

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, March 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:	Laurie Gallian, Mayor for the City of Sonoma

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Laurie Gallian, Mayor of the City of Sonoma, commented that she was present to observe the board meeting.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Minutes of the February 1, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B. Project Closing Documents for Fire Line Service Installation Project No. 2929

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

**4. PUBLIC PESENTATION – NONE**

**5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

- A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for January 2011.

On motion by **Vice President Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Kenny** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of January 2011 in the amount of \$279,662.63.

**B. Water Source Report.**

In response to **Director Prushko**, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor, Paul Gradolph said all the wells are resting now except for the Larbre Well.

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

**Vice President Bramfitt** reported that he was elected as Vice Chair of the Water Advisory Committee (WAC). He also noted that unless there was an objection, he would be supporting the Sonoma County Water Agency's proposed budget at the March 7, 2011 WAC meeting.

**Director Townsend** said he would also be attending the next WAC meeting.

**Director Kenny** commented that the VOMWD crew did a great job repairing a recent leak in Temelec area.

**President Bandur** reported that he would not be present at the April board meeting.

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

**General Manager Kumar** reported on the draft white paper regarding the proposed groundwater banking program in the Sonoma Valley area. Mr. Kumar said the report listed the available capacity for the City of Sonoma at 4,000-9,000 acre feet, and Valley of the Moon Water District at 600-1,400 acre-feet annually. Mr. Kumar stated the report is very preliminary, and he would update the board as new information was made available by the consultant team.

In response to **Director Prushko**, **President Bandur** clarified that the City has not determined the specific sites for banking groundwater and was currently reviewing all potential well sites.

In response to **Director Townsend**, Mr. Kumar explained that the relative age of a well is a factor while deciding its suitability for being used in a groundwater banking program mainly due to its link to the operational condition of the well casing to withstand the rigors of groundwater injection. Mr. Kumar also confirmed that all new wells would be looked at for determining the viability for groundwater banking.

**President Bandur** pointed out there was a concern about injecting chlorinated water into the ground and the consultant team would be closing looking at this. He added that in terms of water quality, the California Department of Public Health has jurisdiction over the water that is pumped out of a well and the State Water Resource Control Board over what is injected into the ground.

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SBX7-7 (The Water Conservation Act of 2009) – Request for Regional Compliance.**

**General Manager Kumar** introduced this item stating that the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SBX7-7) set a goal of achieving a 20% statewide reduction in urban per capita water use by the year 2020. The legislation enabled urban water suppliers to plan, comply and report either on an individual basis or on a regional basis by forming a regional alliance. Three of the contractors (City of Sonoma, North Marin Water District and the Town of Windsor) may not be able to meet the SBX7-7 targets individually, and therefore had requested from the other 6 water contractors, including the District, to comply with SBX7-7 on a regional basis and to define the regional alliance as one that includes water retailers who are signatory to the Restructured Agreement for Water Supply and Marin Municipal Water District.

If a regional alliance met its regional target, all suppliers in the alliance would be deemed compliant. If a regional alliance failed to meet its regional target, water suppliers in the alliance that meet their individual targets will be deemed compliant. Therefore, there was no risk to those regional alliance participants which meet their individual targets.

The consensus of the Board was to authorize the District to become part of a regional alliance comprising of the water contractors of the Sonoma County Water Agency to comply with the provisions of SBX7-7.

**B. Chestnut Tank Interior and Exterior Painting Project No. 2932**

**General Manager Kumar** introduced this item, stating this project was in the District's FY 2010-11 Capital Improvement Program and had a budget of \$155,500 to recoat the exterior and interior of the Chestnut Tank. The District received three quotes from contractors who specialized in painting of large water tanks. The low quote was from Quality Painting and Maintenance, who had successfully completed painting projects on four of the District's water tanks in the past. Staff was also requesting board authorization for inspection services from the District's coating consultant D.B. Gaya in the amount not-to-exceed \$8,576.

In response to **President Bandur**, Mr. Kumar said Quality Painting and Maintenance was located in Reno, NV, however, did most of their work in the bay area.

Motion by **Vice President Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Kenny** and carried by a roll call vote of 4 ayes, Townsend, Kenny, Bramfitt and Bandur, and 1 nay, Prushko to 1) accept the low bid from Quality Painting and Maintenance in the amount of \$119,800 to recoat the exterior and interior of the Chestnut Tank and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract with the firm, and 2) authorize inspection services in the amount not-to-exceed \$8,576 to D.B. Gaya and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement with the firm.

**President Bandur** convened into Closed Session at 7:12 P.M.

<b>9. CLOSED SESSION</b>
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**A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957-General Manager.**

**President Bandur** reconvened from Closed Session at 7:30 P.M. There was nothing to report.

<b>10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</b>
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**President Bandur** requested an item on a later agenda to discuss policy options for using local contractors/suppliers for VOMWD work in the future.

<b>11. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Motion by **Vice President Bramfitt**, 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 April 5, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

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Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

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Mark Bramfitt, Board Vice President