Lee Harry
Board Secretary:	Shari Walk
Public Present:	Sandi Hansen, Sonoma Index-Tribune

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A.** Receive and Approve Minutes of January 7, 2003

**Vice President Woods** requested an amendment to page 6, third paragraph from the bottom to read:

*Director Woods requested that the PowerPoint presentation offered at this time by the General Manager be included in the record at the next applicable Board meeting.*

**Director Kenny** noted under Operational and Committee Reports, Item B, Project #2823, page 7, that the General Manager and one Director had met with representatives of the Valley of the Moon Fire District to discuss issues related to a lease agreement.

**General Manager Lee Harry** said that **President Prushko** brought to his attention, a couple of misspelled names that will be corrected.

**President Prushko** requested a correction to page 3, third paragraph from the bottom, to replace “Mater” with Master.

**Deputy Board Secretary, Shari Walk** also noted a correction to page 7, Operational & Committee Reports, Project #2864. Should read: Meyer Control Company had been given the Notice to Proceed on the last phase of the SCADA project and was in the process of design and the ordering of materials for the remote transmitter units (RTU'S).

Motion by **Vice President Woods**, seconded by **Director Bramfitt** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt the Consent Calendar, with corrections to the January 7, 2003 minutes, as noted.

**4. PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

There was no Public Presentation.

**5. OPERATIONAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Operational and Committee Reports.

**6. RECEIVE & FILE PRESIDENT’S AND DIRECTOR’S REPORTS OR COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the President or Directors.

**7. GENERAL MANAGER’S AND DISTRICT COUNSEL’S REPORTS**

**A. Information Regarding SCWA Negotiation Issues**

**General Manager Lee Harry** reported on information received regarding the SCWA negotiation issues on the revised Master Agreement. He has been asked to prepare some talking points for a WAC sub committee meeting to be held on January 22nd regarding attachments “B” and “C” to the “Water Policy Statement 2002”. Attachment B addresses the SCWA position to the Framework Issues that were developed in the public outreach efforts that have been held to date. Attachment C is a list of Framework Issues that SCWA would like to see included in the new Agreement. These documents have been distributed to the Board at a previous meeting. The sub committee will meet to review the Attachments, and give their recommendations to the full WAC negotiating committee. The consensus of the WAC regarding these issues will be brought to the Board for direction prior to any recommendations to the Board of Directors of SCWA.

**B. Information Regarding Upper Sobre Vista Tank Project**

**Mr. Harry** reported that the temporary tanks have been put in place and we are currently waiting for results of the disinfection test to make sure the tanks are ready to supply water during the construction process. He reported that there were some problems with the submittals, and the District’s Engineer requested that the Contractor re-do the submittals prior to being issued a notice to proceed.

**Mr. Harry** also reported that the District received a notice of intent to adopt environmental documentation on the River Front Park Project, which will be a major recreational project developed on land recently purchased by SCWA.

**President Prushko** asked where the project was located. Mr. Harry said the project was located north of Santa Rosa on Eastside Road, which is on the West Side of Highway 101 near Healdsburg and that the

property was purchased by the Sonoma County Water Agency at the site of the Hansen Aggregate gravel mining operation.

**President Prushko** asked whether this project will generate net income to the Sonoma County Water Agency, to which Mr. Harry said “no”, but it will be used for future water facilities while establishing additional recreational facilities for the County Parks Department.

Mr. Harry also reported that he has continued to look into our annual capacity entitlements. Over 91% of our annual water entitlements from the SCWA are already being used. We are adding an average of 55 ESD per year for the last 10 years, which equates to approximately 30-acre feet per year, which has added 300-acre feet over the past 10 years.

Our current usage is approaching our annual limit leaving us insufficient water entitlements to meet our future water needs. This needs to be corrected. Mr. Harry is working with Randy Poole, SCWA’s General Manager to coordinate necessary information with the County Permits and Resource Management Department to update our future water projections in the new General Plan Amendment. Mr. Jack Weber did the population projections as part of the Avoided Water and Wastewater study that was done by Montgomery Watson in 1995. This study was used as the basis of estimating our water needs in the General Plan. Mr. Harry will meet with Mr. Weber and is hopeful of getting a proposal from him to update the projections on population growth. As information is received, the Board will be informed.

## **8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Discuss/Direct Staff: Board Meeting Schedule**

**General Manager Harry** referenced the staff report included in the meeting packets, stating that this is a board issue and staff will be happy with whatever the board wished to do.

General Consensus of the Board was to determine at the first meeting per month whether there is a need to schedule a second meeting for that month. This will result in a trial period to determine if there is a preference to change the District By Laws to set Board meeting frequencies to once per month.

### **B. Receive, File & Direct WAC Reps: Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Sonoma County Water Agency Wholesale Water Rates and Preliminary Budget**

**General Manager Harry** informed the Board that the SCWA has produced their preliminary budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 along with their preliminary wholesale water Rate projections for the same period. He noted that SCWA had paid off the existing bonds on the Sonoma Aqueduct, but had reissued additional bonds to cover the cost of necessary capital projects including the Eldridge to Madrone Pipeline Project.

The new VOMWD cost for water from SCWA for fiscal year 2003-2004 is estimated to be \$409.40, which is 5.7% higher than last year’s rate of \$387.43. He informed the Board that if we choose to pass this increased cost through to the customer, it would necessitate an approximate 2% increase to our commodity rate. This is lower than the 3 % rate increase previously projected to pay for the Eldridge to Madrone Pipeline Project. He informed the Board that when the final wholesale water rate is finalized, it will be considered along with the total package of next year’s cost estimates and revenue requirements to determine recommendations regarding water rates. The Board will also be considering whether to change the current water rate format based on the results of the current rate analysis being done by CH2MHill.

**Director Woods** commented that he was concerned that the rate study be revenue neutral and not be considered a rate increase.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

**Mr. Harry** reported that there was no need for a closed session.

10. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

N/A

11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**General Manager Harry** asked whether the Board wished to consider an item to look at the future make up of sub committees to determine whether changes should occur. **President Prushko** stated that he would like such an item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Director Bramfitt**, seconded by **Vice President Woods** and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7.06 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2003 at 6:30 P.M.

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Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary