

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 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 Bramfitt called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by **Secretary Kumar** noted the following present:

Directors:	Mark Heneveld Russ Townsend Ron Prushko Mark Bramfitt
Directors Excused:	Ed Kenny
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
District Personnel:	Paul Gradolph, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor
Public:	Larry & Mary Coulombe

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Minutes of the February 7, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B.** Resolution of Support for ACWA Region 1 Chair.

On motion by **Vice President Prushko**, seconded by **Director Townsend**, 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 January, 2012.

In response to **Vice President Prushko**, Mr. Kumar noted that the outstanding loan amount with the California Infrastructure Bank to be approximately \$700,000. The loan was used for the construction of the Verano well and the associated water treatment facilities. The Sonoma County Water Agency reimbursed the District \$627,875 toward those costs.

On motion by **Vice President Prushko**, seconded by **Director Heneveld**, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of January 2012 in the amount of \$285,651.94.

B. Water Source Report.

President Bramfitt noted the very dry spring, with some people running their irrigation systems, which was good for revenues, but not necessarily the right thing for conservation. Mr. Kumar pointed out that the District's overall deliveries were still 20% below FY 2006-07.

In response to **Vice-President Prushko**, Mr. Kumar traced the genesis for classifying water year to be 'normal', 'dry', and 'critical' based on cumulative flow into lake Pillsbury, per Decision 1610 which stipulates the Sonoma County Water Agency's diversion and re-diversion permit requirements.

In response to **Vice-President Prushko**, Mr. Gradolph confirmed that the District wells had recovered adequately during the winter when the wells were off.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS
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No comments were made.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S AND DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORTS
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Mr. Kumar provided the following information. A brief question and answer session ensued after each of the items:

- 1) The Sonoma County Water Agency's (Water Agency) recent effort to obtain federal funding for implementation of the Biological Opinion was discussed. A detailed description of the Biological Opinion and the breakdown for the total estimated cost of \$157,700,000, with the federal share being \$59,800,000, was also provided.
- 2) The Sonoma County Health Department was in the process of completing the County's Fluoridation Assessment Report. This had been done with a view to improve children's oral health in Sonoma County. The assessment report would summarize and assess the water distribution system in Sonoma County; examine the local history, governance, legal and other local issues related to fluoridation; and discuss the local community environment and potential for funding sources and partners. The report will also include the cost estimates for implementing a fluoridation program in the County. The cost estimates must be reviewed by both the Water Agency its eight prime contractors. The estimated completion date for the report and an implementation plan is fall of 2013.
- 3) Groundwater Pump & Well was still trying various methods to remove the debris from the failed well leased to Sobre Vista Mutual Water Company (SVWC) and, if successful, would then follow up with a new liner, pump and motor. So far, the badly deteriorated casings in the well had made this process extremely difficult. SVWC had an estimate of \$104,000 for the combined team of Groundwater Pump & Well and Fisch Brothers to drill a new well, reconnect all electrical and plumbing, build a new pump house, seal the old well, etc. Obviously its first choice was to salvage the existing well.
- 4) Hanna Boys Center (Hanna) was in the process of considering a new wing to provide accommodation to another 12 boys. As a way to raise funds for that project, Hanna was planning to

subdivide 57 acres it currently owned into seven lots of four to fourteen acres each. Each parcel would be served by septic systems and wells or with water from the District. The 57 acres were within the District's service area and on meeting all District requirements and payment of the requisite fees, Hanna would be eligible to receive water from the District. The 57 acres included 30 acres on Carriger Road that was acquired a year ago. That parcel was zoned for residential use. The additional 27 acres was zoned for public facility use, and would need a general plan zone amendment before converting them into residential use.

The entrance to the proposed seven lots was from Carriger Road and the residents of Carriger Road had expressed concerns over increased traffic. The District owns a two million gallon water storage tank located on a lot within Hanna. That lot is owned by the District. The District also held a right of way easement within the Hanna property to access the tank. If the proposed sub-division materializes, Hanna had offered an alternate approach to the water tank from the Carriger Road which was physically more convenient for the District given the high gradient of the current approach road.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS - NONE

President Bramfitt convened into Closed Session at 7:30 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”
- B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957-General Manager.

President Bramfitt reconvened from Closed Session at 7:50 P.M. There was nothing to report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Vice President Prushko**, seconded by **Director Heneveld**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on April 3, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Mark Bramfitt, Board President