

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT**  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 5, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 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. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Directors Present:	Mark Bramfitt Al Bandur Ed Kenny Ron Prushko
Directors Absent:	Russell Townsend
District Personnel:	Paul Gradolph, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
Public Present:	Mark Heneveld

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mark Heneveld commented on the following:

Sonoma Golf Course continuing to water its fields after the recent significant rains; article in the San Francisco Chronicle regarding the top ten fishing lakes that are polluted, one being Lake Sonoma; and pharmaceuticals continuing to be flushed down toilets.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A.** Minutes of the April 7, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B.** Amendment No. 1 to the General Manager’s Employment Agreement.
- C.** Project Closing Documents for Water Facilities Installation Project No. 2919.

On motion by **Director Bandur**, seconded by **Director Bramfitt** and carried by a voice vote to adopt the Consent Calendar, as shown.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE**

## 5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

### A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements.

On motion by **Director Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Kenny** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of March 2009 in the amount of \$209,638.13.

### B. Water Source Report

In response to **President Prushko**, General Manager Kumar stated that the District is awaiting the April water usage numbers from the Sonoma County Water Agency to calculate the water conservation figures for that month.

## 6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

**Director Bramfitt** reported on the three Water Advisory Committee meetings and one Sonoma County Water Agency Board of Directors meeting that he attended during the month. The Water Agency and its contractors had come to a nominal agreement as to the amount of water to be delivered by the Water Agency for the forthcoming fiscal year – 54,000 acre-feet, and also a budget to support that level of water deliveries, which was approved by the Water Agency's governing board. Subsequent to that, the Water Agency had indicated that it was going to 'mothball' three of the collectors and several booster stations. The Water Agency believed that the water contractors may not be able to take deliveries of even the agreed upon 54,000 acre-feet. The Water Agency and its contractors may have to consider an impairment MOU under which an allocation of the available 54,000 acre-feet could be considered. Now that a budget had been approved, any budgetary deficiency on account of reduced water sales had to be considered at the end of the fiscal year by the Water Agency.

In addition, the State Water Resources Control Board had approved an urgency change petition; some of the provisions of the State Board Order had been protested by the water contractors. There appears to be a lot of 'churn', some of which seems unnecessary. Some of the water contractors seem to have differing opinions. The situation is what it is. The Water Agency would like to finalize the water allocation for each of its water contractors as well as potentially reopen the budget process. Reopening the budget process might be a mistake. As for the allocation, there is an existing methodology that was adopted by the Water Agency's governing board and the contractors could very well use that methodology to determine the allocations. There is a lot of pressure on all of us for conservation and doing the right thing and we will.

The Water Agency interprets the State Board Order to mean that we cannot use our local resources to balance the reduced Russian River deliveries. We don't read it that way as the State Board has no jurisdiction over our local resources. The State Board's direction to the Water Agency to reduce the Russian River diversions by 25% compared to 2004 is achievable. We ought to take a cool, calm, and collected approach and do District business in a forthright manner, while pursuing conservation and managing our local resources.

**Director Bramfitt** added that he had had conversations on these issues with both Supervisors Brown and Kelly.

**President Prushko** thanked **Director Bramfitt**, on behalf of the Board, for taking the time to attend these very important meetings and keeping the Board apprised of the developments.

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

**General Manager Kumar** thanked Director Bramfitt, O&M Supervisor Gradolph and Office Supervisor Walk for covering his absence during vacation.

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Mutual Aid Water Loan Agreement with Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC).

**Director Bandur** sought clarification on a few inaccurate references in Section 10 of the existing agreement and directed staff to get those corrected.

**Director Bramfitt** commented about a meeting that he and General Manager Kumar had with the Executive Director of SDC in which possible broader arrangements for water supply were discussed and got very welcome reception from SDC.

On motion by **Director Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Bandur** and carried by a voice vote to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Mutual Aid Water Loan Agreement between the Valley of the Moon Water District and the Sonoma Developmental Center and authorize the General Manager to sign the Amendment.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session.

**10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no request for future agenda items.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Director Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Kenny**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on June 2, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

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Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

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Ron Prushko, Board President