

VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 5, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, July 5, 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 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:	Ron Prushko Ed Kenny Mark Bramfitt Al Bandur
Directors/Excused:	Russ Townsend
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
District Personnel	Paul Gradolph, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Shari Walk, Office Supervisor

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the June 7, 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.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for May 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 May 2011 in the amount of \$299,917.97.

B. Water Source Report.

Director Prushko noted the use of wells was 18% in May and overall for the year was 20%.

In response to **President Bandur**, General Manager Kumar said the District's current water entitlement limit is 3,200 acre feet annually.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

There were no reports or comments.

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

Mr. Kumar congratulated Mr. Gradolph for a safety award that he received from ACWA/JPIA. Mr. Gradolph thanked Mr. Kumar for the nomination. He noted that his suggestion was to replace the backup light with a backup light and alarm combination in all the District vehicles.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Whistleblower Program in Sonoma County.

Mr. Kumar reported on the Sonoma County Grand Jury's recent recommendation to institute a locally administered, independent and confidential whistleblower program for all of Sonoma County and for the County to budget \$15,000 per year for the cost of a commercial whistleblower hotline service to carry out this program. The District needed to respond in writing to the findings and recommendations contained in the Grand Jury report.

President Bandur expressed his concern with recommendation No. 3 of the Grand Jury Report, noting that the cost may start out at \$15,000 a year, or even less, to run the program, but with all the related costs, that amount was likely to increase over the years, and also the District shouldn't be recommending that the County budget for the program.

Vice President Bramfitt shared the same concerns. He added that the District was not in the position to dictate how the County funds were budgeted. With the ever increasing pressure on the county government to reduce expenditures, there could come a time when no funding was available to carry out this program.

By consensus, the Board agreed to submit a written response to the Grand Jury indicating the District's willingness to implement the program, as and when the countywide program was implemented and subject to available funding.

Motion by **Vice President Bramfitt**, seconded by **Director Kenny** to authorize the Board President to sign the Response to Grand Jury Report Form with the added language.

President Bandur convened into Closed Session at 7:00 P.M.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with legal counsel to consider pending litigation, pursuant to government code section 54956.9 (a) – "Reus, Victor v. Hal Arbit Trust, VOMWD, et.al"

President Bandur reconvened from Closed Session at 7:44 P.M. There was nothing to report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Director Prushko**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on August 2, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Al Bandur, Board President