

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 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 Prushko 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:	Ed Kenny Jon Foreman Meghan Stuart Mark Heneveld Ron Prushko
Interim General Manager:	Mark Bramfitt
District Personnel	Paul Gradolph, O & M Supervisor Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
Public:	Larry & Mary Coulombe, Steve & Danielle MacCarthy

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the February 5, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B. Expressing appreciation for services rendered by retiring employee, Paul Gradolph.

On motion by **Director Foreman**, 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 January, 2013.

On motion by **Vice President Heneveld**, seconded by **Director Stuart**, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of January 2013 in the amount of \$307,290.34.

B. Water Source Report.

Interim General Manager, Mark Bramfitt gave an overview of the new Water Source Report format. The Board agreed the report was very beneficial, and thanked the Mr. Bramfitt for his work.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

There were no reports or comments.

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

Interim General Manager Mark Bramfitt reported on the following:

- Carolann DeLacy celebrated her fifteenth year with the District on February 22nd.
- Our operations staff was able to re-plumb the control scheme on a pressure sustaining valve on a main line south of Glen Ellen, converting it to a pressure relief valve. The conversion cost less than \$200 in materials (which we had on hand), and saved a capital outlay of about \$75,000 that was budgeted for replacement of the valve. The valve is now set to allow a small flow through at all times, so water in the dead end section will no longer require flushing at regular intervals.
- We have undertaken a clean-up effort in the yard to capitalize on record-high metal recycling rates. The first truckload (of two) of surplus materials netted a \$6000 payment from the recycling company.
- We have presented a letter to SCWA making the case that a project to rehabilitate the Sonoma Booster Station should be allocated to the Common Facility capital fund rather than the Sonoma Aqueduct capital fund, based on our reading of the Restructured Agreement. Allocating the projected \$7.5 million cost to the Sonoma Aqueduct fund would result in inappropriate future rate increases to VOMWD. Agency staff has committed to seeking an opinion from their legal counsel regarding this matter.
- President Prushko asked about the costs of the Biological Opinion environmental enhancement projects that are being undertaken by the Agency at our last board meeting. For the Dry Creek fish habitat work, the costs are about \$10 million per mile. The Agency is working on the first mile now, and has committed to completing three miles of work, with the Federal Government at least nominally expected to complete an additional three miles of work. The Agency is using Warm Springs Dam capital funding, which comes from property tax assessments rather than directly from SCWA contractors and their ratepayers. There are a variety of other Russian River environmental enhancement projects will be at least partially funded by contractors and their ratepayers.
- A reminder that we are having a pizza lunch in honor of Paul's retirement on Thursday March 28th and we certainly hope you can attend.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Fluoridation Communications Plan

Interim General Manager Bramfitt presented an overview of the proposed communications plan and activities, and described discussions related to fluoridation that occurred on Monday the 4th at the Technical Advisory Committee Ad Hoc meeting. After some discussion, the board indicated support for the plan, with the request that the District amend the proposed web site language to include a link to the Board of

Supervisors and an indication that the decision to fluoridate Sonoma County Water Agency supply will reside with that body.

President Prushko convened the meeting into Closed Session at 7:23 P.M.

9. CLOSED SESSION

President Prushko reconvened from Closed Session at 8:15 P.M. There was nothing to report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Vice President Heneveld**, seconded by **Director Foreman**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on April 2, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Ron Prushko, Board President