

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 2, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, October 2, 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 **Deputy Secretary Walk** noted the following present:

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| Directors:         | Mark Heneveld<br>Ed Kenny<br>Ron Prushko<br>Mark Bramfitt   |
| General Manager:   | Krishna Kumar   |
| District Personnel | Paul Gradolph, O & M Supervisor<br>Shari Walk, Office Supervisor  |
| Public:            | Larry & Mary Coulombe, Jon L. Foreman, Robert D. Freeland, Heidi Danieli, Barry R. Danieli, Eileen Klug & Margaret Steele |

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Minutes of the September 4, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B. Resolution No. 121001 approving the AB 1600 Annual Report for FY 2011-2012.
- C. Declaration of surplus equipment.

On motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Vice President Prushko**, 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 August, 2012.

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 August 2012 in the amount of \$585,393.01.

**B.** Water Source Report.

**Vice President Prushko** noted the increase in the well use for the month of August and confirmed with Operational and Maintenance Supervisor Gradolph that the wells are in full operation. Mr. Gradolph said as soon as the weather cools down, the wells would be turned off.

**President Bramfitt** moved to agenda item 8 at this time, since all prospective board candidates were present.

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| <b>8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS</b> |
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**A.** Board Vacancy – Prospective Board Member Interviews.

**President Bramfitt** introduced this item. He was pleased to see that the District received four applications. He stated that the task that night was to interview those applicants in an open forum, as well as discussing their merits, and potentially choosing one.

**Director Heneveld** announced, prior to the interviews and for the record, that he personally knew one of the candidates, Barry Danieli.

The Board of Directors began interviewing the candidates at 6:40 p.m. with candidate, J. Larry Coulombe being the first. Mr. Coulombe's interview ended at 6:45 p.m. The interview with Barry R. Danieli began at 6:45 p.m. and ended at 6:50 p.m. The interview with Jon L. Foreman began at 6:50 p.m. and ended at 6:55 p.m. The interview with Robert D. Freeland began at 6:55 p.m. and ended at 7:00 p.m.

**B.** Board Vacancy – Consider selecting a Board Member and approval of Resolution No. 121002 appointing the selected individual as a member of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District.

**President Bramfitt** confirmed with General Manager Kumar that the next step was to have a discussion, and then handle the appointment in the same manner as the elections of officers for the board, with a nomination, second, and a vote.

In response to **Director Kenny**, **President Bramfitt** said that as uncomfortable as it was, the discussion and selection process was open to the public.

**Director Heneveld** highlighted the significant aspects of each candidate's background by way of initiating a discussion on the candidate's relative merits.

**Director Kenny**, while thanking all the candidates for their interest in serving on the Board, nominated Mr. Foreman to fill the Board vacancy.

**Vice President Prushko** stated that he was very grateful to all the candidates for their interest, and thought

all candidates would probably do a great job. At the same time, he seconded the nomination of Mr. Foreman.

Motion by **Vice President Prushko**, seconded by **Director Kenny** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt Resolution No. 121002 appointing Jon L. Forman as a member of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District.

**President Bramfitt** congratulated Mr. Forman, and thanked the other candidates for applying, further stating that at times the District had to actively solicit even to get one application. He was thrilled that four great candidates applied.

**President Bramfitt** moved back in the agenda to item 6.

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

**Director Kenny** reported that he had attended the City of Sonoma's last meeting where the water rate increase for City customers was discussed and also the possibility of a merger with the Valley of the Moon Water District. He indicated his support for rate increases which are required to provide a safe and reliable water supply and to keep the infrastructure in good condition.

**President Bramfitt** reported on his meeting with Dr. Lynn Silver Chalfin, MD, MPH, the newly appointed County of Sonoma Health Officer regarding fluoridation of the water in the County. He indicated that the County officials strongly feel that fluoridation would greatly help in improving children's dental health in the County. He also noted that, under the existing law, only water systems with more than 10,000 connections are required to consider fluoridation, provided there was adequate outside funding. He added that this would be something to keep in the Board's active radar.

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

**Mr. Kumar** reported that at the October 1<sup>st</sup> TAC meeting, SCWA representatives made presentations on the updates of the Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan, SCWA Strategic Plan and Water Supplies Strategies Action Plan. Additionally, the water contractors had come up with a list of both regional and local projects that could potentially provide a reliable future water supply. The next step was to get the projects prioritized based on economic and environmental feasibility, with possible help from SCWA. The attempt was to take a comprehensive look at the available options.

**President Bramfitt** pointed out the tension between one of the larger water contractors and SCWA regarding sharing of information on groundwater matters, which SCWA considers to be a stumbling block to the water planning process.

In response to **Director Heneveld**, Mr. Kumar updated the Board on the groundwater banking program pursued by SCWA and some of the water contractors.

**Mr. Gradolph** announced his retirement plans for sometime next March. Mr. Kumar, while thanking Mr. Gradolph for his long years of service to the District, briefed the Board as to the steps being taken to recruit Mr. Gradolph's replacement.

**Director Heneveld** thanked Mr. Gradolph for providing him with a District tour, which he found to be very useful in understanding the operational issues faced by the District.

**Director Kenny** also thanked Mr. Gradolph for his long career with the District and added that his services to the District will be remembered for a long time.

**President Bramfitt** stated he will save his comments for a later occasion.

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| <b>9. CLOSED SESSION - NONE</b> |
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| <b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b> |
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Motion by **Director Heneveld**, seconded by **Director Kenny**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on November 6, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

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Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

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Ron Prushko, Board Vice-President