

VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, August 3, 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 Ed Kenny Mark Bramfitt Al Bandur Russ Townsend
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
District Personnel:	Paul Gradolph, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
Public:	Nicole Richardson and son Ryder

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the June 1, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B. Minutes of the July 6, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting.
- C. Security Deposit for Hydrant and Construction Meters.

On motion by **Director Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Prushko** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt the Consent Calendar, as shown, noting **Vice-President Bandur's** abstention on item 3.A and **Directors Bramfitt and Kenny's** abstention on item 3.B.

4. PUBLIC PESENTATION - NONE

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements.

On motion by **Director Prushko**, seconded by **Director Kenny** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of June 2010 in the amount of \$487,374.49.

B. Water Source Report.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Director Prushko commented that the capacities in Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino was 90% full and just a little less than that in Lake Pillsbury, which was very good news.

Director Kenny noted that the water in Lake Shasta is also rising.

Vice President Bandur said that during a recent road trip he passed by Trinity Lake and it was way down.

In response to **Director Kenny**, Mr. Kumar clarified that the California Public Employees' Retirement System earned an 11.8% return on its portfolio in 2009, while the portfolio had lost 27.1% in 2008.

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

Mr. Kumar reported the following:

WAC/TAC meetings on August 2, 2010

The SCWA strategic action plan was the main item of discussion at the WAC meeting. The WAC had directed the TAC Chair, Chris DeGabriele, to attempt to compile the close to 120 comments received from the various water contractors into some sort of a matrix so that the overarching themes can be understood better. That would also enable the WAC to approve a common and combined response to the Water Agency's board when it considered the Action Plan at its meeting on September 21st.

Director Bramfitt further commented that there were only 9 letters with 120 comments regarding the Action Plan. He strongly felt that no material benefit was derived from this attempt to compile the comments into some categories. The respective Supervisor could have understood the issues the water contractors are facing by merely reading the comment letters from the water contractors of their jurisdiction.

Slow it, Spread it, Sink it booklet

The Basin Advisory Panel, chaired by **Director Bramfitt**, recently published a useful booklet 'Slow It, Spread It, Sink It'. The booklet contained practical and eco-friendly ways to protect property and the environment from the effects of storm water runoff, accompanied by some very beautiful pictures.

Water Conservation Award nomination

This was the second year that the Basin Advisory Panel was calling for nominations for water conservation awards. The nominations closed on October 1, 2010. The last year's awards ceremony was very moving

with several individuals and organizations being honored for their impressive accomplishments in conserving water. The District staff was on the lookout for suitable nominations.

Banking Services

The District currently banked with Sonoma Valley Bank. Because it was not a depository bank with LAIF, there was a transaction fee of \$20 for making LAIF transfers. Hence staff was looking at proposals from other banking institutions, and if it made business sense, the District may consider switching to a new institution.

PG&E Gas Leak

The District was recently notified by PG&E of a potential water leak in the Temelec area, where PG&E had detected water in its gas line. District's field staff, in conjunction with the PG&E crew, was able to locate the leak and fix it. It was discovered that the water and gas service laterals crossed each other at a point and both had developed leaks at the spot they crossed each other.

Mr. Kumar thanked Mr. Gradolph and his staff for a job well done. He stated that the District staff had met with representatives from PG&E to access the situation, see what could be learned from the experience, and see if there were potentially other places where this could happen. Staff will be working closely and in cooperation with PG&E toward that goal.

September Board meeting

Mr. Kumar reported that he was going on vacation, and would not be back for the next board meeting in September, so asked if the board wanted to cancel that meeting, or reschedule it for later in the month. The consensus was to cancel the September board meeting.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. District's Sphere of Influence Amendment.

President Townsend introduced this item, noting that staff had recommended for policy determination by the Board regarding a Sphere of Influence amendment to encompass several lots where the owners had requested service through the District.

Director Bramfitt rescued himself from this item, due to his role as a LAFCO Board member, and took a place in the audience at this time.

Director Prushko wondered if those parcels were annexed would there be a flood of other requests for water connections.

Director Kenny, after confirming that those parcels were currently on well water, suggested that maybe the District could make use of their wells in the future.

Vice-President Bandur commented that he's very concerned about this. Anyone that has had issue with their wells was going to be knocking at our door, especially anyone in the surrounding area and with the precedence set, is going to be asking for the same consideration. Given our limited supply of water, he

suggested taking a hard look on the impacts this would have on our long-term water supply situation before a decision was made.

President Townsend noted that the Board would like more information and a future presentation on this item and would like to keep its options open until after that presentation.

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 Kenny**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on October 5, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Russell Townsend, Board President