

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
August 19, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, August 19, 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:	Sanford Smith Mark Bramfitt Ron Prushko
Directors Absent:	Ed Kenny, (excused) Michael Woods, (excused)
District Personnel:	Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
General Manager:	Lee Harry
Board Secretary:	Shari Walk
Public Present:	Steve Perry, Sue Nelson, Consultant with Brelje & Race, and Sandi Hansen, Sonoma Index-Tribune

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Receive and Approve Minutes of August 5, 2003.

**Director Bramfitt** abstained from Item 3.A since he was not present at the meeting of August 5, 2003. The item will be carried over to the next board meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

There was no Public Hearing.

**5. OPERATIONAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Operational and Committee Reports.

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

**Director Bramfitt** apologized to the Board for not appearing at the last board meeting, and for not confirming his proposed absence with staff

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

**General Manager Harry** informed the board that we received two new vehicles to our fleet, one large truck and one new backhoe, and that the current condition of the District fleet was excellent.

8. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Accept/Authorize:** Initial Environmental Study and Proposed Negative Declaration for the Felder Road/Arnold Drive Well Project.

**General Manager Harry** introduced this item, stating that for over a year, the District has been looking at the Arnold Drive/Felder Road as a possible well site. The District entered into a 99 year lease for the property with the Valley of the Moon Fire District. In the Temporary Impairment Memorandum of Understanding, Section 5.B, states that the prime contractors will, to the extent possible, augment their water supply during the peak summer months by developing a local supply sufficient to provide 40% of their peak pumping needs. He further stated that we have yet to receive a feasibility study regarding using reclaimed wastewater in our District, and was proceeding to develop additional groundwater supplies. The Felder Road Well Project is a key component in meeting this obligation.

**Mr. Harry** introduced Sue Nelson, of the firm of Brelje & Race, who is our environmental consultant for this Project to discuss the Initial Environmental Study, and to recommend additional steps necessary to comply with the CEQA requirements.

**Sue Nelson**, informed the Board that her firm had prepared the Initial Environmental Study and Proposed Negative Declaration for the Project. She reviewed the purpose of the project, and stated that the production from the proposed new well is to be used only during the peak production period. The proposed well will be drilled to a depth of 400-600 feet, and is expected to produce approximately 160 gallons per minute. The total volume produced will be approximately 4-6 acre feet per year. There will also be a small concrete block building to house the well and pump, and the site will be fenced and landscaped to be compatible with Arnold Drive as a County designated scenic corridor. A portable generator will be at the site in the event of a lack of power. Historically there was some stock piling of street construction material on the site. The existing mounds of material have been removed. Once the District takes control of the site, stockpiling of street construction material will no longer occur.

**Ms. Nelson**, reviewed the document pointing out the environmental checklist contained in the document indicates that the environmental topics addressed involved minimal or no impacts at all. Topics that fall into that category include: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology, Agricultural, and Land use, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population, Recreation and Transportation. There is virtually no finding of significant impacts due to the Project. There are a couple of topics that have some slight impacts, but nothing of significance really emerged. Since Arnold Drive is a county designated scenic corridor, there will be prescribed setbacks that the District will observe when installing the pump structure. With these setbacks, landscaping, and the fencing that will occur, there will be no adverse effects.

With respect to Cultural Resources, Northwest Information Center at Sonoma State University was contacted and asked to look at the location of the site to find out if there are any known historic resource sites in the vicinity. The response indicated that there were none identified, and defined the site as having low to moderate potential for any such resources to be present. We have specifically recommended that the plans

and specifications on this project include language that discusses the remedy that would occur if any such cultural resources were unexpectedly encountered during construction. The plans and specification will address any concerns regarding impacts to cultural resources.

Regarding hazardous materials, the District retained an environmental firm, CKG environmental incorporated to conduct a drinking water source assessment of the project site. The results of their analysis indicate that there were no contaminated sites in the area and that the site was suitable for a municipal well. The well will be properly constructed with the appropriate sanitary seal to protect the well from surface runoff contaminants.

Finally, regarding hydrology issues, the District retained the services of E.H. Boudreau to evaluate groundwater resources. Mr. Boudreau's report shows that the groundwater levels in this area are stable, there is a substantial volume of groundwater in this area and that groundwater recharge is estimated to well exceed groundwater pumping even upon operation of the District's proposed well. There was one private well in the vicinity of the proposed new well, from which Mr. Boudreau was unable to obtain information, however, he did extensive interviews with well owners in the area, and found that existing well operations were not interfering with the wells of nearby properties. His report concluded that the project would not have an adverse hydrological impact in the area.

**Ms. Nelson** then informed the Board that there was a beneficial effect regarding public services in that the District was attempting to meet its contractual obligation with the Sonoma County Water Agency and its contractors by developing an additional local supply during the peak use period.

**Ms. Nelson** stated that the study concludes that there were no significance adverse environmental impacts found, and recommended that the Board authorize that the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration be sent to the State Clearinghouse and be released for the 30-day public review period to begin August 21<sup>st</sup> and ending September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The notice includes specific instruction on how the public can contact the District to provide input and how they can get copies of the document along with copies of the supporting documents that were used in the preparation of the initial study.

The notice will be posted in the vicinity of the project site, published in the Sonoma Index-Tribune, and mailed to surrounding property owners within 300 feet of the project site. 15 copies of the Initial Study along with the Notice of Proposed Negative Declaration will also be sent to the state clearinghouse so that the state can distribute them to any public, state or other agency that would have an interest in the project. A copy will also be sent to the Department of Health Services. At the end of the 30-day public review period, Brelje & Race Engineers will compile all comments received, prepare written responses to the comments, and deliver them to the District

**Mr. Harry** pointed out that the most current version of the document was dated August 18, 2003. There were some changes made based on our legal counsel's recommendation that we felt needed to be incorporated into the draft document.

Comments from the board:

**Director Smith** inquired whether any of the changes from the 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> involved change in determination, whether it was a significance impact or negative impact.

**Ms. Nelson** responded that none of the changes involved any of the findings; there were some language clarifications and changes in the statements regarding the description and purpose of the project.

**Director Bramfitt** suggested notifying Temelec and Chantarelle homeowners association of the project

even though they are beyond the 300 foot radius.

**Mr. Harry** said that when the initial evaluation was done, both the Temelec and Chantarelle homeowners association was notified of the proposed project, and asked if they would provide us with the e-logs of their well, which they respectfully declined.

**President Prushko** asked who was contacted from the homeowners association. Mr. Harry responded that Mr. Boudreau, our consultant, contacted the secretary of the homeowners association on our behalf. Mr. Harry said before we start drilling the well, he will again contact them.

**Ms. Nelson** said it was a good idea to post at both the Temelec and Chantarelle Community Centers as suggested.

**President Prushko** asked if the public had any comments before proceeding. None did.

On motion by **Director Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Smith** to receive the Initial Environmental Study and Proposed Negative Declaration for the Felder Road Well Project and authorize staff to send the documents to the State Clearinghouse and make them available for public review and comments from August 21 through September 22, 2003, and to direct staff to schedule a public hearing to review and consider all written comments and to receive any additional oral comments regarding the Proposed Negative Declaration for the Board meeting of October 7, 2003. Motion carried unanimously

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session

**10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

There was no Closed Session

**11. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Mr. Harry** reported that he would be bringing to the next meeting an item for board consideration having to do with ACWA committee assignments. We need to let ACWA know of any interests in committees prior to October 1st.

There was no request from the Board for future agenda items.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Director Smith**, seconded by **Director Bramitt** and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2003 at 6:30 P.M.

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Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary