

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
February 1, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 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 Al Bandur** 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:	Russ Townsend Ron Prushko Ed Kenny Mark Bramfitt Al Bandur
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
District Personnel	Paul Gradolph, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
Public:	None

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A.** Minutes of the January 4, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting.

On motion by **Vice-President Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Kenny** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt the Consent Calendar, as shown.

At the request of staff, **President Bandur** moved to item 8.A of old/new business.

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Proposed Operations and Maintenance and Capital Improvement Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

**General Manager Kumar** introduced Spencer Bader, Division Manager of Administrative Services and Mike Gossman, Finance and Budget Manager, both from the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency). Mr. Gossman gave an overview to the Board on how the Agency's proposed water rates to the contractors were calculated and determined for FY 2011-12. The proposed rate increases for FY 2011-12 are 5% for the Santa Rosa and Petaluma Aqueduct, and 4.28% for the Sonoma Aqueduct.

In response to **Director Prushko**, Mr. Gossman pointed out that the Agency's annual water sale has gone down to 47,000 acre-feet from 64,000 acre-feet and that was principally responsible for the steep increases in the wholesale water rates during the last few years.

**President Bandur** confirmed with Mr. Kumar that the proposed rates included the debt payment for the Eldridge-Madrone Pipeline.

In response to **Vice-President Bramfitt**, Mr. Gossman explained that the 5-year cap of \$35 per acre-foot for the Watershed Planning/Restoration Sub-charge sunsets in FY 2011-12 and goes up to \$54.56 in FY 2011-12.

In response to **Director Townsend**, Mr. Bader explained the restoration work being done on the first mile of the dry creek project and the attendant costs.

**Vice-President Bramfitt** noted that, unless the board had a different view, at the WAC meeting on March 7th, he will recommend the adoption of the Agency's budget.

**President Bandur** thanked Spencer Bader and Mike Gossman for their presentation.

On motion by **Vice-President Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Prushko** and carried unanimously by a voice vote the Board took the following actions:

- 1) Authorized staff to mail notices to all District customers regarding the proposed 7.0% water rate increase for FY 2011-12;
- 2) Set June 7, 2011, 6:45 P.M. as the date and time of the Public Hearing to a) review the protests received regarding the proposed water rate increase and b) receive public comments regarding the 2011-12 proposed budget.

<b>4. PUBLIC PESENTATION – NONE</b>
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<b>5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS</b>
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- A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for December 2010.

On motion by **Vice-President Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Prushko** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of December 2010 in the amount of \$293,835.15.

- B. Water Source Report.

The Water Source Report was received and filed.

**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** provided information to the board on the following.

- 1) A report prepared by Jon Olaf Nelson for the City of Sonoma outlining potential agreements among the District, City and the Sonoma Developmental Center to more fully utilize mutual water resources as a drought proofing mechanism.
- 2) The Santa Rosa plain groundwater management planning work being currently undertaken by the Sonoma County Water Agency and various stakeholders.

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**B.** Water System Maps Update.

Motion by **Vice-President Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Prushko** and carried by a roll call vote to approve Task Order No. 11-858-01 to Brelje & Race in the not-to-exceed amount of \$8,990 to update the District's water system maps.

**President Bandur** convened into Closed Session at 7:55 P.M.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**A.** Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Negotiate Price and Terms of Pament, Agency Negotiator: Krishna Kumar; Negotiating Parties: Ruth Curreri, Paul Curreri and Yvette Curreri. Property address 13600 Sonoma Highway in Glen Ellen, California – Sonoma County California APN 054-270-034.

**President Bandur** reconvened from Closed Session at 8:05 P.M., and reported that the Board of Directors have authorized the President of the Board to sign a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Paul Curreri and Yvette Curreri, owners of the property at 13600 Sonoma Highway, Glen Ellen, APN 054-270-034, for acquiring a portion of that property by the District for locating a water storage tank.

**10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no request for future agenda items.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Director Townsend**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on March 1, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

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Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

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Al Bandur, Board President