

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
November 7, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, 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 Sanford Smith** called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by **Deputy Secretary Walk** noted the following present:

Directors Present:	Ed Kenny Ron Prushko Sanford Smith Michael Woods
Directors Excused:	Mark Bramfitt
District Personnel:	Shari Walk, Office Supervisor Paul Gradolph, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
Public Present:	Russell Townsend and Pete Sutsos

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pete Sutsos, Ex-Director of the VOMWD addressed the board and expressed his appreciation for the exemplary service provided to the District by the outgoing Director Michael Woods. Mr. Sustos emphasized the valuable contributions of Director Woods during one of the critical junctures in the District's history.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A.** Receive and Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 3, 2006
- B.** Approve Bank Signature Card
- C.** Approve the Cooperative Funding Agreement for Water Conservation Program with the Sonoma County Water Agency for fiscal year 2006-07 and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.
- D.** 2007 schedule of holidays.

Motion by **Director Woods**, seconded by **Vice President Kenny** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt the Consent Calendar, as shown.

4. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

There was no public presentation.

5. **OPERATIONAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Approve Current Financial Reports for September 2006

Motion by **Director Prushko**, seconded by **Director Woods** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of September 2006 in the amount of \$611,232.15.

- B. Review/Comment on Current District Projects and Significant O & M Issues

**Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Paul Gradolph** presented the summary review of current District projects and significant operations and maintenance issues for October 2006, as follows:

- **Project #2892 – Agua Caliente Booster Station:** A start-up test of this pump station was conducted on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The pumps performed as designed and no problems were encountered. Meyer Control is working on the programs for the pump station logic controller. This is expected to be completed by the end of November.
- **Project #2902 – Production Well No. 5:** Test pumping was conducted on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Initial results indicated that this well could sustain a pumping rate of 200 gpm, as was anticipated. Water quality samples were also collected and the laboratory analysis was expected in four weeks. Once water quality information had been obtained, design of the pumping facilities would begin.

- C. Water Source Report

**Director Prushko** noted that the District obtained 15% of water from wells.

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

**President Smith** provided a report on the Water Advisory Committee meeting of November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**President Smith**, and **Directors Ed Kenny and Ron Prushko**, in separate remarks, thanked **Director Woods** for his long years of service to the District in various capacities. They highlighted several of his significant contributions to the District during his decade long tenure at VOMWD as District Counsel, Interim General Manager, and Director.

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

- A. Sonoma Valley Basin Panel Meeting of October 16, 2006

**General Manager Kumar** reported that the initial round of meetings, which were mainly educational in nature, was now over. The next round would involve deciding on the Basin Objectives. That phase would be led by Tim Parker, who has considerable expertise in that area.

- B. Water and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings of November 6, 2006

**Mr. Kumar** reported that the Water Agency representatives provided the following updates:

The Water Agency's Board of Directors would hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on November 14<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of receiving comments on the Water Agency's draft Urban Water Management Plan 2005. The Water Agency's Board intended to adopt the plan at its meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Subsequently, the VOMWD would be adopting a plan specific to the District in either January or February 2007.

The Water Agency had agreed to evaluate the pipeline option to convey water through Dry Creek in the Water Project EIR. The Technical Advisory Committee has prepared reconnaissance level cost for such an option. TAC members would be meeting with the Water Agency staff to fine-tune these cost estimates and discuss other operational details.

The Water Agency had prepared a funding requirement sheet that they had used to lobby for funds in Washington DC. The total estimated costs for the three groups of the projects are \$482 M, with anticipated funding at \$103 M. The remaining \$379M needs to be raised at the local level.

Mr. Kumar informed the Board that VOMWD has been named to two TAC sub-committees – Budget subcommittee and the Water Projects sub-committee.

C. Hill Road Water Storage Tank Project

**Mr. Kumar** reported that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) had concurred with the site investigation and remedial action for the December 2005 diesel spill that occurred at the Hill Road water storage tank site. The SWRCB had informed the District that no further action was required at the site and they had treated the matter as closed.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Administer:** Oath of Office for Incoming Directors

**Deputy Secretary Shari Walk** administered the Oath of Office to incoming Directors **Sanford Smith** and **Russell Townsend**.

- B. **Discuss/Authorize:** Authorize the General Manager to negotiate and sign an agreement with retired employee ms. Barbara Hafterson for obtaining a replacement insurance policy, with the stipulation that the annual premium payments be below the current level and subject to the various provisions of the draft agreement.

Motion by **Director Woods**, seconded by **Director Prushko** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to authorize the General Manager to negotiate and sign an agreement with retired employee Ms. Barbara Hafterson for obtaining a replacement insurance policy, with the stipulation that the annual premium payments be below the current level and subject to the various provisions of the draft agreement.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. None

**10. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

There was no Closed Session.

**11. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no request for future agenda items.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by **Vice President Kenny**, seconded by **Director Woods** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.

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Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

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Edward Kenny, Board President