

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, in the Board Chambers of the District Office at 19039 Bay Street, El Verano, California.

<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b> <b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b> <b>OATH OF OFFICE FOR INCOMING DIRECTORS</b> <b>ROLL CALL</b>
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**President Mark Bramfitt** called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Deputy Secretary Shari Walk** administered the Oath of Office to incoming Director **Mark Heneveld**.

Roll Call by **Deputy Secretary Walk** noted the following present:

Directors:	Russ Townsend Ron Prushko Ed Kenny Mark Heneveld Mark Bramfitt
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
District Personnel	Paul Gradolph, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
Public:	Heidi Danieli

<b>2. PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
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There were no public comments

<b>3. CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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- A.** Minutes of the October 4, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B.** Bank signature card.
- C.** Resolution No. 111101 approving a Water Main Extension Agreement with Stephen Williamson.

On motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Vice President Prushko**, and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt the Consent Calendar, noting Director Townsend's abstention on item 3.A.

<b>4. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE</b>
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**5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

**A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for September 2011.**

In response to **Vice-President Prushko**, Ms. Walk clarified the basis of transfer of funds among the District's two investment accounts maintained with the LAIF and the County of Sonoma Investment Pool and the checking account with WestAmerica Bank.

On motion by **Vice President Prushko**, seconded by **Director Kenny**, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of September 2011 in the amount of \$312,452.11.

**B. Water Source Report.**

In response to **Vice President Prushko**, Mr. Gradolph confirmed that all the wells were currently off.

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

**Director Heneveld** commented that he toured the District facilities and was quite impressed with the state of the District's infrastructure and the high level of maintenance.

**President Bramfitt** mentioned that he addressed the participants attending the training organized by Sonoma Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies (SCOPE) wherein he highlighted the health of the District's water transmission system and the need for emergency preparedness at the residential level. He noted that there were 40-50 people in attendance.

**Director Kenny** commented that he was in charge of emergency training in the Temelec area where he resides and shared his experiences in that role.

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

Mr. Kumar reported on the progress with the IBM leak detection project stating that an IBM team was recently on site to implement Phase I of the project, namely pressure management. He added that the IBM team was very appreciative of the District's involvement and the willingness for being a true project partner. An email from the lead IBM researcher mentioned that none of this progress would have been made without all the hard work put in by the District staff, particularly Paul Gradolph, and added that while he had worked with many customers over the course of his career with IBM, this was definitely the best customer experience that he had.

Mr. Gradolph said he really enjoyed working with the IBM staff and considerable progress had been made with the pressure management portion of the project.

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**A. License Agreement with the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA).**

Mr. Kumar introduced the item noting that SCWA was embarking on switching to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) for reading their water meters. For this purpose, SCWA had decided to install two base stations at Sonoma Mountain and Eldridge water tank. At the request of VOMWD staff, SCWA had agreed to relocate one of its base stations to the District's Bolli Tank site as both the District and SCWA would benefit from such an arrangement, if and when the District decided to switch its own meters to the AMI

system.

In response to **Director Kenny**, Mr. Kumar said the City of Sonoma used the Automated Meter Reading technology, so it would not benefit by the installation of the base station at the Bolli Tank site as of now.

In response to **President Bramfitt**, Mr. Kumar said that the District would not benefit from the base stations if the District was to choose another vendor besides Sensus. He added that the vast majority of the District's meters are from Sensus. **President Bramfitt** commented that with the small amount of meters SCWA reads, this approach seemed very costly and it didn't make sense.

**Director Prushko** expressed his appreciation for the advanced capabilities of the AMI system, especially the possibility for a two way communication between the meters and the District's main office in times of emergencies.

Motion by **Vice President Prushko**, seconded by **Director Townsend** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to approve the License Agreement with the Sonoma County Water Agency for the installation of an antenna and radio base station at the District's Bolli Tank site to be used to obtain water billing information and authorize the General Manager to sign the Agreement.

**President Bramfitt** convened into Closed Session at 7:10 P.M.

<b>9. CLOSED SESSION</b>
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- 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”
- B. Conference with legal counsel to consider initiation of litigation, pursuant to government code section 54956.9 (c) – 1 case

**President Bramfitt** reconvened from Closed Session at 7:40 P.M. There was nothing to report.

<b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Motion by **Director Heneveld**, seconded by **Director Kenny**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on December 6, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

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Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

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Mark Bramfitt, Board President