

VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, 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 Mark Bramfitt 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:	Mark Bramfitt Ron Prushko Ed Kenny Sanford Smith Russell Townsend
District Personnel:	Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
Public Present:	Sandi Hansen, Sonoma Index-Tribune

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Minutes of the July 1, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting
- B.** Side Letters to Employee MOUs.
- C.** Conflict of Interest Code.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

5. OPERATIONAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements

Office Supervisor Shari Walk advised that the report was the last for FY 2007/2008. She pointed out that revenues were \$3,817,863; approximately \$22,499 more than budgeted primarily due to increased interest income. Total expenditures were \$3,509,467 including the allocation to the Capital Improvement Program, \$285,000 less than budgeted, representing a net positive variance of approximately \$308,000.

Motion by **Vice President 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 June 2008, in the amount of \$483,456.01.

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

General Manager Krishna Kumar presented the summary review of current District projects and significant operations and maintenance issues for July 2008, as follows:

- **Project #2893 – Carmel Avenue Water Main:** The contractor had completed 100% of the water main installation and the service laterals. The total project was approximately 95% complete. Work left to be completed included paving, and installation of the fire hydrant bollards.
- **Project #2902 – Production Well No. 5:** The installation of the filtration unit was complete. The contractor was ready to install the backwash unit. This project was on schedule and progressing well.
- **Project #2912 – Agua Caliente, Trinity Oaks, El Verano Water Mains:** The contractor, Piazza Construction, commenced work in July, starting with the Trinity Road section in Glen Ellen, the completion of the project is scheduled for October 2008.

Vice President Prushko reminded staff to make sure the contractor completed the paving work before the contractor is paid.

C. Water Source Report

General Manager Kumar reported that for the fiscal year 2007-2008, the District purchased less than 3,000 acre feet of water from the Sonoma County Water Agency.

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

Director Smith reported on his attendance at the Insurance and Personnel Committee meeting in San Diego on July 17, 2008. He noted that ACWA will be going to self insurance on January 1, 2009, with Blue Shield administering the program. **Director Smith** recommended that staff look into the ACWA health rates in comparison to the PERS health rates.

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

A. Technical and Water Advisory Committee Meetings of August 4, 2008

Mr. Kumar reported the following:

At the request of the Water Advisory Committee (WAC), the Water Conservation sub-committee of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recently completed a water conservation metrics table. That was done in the context of AB 2175. The general consensus was that gallons per day per capita was going to be the state wide standard and AB 2175 used that as the standard to measure water conservation accomplishments. The sub-committee also concluded that the latest version of AB 2175 is much better than the original version.

The State Water Resources Control Board planned to hold a public workshop next day in Santa Rosa to receive input regarding the Draft Policy for Maintaining In stream Flows in Northern Coastal Steams. The TAC and WAC approved support for a resolution passed by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities in support of the watershed approach to deciding water rights applications and decision making.

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency) anticipated releasing the Water Project EIR sometime in November/December of this year, subject to the receipt of the biological opinion and the adoption of the County General Plan.

A discussion about alternate forms of governance for the Sonoma County Water Agency took place on the basis of a white paper which was recently circulated. The WAC appointed a fact-finding sub-committee to investigate the source of the white paper and the real impetus behind it.

President Bramfitt reported that since he felt the WAC should act only after a formal request comes from the Water Agency's Board of Directors, he had cast a lone dissenting vote at the WAC meeting regarding the appointment of the sub-committee.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Workshop on Long Term Water Supply Planning.

Mr. Kumar, with the help of a chart, explained that the District's gross annual water demand was anticipated to increase by 191 acre-feet, or 5%, between 2010 and 2030. Of that increase, 122 acre-feet would be realized through additional savings from water conservation measures, resulting in a net increase of 69 acre-feet, or 2% of additional net water demand. The 69 acre-feet of additional net water demand would be accomplished by increasing Russian River water use by 544 acre-feet, while reducing the reliance on local ground water by 480 acre-feet.

The District's ability to obtain the additional 544 acre-feet of Russian River water by 2030 was contingent upon the Water Agency obtaining additional water rights and completing the remaining segments of the parallel Sonoma Aqueduct. The completion of the Eldridge Madrone segment of the parallel aqueduct had increased the system capacity as well as system reliability during peak months.

The District currently used five active wells to supplement the water that it obtained from the Water Agency. Because of the uncertain long-term sustainability of the District's wells, the District's current intent was to use groundwater supply solely for peaking purposes during the summer months. The District was nearing completion of an additional well on Verano Avenue which will greatly improve the reliability of local supply in case of any unanticipated disruption to the Russian River supply.

Water conservation is an integral part of the District's long term water supply planning. The District recently introduced several new water conservation programs including the 'cash for grass' program. Given the positive response to these programs, staff was confident that the District can achieve the required additional savings from conservation by 2030.

Director Smith expressed concerns over what may happen if the Water Agency cannot obtain additional water rights from the state. He was particularly concerned with the extent of the District's reliance on the Russian River and the long-range implications of such reliance. He inquired whether the District has looked at the possibility of increasing local water storage as another option.

President Bramfitt added that when the District hits the third dry year in a row, the Water Agency will say that the District cannot have its expected allocation and hence the District needs to be thinking 20 years out. He added that if the District doesn't get more water from the Water Agency, the District will be really not in control of the show.

President Bramfitt suggested the district continue to investigate alternative sources of water supply including drilling more wells, building reservoirs, use of recycled water and possibly storing and using some water from the Sonoma Creek. He complimented staff for a great, but sobering, report.

President Bramfitt adjourned the meeting into closed session at 7:45 pm.

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

President Bramfitt reconvened at 7:50 P.M. from Closed Session. There was nothing to report.

10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by **Director Smith**, seconded by **Vice President Prushko** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting at 6:30 P.M. on September 2, 2008.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Mark Bramfitt, Board President