

VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, 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 Russ Townsend 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:	Ron Prushko Al Bandur Russ Townsend
Directors Excused:	Mark Bramfitt Ed Kenny
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
District Personnel:	Paul Gradolph, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
Public:	Jay Jasperse & Ann DuBay, Sonoma County Water Agency

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Minutes of the June 1, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B.** Fire Line Service Installation Agreement with Linda Gill, Project No. 2929.
- C.** Association of California Water Agencies Health Benefits Authority Bylaws and Joint Powers Authority Agreement.

Since there was a lack of a quorum of the members present at the June 2, 2010 meeting, Item A, was carried forward to the next meeting.

On motion by **Director Prushko**, seconded by **Vice President Bandur** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt the Consent Calendar, with the removal of Item A.

4. PUBLIC PESENTATION

A. Sonoma County Water Agency's Water Supply Strategy Action Plan.

Jay Jasperse, Interim Chief Engineer, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), gave a PowerPoint presentation on SCWA's draft Water Supply Strategy Action Plan.

President Townsend questioned the practical applications of the climate change evaluations contemplated in the plan and inquired whether there were plans to purchase lands to create spreading basins in the Valley.

In response to **Director Bandur**, Mr. Jasperse indicated that: 1) the strategies as listed in the plan were not prioritized; however, the items under each action were. 2) The construction of the remaining segments of the Sonoma Aqueduct parallel pipeline would be considered after the construction of the South Transmission System Pipeline project. 3) As to the factors determining the success of the Dry Creek habitat restoration and who would determine them, the Fish and Game and National Marine Fisheries Service in conjunction with SCWA.

In response to **Director Prushko**, Mr. Jasperse commented that: 1) the farming communities along the Russian River have been very cooperative in supporting development and implementation of agricultural water conservation strategies. 2) The flows in the Russian River are managed by SCWA in compliance with the requirement of Decision 1610. 3) As to the projected wholesale water rate increase for the next year, it was very difficult to determine that at this stage as the budget process has not begun and it would also depend on the capital projects planned for next year.

After the presentation by Jay Jasperse, **President Townsend** moved to Old/New Business

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Sonoma County Water Agency's Water Supply Strategy Action Plan

President Townsend thanked Mr. Jasperse for his presentation, and hoped that not too much time was put into the climate control section of the plan given the uncertain conclusions on the subject. He noted the need to give time to **Directors Bramfitt and Kenny** who were not at the meeting to review the material before submitting final comments to SCWA.

President Townsend directed staff to compile additional comments from the Directors and forward them to the SCWA.

Mr. Jasperse said that SCWA would like to receive comments by August, 2010.

B. North Bay Water Recycling Program

Mr. Kumar introduced this item stating that the North Bay Water Reuse Authority was seeking support for its North Bay Water Recycling Program. A draft letter had been included in the board packet for board consideration.

President Townsend said, in concept, this program benefits the overall water system and he was in support of an endorsement letter.

In response to **Director Bandur**, Mr. Jasperse confirmed that the use of recycled water would alleviate the concerns from salt water intrusion in several ways. One indirect way would be to get the vineyards in the Valley to use more recycled water thereby reducing the groundwater pumping which would in turn reduce the potential for salt water intrusion.

Motion by **Director Prushko**, seconded by **Vice President Bandur** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to authorize the President to sign the draft endorsement letter to North Bay Water Reuse Authority

C. Sonoma Aqueduct Parallel Pipeline Debt Service Reserve

President Townsend introduced the item, stating that staff recommendation was to un-designate the Sonoma Aqueduct Parallel Pipeline Debt Service Reserve. He noted that under the agreement with SCWA, the District would be making five annual payments and such payments would be included in the District's annual budgets.

In response to **Director Prushko**, Mr. Kumar explained that the District had two different kinds of reserves, designated and un-designated. By the requested action, the District would simply be transferring those funds from the designated reserves category to the un-designated reserves category.

President Townsend further noted that the board had originally earmarked the reserve in the event that the District had to deal with the disputed payments. That issue had since been resolved resulting in five annual payments and therefore there was no need to designate a specific reserve for that purpose.

Motion by **Director Prushko**, seconded by **Vice President Bandur** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to un-designate the Sonoma Aqueduct Parallel Pipeline Debt Service Reserve.

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements.

On motion by **Director Prushko**, seconded by **Vice President Bandur** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of May 2010 in the amount of \$289,734.59.

In response to **Director Prushko**, Mr. Gradolph said that District had been relying on Caltest over the last several years based on its size and capabilities to do specialized water quality testing.

President Townsend asked if the District had ever gone to bid or requested proposals from other laboratories and if not, he suggested it may be worth looking into.

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 June 2010.

Project #2926 – Boyes Springs Main Replacement and Trinity Interconnection: Mr. Gradolph reported that the project began on June 7th starting with the Trinity/Glen Ellen Interconnection. To date, over 2,000 feet of main had been installed on Dunbar Road. That portion of the project is expected to be completed by the week of July 19th. The Manzanita Rd., Academy Lane, Fairview Lane and Mulford Lane mains portion of the project were scheduled to start shortly thereafter.

In response to **Vice President Bandur**, Mr. Gradolph confirmed that both the bid and contract for the Trinity Interconnection portion of the project included an open trench design and the District did not get compensated for allowing the change from open trench to directional boring. Mr. Gradolph added that both the County and the District were benefiting by minimizing the impact on the pavement, especially since the pavement in some areas was only an inch thick.

Vice President Bandur commented that there are distinct advantages to do an open trench design. He said typically a trench includes bedding and backfill, with the bedding acting as an indicator that you are getting close to the pipe when digging. The bedding also allows any water in that trench to travel with the pipe.

Mr. Gradolph said that with directional boring, the surrounding material will look native when digging down to the pipe. However, the addition of tracer wire on the pipe would indicate its presence.

President Townsend noted that if the contractor did incur any cost savings due to this change, the District should get a part of the savings. He also suggested, to avoid any confusion, to consider all the options ahead of time before going out to bid next time.

Mr. Kumar assured the board that staff would consider all options before bidding projects in the future.

C. Water Source Report

Mr. Kumar noted that the June report, which will be included in the next board packet, showed a total of 2,092 acre-feet of water purchased from SCWA for fiscal year ending 6/30/10, considerably lower than in past years. This has resulted in a drastic reduction to the District's annual revenue. On one hand it was gratifying to see the overall success of the conservation efforts on the part of the District's customers and the resultant improvement in the water supply base, and on the other hand it was a challenge to maintain the District's revenue stream.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

There were no comments from the President or Directors.

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

Mr. Kumar reported the following:

The District's Water Advisory Committee (WAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) representatives had received a letter from the Water Agency reiterating the important provisions of the recent State Water Resource Control Board order in response to the Water Agency's Temporary Urgency Change petition. The most directly applicable provision to the District was Provision No. 13.

Provision No. 13 required the District to assign individual water budgets to each of its 26 dedicated irrigation customers designed to achieve a maximum applied water allowance of 60% of the Reference Evapotranspiration for the months of May through November 2010. The District had already informed each of the irrigation customers their water budgets for this period. At the end of November 2010, the District was required to inform the Water Agency the actual maximum applied water allowance accomplished by each of these dedicated irrigation customers for this period. The District plans to do that.

In response to **Vice President Bandur**, Mr. Kumar said there is no penalty for going over the assigned budgets.

In response to **President Townsend**, Mr. Kumar said that, for privacy reasons, the names of the customers will be withheld from the report that would be given to the State.

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 **Vice President Bandur**, seconded by **Director Prushko**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on August 3, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Russell Townsend, Board President