

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 7, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, May 7, 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 Peddicord Mark Heneveld Ron Prushko
General Manager:	Daniel Muelrath
District Personnel	Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
Public:	Larry & Mary Coulombe & Heidi Danieli

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A.** Minutes of the April 2, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting.

On motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Vice President Heneveld**, 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 March, 2013.

On motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Director Foreman**, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of March 2013 in the amount of \$309,723.60.

- B.** Water Source Report.

The general consensus from the Board was to return to the previous water source report format, with any changes the General Manager sees as beneficial.

The Water Source Report was received and filed.

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

**Vice President Heneveld** reported on the WAC meeting held May 6, 2013, whereas North Marin Water District did a presentation on recycled water and the Sonoma County Water Agency and City of Santa Rosa presented on the Santa Rosa aqueduct earthquake retrofit.

**Director Peddicord** welcomed the new General Manager, Daniel Muelrath to his first meeting. She also reported that she will be attending the ACWA conference May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Director Foreman** reported that he also attend the WAC meeting as reported by Vice President Heneveld. Additionally, he summarized a forum that he attended at the Grange where the topic was fluoride.

**President Prushko** noted an article in the Press Democrat regarding the Sonoma County Water Agency and the possible creation of a public power agency.

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

General Manager Daniel Muelrath reported on the following:

- 1) Training exercise by the field staff was performed where an emergency pipe was installed across the bridge on Verano Ave.
- 2) WAC meeting of May 6, 2013.
  - a. Contractors' presentations (NMWD – recycled water project expansion & SR Aqueduct – earthquake retrofit.
  - b. Gave update on water supply conditions including current water levels in Lake Mendocino.
  - c. Reported on the temporary urgency change petition that the Sonoma County Water Agency received from the State Water Resources Control Board. This year is unique compared to recent years in that the change petition was based on hydrologic conditions rather than the Biological Opinion, which was due to early rains and a dry winter and spring.
- 3) TAC meeting of May 6, 2013. The TAC members discussed the peak/seasonal water shortage allocation methodology.

## 8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pay off of CalPERS "Side Fund" Debt.

General Manager Muelrath presented this item explaining that the District's investments of Undesignated Reserves are currently yielding less than 1% in interest income while this CalPERS "side fund" debt is costing 7.5%. Staff recommended paying off the balance in the "side fund" account thus avoiding approximately \$140,000 in interest charges over the remaining 12 year life of the loan.

On motion by **Director Foreman**, seconded by **Vice President Heneveld**, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to authorize a transfer from undesignated reserves to CalPERS in an amount sufficient to eliminate

the Employer side Fund. The amount needed to pay off the Side Fund on 5/10/13 is \$266,266,552.

B. Advanced Metering Infrastructure Feasibility Study.

General Manger Muelrath gave an overview of the contents to be included and evaluated during the in-house feasibility study.

**Vice President Heneveld** expressed concerns about ongoing service fees as they relate to an advanced metering infrastructure.

**Director Foreman** clarified that the feasibility study will evaluate service fee costs and that this item will be brought back to the Board prior to any decisions being made about project implementation.

**Director Peddicord** said she was all in favor of the study, and is interested to see the results.

On motion by **Director Foreman**, seconded by **Director Peddicord**, and carried unanimously by a voice vote to authorize staff to perform an AMI feasibility study for the District.

C. Resolution of Support for the Water Bond Coalition

General Manager Muelrath said that in 2002, the VOMWD adopted a similar resolution in support of a Water Bond Coalition. Currently the Water Bond Coalition is reconvening and has requested a resolution of support for their current and future efforts in working on the next water bond that is expected in the year 2014.

On motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Director Foreman**, and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt Resolution No. 130501 supporting participation in the Water Bond Coalition.

<b>9. CLOSED SESSION - NONE</b>
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<b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Director Foreman**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on June 4, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

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Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

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Ron Prushko, Board President