

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT**  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 4, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, 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 Ed Kenny** 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:	Ron Prushko Sanford Smith Russell Townsend Ed Kenny
Director Excused:	Mark Bramfitt
District Personnel:	Shari Walk, Office Supervisor Paul Gradolph, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
Public Present:	Shirley Stack Clark & Sandi Hansen, <u>Sonoma Index-Tribune</u>

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Receive and Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 6, 2007

Motion by **Director Smith**, seconded by **Director Prushko** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt the Consent Calendar, as shown.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

There was no Public Hearing.

**5. OPERATIONAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements

Motion by **Director Prushko**, seconded by **Director Smith** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to

approve the monthly financial reports and disbursements for the month of October 2007, in the amount of \$300,412.06.

B. 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 November 2007, as follows:

- **Project #2902 – Production Well No. 5:** This project was currently being advertised for bids. A prebid meeting had been scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> and the bid opening was scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Staff planned to have a recommendation of award for the contract at the January board meeting.

In response to **Director Prushko**, Paul Gradolph stated the new well would help achieve the 15% reduction if needed next summer.

- **Project #2912 – Agua Caliente, Trinity Oaks, El Verano Water Mains:** Staff had given comments on the 95% plans and specifications to the Design Engineer. This project would be ready to bid and construct next spring as site conditions permit.

C. Water Source Report

In response to **Director Prushko**, Mr. Gradolph reported that all the District wells were currently shut down, and the Larbre well would be rested shortly, and the overall amount of the Russian River water used by the District had also dropped.

**President Kenny** asked if the water levels of the Larbre Well are monitored, to which Mr. Gradolph responded affirmatively. Mr. Gradolph also added that the water levels were recovering and sometimes after a real wet winter season they could recover more than the previous year.

**President Kenny** asked if the new well was in the same aquifer as the Larbre well, to which Mr. Gradolph responded they are not. The Larbe well is drawing at around 180 feet, and the new well will be drawing at 500 feet.

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

**Director Smith** gave both an oral report and a written report on his attendance at the JPIA/ACWA conference.

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

**General Manager Kumar** gave a brief report on his attendance at the ACWA conference. He also reported that Paul Kelley was elected as the Vice-President of ACWA.

A. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of December 3, 2007

**Mr. Kumar** reported that the TAC was briefed by the Finance Sub-Committee that it had been working with the Water Agency staff on the Water Agency’s FY 08-09 budget and a preliminary budget would be presented at the next TAC meeting in January.

In response to **Director Prushko**, Mr. Kumar stated that it would be a difficult year in terms of water rates given the reduction in water sales due to the 15% state mandated reduction in water usage and the anticipated reduction for next year. Also the Water Agency is looking at several fairly big capital projects, such as parallel aqueducts for Petaluma, Rohnert Park and Santa Rosa.

In response to **Director Townsend**, Mr. Kumar stated the total Sonoma County population growth rate is 0.6%

B. Board Meeting Date

**Mr. Kumar** reported that since the next Board Meeting falls on a holiday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, the meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

8. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no Old/New Business

President **Kenny** adjourned into Closed Session at 7:08 P.M.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Real property negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – District Negotiator: General Manager; Property: 2020 Heaven Hill Road and 2400 Sobre Vista Road; Subject: Terms and price.

10. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**President Kenny** reconvened into open session at 8:00 P.M. and advised that there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no request for future agenda items.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by **Director Smith**, seconded by **President Prushko** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

---

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

---

Ed Kenny, Board President